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This item consists of copies of correspondence, minutes, and consultations cited in, or enclosed with, political letters from the Government of Bombay. These political letters appear in IOR/F/4/2416/130506. It is the fourth in a series of twenty-eight items on the Persian Gulf.

The main correspondents are: the Government of Bombay; Lieutenant-Colonel Samuel Hennell, Resident in the Persian Gulf; and Hajee Jassem [Ḥājī Jāsīm], Agent at Bahrein [Bahrain].

The item concerns the plunder of a boat belonging to the people of Karrak [Jazireh-ye Khark, also rendered as Karrack in the item], by a group from the Huwajir [al-Hawājir, also rendered as Huwajee and Howejier in the item] tribe. Hennell demands compensation from Sheik Mahomed ben Khuleefa [Shaikh Muḥammad bin Khalīfah Āl Khalīfah], the Ruler of Bahrein, who he deems to be responsible for the group who carried out the attack. The item includes a statement by Abdool Rahman [ʿAbd al-Raḥmān], the nakhoda [nakhuda] of the plundered boat, and a letter from Sheik Mahomed ben Khuleefa.

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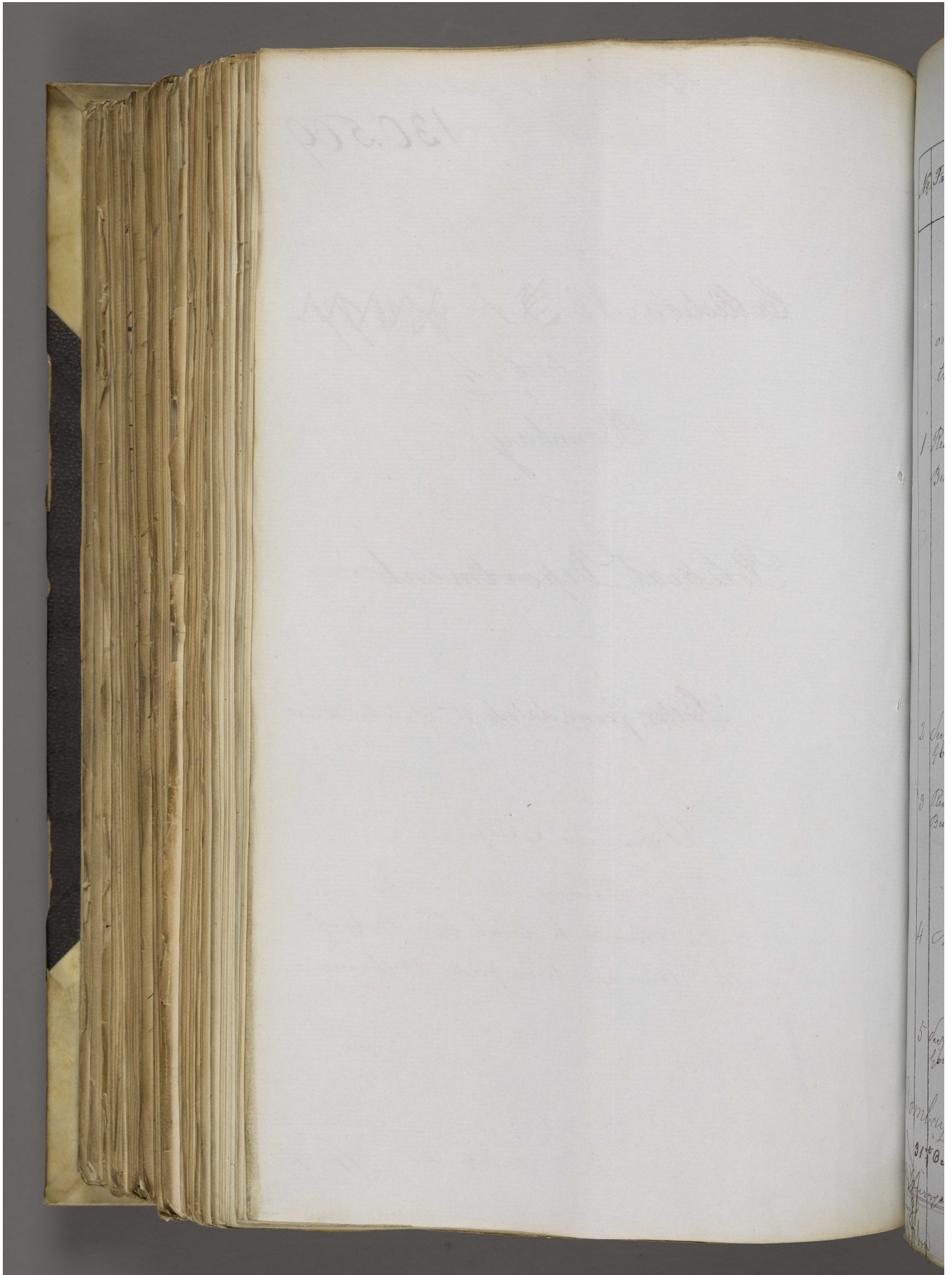
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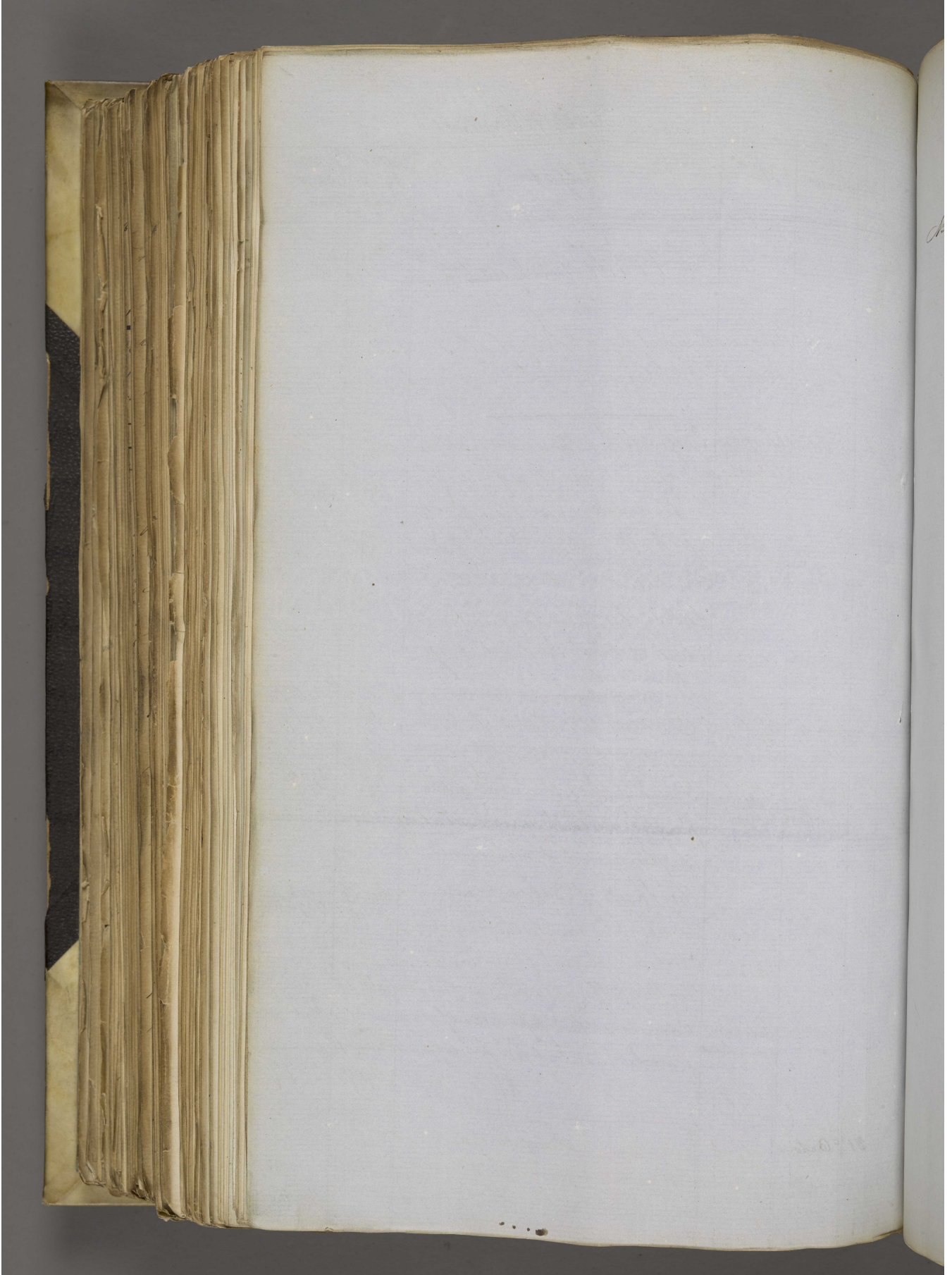
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Consultation, 30th October 1850.

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No. 8967. From, Political Department
Lieutenant Colonel W. Hennell
Resident in the Persian Gulf.
To,
A. Malet Esquire
Chief Secretary to the Government of
Bombay.

Dated the 21st July 1850.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, the accompanying translations of the substance of three letters from Hajee Jasseem the British Agent at Bahrein, dated the 3rd, 5th and 10th Instants, reporting the particulars of a Piracy committed on a Karrack Boat, about the end of last month by a party of the Huwajir Tribe.

It appears from the accounts received from Bahrein, that these Bedouins having visited the Island after a time applied to Sheik Mahomed ben Khalifa to furnish them with a Boat to return to their own country. Although the Sheik had been repeatedly warned by me of the evil consequences likely to accrue by affording these lawless and rapacious characters the means of committing Maritime aggressions he complied with their request, and having provided them with

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a Buggarak, manned by a few of his own
 Subjects, they left Bahrein, on reaching
 Ras Lanooza they fell in with a boat
 from Karrak laden with Barley &c.
 they immediately attacked it, and
 after a slight resistance, in which one
 of the Karrak men was severely wound-
 ed in the arm and another more
 slightly in the side, they succeeded
 in effecting its capture. Having done
 this, they transferred themselves to the
 Bumber of 27 Persons from the Bahrein
 Buggarak which they dismissed, and
 proceeded to cruise off the Coast for a
 about 10 days in the expectation of
 falling in with some of the Vapels
 from Rowait, which generally carry
 valuable cargoes. Most fortunately
 their Cruise was unsuccessful, and having
 landed all the cargo, stores, and sails of
 the Karrak Boat, and stripped the un-
 fortunate Crew of nearly all their clothes,
 they gave them about 8 lbs of Dates, and
 let them go. With the prospect of a linger-
 ing death from hunger staring them
 in the face, the unfortunate Khargees
 attempted to drag their Boat along
 the shore having no sail to hoist, on
 the 2^d day when reduced to despair a
 Vapel was descried on the horizon and
 the Kakhoda despatched the three un-
 wounded Men of his Crew in a
 small canoe belonging to his Show-
 cha, to try and communicate with
 it. After several hours exertion they
 succeeded

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Succeeded in reaching her, she proved to be a Boat despatched by the Sheikh of Bahrein to look after them. On the Circumstances causing to the Notice of the British Agent at Bahrein, he communicated them to Sheikh Mahomed ben Khuleefa, who however treated his representation with great indifference, and did not exhibit the slightest intention of making any compensation for the severe losses inflicted upon the Karrack men by the Pirates -

3. Having no other resource the Nabob of the plundered Boat, Abdul Rahman, left Bahrein for Bushire and laid his case before me, in a verbal Statement of which the accompanying Enclosure is the substance. As I had strong grounds for believing that Sheikh Mahomed ben Khuleefa, so far from attempting to repress the lawless & piratical inclinations of his Huwajir allies was rather disposed to afford them encouragement, so long as they confined their aggressions to vessels belonging to those Chiefs whom he disliked, I considered it absolutely necessary that some decided steps should be taken to nip if possible in the bud an evil, which if neglected, threatened soon to attain a formidable magnitude, I determined therefore to make Sheikh Maho-

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Mahomed ben Khuleefa responsible for this piracy, and knowing that Commodore Porter, with the "Clive" and "Euphrates", was daily expected at Bahrein, I lost no time in addressing a letter to him dated this day, enclosing a translation of the Communication. I then forwarded for the Bahrein Sheik calling upon the latter to pay over the sum of 100 Tomans as compensation for the losses sustained by the Karrack Boat. I have now the honor to transmit for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council, a copy of my instructions on this head to Commodore Porter which I venture to hope may meet the approval of Government. I am by no means assured that Sheik Mahomed ben Khuleefa will afford the required satisfaction, without the exhibition of coercive measures, but I am so satisfied of the imperative necessity of making an example of the present case, that I am quite prepared to take upon myself the responsibility of blockading Bahrein, should such a step be called for by the contumacy of the Chief of that Island.

Residency in the Persian Gulf, where 22 July 1850 } I have the honor to be
Signed J. H. M. } Resident in the
Persian Gulf.

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Translated Substance of a letter from
Hajie Jassem Agent at Bahrein, to Lieut.
Colonel Hurrell, Resident in the Persian
Gulf dated 3^d July 1830

A. C. your letter of the 14th Shabuan
has been received and its contents understood,
with regard to your instructions touching
Scheil ben Ateish, I beg to state, that when the
Divers return from the Vicinity of Biddah,
I will institute strict enquiries and give
you the particulars. Should I find any
one willing to proceed and seize his Boat
and bring it to Bahrein, the promised
reward of 100 Mahomed Shah Rupees
shall be disbursed for this purpose - on
the 17th Shabuan, some persons from
Katef reported, that the Huwajir Tribe,
which had left Bahrein, have plundered
a Boat opposite to Ras Janoora. These
disturbances on land and sea arise
from Sheik Mahomed ben Khuleefa, as
he assembles the Bedowins round him,
and gives them presents, which he exacts
from other parties. At the present time,
some of the Bedowins of the Huwajir who
reside with the Tribe of the Ojinaun in
the West, at a place named, Jibel, between
Ras-boodly and Ras Janoora, came to
Bahrein to the number of 30 Persons,
and requested Presents from Sheik
Mahomed ben Khuleefa. He replied, if
they would locate themselves on the
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Coast of Gutter he would assist them - They then asked permission to join their families, and he granted them a Boat belonging to his Subjects to convey them - After they put to Sea, Opposite to Ras Samvora, they plundered a Buggarah belonging to the people of Karrack, severely wounding one of the Crew, and embarked in the Karrack Buggarah, and proceeded towards the North West with the view of Cruizing against the Koweit Vessels. - Some persons from Dashtee came over to Bahrein with Sheep for Sale, they took the animals out to Water, The Bedowins of the Town followed them, and after beating them, and wounding one man carried off eight Sheep - The Dashtee men came and complained to Feerooz the Deputy of the Bahrein Chief, but no attention was paid to the injured party, Sheik Mahomed never takes the least care to protect his subjects or those who visit the island from other parts, all he does is to exact fines from his Dependents for the purpose of giving to the Bedowins - When he does not satisfy the latter, they proceed to sea and commit piracies, and after about two months they again return to the Island, and the Sheik never remonstrates with them for their misdeeds - The Bedowins of Kateef and other places are restrained from

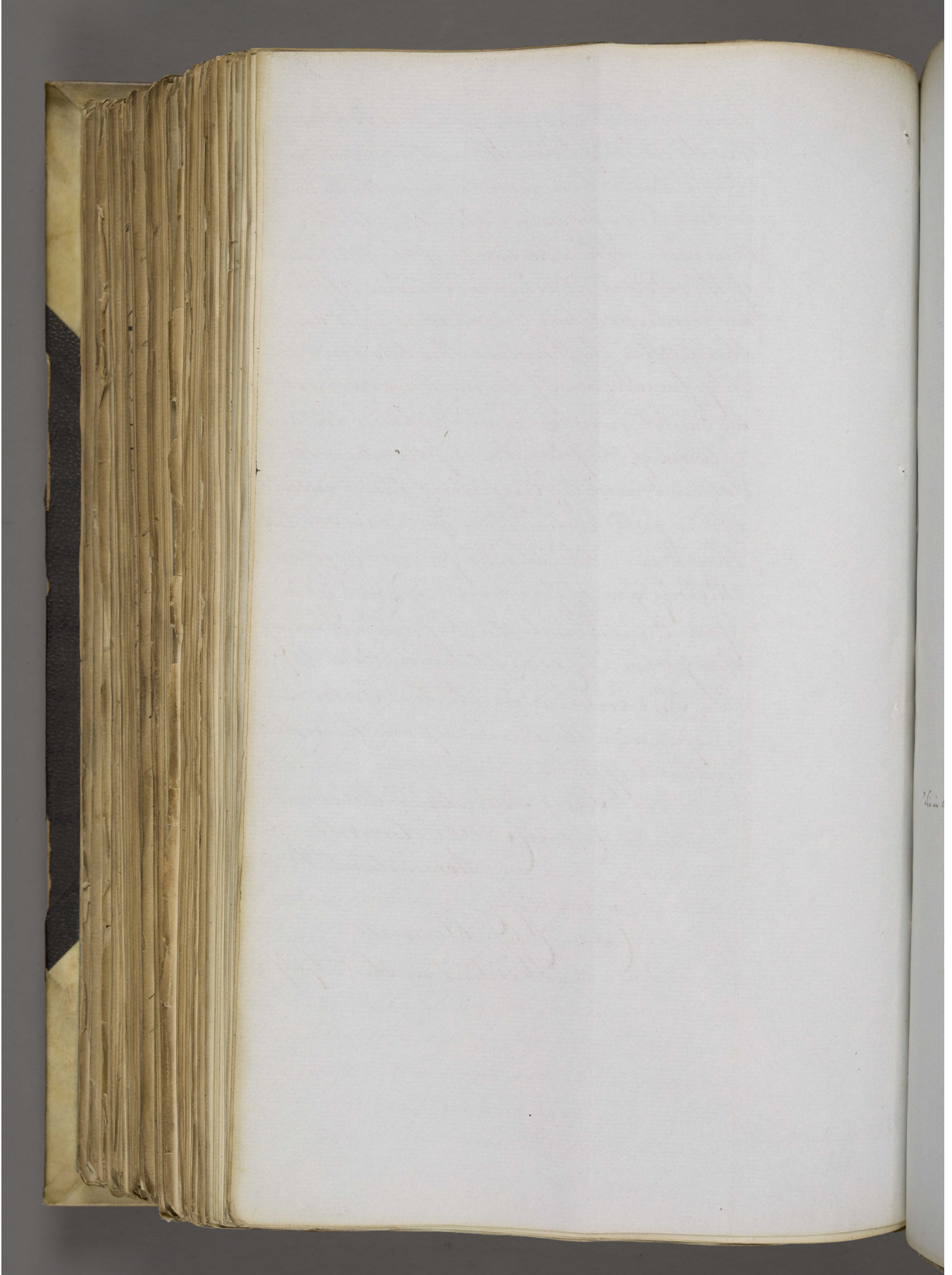
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from such proceedings, but at Bahrein they do as they like - When the merchants even advise him not to favor the Bedouins so much, he pays no attention to their counsel. - When he heard of the plunder of this Boat, it being a serious affair, he manned two Muckwas and sent them after the Pirates - This has been done only for show - If he were in earnest, he could now seize at Bahrein the relations of the plunderers present on the Island, and by confining them insist upon full restitution being made, but they know the Sheikh's proceedings are merely for appearance - Last year you cautioned the Chief against any irregularity being committed by the Bedouins on the sea - I also impressed the same upon him, but without effect -

True Translated Substance
Signed J. A. Colwards
Accountant Genl
True Copy
Signed J. Kennell
Resident in the P. Gulf

[Handwritten signatures and notes]
L. Wilson

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Translated substance of a letter from
Hajee Jasseem Agent at Bahrein, to Lieut
Colonel Hennell Resident in the Persian
Gulf dated 5th July 1850.

M. I represented to you, that
the irregularity committed at sea by
the Bedouins, arose from Shaikh Mahomed
ben Khuleefa's own proceedings. For
instance the Bedouins of the Huwajir
are always in his society, and he says
to them, "What a shame it is? you
"plunder a Buggarah laden with Barley,
"while there are many Howeit vessels
"richly laden".— when they hear such
language how is it possible they will
not commit irregularities at sea,—
when the plundered Dakhly people
heard Shaikh Mahomed ben Khuleefa
had returned to town, they came and
^{as in original} laid their complaint before them, he
turned them out from his presence
and paid no attention to them.— So
long as the Shaikh treats the Bedouins
with such favours, / giving them boats
to return to their locations / the danger
to the Traders will continue, for the
Howeit vessels fearing no harm, are
trading from Port to Port, and they
may suddenly be attacked by a boat
with 20 or 30 armed men.— The Shaikh
has sent the two boats only for a show.

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He knows you will hear of this Piracy, but also at the same time of his own proceedings, in having taken steps for redress, by sending after the Pirates, and that you will therefore conclude he is in earnest. - Up to the present time the Muehwas have not returned, and there is no information where the plundered boat has been taken to. -

True Translated Substance
Signed Jas Edwards
/ True Copy / Accountant H.C.
Signed J. Hennell

Resident in the Persian Gulf

Translated Substance of an Extract of a letter from the Agent at Bahrein, to Lieut Colonel Hennell Resident in the Persian Gulf dated 10th July 1850. -

A. G. There is no particular news to communicate, with the exception of the affair relating to the Karrack Ghoncha, which was plundered by the Bedouins. - The Buggaraks sent in pursuit by the Chiefs met the plundered boat on their way, it having been released by the Pirates, two days previously, after being stripped of every thing. - She was towed into Bahrein on the 25th Shaban. - Her crew consisted of six men, two of whom had been wounded; one by a sword cut, and the other

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other by a ball. I received them and had the ball extracted. The boat was hauled on shore, as it had no equipment, consequently could not proceed to sea - on the 28th Shaban a small Karrack Buggarah arrived, and I shipped the crew of the plundered boat in her, and sent them away.

* The Karrack boat leaving the latter behind until the result should be known, I waited on. Sheik Mahomed ben Ahuleefa, and spoke to him on the subject of the piratical proceedings of these Bedowins who visit Bahrein. He replied that these men had come to solicit favors, which he refused to grant and sent them back. I answered that the Bedowins visited him every year, and that he usually gave them Presents, and sent them away in his own boats. He replied that these Bedowins were not of the same Tribe as those located in the Guttur Coast, but resided to the westward on the mainland. The Shaik added, that should any of them come to hand he would seize them on account of their proceedings to the Karrack boat. Shaik Mahomed ben Ahuleefa does not at present concern himself much about these things. - He is now attended

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by 500 Bedouins and he wishes at their proceedings. Those connected with me have no favor in his sight, but others are well treated.

True Translated Extract
Signed J^r Edwards
True copy / Accountant W^r
Signed S. Hennell

Resident in the Persian Gulf
Statement of Abdool Rahman -
Nakhoda of a Karrack boat, made
before Lieut. Colonel Hennell Resi-
dent in the Persian Gulf on the 22nd
July 1850.

About 26 days ago, my Ghoncha
left Karrack with a crew of 6 men
and cargo of wheat and barley for
Husteeff. - On arriving off Ras Jemoora,
we were attacked by a party of 26
of the Huwajir Tribe in a Bahrein
Buggarah. - We resisted as long as we
could, but one of our men being severely
wounded in the arm we were forced
to lower our sail. - After boarding
us they dismissed the Bahrein boat
and cruised about in my Ghoncha
for 10 days, in expectation of falling
in with some vessel from Howeit.
- we approached one large Bugla,
but on her hoisting the Ameer Flag
they desisted from the pursuit, saying
she

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 she belonged to Friends. - They then
 took us to the mainland, and after
 stripping us of everything let us
 go, giving us only 8 lbs of Dates to
 subsist the whole party. - The next
 day we fortunately fell in with the
 boat despatched by the Bahrein
 Chief to look after us, and returned
 with them to Bahrein, where we
 stated our case to the British Agent.
 The Pirates took from us 40 Hashem
 Maunds of wheat, 20 Ditto of Barley
 &c. with together all our money, stores, &
 sails, and clothes. -

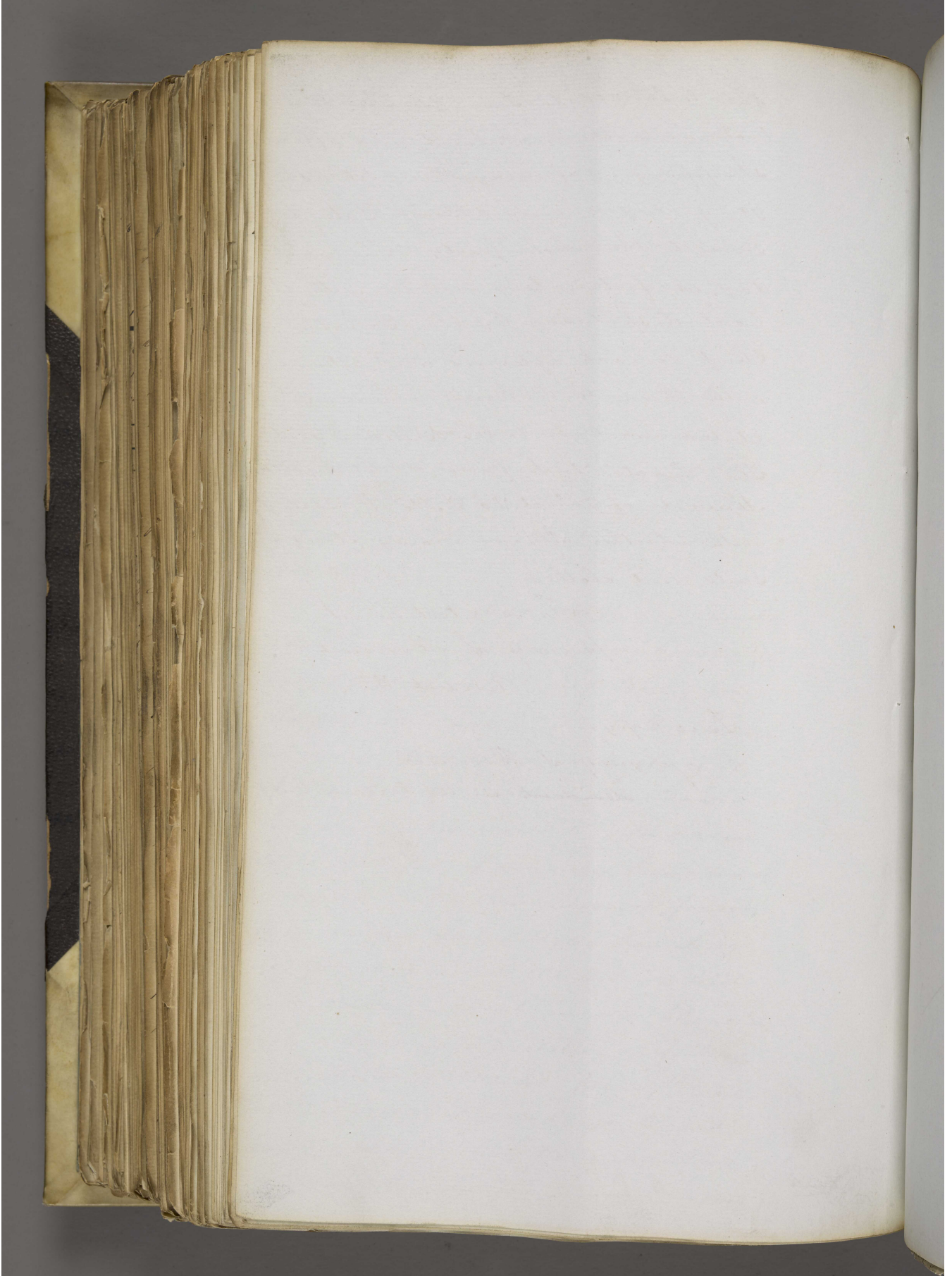
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 Resident 18th

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 signed S. Hennell
 Resident in the Persian Gulf

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 Comd
 D. H. Wilson

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Office No. 283 of 1850

To
Commodore Forbes
Commanding Indian Naval Squadron
Persian Gulf

With reference to my letter to your address No. 263 under date the 8th Instant, relating to a Piracy committed by a party of the Huwajir tribe on a Karrack Boat, about the end of last month, while on their way from Bahrein to the mainland I have now the honor to forward a letter to the address of Sheik Mahomed ben Whuleepa upon that subject.

The accompanying translation of this communication will make you aware of the nature of the demand made upon the Bahrein Chief vizt: the payment of the sum of 1000 rones to the Nathoda of the Karrack Boat as compensation for the losses of himself and crew.

Sheik Mahomed ben Whuleepa has been several times warned by me, that the Gov^t would hold him responsible for any acts of Piracy committed by the Huwajir, while being under his Protection - I consider this case to be one on which it is absolutely necessary to make a stand the more so, as I have reason to believe, that so far from taking steps to prevent any
recurrences

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recurrences of the nature of the one in question,
the Sheik rather encourages them. -

4 I have, therefore, the honor to request, that
you will courteously but firmly, call upon the
Bahrein Sheik to pay over the sum referred to in
the second para. - In case of refusal or hesitation
I would wish you to press the point, as far as
this can be done without proceeding to actual
hostilities, but should you find that no other
alternative is left, I beg you will forthwith
despatch the Karrack Boat (which now proceeds
with this communication) to me with a detail
of your proceedings, and a sketch of the measures
you consider it will be necessary to adopt, to
compel Sheik Muhammed ben Khalifa, to
comply with our demands. - Upon the receipt
of this information, I will lose no time in des-
patching the S. C. Brigantine "Vigil" to join
you in Bahrein with such further instructions
as the nature of the case may require. -

Residency in the } Have the honor to be &c.
Persian Gulf } Signed S. Pennell
Dushere 25 July 1850

Resident &c.
True Copy!

Signed S. Pennell
Resident in the Persian Gulf

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 Translation of a letter from Lieut. Colonel
 Fennell Resident in the Persian Gulf to Sheik
 Mahomed ben Khulefa Chief of Bahrein &
 dated 29th July 1850.

A. Some time ago I wrote to you two
 letters, pointing out to you the irregular and
 lawless habits of the Huwajir^{Tribe} and warning you
 distinctly, that the British Gov^t. would hold
 you responsible for any acts of Piracy committed
 by them, while residing under your protection.

It is with much regret that I now learn
 from the complaint of Abdool Rahim the Captain
 of a Karrack Boat, that while on her voyage to
 Katesh, he was attacked and plundered off Ras
 Lanora by a party of the Huwajir Tribe, who
 were proceeding from Bahrein to the main-
 -land, on board a boat belonging to that Island,
 furnished to them by your orders and which was
 manned by your subjects. Of course this is a
 case which the British Gov^t. cannot overlook,
 and for which it will hold you altogether respon-
 -sible. I am, therefore, under the necessity of calling
 upon you to pay over the sum of 1000 Marsees as
 compensation for the Wheat, Barley, Mandy, Stones,
 and Clothes plundered from the Karrack Boat,
 and the detention of the latter for so long a period.

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After the professions you have always made of your desire to maintain the friendship of the British Govt, I feel confident, that you will not risk the loss of it for so small a consideration as that now demanded, but that you will prove your desire to maintain the existing amicable relations by paying over to the Nathoda of the Karrack Boat through the British Agent the amount in question vizt: 1000 Meroones -

I have further to add that the British Govt will expect that you inflict a fitting punishment upon the parties concerned in this Piracy, whenever they may make their appearance at Bahrein, and I have accordingly desired the British Agent to make you acquainted with the return of any of them to that Island -

True Translation

Signed S. Hennell

Resident &c

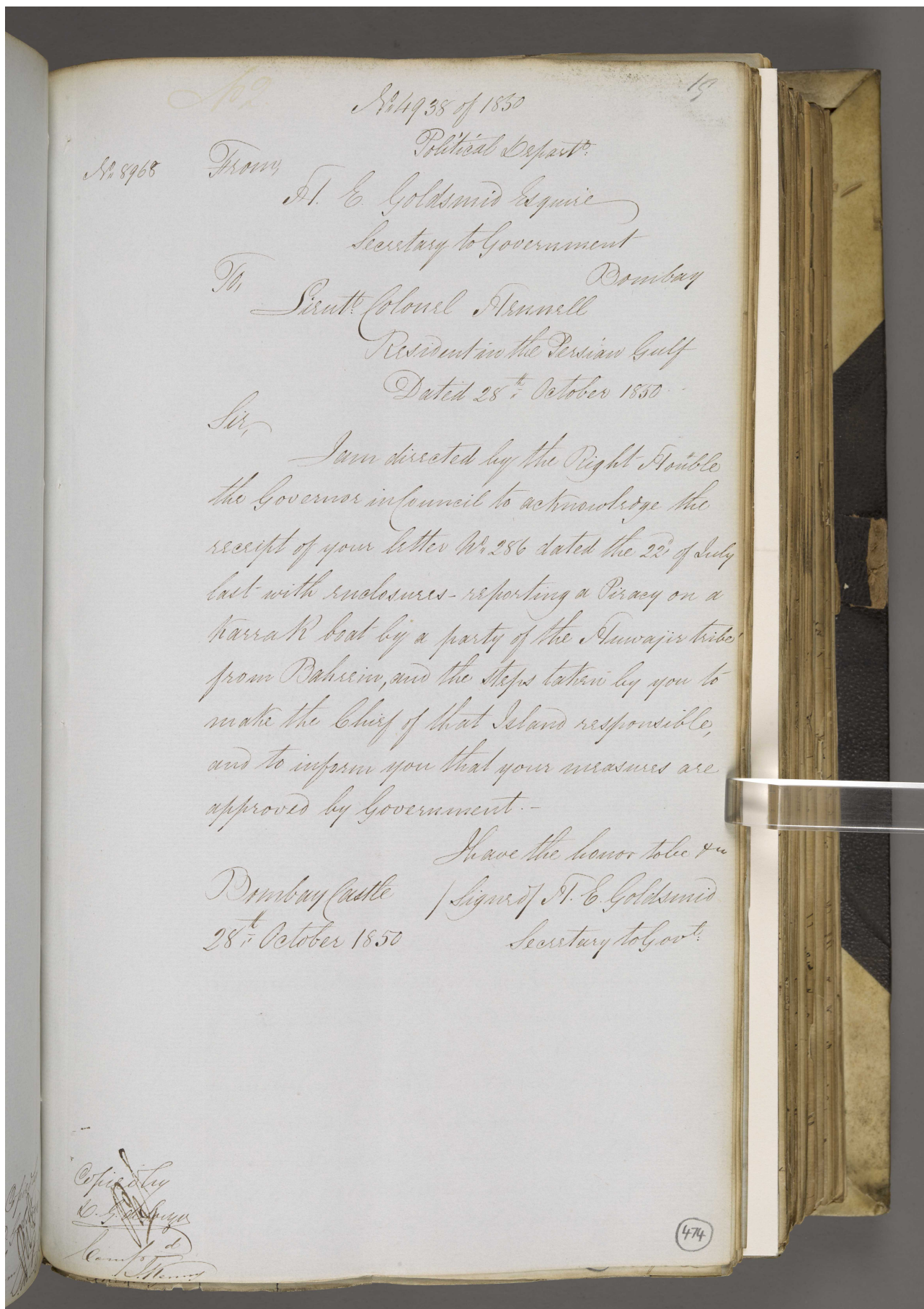
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Signed S. Hennell

Resident in the Persian Gulf

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A. Hennell
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No. 8968
From
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T. C. Goldsmid Esquire
Secretary to Government
Bombay
To
Siruth Colonel Hennell
Resident in the Persian Gulf
Dated 28th October 1850

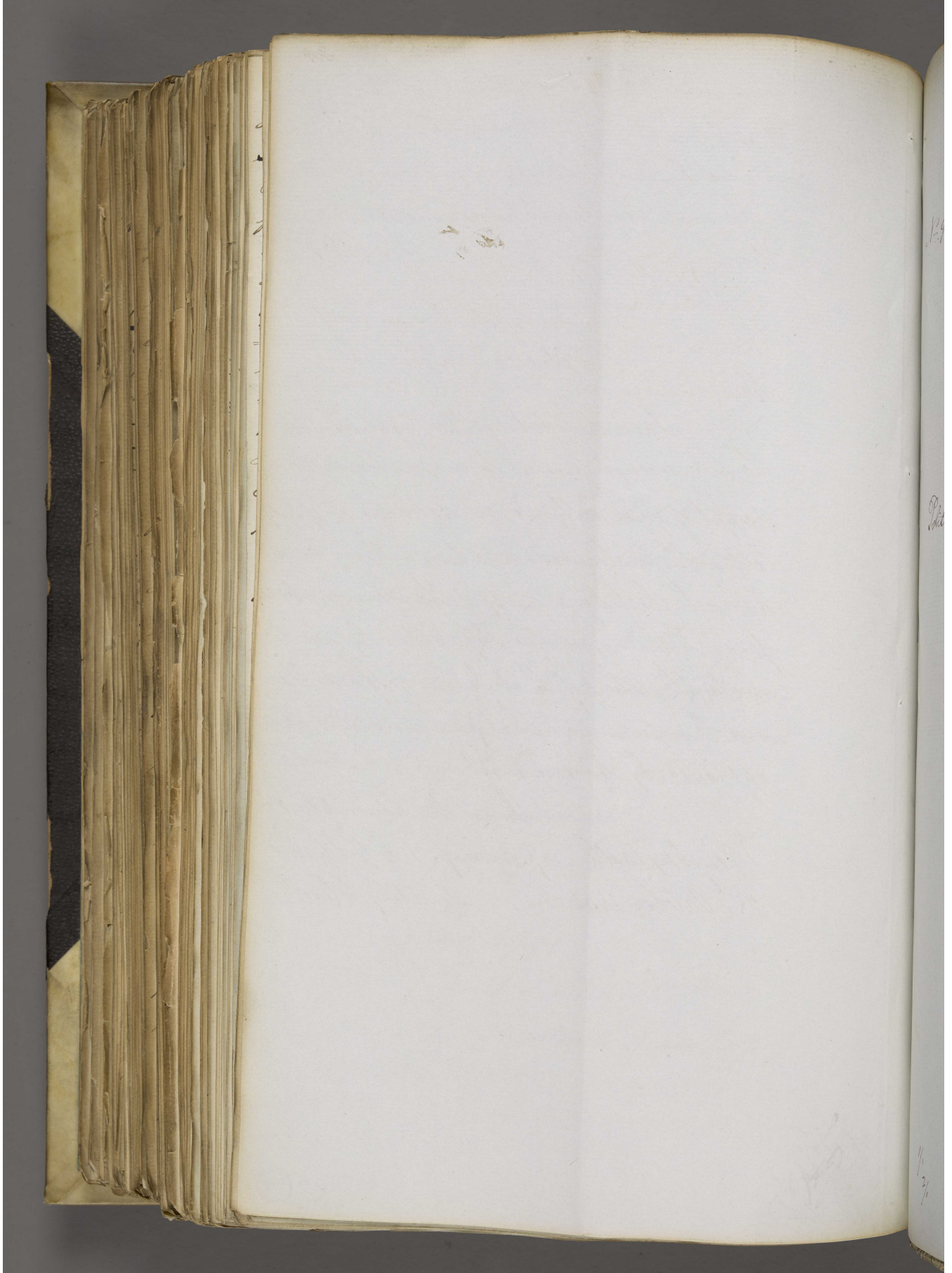
Sir,
I am directed by the Right Honble
the Governor in Council to acknowledge the
receipt of your letter No. 286 dated the 22^d of July
last with enclosures - reporting a Piracy on a
Karrack boat by a party of the Huwajir tribe
from Bahrein, and the steps taken by you to
make the Chief of that Island responsible,
and to inform you that your measures are
approved by Government -

Bombay Castle
28th October 1850
I have the honor to be &c
Signed T. C. Goldsmid
Secretary to Govt.

Officially
C. S. [unclear]
Comptroller

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From

Lieut. Col. Stennell
Resident in the Persian Gulf

To

A. Mallet Esquire
Chief Secretary to Government
Bombay
Bombay 14 August 1850.

Political Department

Sir,

Adverting to my Despatch to your address
No. 75 in this Department, under date the 22nd ultimo
on the subject of the steps adopted in respect to
the late Piracy on a Karrack Boat by a party of
the Huwajir Tribe, I have much satisfaction
in reporting for the information of the Right
Honble the Gov^t in Council, that Sheik Maho-
-med ben Khuleifa, the Chief of Bahrein, has
paid the sum of 100 Tomans demanded from
him on account of the Piracy above referred
to, without the necessity of the employment
of either threatening or coercive measures.

I have the honor to enclose in
translations of the substance of the Commu-
-nications from the Bahrein Sheik, and the
British Agent on that Island, dated the 1st and
3rd Instant respectively, and at the same
time to transmit a copy of my reply to

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to the former letter, which I trust may be honored by the approval of the Right Honble the Gov^t in Council.

Residency in the Persian Gulf } I have the honor to be Sir
Bushire 14 Augt 1850 } / S. Kennell
Resident in the Persian Gulf

Translated substance of a letter from Sheikh Mahomed ben Khuleefa Chief of Bahrein to Lieut. Col. Kennell Resident in the Persian Gulf dated 22 Ramzan or 1st August 1850.

A. C. I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 12th Instant and was pleased to hear of your health. Its contents was understood you observe you had sent two Communications to me on the subject of the evil proceedings of the Howajirs, and pointing out that I would be held responsible by Gov^t for any mischief — " — " — that they might commit on the seas so long as they were under my protection. You are right I have ever had previously informed you, that I would be responsible for the Arabs who are my subjects, but for those not under my authority I was not to be made answerable for you observe that you were very sorry when you heard from the bearer Abdool Raheem the Wakhoda of the Karrack Suggarah, that while he was proceeding for the purpose of trade to Kalesf on the way opposite to Bus Fannoora he was met by a Boat from Bahreer having some Howajirs on board / very one in which

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which I despatched them). that they completely
plundered his Boat - that it is known the Govt.
will not overlook such proceedings and will
demand redress from me, and make me in-
-sufferable for the same. - that it was there-
-fore necessary that I should comply with
your demand to make good whatever was
plundered from the Karrack buggarak pro-
-perty, money, articles of the vessel, and
-clothes of the crew, also for the loss sustained
by the boat on account of detention, amounting
in all to 1000 Malhous Shah Keroon, which
I was to deliver to Hajee Jasseer, I have ac-
-cordingly done so, but I observed to him, that
he should not make over the money to the Na-
-khoda until I made a reference to you. -
If you decide that I must be responsible for
acts that are not connected with my people, I
will not go contrary to your wishes. But
whoever told you that these Huwajirs came
over from Kateef and that I gave them a
boat committed a mistake they came to this
Island, and I turned them out - they then
embarked in a boat bound for Kateef, in
the same manner as they came from that
place to Bahrein when I heard of the pi-
-racy they had perpetrated, I immediately
prepared Boats and sent after them to re-
-press any further evil proceedings, and
recover the Captives Ghoucha - they had
however abandoned it, and had proceeded
on shore - You know they are under Ben
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Sulood, and I have no power over them, and there will be always mischief from them - they are under his protection, and I have hopes you will not make me responsible for acts over which I have no control. I have nothing further to say that people give currency to misbecoming ports.

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Resident in the Persian Gulf.

Translated substance of a letter from the agent at Bahrein to Lieut. Col. Hennell Resident in the Persian Gulf dated 24 Ramzan or 3 August 1850 received 6 August.

Your letter of the 12th Ramzan has been received and its contents understood the enclosure to the Commodore I retained, and delivered the one to the address of Sheik Khulafa ben Mahomed when he had read it, he told me that you had written to him regarding the piracy on the Karrack Boat, enquiring at the same time, whether I had not informed you, that this act had been perpetrated by some Bedouins who had come to Bahrein and got nothing. He then observed that you had referred to a communication written last year making him responsible for any piratical proceedings of the Huwajir tribe, but that he had not consented to

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to this, adding that if you could advert to his letter you would find it so. He went on to say that the perpetrators of this act were the subjects of Ben Sa'dood, that the Huwajir located in the west, are not under his Authority, and he is not to be held responsible for their acts, altho ready to assist in suppressing their evil proceedings that in fact were it not for fear of him, they would commit depredations on the opposite Coast. He concluded by saying, that hence forward he is not to be held accountable for any of their acts. With regards to the fine he intends to write to you, and if you insist upon exacting it he will pay it. I asked him for a reply to your communication he said he would send one, dismissing me in the mean while. Being advised to meet your wishes, he accordingly borrowed 1000 Rerous from Yacoob ben Ibrahim, who sent a draft to me drawn on Abdool Rahman ben Zaid, on account of the piracy on the Karrack Boat which is herein enclosed.

Sheik Mahomed ben Khulafa observes that he takes upon himself the responsibility of that part of the Huwajir Tribe located on the Gutter Coast under Shuaffer's Authority, and not of those to the westward who belong to Ben Sa'dood. He further requested me to write to you and to remark that as you exact reparation from him for others, in like manner, you should see justice done to him, I enquired in what case. He replied in that of Saleel bin Atish, whose tribe is located

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in Abouthebe under Saied ben Dalnoon. were
this chief to confine some of the Tribe they would
soon produce the Pirate. I told him that you
were using all means to get at Soheil bin Atish,
and that he himself had promised to seize him
at the Pearl Fishery, but had not proved success-
ful he answered he could have done it
but that it was the business of Saied ben Dalnoon.

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Persian Gulf

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Resident in the Persian Gulf

Translation of a letter from Saied ben Dalnoon
Resident in the Persian Gulf to Sheik Mueh-
med ben Khuleefa chief of Bahrein dated
the 13th August 1850.

A. C. Your letter dated the 22nd Ram-
-adan has been received, and its contents under-
-stood, I am glad to find that you have given a
proof of your desire to maintain the friendship
of the British Govt, by complying with my de-
-mand for Compensation for the piracy re-
-cently committed by a party of the Huwajir
Tribe on the Karrack Boat - You say that
you are not to be held responsible for the
Huwajir who reside to the west. This however
I cannot admit, as long as you allow them
to come to Bahrein, and there obtain the
means of committing Piracy. It is well
Known

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 Known that these people are Persians, that they
 have no Boats, and do not understand Navigation,
 if therefore they were not furnished with the means
 from Bahrein, they could not perpetrate the irre-
 =gulabilities which they have lately done - there
 is no doubt whatever, that the Piracy on the
 Karrack Boat, was committed by them while
 on board a Bahrein Duggarah, and manned
 by a Bahrein Crew. It is certain that with-
 =out your permission none of your subjects
 would give their Boats for this purpose. It
 is therefore my duty to repeat, that in all
 cases, in which it is proved, that the Huron-
 =jies have quitted Bahrein in a Boat belong-
 =ing to that Island, and commit any act of
 Piracy, the British Govt. will certainly hold
 you responsible for the same. It is in your
 power to prevent their coming to your place,
 and if you will not do so, you must bear
 the consequences. In this respect the Govt.
 acts towards you exactly the same as it
 does to the other Chiefs on the Arabian
 Coast. In your conversation with Hajee
 Jassem the British Agent, you allude to the
 case of Scheik ben Ateish. Had Saied ben-
 Dahnoon permitted this person to sail out
 of Alboothabee in a Beniyas Boat, and
 manned by his subjects, I would certainly
 have made him answerable for the Piracy
 committed by that evil character; but
 this was not the case, Scheik ben Ateish
 had left Alboothabee two or three years
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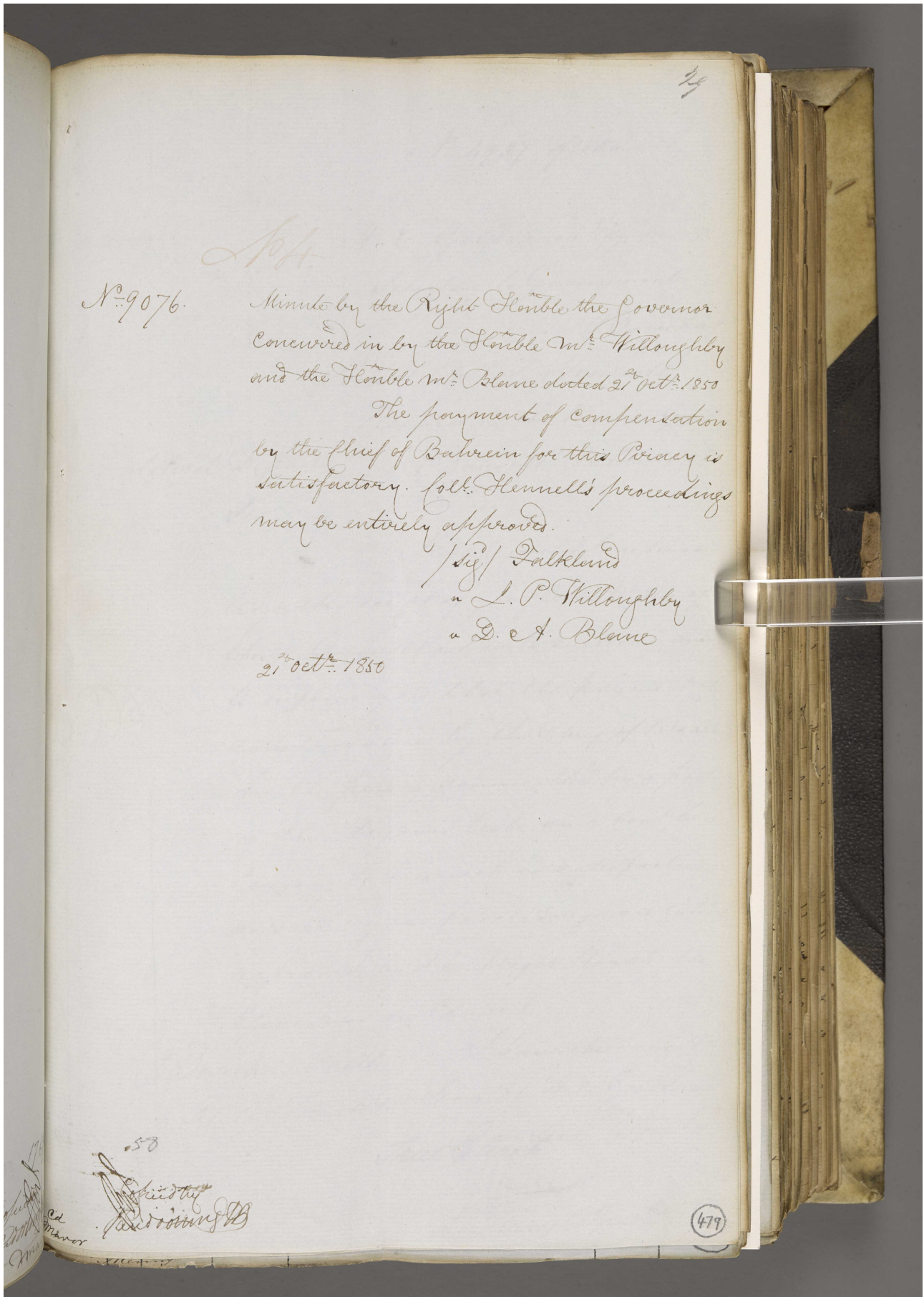
before, and there is good reason to believe, that he was residing either at Mukra or Bidda, places, belonging to yourself, before he committed the act you refer to. As your sincere well wisher and friend, I would advise you to forbid the Huwajir Tribe from entering Bahrein, because it is quite certain, that in every case in which a Piracy is committed by them by means of the assistance they obtain from that Island, the British Gov^t will hold you responsible for the same. It is as evident as the sun at noon-day that if you please, you can stop their evil proceedings, and no case of the kind now complained of ever took place, until you afforded them your countenance and support.

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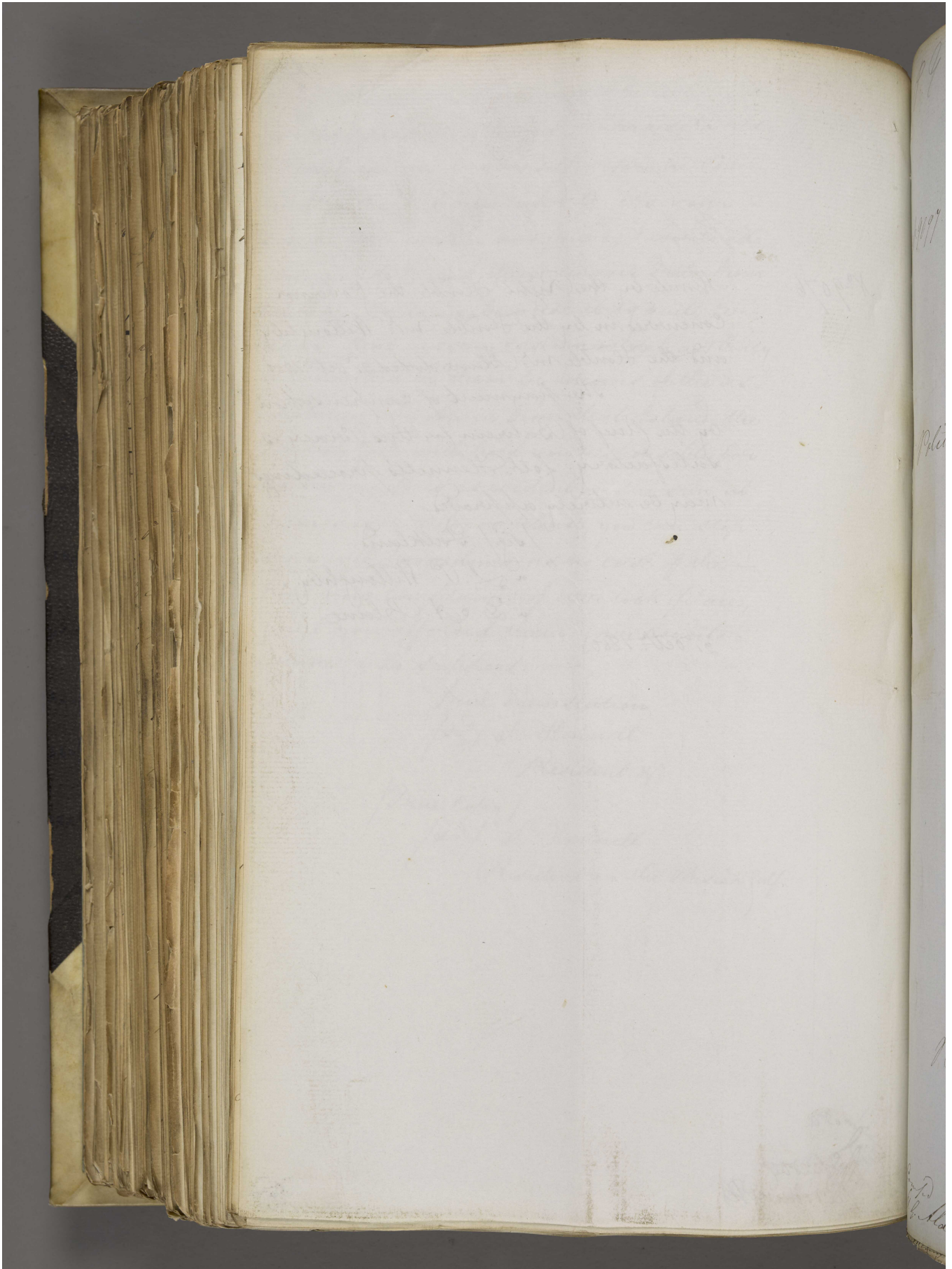
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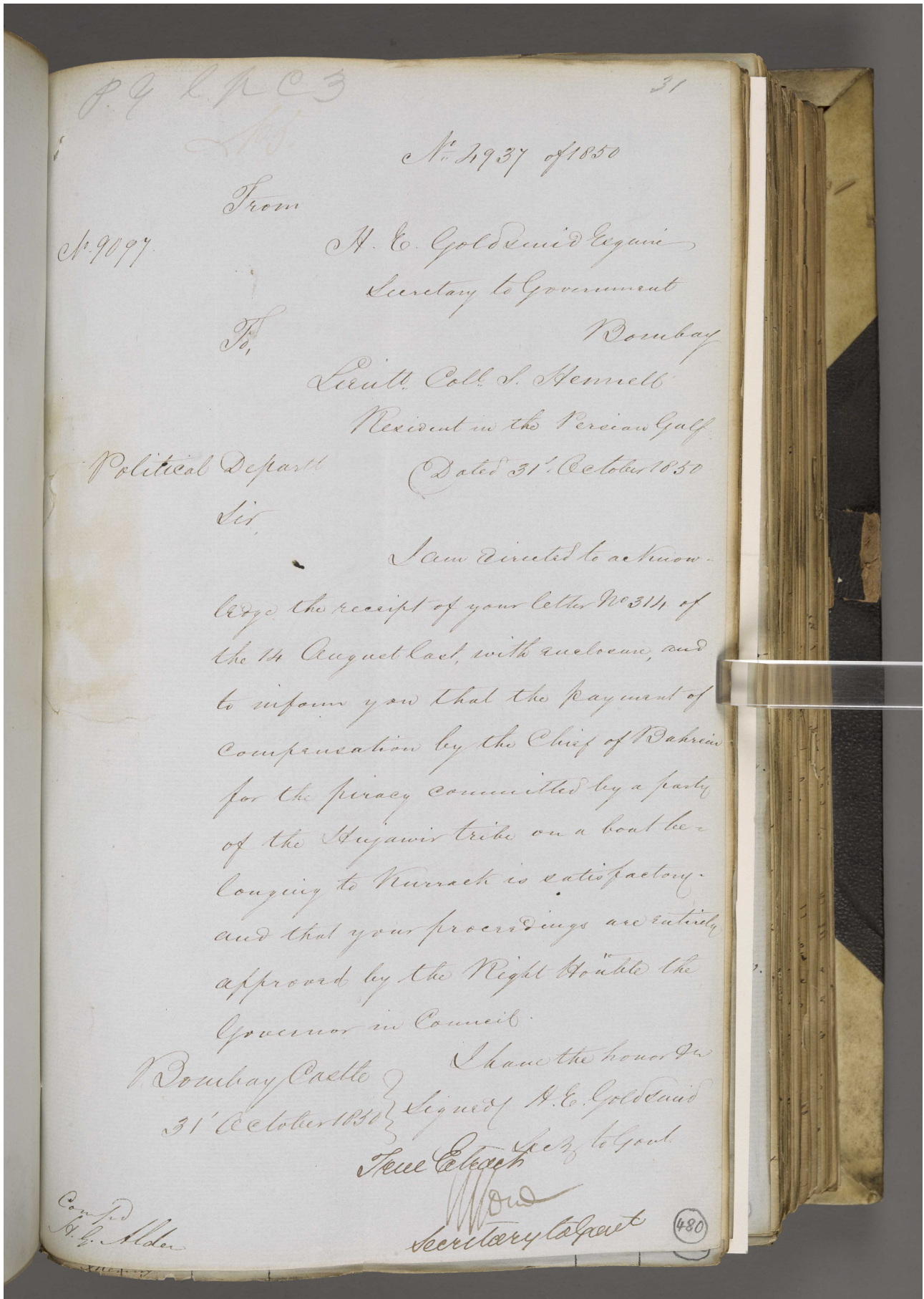
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