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'Persian Gulf. Piracies.'

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The correspondents are: the Government of Bombay; Major Samuel Hennell, Resident in the Persian Gulf; Hossein Khan, Sahib i Ikhtyar, Governor of Fars, [Muḥammad Ḥusayn Khān Muqaddam Marāgha'i, Şāhib Ikhtiyār, Governor of Fars]; and Meerza Reza [Mīrzā Rezā], British Agent at Shiraz.

The item concerns the efforts to obtain redress for two 'piracies': the plunder of the wreck of the East India Company's schooner *Emily* by certain inhabitants of the island of Kenn [Kish, also rendered as Ges in the item], and an attack on two vessels from Karrack [Jazireh-ye Khark] by the people of Khirrah [Kherreh], a dependency of the Shaik of Assaloo [Shaikh of Bandar-e 'Asaluyeh]. It includes a summary of a communication from Mustoofa Khan of Bastuk [Hājī Mustafā Khān Bastakī, Ruler of Bastak].

The item also contains the response of the Government of Bengal (f 380) to a despatch that is not included in this item.

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Bombay-
Political Department.

Letter from, dated 15th April 1846.

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Piracies.

Examiner's Office

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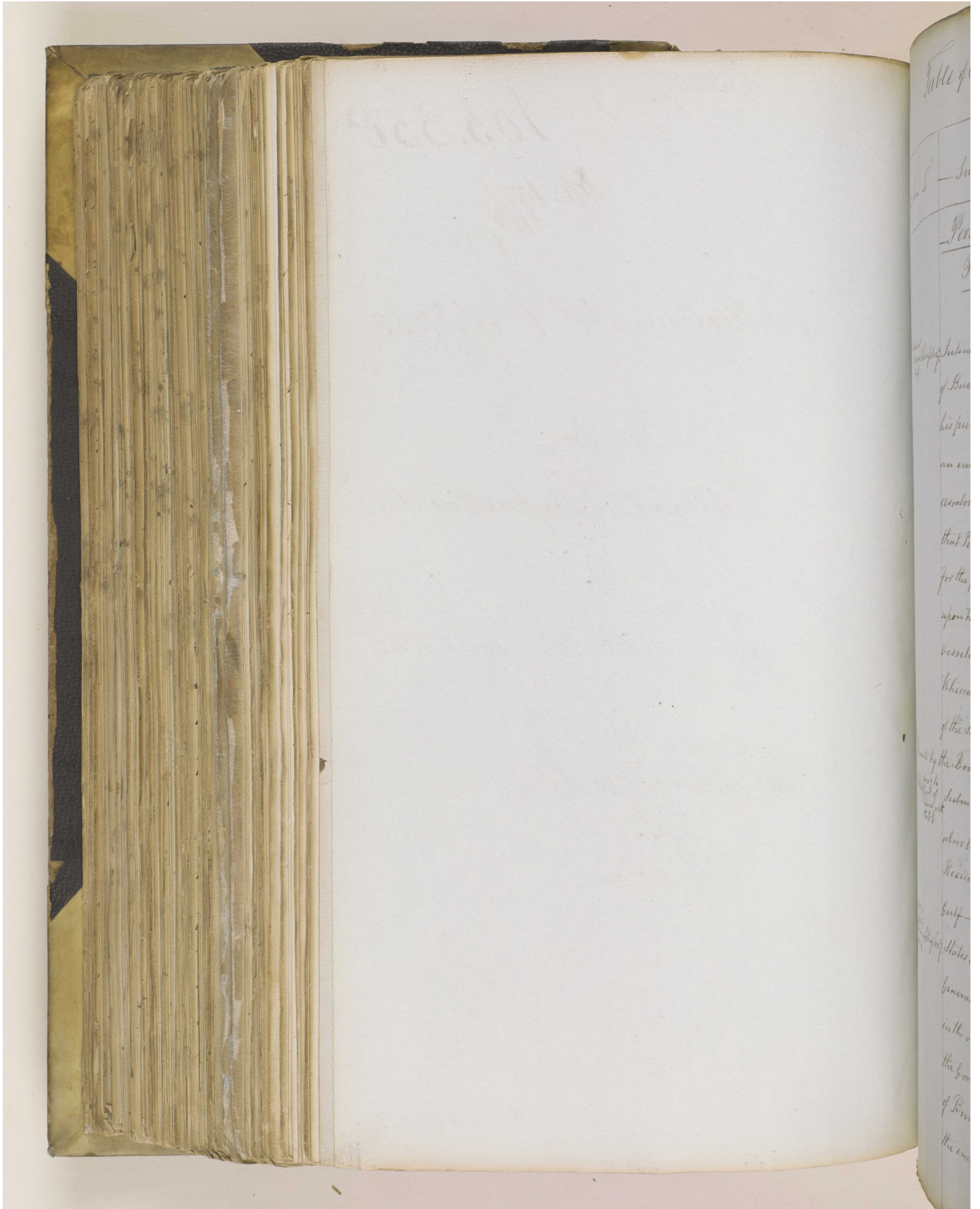


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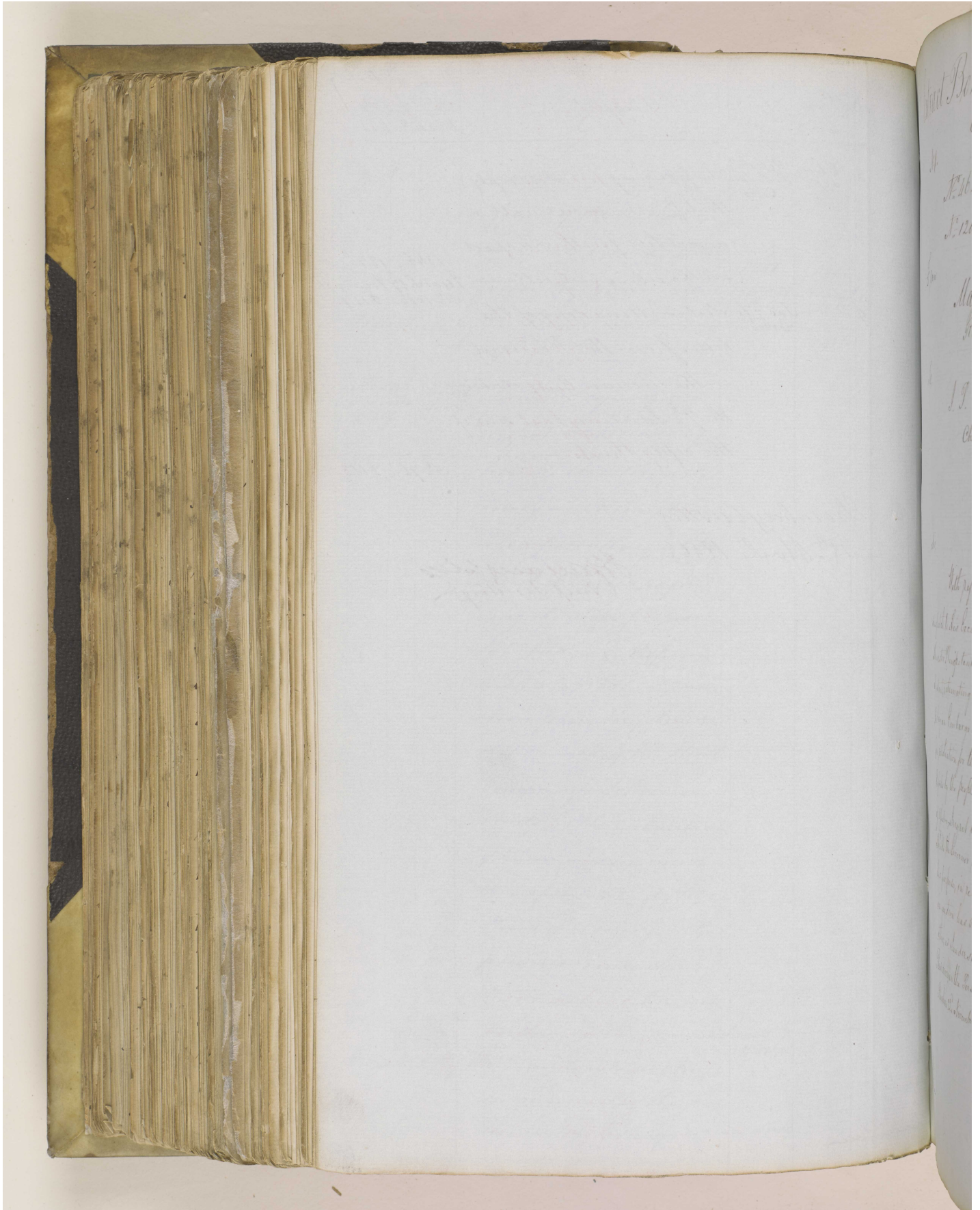
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Extract Bombay Political

Consultations 18th February 1845.

N^o 1301

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From

Political Department

Major Hennell

Resident in the Persian Gulf

To

J. P. Willoughby Esquire

Chief Secretary to Government

Bombay

Bushire 22nd November 1845.

Sir,

With reference to the 4th paragraph of my
despatch to His Excellency Lieutenant Colonel Keith, A. M.
Minister Plenipotentiary at the Court of Persia, dated the 18th
Instant, intimating the intention of the Governor of Bushire
to lay an Embargo on two Ajaloa Bateels shewing their Port,
in retaliation for the Piracy committed upon two Karrack
Vessels by the people of Kherrah, a dependency of the Shakh
of Ajaloa, I regret to have to report for the information of the
Honble the Governor in Council that Shakh Nassir has changed
his purpose, in respect to the embargo. One of the Bateels
in question has accordingly quitted Bushire, and the
other, as I understand is at liberty to follow her.
Residency in the Persian Gulf } I have the honor to
Bushire 22nd November 1845. } Signd/ J. Hennell
Resident in the Persian Gulf

Copied by
A. Stephens

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Minute by the Hon^{ble} the Governor concurred in by the Board dated the 10th February 1846. -

Copy to be sent to the Governor General in continuation of paras: 2 and 3 of our letter dated the 31st ultimo, and to the Honorable the Court of Directors. -

Signed / S. Arthur

/ u / J. McMahon

/ u / S. R. Reid

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N^o 43 of 1846.

Political Department

From

The Chief Secretary to Government of
Bombay

To

J. Currie Esquire

Secretary to the Government of India

With the Right Hon^{ble} the Governor General

Dated 13th February 1846.

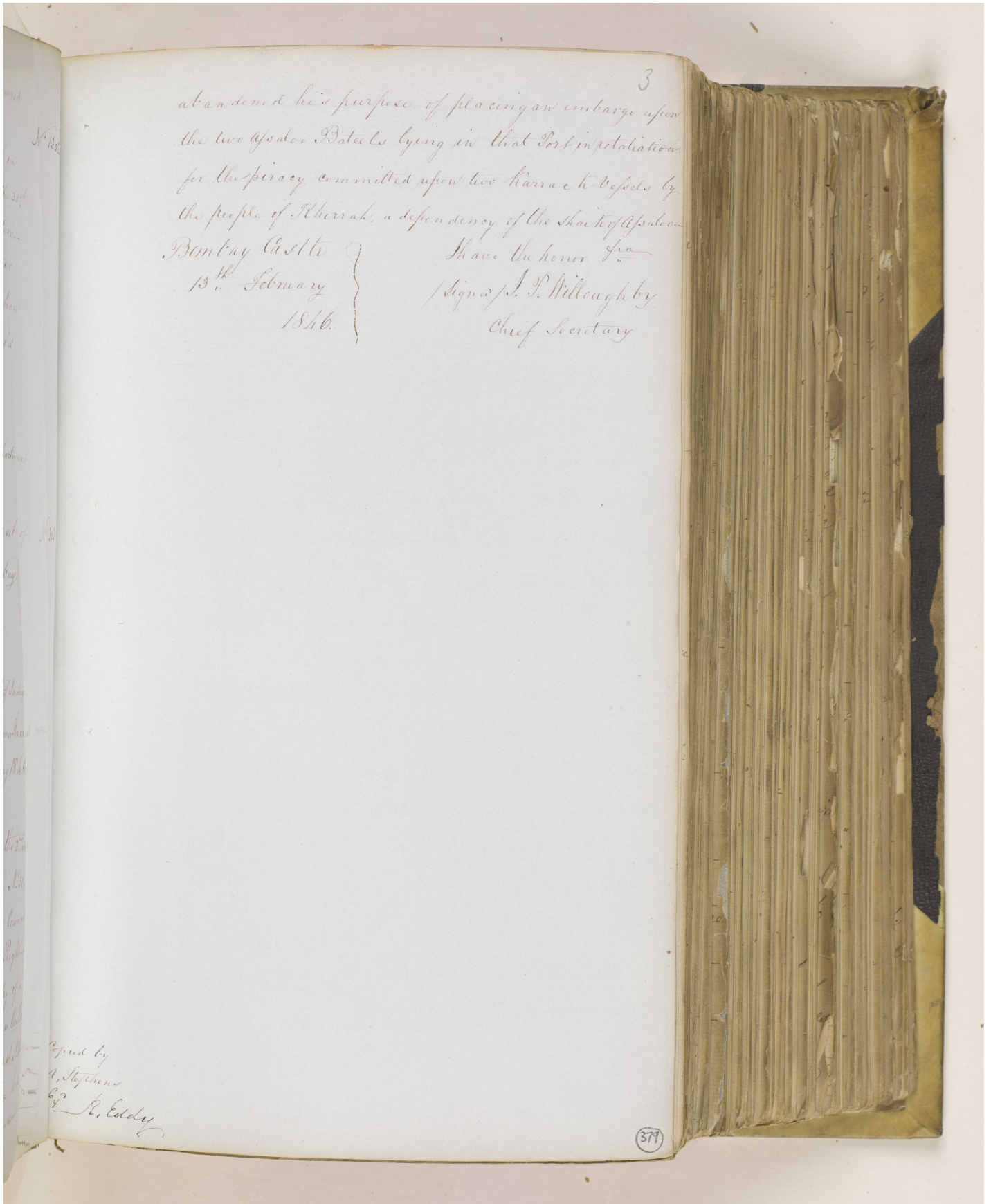
Sir,

With reference to the 2nd and 3rd paras of my letter dated the 31st ultimo N^o 30, I am directed by the Hon^{ble} the Governor in Council to transmit to you for submission to the Right Honorable the Governor General of India, copy of a communication from the Resident in the Persian Gulf dated the 22nd November last, N^o 462 intimating that the Governor of Bushire had abandoned

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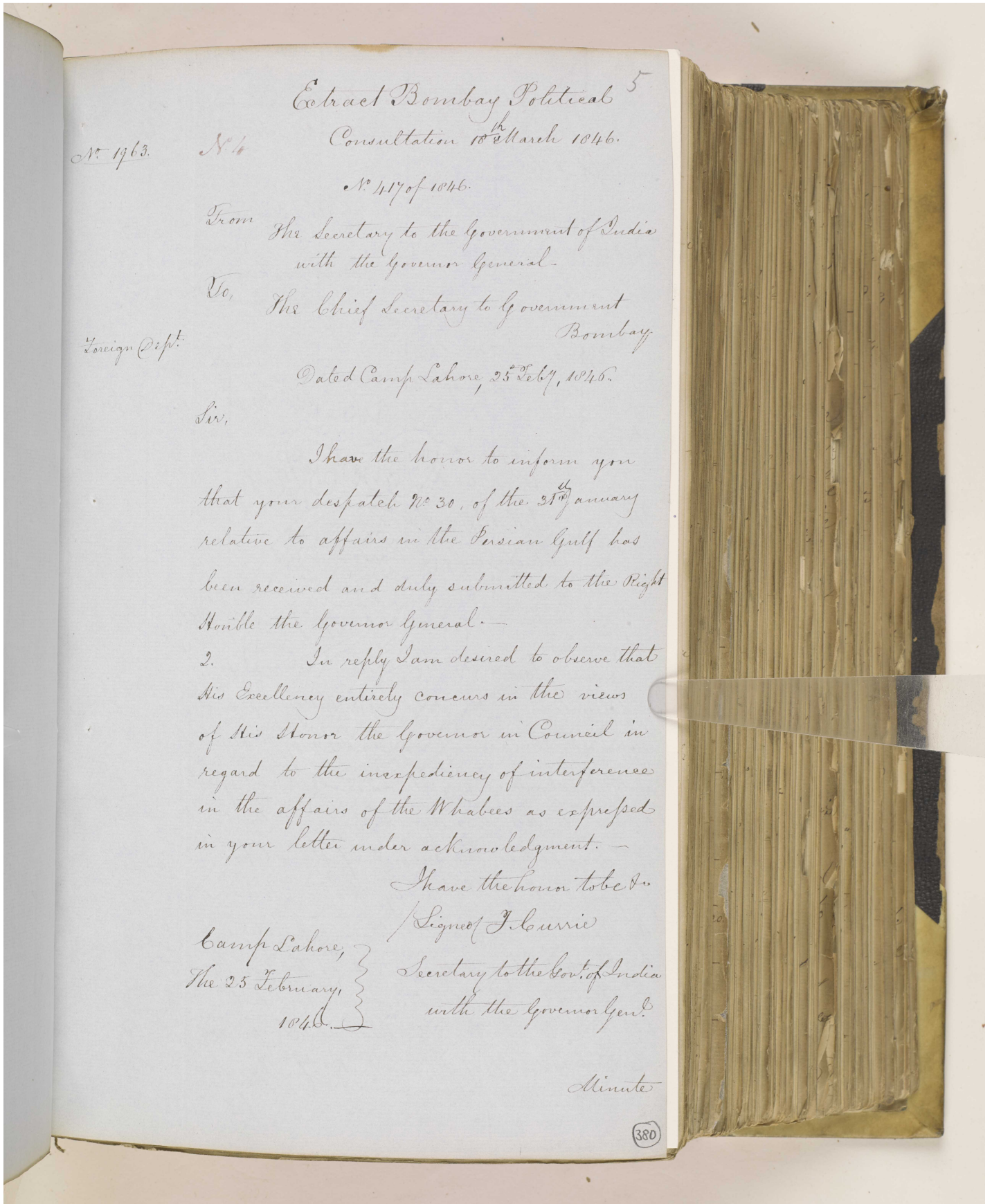
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abandoned his purpose of placing an embargo upon
the two Mysaloo Bateels lying in that Port in retaliation
for the piracy committed upon two Kanna K Bateels by
the people of Kherrah, a dependency of the Shah of Mysaloo.
Bombay Castle }
13th February }
1846. }
I have the honor to
/ Sign'd / J. P. Willoughby
Chief Secretary

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Consultation 18th March 1846.

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N° 1417 of 1846.

From The Secretary to the Government of India
with the Governor General.

To, The Chief Secretary to Government
Bombay

Foreign Dept.

Dated Camp Lahore, 25 Feb'y, 1846.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you
that your despatch N° 30, of the 31st January
relative to affairs in the Persian Gulf has
been received and duly submitted to the Right
Honble the Governor General.

In reply I am desired to observe that
His Excellency entirely concurs in the views
of His Honor the Governor in Council in
regard to the inexpediency of interference
in the affairs of the Whabees as expressed
in your letter under acknowledgment.

I have the honor to be Sir
Signed I. Lourie

Camp Lahore,
The 25 February,
1846.

Secretary to the Govt. of India
with the Governor Genl.

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N^o 5
Minute by His Excellency the Commander
in Chief subscribed to by the Honble Mr. Crawford N^o 1964.
without date.

Copy to be sent to the Home
authorities -

By J. McMahon
" J. H. Crawford
Office N^o 10 of 1846.
Cons: N^o 3 of 1846.

From Major Hennell
Resident in the Persian Gulf
To J. P. Willoughby Esquire
Chief Secretary to Government
Bombay

Bushire 7th January 1846

Sir,
I have the honor to transmit for the
information of the Honorable the Governor in
Council, the accompanying copy of a despatch
with Enclosures of yesterday's date addressed
by me, to Her Majesty's Minister at the Court
of Persia, upon the subject of the steps
proposed to be taken by Huspan Khan,
the Governor of Fars, to obtain reparation
for the plunder of the wreck of the Honble
Company's late Schooner Emily by the
inhabitants of Heun or Hys, and to punish
the dependents of the Sheik of Aseelos
for

for the piracies committed by them in
two Narrack Boats.

I have the honor to be, &c.

Residency in the Persian Gulf
Bushire & Fandj 1845 } / Signed L. Hennell
Resident in the Persian Gulf

No. 7 of 1846

From Major Hennell
Resident in the Persian Gulf

To His Excellency
Lieutenant Colonel Shiel
Her M. Minister Plenipotentiary
and Envoy Extraordinary
at the Court of Persia
Teheran

Bushire 5th January 1846.

Sir,

In acknowledging the receipt of your
Excellency's despatch of the 13th Ultimo giving
cover to a letter under flying seal to the
address of the Secretary to Government of India
I have the honor to transmit for your informa-
tion, the accompanying translation of a
letter from the Governor of Fars to my
address without date, an Extract of a Com-
-munication from the Shiraz Agent of the 21st
Ultimo, upon the subject of the steps taken
by Mahomed Hussein Khan, to enforce
redress for the plunder of the wreck of H. C.
Schooner

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Schooner "Emily" by the Inhabitants of
"Jes" and the Piracies committed on two
Karrack Boats by the inhabitants of
"Abirah, a village under the Sheik of
Asedoo.

Although I place little confidence
on the promises of the Governor of Fars, it
is not impossible that he may have felt
himself compelled by the tenor of his commu-
nications from board, to use more energetic
measures than he has hitherto been disposed
to adopt.

Residence in the
Persian Gulf Bushire
5th January 1845.

I have the honor &c &c
Signed S. Hennell
Resident in the Persian Gulf

True Copy
Signed A. B. Kennell
Asist^t Resident in the Persian Gulf

Translation of a letter from Hopsin Khan
Sahib i Shityar Governor of Fars to Major
Hennell, Resident in the Persian Gulf
without date, Received 22nd December 1845.

A. B. your letter has reached
and its contents have been perfectly ascertained
with reference to the two Vessels the one
belonging to this Powerful state the other
to the Exalted British Government, represented
to have been attacked and plundered of their
Cargoes

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cargoes by the people of Afsaloo, at Khir-
 rah. The fact is that this affair had not
 happened but for the great remoteness: you
 are yourself aware of the extent of the Pro-
 vince of Fars, what length and breadth
 it has: The people of the Ports have drunk
 of water without bridle / are not obedient
 to authority / Praise be to God, subsequent
 to the appointment of this Party to Fars
 in consequence of the strict injunctions
 and instructions of the high Ministers,
 Beyond these two cases reported to have
 occurred by that intimate friend no act
 of irregularity has occurred, or Please God
 almighty will hereafter occur. A letter has
 been address'd on this subject to the high
 in Rank Mahomed Hopsin Khan Sirhuddar
 deputed with Guns and Sirbaz for the
 arrangement of affairs in that quarter; and
 I have appointed and despatched a Mohes-
 sil to seize authoritatively and forcibly from
 whomever may have taken it the property
 of the Vessels and transmit the same to that
 intimate friend, and send the perpetrators
 of the act prisoners to Shiraz in order that
 such a punishment may be inflicted upon
 them, that no one may hereafter have the
 audacity

audacity to commit crimes of the kind
 This party has ever, by reason of alliance
 and unity of the two Exalted states of
 Persia and England, been on the alert,
 and employed a vigilance that oppression
 in any shape whatever to the extent of
 a hairs point should not be exercised
 towards the dependents of the British
 Government, but they be treated with
 great respect, that it might be a means
 of improving the alliance between the
 two States; I am well satisfied also
 with that High in Rank, who has rightly
 fulfilled the obligations of the duties
 entrusted to him and has ever been bent
 upon the increase of friendship between
 the two Exalted Governments The High in
 Rank Mahomed Kopein Khan will shortly
 recover and transmit the property of
 that Vessel, and this Party will severely
 punish the perpetrators. -

True Translation

Signed A. B. Kemball

Asist. Resident Persian Gulf

True Copy

Signed A. B. Kemball

Asistant Resident Persian Gulf

True Copy

Signed A. B. Kemball

Asist. Resident in the Persian Gulf

Translated Extract of a letter from Meerza
Reza British Agent at Shiraz to Major Kennell
Resident in the Persian Gulf dated 21 Gilbay
21st December 1845.

In the second letter, you, in the first
place, intimated that you had not distinctly
understood with reference to the property of the
Government Vessel, and the conversation with
His Excellency the Sahib i Shkhtyar the
meaning was confused, I represented that
on His Excellency the Sahib i Shkhtyar's ob-
serving, that if there was property belonging
to Persian Merchants on board the Vessel, it
probably did not amount to less than 5000
Tomans let them take 10 per cent thereof
and 600 Tomans will be realized, which
should and will have the effect of silencing
the Resident; and if the Persian Merchants
remonstrated, I will be answerable to them

"I replied that the Captains of Vessels give
a Bill of Lading and acknowledgment
for whatever they receive from whatever
person, and It is impossible that they should
consent to act illegally towards any one."

In short two days ago the Kings Chapur
and the Suwar of the Sahibi Shkhtyar
returned from the Port of Charrack and

Bastuk
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Bastuk, and brought further communication from Mustoofa Khan of Bastuk of the same tenor as the former, that We risked our lives and went on the sea, and brought out the entire property of the Vessel and delivered it over, and they did not give the sum they had agreed upon with us as remuneration, and we have claims, and moreover Salim bin Mubarak is a black man, and of no consequence, he is not sufficiently important to come to Shiraz or proceed to Bushire to the Resident." "If they desire to arrange the matter the Resident should appoint a person to come with us, both in the Law Court of Islam that is the Sheeah, and that of the Soonee and whatever he may bring home to us we will perform." Mustoofa Khan communicated the above as the plea of the people of the Island, and then himself wrote that nothing could result from these discussions: The island of Lges is in the middle of the sea, if you desire to attain their end, you should make arrangements that a Government Vessel should come on the sea side, and I too on this side will surround them with Musketeers, and reducing them to extremity
and

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and strait, will recover the amount and
 inflict punishment upon them that they
 commit not hereafter such irregularities.
 The Sahel i Khetyar on hearing this passage
 observed it is objectionable that a Government
 Vessel should come and inflict injury in my
 territory, and seize property; I will myself
 Please God, take it. If I do not take it,
 I will be answerable for the amount" as Azeez
 Khan Lutcep was deputed with guns and
 Sirbaz for the territory of Bastak and
 Laristan. His Excellency addressed him a
 letter, appointing a Suwar to proceed with it,
 desiring him in the first place formally
 to demand 600 Tomans, and, should they
 hesitate to pay the same, and repeat such
 excuses, to detach one Gun and 200 Sirbaz
 to lay waste the island, and having forcibly
 seized the amount, transmit it to the Resident.
 His Excellency also communicated these orders
 verbally to an officer of the Topkhaneah
 proceeding to join the Guns.

True translated Extract
 Signed A. B. Kemball
 Apist. Resid. in the Persian
 Gulf

True Copy
 Signed A. B. Kemball
 Apist. Resid. Persian Gulf

True Copy
 Signed A. B. Kemball
 Apist. Resid. in the Persian Gulf

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N^o 7.
Minute by His Excellency the Commander in
Chief subscribed to by the Honble Mr Crawford *N^o 2116.*
without date

1. The Resident to be informed that
his further report will be awaited.

2. Copy to be sent to the Governor
General and to the Honble the Court of Directors

Signed J. M. Mahon
" J. H. Crawford

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N^o 1060. of 1846.

From The Chief Secretary to the Gov^t. of Bombay. *N^o 2117*

To Major J. Hennell
Resident in the Persian Gulf
Dated 17th March 1846.

Sir,

I am directed by the Honble the Gov^t.
in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your
letter dated the 7th January last *N^o 10*, forwarding
copy of a despatch addressed by you to Her
Majestys Envoy and Minister Plenipotentiary
at the Court of Persia, regarding the steps
proposed to be taken by the Governor of Fars,
to obtain reparation for the plunder of the
wreck of the Honble Company's late schooner
'Emily' by the Inhabitants of Keen, and to
punish the dependents of the Sheik of
Aseloo for the piracies committed by them
on

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on two Karrack Boats, and to inform
you that Government will await your further
report on the subject.

Bombay Castle }
17th March 1846

I have the honor to be &c

Signed J. M. Willoughby

Chief Secretary

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N^o 76. of 1846.

(Office N^o 1061)

N^o 2118.

From the Chief Secretary to the Gov^t of Bombay.

To J. Currie Esquire,

Secretary to the Government of India
with the Right Hon^{ble} the Gov^r Gen^l.

Dated 17th March 1846.

Sir,

With reference to my letters dated the
29th January last and 13th Ultimo, N^os 29 and 43,
I am directed by the Hon^{ble} the Governor in Council
to transmit to you for submission to the Right
Hon^{ble} the Governor General of India Copy of
a communication from the Resident in the
Persian Gulf dated the 7th January last N^o 10,
forwarding Copy of a despatch addressed by
him to Her Majesty's Envoy and Minister
Plenipotentiary at the Court of Persia, regard-
ing the steps proposed to be taken by the
Governor of Fars, to obtain reparation for
the plunder of the wreck of the Hon^{ble}
Company's late Schooner "Emily" by the
Inhabitants of Keun and to punish the
dependents

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dependents of the Sheik of Asseloo for the
piracies committed by them on two Karrak
Boats together with copy of my reply of this
date.:-

Bombaybastle }
17th March 1846.

I have the honor to be &c.

Yours
Signed J. P. Willoughby
Chief Secretary

True Extract-

J. P. Willoughby
Chief Secretary

copy. M. W. W. W.
J. P. Willoughby