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The item comprises reports from Heskeal bin Yusoof on the state of affairs at Muscat, including:

- Details of ships arriving and leaving Muscat
- The movements of Syud Thooenee [Sayyid Thuwaynī bin Sa'īd Āl Bū Sa'īd], Governor of Muscat
- Tribal disputes and conflicts around Muscat
- Syud Thooenee's attempts at resolving these conflicts
- The execution of Ahmed Dad Kureem [Aḥmad Dād Karīm].

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Political Department

Letter from, dated 15th March 1840.

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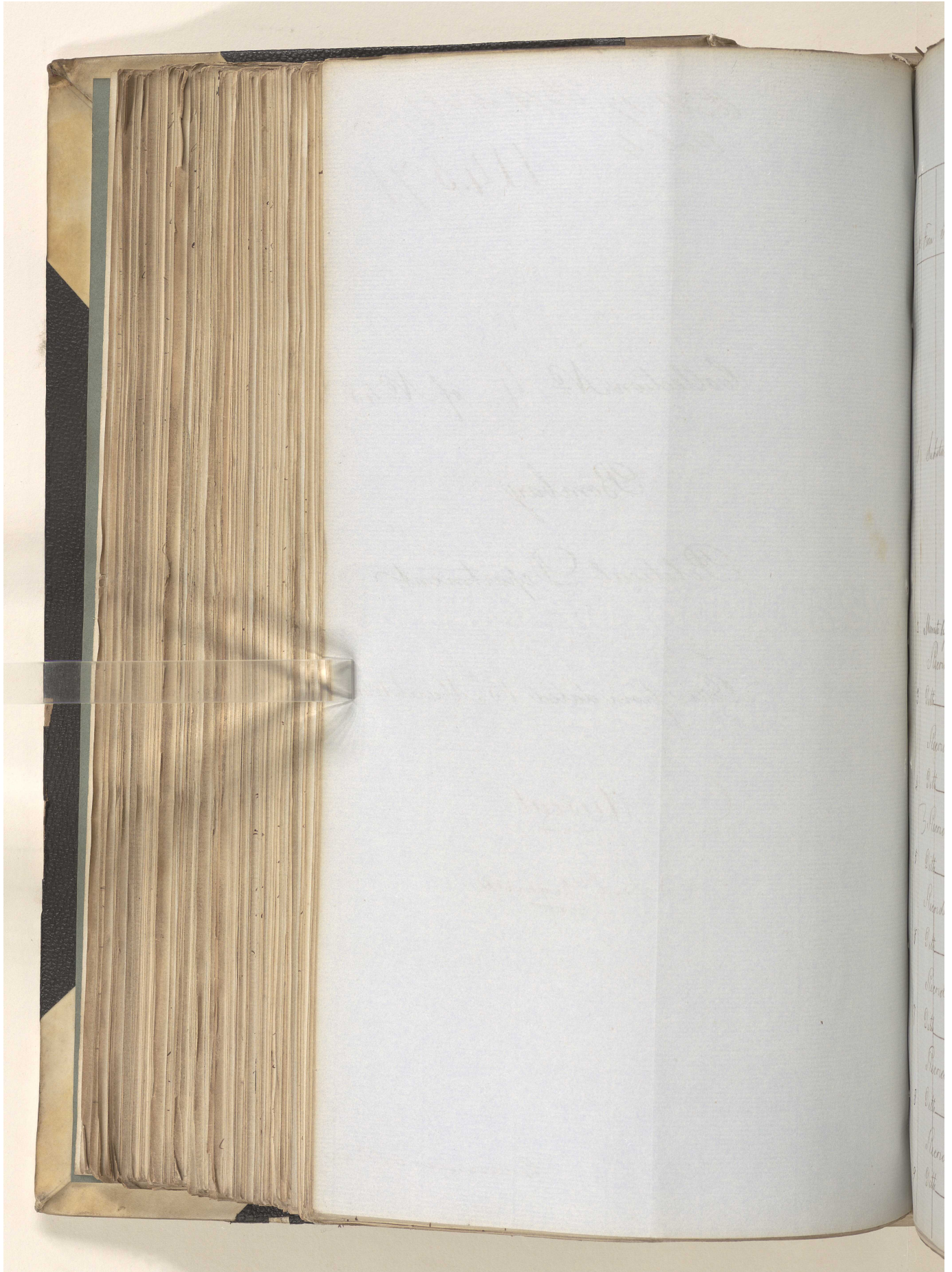


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the following day that is the 17th instant, and was
put to death in my presence by one blow of a dagger
inflicted by Zuhri bin Shemalan. I informed
Commodore Lowe of this, and at the same time wrote
to Major Hemmell on the subject.

Signed G. J. Erskine

Deputy Secretary to Govt.

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Minute by the Honorable the Governor, subscribed
to by the Board dated 5th January 1818. —

This may be recorded, a report of the
execution of this criminal having before reached
Government.

Signed G. Clerk

" W. Cotton

" Lt. Col. Reid

" J. P. Willoughby

Copied by
Consul
J. P. Willoughby

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Consultation 19th January 1818

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Substance of a letter from Heshkel bin Yussuf, Acting Native Agent at Muscat, to the Persian Secretary to Government dated 25th October, and received 23^d November 1817. -

On the 18th instant the Constance, Captain Rennie arrived here from Bombay, and on the 20th sailed for Bushire in company with the Alphinstone. -

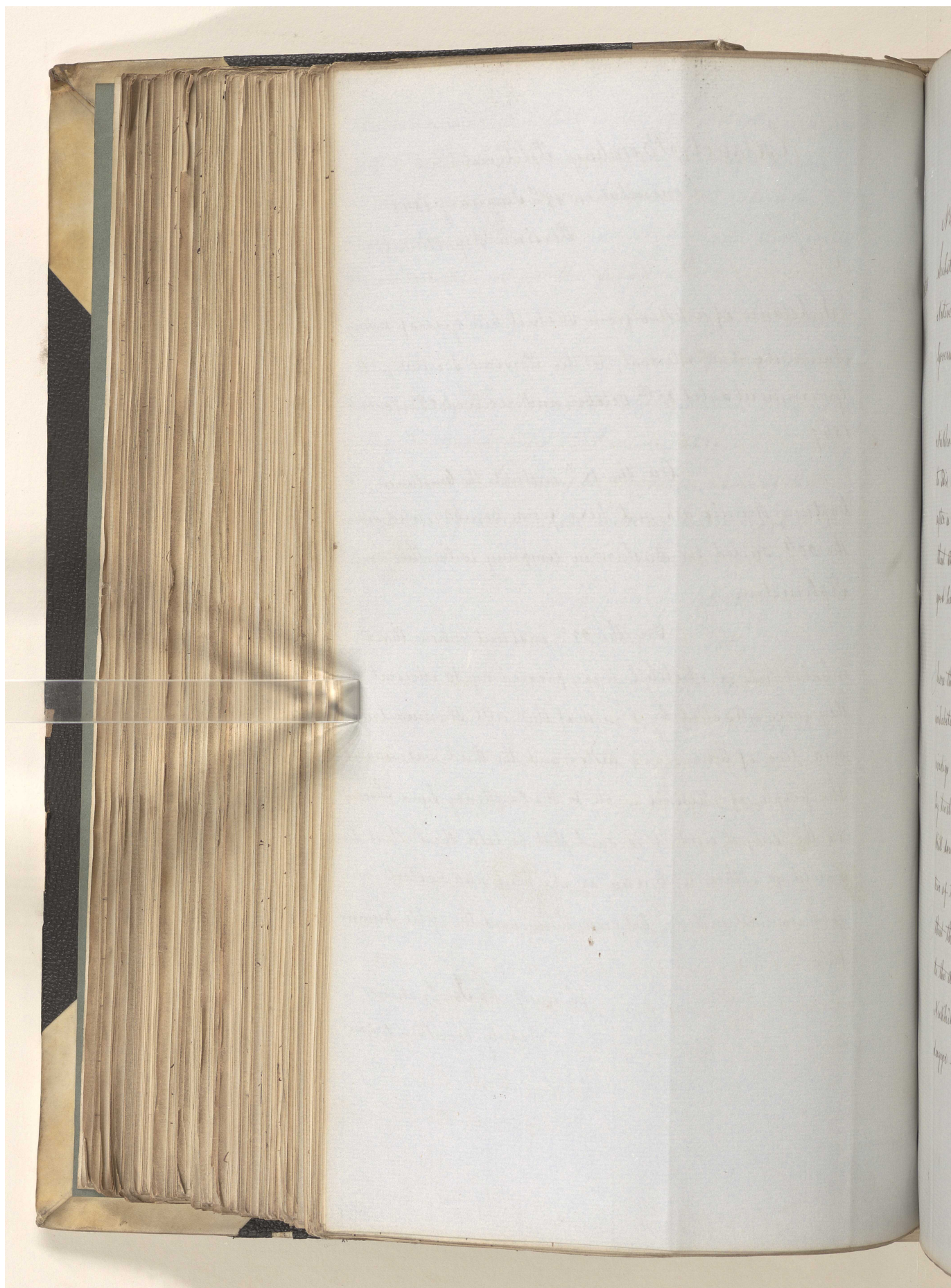
On the 22^d instant when three inhabitants of Nukhil were proceeding to Muscat, they were attacked by 8 men of the All Hamud tribe, and two of them were killed and the third was wounded. The people of Nukhil wrote to His Excellency Syud Shoonee on the subject, and it is said that he told them that he would go either to Bushra or Nukhil and restore a good understanding between them and the All Hamud tribe. -

Signed G. J. Crskine
Deputy Secretary to Govt. -

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Substance of a letter from Heshkel bin Yusof Acting Native Agent at Muscat, to the Persian Secretary, to Government dated 9th and received 25th November 1817. -

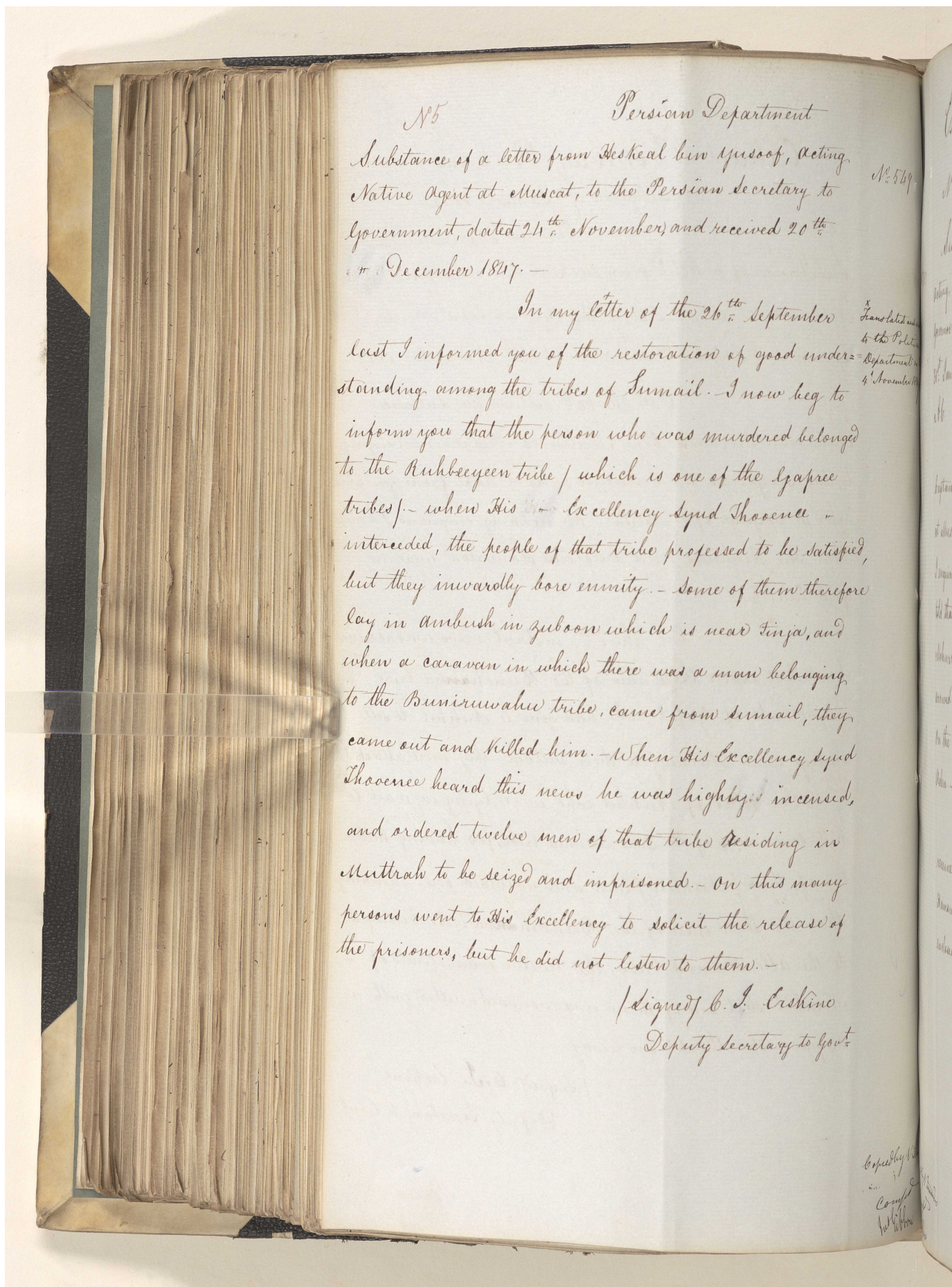
On the 30th Ultimo the Sultane Nakhoda Durvesh bin Mahomed Mashkood belonging to His Highness the Imam arrived here from Zanzibar after a voyage of a month. - On making enquiries I learned that His Highness and Captain Hamerton were in good health. -

On the 5th instant news was received here that when three men of the Bunnihanna tribe, inhabitants of Gafat, who had gone to Nukhil to sell indigo were returning to their village, they were attacked by twelve men of Nukhil who were lying in wait to kill some men of the Alle Hamud tribe, for having killed two of their Nukhil men and wounded one. Thinking that the three men of the Bunnihanna tribe belonged to the Alle Hamud tribe, the twelve inhabitants of Nukhil shot one of them and wounded another with a dagger. - The third ran away. -

Signed G. J. Coskine
Deputy Secretary to Govt.

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Substance of a letter from Heskial bin Yussoof, Acting Native Agent at Muscat, to the Persian Secretary to Government, dated 21th November, and received 20th December 1827. —

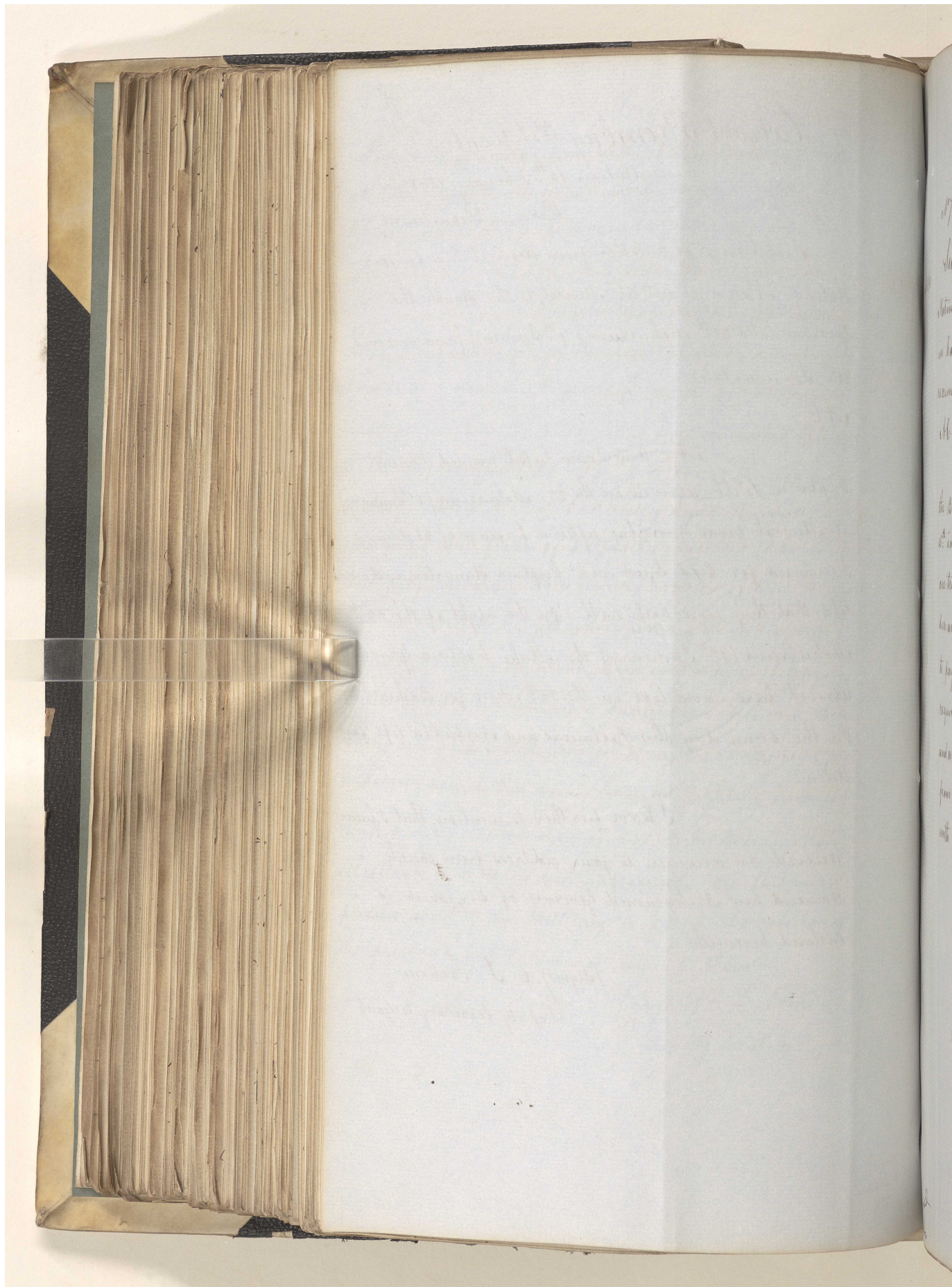
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In my letter of the 26th September last I informed you of the restoration of good understanding among the tribes of Sumail. I now beg to inform you that the person who was murdered belonged to the Rukbeezen tribe / which is one of the Gafree tribes / — when His Excellency Syud Thooenee interceded, the people of that tribe professed to be satisfied, but they invariably bore enmity. — Some of them therefore lay in ambush in Zuboon which is near Finja, and when a caravan in which there was a man belonging to the Buniruwahu tribe, came from Sumail, they came out and killed him. — When His Excellency Syud Thooenee heard this news he was highly incensed, and ordered twelve men of that tribe residing in Muttrah to be seized and imprisoned. — On this many persons went to His Excellency to solicit the release of the prisoners, but he did not listen to them. —

Translated into the Political Department on 4 November 1827

(Signed) G. J. Coshino
Deputy Secretary to Govt.

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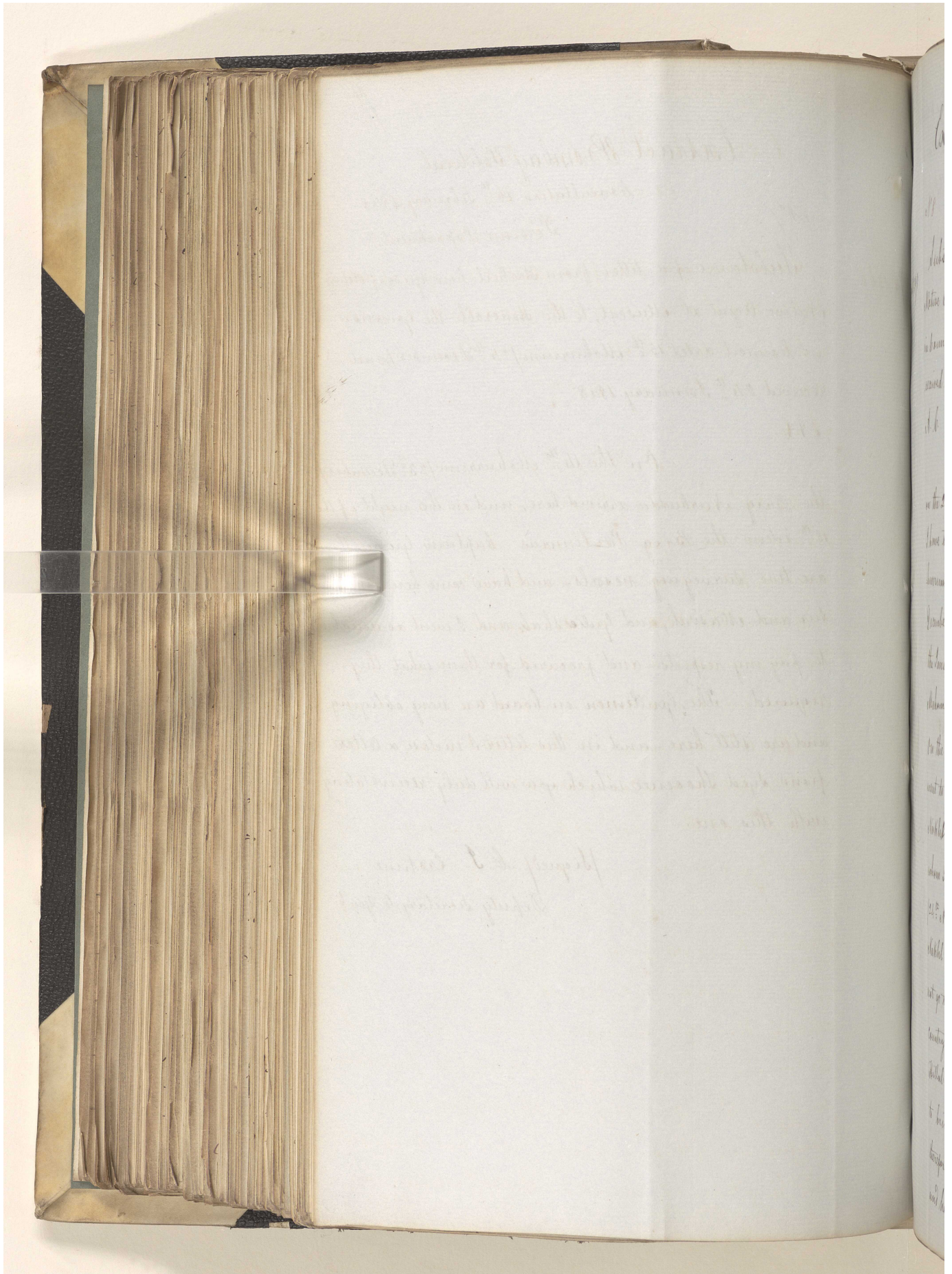
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Substance of a letter from Beskeil bin Yusof acting
Native Agent at Muscat, to the Honorable the Governor
in Council dated 15th Mohurrum / 24th December / and
received 24th January 1848. -

A. B.

On the 14th Mohurrum / 23rd December /
the Brig *Nurbudda* arrived here, and on the night of the
15th idem the Brig *Palinurus*. Captain Greiver. These
are two surveying vessels - and have come here from
Sur and Masirah, and *Yil es shah*, and I went as usual
to pay my respects - and procured for them what they
required. - The gentlemen on board are very obliging
and are still here - and in this letter I enclose a letter
from *Syed Thosene* which you will duly receive along
with this one. -

Signed G. J. Crokine -
Deputy Secretary to Govt

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Substance of a letter from Heskil bin Yusof Acting Native Agent at Muscat, to the Honorable the Governor in Council dated 15th Mohurrum / 24th December / and received 24th January 1848. -

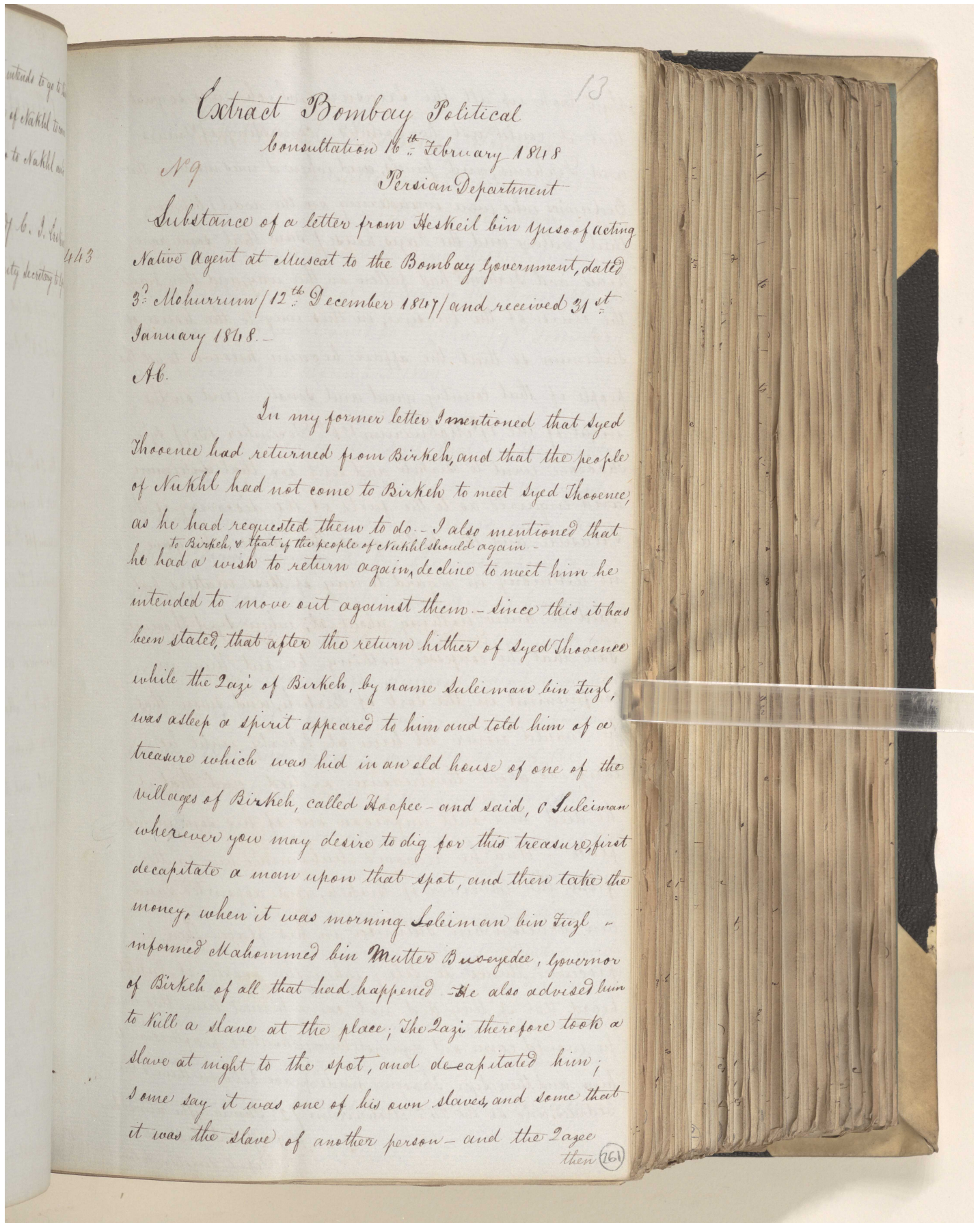
A. C.

I mentioned formerly that Syed Shoonee on the 28th Zilhuq / 7th December / went to Roriga. - now I have to inform you that he returned on the 1st Mohurrum / 10th December. - On the 29th Zilhuq / 8th December / the vessel "Faj" the property of His Highness the Imam arrived here from Bombay - Kasim bin Mohammed Ali Sunasire, is Captain and mate of her. On the 6th Mohurrum / 15th December / Syed Shoonee went to Birkha to make peace between the people of Nakhil, and the people of Al. a tribe of Bedowis of whom I gave an account in my letter of the 18th Zilhad / 24th November / when he sent a man to the people of Nakhil to make peace. - They said that they would not go to Birkha - but that if he would go to their country, he might bring about a peace. - He sent Syed Hillal bin Ahmed bin Saif and Nahtan Buseedee to bring them. But they would not come. - They returned therefore and told Syed Shoonee what had happened. - and he returned to Muscat on the 15th Mohurrum / 24th Dec 1848.

24th December / and I hear that he intends to go to Birka
and if possible to induce the people of Nakhl to come
there and make peace, otherwise to go to Nakhl and
endeavour to effect it there. -

Signed/ C. J. Cuskie

Deputy Secretary to Govt.



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consultation 16th February 1818

Persian Department

Substance of a letter from Hestheil bin Yuso of acting
Native Agent at Muscat to the Bombay Government, dated
3rd Mohurrum/12th December 1817/ and received 31st
January 1818. -

Ab.

In my former letter I mentioned that Syed
Thooene had returned from Birkeh, and that the people
of Nukhl had not come to Birkeh to meet Syed Thooene,
as he had requested them to do. - I also mentioned that
he had a wish to return again, ^{to Birkeh, & that if the people of Nukhl should again -} decline to meet him he
intended to move out against them. - Since this it has
been stated, that after the return hither of Syed Thooene
while the Dazi of Birkeh, by name Sulaiman bin Fazl,
was asleep a spirit appeared to him and told him of a
treasure which was hid in an old house of one of the
villages of Birkeh, called Haapee - and said, O Sulaiman
wherever you may desire to dig for this treasure first
decapitate a man upon that spot, and then take the
money, when it was morning Sulaiman bin Fazl -
informed Mahommed bin Mutter Busseydee, Governor
of Birkeh of all that had happened. - He also advised him
to kill a slave at the place; The Dazi therefore took a
slave at night to the spot, and decapitated him;
some say it was one of his own slaves, and some that
it was the slave of another person - and the Daze
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then took up all the Treasure which was so great
 that it could not be counted - consisting of Dinars,
 and Dirhems, and jewels, and when it was morning the
 Bedawies who were wandering on the road / between
 that village and the Lazis' house / saw that some rare
 Riads and Dirhems had fallen on the way, and they traced
 the course of the treasure, in this way to the house of
 Suleiman so that the affair became known to all the
 people of that country, great and small. - And on the
 night of the 17th Mohurrum / 26th December 1817 / Syed
 Thooene went to Birkeli and sent for that Suleiman
 and enquired as to the facts of the discovery of the
 Treasure and the killing of the slave. - He gave
 no testimony in regard to any of these matters, but
 said he knew nothing about it, when Syed Thooene
 saw that he confessed nothing, he put him in
 confinement in the Fort of Birkeli, and swore that
 he would never set him at liberty, until he
 confessed about the treasure, or died - and that if
 he died he would imprison one of his sons in his
 place - And he removed Mohammed bin Mutter
 from the Governour of Birkeli, and appointed Saud
 bin Souleim bin Salim in his place. - Then he
 proceeded thence to Seleij when the people of Nihil
 heard that if they did not come to meet him this time
 he would come out against them, about 80 people came to
 him, and then Syed Thooene made peace between them, & the
 Bedwees, and on the 26th Mohurrum / 27th January he returned here. -
 Signed by G. J. Crispine
 Deputy Secretary to Govt.

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consultation 23^d February 1848. -

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Persian Department. -

Substance of a letter from Heskil bin Yusoof acting Native Agent at Muscat, to the Honorable the Governor in Council dated 20th Zilhuz / 9th December / and received 28th December 1847. -

At.

I beg to represent that on the night of the 23^d of this month / 2^d December / the vessel Nasiri arrived from Bunder Abass - when she reached Sowadi, near Birka, she was exposed to a storm, and lost her anchor, and some of her coppers. On the 25th of the present month intelligence was received that Hashed bin Humaid, Ghafiri, Shikaiti Governor of Beit ul umim, one of the cities of Tohara, between Ylri and Suleif had on the 20th of the month, attacked a town of the Yaarebals, called Bchla, to the west of Segua. - The Governor of that town is Mohammed bin Suleiman, Alyarchi and it seems that about 500 people were engaged to this attack of the Toharas of the Shrayen and Mya yaha and Beni Rayam, of the men of Shikho Syef Rayami. - And the army of Mohammed bin Suleiman had previously been dispersed. - and we hear that the reason was that he was tyrannous and oppressive

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in his conduct - and we remained in Bechla with
his children and servants and relations, and I have
heard no more distinct account of this matter, yet
whatever I may hear I will report to Government. -
On the 28th of this month Syed Shoonce went to
Rooiza^{for} change of air. -

[Signed] G. J. Erskine
Deputy Secretary to Govt.

Respectfully
G. J. Erskine

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consultation 4th March 1818. —

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Substance of a letter from Deskeil bin
Yuseof Acting Native Agent at Muscat, to the Bombay
Government dated 15th Suffer / 22nd January / and
received 8th February 1818. —

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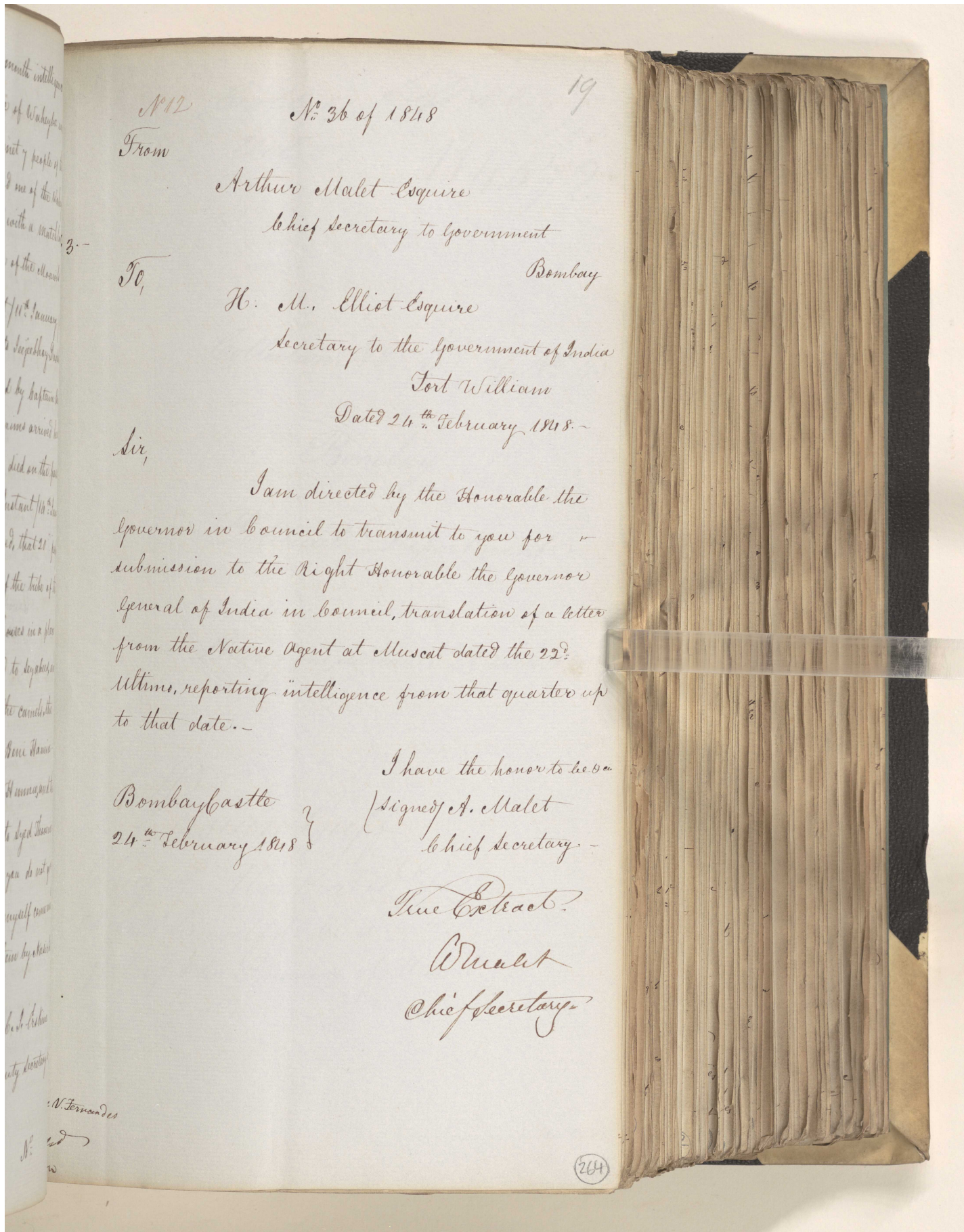
In my former letter I mentioned that,
on the 24th Mohurrum / 2nd January / Syed Shoonee
returned to Muscat from Birkeh, at that time he
brought with him eleven Bedoues of the tribes ale
Hamad, Mowalik, and Mushaperak of the
interior. — And he showed them great kindness of
which they did not know the reason. — He / Syed
Shoonee / seems to have written to his father the
Imam, that some of the sheikhs of the people a
Amam were plundering the road, and to have been
desired to seize and confine them and send them to
his father. — On the 2nd Suffer / 9th January / therefore
these eleven persons were at once seized and put
in chains and imprisoned in the tort, and he also sent
for Rubbya who was formerly Governor of Sur, and
for one of the sheikhs of the Beni Ruwaha and
imprisoned them with the others, and sent them on the
14th Instant / 21st January to ganzibar in the vessel
named

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named Taj - on the 3^d of this month intelligence was received that 6 of the people of Waheyba were on the Birkeh road, when they met 7 people of the tribe of Moawidne of them killed one of the Waheybas by name Hamed bin Mohsin (with a matchlock) and the Waheyba also killed one of the Moawids with a spear, on the 4th instant / 11th January / a steamer Sir J. Carnac, belonging to Sejeebhoy Dadabhoj a Bombay merchant, commanded by Captain Beys and containing 200 Persian pilgrims arrived here from Sedda. - Two pilgrims had died on the passage, he left for Bushire on the 7th Instant / 15th January further intelligence was received, that 20 people of the small tribe of Sheboal of the tribe of the Hennaige Bedowees plundered 2 houses in a place called Noosheil the houses belonged to Seyabees, and 25 of the Seyabees also plundered the camels, the arms, and clothes of 2 persons of Beri Hamia - who were going from Nujuwa to Hamme, and these 2 persons came and complained to Syed Thooene who wrote to the Seyabees - that if you do not give these people their property, I will myself come and seize you and he sent this letter to them by Noair Bin Seyf. -

Signed/ C. J. Crskine
Deputy Secretary to Govt.

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From
Arthur Malet Esquire
Chief Secretary to Government
Bombay
To
H. M. Elliot Esquire
Secretary to the Government of India
Fort William
Dated 24th February 1848.

Sir,
I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to transmit to you for submission to the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council, translation of a letter from the Native Agent at Muscat dated the 22^d Ultimo, reporting intelligence from that quarter up to that date.

I have the honor to be
Signed A. Malet
Chief Secretary.
True Extract
Malet
Chief Secretary

Bombay Castle
24th February 1848

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