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This item consists of copies of correspondence, consultations, and minutes cited in, or enclosed with, political letters from the Government of Bombay. The correspondents are: the Government of Bombay; Major Samuel Hennell, British Political Resident in the Persian Gulf; Hajee Yacoob [Ḥājjī Ya‘qūb], the Government Pilot at Kharg [Jazireh-ye Khark]; the British Agent at Lingah [Bandar-e Lengeh]; Houssein bin Abdoollah Chief of Charrack [Ḥusayn bin ‘Abdullāh, Shaikh of Bandar-e Charak]; and Sultan bin Houssein Chief of Mogoo [Sulṭān bin Ḥusayn, Shaikh of Moghuyeh]. It is the first in a series of eleven items.

The item concerns naval hostilities between Charrack and Mogoo, and the shaikhs’ explanation of events. The item also contains Hennell’s instructions to Captain William Lowe, commanding the Indian Naval Squadron in the Persian Gulf, about demanding the restitution of the Mogoo boats captured by Charrack.

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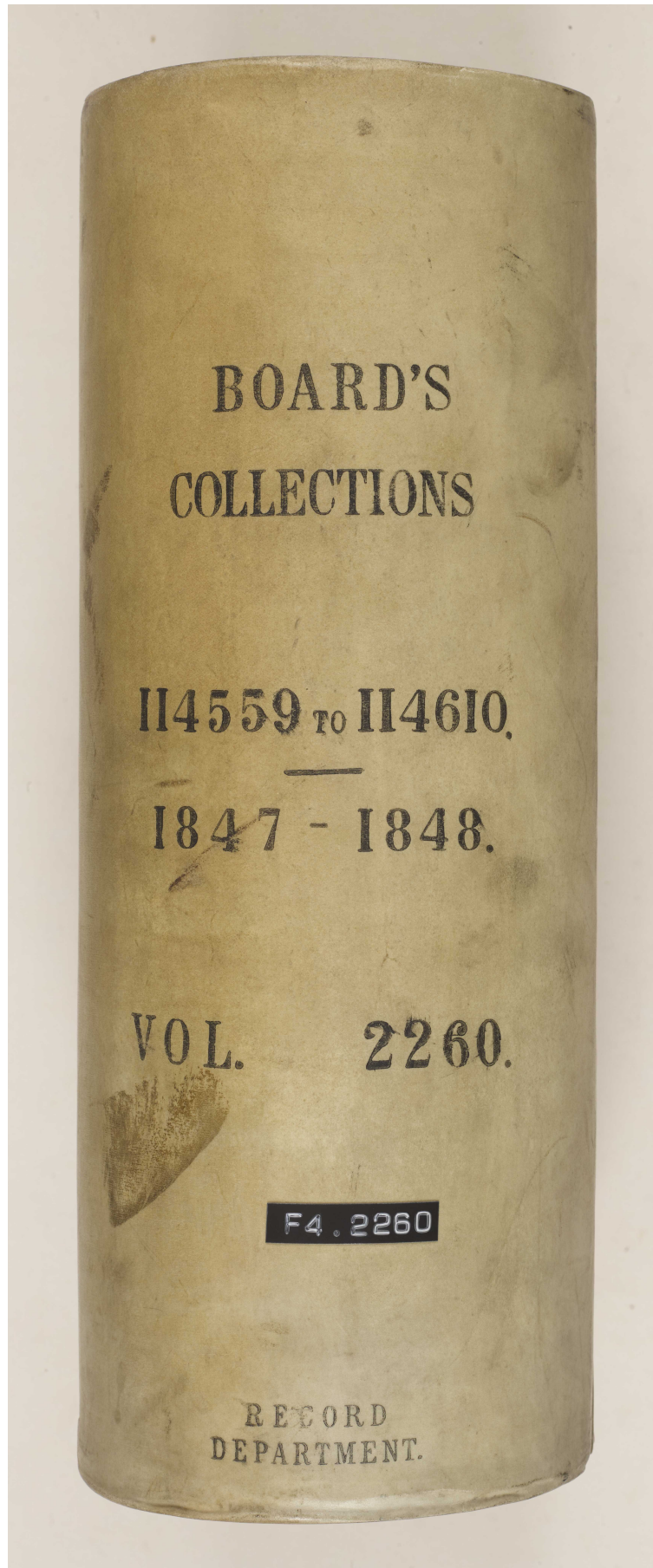
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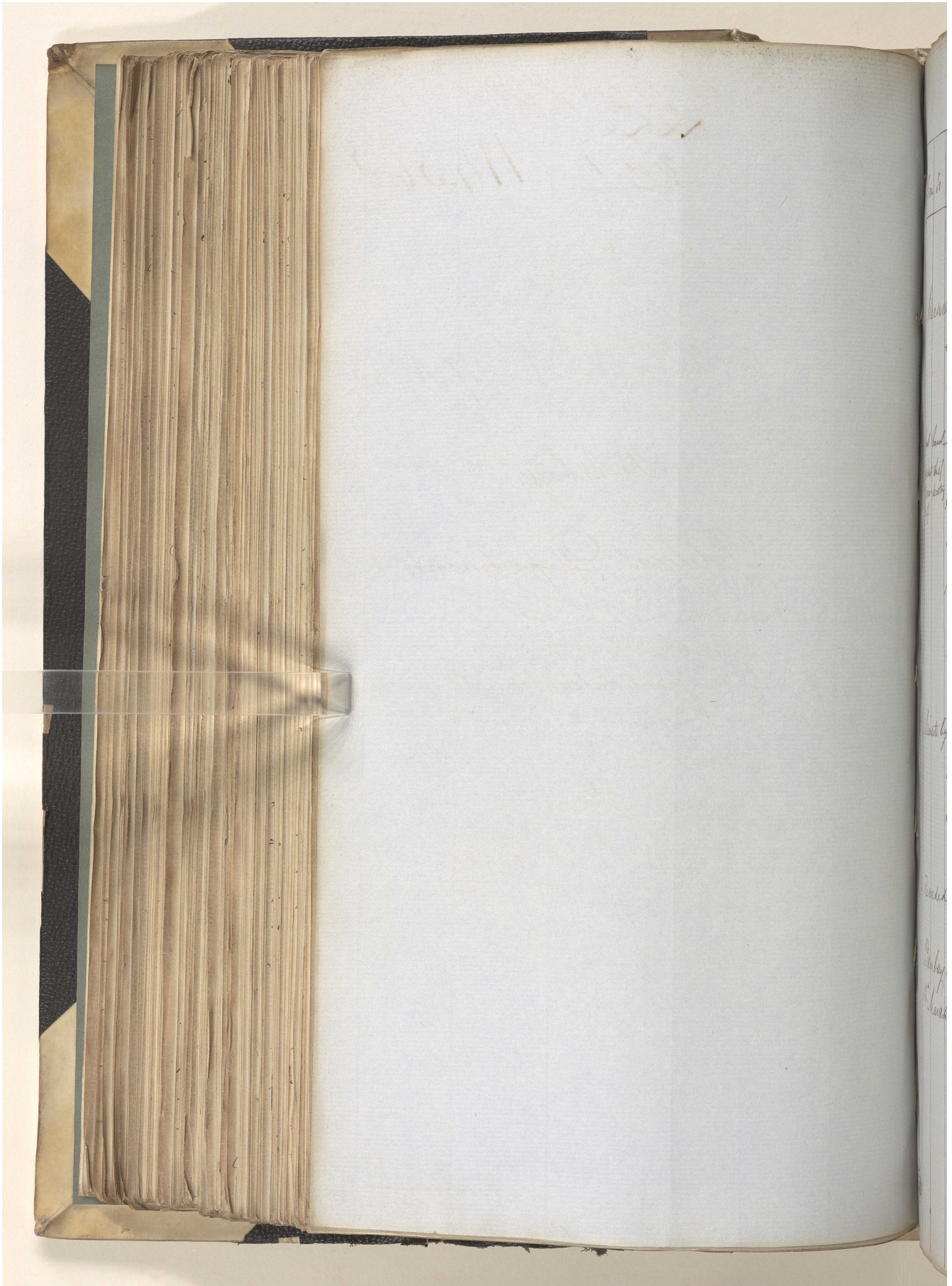
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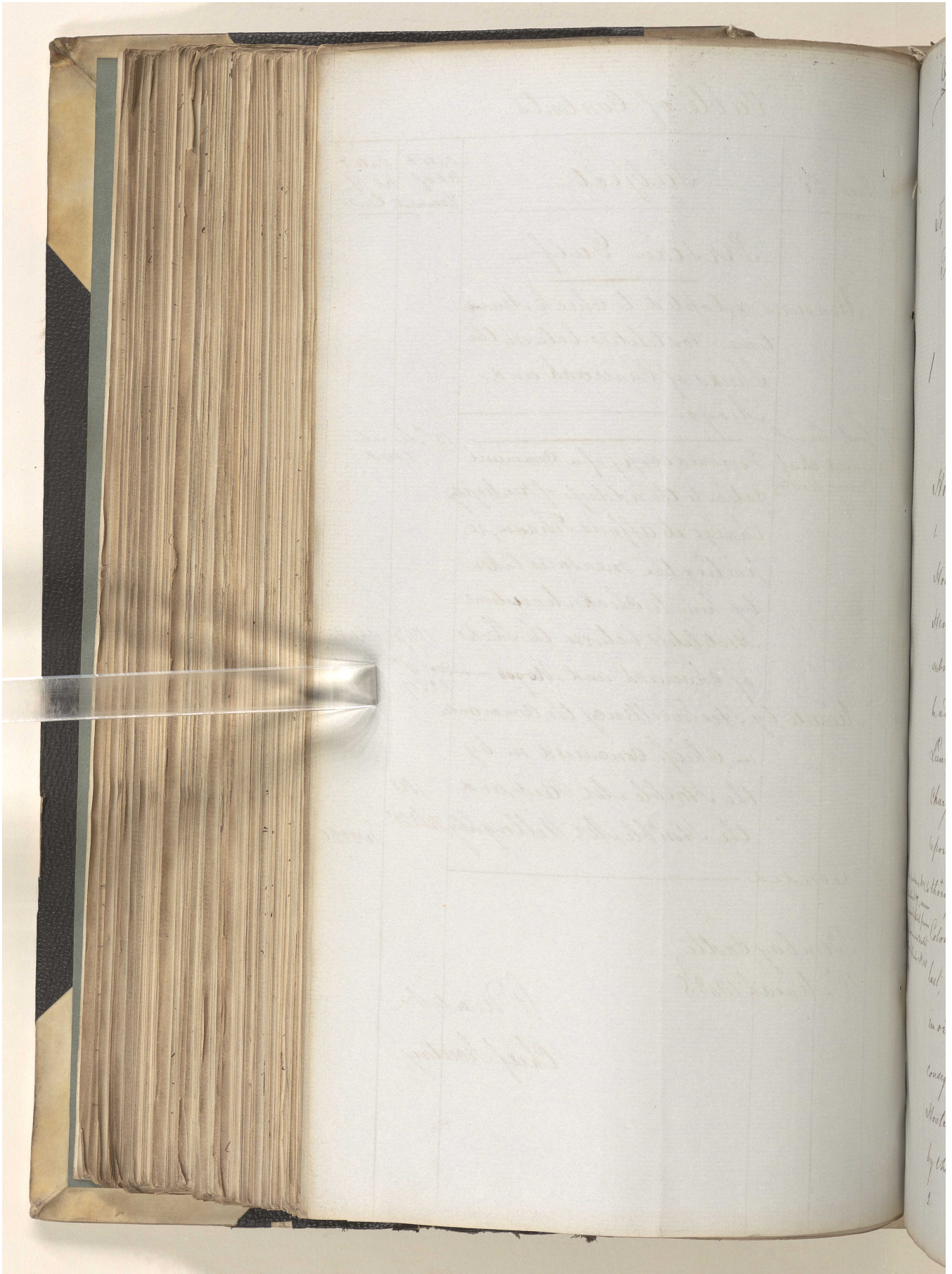


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1A	Resident Chief Persian Secretary Gulf.		Forwards Copy of a Communication to the address of Monsieur Charge d'affaires Persan, reporting the measures taken by him to check Maritime Hostilities between the Sheikhs of Charrack and Mogoo	1847	1848.
2			Minute by His Excellency the Commander in Chief. Concurred in by the Honble Mr. Reid, and the Honble Mr. Milloughby	Dec ^r 11 th 1847	March 1848
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Political Department.

To,

The Honble the Court of Directors
For Affairs of the Honble East
India Company,
London.

Dated Bombay 15th March 1848.

Honble Sirs,

1. We beg to forward to your
Honble Court, copy of a letter from Major
Hemmel, Resident in the Persian Gulf, ^{at Bombay} dated
submitting copy of a communication which
he addressed on the 29th November last, to
Lieutenant Colonel Farrant, Her Majesty's
Charge d' Affaires at the Court of Persia,
reporting the measures, which under au-
thority conveyed to him by Lieutenant
Colonel Keith, under date the 12th August
last, he had considered it requisite to adopt,
in order to put an end to the injurious
consequences threatened by the Maritime
Hostilities carried on against each other,
by the Sheikhs of Charrack and Mogoo.

enclosure No. 1, to
in No. 7, accom-
panied from
communicated dated
September, No. 118

2. In Collection No. 2, we beg
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to forward copy of a letter from Major
Stennell, dated the 6th January last, sub-
mitting copy of a report from Captain
Lowe, Indian Navy, of the proceedings
of the Honble Company's Sloop of War
Elphinstone, under his Command, during
a recent tour of the Persian and Arabian
Coasts. We consider the results contained
in this report to be satisfactory.

3. In a letter dated the 13th Janu-
ary last, copy of which will be found in
Collection N^o. 3, Major Stennell has
reported the particulars of a conference
which he had two days previously with
Sheik Mahomed bin Abdullah, the fifth
son of the Ex-Chief of Bahrein, who
waited upon that officer for the purpose
of soliciting the aid and support of the
British Government in behalf of his
father, with the view of enabling the
Ex Sheik to regain his authority over
Bahrein - We have approved of Major
Stennell's proceedings on this occasion.

4. We beg to forward in Collection
N^o. 4, translations of few News-letters
from

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from the Native Agent at Muscat, report-
ing on the state of Affairs in that quarter,
between the 25th October 1847, and the 22nd
January 1848.

We have the honor to be
with the greatest respect

Respectfully
Your Most faithful Obidient
and humble Servants

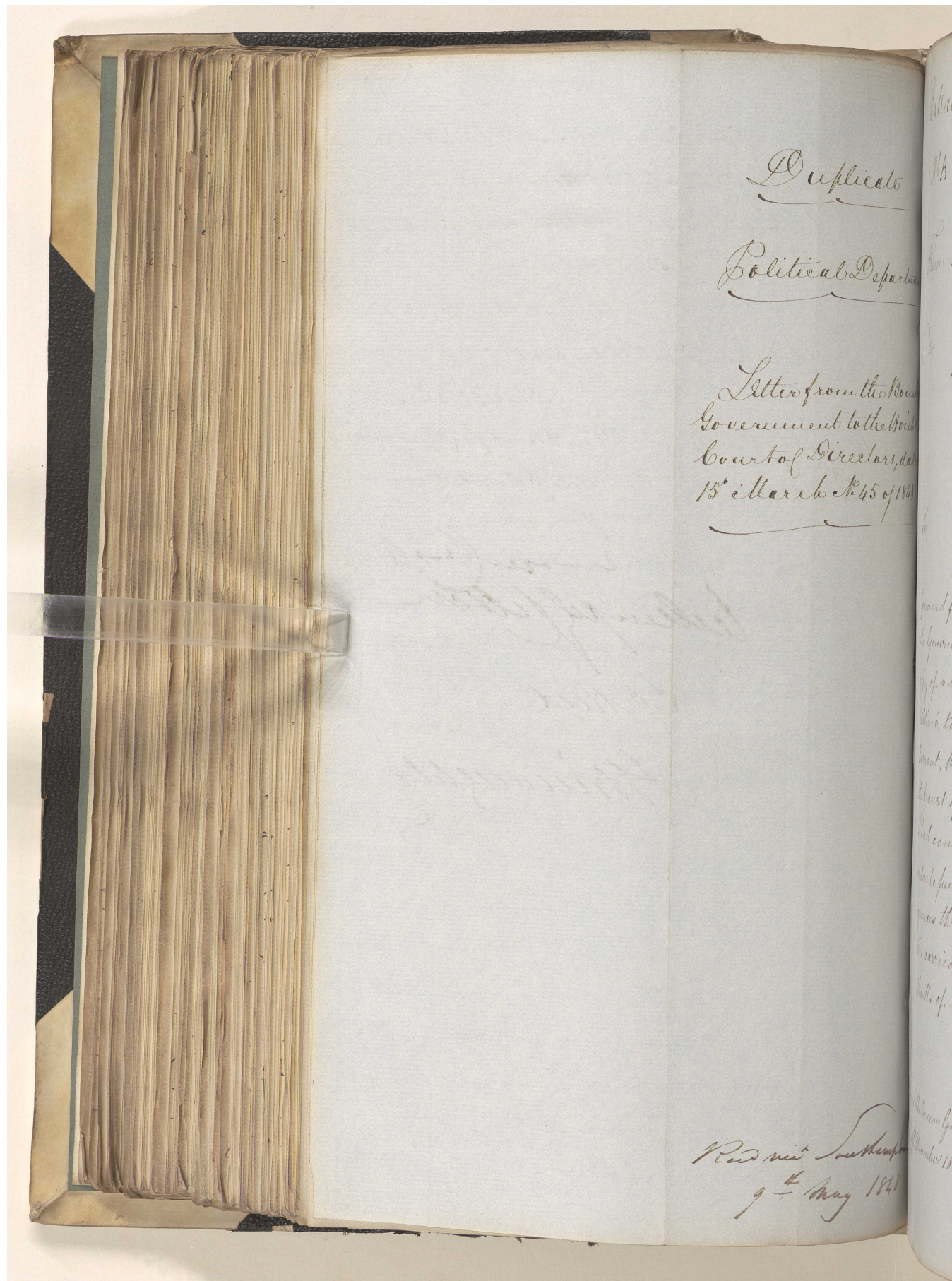
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James Keith
William Peterson

J. Reid

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Extract Bombay Political
Consultation, March 1848.
Office No. 519 of 1847.
Cons. No. 125 of 1847.
From Major Hennell,
Resident in the Persian Gulf.

To,
A. Malet, Esquire,
Chief Secretary to Government,
Bombay.
Dated Bushire, 14th December 1847.

Sir,
Herewith I have the honor to
forward for the information of the Honorable
the Governor in Council, the accompanying
copy of a letter with enclosures dated the 29th
Ultimo, to the address of Lieutenant Colonel
Farrant, Her Majesty's Charge d' Affaires at
the Court of Persia, reporting the measures
I had considered it necessary to take, in
order to put an end to the injurious conse-
quences threatened by the Maritime Hostili-
ties carried on against each other by the
Sheikhs of Charrack and Mogoo.

I have the honor to be Sir,

Signed S. Hennell.

Resident in the Persian
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From Major S. Hennell.

Resident in the Persian Gulf.

To Lieutenant Colonel Ferrant.

Her Majesty's Charge d'Affaires
at the Court of Persia,

Tehran;

Dated Birmingh., 29th November 1847-

Sir,

Herewith I have the honor to forward for your information the accompanying translations of letters, N^{os} 1 and 2, from the Government Pilot at Kharack, and the Native Agent at Lingah, regarding the cruising of the Armed Boats of Mogoo and Charrack against each other, directly in the track of the Trading Vessels between Turkish Arabia, Persia and India.

N^{os} 3 and 4 are translations of replies from the Chiefs of Charrack and Mogoo to my letters remonstrating against their proceedings at sea. It is satisfactory to observe that the effect of my communications has been to produce a suspension of their Maritime Hostilities; I do not however consider it probable, that the Shaikh of Mogoo will sit down quietly under the loss of his two Vessels which were so irregularly cut out of his Harbour of Bussora, by the Charrack Chiefs.

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Chief, nor indeed could we reasonably sup-
-pose that our remonstrances would have
any permanent effect; so long as his rival
is permitted to enjoy unmolested the fruit
of his irregular breach of the arrangements
made by the Governor of Fars for the sup-
-pression of Maritime aggressions on the
Persian Coast.

3. Taking all the circumstances
of the case into consideration, I am of opini-
-on that the present is one which I am justi-
-fied in considering as coming under the
scope of the last paragraph of Colonel Sheil's
despatch dated the 15th August last, and ac-
-cordingly I have addressed a letter dated
the 29th instant to the Senior Officer of the
Indian Navy of which the accompanying
is a copy, requesting that Officer to proceed
to Charrack and demand the restoration
of the two Mogoo Vessels. It will be observed
that I have cautioned Captain Lowe against
any hostile measures in respect to the Town;
but that I have authorized him, in case
of the Shaik's obstinate refusal to surrender
the Mogoo Buzgas, to take possession of one
or two Charrack Boats lying in the latter
Port, should he be able to do so without
incurring the risk of Bloodshed.

4. Considering that the present

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is the period when the commercial traffic between
India and the Persian Gulf, is most brisk, and
bearing in mind the necessity which exists for
the adoption of prompt steps to put down the
irregularities which threaten to interrupt it,
I trust the measures I have proposed may be
honored with your approbation and sanction.

I have the honor to be, &c.

Residency in the
Persian Gulf, ^{Residency}
29th November 1847.

/Signed/ L. Kemell -

Resident in the Persian Gulf,

True Copy

/Signed/ A. B. Kemell -

Assistant Resident Persian Gulf,

Translated Substance of Extract from a
letter from Hajee Yacoob Government Pilot
Kharg to Major Kemell, Resident in the Persian
Gulf, - dated 17th of Gilquadeh, 20th October 1847.

Contention has arisen between
the people of Charrack and Mogoo. On one oc-
-casion an action took place between them on
shore, in which sixteen of the latter were slain.
Subsequently during the Month Ramzan, the
inhabitants of Charrack embarked by night
in three vessels and went to Muscanah, -
where they seized and carried off two empty
Beehlahs. After this occurrence Sheikh Hussein
Chief of Mogoo, assembled a force and set
sail for Lingah. Having been supplied with
Guns and Ammunition by Sheikh Sufim
Gozeb.

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Quoress, he put to sea in three Buglahs for the
purpose of intercepting a boat belonging to his
opponents which had gone to Bussorah for
Dates. On receiving intelligence of these
proceedings the Charrack Men launched three
Buglahs, and set off, in order to prevent their
boat being captured by the people of Mogoo.

True. Translated substance.

/Signed/ W. Campbell.

True Copy -

/Signed/ A. W. Kemball.

Capt. West. Persian Gulf.

Translated Substance of a letter from the
Agent at Lingah, to Major Bennett, Resident
in the Persian Gulf, dated the 28th of Julquad.
7th November 1847.

A. H. At the date of the arrival of
your communication, the Moorajels of Mogoo
were at sea in three Buglahs intending to burn
the Island of Yes. On receipt of your letter
they sent a Boat to Shaikh Sultan bin Houssein,
and they returned from that Island to Hus-
sena. The people of Charrack did the same.
Both parties sent answers to your letters which
are now forwarded.

Some vessels belonging to
Lingah having taken shelter in the Port of Ma-
bend the people of that place sent out six

Boats

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Boats and having seized them, bound their
Crews. The claim of the Maboud people is
unjust. It appears that a certain Abdoolah
Kasir Jaber of the Beni Mattij, Tribe left a
Buteel in the Charge of the Shaikh of Lingah,
which he afterwards took away, and they
(of Maboud) say, what business had Shaikh Saad
bin Guroob to interfere between the Beni Mattij
and the people of Maboud. Thus without cause
they attacked and seized the subjects of the
Lingah Chief. The sons of Shaikh Sultan bin
Suggor have taken possession of Sharqah.

They have since
been released.

True Translated Substance.

Signed/ S. Hemmell -

Resident in the Persian Gulf.

True Copy

Signed/ A. B. Hemball -

Assistant Resident Persian Gulf.

Translation of a letter from Houssein bin
Abdoolah Chief of Charrack, to Major Hemmell,
Resident in the Persian Gulf., dated 19th of Oct-quad
29th October 1847.

A. C.

Your letter has been received
and its contents understood, more especially
what relates to our quarrel with the people
of Mogoo, the Cruising at Sea, and the dis-
appropriation of the British Government.
In reply, I beg to inform you, that this is not
done

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done willingly by us, nor do we wish to oppose
your orders, but war and enmity exist between
us and the people of Mogoo. Our subjects are
in the Island of Yes, and they (of Mogoo) plunder
them. I launched one of my Buglas in order
to prevent them from attacking that Island.
Be good enough to inquire of those who
traverse this Gulf, whether I have committed
any aggression upon them at sea. However
whatever orders you give shall be obeyed.
Ask the people whether we have injured them.
The people of Mogoo were the first to commence
Cruising at sea. We had a vessel in Doowan
which belongs to us. We wished to bring
it away to the Port of Charrack to draw it
up there. They came out in their Boats
and did not return back until we turned
upon them. We do not commit aggressions
upon any persons, but the people of Mogoo
are Wahabees who have been taught in
Mas-el-Khymiah to plunder every body. At
the present date the people of Mogoo are
employing in a Buglah of 5000 Moorahs bur-
then belonging to Khumees and Shaikh Ally,
and the Buglah of Shaikh Ahmed bin Shaikh
Moosin of 3000 Moorahs burthen, looking
out for our Buglas returning from Bussorah.
Our Buglah and Boats are at anchor in
our Harbour ready to protect the Island of
Yes, (136)

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Yes, but we do not commit aggression upon
any one. Touching the two Buglas which we
seized in the Port of Busseena they were close
to the shore and (were captured) by Fishing
Boats. They had no Masts, Rudders, Sails,
— or any of their stores on board. We
tell you the truth, neither more nor less.
You intimate your intention of making
the oppressor redress the wrongs of the
oppressed, this is what we desire. At the
date of the receipt of your letter the people
of Mogoo are cruising in quest of our Bug-
la now on her return from Bussoorah. We
wished to go in pursuit of them, but when
we received your communication we
suspended our departure, leaving the affair
in the hands of God and yourself.

True Translation -

[Signed] S. Hemmell.

Resident in the Persian Gulf.

True Copy -

[Signed] A. B. Kemball.

Assistant Resident Persian Gulf.

Translation of a letter from Shaikh Sultan
bin Haussen Chief, of Mogoo, to Major Hemmell,
Resident in the Persian Gulf. - dated 21st Jilquad
27th October 1847.

A. G.

Your letter to us has been re-
ceived and its contents understood. More
particularly

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particularly what you say touching the wars
with the people of Charrack and plundering
at sea. We did not commence at sea neither
before nor since. The whole resting within
(the Shalk of Charrack). They broke the engage-
ments existing between us. We were resting
in security, and our vessels were at anchor
off the Town of Hoosena. They (of Charrack)
on their return from Batinah attacked and
seized them by night. Afterwards they em-
barked on board 8 vessels from the Island
of Yes, and coming to Mogoo landed there. We
were in land and only a few men were
left in the Town, of those some were killed
and others were wounded. After this they
launched a large Bugla and were not
prohibited from doing. At this time the
vessels of the people of Yes are at sea, and
so are we, but we have not seized any
thing. Our fault lies in this that we did
not inform you, because we know that
you have Agents in different places who
report to you any cases of aggression at sea.
This is what has occurred.

True Translation -

Signed J. Hemmell.

Resident in the Persian Gulf.

True Copy -

Signed J. B. Hemmell -

Assistant Resident Persian Gulf.

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Sheikhs of Charrack and Mogoo. Vol: 1' [237v] (24/28)

N^o 1194 of 1847.

To
Captain Lowe,
Commanding Indian Naval Squadron,
Persian Gulf;

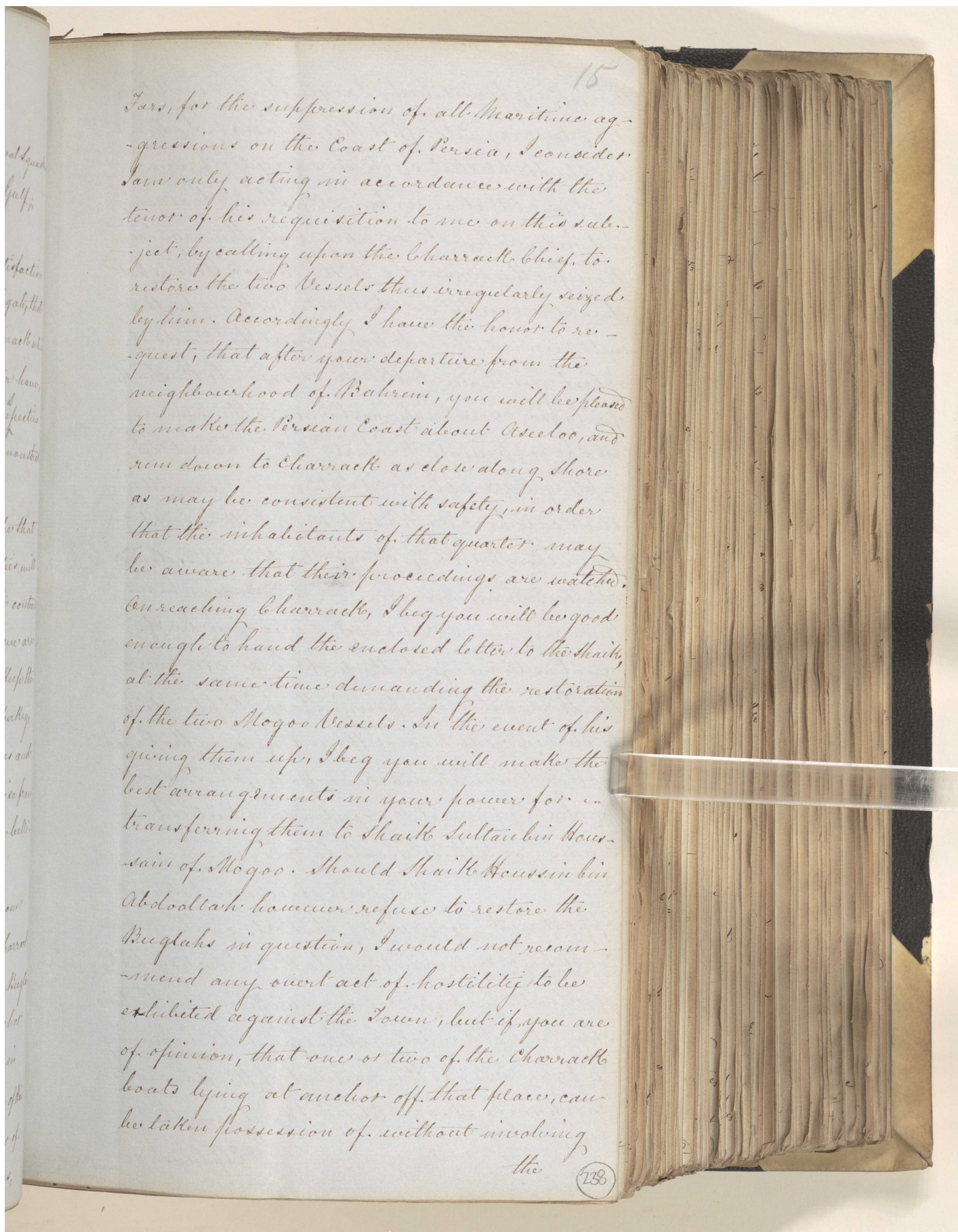
Sir,

I have learnt with satisfaction
by information received from Lingah, that
the War Vessels of Mogoo and Charrack which
were out cruising against each other have,
for the present, withdrawn to their respective
Ports, on the receipt of my letters remonstrat-
ing against these proceedings.

2. I cannot however hope that
this suspension of Maritime Hostilities will
be more than temporary, unless the contend-
ing Parties are made aware, that we are
in earnest in our determination to keep the
Commercial trade between Persia, Turkey,
and India, free from the disturbances and
aggression which will inevitably arise from
its being made the battle place of the belli-
gerent Chiefs of the Persian Coast.

3. In a communication from
Hussien bin Abdollah the Shaikh of Charrack,
he acknowledges having cut out two Buzghahs
belonging to Mogoo, while lying at anchor
in the Port of Busseena. As this act is in
direct opposition to the declared desire of His
Excellency Hussien Khan, the Governor of
Fars,

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 I am, for the suppression of all Maritime ag-
 -gressions on the Coast of Persia, I consider
 I am only acting in accordance with the
 favor of his requisition to me on this sub-
 -ject, by calling upon the Charrack Chief, to
 restore the two Vessels thus irregularly seized
 by him. Accordingly I have the honor to re-
 -quest, that after your departure from the
 neighbourhood of Bahrein, you will be pleased
 to make the Persian Coast about Aseeloo, and
 run down to Charrack as close along shore
 as may be consistent with safety, in order
 that the inhabitants of that quarter may
 be aware that their proceedings are watched.
 On reaching Charrack, I beg you will be good
 enough to hand the enclosed letter to the Shaikh,
 at the same time demanding the restoration
 of the two Mogoo Vessels. In the event of his
 giving them up, I beg you will make the
 best arrangements in your power for
 transferring them to Shaikh Sultan bin Bou-
 -sain of Mogoo. Should Shaikh Koussin bin
 Abdoolah however refuse to restore the
 Buzghahs in question, I would not recom-
 -mend any overt act of hostility to be
 exhibited against the Town, but if you are
 of opinion, that one or two of the Charrack
 boats lying at anchor off that place, can
 be taken possession of without involving
 the

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the risk of bloodshed, I request you will take steps to carry into effect this measure. I can hardly doubt that such an energetic proceeding, would at once bring the Shaikh to reason, and induce him to comply with the requisition for the surrender of the Mogoo Vessels, but should he continue obstinate, nothing further will remain, than to hand over the Boats of which you have taken possession to the Shaikh of Mogoo, previously restoring to the owners all Cargo, private property ^{&c.} on board, excepting their actual equipment. You will in such case be careful to take a full receipt from the Shaikh of Mogoo for these Vessels and all their stores.

4. It would I conceive be of great advantage to the public service were the Honorable Company's Sloop "Elphinstone" to show herself two or three times on the Persian Coast between Charrack and Lingah. This will probably prevent the contending Parties from sending out these Boats to cruise.

5. You will of course take an opportunity of visiting the Ports on the Arabian Coast before your return to this Quarter, which you will perhaps concur with me in thinking should not be delayed beyond the beginning of January, as the arrival of the Honorable Company's Sloop "Clive" to relieve the "Elphinstone"

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"Alphinstone", may be expected about that time.

I have the honor to be &c.

Residency in the
Persian Gulf, Bushire,
29th November 1817

Signed / S. Hemmell,

Resident in the Persian Gulf.

True copy

Signed / A. B. Kemball -

Assistant Resident Persian Gulf -

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Minute by His Excellency the Commander
in Chief, concurred in by the Honorable Messrs
Reid and Willoughby. - dated 22nd February 1818.

Major Hemmell has taken these
steps considering himself authorized by the tenor
of Colonel Sheil's letter of the 12th August, and
has referred them for the opinion of Her Majesty's
Charge d'Affaires at Tehran - we are not there-
fore called on to give our opinion on them.

Signed / W. Cotton -

22nd February 1818 -

" L. R. Reid,

" J. P. Willoughby -

True Extract -

Wheat -

Chief Secretary.

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