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'Persian Gulf. Commodore Porter's tour of the Arabian Coast.'

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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 eighth in a series of twenty-eight items on the Persian Gulf.

The correspondents are: the Government of Bombay; Lieutenant-Colonel Samuel Hennell, Resident in the Persian Gulf; and Commodore John Patterson Porter, Commanding the Indian Naval Squadron, Persian Gulf.

The item contains Commodore Porter's report of his tour of the Arabian coast of the Gulf, with details of his interviews with a number of the rulers, or their representatives, and with Moollah Houssein [Mullā Ḥusayn], the Agent at Shargah. Topics discussed include the situation in Braimee [Al Buraymi], and a dispute between dependents of the rulers of Debaye [Dubai] and Aboothabee [Abu Dhabi].

Also included are:

- Commodore Porter's instructions to Lieutenant James Tronson, commanding HC brig *Euphrates*, for proceeding to Bahrein [Bahrain], which Porter was unable to do during his tour
- A list of the presents given to the rulers of the Arabian coast in 1850.

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Persian Gulf
Commodore Porter's tour of the
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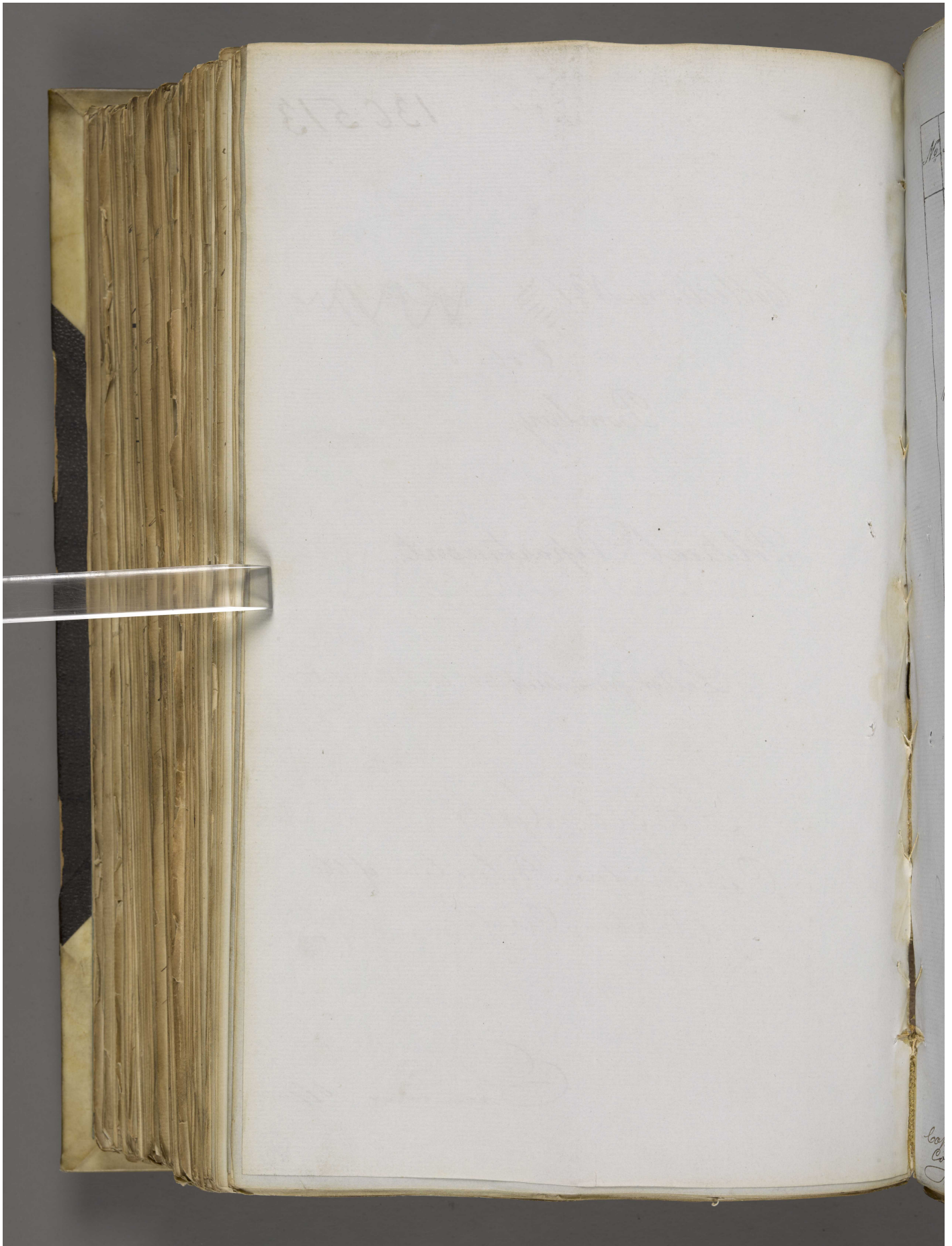
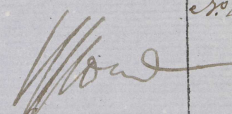
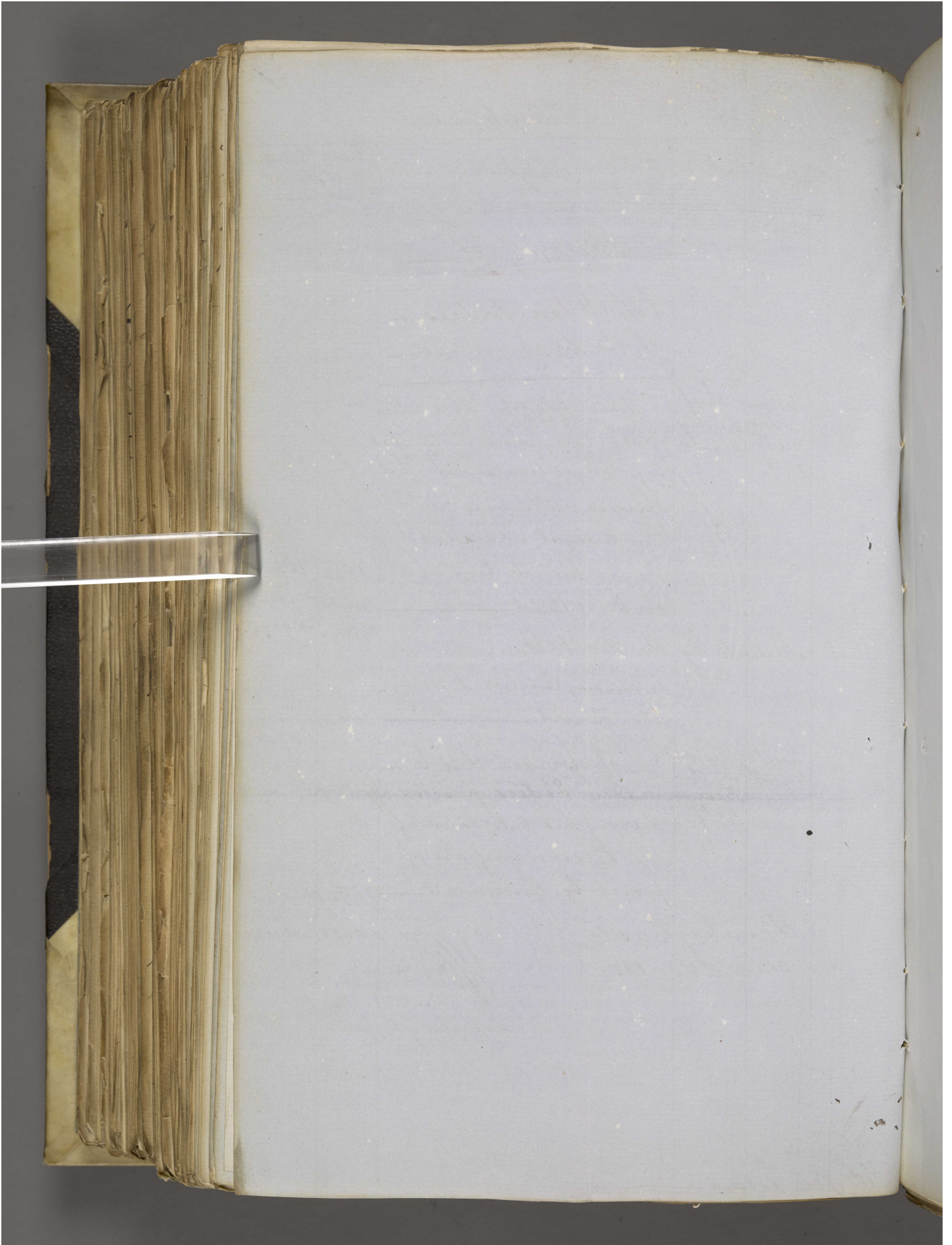


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Extract Bombay Political
Consultation Nov: 1850.

Office N^o. 300 of 1850. Cons: N^o. 81 of 1850.

N^o. 9078. From,

Lieut^{nt} Colonel Kennell.

Resident in the Persian Gulf.

To,

A. Malet, Esq

Chief Secretary to Govt. - Bombay

Pol Department.

Bushire 1st August 1850.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward
for the information of the Right Honble
the Governor in Council, the enclosed
copy of a letter from Commodore Porter,
to my address, dated the 26th Instant,
reporting the particulars of his inter-
-views with the several Maritime
Chiefs, in the course of his late Tour
of the Arabian Coast.

2. With the exception of the
two Cases of petty aggressions on the
parts of the Dependents of the Sheik
of Debye, and Aboothabee, the tenor
of the report appears satisfactory.
Our intelligent Agent at Shengah,
makes no mention of these two Cases
in his Report, but under any
circumstances (512)

circumstances, I do not anticipate difficulty in their amicable adjustment.

3. In my despatch to your address N^o 75 in this Department under date the 22^d Ultimo, I forwarded for the information of Government, a copy of certain instructions, which I had drawn out for the guidance of Commodore Porter in respect to a late Piracy committed by a party of the *Buwajir* Tribe upon a *Kar-rak* Boat. It will be noticed, that when off *Bahrain*, owing to the state of the Weather, and the accident which had happened to the Mizzen Mast of the "*Chive*," her Commander considered it advisable to bear up for *Bushire* without communicating with the Shore. In consequence of this, the letters transmitted by me to *Bahrain* for delivery to the Commodore, did not reach him.

4. On leaving the Arabian Coast Commodore Porter directed the *Woolley* Company's Brig "*Euphrates*" to enter *Bahrain*. I therefore hope that Lieutenant *Frouson*, in the absence of the Senior Officer, may open the Despatches above referred to, and act upon them. I therefore now await the receipt of intelligence from that quarter, before taking any further steps in respect to
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the Piracy, above alluded to.

5. Enclosed I have the honor to forward a List of the Annual Gifts presented on the part of the Government to the Maritime Chiefs of the Arabian Coast. For the amount of this Disbursement, viz: Company's Rupees Nine hundred, and sixty one, fourteen annas, and four pies - I request you will be good enough to solicit the sanction of the Right Honble the Governor in Council.

C.P. 1961-14-4

I have the honor to be
signed of J. Hennell

Residency in the
Persian Gulf
Bushire 1st Aug 1850

Resident in the
Persian Gulf.

No 78 of 1850.

From,

Commodore P. P. Porter, P. N.
Commanding Indian Naval
Squadron - Persian Gulf

To,

Lieutenant Col^l J. Hennell
Resident in the Persian Gulf
Bushire

H. C. Sloop of War "Chive"
Bushire Roads July 25th 1850.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the
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receipt of your letter N^o 229 of 1850 of date
19th June 1850, and in compliance with
which I put to sea on the 6th Instant, the
Tigris and Euphrates in Company and
first proceeded to Shargah, where I took
the Agent on board and then proceeded
to Rasal Khayma with the Euphrates in
Company, where I arrived on the 8th Instant,
at which place Sheik Khaled ben Sultan,
son of Sultan ben Suggur came on board,
the latter being unwell and not able
to come himself. I delivered to Sheik
Khaled the Government presents, and the
letters for Sheik Ibrahim ben Sultan, and
Sultan ben Suggur consisting of one
Black Ubbah, and 1 Canister of Powder
for the former, and one pair of Pistols,
2 Canisters of Powder and one Black
Ubbah for the latter.

He says that there is no news except
that Sheik Ibrahim has gone to Lohay, and
from thence to Brainer - Sultan ben
Suggur, and Saad Ghair turned out Sheik
Cahaithan the former Sheik of Sebrua, and
he

[Signature]

he went to Fies, Saad Ghais wrote to him
while there to come to Sohar, and when he
came Saad Ghais killed him.

After we left Rasal Khayma we proceed-
ed to Amulgasima where we arrived on the
10th Instant. Sheik Abdoolah ben Raschid,
Sheik of that place came on board to whom
I delivered the letter and the Government
presents consisting of one Rifle in Case,
2 Canisters of Powder, our Black Ubbu,
and three yards of Cloth.

He says that the Government is very
lazy for they do not take any notice of what
is going on on shore, but they only take care
of the Sea.

They have taken no notice of the circum-
-stance of Sultan ben Suggur's having taken 3 Ships
by sea to Sohar and he may do it again.

The Government issued orders that no
slaves were to be brought here, after this order
came out no slaves were brought here for
our year, but the last two years they have been
bringing them, and intend to continue it
next year - As the Govt has taken no notice of

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of it, so they will do just as they like by sea
and by land.

Sheik Saad ben Thawoon of Abou thabee
has taken two or three Gums to Braine and
they are now fighting there.

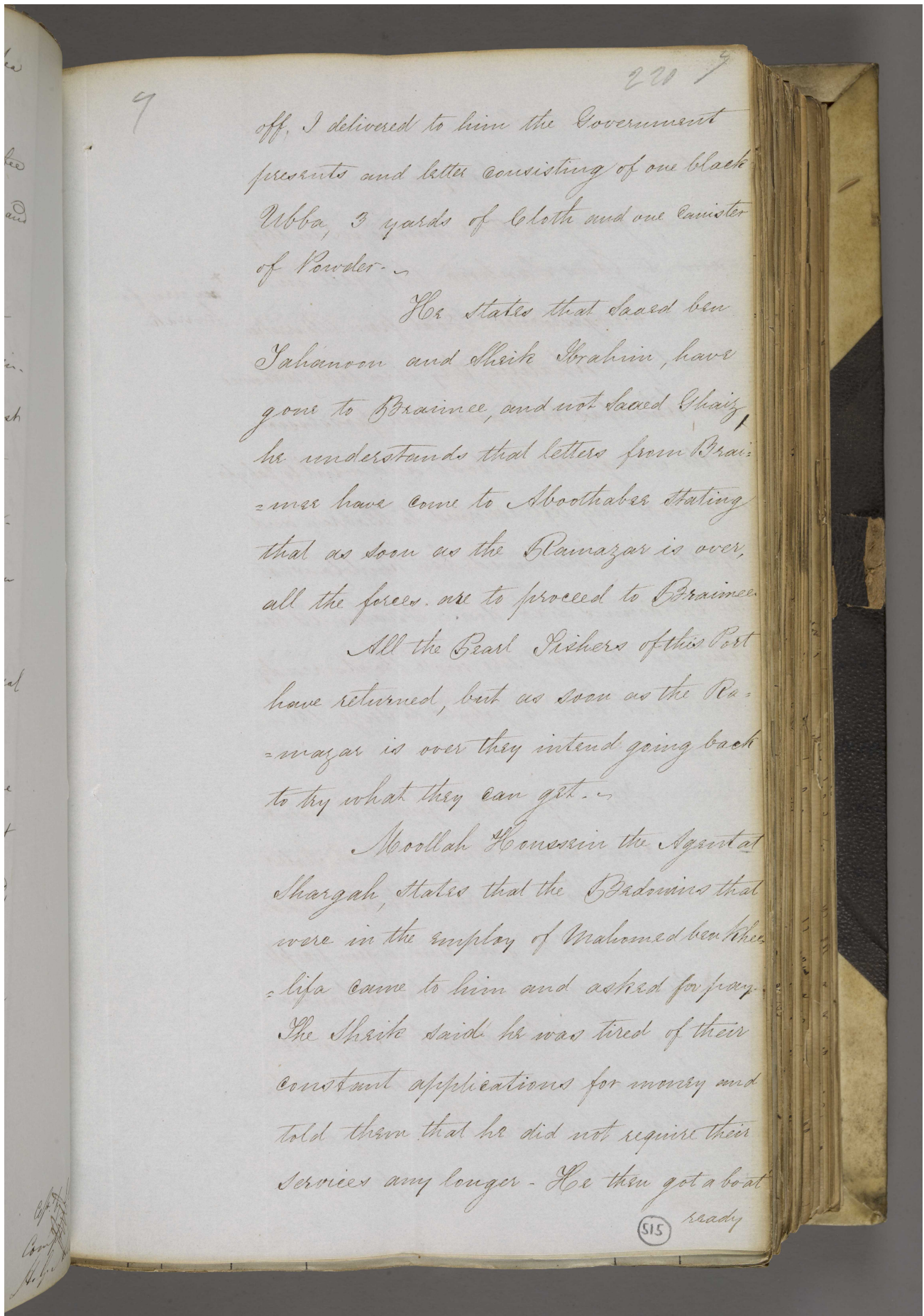
Sheik Ibrahim ben Sultan, has gone
to Sheik Saad Chaiz at Lohar with the in-
-tention of joining him in going against
Braine. Saad ben Thawoon wants to
take Braine and so does Saad Chaiz.

Since Sultan ben Suggar has been
to all these different places, I am afraid
that all the Tribes about here will join Rasal
Rahman, and take Muscat.

All the Sheiks on this Coast have
got a paper from Government to say that
they must be quiet by sea and by land,
and not to interfere with each other,
now they are all in league against me
and are my enemies by land.

After leaving Amulgavin we
proceeded to Shanzah where we arrived
on the 12th Instant when Sheik Abdoolah
ben Sultan Sheik of Shanzah came
off

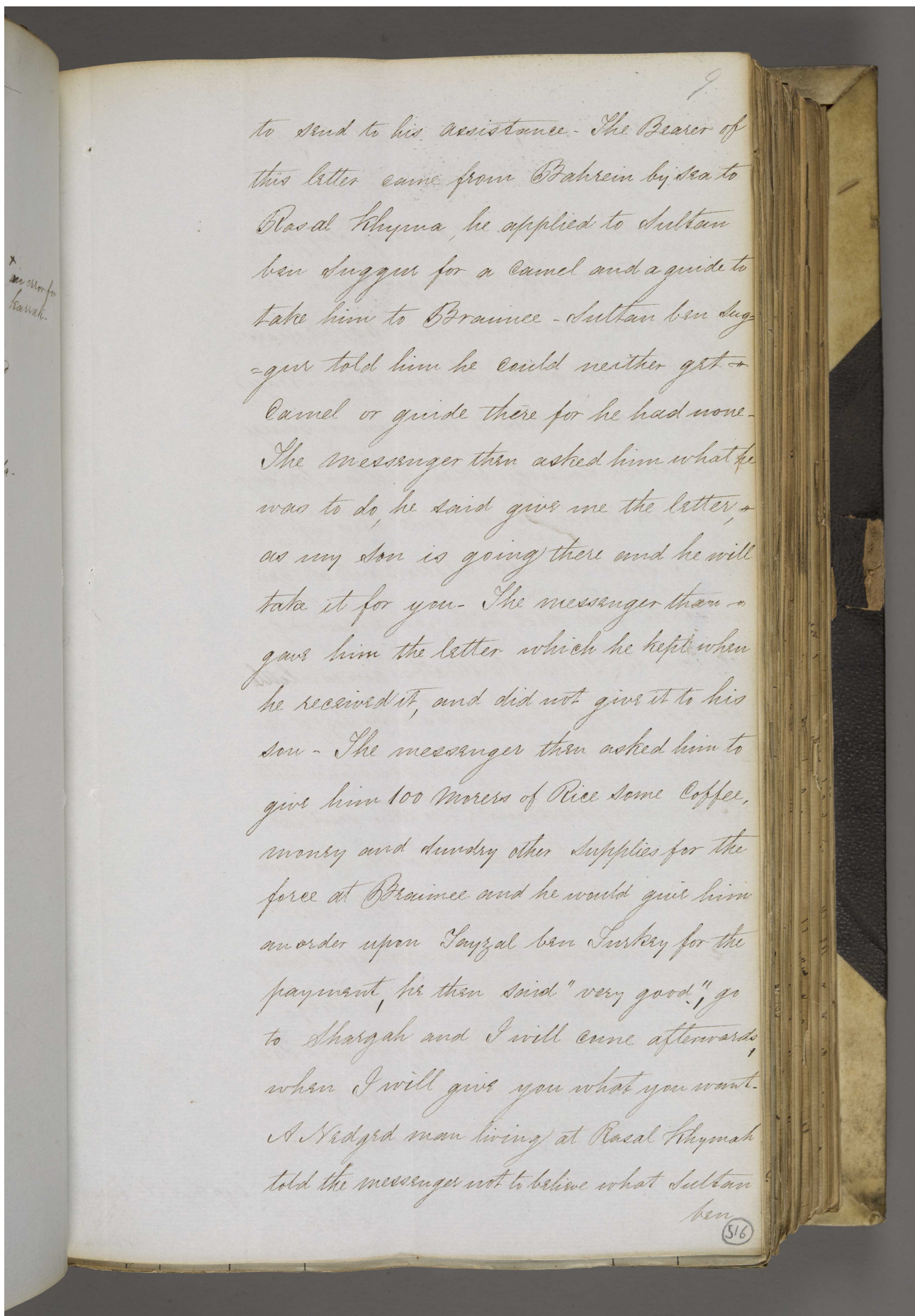
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Comd.
H. G. Alder



ready and put all the Bedouins in it
and sent them to Jahyla, for the pur-
-pose of going to their homes, when they
came to Row Sanhora they fell in
with a ^x Longistonee Boat from ^{an error for} Purrice ^{haraki-}
bound for Whatiffe, they then left Mahomed
ben Khulifa's boat, and took possession
of the Longistonee boat and went to Jahyla.
The Boat they left returned to Bahrein and
reported to Mahomed ben Khulifa what
the Bedouins had done. Mahomed ben
Khulifa then got two more Boats ready
and sent them to Jahyla to seize the
Bedouins.

The Agent had just then received
a letter from Saad Chais, which stated
that Shrike Ibrahim ben Sultan had
been to him and he gave him a few people
to go Braince against Saad ben Shamoon.

He also says that Sazzal ben
Turkey of Nedged wrote to Morthet ben
Bhathal to take care of the Port, and
he would prepare men and provisions
to



ben dugger, said, for it was all lies his
son was gone to take Braince and he
did not want them to get any supplies
or assistance. The messenger came to
Shargah and had with him 400 Dollars.
which he brought with him from Hedger
he then wrote a letter to the man in charge
of Braince saying. When Sultan bendug-
-gus son comes do not give him up the
fort. I send you 100 Dollars which you
must do your best with, I am coming
afterwards. When the weather comes a little
cooler in about 2 months more. Sayal ben
Turkey will come to your assistance with
troops and provisions. He then sent the
letter and the hundred dollars to Braince
by canal. Two days ago the mes-
-senger returned to Shargah after having
delivered the letter and the money.

Both Sultan ben dugger, and sa-
-ad ben Shamoon want the fort, and
the Braince people are defending them.
-salves against both parties -

Shirk

Capt. Hugh M. Porter
Comd. U.S. Navy
Gulf of Persia

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Sheikh Humood ben Raschid of
Ejmann, came on board on the morning
of the 12th ..

He had no news then, but said he
would write any that may arrive subsequently.

We have to off Ejmann for the
greater part of the 11th Instant, without his
coming off, and when he came next day,
his excuse was, that he did not know that
I wanted him. As I knew this was not the
case, as the Agent had apprized him of my
arrival, I only saluted him on leaving the
Ship, I delivered to him the letter and the
Government presents, consisting of 1 double
barrelled Gun, 2 Canisters of Powder, and
1 Black Abba.

After we left this, we proceeded
to Debye, at which place Sheikh Mucktoom
ben Bahstye came off, and to whom I delivered
the letter and the Government presents, con-
sisting of 1 pair of pistols, 2 Canisters of
Powder, 1 Black Abba and 3 yards of
Cloth.

He stated that he sent a Boat close
to Zircocoo on the Pearl Fishery, when they
went there, a boat from Aboothabee took
a man out of her: afterwards his boat
attacked another Aboothabee Boat & took
from her some pearls, 2 creases, and 4
Spears, after which his boat returned to Debye,
and the other Boat went to Aboothabee. These
articles are now in his possession, and
his man is at Aboothabee; he is ready to
give up the articles whenever the Govern-
ment settles it.

We then left this place and
arrived at Aboothabee on the 14th Instant.

The Sheikh did not come off as he
was indisposed, so he sent Moorathie ben

(517) Khulifa

Khulifa in his stead.

He states that off Seir Bani-yas, a boat from Aboothabee went to Walmey for water; while they were there, a boat from Atmulgarnie, came and took some pearls, 3 Canjars or braces, 2 seedies, and 4 spears from her.

Probably the debris Boat.

Saad ben Shanoon was fighting at Braineer.

Having delivered the Government Presents, consisting of 1 Pair of Pistols, 2 Canisters of Powder, and 1 Embroidered Abba, with the letter, we proceeded to Keim for a Pilot for Bahrein, as we could not procure one either at Lingah or Shargah.

Keim has become a large place, & there appeared to be a large number of fishing Boats hauled up there, I understood that there were 4000 people located there, and we were enabled to get supplies for the ship, whereas this time twelve-months it was impracticable.

From thence we proceeded to Bahrein, off which place we arrived on the 21st Instant.

On the night of the 20th, we had a very confused and nasty sea, and on the morning of the 21st, we discovered that the Mizzen Mast was sprung about two feet from the Deck, which obliged us to take all the sail off it. When we got off Maharaag on the 21st, with a fresh breeze and a chopping sea, and having tried several times to tack the vessel in this sea, and finding that I could not do it without after sail, I did not think it safe to work into Bahrein Harbour by Wearing, in a vessel of this size; and having exchanged Colors with the Forts on shore, I authorized

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authorized Lieutenant Ironson to carry
the latter part of your instructions into
effect, and made the best of my way
here for the purpose of getting my
Mizen Mast repaired agreeable to
survey.

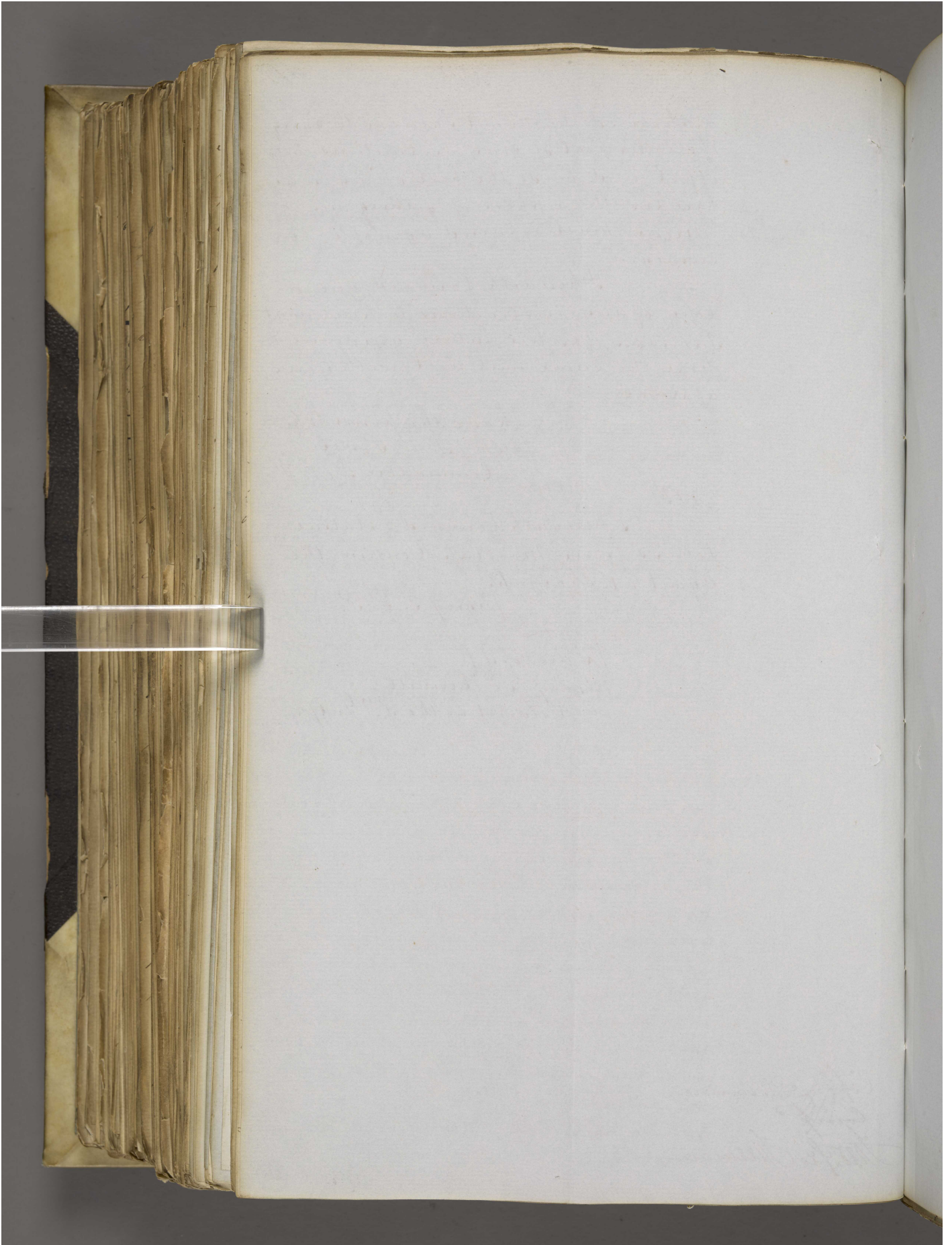
Therewith forward you a
Copy of my instructions to Lieutenant
Ironson, for his future guidance, &
hope the same will meet with your
approval.

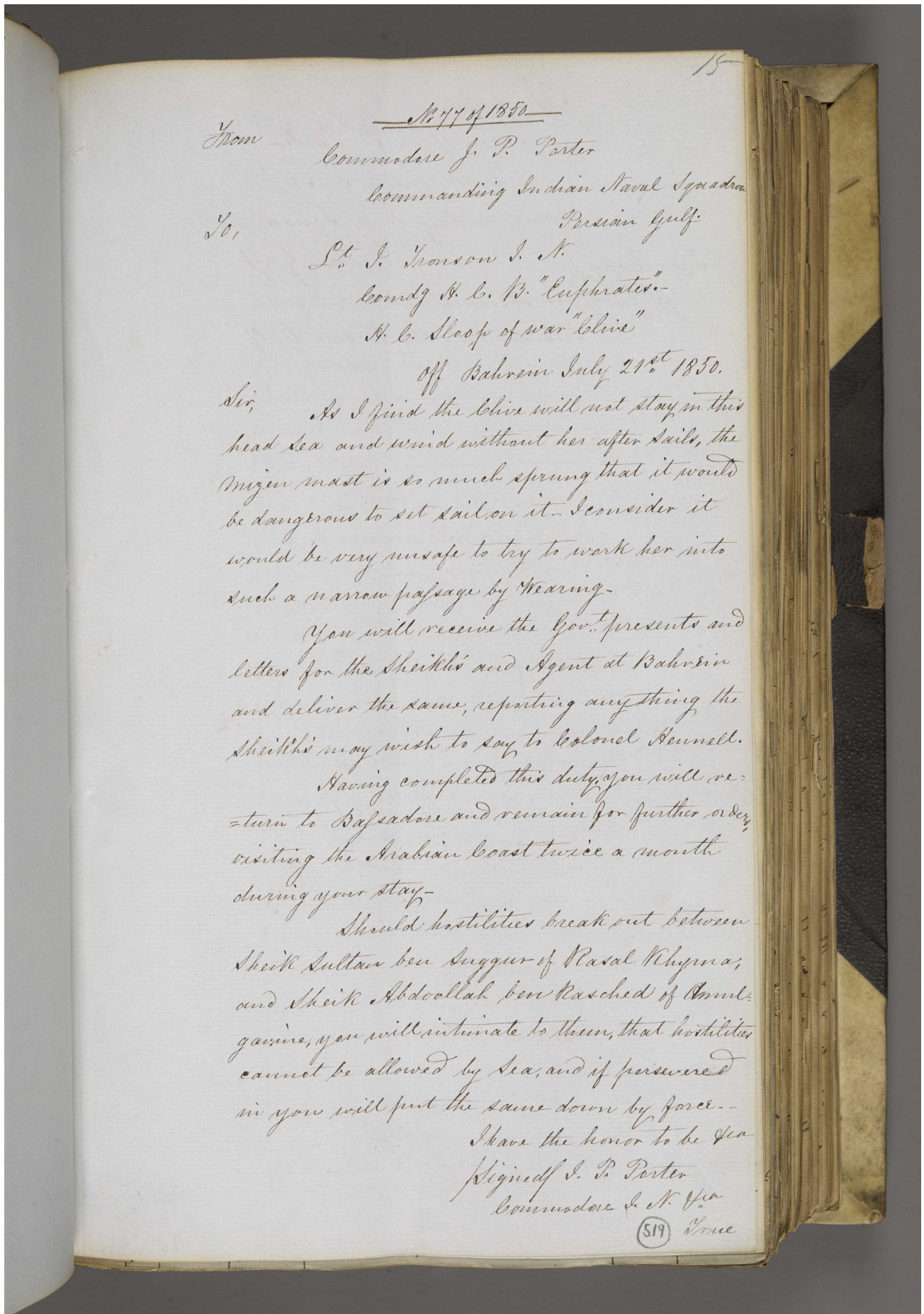
I have the honor to be &
Signed J. P. Porter.
Commodore S. N. P.

N.B.
Therewith forward 2 Native
Letters from Moollah Housin, the
Agent at Shargah.
Signed J. P. P.

True copy
Signed J. Kennell.
Resident in the P. Gulf.

Copies of the
Com
Mrs. J. P. Porter





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No 47 of 1850

From
Commodore J. P. Porter
Commanding Indian Naval Squadron
Persian Gulf

To
Lt. J. Thomson J. N.
Comdg H. C. B. "Euphrates".
H. C. Sloop of war "Elive"

off Bahrain July 21st 1850.

Sir,
As I find the Elive will not stay on this head sea and wind without her after sails, the Mizzen mast is so much sprung that it would be dangerous to set sail on it. I consider it would be very unsafe to try to work her into such a narrow passage by Tearing.

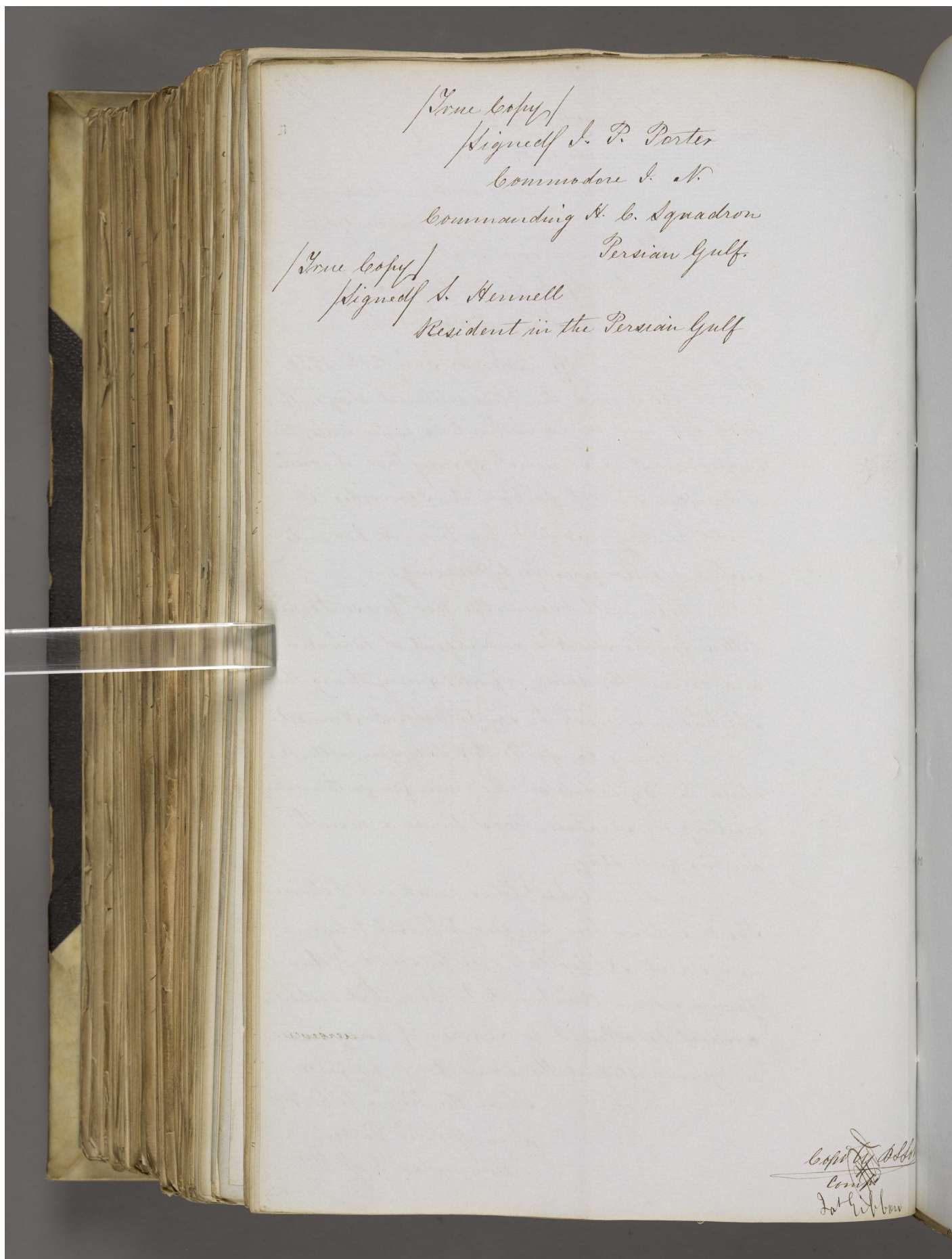
You will receive the Gov^t presents and letters for the Sheikh and Agent at Bahrain and deliver the same, reporting anything the Sheikh may wish to say to Colonel Kennell.

Having completed this duty, you will return to Bassadore and remain for further orders, visiting the Arabian Coast twice a month during your stay.

Should hostilities break out between Sheikh Sultan ben Suggur of Nasal Rhyra, and Sheikh Abdoolah ben Rasched of Amul-gamine, you will intimate to them, that hostilities cannot be allowed by sea, and if persevered in, you will put the same down by force.

I have the honor to be Dear
Signed J. P. Porter
Commodore J. N. H.

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/True copy/
Signed J. P. Porter
Commodore N. B.
Commanding N. B. Squadron
Persian Gulf.

/True copy/
Signed S. Hennell
Resident in the Persian Gulf

Capt. J. P. Porter
Comd.
N. B. Squadron

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Distribution of Presents to the Chiefs of the
Arabian Coast, in 1850.

Sheik Sultan ben Suggur of Rasel Khymah			
1 Pair of Pistols	110	a a	
2 Canisters of Powder	3	8 10	
1 Black Abba	14	5 8	127 14 6
Sheik Abdoolah ben Mashid of Amulgaime			
1 Rifle in Case	81	13 1	
2 Canisters of Powder	3	8 10	
1 Black Abba	14	5 8	
3 Yards of Cloth	20	1 6	119 13 1
Sheik Humaid ben Mashid of Ejmaur			
1 Double barrelled Gun	95	11 1	
2 Canisters of Powder	3	8 10	
1 Black Abba	14	5 8	113 9 7
Sheik Mukhtoom ben Nutey of Debaye			
1 Pair of Pistols	100	a a	
2 Canisters of Powder	3	8 10	
1 Black Abba	14	5 8	
3 Yards of Cloth	20	1 6	138 a a
Sheik Saed ben Tahnoon of Aboothabee			
1 Pair of Pistols	120	a a	
2 Canisters of Powder	3	8 10	
1 Embroidered Abba	31	1 7	154 10 5
Sheik Mahomed ben Khulefa of Bahrein			
1 Pair of Pistols	120	a a	
2 Canisters of Powder	3	8 10	
1 Cloak	38	4 5	161 13 3
Sheik Ally ben Khulefa of Bahrein			
1 Pair of Pistols	50	a a	
2 Canisters of Powder	3	8 10	53 8 10
Carried forward Rupees			869 5 8
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Items	Amount	Total
Brought forward Rupees		869 5 8
Sheik Abdollah ben Sultan of Shargah		
1 Black Abba	14 5 8	
3 yards of Cloth	20 1 6	
1 Canister of Powder	1 12 5	36 3 7
Sheik Ibrahim ben Sultan of Shargah		
1 Black Abba	14 5 8	
1 Canister of Powder	1 12 5	16 2 1
Mollah Houssein, Agent at Shargah		
3 yards of Cloth	20 1 6	
Haje Passeri, Agent at Bahrein		
3 yards of Cloth	20 1 6	
Total Company's Rupees nine hundred and sixty one, fourteen annas, & four pies		961 14 4

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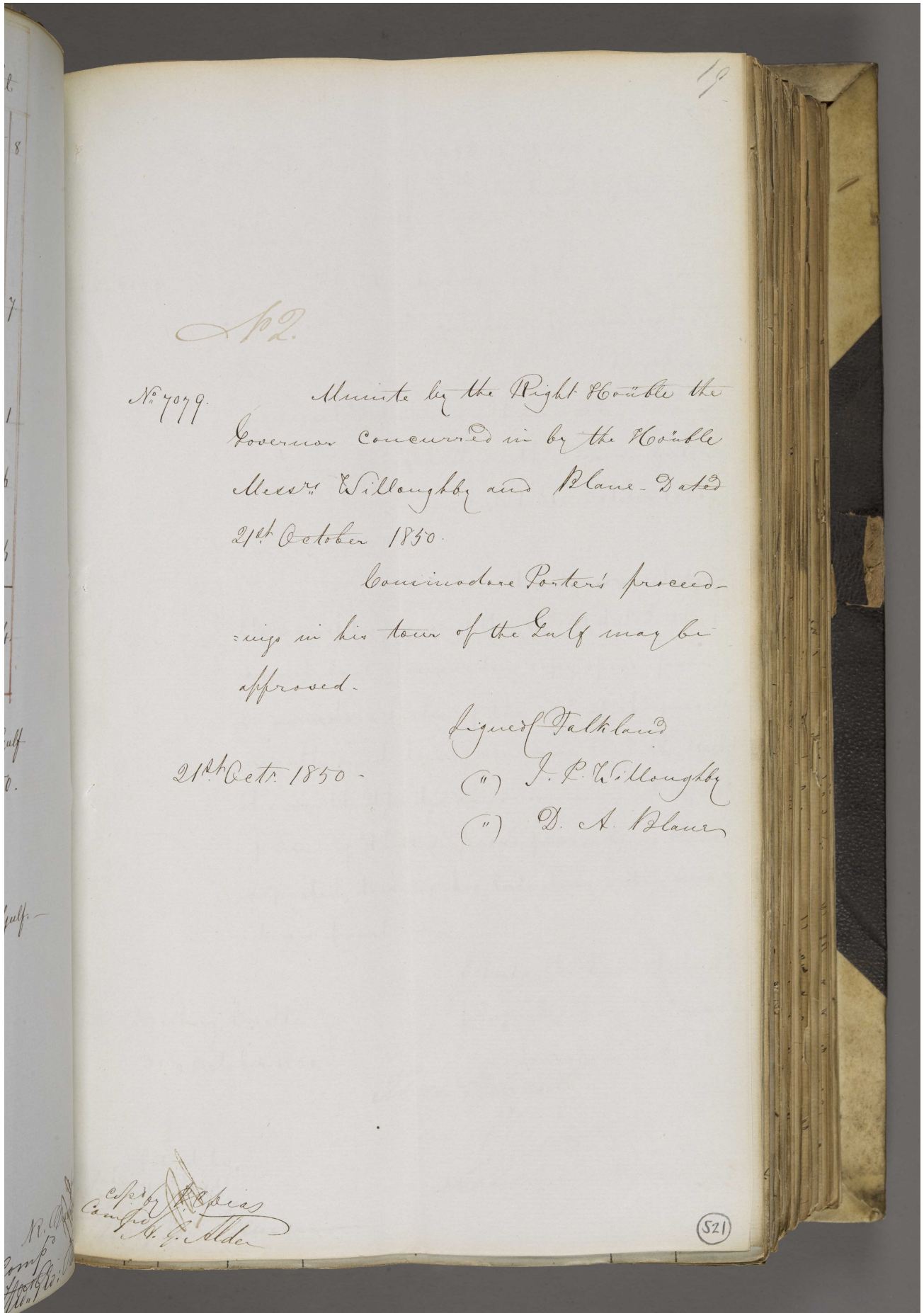
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[Signed] J. Hemell

Resident in the Persian Gulf.

Checked by
N. Dastakhat
Comp
M. G. P. Ahmed



No 4049.

Minute by the Right Honble the
Governor concurred in by the Honble
Messrs Willoughby and Plaine. Dated
21st October 1850.

Commodore Porter's proceed-
ings in his tour of the Gulf may be
approved.

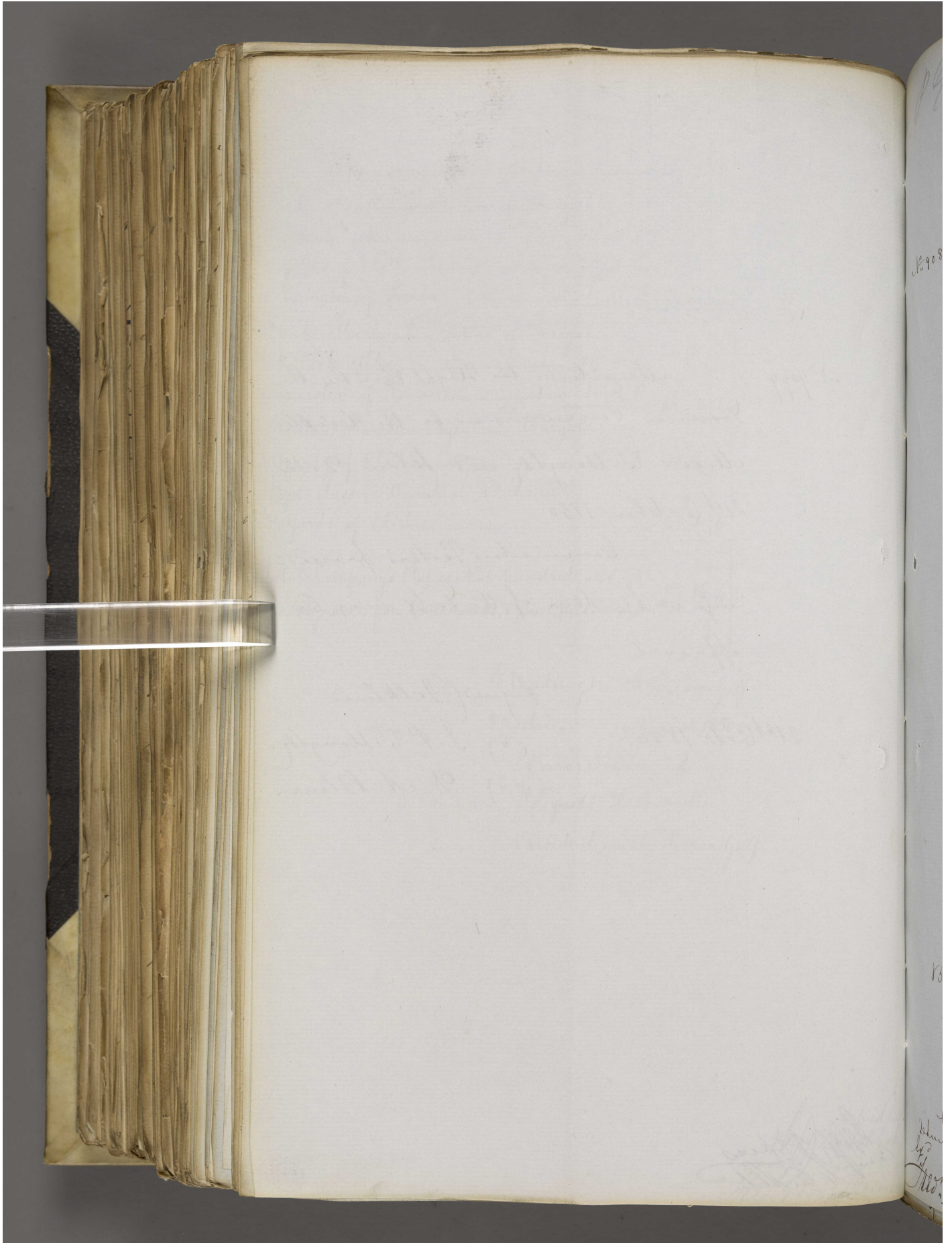
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Signed of Falkland

(1) J. P. Willoughby

(2) D. A. Plaine

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N^o. 4988 of 1850.

Political Department.

From

N^o. 9080.

H. C. Goldsmid Esquire,
Secretary to Government,
Bombay,

To

Lieut^{nt}. Col^l. S. Hurrell,
Resident in the Persian Gulf,
Dated 31st October 1850.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, N^o. 81, dated the 1st August last, forwarding copy of one from Commodore Porter of the 26th of the preceding month, and to inform you that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council approves of that officer's proceedings therein reported, during his late tour of the Arabian Coast.

I have the honor to be Sir,

I signed | H. C. Goldsmid,
Secretary to Gov^{nt}.

True Extract

W. D. M.
Secretary to Gov^{nt}

Bombay Castle }
31st October 1850 }

Copied by
John J. J. J.
Mr. J. J. J.

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