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'Affairs of the Persian Gulf'

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The item consists of letters from the Government of Bombay [Mumbai] to the East India Company Court of Directors.

The first letter, dated 10 June 1845 and found at ff 442-446, provides a brief update on numerous events going on in the Persian Gulf. Enclosures to this letter which relate to these events can be found at: IOR/F/4/2122/100077; IOR/F/4/2122/100078; IOR/F/4/2122/100079; IOR/F/4/2122/100080; IOR/F/4/2122/100081; IOR/F/4/2122/100082; IOR/F/4/2122/100083; IOR/F/4/2122/100084; IOR/F/4/2122/100085; IOR/F/4/2122/100086; and IOR/F/4/2122/100087.

The second letter, dated 14 July 1845 and found at ff 446-450, also provides a brief update on numerous events going on in the Gulf. Enclosures to this letter which relate to these events can be found at: IOR/F/4/2122/100088; IOR/F/4/2122/100089; IOR/F/4/2122/100090; and IOR/F/4/2122/100091.

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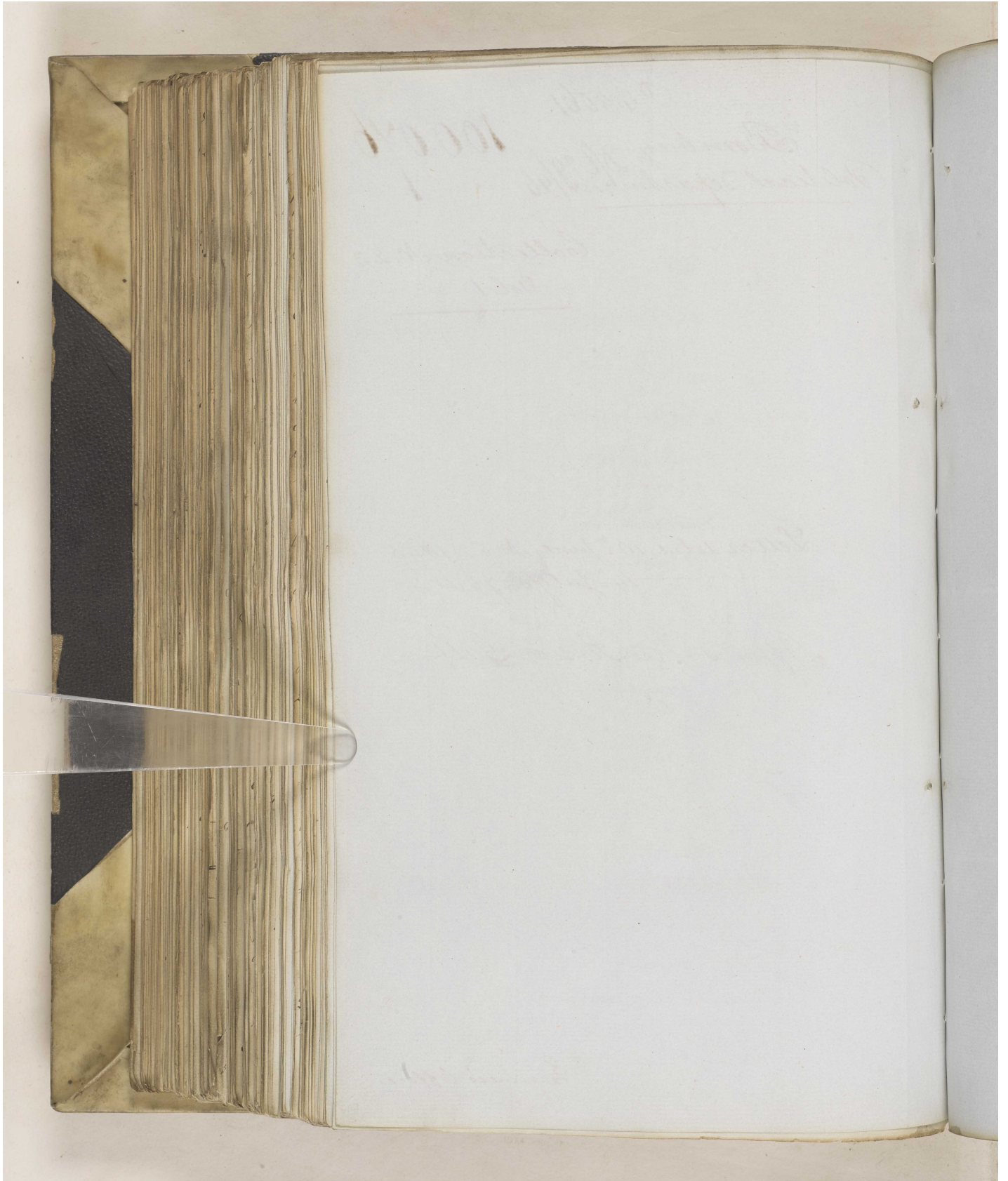
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N^o 62 of 1845 /
Political Department
To,
The Hon^{ble} the Court of Directors,
For affairs of the Hon^{ble} East India
Company—
London

Dated Bombay 10th June 1845
Hon^{ble} Sirs,

1. In continuation of our letter dated the 19th ultimo, N^o 44, relative to the affairs of the Persian Gulf, we do ourselves the honor to forward to your Hon^{ble} Court — Extracts from our proceedings subsequent to that date, connected with the same subject:—

2. With a letter dated the 7th April last, N^o 44, Major Kennell, the Resident at Bushire, forwarded copy of a communication from Commodore Hawkins, commanding the Indian Naval Squadron in the Persian Gulf dated the 3^d of the same month, reporting that he had recently prevented a Chuab Reglow from being captured by a Bengali vessel in the neighbourhood of Muscat; The attempt to capture this vessel was made as an act of retaliation in consequence of the seizure, off

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Mohamrad, towards the close of the last year, by Shaikh Faris the Governor of Chaab, of the Bateel and Cargo belonging to a subject of the Chief of Aboothabee, alluded to in the 7th para. of our despatch to your Honorable Court, dated the 27th February. 1814.

3. In submitting this report Major Hennell stated that he was fearful that the above occurrence would lead to a collision between the Shaikhs of Chaab and Aboothabee, notwithstanding the precautions which had been adopted by the British authorities in the Gulf, unless the Shaikh of Chaab immediately settled the dispute by restoring the Beryus Bateel and Cargo which he had seized from the Aboothabee people.

4. In a further letter dated the 7th April. 1813, Major Hennell reported that in reply to a reference which he had made on this subject to Lieutenant Colonel Skid, Her Majesty's Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary at the Court of Persia, he had been furnished by His Excellency with a Firman from His Majesty the Shah, together with a letter from His Majesty's Prime Minister to the Persian Seretep Commanding at Mohamra directing him to

to cause the restitution of the Bateel and Cargo,³
Major Stennell stated that to avoid delay he
had forwarded the Shah's Firman and the
Prime Minister's letter to Commodore Hawkins
and had requested that officer forthwith to
despatch them by the Honorable Company's
Schooner "Constance" to the Persian Viceroy
Commanding at Mohamrah, with instructions
to the Commander of that vessel, in the event
of the orders of the Persian Government for
the release of the Bateel and her Cargo being
complied with, personally to superintend their
Execution.

5. In the 9th and 10th paras: of our
despatch dated the 30th April last, 1844, we
reported the proceedings of the Chief of Gwan
in regard to two Lingah vessels which had
run ashore off that Port, and the entire
recovery and restoration of these vessels and
their Cargo to the owners by the prompt and
energetic measures adopted by that Chief. We
now beg to forward copy of a communication
from Mr. Currie, Secretary to the Government
of India, dated the 9th Ultimo, expressing the
satisfaction of the Right Honble. the Governor
General in Council with the conduct of this
Chief on this occasion; we have forwarded a
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copy of this letter to Major Kennell.

6. With reference to the 22nd para. of the above despatch, we have the honor to forward copy of a letter from Major Kennell dated the 8th April last to which we beg to refer, submitting a copy of his further correspondence with Lieutenant Colonel Theil, on the subject of the attempt made by the authorities of Shiraz to increase the duty on Horses and Mules exported to India.

7. In the 17th para. of our despatch No 92, dated the 30th November 1844, we reported to your Honble Court, that a Brigantine from Batavia, under Dutch colors, called the "Loco" had on the morning of the 15th September last, been discovered on shore off the town of Bushire, and that on assistance being rendered by the British authorities in the Gulf for the purpose of rescuing this vessel from her dangerous situation, it was ascertained that her Master, both mates and the said Mates had died during the voyage, and that none of her remaining crew, were acquainted with navigation. We now beg to report that under date the 26th ultimo, Messrs Remington & Co Merchants at this Presidency, intimated

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intimated that they had been appointed Agents to this vessel, and that it was their intention shortly to send to Bushire a master and mate for the purpose of navigating her to Batavia; Messrs Remington therefore requested that we would instruct the Resident in the Persian Gulf to afford any assistance which might be in his power to prevent this vessel being unnecessarily detained at Bushire, after the arrival of her new Commander; we have forwarded a copy of this letter to Major Stennell with instructions to render any assistance in his power to facilitate the above object.

8th With a letter N^o 110 dated the 14th April last Major Stennell forwarded an application from Lieut. Colonel Schell to be furnished with copies of any Persian documents or papers upon the records of Government regarding the disavowal in 1822 by the Government of Mr. Elphinston and subsequently by the Government of India of the unauthorized convention entered into that year by Captain Bruce with the Prince of Shiraz; In reply to this application we have furnished Lieut. Colonel Schell with copies and Translations

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| 1 Letter from the Honble Mr. Elphinston Governor of Bombay to His Highness the Imam of Muscat, d ^d the 30 th Oct ^r 1822. | of the documents |
| 2 - - - from d ^d d ^d to Sheikh of Bahrein d ^d the 30 th Oct ^r 1822. | noted in the margin |
| 3 - - - from d ^d d ^d to His Royal Highness Hossein Allee Meerza the Prince Regent of Fars dated the 30 th Oct ^r 1822. | being the only documents on the records |

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of this Govern^t, connected with this Subject.

9 In the 20th & 21st paras: of our despatch dated the 30th April last, we reported the departure to Tehran on the 2^d March last, under a Persian escort, of two of the Arabs accused of the murder of Beebee Affceloo, widow of Mirza Juwad, Native Agent at Shiraz & stated that we had approved of Major Ansell's proceedings on this occasion, & had sanctioned the disbursement of Compy's Rupees 104. 8. 8. which he had made on account of presents to the Shah's Mohosil in whose charge these prisoners were sent to Tehran we now beg to state that we have received a letter from ^{Mr} Secretary Currie dated the 9th ultimo, approving of these proceedings.

10 In the 2^d para: of our letter dated the 30th November last, N: 92, we reported to your Hon^{ble} Court, that we had received a communication from Major Ansell, stating that he had received information through a private channel on which he can place reliance, that a party exists at Muscat whose object it is to lower British influence in that quarter, we at the same time reported that we had forwarded a copy of this communication to Captain Gamerton, Her Majesty's Consul & Hon^{ble} Company's Agent in the dominions of His Highness the Imam of Muscat,

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N^o. 7.

Muscat, with instructions on the occurrence
of a suitable opportunity, to bring the
subject to the notice of His Highness; we
now beg to solicit the attention of your
Honorable Court to a letter^x from Capt^m
Stamerton N^o. 9, dated the 31th March
last, reporting the result of a conver-
sation with His Highness on this
Subject, we have forwarded a Copy
of this letter to the Government of India,
and to Major Stennell.

11. In the 6th para: of our
despatch to your Honorable Court
dated the 30th October N^o. 85 of 1844, we
alluded to the irregular conduct of
the Custom-Master at Muscat in
having extorted double duties on
certain goods belonging to a British
subject, embarked in August 1843
at Bunder Abbas on board the
Merchant ship "Columbia" bound
to Bombay; we have now the honor
to forward Copy of a letter from Capt^m
Stamerton, dated the 6th March last
reporting that His Highness the
Imam has issued peremptory
instructions to the Governor at
Muscat to dismiss the Custom-Master
from his Situation if at any time here-
after

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hereafter he is guilty of similar misconduct.

We have the honor to be

with the greatest respect,

Bombay Castle

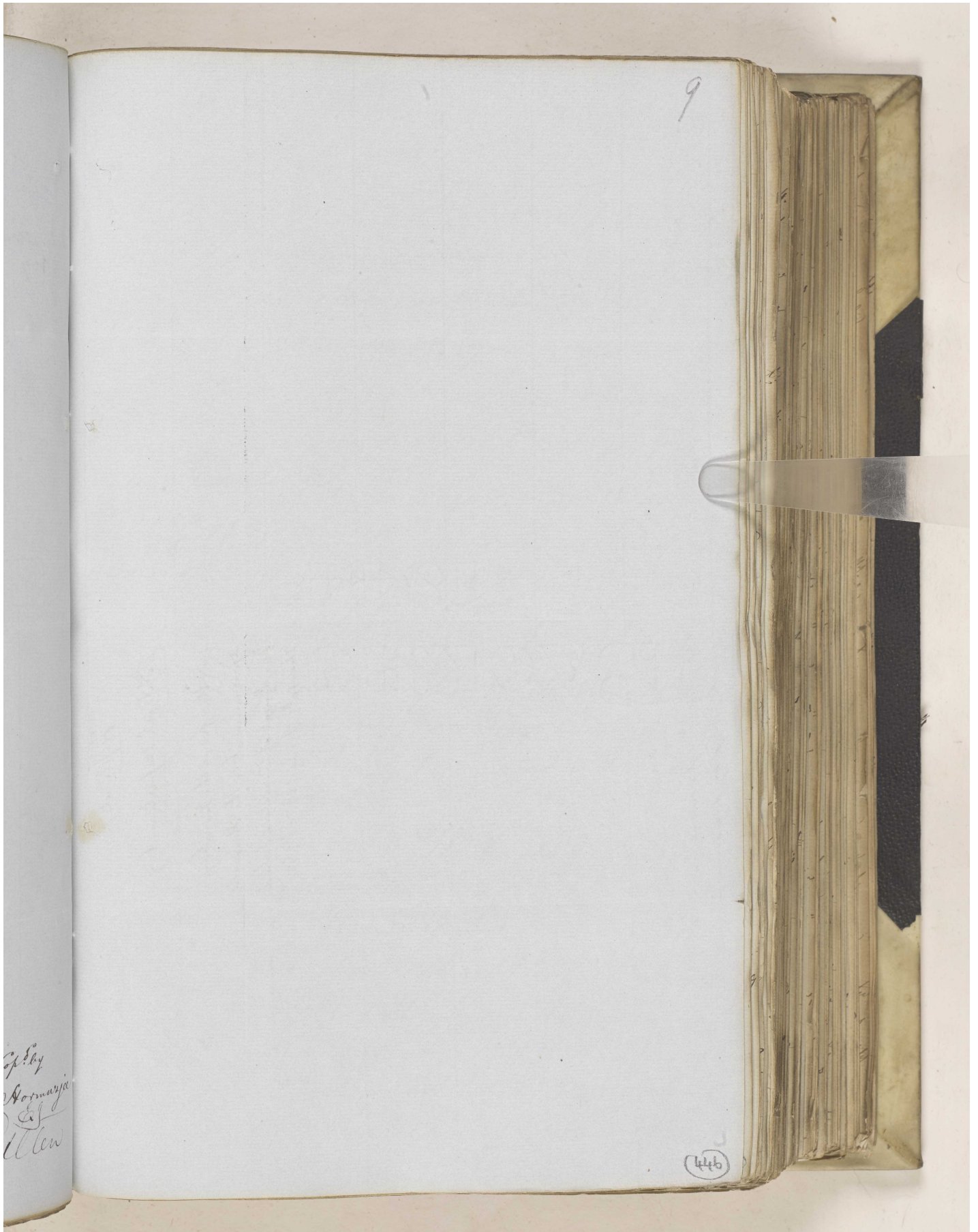
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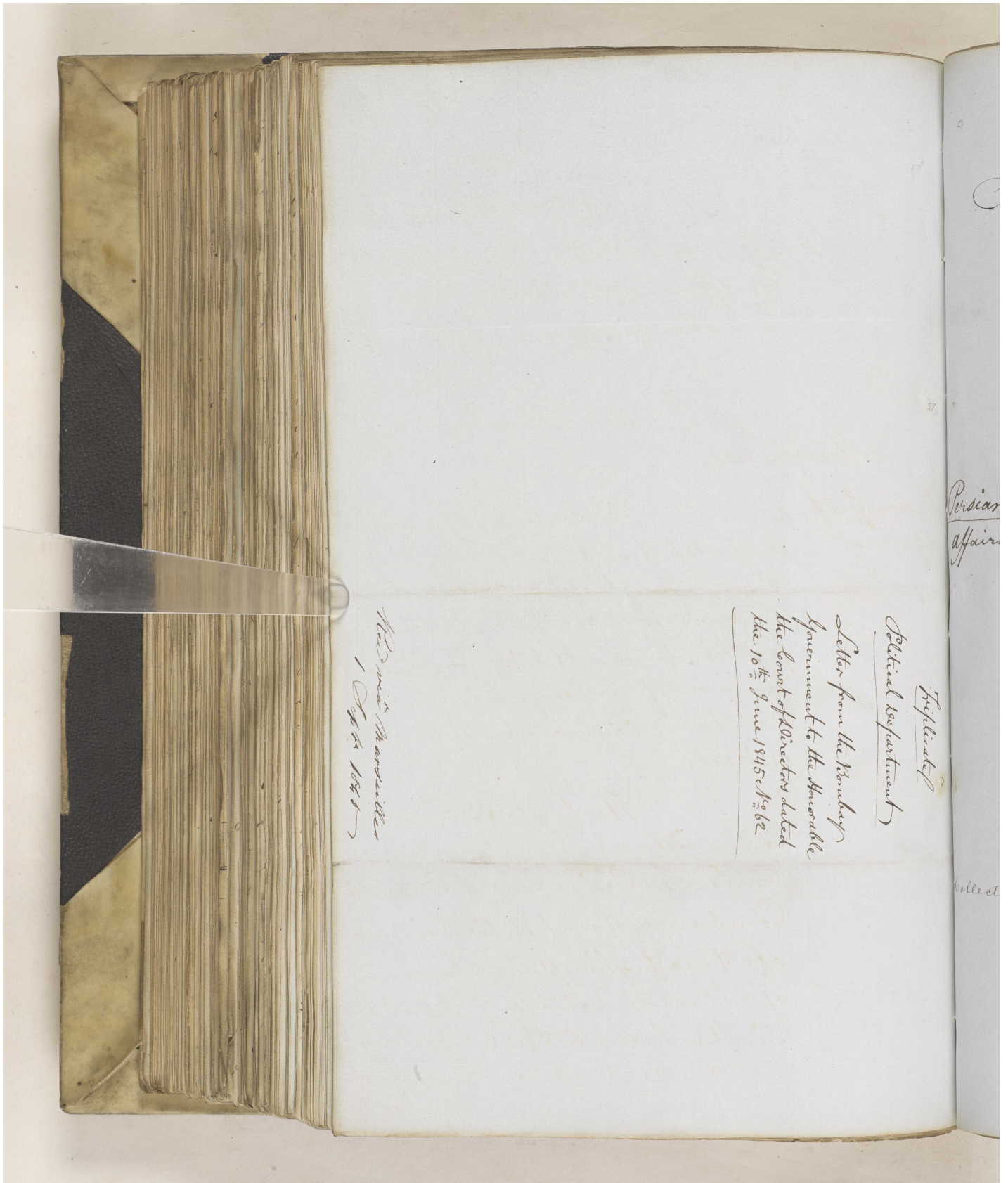
10th June 1815. } Your most faithful obedient

& humble Servants.

J. B. Keith
J. Reid

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N. Hormuzja
J. B. Keith
J. Reid





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1 Oct 1845

Political Department
Letter from the Bombay
Government to the Honorable
the Lord of Directors dated
the 10th June 1845 A.D. 62

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No. 76 of 1845.

To the Political Department.
The Honorable the Court of Directors
For Affairs of the Honble East
India Company -
London.

Dated Bombay, 14th July
1845.

Honble Sirs,

Persian Gulf 1. In continuation of our
affairs of despatch dated the 10th Ultimo N.
62, relative to the affairs of the
Persian Gulf, we have the honor to
forward to your Honble Court, Extracts
from our proceedings subsequent to
that date, connected with the same
subject. —

2. We beg to forward Copies
of two letters from Captain Hamer,
Her Majesty's Consul and Honble
Company's Agent in the Dominion
of His Highness the Imam
of Muscat, dated the 7th April and
2^o May last N. 18 & 23, reporting
that His Highness the Imam of
Muscat

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Muscat has represented to him, that Merchants, Subjects of His Highness, when visiting India for the purpose of trade, experience much annoyance at the Government Custom Houses. —

3. We have instructed Captain Hamerton to inform His Highness the Imam, that the Collector of Customs at this Presidency, has stated in reply to a reference which has been made to him, consequent on His Highness' Complaint, that every attention is paid to all foreign traders at the Bombay Custom House, and that the imports and exports by vessels bearing His Highness' Flag, are treated, precisely in the same manner, as imports and Exports on British Bottoms.

vide his report dated 27th May 1845.

4. A reference has been made to the Government of Madras, on the subject of His Highness' Complaint, that double duty

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duty is levied on Rice purchased by his People, at the Ports on the Malabar Coast - we have at the same time requested, that we may be informed of the decision which may be passed by the Most Noble the Governor in Council of Fort St. George upon this Complaint; in order that the same may be communicated to Captain Hamerton, and we have forwarded a copy of this Correspondence to the Right Honble the Governor General of India in Council.

5.

Adverting to our despatches noted in the margin, we beg to forward copies of two letters,

Dated 30th Nov^r: N: 392 of 1844 Para: 9
 " 30th April: 44 of 1845 Para: 22.
 " 10th June: 62 of 1845 Para: 6.

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from Major Kennell, dated the 7th April and 1st May last Nos 42 & 49, from which your Honble Court will perceive, that orders have been issued by the new Governor of Fars, prohibiting the exportation of Animals from ⁽⁴⁴⁸⁾

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dated 27th May
of 1845.

from Bushire by British Subjects,
without a Permit from the Prime
Minister of Persia; while Persian
Merchants are allowed to embark
their Mules & Horses from that
Port, without such a Permit being
Required - we have approved of
Major Kennell's proceedings, as
Reported in these Communications.

6. We beg to forward
translation of a Communication
from the Acting Native Agent
at Muscat, dated the 12th May
last, containing intelligence
from that quarter up to that date.

7. With reference to the
46th Para: of your Honble Courts
despatch, dated the 5th February
last N^o. 5, noticing the death of
Khojah Reeben Aslan the
Native Agent at Muscat,
we beg to report, that in Consi-
deration of the meritorious
Services of the Deceased, we
have appointed, on trial,
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Signed by
Major
D. D.

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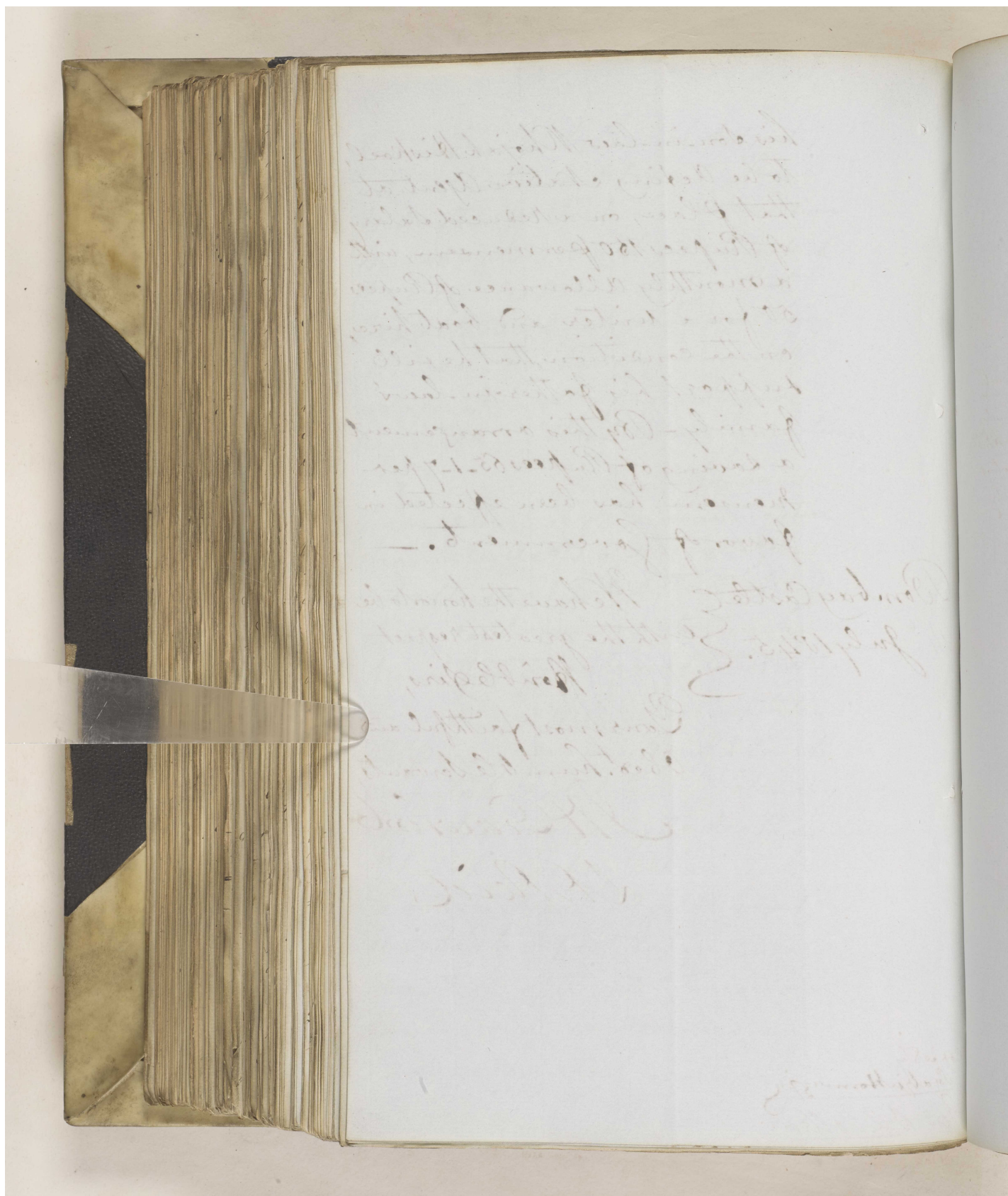
his son-in-law Khojah Diskoel,
to be Acting Native Agent at
that place, on a reduced salary
of Rupees 150 per mensem, with
a monthly allowance of Rupees
50 for a writer and boat hire,
on the condition, that he will
support his father-in-law's
family - By this arrangement
a saving of Rupees 65-1-7 per
mensem, has been effected in
favor of Government. —

Bombay Castle } We have the honor to be
14th July 1845. } with the greatest respect

Humble Servants,
Your most faithful and
Obedt. humble servants,
J. H. Crawford
J. Reid

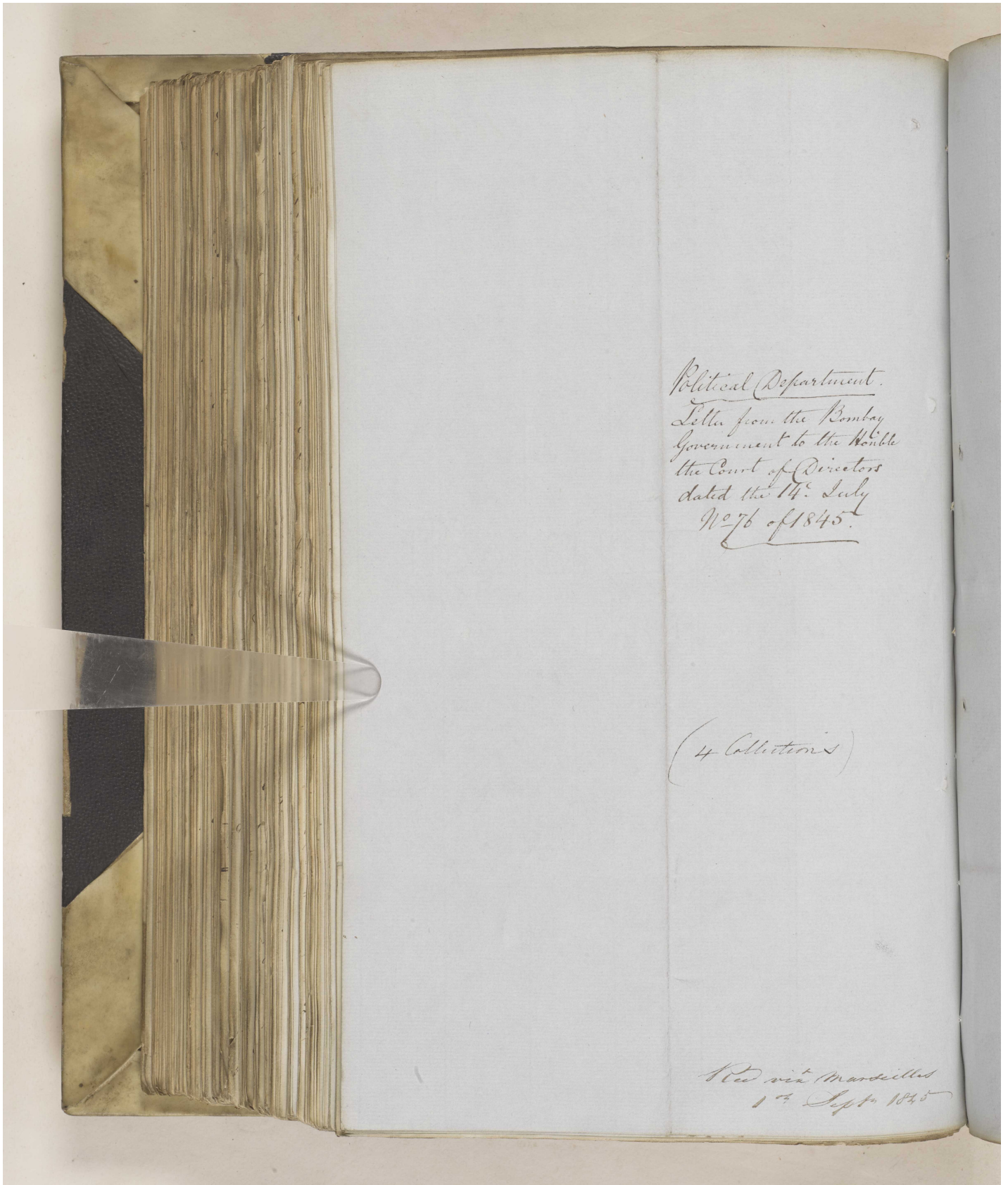
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the Court of Directors
dated the 14th July
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