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‘Persian Gulf Captain Lowe’s proceedings during his late tour of the Persian and Arabian Coasts. Vol: 2’

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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 Major Samuel Hennell, British Political Resident in the Persian Gulf and Captain William Lowe, Senior Naval Officer in the Persian Gulf. It is the second in a series of eleven items.

The item concerns Lowe’s tour of the Persian Gulf in the East India Company sloop of war *Elphinstone* and his interactions with the rulers, shaikhs, and British Agents of the following places, and information gained there:

- Bushire [Bushehr]
- Congoon [Bandar-e Kangan]
- Asseeloo [Bandar-e Asaluyeh]
- Charrack [Bandar-e Charak]
- Abothubee [Abu Dhabi]

- Sharga [Sharjah]
- Amilgavine [Umm al-Qaywayn]
- Rasel Khyma [Ra's al-Khaymah]
- Bassadore [Basidu]
- Lingah [Bandar-e Lengeh]
- Mogoo [Moghuyeh].

The death of Esa bin Tareef [Shaikh 'Īsá bin Ḥamad bin Ṭarīf Āl Bin 'Alī al-'Utbī] is mentioned.

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Letter from, dated 15th March 1840.

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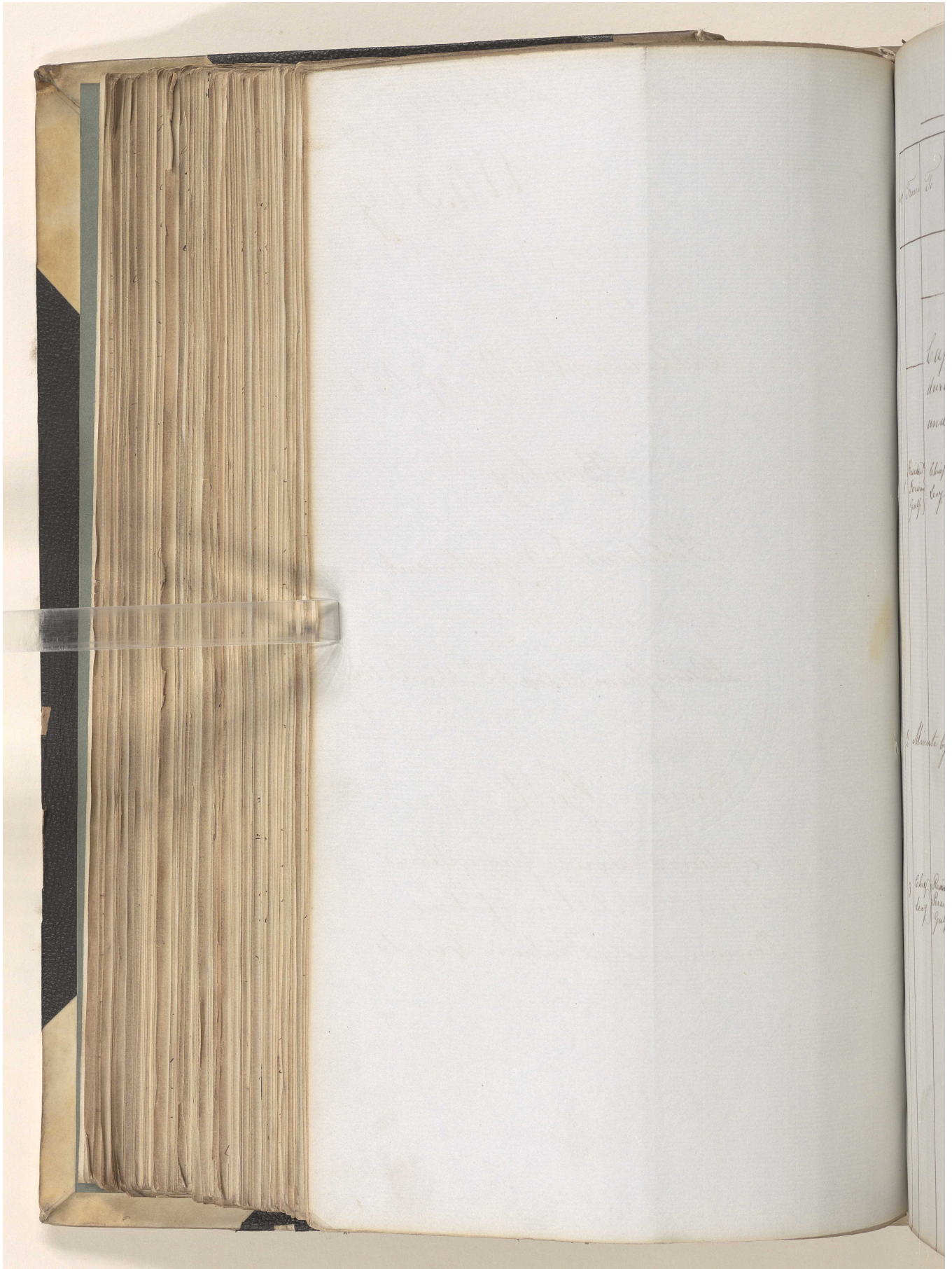


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N^o. 1735. From Major Hennell.

To Resident in the Persian Gulf.

A. Malet, Esquire.

Chief Secretary to Government.

Bombay.

Bushire, 5th January 1848.

Sir,

I have herewith the honor to forward for the information of the Honble the Governor in Council, the accompanying copies, of a communication dated the 1st Instant from Captain Lowe detailing the proceedings of the Honble Company's Sloop of War "Alphinstone" under his Command during his late tour of the Persian and Arabian Coasts, and of my reply thereto of yesterday's date.

2. His Honor in Council will learn with satisfaction from Captain Lowe's report, that at present, both the Persian and Arabian Coasts are free from any kind of Maritime aggressions. The restoration of the two Boats belonging to Mogoo captured by the Shaik of Charrack, will I doubt not produce salutary effect, and tend to maintain the peace and tranquillity of that part of the Persian Coast which has lately been disturbed by the Naval Hostilities of the Chiefs of those two Ports. I trust the Government may concur in

in the opinion I have expressed to Captain Lowe,
regarding the judicious manner in which he car-
ried out my instructions to him for the recovery
and restoration of the Mogoo Vessels, without
the employment of any stringent measures -

Inclosed in letter
No. 1494A P. 13
4/27 Nov. 1848

I have the honor to be &c.
Resid^{ty} in the Persian Gulf } signed/ S. Hennell.
Bushire 1st January 1848 } Resid^t. in the Persian Gulf.

From Captain William Lowe, S. N.
Senior Naval Officer at Bushire.

To,

Major S. Hennell

Resident in the Persian Gulf.

H. C. S. of War "Elphinstone"

Bushire, 1st January 1848.

Sir,

I have the honor to report for your
information the arrival at this Anchorage of the
H. C. S. of W. "Elphinstone" under my Command.

In enclosing for your further informa-
tion the detail of the proceedings of the H. C. S.
"Elphinstone" since quitting this on the 1st Instant.

I have the honor to be &c.

signed/ W. Lowe.

Capt. J. N. Senior J. N.

Officer at Bushire

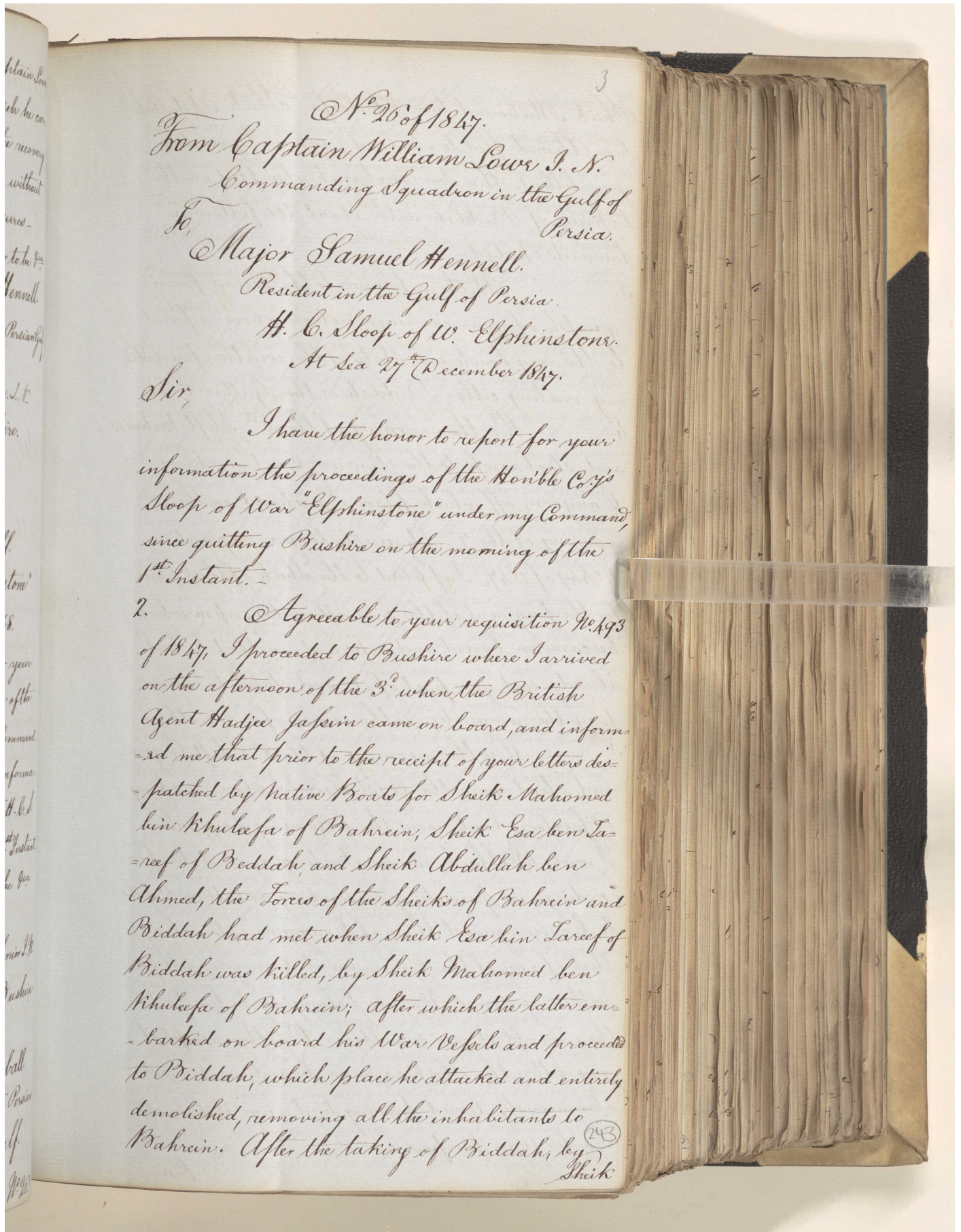
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signed/ A. B. Kemball.

Off^r Resident Persian

Gulf.

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No. 20 of 1847.

From Captain William Lowe J. N.
Commanding Squadron in the Gulf of
Persia.

To
Major Samuel Hennell.
Resident in the Gulf of Persia.
H. C. Sloop of W. Elphinstone.
At Sea 27th December 1847.

Sir,

I have the honor to report for your information the proceedings of the Honble Co's Sloop of War "Elphinstone" under my Command, since quitting Bushire on the morning of the 1st Instant.

2. Agreeable to your requisition No. 193 of 1847, I proceeded to Bushire where I arrived on the afternoon of the 3^d when the British Agent Hadjee Jaseem came on board, and informed me that prior to the receipt of your letters dispatched by Native Boats for Sheik Mahomed bin Kihulefa of Bahrein; Sheik Esa bin Tarcef of Biddah, and Sheik Abdullah ben Ahmed, the Forces of the Sheiks of Bahrein and Biddah had met when Sheik Esa bin Tarcef of Biddah was killed, by Sheik Mahomed ben Kihulefa of Bahrein; after which the latter embarked on board his War Vessels and proceeded to Biddah, which place he attacked and entirely demolished, removing all the inhabitants to Bahrain. After the taking of Biddah, by Sheik

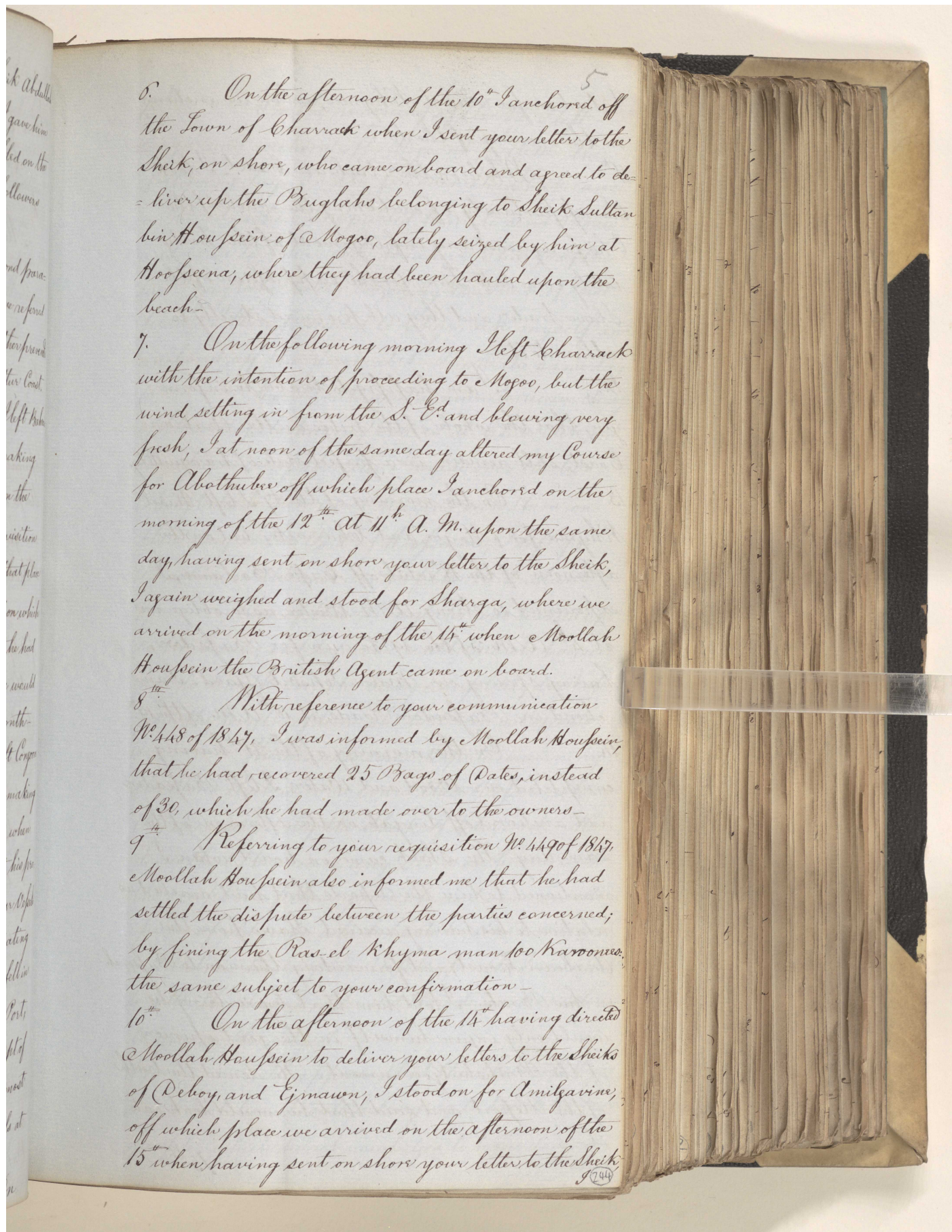
Sheik Mahomed bin Kihuleefa; Sheik Abdallah ben Ahmed fled to Nabond (where I gave him your letter). His Son Mobarak also fled on the taking of Biddah with about 200 followers towards Nedjd-

3. With reference to the second paragraph of your communication above referred to, the very boisterous state of the weather prevented my visiting either Biddah or the Guttur Coast.

4. On the morning of the 5th I left Bahrein and stood across to the Persian Coast making Congoon, off which place I anchored on the morning of the 7th. Agreeable to your requisition No. 449 of 1847, I applied to the Sheik of that place for the payment of the sum alluded to, upon which he came on board and informed me that he had already sent yew part of it; and stated he would pay the remainder in the course of a month-

5th On the morning of the 8th I left Congoon and stood down the Coast close in shore, making Aserloo about noon the following day; when I wrote to the Sheik remonstrating against his proceedings in persisting in sending out War Vessels to Cruize against those of Congoon, intimating that if any of the Government Cruizers, fell in with any armed Vessels belonging to his Port, they would at once seize them. On the receipt of my letter the Sheik came on board, and most strenuously denied having had any Vessels at Sea for War purposes-

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6. On the afternoon of the 10th I anchored off the Town of Charrack when I sent your letter to the Sheik, on shore, who came on board and agreed to deliver up the Buglahs belonging to Sheik Sultan bin Houssein of Mogoo, lately seized by him at Hoosena, where they had been hauled upon the beach.

7. On the following morning I left Charrack with the intention of proceeding to Mogoo, but the wind setting in from the S. E. and blowing very fresh; I at noon of the same day altered my Course for Abothubra off which place I anchored on the morning of the 12th At 11^h A. M. upon the same day, having sent on shore your letter to the Sheik, I again weighed and stood for Sharga, where we arrived on the morning of the 14th when Mollah Houssein the British Agent came on board.

8th. With reference to your communication N^o 448 of 1847, I was informed by Mollah Houssein, that he had recovered 25 Bags of Dates, instead of 30, which he had made over to the owners.

9th. Referring to your requisition N^o 449 of 1847, Mollah Houssein also informed me that he had settled the dispute between the parties concerned, by fining the Ras-el Khyma man 100 Karmones, the same subject to your confirmation.

10th. On the afternoon of the 14th having directed Mollah Houssein to deliver your letters to the Sheiks of Deboy, and Gynawn, I stood on for Amilavina, off which place we arrived on the afternoon of the 15th when having sent on shore your letter to the Sheik
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I stood on for Rasel Khyma, where we anchored on the evening of the 16th

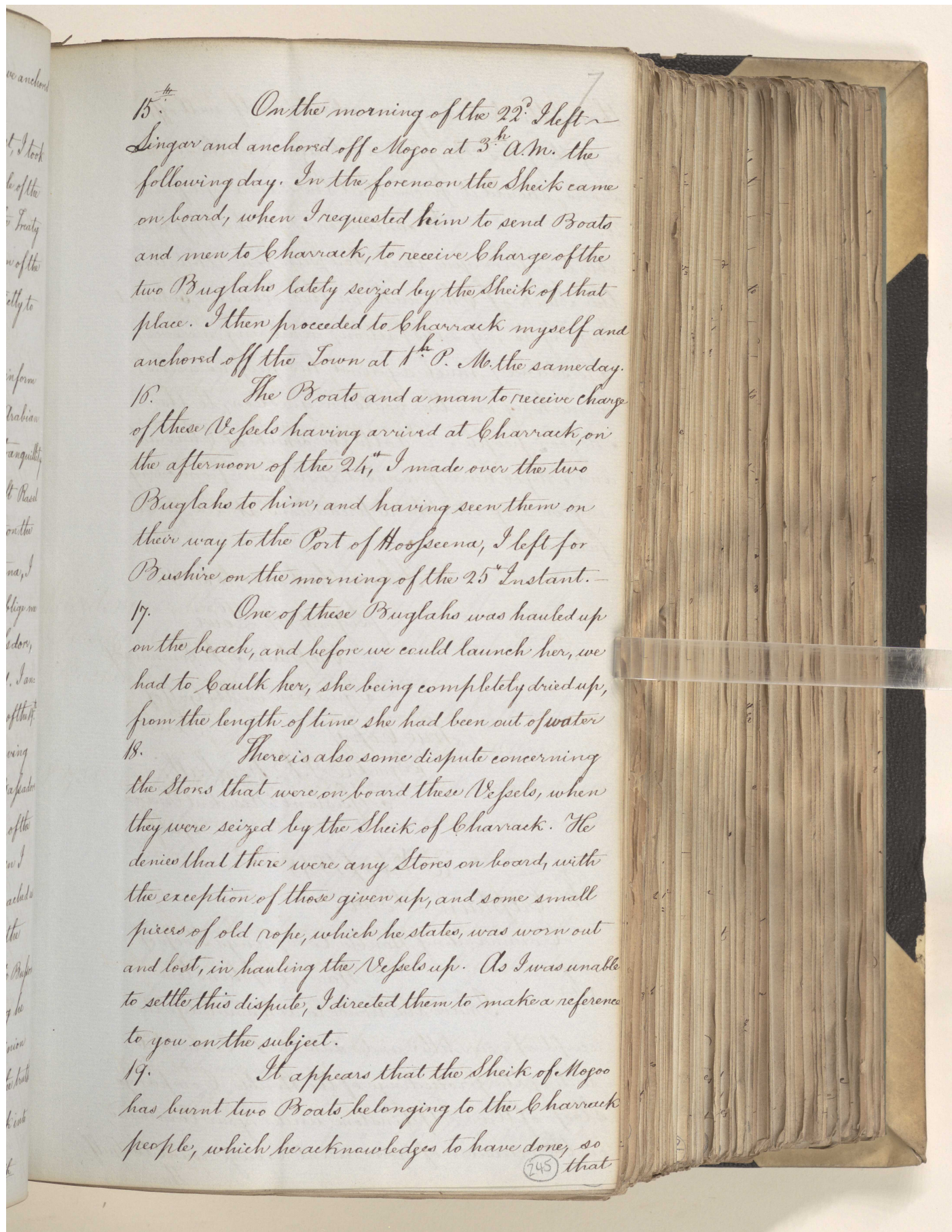
11th While on the Arabian Coast, I took the opportunity of cautioning the whole of the Chiefs against any infringement of the Treaty lately come into Force, for the suppression of the Slave trade; and they all promised strictly to adhere to it-

12. I am happy to be able to inform you, that the whole of the tribes on the Arabian Coast, still remain in a perfect state of tranquillity.

13. On the morning of the 17th I left Rasel Khyma for Mogoo, and Charrack; but on the afternoon of the 18th while off Cape Bortana, I experienced so strong A. N. Wester, as to oblige me at 1^h A.M. of the 19th to run for Bassador, having sprung our Main Topsail Yard. I anchored in Bassador Roads, at 10^h A.M. of the 19th.

14th On the morning of the 21st having completed our Wood and Water, I left Bassador and anchored off Lingah on the afternoon of the same day. The Sheik came on board, when I mentioned to him the reports that had reached us relative to his having received Slaves from the Arabian Coast, and forwarding them on to Bussorah in his Boats. I told him that by so doing he would only injure himself in the good opinion of the British Government. He denied the truth of the Report, and said that he would look into it-

15th



15. On the morning of the 22^d I left Singar and anchored off Mogoo at 3^h A.M. the following day. In the forenoon the Sheik came on board, when I requested him to send Boats and men to Charrack, to receive & charge of the two Buglaho lately seized by the Sheik of that place. I then proceeded to Charrack myself and anchored off the Town at 1^h P. M. the same day.

16. The Boats and a man to receive charge of these Vessels having arrived at Charrack, on the afternoon of the 24th, I made over the two Buglaho to him, and having seen them on their way to the Port of Hoosceena, I left for Bushire on the morning of the 25th Instant.

17. One of these Buglaho was hauled up on the beach, and before we could launch her, we had to caulk her, she being completely dried up, from the length of time she had been out of water.

18. There is also some dispute concerning the Stores that were on board these Vessels, when they were seized by the Sheik of Charrack. He denies that there were any Stores on board, with the exception of those given up, and some small pieces of old rope, which he states, was worn out and lost, in hauling the Vessels up. As I was unable to settle this dispute, I directed them to make a reference to you on the subject.

19. It appears that the Sheik of Mogoo has burnt two Boats belonging to the Charrack people, which he acknowledges to have done, so that

that I think he may consider himself well off; in getting his Buglahs back again without the stores, should it prove that there are any deficient.

20. In conclusion I am happy to be able to inform you, that Houssein ben Abdallah the Sheik of Charrack, on this occasion behaved highly to my satisfaction; rendering me every assistance (much against his peoples wishes) in making over the boats in question, to the Mozoon people. Both the Sheik of Charrack and Mozoon have promised to refrain from carrying on any Warlike depredations at sea, for the future. -

I have the honor to be y^r a

Signed/ W. Lowe.

Captain J. W. Command of
Squadron in the Gulf of
Persia

/ True Copy/

Signed/ A. B. Kemball.

Assistant Resident Persian
Gulf

N^o 4 of 1848.

To, Captain Lowe.

Commanding Honble Company's Sloop of
War Elphinstone

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter under date the 1st Instant detailing the proceedings of the Honble Company's Sloop of War Elphinstone under your Command, on the occasion of your recent Cruise round the Gulf.
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The report made by you regarding the tranquil state of Affairs is highly satisfactory. I gladly avail myself of the present opportunity to express my thanks for the able and judicious manner in which you carried into effect my instructions regarding the restitution of the two Mosoo Boats captured by the Sheik of Charrack. It is very gratifying that this service was performed without the necessity arising for any resort to stringent measures, and I have great hopes it may be the means of putting down the Maritime aggressions which have lately been committed in that quarter.

I have the honor to be
Signed / S. Hennell.
Resident Genl.

Residency in the
Persian Gulf,

Bushire 5th January
1848

/ True Copy /

Signed / A. B. Kemball.

Asst. Resid. Persian Gulf

N^o 1735. Minute by His Excellency the Commander in Chief, concurred in by Honorable Mr. Reid, and the Honble Mr. Willoughby dated 22nd February 1848.

The performance by Captain Lowe of the duty entrusted to him by Major Hennell of obtaining restoration of the Mosoo boats from Charrack may be approved—

22nd February
1848

/ Signed / W. Cotton.

For / L. R. Reid.

For / J. P. Willoughby.

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N^o 3 N^o 803 of 1848.

Political Department.

From A. Malet, Esquire.

N^o 1737.

Chief Secretary to Government.
To, Major S. Hennell.

Resident in the Persian Gulf.

(Dated 20th February 1848.)

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 5th Ultimo N^o 5, and to inform you that the Hon^{ble} the Governor in Council approves of the manner in which Captain Lowe has performed the duty entrusted to him by you of obtaining the restoration of the Mosoo boats captured by the Sheik of Charrack.

Bombay Castle
20th February 1848

I have the honor to be &c
(Signed) A. Malet.
Chief Secretary.

N^o 4. N^o 38 of 1848.

Office N^o 804

Political Department.
From A. Malet, Esquire.

N^o 1738.

Chief Secretary to Government.
To, H. M. Elliot, Esquire.
Secretary to the Government of India.
Fort William.

Dated 20th February 1848.

Sir,

I am directed by the Honorable
the

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the Governor in Council to transmit to you for
submission to the Right Honble the Governor
General of India in Council, copy of a letter from
the Resident in the Persian Gulf dated the 5th
Ultimo N^o 5, submitting copy of a communication
from Captain Lowe, detailing the proceedings of
the Honble Company's Sloop of War "Elphinstone"
under his Command during his late tour of the
Persian and Arabian Coasts, together with copy
of my reply thereto of this date.

Bombay 20th February 1848. } I have the honor to be
signed } A. Malet.
Chief Secretary.

True Extract -

Malet
Chief Secretary.

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