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The item concerns an invitation by Sheik Sultan bin Suggur [Shaikh Sulṭān I bin Ṣaqr al-Qāsimī of Ra's al-Khaymah and Sharjah] to Sheik Saeed bin Tahnoon of Aboothabee [Shaikh Sa'īd bin Ṭaḥnūn Āl Nahyān of Abu Dhabi] to join with him in attacking Debaie [Dubai] and Amulgavine [Umm al-Qaywayn] and attempts by Ul-Ujajee [Shaikh Muḥammad bin Sayf al-'Ajjājī of Al Buraymi] to persuade Sheik Sultan to make peace with Sheik Saeed. The item also includes brief descriptions of acts of aggression between Debaie and Shargah.

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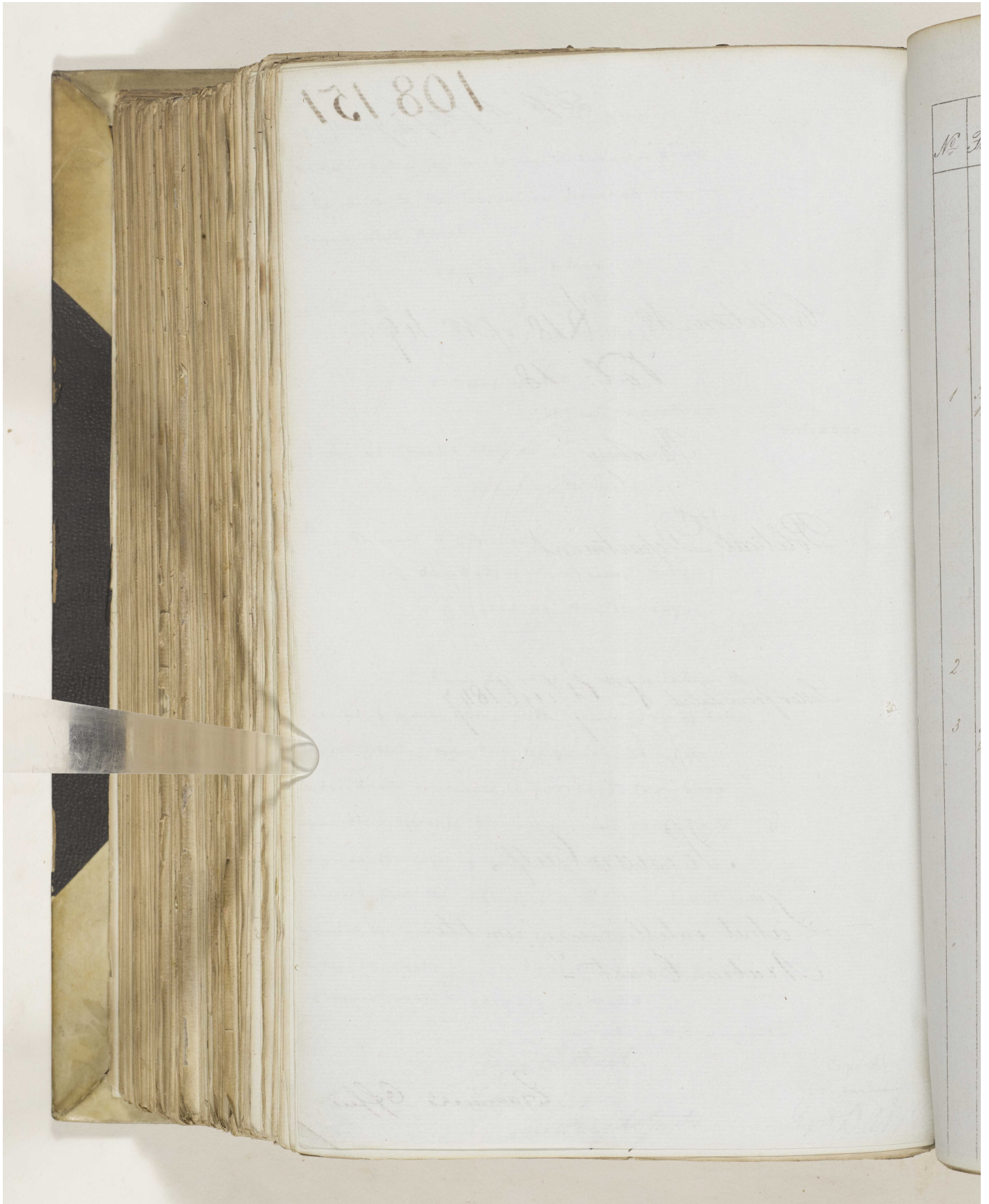


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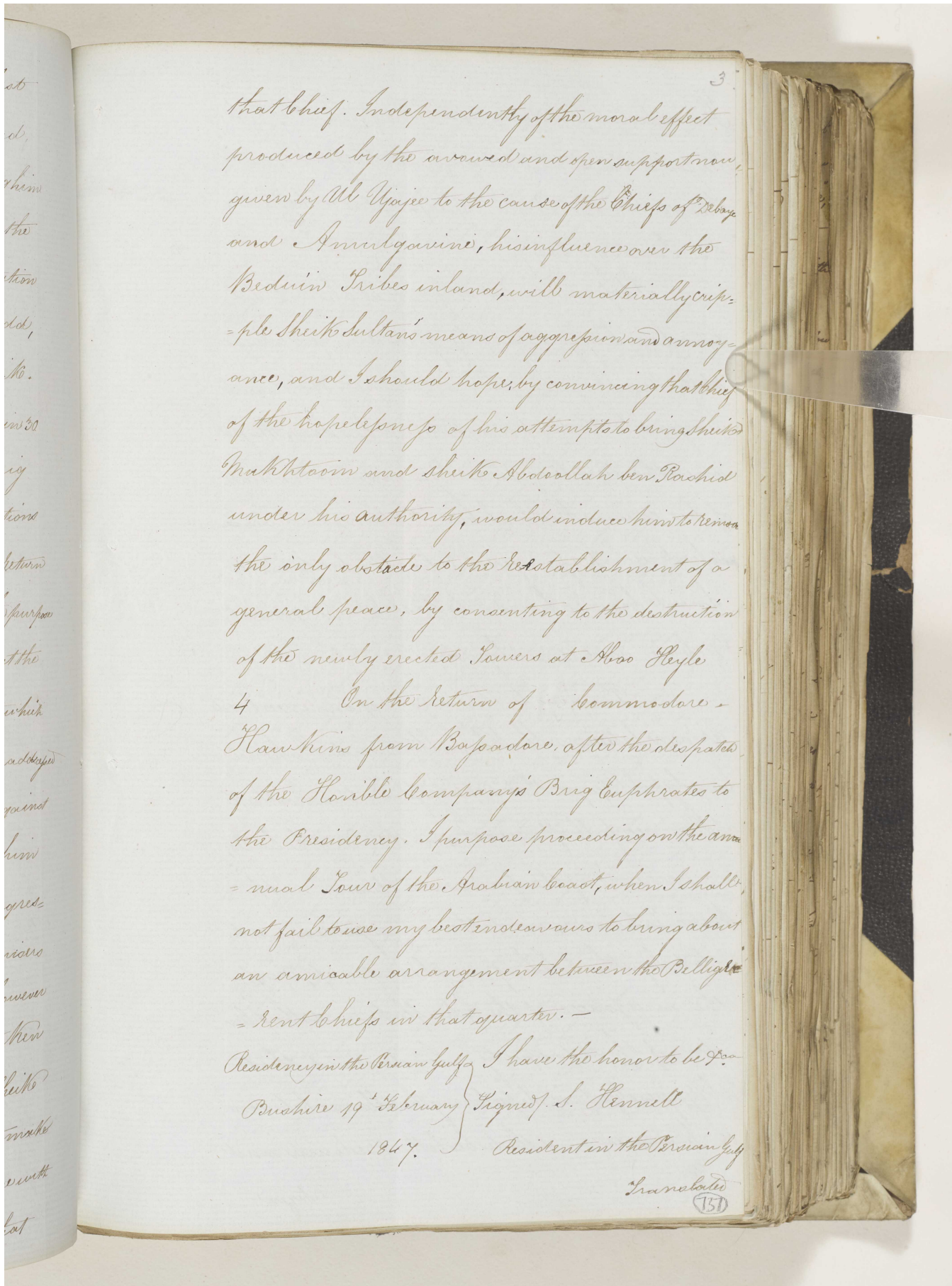
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Extract Bombay Political Consultations
 Office No. 93 of 1847
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 Political Department
 From
 Major Kennell
 Resident in the Persian Gulf
 To
 A Malet Esquire
 Secretary to Government
 Bombay
 Pooshie 19th February 1847
 Sir
 I have the honor to forward, for
 the information of the Honble the Governor
 in Council, the accompanying translation of a
 letter, from Mollah Koufseem, the Native
 Agent at Sharjah, dated the 25th Ultime, con-
 taining the latest intelligence received by me
 from the Arabian Coast. -
 2. It appears that Sheikh Sultan
 ben Suggur, in the moment of anger and
 irritation at the failure of a body of Ras-el-
 Khymah Troops, under the command of
 his son, to surprise a much inferior party
 of men, belonging to Amalgarine, and their
 subsequent repulse with the loss of 7 men killed
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including his Uncle, and 25 of their best
 Cannels, despatched letters to Sheikh Saad,
 bin Tahnoon at Absoothabee, inviting him
 to come without delay with his Troops for the
 purpose of attacking Deboy. The invitation
 was promptly responded to, but I regret to add,
 that in violation of the established usages, Sheikh
 Saad conveyed the greatest portion of his Forces in 30
 boats by sea. The Honble Comramps Brig
 Cypriotes had received particular instructions
 to prevent any measure of this nature, but her return
 to Bushire from the Arabian Coast for the purpose
 of enabling a Court Martial to be held at the
 former station, afforded an opportunity which
 was not lost by the Persian Sheikh; I have addressed
 a letter to him, strongly remonstrating against
 such irregular proceedings, and warned him
 that any of his Vessels found thus transgres-
 -sing will be liable to seizure by our Cruisers
 3. The most important portion however
 of the Agents report, is the decided part taken
 by the Wahooee Agent at Buzome, against Sheikh
 Saad bin Tahnoon, and his endeavours to make
 Sheikh Sultan bin Suggur, break off his alliance with
 that



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that chief. Independently of the moral effect produced by the avowed and open support now given by Al Ujaer to the cause of the Chiefs of Debye and Annulgarini, his influence over the Beduin Tribes inland, will materially cripple Sheikh Sultan's means of aggression and annoyance, and I should hope, by convincing that chief of the hopelessness of his attempts to bring Sheikh Mukhtoom and Sheikh Abdollah ben Rasheed under his authority, would induce him to remove the only obstacle to the reestablishment of a general peace, by consenting to the destruction of the newly erected Towers at Aboo Heyle

4 On the return of Commodore Hawkins from Baspadore, after the despatch of the Honble Company's Brig Euphrates to the Presidency. I purpose proceeding on the annual Tour of the Arabian Coast, when I shall not fail to use my best endeavours to bring about an amicable arrangement between the Bellig-
-ent Chiefs in that quarter. -

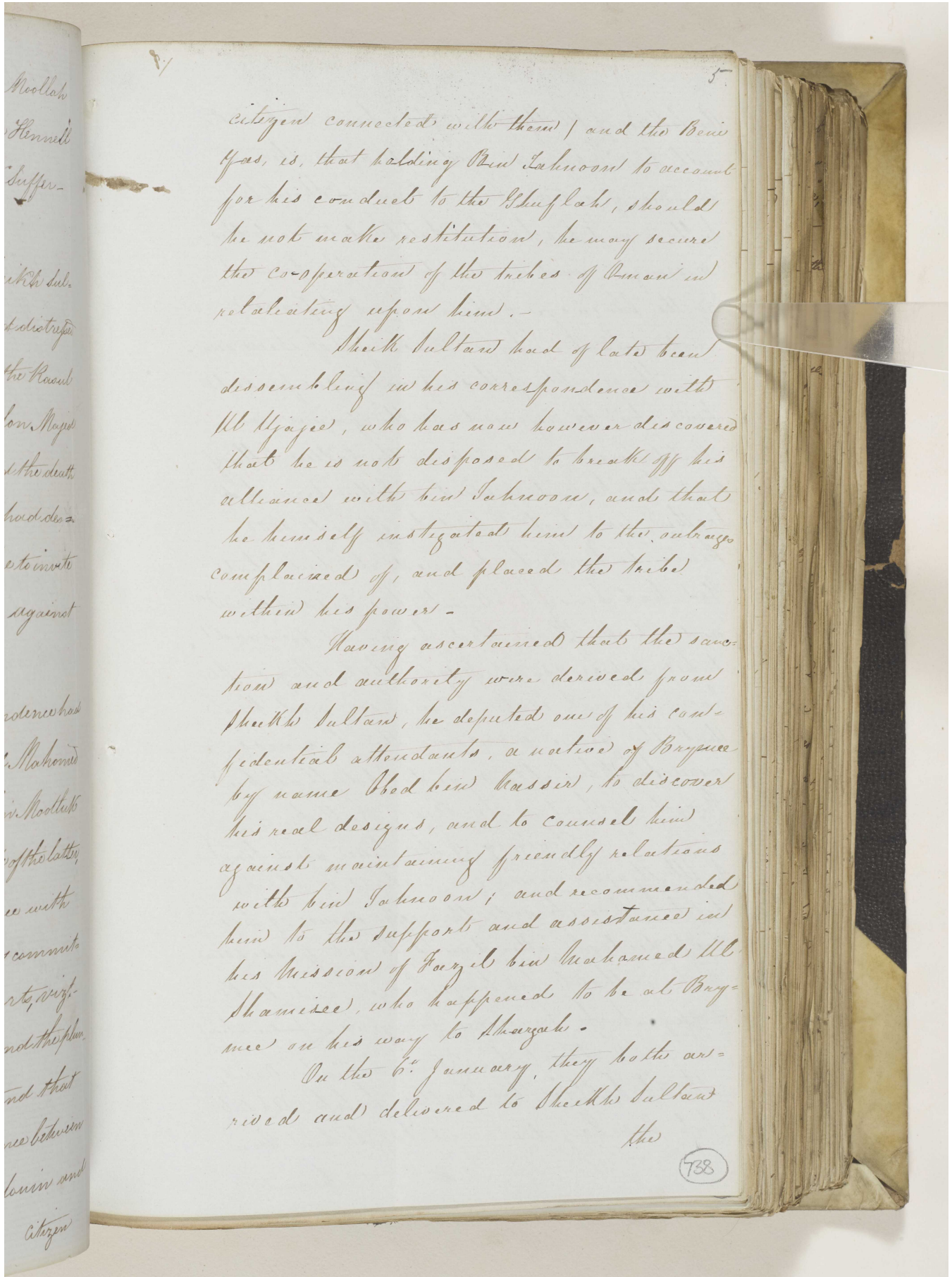
Resident in the Persian Gulf } I have the honor to be
Bushire 19th February } Signed, S. Kennell
1847. } Resident in the Persian Gulf

Translated
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Translated substance of a letter from Moollah
Husseini, agent at Shargah, to Major Pennell
Resident in the Persian Gulf - dated 25
25 January 1847.

I before reported to you that Sheikh Sultan
bin Saqqur, deeply grieved and distressed
at the result of the collision between the Rasool
Khyarah Detachment under his son, Majid
and the people of Amulgarine, and the death
of his cousin Kuthub bin Hattim, had des-
patched a Messenger to Abosthabe to invite
Saad bin Lahnoon to hostilities against
Deban and Amulgarine.

Previous to this, a correspondence had
arisen between Sheikh Sultan and Mahomed
bin Yusuf Yajee, the Deputy of Saad bin Moollah
at Buzmee, full of reproaches on the side of the latter,
on account of the former's alliance with
Bin Lahnoon, and the outrages commit-
ted by that chief in these parts, viz.
the massacre of the Ghurflah and the plun-
der of their property. I understand that
Al Yajee's object in dissolving the alliance between
the Saamees and the tribes both Bedouin and
Citizen



citizen connected with them) and the British
has, is, that holding bin Tahnoun to account
for his conduct to the Ghafalah, should
he not make restitution, he may secure
the co-operation of the tribes of Oman in
retaliating upon him. -

Sheikh Sultan had of late been
dissembling in his correspondence with
M. Hajer, who has now however discovered
that he is not disposed to break off his
alliance with bin Tahnoun, and that
he himself instigated him to the outrage
complained of, and placed the tribe
within his power -

Having ascertained that the sanc-
tion and authority were derived from
Sheikh Sultan, he deputed one of his con-
fidential attendants, a native of Buzje
by name Abd bin Massid, to discover
his real designs, and to counsel him
against maintaining friendly relations
with bin Tahnoun; and recommended
him to the support and assistance of
his Mission of Fazel bin Mahomed M.
Shamice, who happened to be at Buz-
je on his way to Shargah -

On the 6th January, they both ar-
rived and delivered to Sheikh Sultan
the

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the letters of All Hujee, urging him to break
with his Tahnoun, and act after the
manner of a true Mussulman - Sheikh
Sultan and his brother Saleh detained this
messengers, and wrote replies, the former
in the language of threats and defiance,
and sent them by a messenger of their own.

The receipt of these greatly surprised
him; but he rejoined to the former in
mild terms, and wrote to the latter telling
him that he had received a letter from his
brother for which "had he offered 1000
Rials he had not obtained it, but that
God had brought it into his possession"
and which, please God, he would forward
to his superiors in Mecca, that they might
learn the real state of the case, and know
that the prime movers in the business
were Sheikh Sultan, and Abdullah bin
Hogedien, Chief of the Beni Muttub. -

Hearing of the tone and tenor
of All Hujee's communication to Sheikh
Saleh, I contrived through some of his
confidential attendants, to get possession
of it, without his knowledge, and took
a copy which I enclose for your information.

To divert him from his intentions,
Sheikh Sultan, his brother Saleh, Abdulla-
lah bin Hogedien, and Fazil bin Mo-
hammad

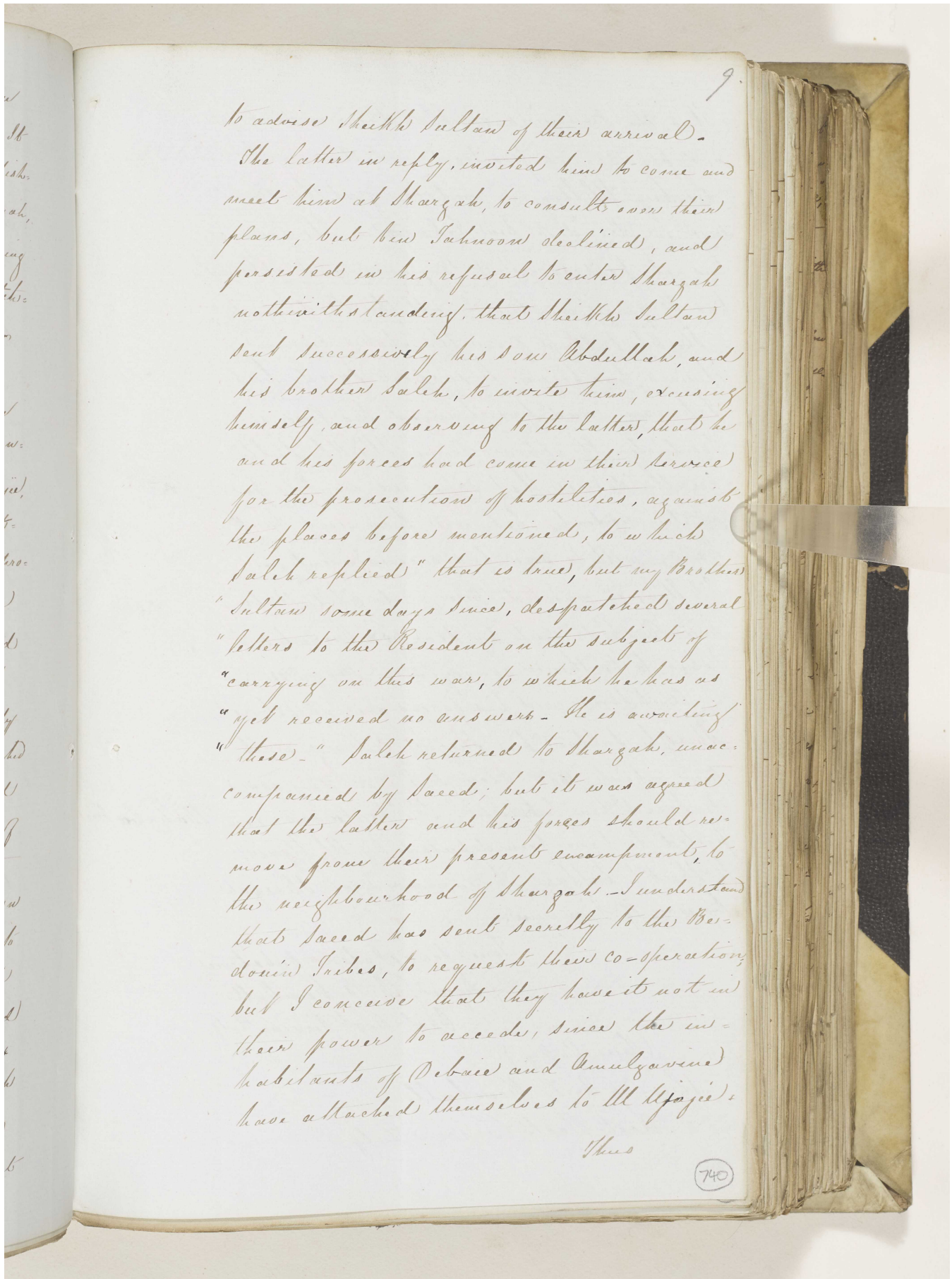
homed addressed letters to Muzjed pitched
in friendly terms, to impose upon him; and
giving presents to his messengers Abou
bin Massir, despatched him with them
on the 13th January to Bryneel. On the
other hand, however, Sheikh Sultan and
bin Sabnoon will carry out their designs.

The following incidents connected
with the inhabitants of Sharjah, and Debaie
have lately occurred - A bazaarah with
five slaves left Sharjah to fish, and
coming opposite to Debaie, was observed
by a boat belonging to that place, en-
gaged also in fishing, which approaching
her and seeing no fire on board,
and supposing therefore, that the slaves
were fugitives, captured her, and car-
ried her into Debaie; on being brought
before Moultoon and declaring that they
were not fugitives, but had left Sharjah
to fish, they and their boat were released
and permitted to return - Again on the
13th January, a party of five horsemen
started from Sharjah for Abou Hayfe;
but passed on to plunder in the neigh-
bourhood of the wells on the Beyrah shore.
Moultoon observing them, set out in
pursuit with his brother and 35 horsemen
and

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and about 500 foot, when the Shargah men
fell back upon Abou Heyle for support. It
happened, that on that day, a Shargah fish-
ing boat had been driven on shore off Deyah,
and three of Mulkooms horsemen returning
by the beach, seeing her, fired their match-
locks, and killed one of her crew and
wounded another.

Sheik Tahnoon, on learning from
Sheikh Sultan's Messenger, of the correspon-
dence that had taken place with Ul Hajee,
the affair of Masjid, and the death of Mute-
heeb, and Sheikh Sultan's proposal to pro-
secute active hostilities against (Debaie)
and (Amulzome), got ready his mounted
troops, to the number of about 1100 men
to march by land, and embarked a body
of 1300 foot in about 30 buggarabes, furnished
with Military Stores, and Provisions, and
started them for Whore Hamada; some of
which went on to Jumeyrab, where they
landed, four to Abou Heyle, and his own
buggarabes having on board ammunition, to
Shargah. The united Troops encamped
two days at Jumeyrab, and then marched
to the watering place called Miskriff &
about seven miles from (Debaie), which
place however they did not molest in
any way; and Saad bin Tahnoon sent
to



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to advise Sheikh Sultan of their arrival.
The latter in reply, invited him to come and
meet him at Sharjah, to consult upon their
plans, but his brother declined, and
persisted in his refusal to enter Sharjah
notwithstanding, that Sheikh Sultan
sent successively his son Abdulla, and
his brother Saleh, to invite him, excusing
himself, and observing to the latter, that he
and his forces had come in their service
for the prosecution of hostilities, against
the places before mentioned, to which
Saleh replied "that is true, but my brother
Sultan some days since, despatched several
letters to the Resident on the subject of
"carrying on this war, to which he has as
yet received no answer - He is awaiting
these -" Saleh returned to Sharjah, unac-
companied by Saad; but it was agreed
that the latter and his forces should re-
move from their present encampment, to
the neighbourhood of Sharjah. I understand
that Saad has sent secretly to the Mes-
soudia Tribes, to request their co-operation,
but I conceive that they have it not in
their power to accede, since the in-
habitants of Debaia and Amulgavina
have attached themselves to Ill Muzajir's
troops

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Thus the Bedonies are placed in a doubtful
and precarious position, not daring to
desert Ali Hajeer, and being at the same
time, in dread of bin Tahnoon. - The former
has got possession of Buzmees, and who
has Buzmees, must rule all the Bedonies.

Sheikh Sultan from the above circum-
stances, has begun to suspect Saad bin
Tahnoon, and has changed his line of
conduct. - It appears to me, Sheikh Sultan
greatly desires that some one would pri-
vately mediate between him and Tah-
noon, with a view to a reconciliation.

Ali Hajeer wanted Rice, and Abdullah
bin Rashed sent by sea 300 Saorahs, to
Sohar to be thence conveyed to Buzmees.

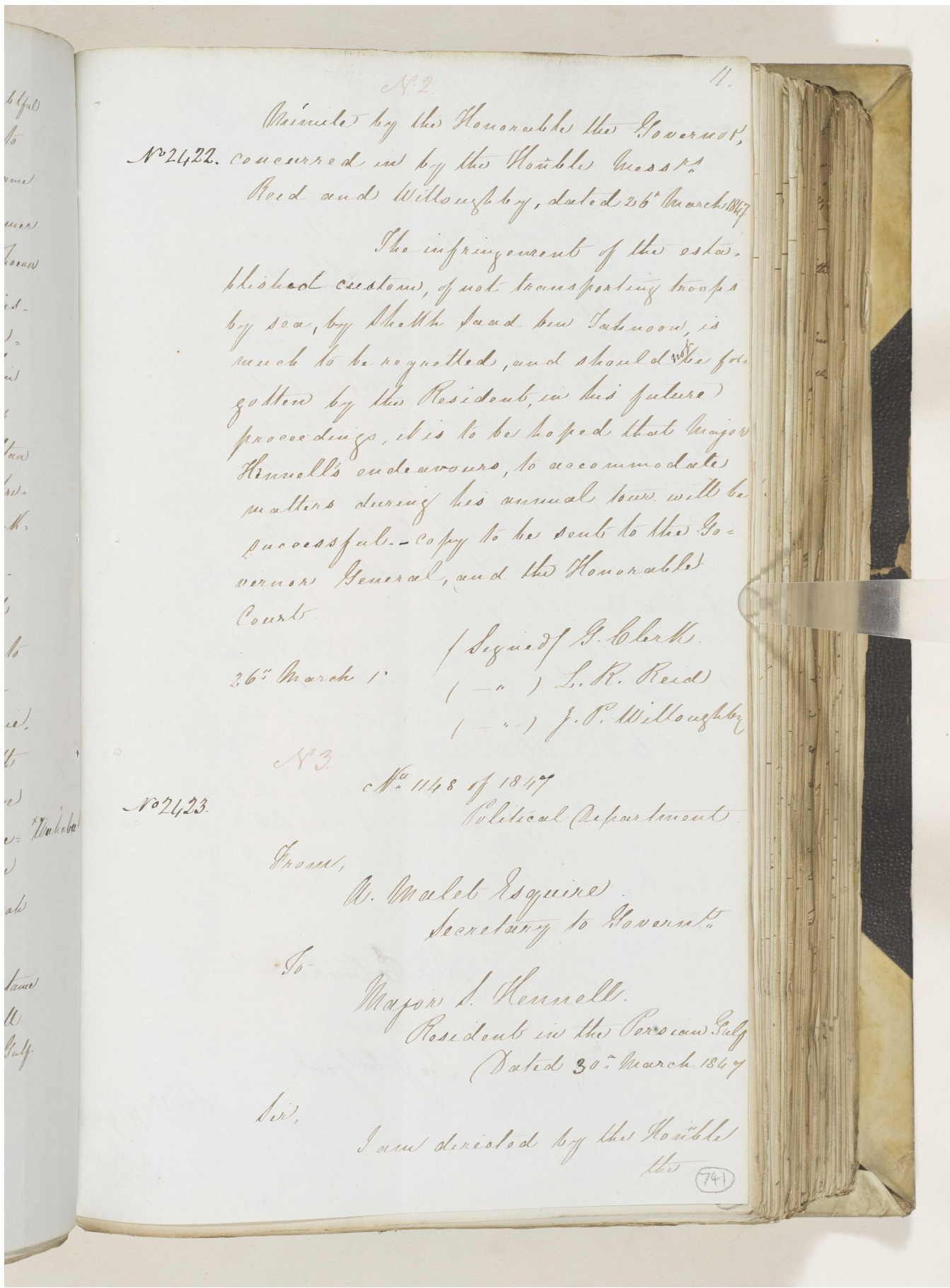
Muttoo and his forces are at Debaie.
Sheikh Sultan bin Suggur, talking with
him about 1000 Men, has this day gone
to Saad bin Tahnoon. - The Muttooas re-
ported to have been deputed by Ali Hajeer
to Sheikh Sultan, have arrived at Muzahab
by way of Ejman. -

True translated substance
(Signed) A. B. Wombell
Asst. Res. Persian Gulf.

(True Copy)
(Signed) A. B. Wombell
Asst. Res. Persian Gulf.

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Minutes by the Honourable the Government,
N^o 2422. concurred in by the Hon^{ble} Mess^{rs} Reid
and Willoughby, dated 26th March 1847

The infringement of the estab-
lished customs, of not transporting troops
by sea, by the M^{rs} Saad bin Sahnoun, is
much to be regretted, and should be for-
gotten by the Resident, in his future
proceedings, it is to be hoped that Major
Hennell's endeavours, to accommodate
matters during his annual tour, will be
successful. - copy to be sent to the Go-
vernour General, and the Honourable
Court.

(Signed) G. Clerk.
(-) L. R. Reid
(-) J. P. Willoughby

26th March 1847

N^o 3. N^o 1148 of 1847

N^o 2423. Political Department

From,
W. Malet Esquire
Secretary to Government

To
Major J. Hennell.
Resident in the Persian Gulf
(Dated 30th March 1847)

Sir,
I am directed by the Hon^{ble}
the 741

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The Governour in Council to ac-
knowledge the receipt of your letter, No. 30,
dated the 19th Ultimo, forwarding translation
of one from the Native Agents at Sharjah,
of the 25th of the preceding month, con-
taining intelligence from the Arabian
Coast -

2. In reply, I am desirous to
inform you, that the infringements by
Sheikh Saad bin Tahnoun, of the es-
tablished custom, of not transporting
Troops by sea, is much to be regretted,
and should not be forgotten in your
future proceedings -

3. The Governour in Council how-
ever hopes, that your endeavours to
accommodate matters during your An-
nual tour, will be successful -

I have the honor to be &c.
Signed J. A. Mallet.
Secretary to Gov^r.

Bombay Castle
30 March 1847 -

True Extract.
Wm. A. B. Mallet
Secy to Gov^r.

Copied by J. A. Mallet
Exp^d J. A. Mallet

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