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‘Muscat. Residence at Zanzibar for Her Majesty’s Consul & Hon’ble Company’s Agent’

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This item consists of copies of correspondence, consultations, resolutions, and minutes cited in, or enclosed with, political letters from the Government of Bombay [Mumbai]. The correspondents are: the Government of Bombay; the Military Board of Bombay; the Court of Directors of the East India Company; the Imaum of Muscat [Imam of Muscat, Sayyid Sa’id bin Sulṭān Āl Bū Sa’id]; Captain Atkins Hamerton, British Consul and Company Agent in the Dominions of the Imam of Muscat; Lieutenant Colonel Jervis, Chief Engineer at Bombay; and Captain Turner, Civil Architect at Bombay.

The item concerns building a suitable residence for Hamerton at Zanzibar, including detailed estimates of the costs of materials and labour. The need for a house at Zanzibar is also the subject of IOR/F/4/2006/89516.

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Agent' [1015r] (1/58)

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Bombay -
Political Department.

N^o. 23824 Letter from, dated 31st December 1844.

Muscat.

Residence at Zanzibar for
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Company's Agent.

Examiner's Office

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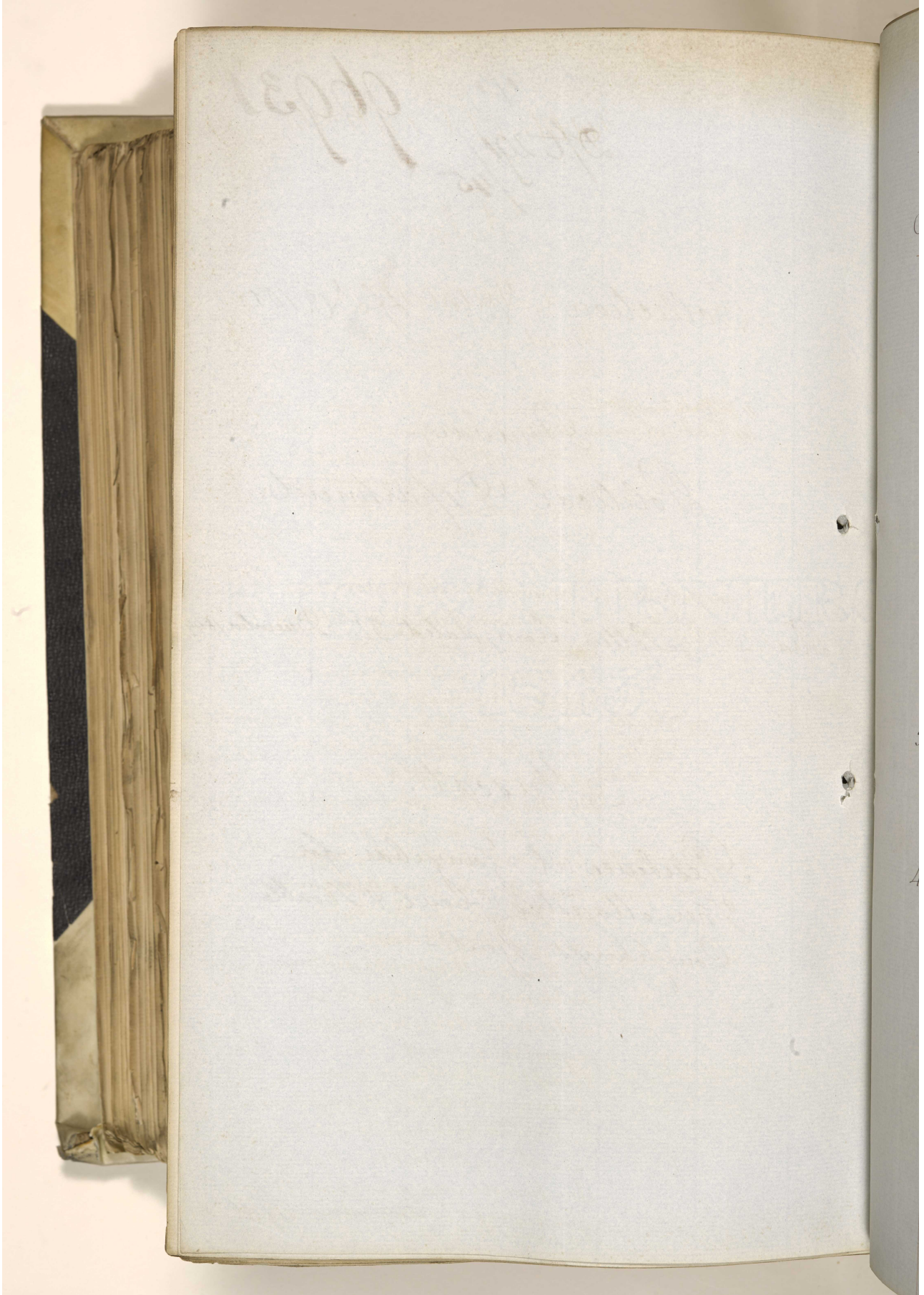


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<u>Muscat.</u>					
Residence at Zanzibar for Her Majesty's Consul and Hon'ble Company's Agent					
1	Govt	Hon'ble Court of Directors	Extract paras: 28 @ 30 of a letter from the Hon'ble the Court of Directors on the subject of constructing a suitable building for the accommodation of Her Majesty's Consul and Hon'ble Company's Agent at Muscat.	31 Dec 1843	1843
2	Milky Govt.	Milky Board	Transmitting with the instructions of Govt. copies of two communications from Her Majesty's Consul and Honorable Company's Agent at Muscat Nos. 29 & 37 and of the above extract.	19 Dec 1843	1843
3	Do	Hon'ble Consul & Hon'ble Agent Muscat	Transmitting to him an extract paras: 28 @ 30 of the despatches of 1843 from the Hon'ble the Court of Directors together with a copy of the above letter to the Military Board.	19 Dec 1843	1843
4	Milky Board	Hon'ble the Governor	Forward copy of a letter from the Civil Architect transmitting a plan of a Bungalow for Her Majesty's Consul and Hon'ble Company's Agent at Muscat with estimates of the probable expense of erecting the same and recommend the adoption of the suggestion contained in the 4 th para. thereof that the Plan and estimates be forwarded to Her Majesty's Consul and Hon'ble Company's Agent at Muscat with a request that he will furnish the information required on the several points specified in the Civil Architect's communication.	11 March 1844	1844
				5	1844

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No.	From	To	Subject	Date	Doc. No.
5	Minutes by the Board			1844	1844
6	Chief of Cons. & Secy of H.C. at Muscat	Chief of H.C. at Muscat	Transmitting to him copy of of the above letter from the Military Board with a request to submit his opinion on the points therein noticed and generally on the most efficient and economical mode of erecting a suitable building for his accommodation at Zanzibar	14 th March	20 th March No. 1509
7	Chief of Engineers	Chief of H.C. at Muscat	Transmitting to him a copy of the plan of a Bungalow for Her Majesty's Consul and Hon'ble Company's Agent at Zanzibar and requesting him to cause a copy to be made and forwarded to the Pol. Dept.	14 th March	No. 818 No. 1510
8	Chief of Engineers	Chief of H.C. at Muscat	Forwarding with reference to the above letter a copy of the plan therein alluded to	14 th March	No. 819 No. 1511
9	Extract of a letter from His Highness the Imam of Muscat	Chief of H.C. at Muscat		15 th "	27 th " No. 1884
10	H.C. at Muscat	Chief of H.C. at Muscat	Submitting his opinion and report as called for in the Government letter No. 818 of 1844	19 June	
11	Mil. Board	Hon'ble the Gov.	Submitting their recommendation regarding certain alterations and repairs required to the House occupied by Her Majesty's Consul and Honorable Company's Agent at Zanzibar	1 st Decr	31 st Decr No. 7455
12	Minutes by the Board			1 st Novr	No. 7458
13	Chief of Secy of Board	Mil. Board	Stating that the arrangement recommended in the above letter is approved of by Govt.	1 st Decr	No. 7457
14	Do	H.C. at Muscat	Transmitting with reference to his letters No. 81 dated 1 st Decr last copy of the communication No. 4007 from the Mil. Board and of the above reply thereto	28 Decr	No. 3954; No. 7458
	Bombay Castle			31 st Decr 1844	No. 9955; No. 7459

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Chief Secretary

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Examined J.S.

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Extract Political Letter from Bombay
dated 31st December (P^o: 10/1844)

Letter to, dated 20th September
(P^o: 15) 1843

(28029) In reply to the Despatches noted in the margin addressed by this Government Secret Letters dated 18th July N^o 82 of 1842 P^o: 40c44 dated 26th August N^o: 92 P^o: 49050

the question of providing a residence for Captain Hamerton, Her Britannic Majesty's Consul and Honorable Company's Agent in the Dominions of His Highness the Imam of Muscat, the Court observe that it is stated that His Highness intends to reside always at Zanzibar which has now become the most important part of his Dominions, that this would indicate Zanzibar as the fittest place of residence for the British Agent and that this Government is of opinion that it is the place where that Officer's presence is most required though he is expected to accompany the Imam when His Highness may visit his Possessions in Arabia

30 The Court state that it appears to be indispensable that a residence should be erected for Captain Hamerton as no suitable building now exists and they sanction the proposition made by this Government of granting a sum not exceeding Rs. 5,000 for the purpose which outlay they authorize being made a public charge.

by an Estimate of the expense which we directed

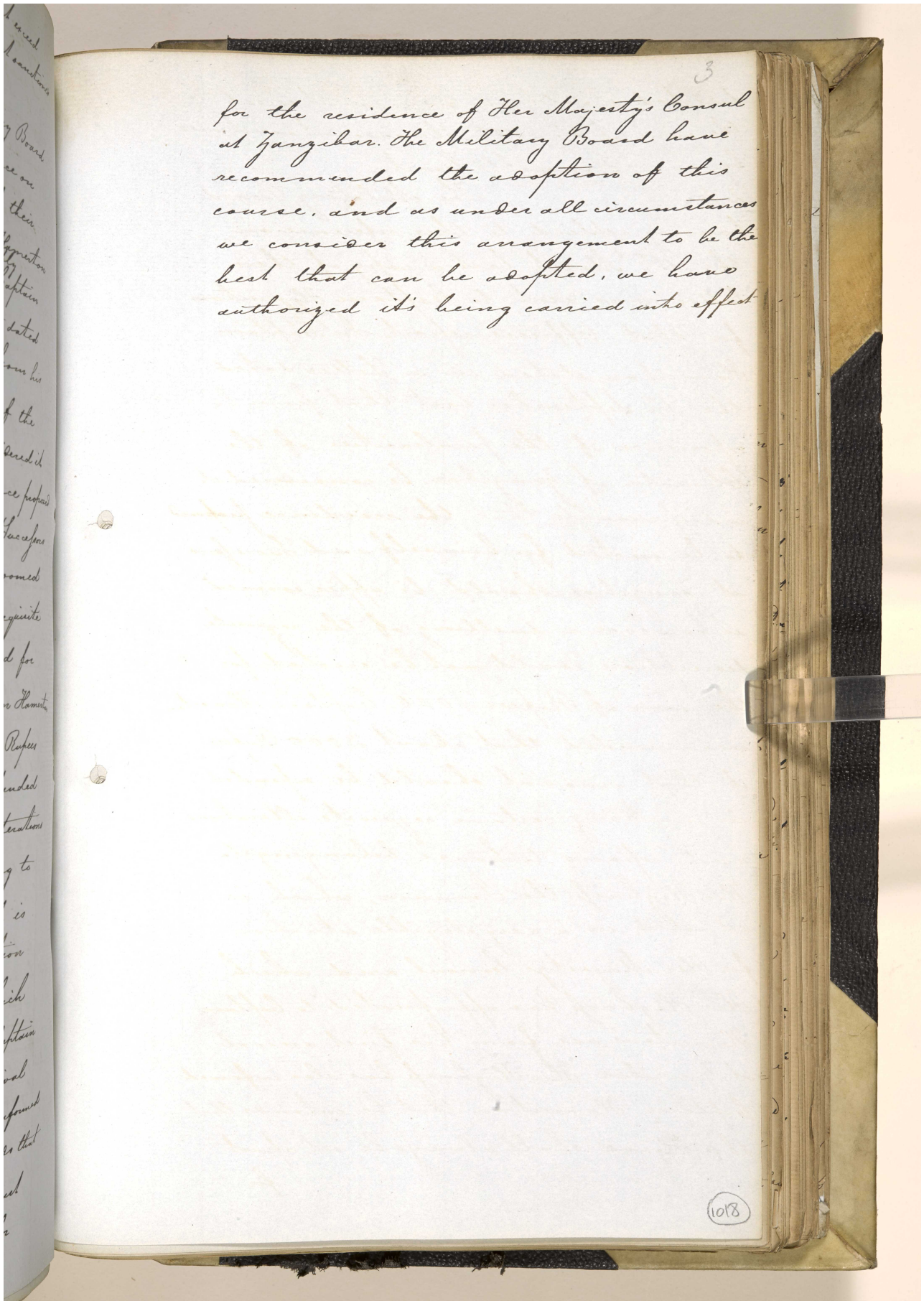
Para. 23 On receipt of this Despatch we forwarded the Paras 28 & 30 to the Military Board at this Presidency with instructions to submit to your Government a plan of the building they would with reference to the present sanction of your Honorable Court propose to erect at Zanzibar for the use of Captain Hamerton accompanied

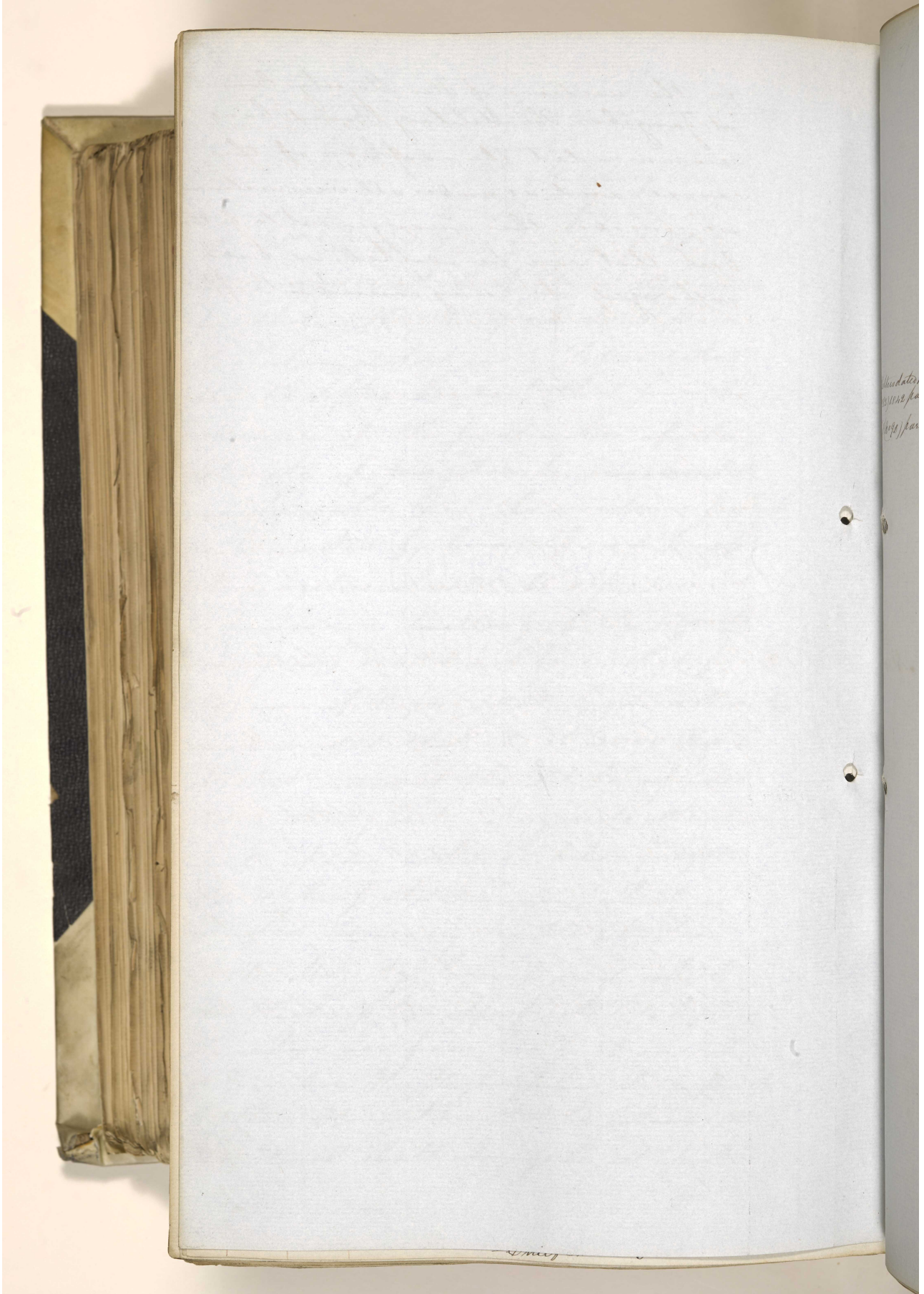
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directed should on no account exceed the sum of Rs. 5000 the amount sanctioned by your Honorable Court.

24 The Military Board having replied to this reference on the 11th March last a copy of their letter was sent to Captain Hamerton for that Officers report. In ^{reply} Captain Hamerton stated in a Letter dated the 1st September last that from his experience of the peculiarities of the Climate of Zanzibar, he considered it indispensable that the residence proposed to be erected for himself and Successors at Zanzibar should be upper roomed as however a dwelling of the requisite description could not be erected for the sum of Rupees 5000. Captain Hamerton recommended that about 3000 Rupees of that amount should be expended in making certain requisite alterations and repairs to the house belonging to His Highness the Imam, which is situated in a very eligible situation for Her Majesty's Consul and which His Highness has appropriated to Captain Hamerton's use from his first arrival at Zanzibar. His Highness has also informed Captain Hamerton that he intends that this House shall always be set apart for

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Extract Bombay Political Consulta-
tion 20th December 1843-
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Extract paras. 28 @ 30 of a letter from
the Hon'ble the Court of Directors dated
20th September 1843 p. 5.

Letters dated 18th 28
1843 (1842) paras.
28 & 29
(1843) paras.
29, 30.

We now also reply to the paras.
noted in the margin, in which, by direction
of the Government of India, you refer for
the orders of the Secret Committee (by whom
it has been referred to us) the question of
providing a residence for Captain Har-
merton at Zanzibar.

29 It is stated that the Imam
of Muscat intends to reside always at
Zanzibar, which has now become the most
important part in his dominions. This
indicates Zanzibar as the fittest place
of residence for the British Agent, and you
are of opinion, that it is the place where
his presence is most required, though he
is expected to accompany the Imam
when His Highness may visit his pro-
cessions in Arabia.

30 It appears to be indispensa-
ble that a residence should be erected for
Captain Harmerton, as no suitable build-
ing now exists. Captain Harmerton reports

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4, 500 or 5000 Rupees as the expense necessary for erecting suitable quarters with every attention to economy, and the only question is whether this charge should be borne by Government, or thrown upon his salary of Rupees 800 per month as Agent to the Company, he having no salary or fee as Consul. Under all the circumstances we sanction your proposition of granting a sum not exceeding Rupees 5000 for the purpose as a public charge.

N^o 2.

N^o 3238 of 1813.

From

The Secretary to the Gov^{rs} of Bombay N^o 6014.

To

The Military Board

Dated 19th December 1813

Gentlemen.

I am directed by the Hon^{ble} the Governor in Council, to transmit to you, Copies of two Communications from Captain Damer to Her Majesty's Consul and the Hon^{ble} Company's Agent in the Dominions of His Highness the Imam of Muscat, dated the 29th May and 14th June nos 29 & 37, together with an Extract paras 28 & 30 of a despatch from

from the Double the Court of Directors dated the 20th September last, No. 15 on the subject of constructing a suitable building for the accommodation of that Officer at Zanzibar.

2. In forwarding these documents, I am desired to request, that you will be pleased to submit to Government, as early as practicable, a plan of the building you would propose to erect for the use of Captain Samerton at Zanzibar, accompanied by an estimate of the expense which is not on any account to exceed the sum of Rs. 5000/5000 Five thousand.

3. It will be observed that in his letter dated the 14th June 1812, Captain Samerton states that the doors and windows which may be required for this building, must be sent from India or else a "Maistry Carpenter and Builder" Laborers can, that Officer observes, be procured at Zanzibar as well as wood for the roof, stone and lime, at cheap rates.

Bombay Castle I have the honor to be
19th December 1813
Signed J. P. Wolloughby
Secy to Government

I remain

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No. 3239 of 1843
From,
His Secretary to the Govt of Bombay - No. 6015
To,
Captain A. Hamilton
Her Majesty's Consul and
Honble Company's Agent
in the Dominions of His High-
ness the Imam of Muscat
Zanzibar
Dated 19th December 1843 -

Sir
With reference to the 3rd para
of my letter to your address, dated the 23rd
June No. 945 of 1842, I am directed by
the Honble the Governor in Council, to
transmit to you an extract paras:
28 & 30 of a despatch from the Honble
the Court of Directors, dated the 20th
September last, No 15 sanctioning a
sum not exceeding Rs. 500 of five
thous and for the erection of a suitable
building, for your accommodation
at Zanzibar, together with copy
of my letter of this date, to the mili-
tary Board on the subject.

Bombay Castle I have the honor to
19th Decr. 1843
Signed J. P. Willoughby
Secy to Govt.

Copy to
Honble
Examined

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Agent' [1021r] (13/58)

Extract Bombay Political

consultation 20th March 1844.

N^o 4.

N^o 1033 of 1844

Political Department

N^o 1508

From the Military Board.

To
Colonel the Hon'ble Sir G. Arthur K. C. B.

Governor and President in Council

Dated 11th March 1844.

Honorable Sir,

We have the honor to submit
the annexed letter from the civil architect
N^o 71 of the 1st instant transmitting a
Plan of a Bungalow for Captain Hamerton
Her Majesty's Consul and Hon'ble Compa-
ny's Agent at Zanzibar prepared in com-
munication with the Chief Engineer with
Estimate of the probable expense of erecting
the same as called for in Mr Secretary +
Willoughby's letter of the 19th December last
N^o 3238.

R^{es} 4788

Estimate N^o 16 amounts to Rupees
Four thousand seven hundred & eighty eight
and provides at the Bombay rates for the
erection of a Bungalow according to the
accompanying Plan, with foundations and
footing walls of rubble masonry, walls of
double Bamboo Chunan plastered, doors
pannelled

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pannelled, windows glazed, ceiling cloth, & roof Teak trussed and double tiled with Chunam ridges and paves. as stone, Chunam and Timber for roofs are said to be very cheap at Zanzibar, the rates in this Estimate are probably much too high.

3^d. Estimate N^o 17 amounts to Rupees Two thousand and fifty three & provides for preparing the frame work only of a Bungalow according to the same Plan with pannelled doors, glazed Windows & Teak truss roof for double Tiles. Meerjee Sa-masjee has offered to prepare this frame work in three months for Rupees one thousand seven hundred and twenty five. No 2053

4th. Should it be considered desirable to forward this frame work to Zanzibar without further reference to Captain Harmer it will be necessary to entertain at once a maistry to superintend the fitting of the different parts, and to accompany the Materials and superintend their erection at Zanzibar as proposed in the 5th paragraph of Captain Turner's letter.

5th. We would however beg to recommend for adoption the suggestion made in the 4th para: of the above letter that before any further steps are taken the accompanying

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accompanying Plan and Estimates be for-
-warded to Captain Hamerton with a request
that he will furnish the information required
by Captain Turner on the several points spe-
-cified by him, as also the rates at which
seasoned timber, Chunam, stones, Iron work
and labor of different classes can be pro-
-cured at Zanzibar, as this information
will considerably aid the Engineer in esti-
-mating correctly the cost of the projected
building. The quantity and quality of the
articles and labor procurable should be
specified as accurately as practicable.

We have the honor to be &c.

Sig^d D. Barr Major Genl
Military Auditor Genl

Bombay } Sig^d G. Moore Lieut. Colonel
Military Board } Member Military Board.
Office 11th } Sig^d G. Serris Lieut. Coll.
March 1844. } Commandant
Chief Engineer.

No 71 of 1844.

General Department

To
Lieut^t Coll. F. P. Lester.
Secretary Military Board.
Bombay.

Sir,
1) Agreeable to the instructions
contained

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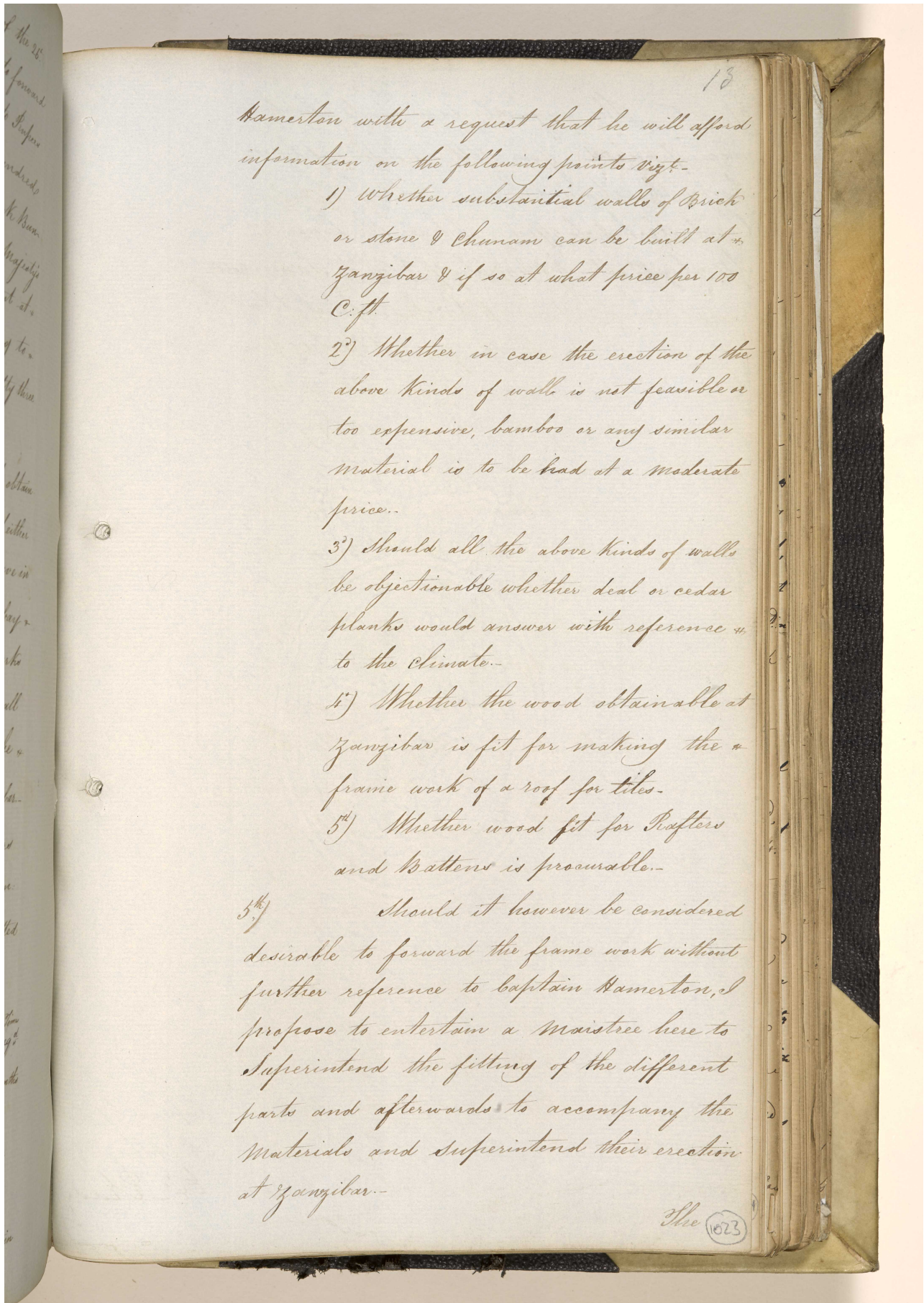
contained in your letter N^o 5054 of the 26th December last, I have the honor to forward a plan and Estimate amounting to Rupees (4788 + +) Four thousand seven hundred and eighty eight for a frame work Bungalow for Captain Hamerton Her Majesty's Consul and Hon'ble Company's Agent at Zanzibar, also an Estimate amounting to Rupees (2053 + +) Two thousand & fifty three for the wood work only.

2^d) As I have been unable to obtain any information regarding the cost of either labour or materials at Zanzibar, I have in this Estimate N^o 16 charged the Bombay rates, which as Captain Hamerton remarks that stone, Chunan, wood for roofs are all cheap and abundant, will probably be found to be higher than those of Zanzibar.

3^d) Below is a schedule of tenders received for the wood work, which the Contractor is bound to have properly fitted before it is embarked for Zanzibar.

Amount of Estimate.	Names of Builders.	Am ^t . of Tender.	Time req ^d .
Rupees 2053 + +	Arrow Bapoojee	1750 + +	3 months
	Heerjee Samasjee	1795 + +	

4^d) Before any further steps are taken it would I conceive be desirable to forward the Plan and Estimate to Captain Hamerton



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Agent' [1023v] (18/58)

b) The original documents which
accompanied your letter under reply are
herewith returned.

Civil Architects Office } I have the honor to
Bombay 1st March 1844. } Sign^d J. M. B. Turner Captⁿ
Civil Architect at the
Presidency.

Copied by
A. Albuquerque
Ex^o J. B. de

201	1 1/2	1264	C. of Foundation for Veranda			
		1489 1/2	D. for 2 Steps			
10	4 1/4	426	C. of Excavating Foundation			
		2786	C. of Filling in the same with Masonry		12	12 1/2 ft 20 1/4 3.
209	1/2	940 1/2	D. Masonry in Footing wall of Centre Hall			
201	1/2	1489 1/2	D. D. Veranda			
10	4 1/4	60	D. D. Steps			
		5275	C. of Rubble Masonry		12	8 " " 669 8 "
		40	sq. ft. Flag stone for steps with dressing and paving complete		"	8 " sq. ft. 20 " "
		1125	sq. ft. Churnery Flator for Footing wall and steps		5	8 " Pipe 61 1/4 "
17	6 1/2	746880	C. S. 20 Centre-halls			
11 1/2	5 1/2	103800	D. 31 D. of Veranda			
		247580	C. S.			
		110167	Also wastage.			

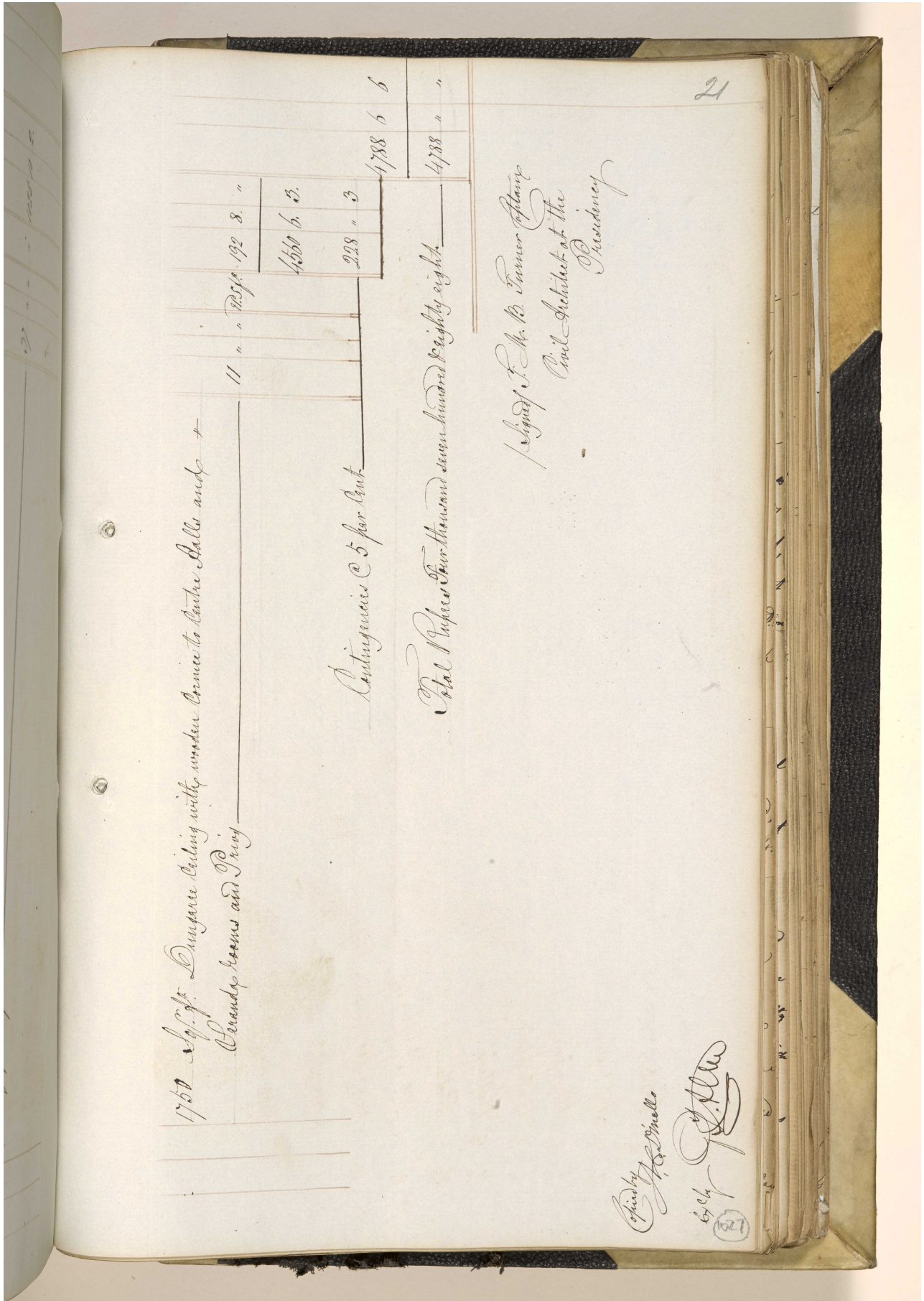
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259580 100167	259547	C. J or 208 1/2 C. of Calcutt Timber D. 8 in x 1.8 " for R. of	312-12 "	
	659	Guiz Sawyers Work @ 3.2 " per P. G. Carpenters Work	20.5 "	
		Laborer D.	25 "	
		Leak Panelled door with brags butt hinges iron bolts & Padlocks Complete	8 "	306 1 "
		Frame piece		
		Panel & Styles		
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767	Deduct for Doors and Windows	4	8	197	4	1
2828	Sq. ft. Double Bamboo wall with Mud Plaster	4	8	254	8	8
3555	Sq. ft. Murrum plaster for Ditch inner & outer sides					
8997	C. ft. Filling earth					
2786	Deduct Excavated Earth					
6211	C. ft. Earth	1	5	81	8	8
2969	S. ft. Making Mud floor		12	22	4	8
45	Deduct	20		9		
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		<i>Strength Over Pieces</i>		2586	4	1
<i>Joist</i>	$\frac{5}{12}$	$\frac{4}{12}$				
<i>Side battens</i>	$\frac{10}{12}$	$\frac{2\frac{1}{2}}{12}$				
<i>Truss pole</i>	$\frac{7}{12}$	$\frac{2\frac{1}{2}}{12}$				
<i>Wall plate</i>	$\frac{6}{12}$	$\frac{5}{12}$				
<i>Roof purlins</i>	$\frac{10}{12}$	$\frac{12}{12}$				
<i>Battens</i>	$\frac{2\frac{1}{2}}{12}$	$\frac{1}{12}$				
1512 sq. ft. roof @	72	21		57	"	755
2712 Do. Veranda roof	226	12				
60 Do. Do. for Porch	10	6				
2712 sq. ft. roof @				27	"	1025/10 2.





		Brought over Pieces
50,000 C. S.		
110 1/2	Add weight	
2,60,000 C. S. on 208 1/2 Cft Cabinet Timber 2 nd sort @ 1.8" per Cuy		212. 12. "
500 Cuy Sanyas work @ 1.2. "		20. 5. "
Carpenter - Ditto		20. 4. "
Labourers - Ditto		6. 4. "
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1000 ⁰⁰ 1. "		
Northern best framed doors 10 doors 5' X 8. 1 Door 5' X 8. and		
Each		
14	22 - side pieces	
5 1/2	20 - Top and bottom 22	Frame pieces for 11 Doors -
2 1/2	2 - Ditto	
10	3 - Plates for supporting Wanda Doors -	
8	6 - Side pieces	Frame pieces for Wanda Doors -
3 1/2	3 - Bottom 22	
4 1/2	2 - Panels and style -	
1/2	Panel -	

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39	Pair	brags	both lengths of 4 inches.				
11	Iron	batts	1 1/2 ft. in length				
17	Ditto	9	ches	Ditto			
10	Padlocks	with	keys 8 ches each				
4	Ditto			Ditto	7		
400	Sp. ft.		10 Dowr.				
24	Dc.		1	Dc.			
63	Dc.		3	Dc.			
487	Sp. ft.		14	Panelled doors	Complete		11 " Sp. ft. 57 1/2 "
20							
That says windows 16 windows 3 X 5 1/4 windows 3 X 4. and 5							
Window 2 X 2. -							
14	6 1/2		30.7	} Frame Pieces for 15 windows			
8 1/2	6 1/2		30.7				
8 1/2	5 1/2		10.7	} Ditto			
8 1/2	5 1/2		8.7		Ditto	5	Ditto
2 1/2	5 1/2		2.7				
Carried over Paper							
876.8 "							

876.8 "

Brought over Surplus

$\frac{1}{2}$	1 1/2	Trails and Sledge.
$\frac{1}{2}$	1 1/2	Crogs pieces of Sledge.
$\frac{1}{2}$	1 1/2	444 - Sledge for 20 windows -
$\frac{1}{2}$	1 1/2	40 Pairs of Crogs both longer & short each.
	15	Iron bolt 1 1/2 ft in length.
	5	Ditto - 7 - Snakes - Ditto -
	20	Ditto - 5 - Ditto - Ditto -
	20	Pairs Iron opening hooks 14 inch in length.
each	225	Sq. ft 15 windows.
	2	48 - Sq. - 4 - Sq. of Boards.
	2	4 - Sq. - 1 - Sq. for Plinths
		<u>277 d. ft 20 Slazed windows complete</u>
<u>Seal Paper Roof</u>		
each	5	30240 C. S. 4 1/2 in & Beams
	7 1/2	14,400 - Sq. - 4 King posts
	12	27,648 - Sq. - 8 Principals - 4 Trusses
		20000 C. S. of Plinths

1 d. with 380.14 -

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5 1/2	2	5760	8	Braces	
100	5 1/2	36000	C. I.	Peelins	
26	19 2/2	42000	8	4 High Scaffers	
54	7 1/2	11340	8	2 Sidge-Pole	
308	6 1/2	110880	8	2 wall plate	
300	5 1/2	108000	8	2 of Almonds	
7	4 1/2	10584	8	8 Screws for supporting plate	
6	4 1/2	9072	8	8 for Scaffers	
6 1/2	8 1/2	4992	2	posts for supporting Sidge	
4	6 1/2	3456	4	posts for Scaffers	
		414372	C. I.		
		182,320	Abel	wantage	
		576,695	C. I.	on 2454 Cfft Cabout Timber 2 stool @ 1.8... per ft	577.4
		1300	Sy	carvers work @ 2.2... per S.D. Day	40.10
		144	Carpenters	@ 1.8... per Day	72
		105	Sabars	@ 1.8... per S.D.	17.8
				Carried over Scaffers	648
					1257.6

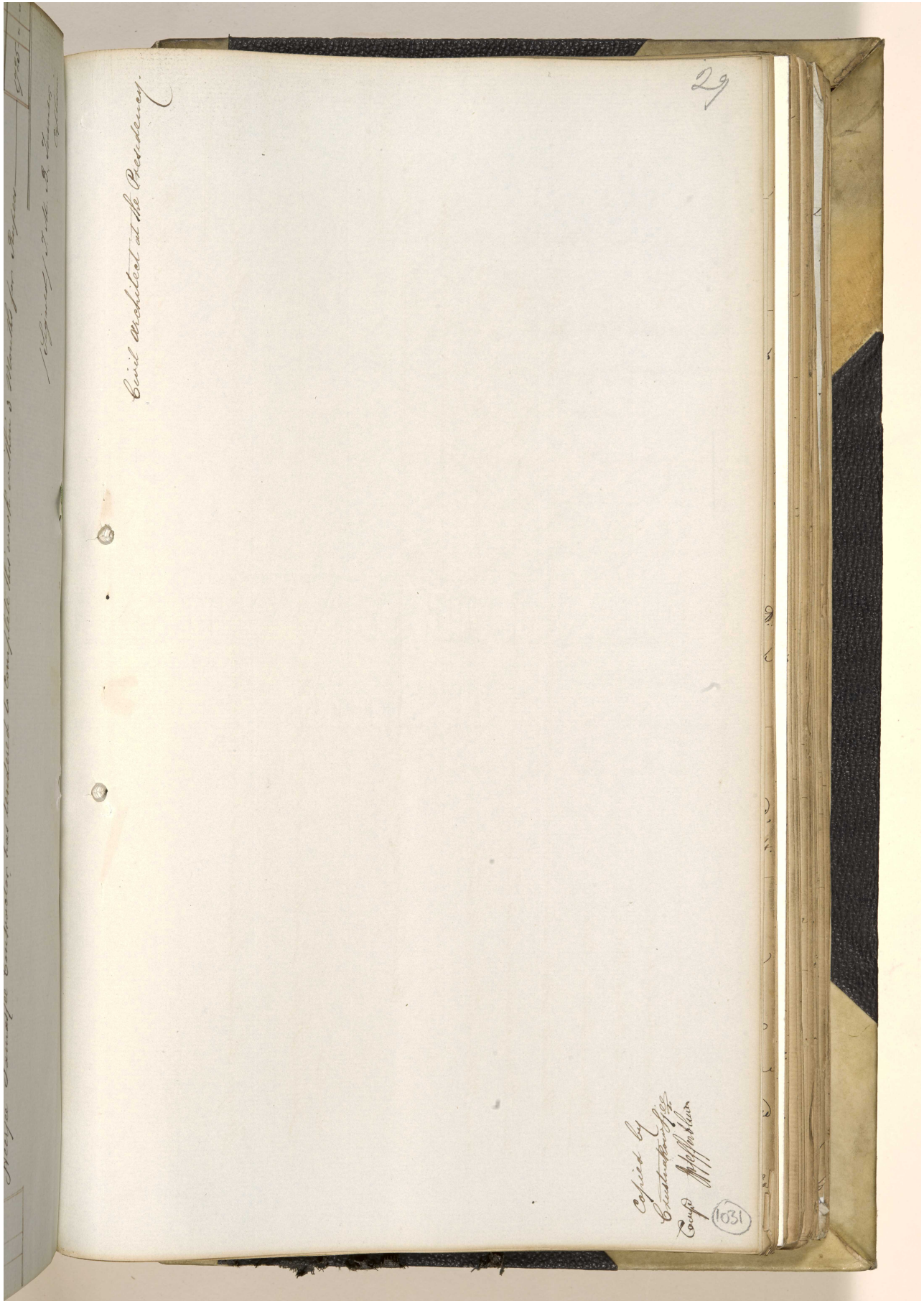
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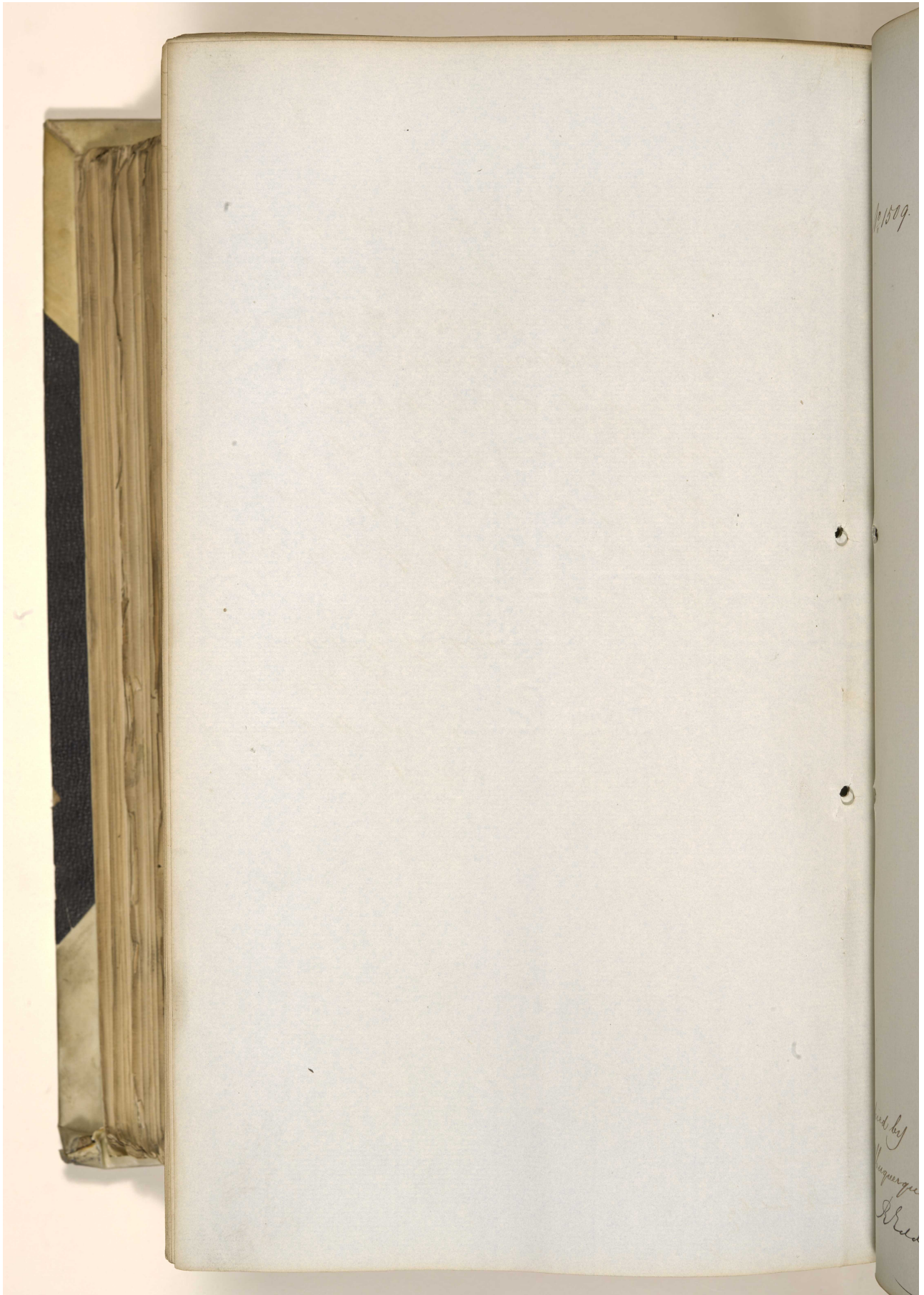
Brought over Paper		648.00	12678
4 Iron supporting		2.00	600
2 Mounds nails & shales			
1 1/2	Ditto		
1	Ditto		
5 1/2	Mounds nails	2	8
6	Ditto - Rollers shales Europe	5	10
1	Ditto	4	4
	Ditto	4	4
	Ditto	2 1/2	4
Contingencies @ 5 per Cent			19656
			97123
			205823
Total Paper Ten thousand and fifty three			2058
Meejee Samajee Comhutor, has tendered to complete his work within 3 Months for Paper			
7925			

Signed / J. M. S. Turner
Captain

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Agent' [1031v] (34/58)



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N^o. 5.

N^o. 1509. Minute by the Hon^{ble} the Governor &
Subscribed to by the Board without date.-

In conformity with the suggestion
of the Military Board, a reference should
be made to Captain Hamerton on the
points noticed, and for his opinion &
generally on the most efficient and
economical mode of effecting the ob-
ject in view.-

Signed G. Arthur.

" J. McMahon.

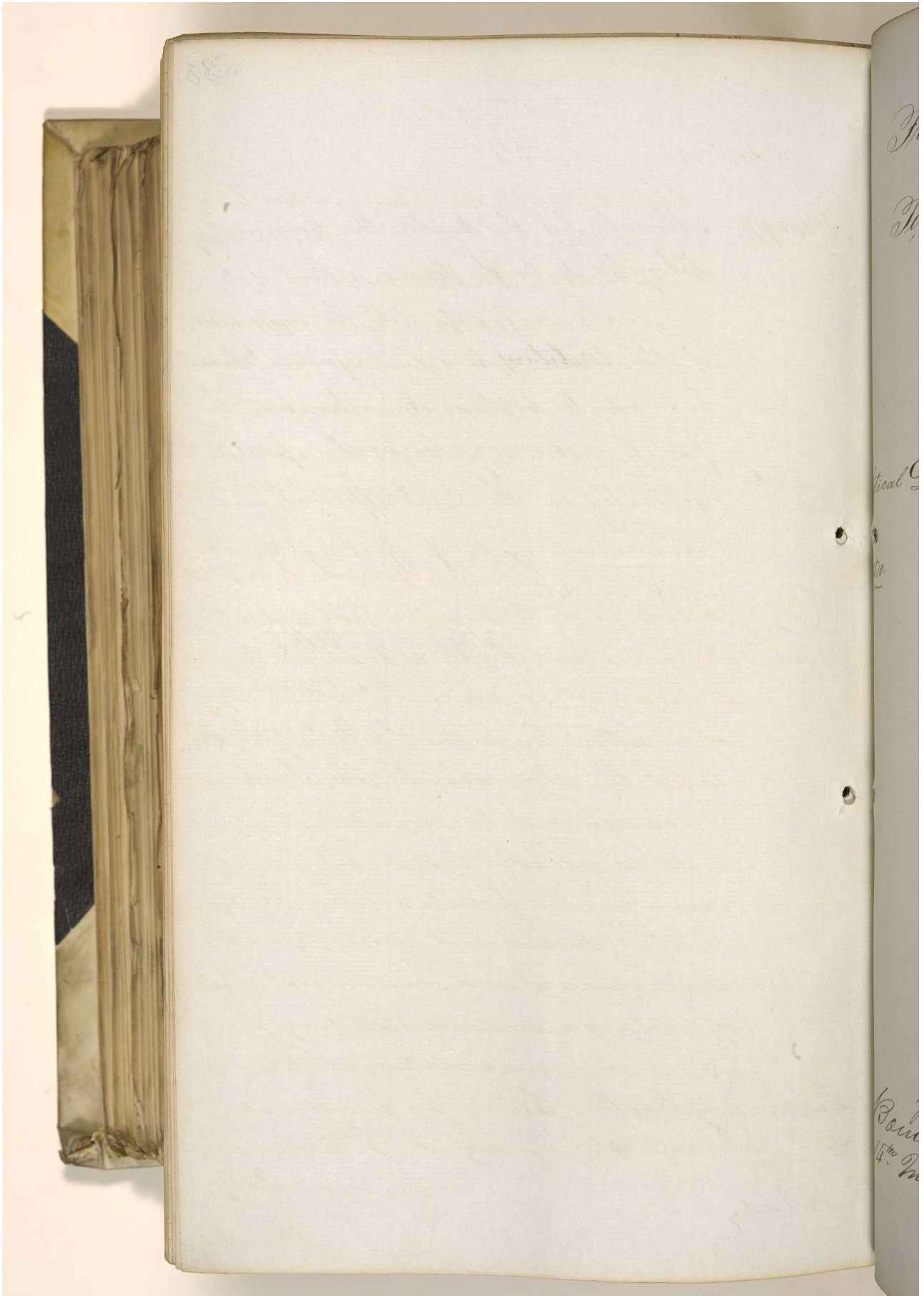
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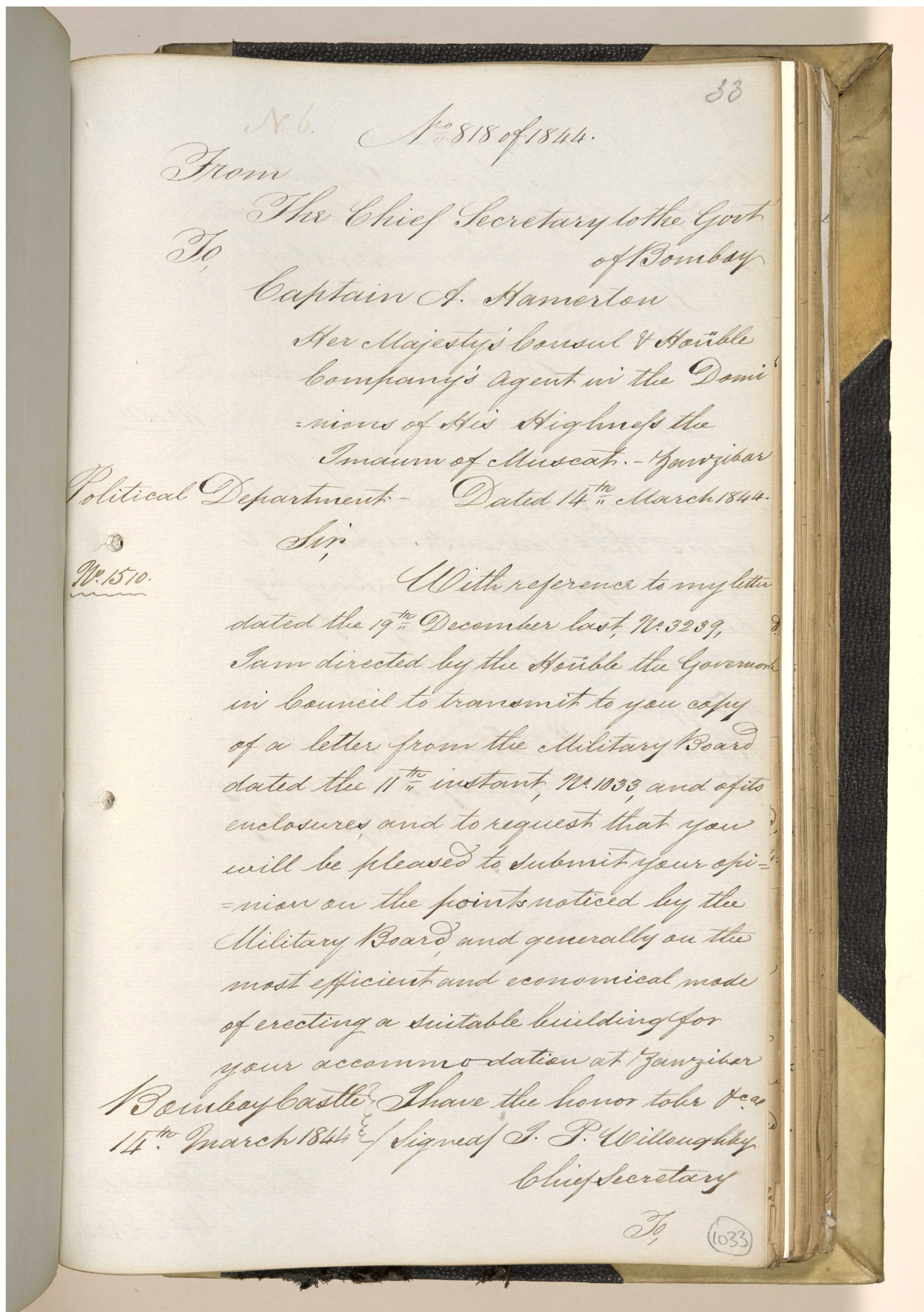
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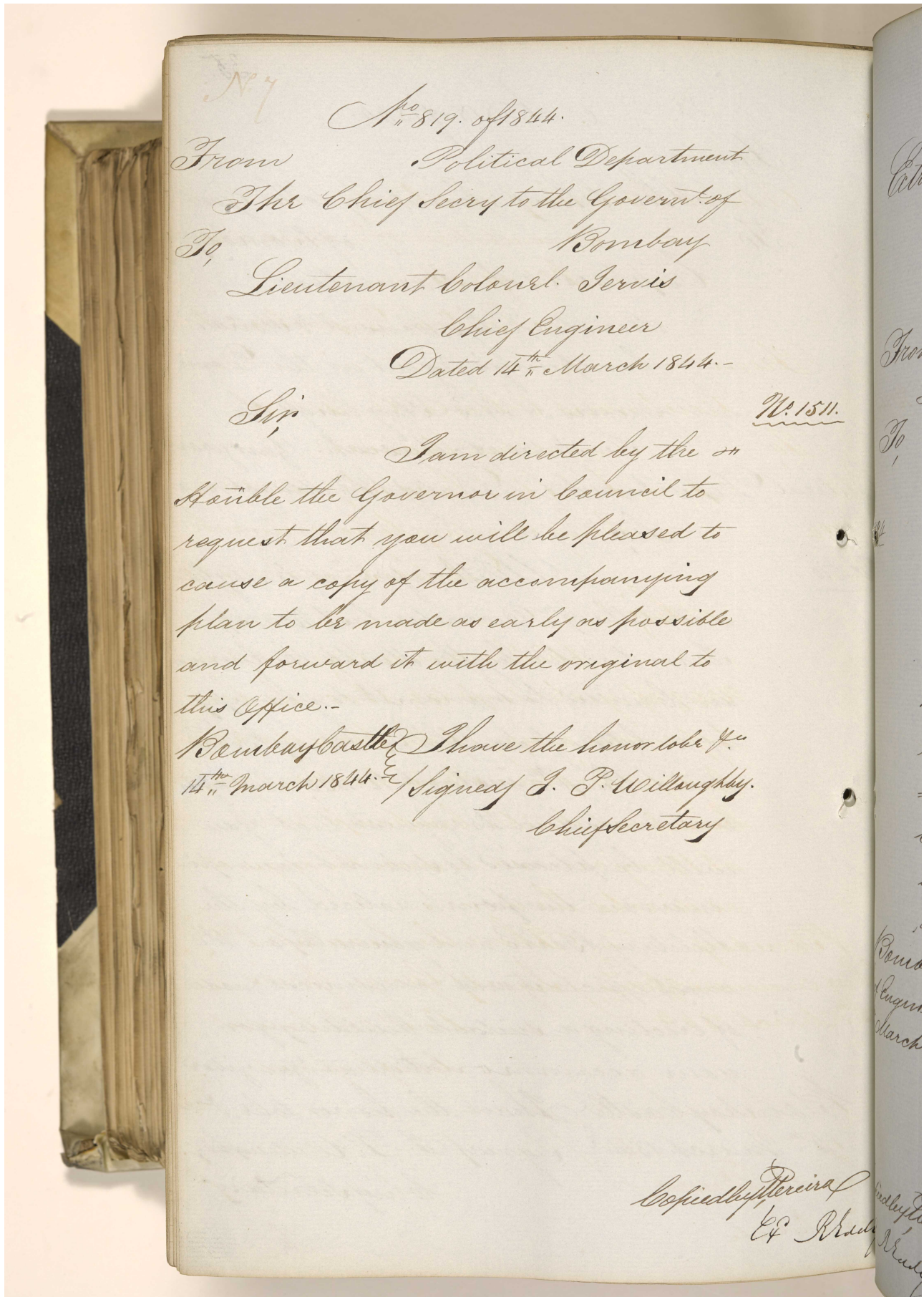
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A. Albuquerque.
E. R. Ruddy

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Agent' [1032v] (36/58)







'Muscat. Residence at Zanzibar for Her Majesty's Consul & Hon'ble Company's Agent' [1034r] (39/58)

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No.

Extract Bombay Political

Consultation 27th March 1844.

No. 4 of 1844.

Political Department

From

Lieutenant Colonel G. Jervis

To

Chief Engineer

J. P. Willoughby Esquire

Chief Secretary to Government

No. 814

Dated 15th March 1844.

Sir

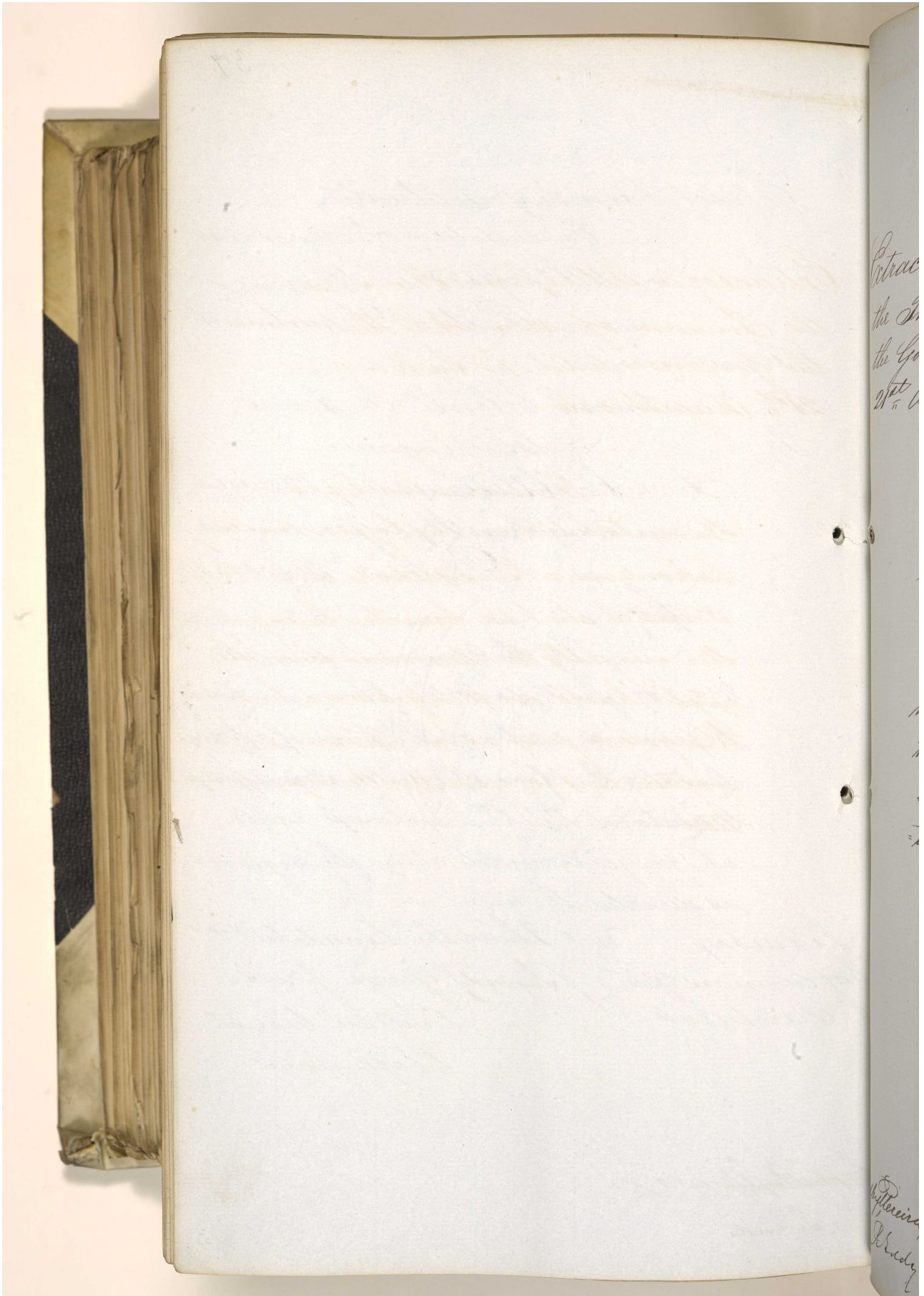
With reference to your letter No. 819 of yesterday's date, I have the honor to forward a copy of the plan of a Range-law for Captain Hamerton Her Majesty's Consul and Hon'ble Company's Agent at Zanzibar and to return the original as directed therein.

Bombay
Chief Engineer's Office
15th March 1844.

I have the honor to be
Yours faithfully
Signed George Jervis
Lieut. Col. Commr.
Chief Engineer

Copied by Pereira
for Mr. ...

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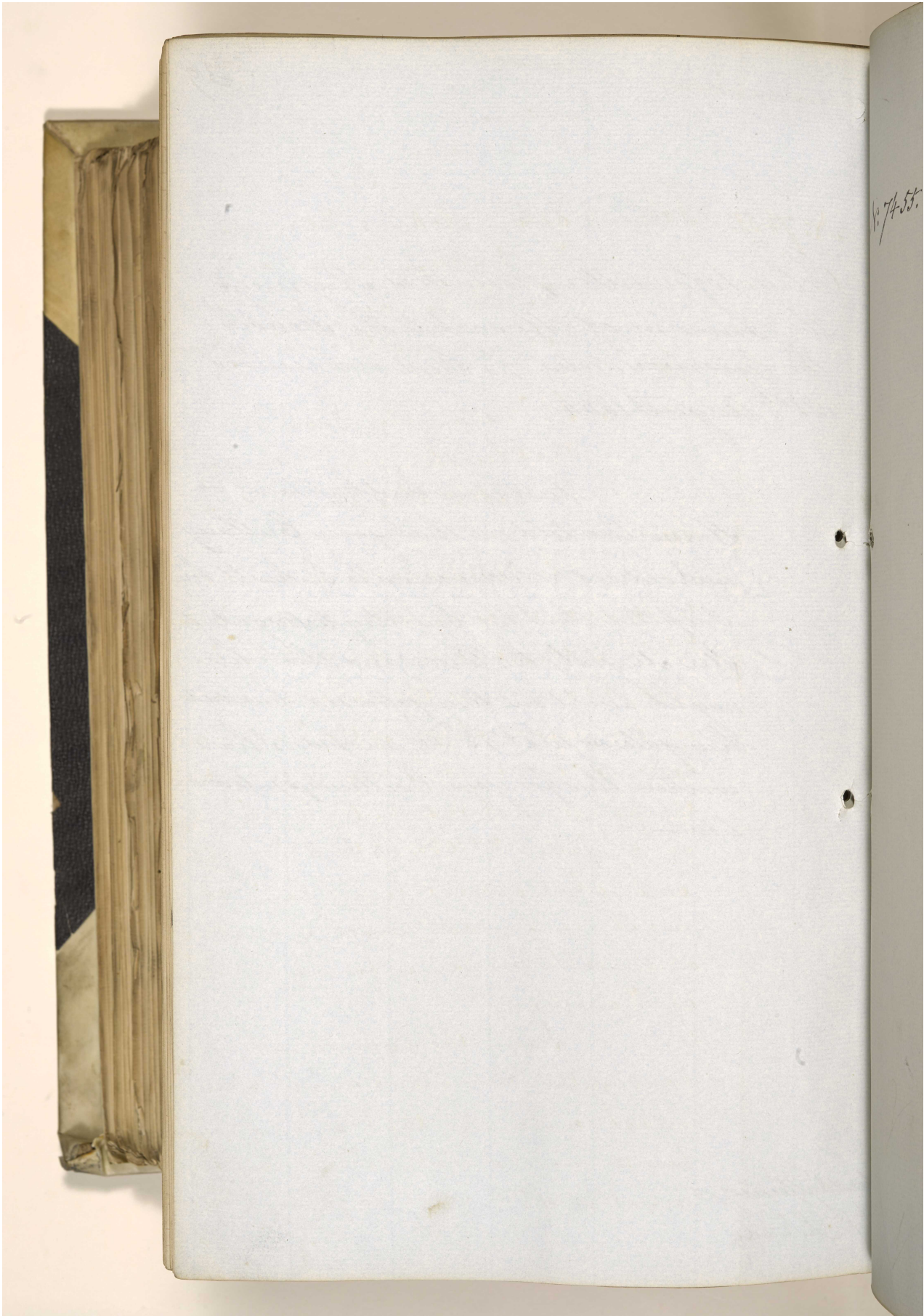
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Extract of a letter from His Highness
the Imam of Muscat to the Honble
the Governor, dated 19th June and received
28th August 1844. -

Farther when Captain
Hamerton told me that your Excellency
had ordered a Bungalow to be built here
I replied that the country belonged to
Her Majesty the Queen and that he
might build one Bungalow or a hundred
Bungalows just as he wished. I have
written this for your Excellency's informa-
-tion. -

Copied by Pereira
E. J. Brady

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Duplicate-

N^o 10. N^o 21 of 1846 -

N^o 74-55. From Captain Atkins Haumont
Her Majesty's Consul and
Hon'ble Company's Agent in the
dominions of the Sultan of Muscat

Political Depart.

To,

J. P. Willoughby Esquire,
Chief Secretary to Gov^r Bombay
Dated 1st September 1846.

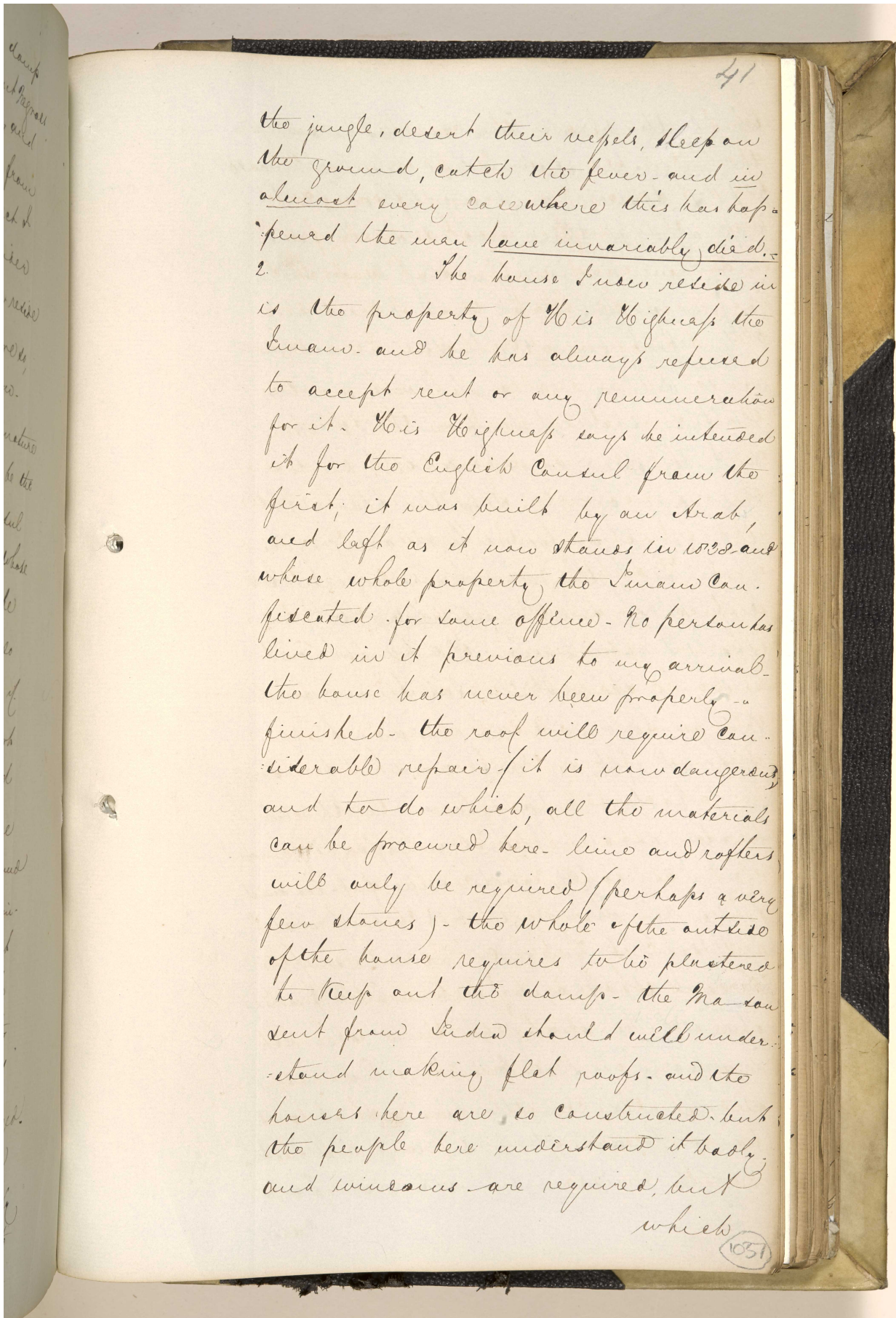
Sir,

In obedience to instructions
contained in your letter in this Depart.
N^o 818 of 1846. and under date 14th March
last, I have now the honor to state
for the information of the Hon'ble the
Governor in Council, my opinion on
the points noticed by the Military Board,
in a letter N^o 1033. of the 11th March 1846.
and what appears to me to be the
most economical mode of erecting
a suitable building for my residence
at Zanzibar.

1. From the experience I now
have of the climate. I am of opinion
most certainly, that a lower roomed
house would not, for at least six
months of the year, be fit for an European

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to live in, from the constant damp
near the ground. No people but Negroes
ever sleep on the ground floors, and
even they, suffer most severely from
so doing. and with great respect I
beg leave to state, that I consider
the situation of the house I now reside
in to be as healthy, if not more so,
than any other part of the town.
and if put into repair, (after mature
consideration), I believe it to be the
best situation for the British Consul
and Hon'ble Company's Agent whose
duties render it necessary that he
should reside near the harbour, so
as to be accessible at all times, for if
the Consul resided even at a short
distance from the town, it would
be absolutely necessary that some
person should be always kept on hand
close at hand, who could act for him.
Since my arrival here, there has but
one British vessel anchored here (the
Warrens whole ship) between the Master
and crew of which there were not
disputes and difficulties to be arranged.
and if the Consul was not at hand
serious consequences would probably
result, the seamen would go off to
the



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the jungle, desert their vessels, sleep on
the ground, catch the fever - and in
almost every case where this has hap-
pened the man have invariably died.

2. The house I now reside in
is the property of His Highness the
Suwaid. and he has always refused
to accept rent or any remuneration
for it. His Highness says he intended
it for the English Consul from the
first; it was built by an Arab,
and left as it now stands in 1832 and
whose whole property the Suwaid con-
sidered for some offence - No person has
lived in it previous to my arrival.
The house has never been properly
finished - the roof will require con-
siderable repair if it is now dangerous,
and to do which, all the materials
can be procured here - lime and rafters
will only be required (perhaps a very
few shaves) - the whole of the outside
of the house requires to be plastered
to keep out the damp - the Ma-son
sent from India should well under-
stand making flat roofs - and the
houses here are so constructed - but
the people here understand it badly,
and windows are required, but
which

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Can be bought here - at present found to
six dollars each, I have consulted -
with people of experience here on this
subject, and I have sent to several
places on the coast of Africa which
has caused delay - and the cost of the
repairs - exclusive of the windows
would not exceed one thousand or
twelve hundred dollars -

I beg to submit for the Consider-
ation of the Hon'ble the Governor in Council
that with the repairs now mentioned
done to the house, I consider there
would be a suitable residence at
Zanzibar for Her Majesty's Consul and
Hon'ble Company's Agent -

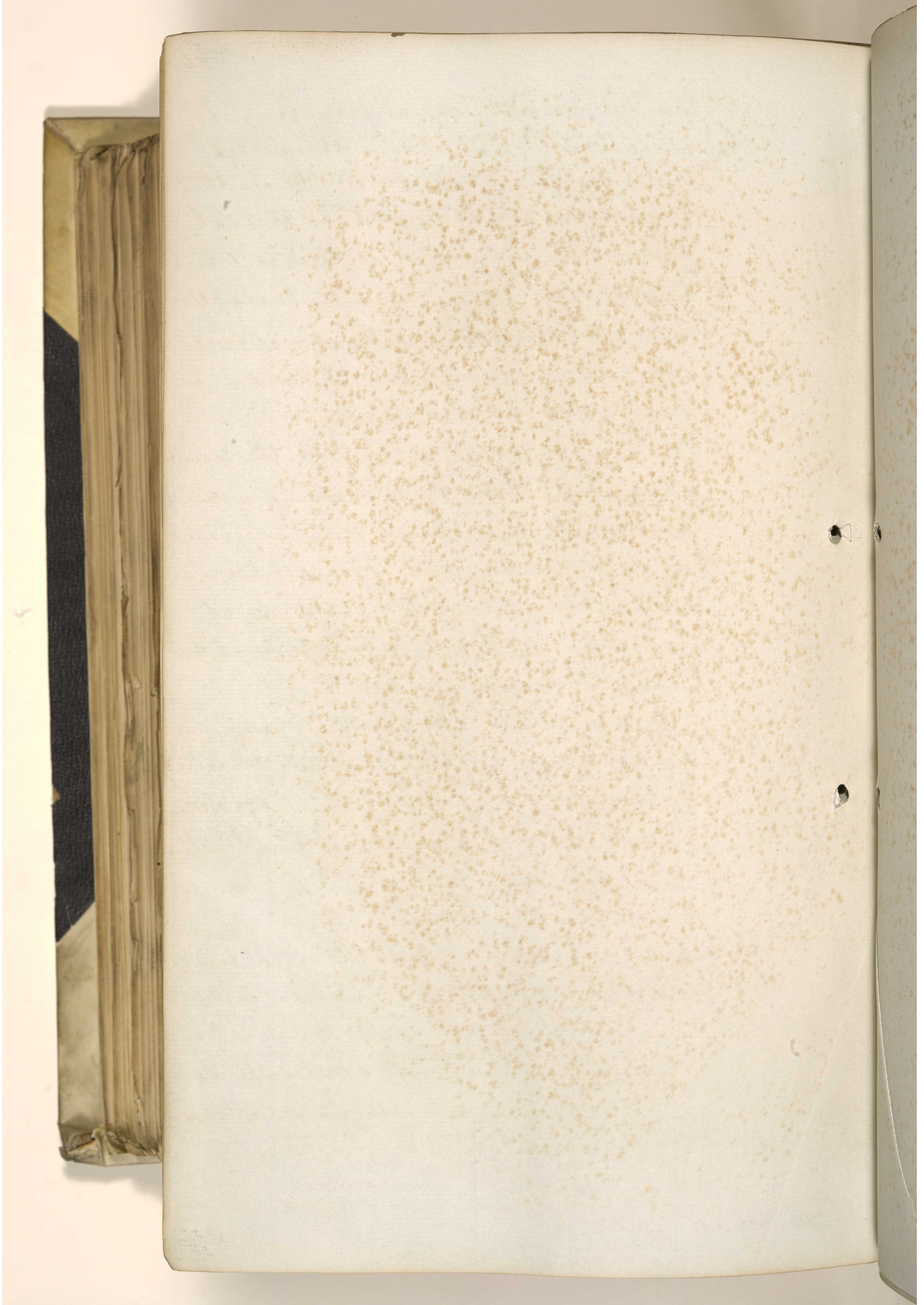
I have the honor to forward
the answers to the questions contained
in Captain Turner's letter No 71 of 1844
under date 1st March last and Military
Board's letter 1033 - dated 11th same
month -

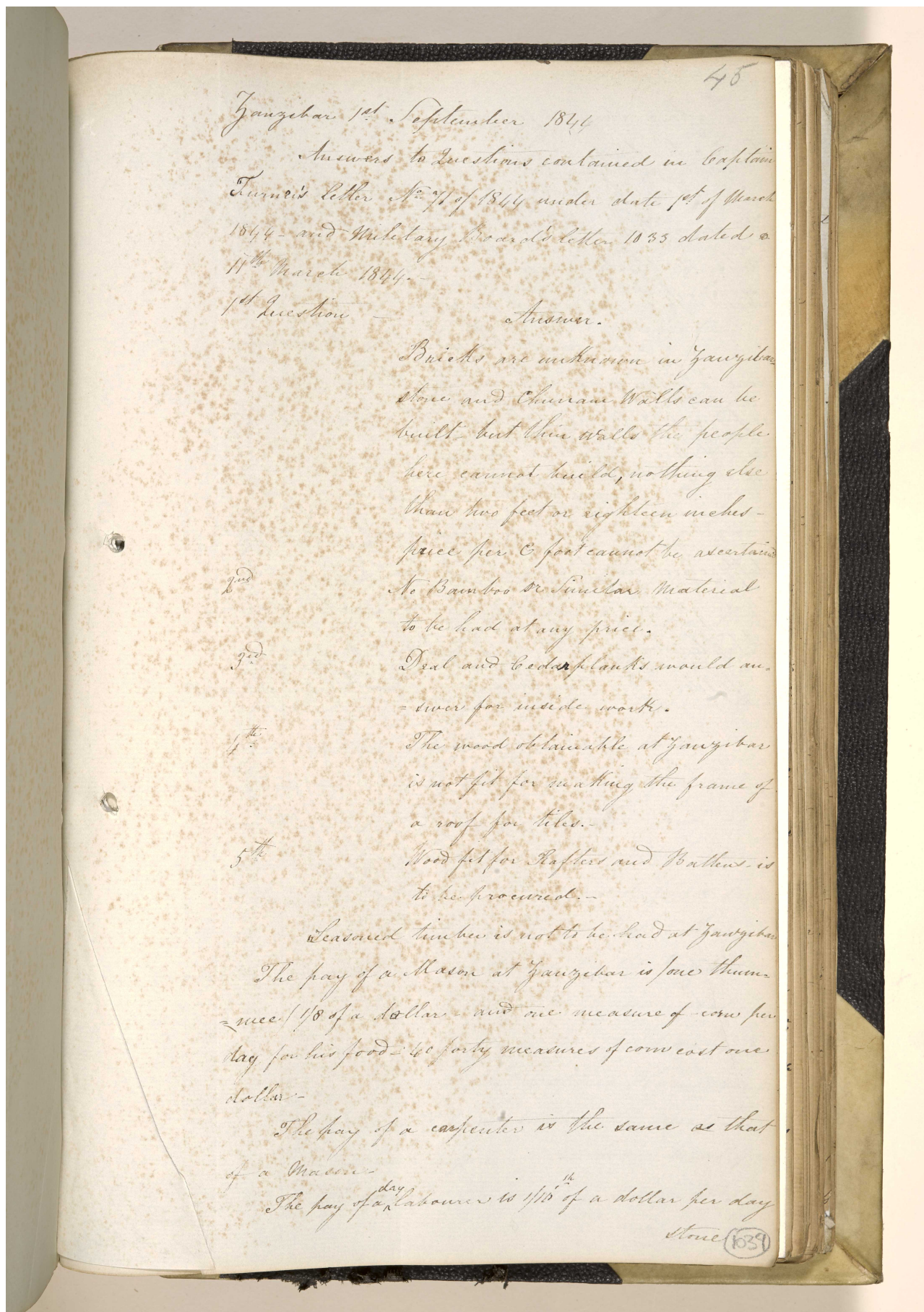
Zanzibar
1st September 1844

I have the honor to be
(Signed) A. Cameron, Captain
Her Majesty's Consul & Hon'ble
Company's agent on the Com-
missions of the Surau of Muscat

Copy'd by J. R. P. 1844

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Zanzibar 1st September 1844

Answers to Questions contained in Captain
Turner's Letter No. 7 of 1844 under date 1st of March
1844 - and Military Board's Letter 1833 dated 2
11th March 1844 -

- | 1 st Question | Answer. |
|--------------------------|---|
| 2 nd | Bricks are made here in Zanzibar
stone and Churam Walls can be
built - but thin walls the people
here cannot build, nothing else
than two feet or eighteen inches -
price per 6 feet cannot be ascertained |
| 3 rd | No Bamboo or similar material
to be had at any price. |
| 4 th | Deal and Cedar planks would an-
-swer for inside work. |
| 5 th | The wood obtainable at Zanzibar
is not fit for making the frame of
a roof for tiles. |
| | Wood fit for Rafters and Battens is
to be procured. |

Seasoned timber is not to be had at Zanzibar

The pay of a Mason at Zanzibar is one thum
= one 1/8 of a dollar - and one measure of corn per
day for his food - 40 forty measures of corn cost one
dollar -

The pay of a carpenter is the same as that
of a Mason -

The pay of a ^{day} labourer is 1/10th of a dollar per day

Stone (1039)

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Stone about 5 fine dollars for a boat load
(from 6 to 8 tons)

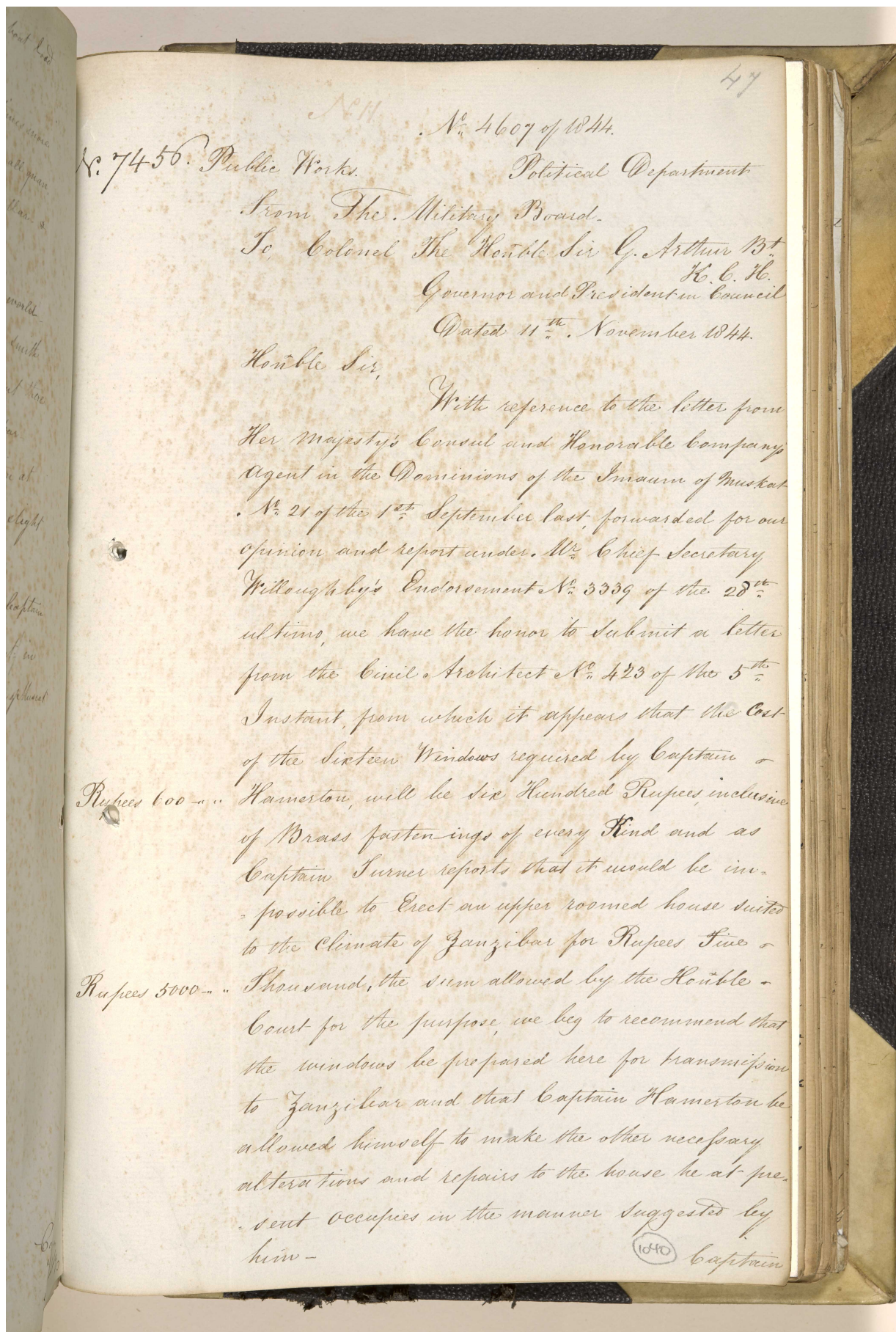
Lime per Tonne for heap/some times more
and some times less but if sold in small quan-
-tities - 30 thirty Measures for $\frac{1}{4}$ of a dollar - &
about $\frac{3}{4}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ dollars per Ton.

Iron works the worst in the world
done at Zanzibar - the monthly pay of a Smith
is from 2 1/2 to six dollars - but at present there
are but two 6 dollar smiths at Zanzibar.

Every thing is sold by auction at
Zanzibar and of course there must be a slight
difference in the prices at times.

Zanzibar 31st Sept 1844
J. H. Hamerton Captain
H. M. Consul and A. C. agent in
the dominions of the Sultan of Muscat

And by
G. H. Hamerton
J. H. Hamerton



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Agent' [1040v] (52/58)

2.^d Captain Turner states that a
Masonry acquainted with flat roofing is not
likely to be found in Bombay.

3.^d Captain Hamerton's letter with
Accompaniments is herewith returned.

We have the honor to be &c.

(Signed) D. Barr Major General
Bombay Military } Military Auditor General.
Board Office 11th } "
November 1844. } " G. Jervis Lieut. Col.
} Commandant
} Chief Engineer.
" F. P. Lester Lieut. Col.
} Member Military Board.

Copied by
A. S. P. ...
E. J. ...

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7th 123 of 1844.

Political Department

From the Civil Architect at the Presidency.

To,
The Secretary to the Military Board. Bombay

Dated 5th November 1844.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter N^o. 1521 of the 2nd instant calling on me to state the probable expense that is likely to be incurred in carrying out Captain Samartons suggestions regarding the completion and repairs of the house occupied by him at Zanzibar and whether a masonry can be procured acquainted with flat or roofing.

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With respect to the repair of the house, Captain Samarton states that it will not (exclusive of the windows) cost more than 1000 or 1200 dollars, the sashes & windows will cost about (600) six hundred Rupees complete with Brass fastenings of every kind. A masonry acquainted with flat roofing adapted to the climate of Zanzibar is not likely to be found in Bombay where roofs of the kind are never used and a masonry unacquainted with the language of Zanzibar would under any circumstances be of little use.

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Without knowing the cost of
Masonry
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masonry, the skill of the labourers, the expense of carriage from the bunder to the proposed site of the Consul's House, I could not frame a correct estimate of the cost of a respectable residence for the Consul and from Captain & Samartan's description, the climate is so peculiar that without some more detailed account of the mode of building pursued and nature of materials used at Zanzibar, I should hesitate in recommending for adoption any plan until it had been submitted to that Officer for his opinion, but under any circumstance it would be quite impossible to erect a suitable residence for 5000 Rupees, the sum allowed by the Honorable Court in their letter N^o 15 of the 20th September 1845, An upper roomed house being considered indispensable in the climate of Zanzibar.

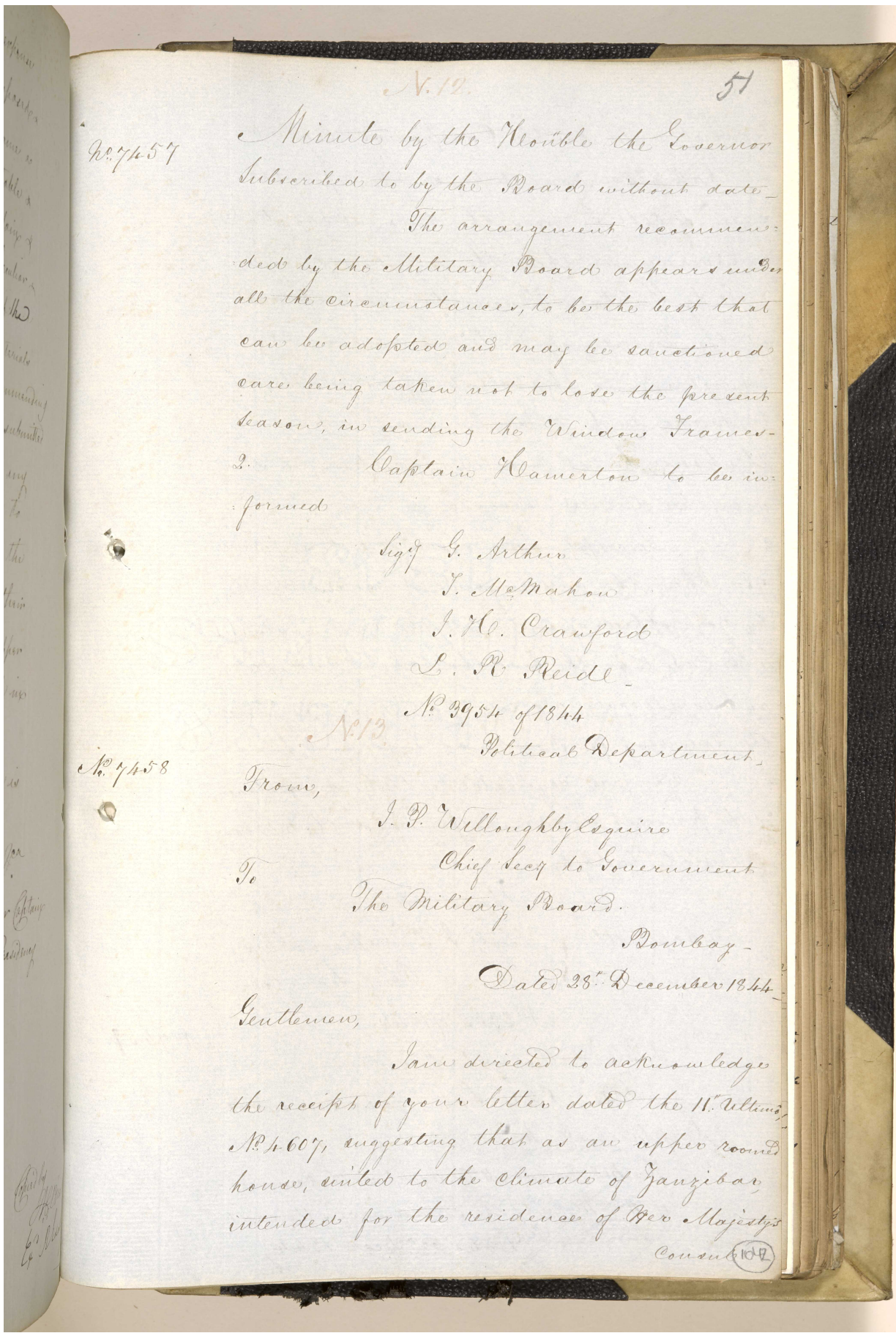
4. The original Correspondence is herewith returned.

Civil Architect's Office
Bombay
3rd November 1844.

I have the honor to be
Yours
J. M. P. Turner Captain
Civil Architect at the Presidency

Copied by
H. D. W. M. A.
E. S. R. D. D. D.

'Muscat. Residence at Zanzibar for Her Majesty's Consul & Hon'ble Company's Agent' [1042r] (55/58)



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N. 12.

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Minute by the Honorable the Governor
Subscribed to by the Board without date.

The arrangement recommended
by the Military Board appears under
all the circumstances, to be the best that
can be adopted and may be sanctioned
care being taken not to lose the present
season, in sending the Window Frames-

3. Captain Hamerton to be in-
formed

- Sig^y G. Arthur
- J. McMahon
- J. M. Crawford
- S. R. Reid

N. 13.

N. 2954 of 1844
Political Department.

No. 7/58

From,

J. P. Willoughby Esquire
Chief Secy to Government

To

The Military Board.

Bombay -

Dated 28th December 1844

Gentlemen,

I am directed to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter dated the 11th ultimo,
N. 1-607, suggesting that as an upper roomed
house, suited to the climate of Zanzibar,
intended for the residence of Her Majesty's

Consul (1042)

Consul and Hon'ble Company's Agent at that place cannot be erected for the sum of 5,000 Rupees, the amount sanctioned by Government, that the windows required by Captain Hamerton be prepared at the Presidency for transmission to Zanzibar, and that that Officer be allowed to make such alterations and repairs to the house he at present occupies, as may be deemed necessary.

In reply I am desired to inform you that the arrangement recommended by you appears under all the circumstances of the Case to be the best that can be adopted, and is accordingly sanctioned by the Hon'ble the Governor in Council.

You are requested to take advantage of the present season to forward the window frames to Zanzibar.

I have &c.

Pombay Castle }
28th December 1844

sig^d J. P. Willoughby
Chief Secretary

From,

J. P. Willoughby Esquire

Chief Secy to Government

To,

Captain A. Hamerton

N. M^o Consul & H. C^o Agent in the Dominions of His Highness the Imam of Muscat

Dated 28th Dec^r. 1844

his,

'Muscat. Residence at Zanzibar for Her Majesty's Consul & Hon'ble Company's Agent' [1043r] (57/58)

Sir,

I am directed by the Hon'ble the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 1st September last N^o 21, and to transmit for your information Copy of a Communication from the Military Board dated the 11th Ultimo; N^o 4607, suggesting that as an upper roomed house suited to the Climate of Zanzibar, and intended for your residence, cannot be erected for the amount sanctioned by Government for that purpose, that the windows required by you be prepared at the Presidency for transmission to Zanzibar, and that you be allowed to make such alterations and repairs to the house you at present occupy, as may be deemed necessary, and of my reply thereto of this date, sanctioning this arrangement.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Dombay Castle
28th December 1844

(Signed) J. P. Willoughby
Chief Secretary

True Extract -

J. Willoughby
Chief Secretary.

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By J. P. Willoughby
Chief Secretary

