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‘Persian Gulf. Plunder of the wreck of the Schooner “Emily”.’

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About this record

This item consists of copies of correspondence, minutes, and consultations cited in, or enclosed with, political letters from the Government of Bombay. These political letters appear in IOR/F/4/2174/105546. It is the eleventh in a series of forty-five items on the Persian Gulf.

The correspondents are: the Government of Bombay; Major Samuel Hennell, Resident in the Persian Gulf; Hajee Yacoob [Ḥājjī Ya‘qūb], Government Pilot; and Justin Sheil, HM Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary at the Court of Persia [Iran].

The item concerns the efforts to obtain redress for the plunder of the wreck of the East India Company’s schooner *Emily* by certain inhabitants of the island of Kenn [Kish, also referred to in the item as Ges]. It includes:

- A letter from Hajee Yacoob reporting on his inquiries into this incident, and his belief that the majority of the goods plundered are in the possession of Sheikh Hussein bin Abdullah [Shaikh Ḥusayn bin ‘Abdullāh], the Chief of Charrack [Bandar-e Charak]
- A translation of a Royal Firman issued to Houssein Khan [Muḥammad Ḥusayn Khān Muqaddam Marāgha’i], the Governor of Fars, instructing him to recover the plundered property and punish the perpetrators

- Hennell's concern that this incident will undermine British efforts to suppress 'piracy' in the Gulf.

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Letter from, dated 31. January 1846.

Persian Gulf -
Plunder of the wreck
of the Schooner "Emily".

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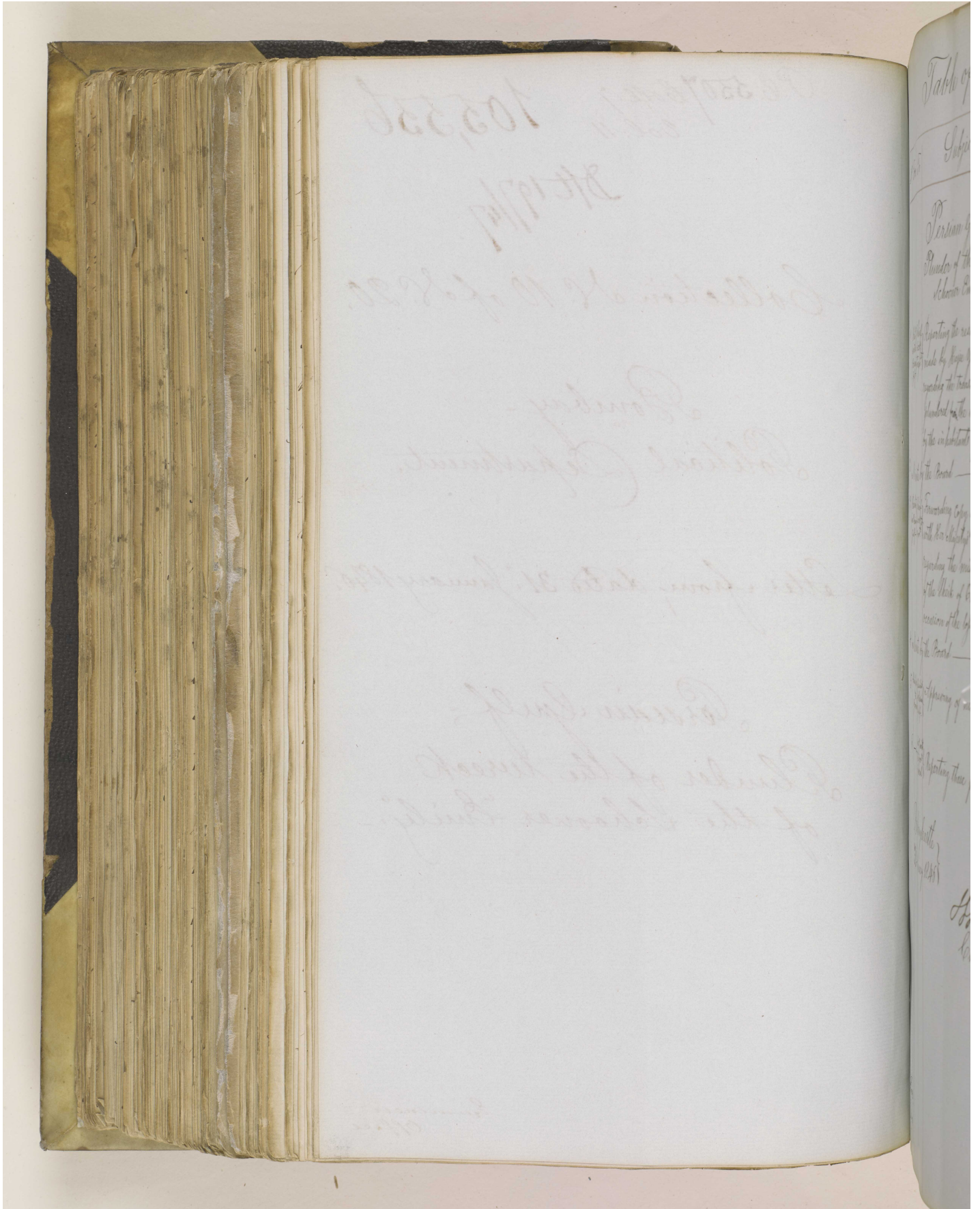


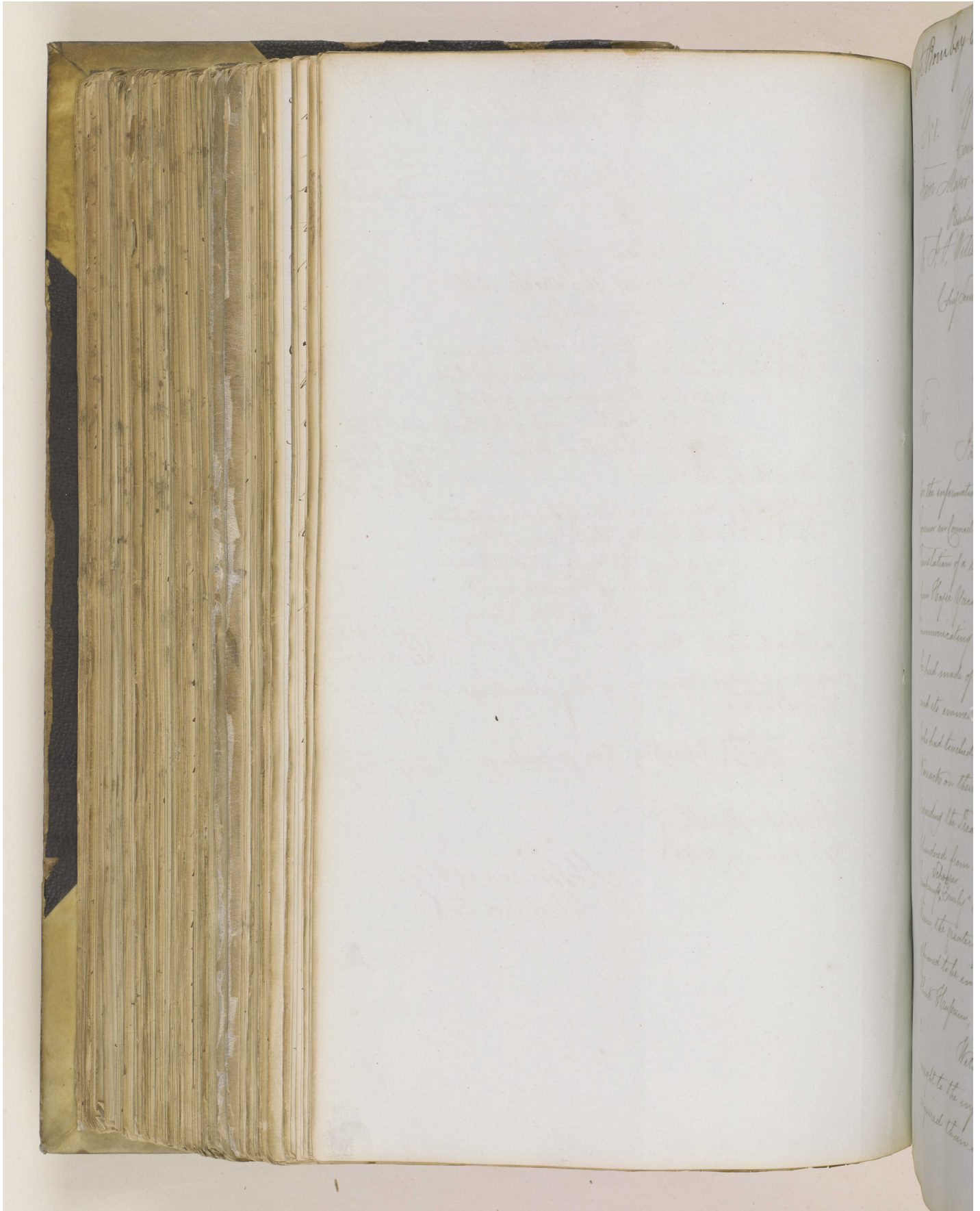
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Bombaycastle }
31st January 1845

Spencer
Chief Secretary

Copy Encl
H. S. Bayne



Extract Bombay Political Consul, Feb'y 1846.

N. 905.

N. 1. Office N. 459 of 1845.
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From Major Hemmell
Resident in the Persian Gulf
To, J. H. Willoughby Esquire
Chief Secretary to Government
Bombay

Dated 20th November 1845.

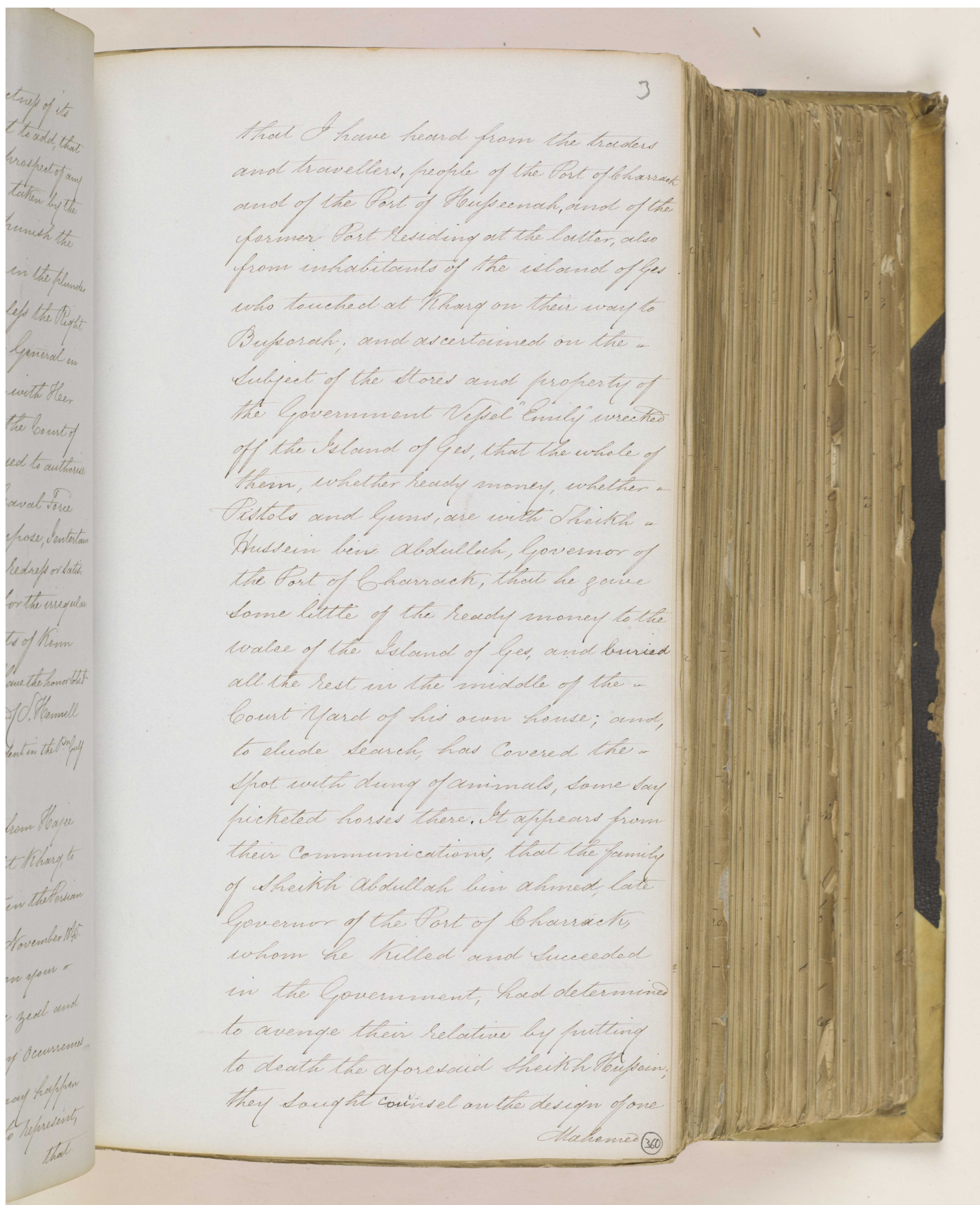
Sir,

I have the honor to forward
for the information of the Honorable the
Governor in Council, the accompanying
Translation of a letter dated the 17th Instant,
from Hajee Yacub, the Government Pilot,
communicating the result of the inquiries
he had made of the people of Charrack,
and its immediate neighborhood
(who had touched at the Island of a
Warrack on their Voyages to Bussorah)
regarding the Treasure and property
plundered from the wreck of the Honble
Schooner
Company's "Emily" by the Inhabitants of
Warr, the greater portion of which, is
affirmed to be in the possession of a
Shahk Haupsein, the Chief of Charrack.

2. Without giving more
weight to the information thus
acquired than it deserves, I see no
reason

reason to doubt the correctness of its
 general features. I regret to add, that
 there appears but little prospect of any
 effective measures being taken by the
 Persian Government to punish the
 individuals concerned in the plunder
 of the Schooner, and unless the Right
 Honorable the Governor General in
 Council, in concurrence with Her
 Majesty's Minister at the Court of
 Tehran, should be pleased to authorize
 the employment of our Naval Force
 in this Gulf for that purpose, I entertain
 but little hope, that either redress or satis-
 faction will be obtained for the irregular
 conduct of the Inhabitants of Kerm
 Residency in the Persian Gulf. I have the honor to be
 Dear Sir,
 Bushire 20th November (Sign of J. Kennell
 1845 Resident in the Persian Gulf

Translation of a letter from Hajee
 Yacoub Government Pilot Wharf, to
 Major Kennell Resident in the Persian
 Gulf dated 17th Zalkaad 13th November 1845.
 As it is incumbent upon your
 humble servant to evince zeal and
 report to his superior, any occurrences
 of whatever kind that may happen
 and reach his ears I beg to represent,
 that



Mahomed Moollah ali by name, a wise and sage person, who would not give his concurrence, for this reason that, having in his possession treasure belonging to the Government Vessel "Emily," and there being a demand on the part of the British Government against him from which he would not be relieved, if they killed him, the difficulty and dilemma would devolve upon their own necks; but recommended them to abstain from killing him, to which they assented. Having heard these matters from most of the traders, inhabitants of those Ports. It has become necessary to communicate them to you -

True Translation

(Signed) A. B. Kemball

Assistant Resident P. Gulf

True Copy

N^o 2. (Signed) A. B. Kemball

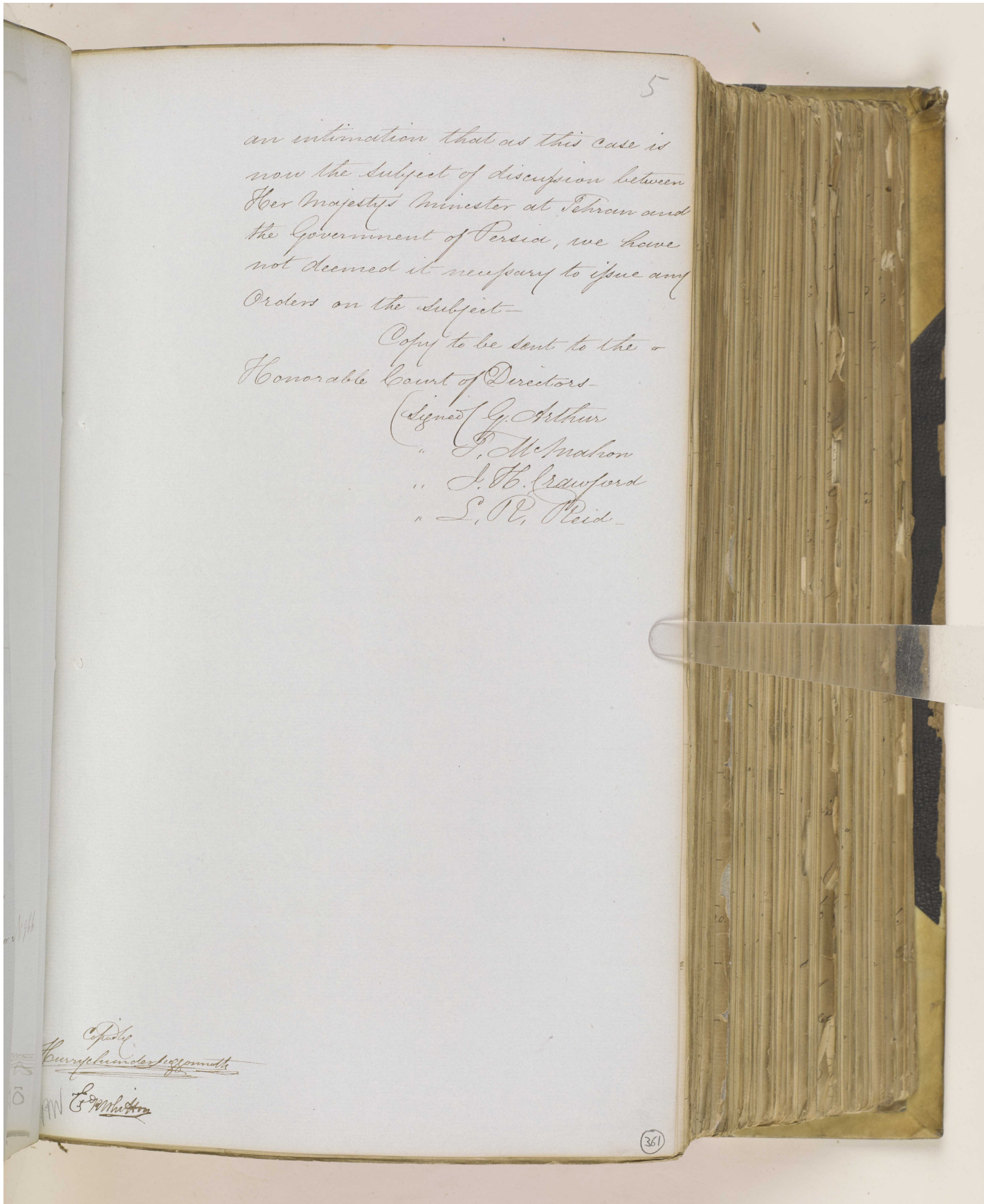
Assistant Resident in the P. Gulf

Minute by the Honorable the Governor N^o 966
Subscribed to by the Board dated 26th

January 1846.

Copy of this letter to be forwarded to the Right Honorable the Governor General of India, with

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an intimation that as this case is
now the subject of discussion between
Her Majesty's Minister at Tehran and
the Government of Persia, we have
not deemed it necessary to issue any
Orders on the subject—

Copy to be sent to the
Honorable Court of Directors—

(Signed) G. Arthur

" J. McMahon

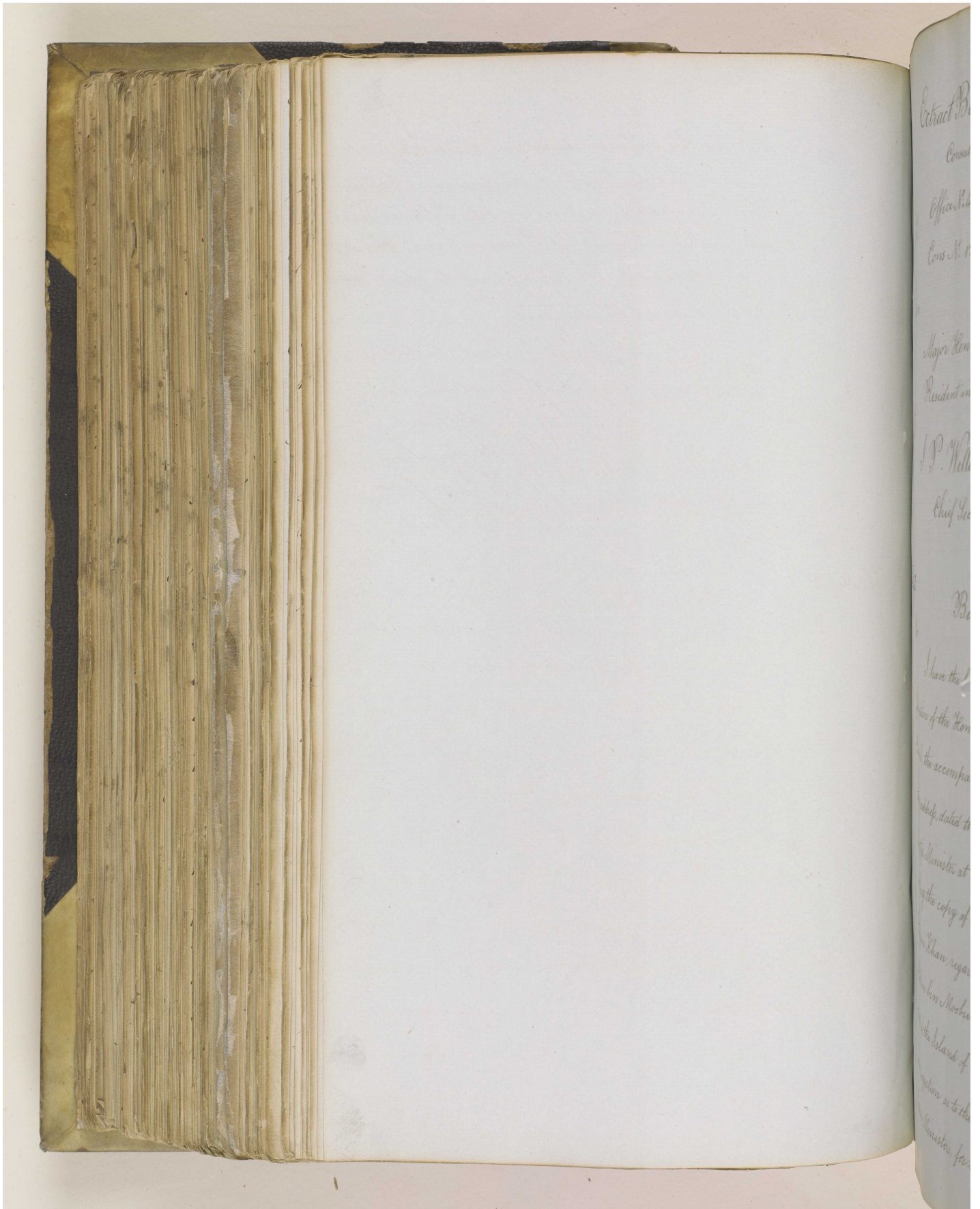
" J. H. Crawford

" S. P. Reid—

Copy
Henry Plunder of the wreck of the
Schooner "Emily"

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G. Arthur

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Extract Bombay Political
Consultation February 1846

No. Office N^o. 499 of 1845
Cons N^o. 127 of 1845.

N^o. 906

From

Major Kennell

Resident in the Persian Gulf

To,

J. P. Willoughby Esquire,

Chief Secretary to Government

Bombay

Pol. Dept.

Bushire 10th December 1845

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose for the in-
formation of the Honorable the Governor in
Council, the accompanying copy of a despatch
to my address, dated the 14th Ultimo, from Her
Majesty's Minister at the Court of Persia, trans-
mitting the copy of a Firman issued to
Koussain Khan, regarding the misconduct of
of Salim bin Mooburuk, and other inhabi-
tants of the Island of Keen, and inviting
some suggestion as to the steps to be proposed to the
Persian Ministers, for the punishment of the
guilty

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guilty parties, in the event of the Shaik of Charrak neglecting to obey the Royal orders. At the same time I do myself the honor to forward a transcript of my reply of yesterday's date, to Colonel Sheil's communication, in which, I submit my opinion to His Excellency, that little, if any, prospect exists of satisfaction being obtained for the piratical proceedings of the inhabitants of the Persian Coast of this Gulf, unless authority be afforded, for the exaction of redress by our own naval means.

Residing in the Persian Gulf } I have the honor to be
Bushire 10th December } Signed S. Kennell,
1845 } Resident in the Persian Gulf
Tehran
November 14th 1845

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit to you a copy of a Ferman which has been issued to Hoofsein Khan regarding the misconduct of Salim bin Mubarak and other inhabitants of the island of Kerm. A Gholam toffing chee of the Shah will be appointed to proceed to Charrak and convey the offenders to Sheeraz. Should the chief of Charrak neglect to

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to obey the orders of the Shah, I hardly know
what other steps to propose to the Persian Ministers,
so that punishment may be inflicted on the
guilty parties; but you may perhaps have
it in your power to offer me some sug-
-gestion.

I have the honor to be &c

(Signed) Justin Sheil

To Major Kennell

Political Resident

Bushire

True Copy

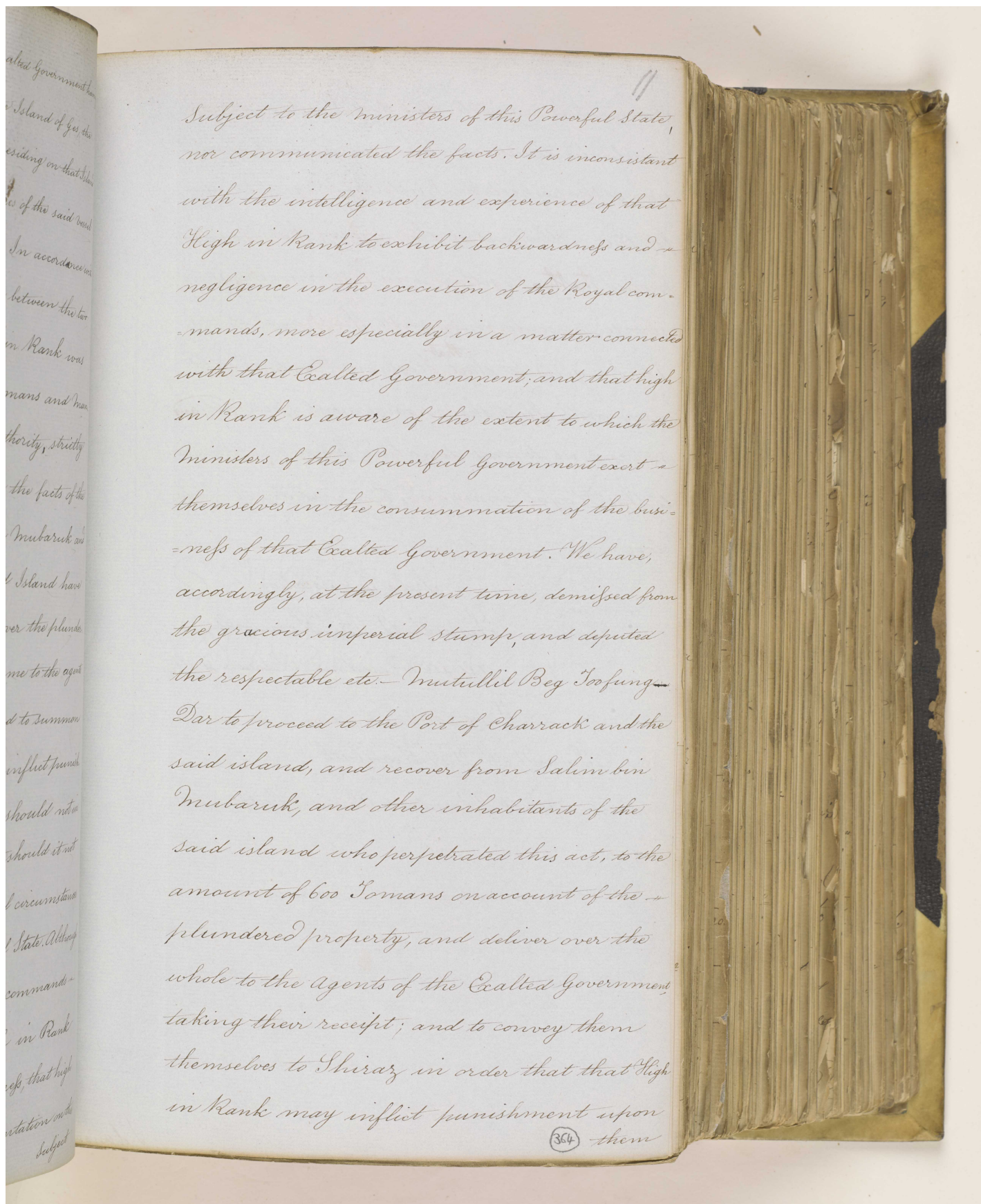
Signed A. B. Kemball

Assist. Resident in the Persian
Gulf

Translation of a Royal Firman to the
address of the Governor of Fars dated 2^d Zohrad
November: L^t. His Excellency etc. Hussein
Khan, Adjutant Bashce, Sahib Ikhtyar +
(Governor) of the Province of Fars know,
that His Excellency etc Colonel Sheib the
British Ambassador having some time
since represented to the Ministers of this +
Powerful Government, that a Vessel belonging

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Merchants dependents of that Exalted Government having
 ran ashore on the Coast of the Island of Ges, the
 people of the Port of Charrak residing on that Island
 plundered and robbed the stores of the said vessel
 to the amount of 600 Tomans; In accordance with
 the perfect alliance existing between the two
 powerful States, that High in Rank was
 honoured with Royal Firmans and Man-
 dates from the source of authority, strictly
 enjoining him to ascertain the facts of the
 case, and, should Salim bin Mubaruk and
 other inhabitants of the said Island have
 been guilty of this act, to recover the plunder-
 ed property and restore the same to the agents
 of that Exalted Government; and to summon
 the perpetrators to Shiraz and inflict punish-
 ment upon them, that they should not in
 future commit such acts; but should it not
 be established, to report the real circumstances
 to the Ministers of this Powerful State. Although
 repeated and stringent royal commands
 have been issued to that high in Rank
 for the conclusion of this business, that high
 in Rank has made no representation on the
 Subject



them; It is requisite that that High in Rank
should too depute a man on his part, to accom-
pany the respectable Mutullit Beg appointed
for the settlement of this affair, that they may
proceed thither together, and perform the above
service, in conformity with the Royal orders;
It is requisite that ^{that} High in Rank should
carry into effect the arrangement specified, and
not consent to any deviation from or opposition
to the Royal command, but consider it obliga-
tory.

True Translation

Signed/ A. B. Kemball
Assist^t Resident, Persian Gulf

True Copy

Signed/ A. B. Kemball
Assist^t Resident, Persian Gulf

Copied by
Mucammad B.

J. Amour

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From
Major General
President in the Persian Gulf

To
His Excellency D^o Shirl
H. M. Minister Plenipotentiary
and Envoy Extraordinary
at the Court of Persia
Tehran

Bushire 9 December 1845

Sir

I have had the honor to receive
Your Excellency's Despatch, under date the 14th
Ultimo giving course to the Copy of a Firman
issued to Kousperin Khan regarding the mis-
conduct of Salim bin Mooburak and other
inhabitants of the Island of Kerm, and
inviting some suggestion as to the steps to
be proposed to the Persian Minister for the
punishment of the guilty parties, in the event
of the Shah of Gurrak neglecting to obey the
orders of the Shah.

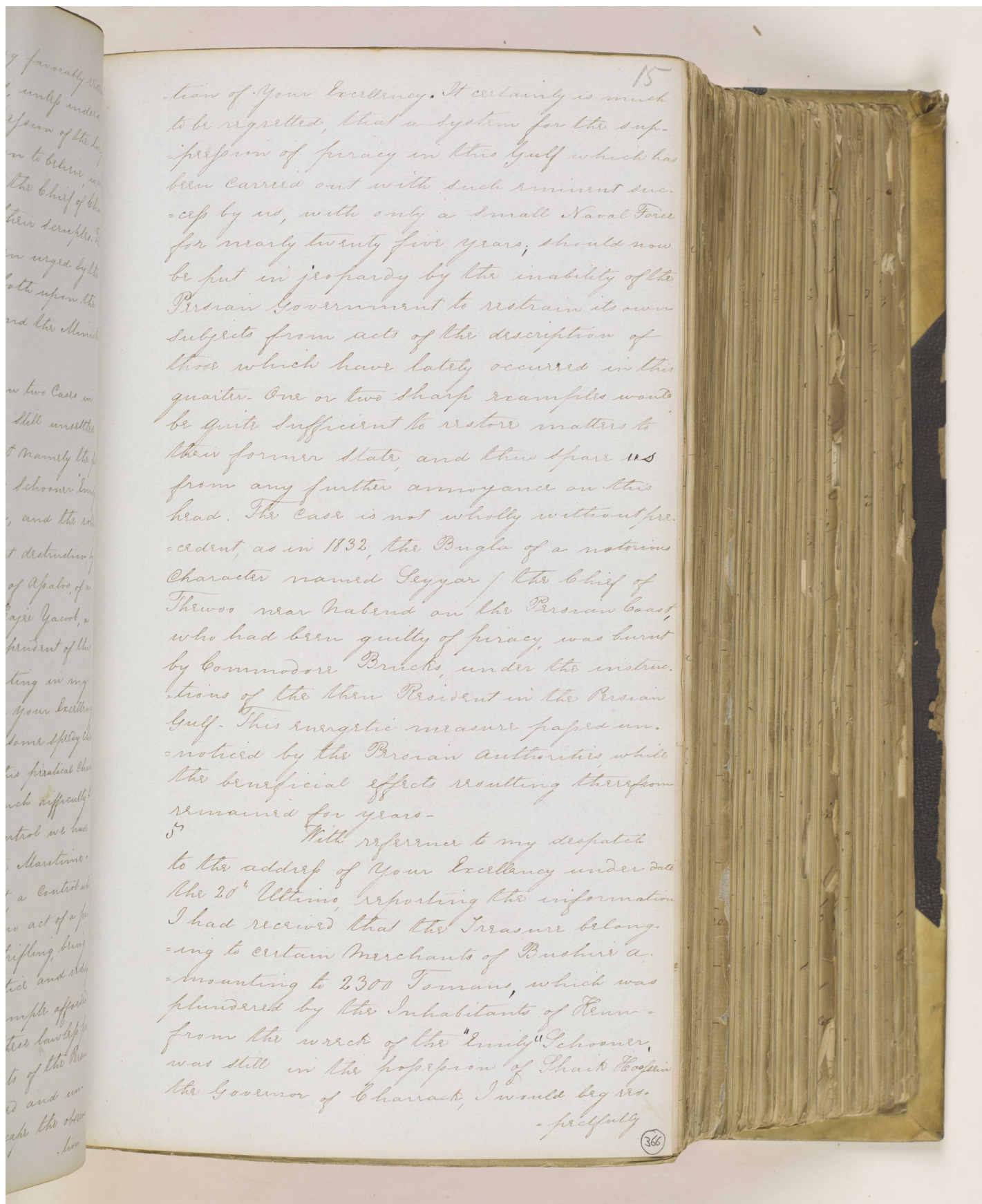
I feel tolerably certain, that beyond
the retraction of a somewhat larger bite
the mission of the Shah's Gholam Foz-janche
to the Shah of Gurrak, is likely to be as little
successful, as those of Kousperin Khan's Gho-
lum Pish. Khad:mut, on the Royal Mohupel,
for the same object. The only prospect, in
my opinion, of any redress for the lawless
and inhospitable conduct of the inhabit-
ants of Kerm being obtained, lies in their
voluntarily measuring themselves for this purpose.
Such a suggestion however has I fear
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but little chance of being favorably received by the Persian Ministers, unless under the hope of getting possession of the large sum, there is every reason to believe, is now lying in the hands of the Chief of Chan. rah, may overcome their scruples. The course suggested has been urged by the Merchants of Bushire both upon the Mowatinid or Dowla and the Minister for foreign affairs.

3^d There are now two Cases in which we are concerned shall be unsettled by the Persian Government namely the plunder of the wreck of the S. C. Schooner "Emily" by the Inhabitants of Kenu, and the robbery of the Cargo, and subsequent destruction, by the dependents of the Shah of Apaloo, of a native Vessel belonging to Hajee Yacoub, a faithful and attached dependent of this Presidency. I should be wanting in my duty, did I conceal from your Excellency my conviction, that unless some speedy check be given to proceedings of this piratical character, it will be a task of much difficulty to maintain the effectual control we have hitherto exercised over the Maritime Tribes of the Arabian Coast, a control which has only been kept up, by no act of a piratical nature, however trifling, being allowed to pass without notice and redress.

4th The evil example afforded to the Arabian Chiefs by these lawless proceedings of the inhabitants of the Persian Coast passing unquestioned and unpunished, will hardly escape the observation



tion of Your Excellency. It certainly is much
to be regretted, that a system for the sup-
pression of piracy in the Gulf which has
been carried out with such eminent suc-
-cess by us, with only a small Naval Force
for nearly twenty five years, should now
be put in jeopardy by the inability of the
Persian Government to restrain its own
subjects from acts of the description of
those which have lately occurred in this
quarter. One or two sharp examples would
be quite sufficient to restore matters to
their former state, and thus spare us
from any further annoyance on this
head. The case is not wholly without pre-
-cedent, as in 1832, the Buzza of a notorious
Character named Geyyar / the Chief of
Thevos near Babend on the Persian Coast,
who had been guilty of piracy, was burnt
by Commodore Bruech, under the instruc-
-tions of the then President in the Persian
Gulf. This energetic measure was un-
-noticed by the Persian authorities while
the beneficial effects resulting therefrom
remained for years -

With reference to my despatch
to the address of Your Excellency under date
the 20th Ultimo, reporting the information
I had received that the Treasure belong-
-ing to certain Merchants of Bushire a-
-mounting to 2300 Tomans, which was
plundered by the Inhabitants of Kerm-
-an from the wreck of the "Emily" Schooner,
was still in the possession of Shaik Hoosain
the Governor of Charrack, I would beg res-
-pectfully

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professly to observe, that to make that in-
dividual pay only 500 Tomians, when
there is little doubt he has in his hands
so large an amount of plundered specie,
will be of little use as an example to the
other Tribes of the Gulf.

In the barely possible contin-
gency therefore of proceedings against
him by our Naval Force being autho-
rized, I would venture to urge the ex-
pediency of his being made to disgorge
the whole of the treasure plundered by his
dependents, as well as brought to account
for the stores carried away from the
wreck of the Schooner. Such a measure
would both establish our policy, and
greatly extend our influence in the Persian
Gulf.

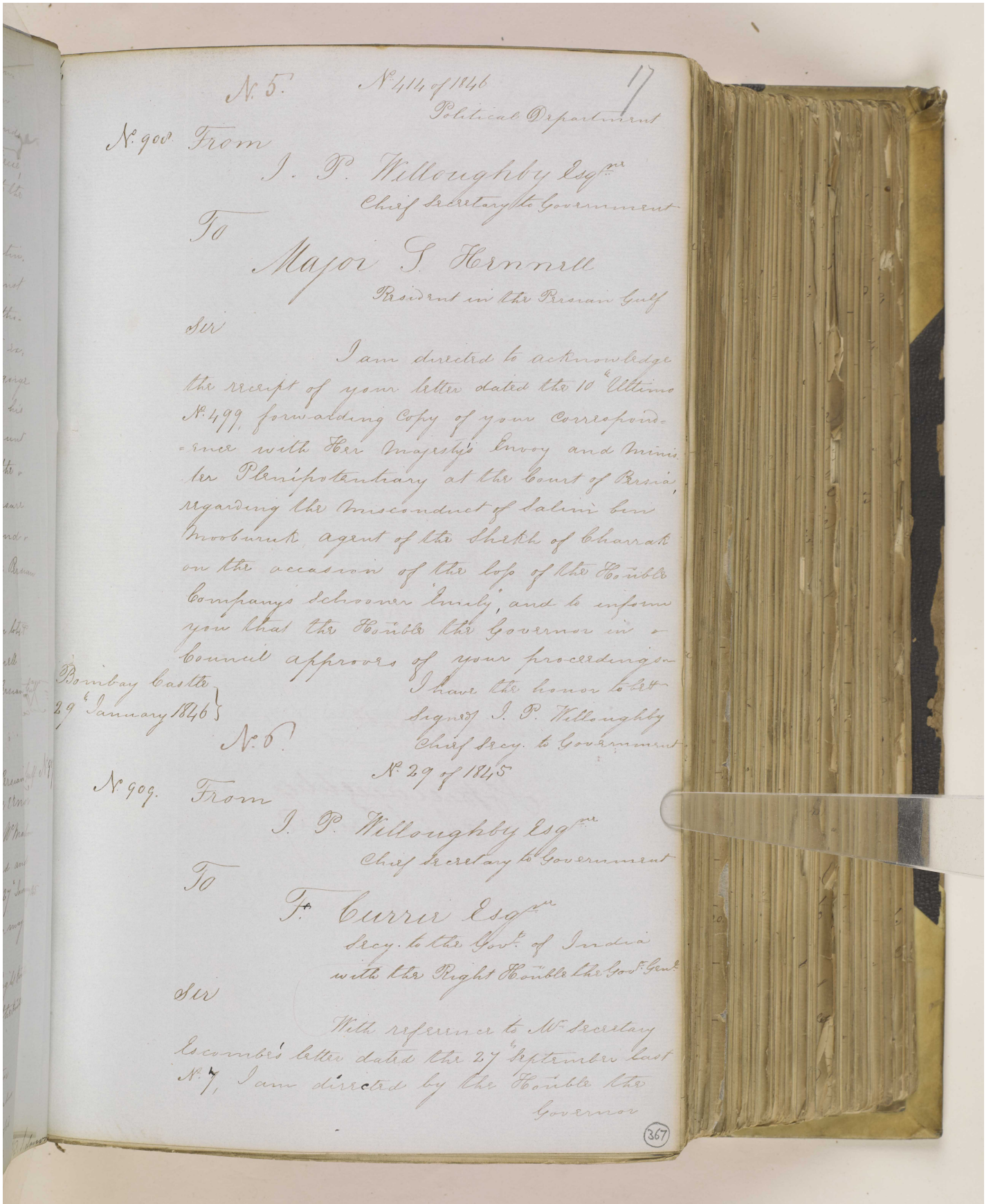
Residency in the Persian } I have the honor to be
Gulf } signed J. Rennell
Bushire 10 Dec^r 1845 } President in the Persian Gulf
/ True copy /

N^o 4. signed A. B. Kennell
Asst. President in the Persian Gulf N^o 907
Minute by the Honble the Governor
Concurred in by His Excellency Thos. McMahon
and the Honble W. J. H. Crawford and
the Honble W. L. R. Reid dated 27th January 1845
The President's proceeding may
be approved.

Copy to be sent to the Right Honble
the Governour General of India and the Honble
Court of Directors.

Dated 27th January } signed G. Arthur
1845 } . J. McMahon
" . J. H. Crawford
" . L. R. Reid

Ed. J. Dawson



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Political Department

N. 900. From J. P. Willoughby Esq.
Chief Secretary to Government
To Major J. Fernell
President in the Persian Gulf

Sir
I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 10th Ultimo N. 499, forwarding Copy of your Correspondence with Her Majesty's Envoy and Minister Plenipotentiary at the Court of Persia, regarding the Misconduct of Salim bin Mookumt, agent of the Sheikh of Charrak on the occasion of the loss of the Honble Company's Schooner 'Emily'; and to inform you that the Honble the Governor in Council approves of your proceedings on

Bombay Castle
29th January 1846

I have the honor to be signed
J. P. Willoughby
Chief Secy. to Government

N. 5. N. 29 of 1845

N. 909. From J. P. Willoughby Esq.
Chief Secretary to Government
To F. Currier Esq.

Secy. to the Govt. of India
with the Right Honble the Govt. Genl

Sir
With reference to Mr Secretary Escombe's letter dated the 27th September last N. 7, I am directed by the Honble the Governor

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 Governor in Council to transmit to you
 for submission to the Right Honble the
 Governor General of India, Copy of a Com-
 munication from the Resident in
 the Persian Gulf, dated the 10th Ultimo
 N^o 499, forwarding Copy of his Correspon-
 dence with Her Majesty's Envoy and
 Minister Plenipotentiary at the Court of
 Persia, regarding the mis conduct of Salim
 bin Meoburak agent of the Sheik of
 Charrak, on the occasion of the loss of
 the Honble Company's Schooner "Emily"
 and to state that Major Berrnell's pro-
 ceedings have been approved by this
 Government -

Bombay Castle
 29th January 1846

I have the honor to be
 signed J. P. Wolloughby
 Chief Secy. to Government

Duplicates to Bengal

True Extract -

J. P. Wolloughby
 Chief Secretary,

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