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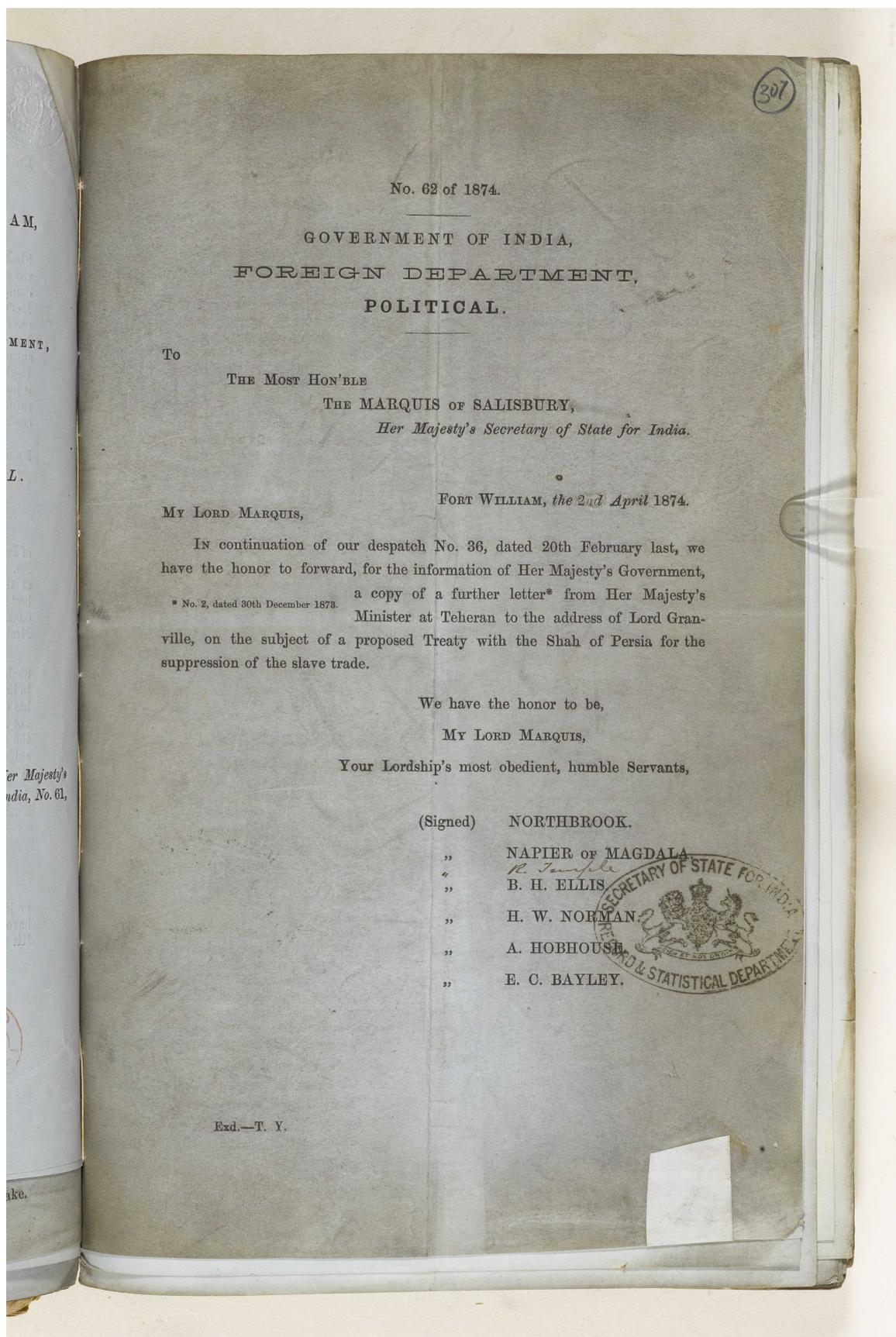
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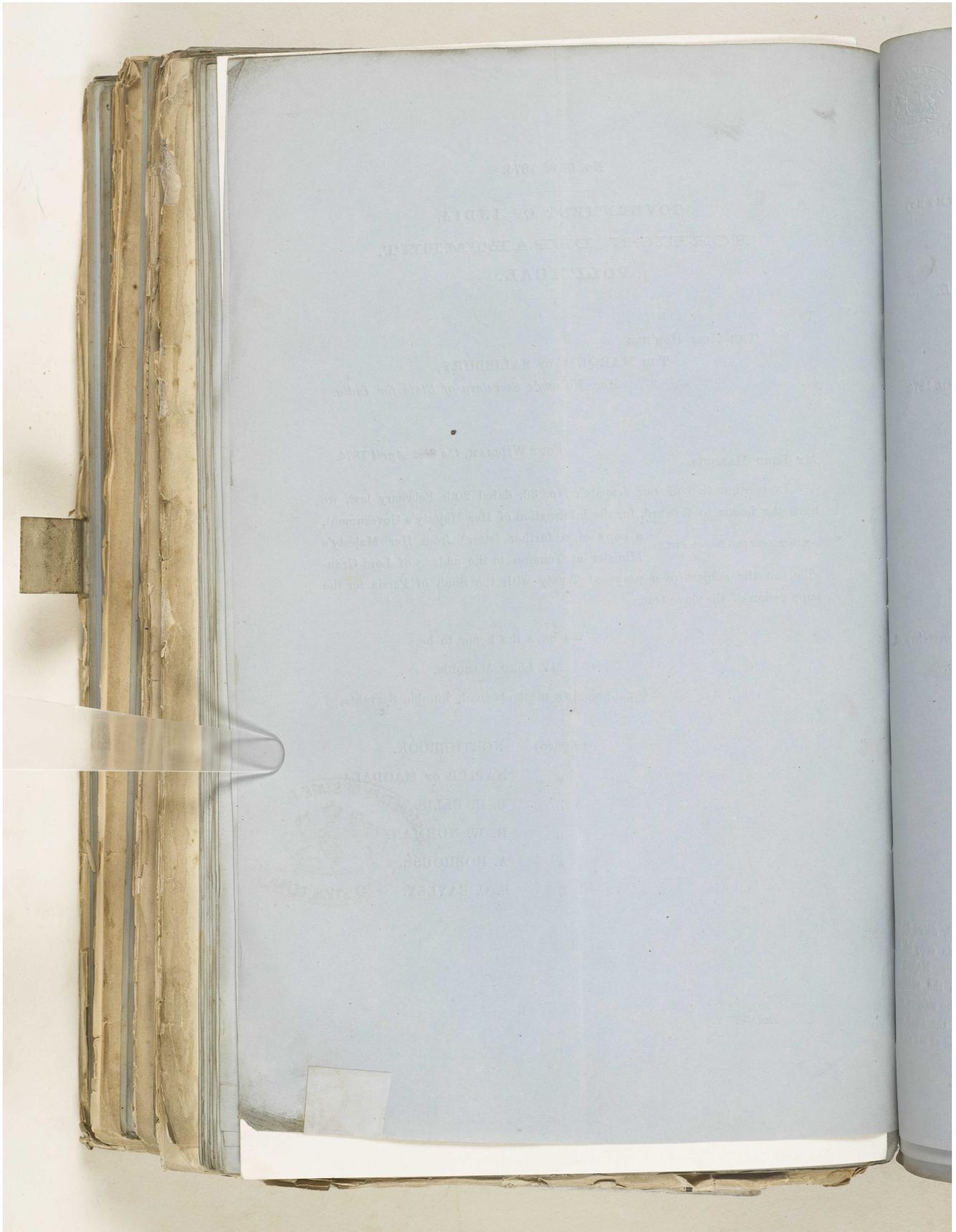
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This item consists of copies of a Political Despatch from the Government of India Foreign Department to the Secretary of State for India, dated 2 April 1874 and received in the India Office Political Department on 27 April 1874, forwarding a copy of a further letter from HM Minister at Teheran [Tehran] to the address of Lord Granville, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, on the subject of a proposed Treaty with the Shah of Persia [Iran] for the suppression of the trade in enslaved people.

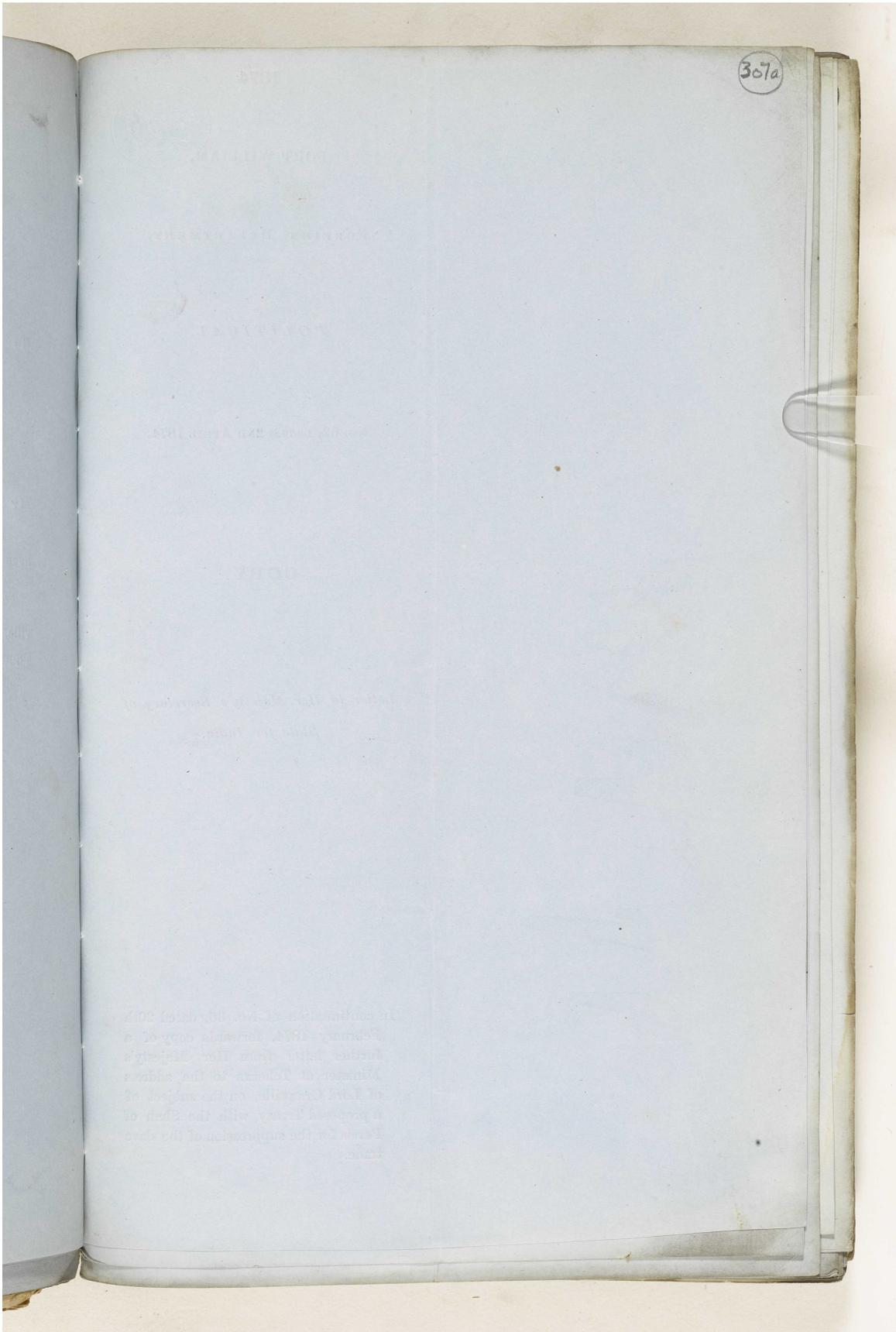
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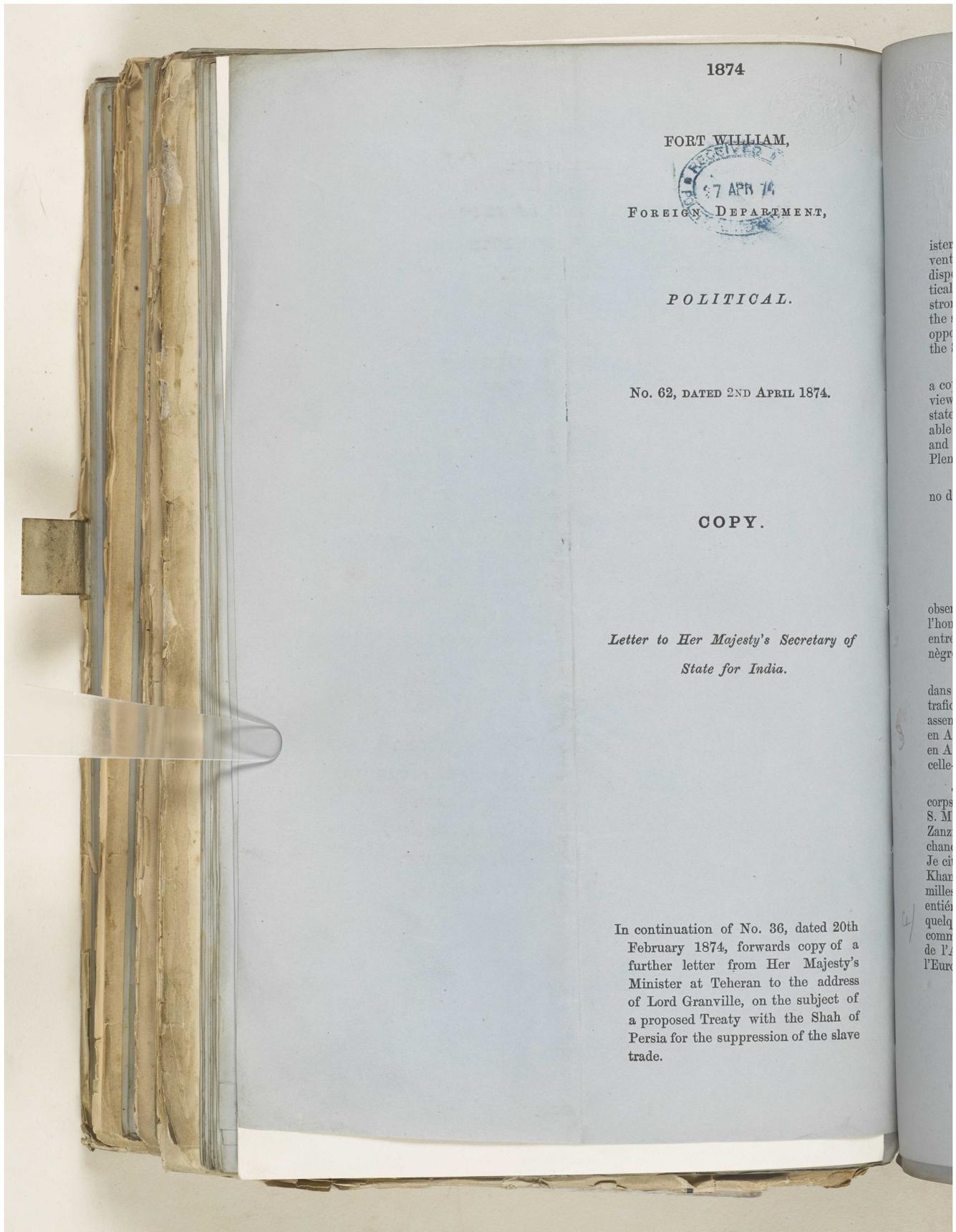
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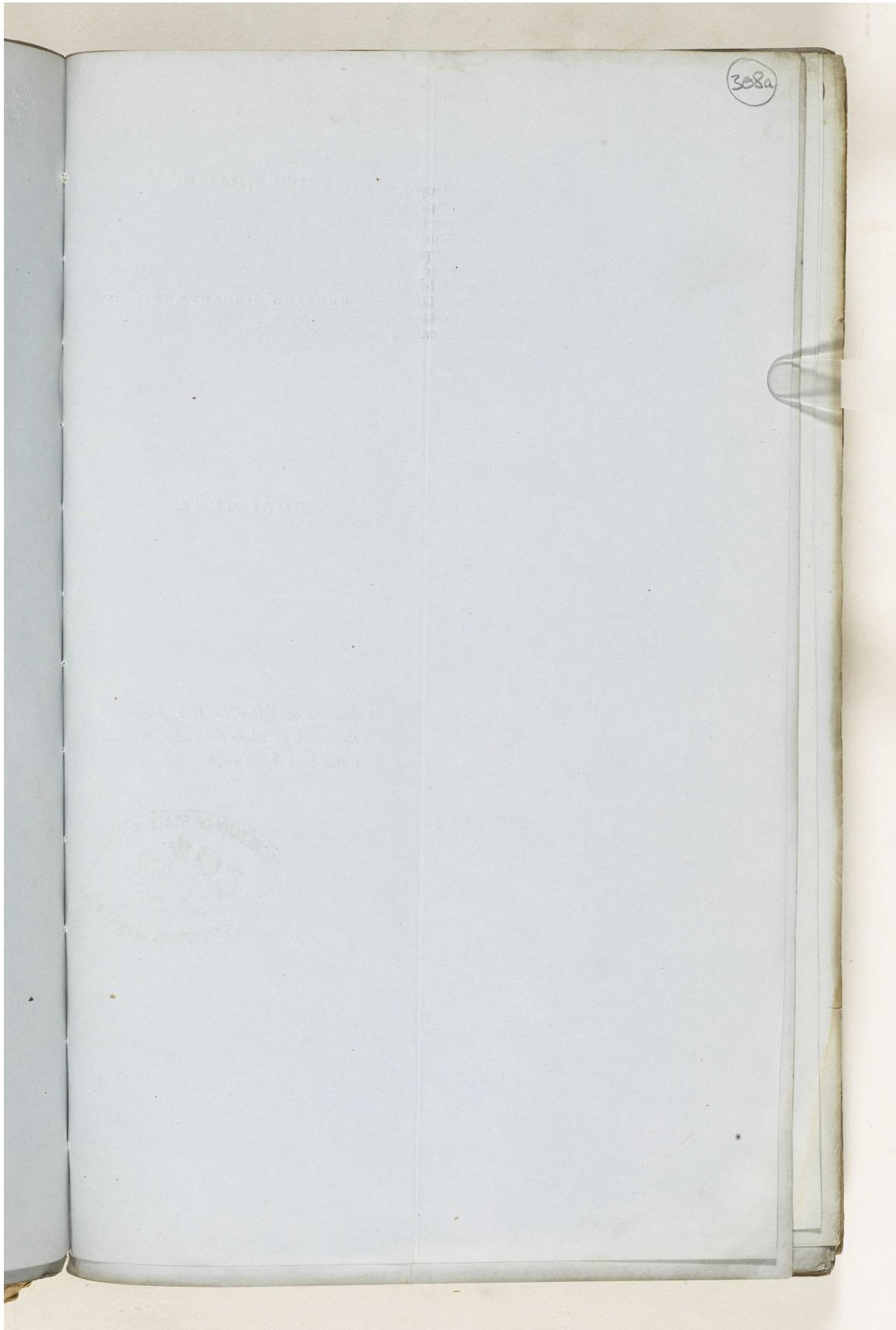
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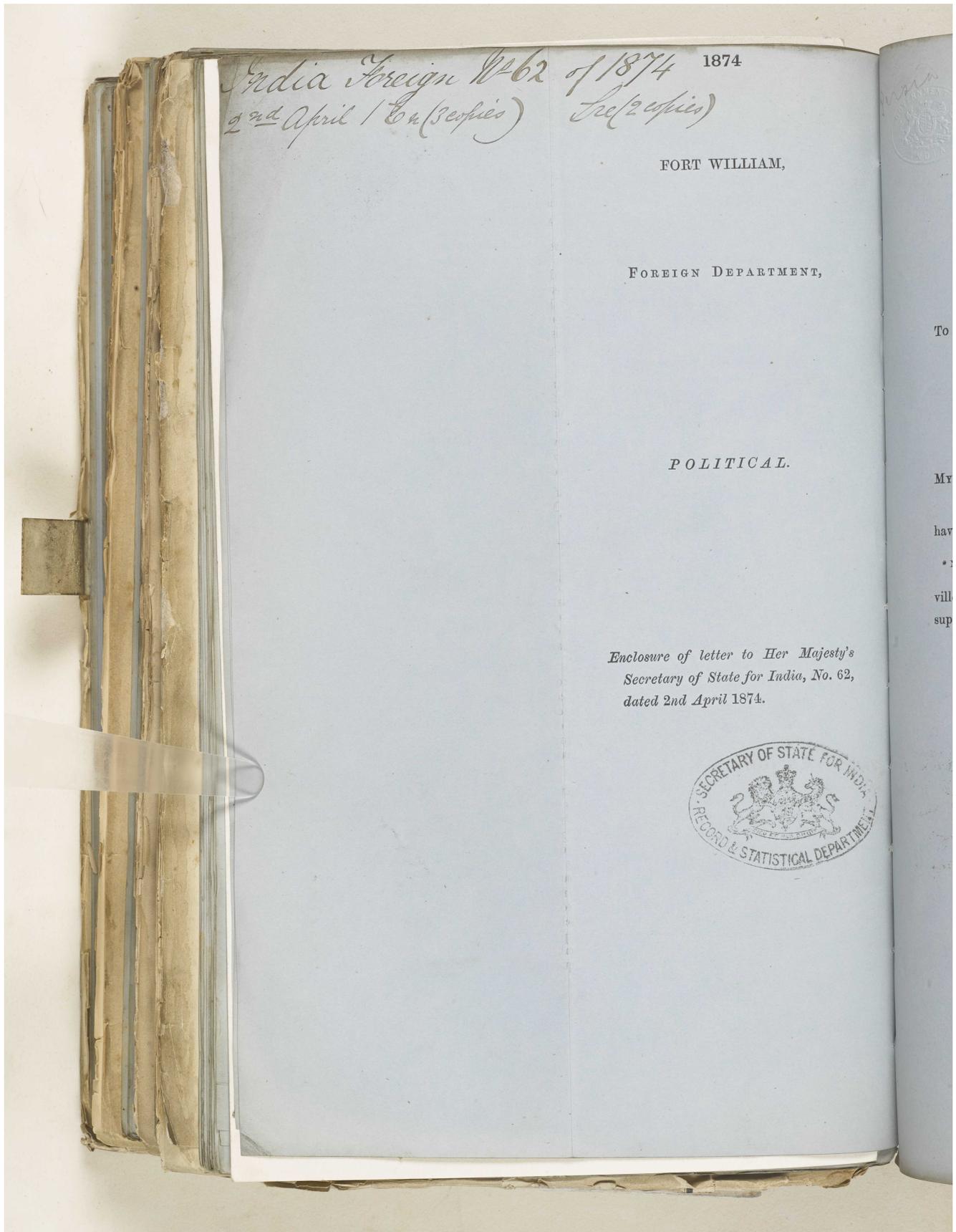
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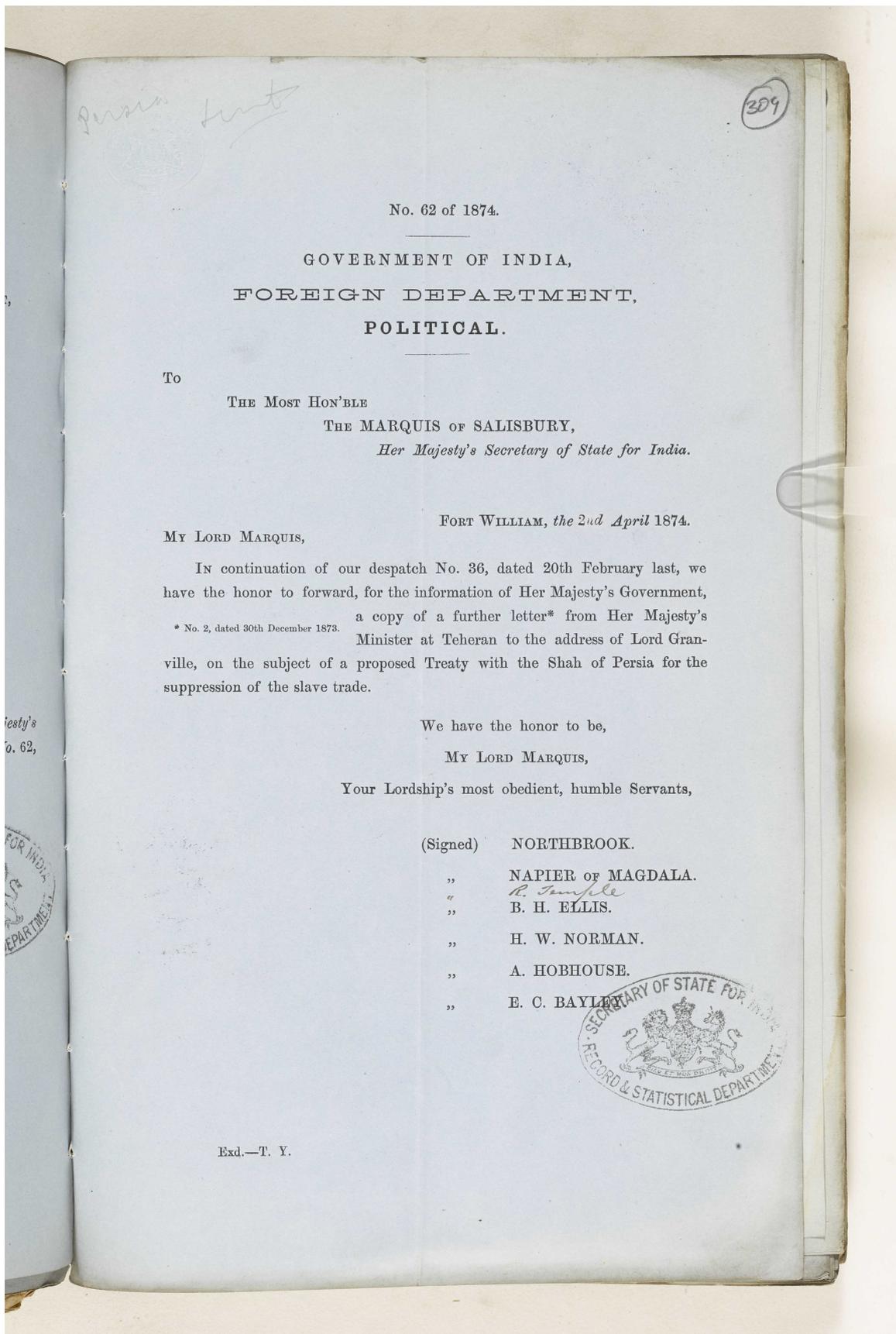
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No. 62 of 1874.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,  
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To  
THE MOST HON'BLE  
THE MARQUIS OF SALISBURY,  
*Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India.*

FORT WILLIAM, *the 2nd April 1874.*

MY LORD MARQUIS,

IN continuation of our despatch No. 36, dated 20th February last, we have the honor to forward, for the information of Her Majesty's Government, a copy of a further letter\* from Her Majesty's Minister at Teheran to the address of Lord Granville, on the subject of a proposed Treaty with the Shah of Persia for the suppression of the slave trade.

\* No. 2, dated 30th December 1873.

We have the honor to be,

MY LORD MARQUIS,

Your Lordship's most obedient, humble Servants,

(Signed) NORTHBROOK.  
" NAPIER OF MAGDALA.  
" *R. Temple*  
" B. H. ELLIS.  
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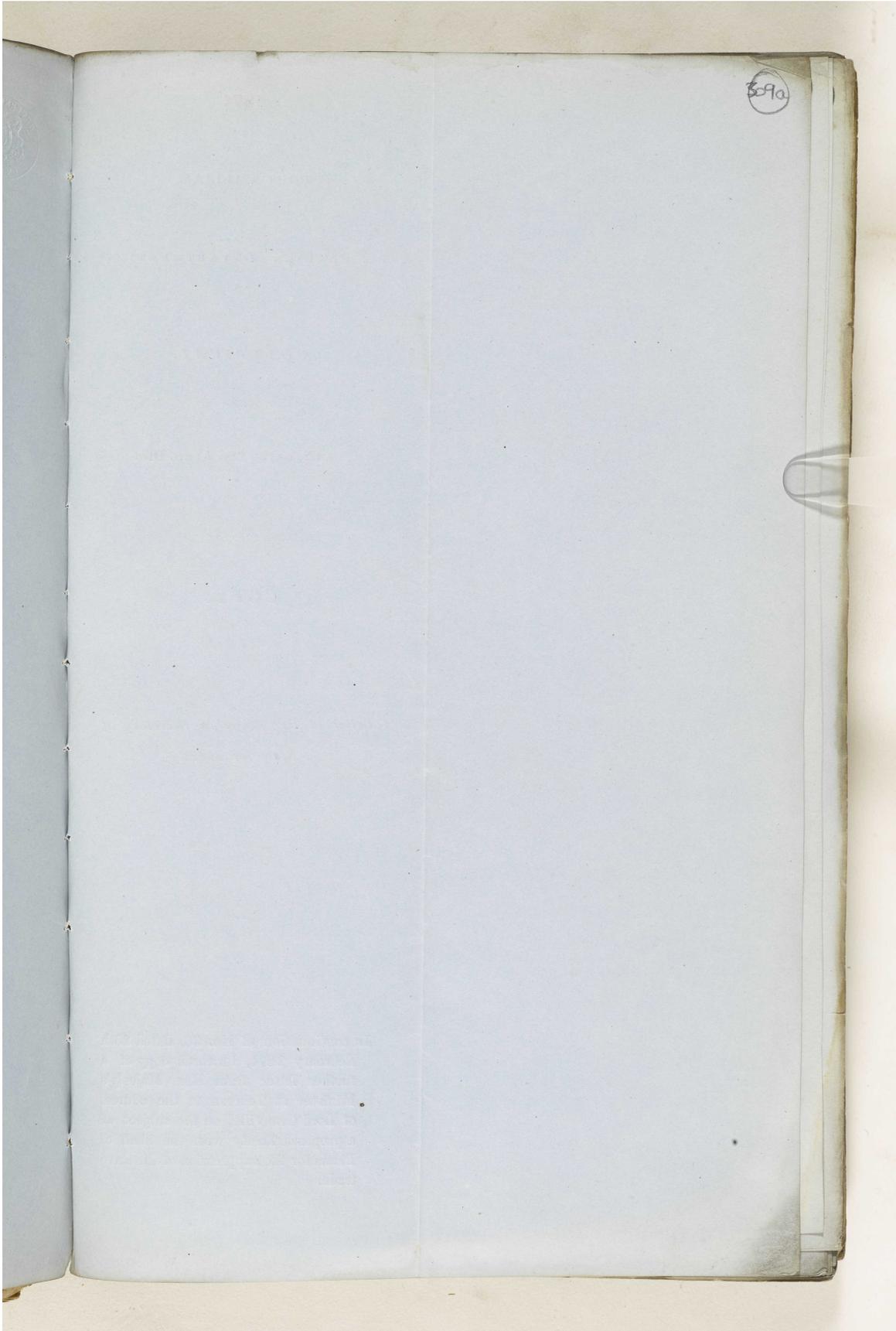


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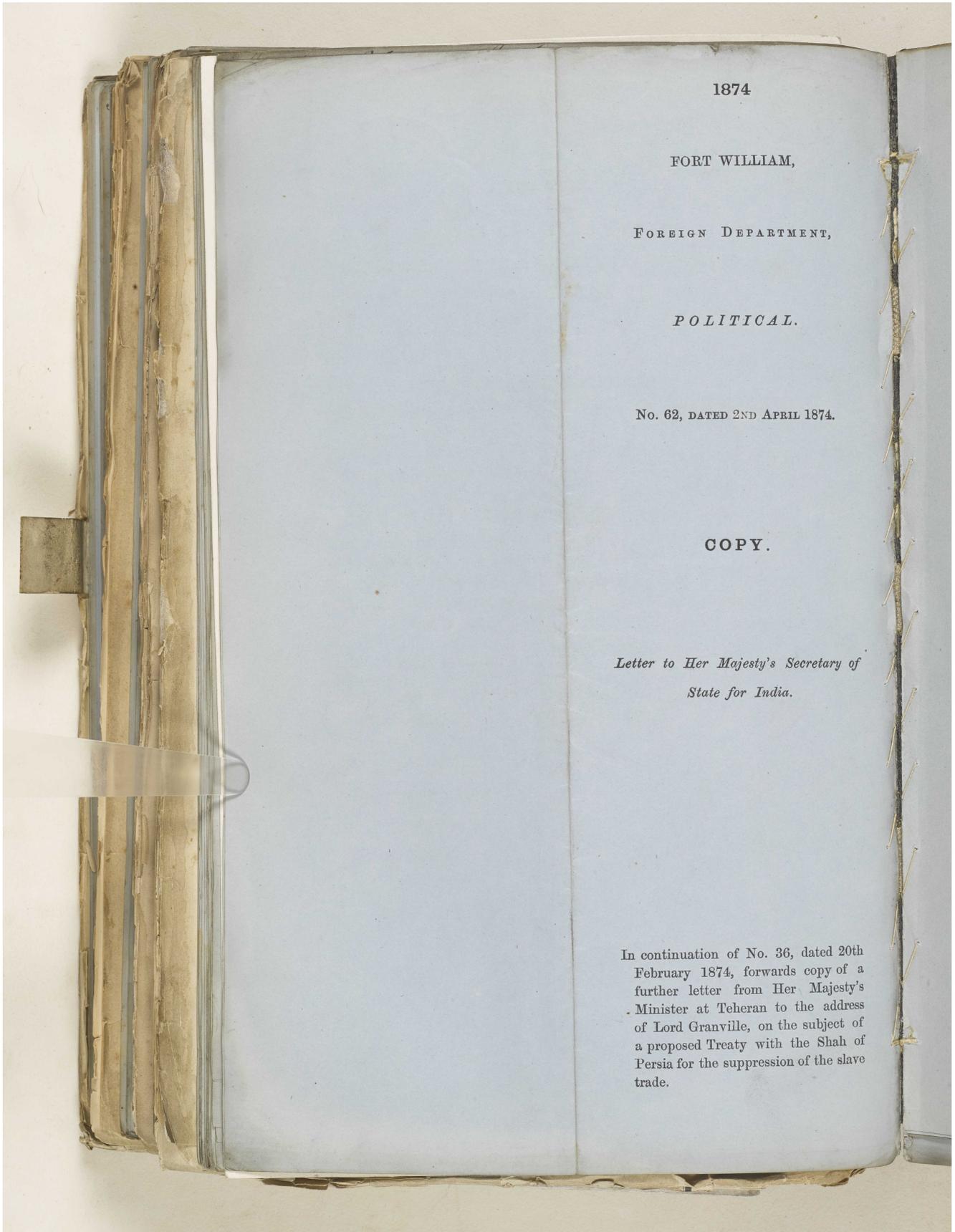
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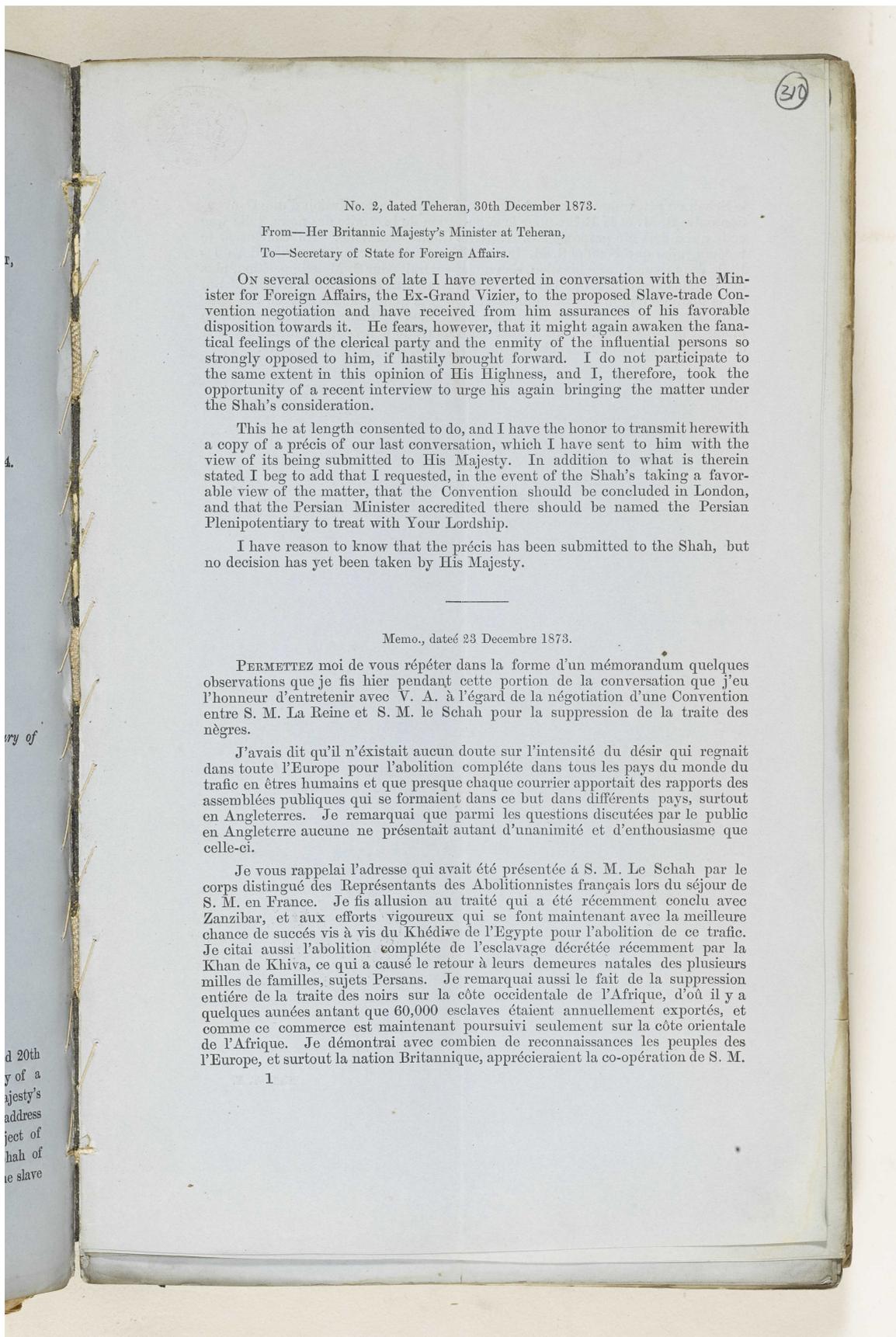
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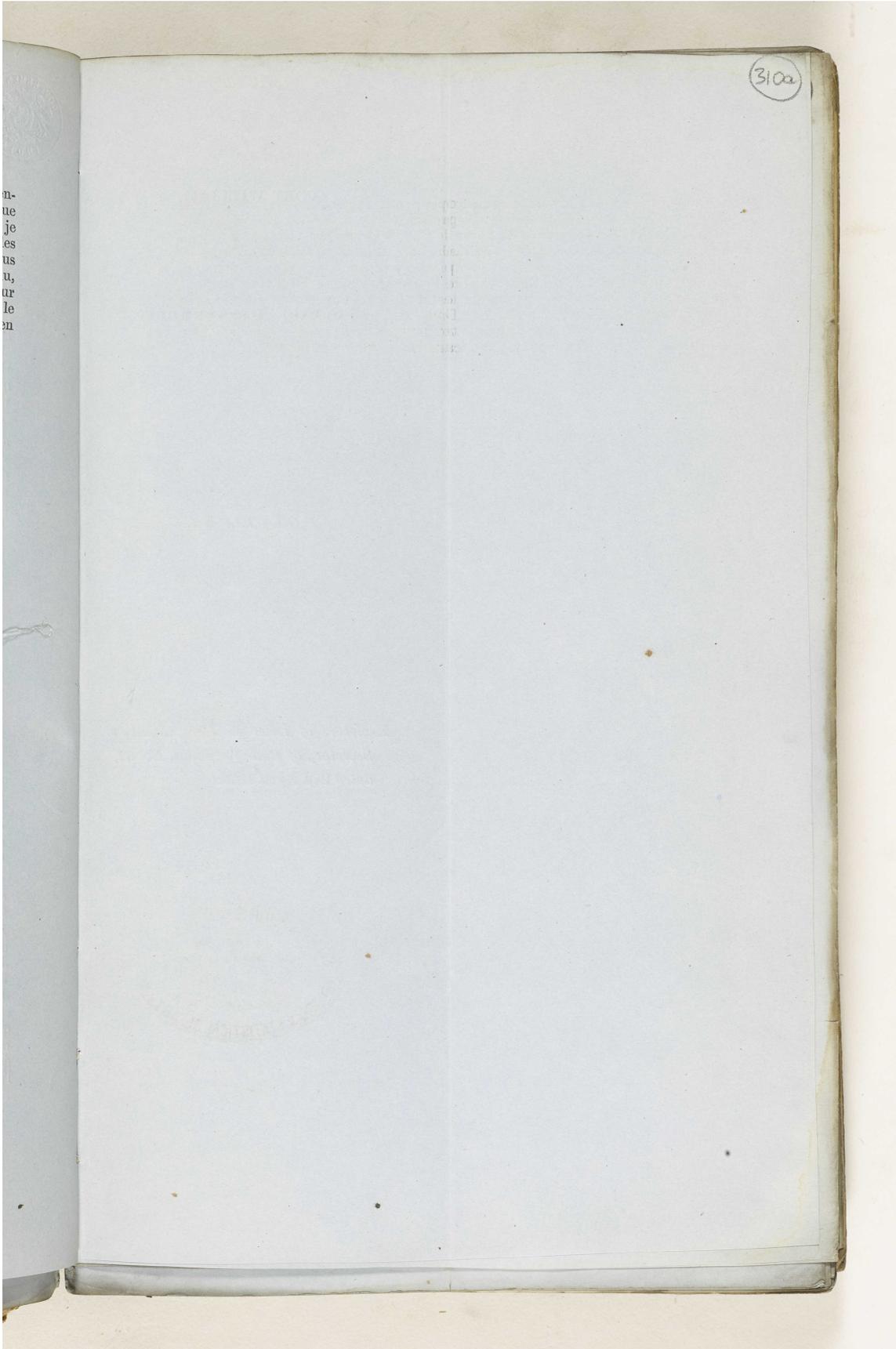
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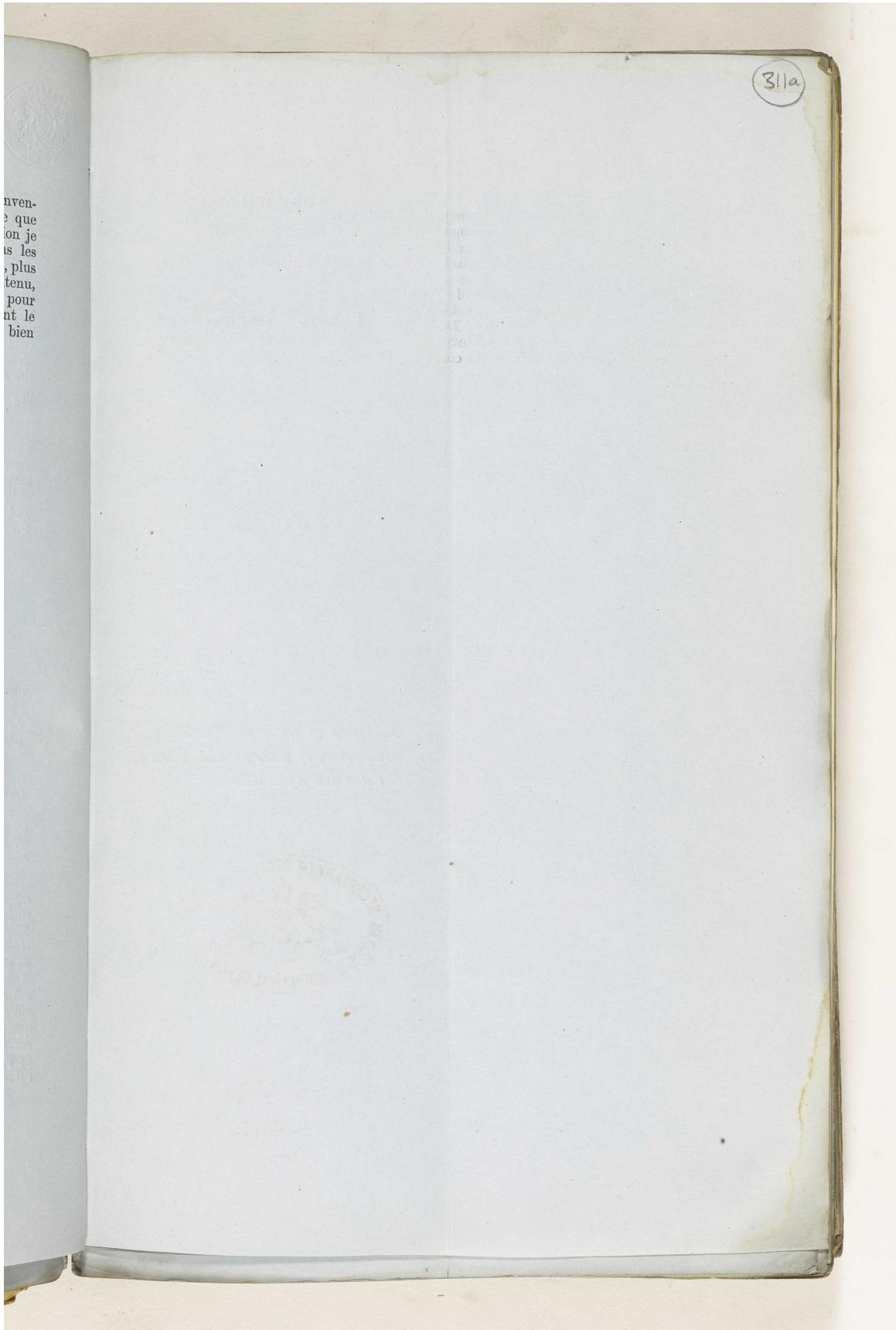
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