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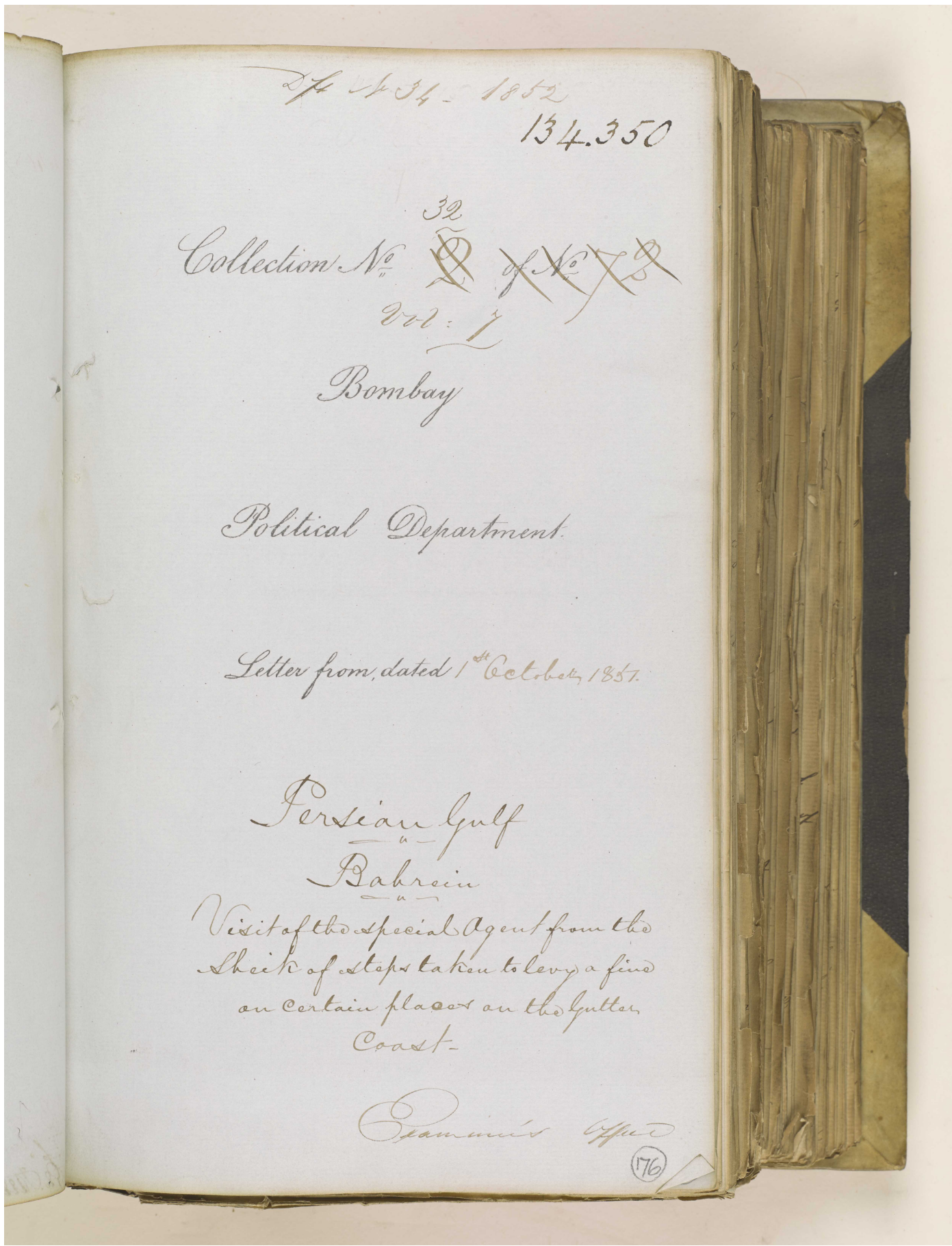
The item concerns:

- The movement of people from Wukrah [Al Wakrah] and Fowarit [Fuwairit] to Bahrein [Bahrain] and El Biddah [al-Bid'] on the orders of Mahomed bin Khuleefa [Shaikh Muḥammad bin Khalīfah Āl Khalīfah of Bahrain]
- Mahomed bin Khuleefa's decision to pay the fine the British were imposing on Doah [Doha], Wukrah, and Fowarit because of the 'piracy' of Soheil bin Ateish [Suhayl bin 'Uṭaysh]
- Plans to seize Soheil bin Ateish
- Visits of British ships to the Guttur [Qatar] Coast and El Adeed [Khawr al 'Udayd]

- British surveys of the harbour of El Biddah and the shoals outside
- The movements of Ameer Fysul [Amīr Fayṣal bin Turkī bin ‘Abdullāh Āl Sa‘ūd, ruler of the Second Saudi State].

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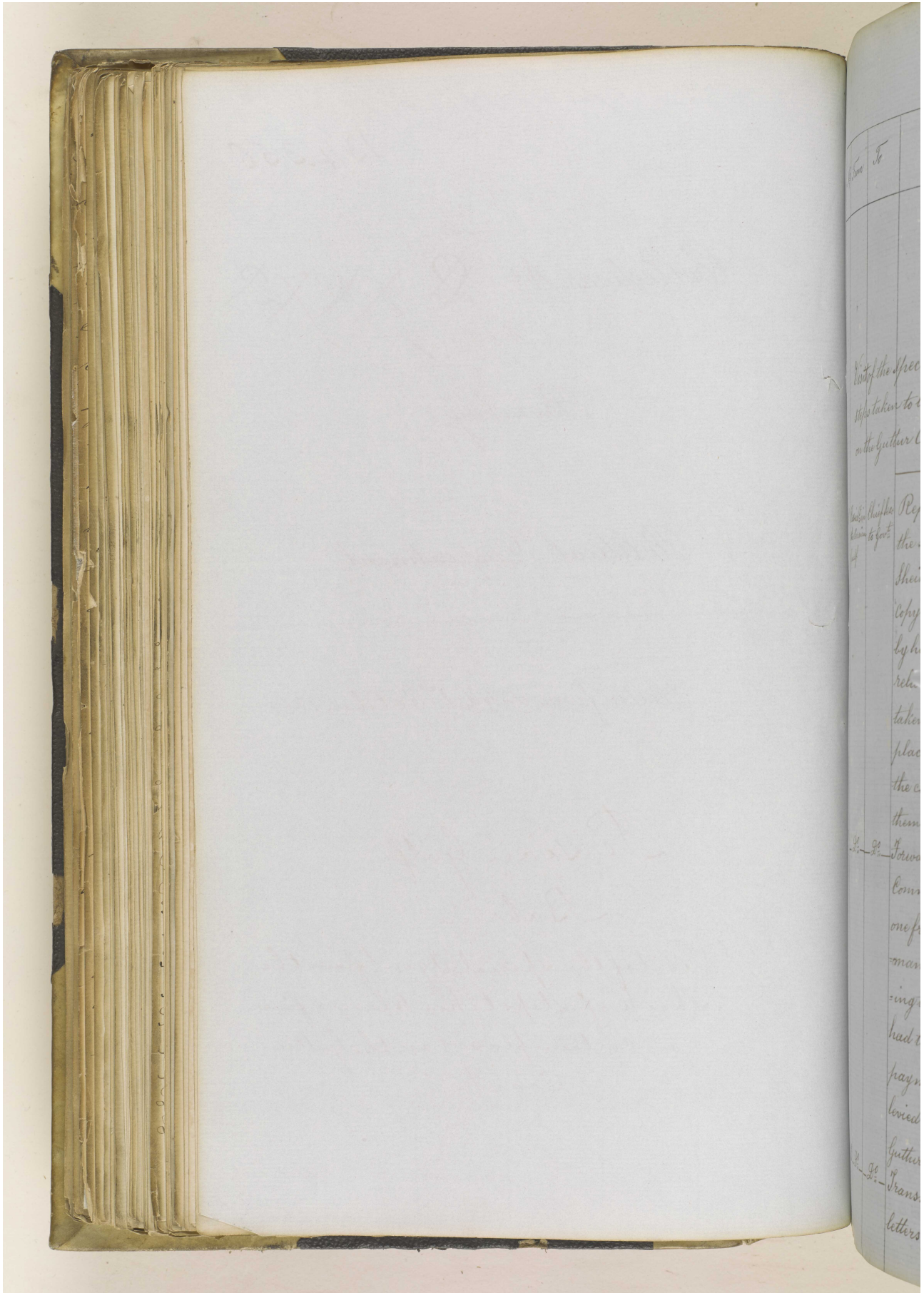
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From,

Lieutenant Colonel Hennell

Resident in the Persian Gulf

To A. Mahel Esq^r

Chief Secretary to Government

Bombay

Bushire 20th March 1851

Pol^y Depart^t

Sir,

I have the honor to report for the information of the Right Hon^{ble} the Governor in Council, that on the 18th Instant I received a visit from Sheik Humood bin Mahomed, who had been specially deputed by the Sheik of Bahrein to make certain verbal communications to me.

2. After the usual preliminary compliments and conversation, Sheik Humood referred to the position of Amood Fysul, at present stationed a short distance from Hattuf, and who he said, had now so far attended his tone, as to display an inclination for a renewal of amicable relations with Bahrein.

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but that as one of the conditions laid down, was a personal meeting either with Sheik Mahomed himself, or his brother Ally, this had been declared by them to be inadmissible as they could not place any faith in the promises or engagements of the Wahabee Chief. My visitor went on to say, that as long as Amir Faysal had no power at sea, the Bahrein Chief was free from apprehension in that quarter; but that the turbulent and refractory character of the inhabitants of the Towns on the Gutter Coast, such as Rasheid, Faddit, Doah, Wabrah, &c. &c. rendered their allegiance to him very uncertain. Moreover Sheik Mahomed was desirous of arranging affairs in that quarter in such a manner as to prevent the possibility of assistance and support being afforded to evil disposed characters like Soheil ben Mesh. With this object therefore, he desired to locate the Inhabitants of Gutter, in Bidda where they would be subject to the immediate control of his brother Sheik Ally, and in Bahrein where they would be under his own eye. That while such an arrangement would

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would meet the views of the British Government for the suppression of piracy, it would at the same time so strengthen his hands on the gutter coast, as to enable him to bid defiance to all the efforts of Amur Tuzul, who being now closely connected with Turkey, the pretensions of that power, would, in the event of his being successful, greatly complicate affairs in the Persian Gulf. The wish therefore of the Bahrein Sheik was, that I ^{should} send him over one of the Government Vessels as soon as possible, and carry into effect without delay, the intimation I had intimated to him, of calling to account Towarit, Deah and Wabrak for their connexion with Scheil ben. Maish and his gang that in such case those places would immediately seek his help to enable them to avert the just displeasure of the British Government, and he would by that means, not only be able to meet our views, but also succeed in effecting his object of beating these refractory and disobedient characters, under the immediate control of himself and his brother Ally.

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3. I replied that the policy of the British Government was not to interfere in the internal disputes and affairs of the Maritime Chiefs of the Persian Gulf, and therefore, although satisfied that the plan proposed by Sheikh Mahomed ben Shalufah would put a great, if not a final check, to the piratical proceedings of Ben. Ateish and his followers, I could not despatch a vessel of War for the object indicated by him. The purpose however which I had before intimated of levying a fine on Fowarib, Doah, and Watirah, for their connexion with the Gang of Pirates, still held good, and the vessels of the Squadron would shortly proceed ^{over} to Bahrein, and from thence to ^{the} Gutter Coast, to carry these instructions into effect. I said that my object was to read the inhabitants of these towns such a lesson, as would effectually prevent their giving any aid to Pirates for the future - that the steps taken by us were quite unconnected with any views the Sheikh might entertain, but that if his object of bringing

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this population more under his control, was forwarded by our measures, I saw no objection to his taking the necessary steps for that purpose.

4. Sheik Mahomed replied, that his Chief would gladly avail himself of such an opportunity, and would probably dispatch him in one of his Boats along with the squadron - that if the inhabitants of Howarit, Dook, and Wukrah complied with the orders of Sheik Mahomed, he would most likely arrange the payment of our claims upon these places himself. He added that Ben Saver the head man of Dook was very well able to pay the full amount of the fine levied upon him, but that the people of Wukrah and Howarit were very poor, he therefore hoped I would reduce the amount of their fines. In compliance with his request I have substituted the sum of 200 Crowns for that of 250 as originally proposed.

5. As the Honorable Company's Brig "Euphrates" was to touch at Bahrein en route to Bushire, it was arranged that Sheik Huswood ben. Mahomed should proceed at once to that Island, taking

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taking with him a letter from Commodore
Porter directing the Brig to await the
arrival thereof of the 'Sigris' and 'Constance'.

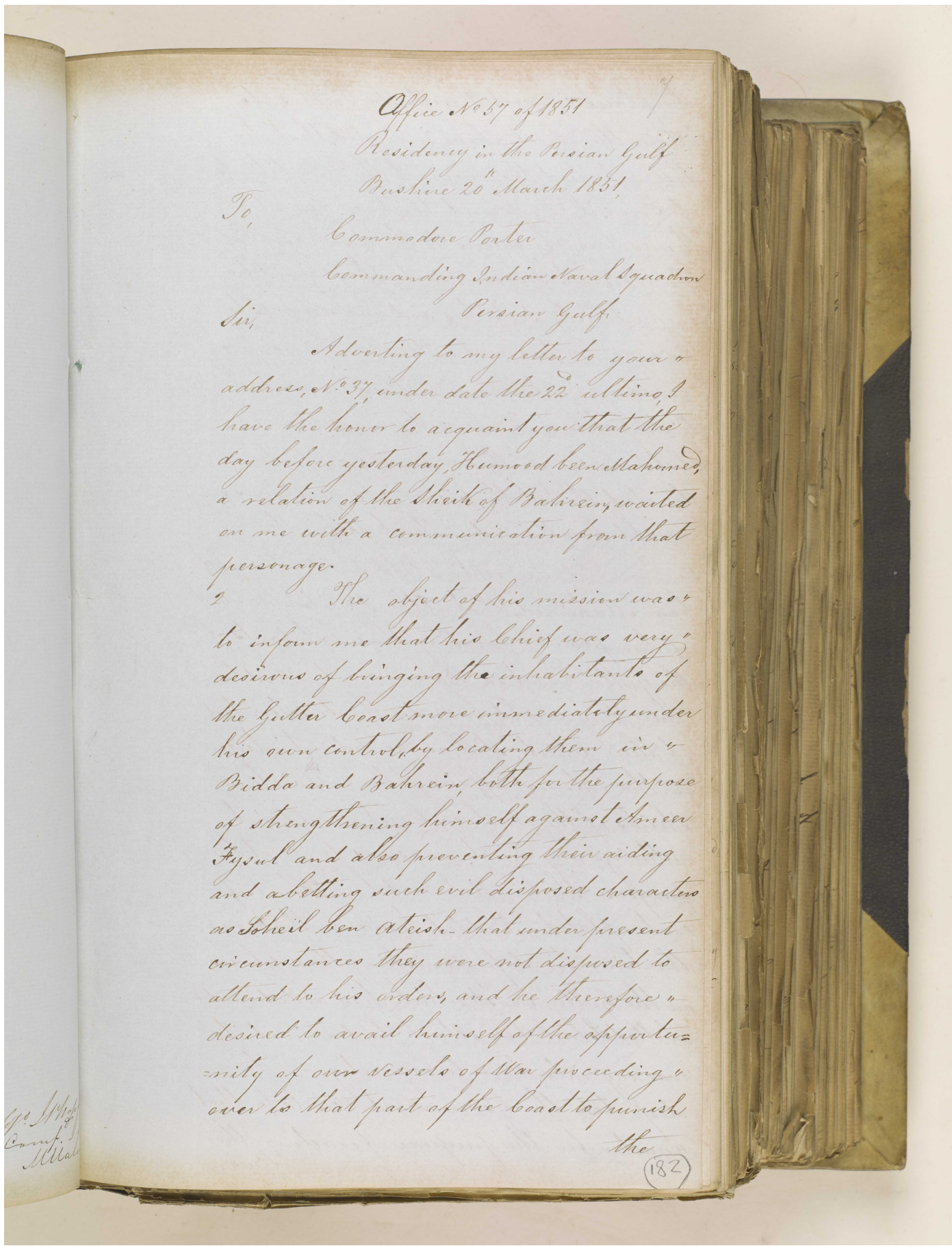
I have the honor to enclose for
the information of the Right Honorable the
Governor in Council, a copy of the letter
of instructions of this day's date, addressed
by me to Commodore Porter, and in
expressing my respectful hope that the
measures proposed to be taken by me
on the present occasion, may meet the
approval of the Right Honorable the
Governor in Council.

I have the honor to be Sir
(Signed) J. Hennell
Resident in the Persian Gulf

Residency in the Persian Gulf
Muscat 20th March 1851

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Office No 57 of 1851

Residency in the Persian Gulf

Dushire 20th March 1851.

To,

Commodore Porter

Commanding Indian Naval Squadron

Persian Gulf.

Sir,

Adverting to my letter to your address, No 37, under date the 22nd ultimo, I have the honor to acquaint you that the day before yesterday, Humood ben Ellahomed, a relation of the Sheik of Bahrein, waited on me with a communication from that personage.

The object of his mission was to inform me that his Chief was very desirous of bringing the inhabitants of the Gutter Coast more immediately under his own control, by locating them in Bidda and Bahrein, both for the purpose of strengthening himself against Ameer Fysul and also preventing their aiding and abetting such evil disposed characters as Soheil ben Ateish. That under present circumstances they were not disposed to attend to his orders, and he therefore desired to avail himself of the opportunity of our vessels of War proceeding over to that part of the Coast to punish the

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the places connected with the Pirates, to attain the object above indicated, that he felt satisfied the moment the inhabitants of Fowairit, Doah, and Mukhra found themselves obnoxious to the displeasure of the British Government, they would immediately seek his aid and advice to arrange matters, and settle the claims preferred against them. He therefore wished to despatch a Bugla with one of his relations, along with our vessels, and he trusted that both his objects and ours would be attained without difficulty.

3. In reply I told Sheikh Humood ben Mahomed, that altho I quite approved of his plan of locating the inhabitants of the Gutter Coast in Bahrein and Bidder where they would be under the direction of their Chiefs, still, as we did not interfere in the internal affairs of the Maritime Sheiks of the Arabian Coast, I could not authorize any direct measures to effect the purpose Sheikh Mahomed ben Whuleefa contemplated. I added however, that as the time fixed for punishing those places on the Gutter Coast, which had aided and abetted Sheik ben Steish, had arrived, it was my intention to request you to despatch the Government Vessels to that quarter for the purpose of exacting the fines

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 fines levied upon them. that as they
 nominally belonged to him, there was no
 reason why he should not send the Agent
 he proposed along with our ships, and
 making what arrangements he pleased
 with respect to the inhabitants. Our
 object I said, was the exaction of com-
 pensation for the piracies committed by
 Soheil ben Atsish, but that if he could
 carry out his views at the same time,
 I saw no objection to his doing so.

4.
 I have accordingly the honor to
 request you will be pleased to despatch
 the "H. C. Brigantine" "Siquis" and Schooner
 "Constance" to Bahrein, with orders to
 await there the arrival of the "Euphrates"
 On being joined by that Vessel the Squadron
 should proceed to Towarit Doah and
 Wakrah, for the purpose of demanding
 the payment of the sums specified in the
 margin. In the event of the Agent of the
 Bahrein Sheik pledging himself on the
 part of his Master for the payment of any
 portion of these sums, his guarantee may
 be accepted, or should any boats Sea Sea
 be proffered as security for the future
 payment of the amount claimed, they may
 be taken and handed over to Hajee
 Jassem to keep at Bahrein until our
 demands be settled.

Towarit 200 Crowns
 Doah 500 Crowns
 Wakrah 200 Crowns

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5. After the delivery of my letters to the head men of the places above referred to, should they offer to come to terms a reasonable time will of course be given them to arrange matters, but should a refusal be returned, or 48 hours elapse without a reply, the Commanding officer of the Squadron will then take such steps as he may consider best adapted to seize Boats equivalent to our claims, and should this be found impracticable, to destroy them in their absence, the Ports as far as this can be done from the sea, but all operations on land should be strictly prohibited.

6. In the event of the "Euphrates" having passed Bahrein en route for Bushire, the Brigantine and Schooner will remain in that Port until the Brig can join them there, when they will proceed to carry into effect the services required.

I have the honor to be
Signed J Hennell
Resident Sea
True copy
Signed J Hennell
Resident in the Persian Gulf.

Copied by
J. M. Campbell
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Political Department

N^o 40021. From, Lieutenant Colonel Hennell
Resident in the Persian Gulf
To, A. Malet Esquire,
Chief Secretary to Government Bombay.
Brisbane 2^d April 1851.

Sir,

Adverting to my Despatch to your
address N^o 9 in this Department, under date
the 20th ultimo, I have much satisfaction in
forwarding for the information of the Right
Honble the Governor in Council, the accom-
panying copy of a letter from Commodore
Porter to my address dated the 1st Instant, &
giving cover to a communication from Lieut
Manners Commanding Honble Company's
Brigantine "Tigres" of the 30th March, reporting
that the inhabitants of the Ports on the Gut-
ter Coast, having, at the call of Sheikh Mahomed
ben Khalifa, located themselves at Bidda
and Bahrein, that Chief had made himself
responsible to us for the sum of 900 Crowns, being
the amount of the fines to be levied on Fowairit
Deah, and Wakrah, for their complicity with
the Pirate Scheil ben Attish.

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immediately under the eyes of the Bahrein chief, and his brother, is I think a further subject of satisfaction. I have no doubt that sooner or later, Sheik Mahomed ben Khalifa will make them reimburse the amount for which he has now become responsible to us on their account.

3. I saw no objection to Sheik Mahomed visiting the gutter coast as intimated in his letter. On the contrary, I am of opinion the appearance of the Squadron in that quarter, will produce a beneficial impression, as making our determination to put down Sheik and his gang.

4. With reference however to the proposed visit to Kateef, I have requested Commodore Porter to instruct the senior officer of the Squadron to abstain from this step, considering that amicable relations subsist between Amir Fozul and the British Government, it appeared to me, that the arrival of our vessels of War off his principal Port, now blockaded by the Bahrein Fleet, might under present circumstances, be looked upon by him as a hostile demonstration.

Residency in the Persian Gulf, I have the honor to be
Bushire 2 April 1837. Signed J. Kennell
Resident in the Persian Gulf.

N^o 43 of 1837.

From Commodore J. P. Porter J. S.
Comd^g J. S. Squadron Persian Gulf

To,

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To,
Lieut. Colonel S. Hennell
Resident in the Persian Gulf
H. C. S. "Auckland"
Buckingham Palace April 1st 1851

Sir,
I have the honor to forward for your
information a copy of a letter from Lieutenant
J. C. Manners J. N. commanding H. C. S.
Brigantine "Tigris" received yesterday the
31st Instant.

I have the honor to be
signed J. P. Porter
Commodore J. N.

(True Copy)
signed S. Hennell
Resident in the Persian Gulf

From
Lieutenant J. C. Manners J. N.
Comd^g H. C. Brigantine "Tigris"
To, Commodore J. P. Porter J. N.
Comd^g J. N. Squadron
Persian Gulf
H. C. S. "Tigris" Bahrein March 30th 1851

Sir,
I have the honor to inform you that
on my arrival at Bahrein with the H. C. S.
"Constance" on the 26th Instant, I immediately
communicated with the Sheik of that place
who informed me the inhabitants of the

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Ports mentioned for the ships to visit had vacated them and that he himself would stand security for the amount claimed viz. (900) nine hundred Dollars for the three places Affert, Beah and Wokrah.

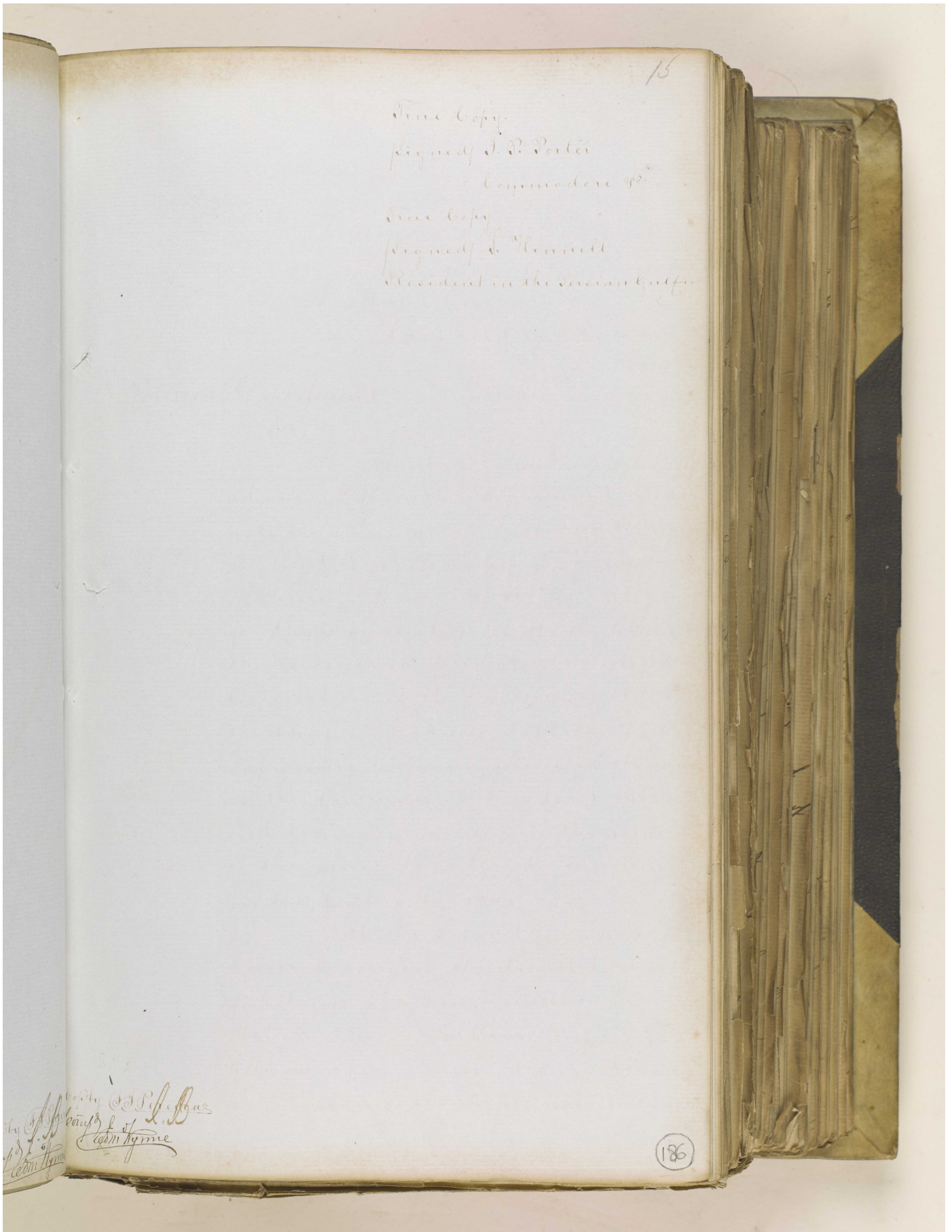
As I considered from the Sheikh's bearing and manner he was exceedingly averse to my visiting these Ports, I have come to the determination, notwithstanding his guarantee, of proceeding to the coast and these parts, if it be merely for the purpose of showing ships, which if no other object is gained would have no doubt a good effect, and probably prevent future Piracies, I contemplate also examining the coast, Shoals, and reefs, further down, which are but very imperfectly laid down in the charts, should the weather permit; as I know it to be the wish of the Resident, and no doubt your own, for the two vessels to remain some time on the coast of Guttah, the Spherates arrived on the 25th the same day as myself.

The Wahabi chief I understand contemplates attacking Bahrein and I think it would be a politic measure for the vessels to show themselves at Katerif also en route to Bushire or before. Dr Crawford is still at Bassidere attending Mr. Pondall who it is expected will ultimately recover.

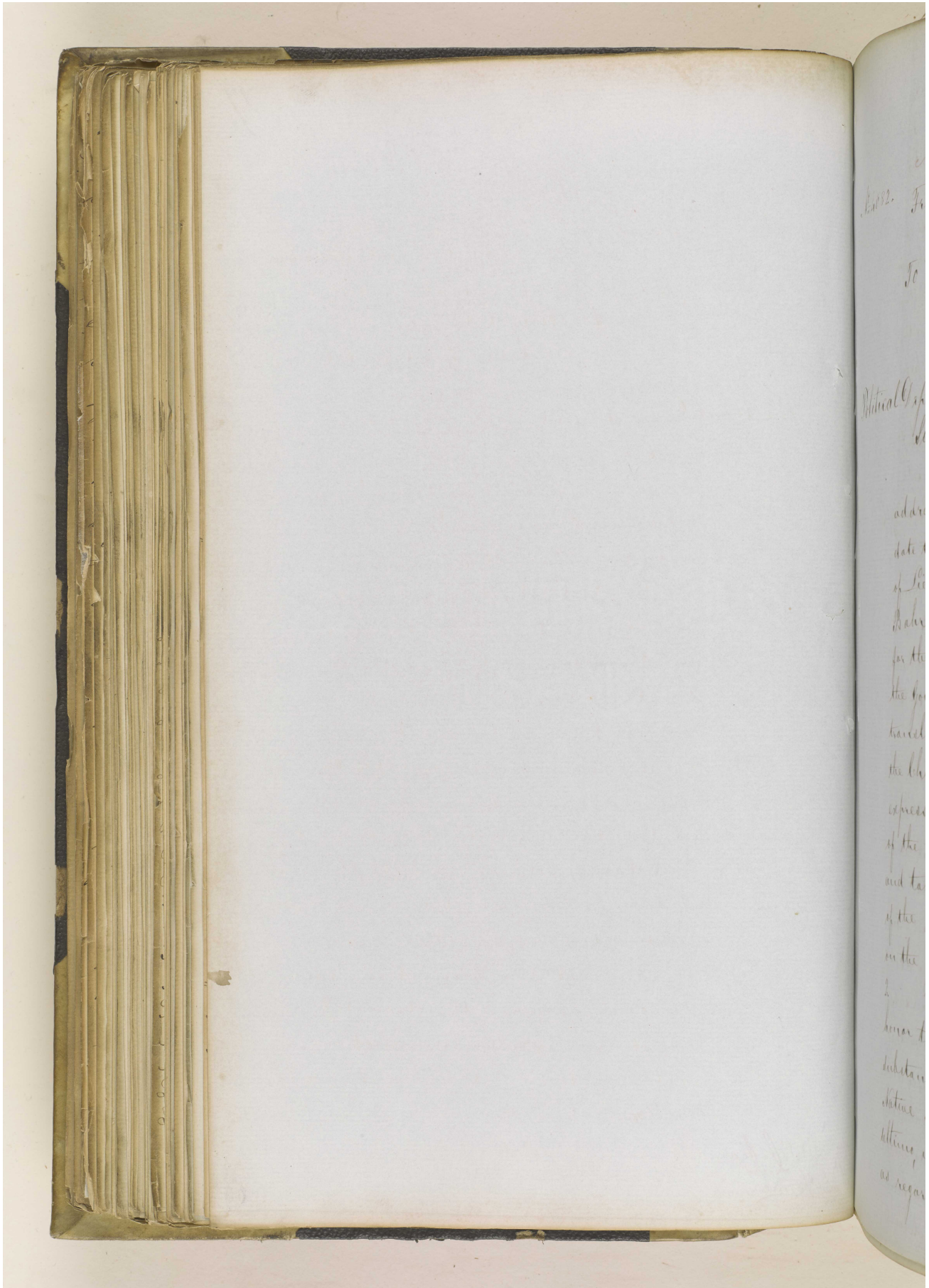
I have the honor to be
Signed J. C. Manners
Lieut. Comdr. R. N. S. Sigsbee

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Comdr. J. C. Manners
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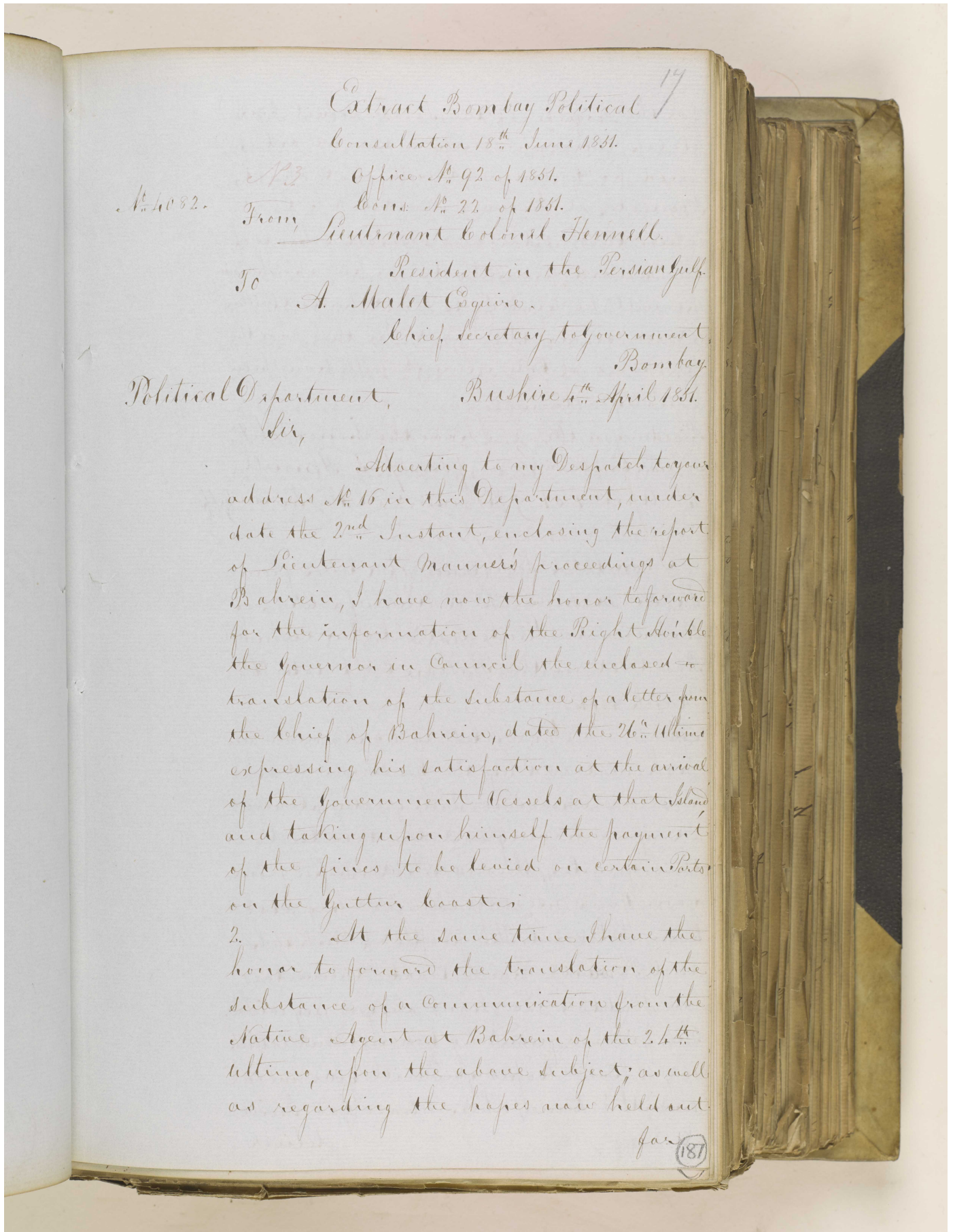
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N^o 4082. N^o 92 of 1851.
From Cons. N^o 22 of 1851.
Lieutenant Colonel Hennell.

To President in the Persian Gulf
A. Malet Esquire,
Chief Secretary to Government,
Bombay.

Political Department, Bushire 5th April 1851.
Sir,

Adverting to my Despatch to your address N^o 15 in this Department, under date the 2nd Instant, enclosing the report of Lieutenant Manners's proceedings at Bahrein, I have now the honor to forward for the information of the Right Hon^{ble} the Governor in Council the enclosed translation of the substance of a letter from the Chief of Bahrein, dated the 26th Ultimo expressing his satisfaction at the arrival of the Government Vessels at that Island and taking upon himself the payment of the fines to be levied on certain Ports on the Gutter Coast.

2. At the same time I have the honor to forward the translation of the substance of a communication from the Native Agent at Bahrein of the 2⁶th Ultimo, upon the above subject, as well as regarding the hopes now held out

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for the seizure of the Pirate Scheel ben Ateish, consequent upon the reward offered by Government with that object, I consider it however most likely that when this notorious character hears of the reward promulgated for his apprehension, he will be afraid to trust himself either at sea or on the coast. In this case the purposes of Government will have been equally attained.

Residency in the Persian Gulf Bahrein } I have the honor to be
4th April 1851. } Signed S. Hornell
Resident in the Persian Gulf.

Translated substance of a letter from Sheik Mahomed ben Khaleefa Chief of Bahrein to Lieutenant Colonel Hornell Resident in the Persian Gulf dated 26th March 1851.

Sir. Your letters by Ahmed ben Mahomed and by the Government ships have been received. I am greatly pleased at your having sent the vessels to this quarter, this is what I hoped from you. Your message Ahmed has also been delivered. The people of Mirkah and Fawarit have located themselves in Biddah and have obeyed my wishes. The fine required by Government is with me, I have hopes you will give me one month's time, when please God I will deliver

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deliver the amount to the Agent
Hajee Jasseem, or to whomsoever you may
order. The Captain has decided upon
going to Biddah to publish the orders
of Government, I have sent two Bateels
to that place with Humood ben Mahomed
and my son Khuleefa ben Mahomed my
hopes rest upon the Sirkar on the subject
of ben Ateish. Please God I will exert my-
self. I have brought the subject to the
notice of Sheik Ally ben Khuleefa through
Sheik Hoosain. Please God he will see
recipies

True Translated Substance
Signed J. Edwards
Accountant G. A. A.

(True copy)

Signed S. Hemmell:

Resident in the Persian Gulf

Translated Substance of a letter from Hajee
Jasseem Agent at Bahrein to Lieutenant
Colonel Hemmell, Resident in the Persian
Gulf dated 24th March 1851.

After I had written my previous
reports I waited upon the Captain who
informed me that he had been instructed
to exact a fine of 900 browns from the
people of gutter, and if the money were
not forthcoming to take pledges in lieu
that Sheik Mahomed ben Khuleefa had
become responsible for the amount, but

asked

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asked for time until a reply could be received from the Resident that he had no objection to this proposal, provided the Sheik made ^{one} of his vessels to remain in my charge as security - I waited upon the Chief of Bahrein with this message, and received for answer that the Bugla of Sheik, Hoornood should be placed as a pledge in my hands until the Resident's orders were received. The Boat now despatched has been purposely sent by Sheik Mahomed ben Khulefa. On the subject of Scheil ben Ateish, I informed Faysal ben Saad Aflasee (who is the Pilot of the Vessel) of the reward offered by the Government of 500 crowns for the apprehension of the aforesaid pirate. He has promised to seize him after his return from the present voyage. He was well pleased and will exert himself in this affair; but I think of having ~~two~~ Buggarahs with crews, and despatching them to the haunts of Scheil ben Ateish; no doubt he will appear, and to whomsoever apprehends and brings him I will give the reward offered by the Government. All are ready to use their best endeavours in this business every thing is quiet in this place since the arrival of the Vessels and the power of Sheik Mahomed has increased. The fears of the people have subsided, and trade has resumed its usual course. There is no news or information regarding

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regarding Tysul. He is extremely weak
True Translated Substance
Signed J^d Edwards.
Accountant &c

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(True Copy)

Signed J. Hennell
Resident in the Persian Gulf

N^o 4083-

Minute by the Right Honible the Governor concurred in by the Honible Mr. Blane and the Honible Mr. Bell dated 17th May 1851.

Colonel Hennell's proceedings reported in his letters N^{os} 60. 85 & 92, may be approved I hope that the location of the turbulent inhabitants of the ports on the gutter coast at Bidda and Bahrein, will be productive of good effects

17th May 1851.

Signed Fathland.

for D. A. Blane:

A. Bell.

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N^o 2317 of 1851.

N^o 4084-

From, Political Department,
A Major Squire,
Chief Secretary to Government
Bombay.

To Lieutenant Colonel J. Hennell
Resident in the Persian Gulf
Bushire.

Dated 4th June 1851

I am directed by the Right Honible the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letters N^{os} 60. 85 and 92 dated the 20th March 1851

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March last and the 2nd and 4th letters, relative to the affairs of Bahrein.

In reply, I am desired to inform you that His Lordship in Council approves of your proceedings reported in these communications and hopes that the location of the tax-shed at inhabitants of the Ports on the gutter Coast at Bidda and Bahrein will be productive of good effects.

Bombay Castle
4th June 1851.

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

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Office. No 108 of 1851.

No. 28 of 1851.

No 1268. From Lieut Col S. Hennell.

Resident in the Persian Gulf.

To.

A. Malet Esquire.

Chief Secretary to Government Bombay

Col Dept.

Of Bushire 24th April 1851

Sir,

Adverting to my despatch to your address
No 22 in this Department, under dated the 14th
Instant reporting that the Sheik of Bahrein
had guaranteed the payment of the fines
proposed to be levied upon Fowairi Doah
and Mikhraly for their complicity with the
notorious Pirate Scheib ben Atish I now
do myself the honor to forward for the informa-
tion of the Right Honourable the Governor in
Council the accompanying copy of a letter
from Commodore Porter, dated the 16th Instant
giving cover to reports from Lieutenants Maines
and Tronson regarding their proceedings on
the Coasts of Guttur and Oman.

2. I have no doubt the visit of ^{the} Squadron
to El Adeed, and the exploration of the back
waters of that place by the Ship's boats, will
produce an excellent effect upon the
minds of the Arab Tribes in that quarter

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3. The survey of the Port of Biddah, made by Lieutenant Constable of the "Constance" appears a very complete one, and will greatly facilitate the operations of our Vessels of War on that Coast, should they be required on any future occasion.

Resid^t in the Persian Gulf } I have the honor to be
Bushire } Signed J. Hennell
24th April 1851. } Resid^t in the Persian Gulf.

N^o. 60. of 1851

From Commodore J. P. Parter J. A.
Commanding J. A. Squadron.
To, Lieut Colonel J. Hennell. Persian Gulf.
Resident in the Persian Gulf.
H. C. S. F. "Auckland".

Bushire Roads April 16th 1851.

Sir I have the honor to report the arrival of the H. C. Brigantine "Tigris" and H. C. Schooner "Constance" on the 15th Instant and beg to forward Copies of 3 letters, 2 from Lieut^t F. C. Manners J. A. Commanding Tigris and 1 from Lieut^t Tronson J. A. Commanding "Cuprates."

I have the honor to be
Signed J. P. Parter.
Commodore J. A. & Co.

P.S. With regard to the letter Par^t of Lieut^t Manners's letter in which he states that all his
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his quarters deck gun carriages have
been condemned by Survey, I beg to inform
you that indents for the same have been
forwarded to Bombay and they will
in all probability be sent up in the
H. G. Sloop "Glive".

Signed J. P. Porter

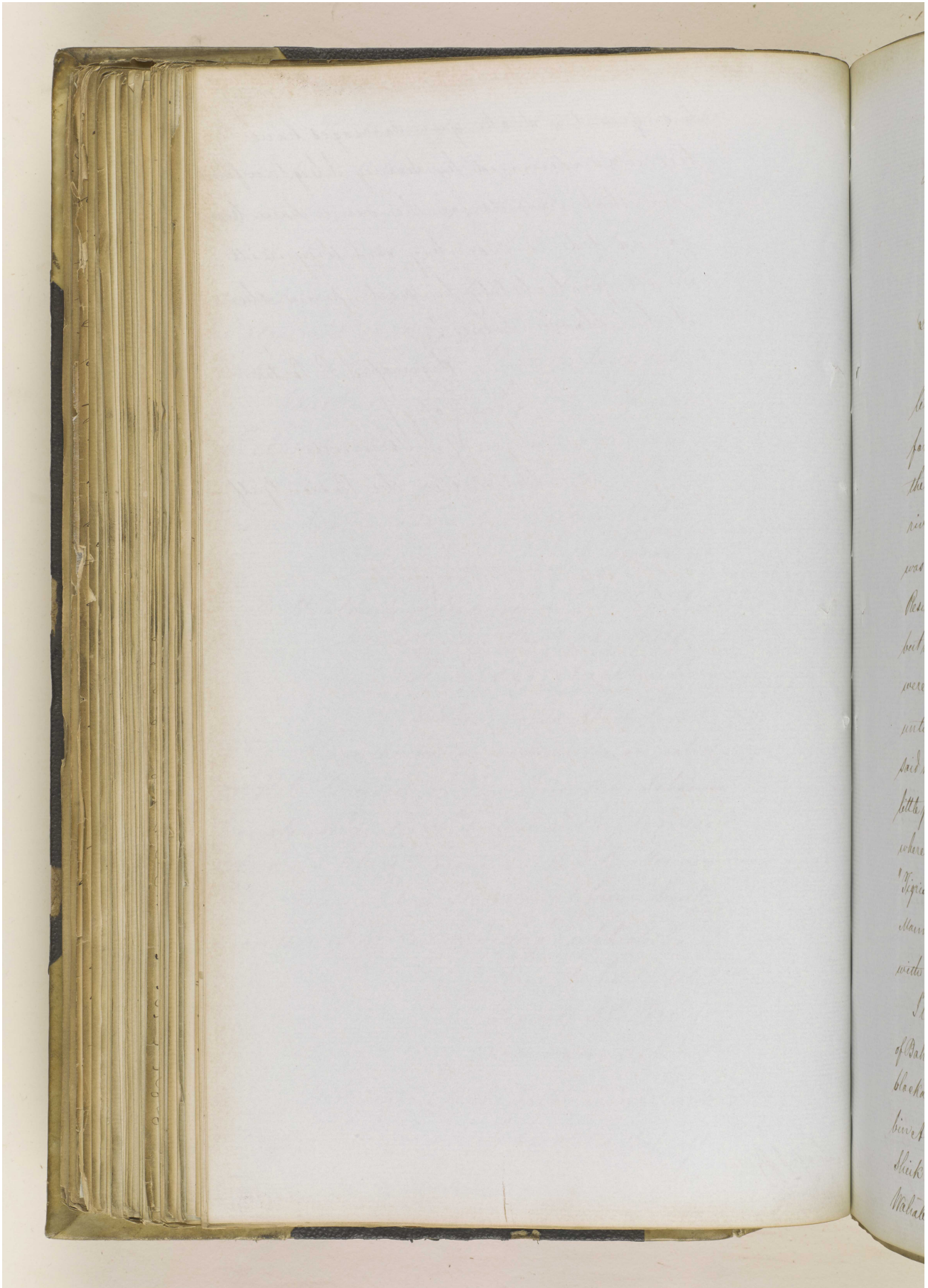
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Signed S. Kennell

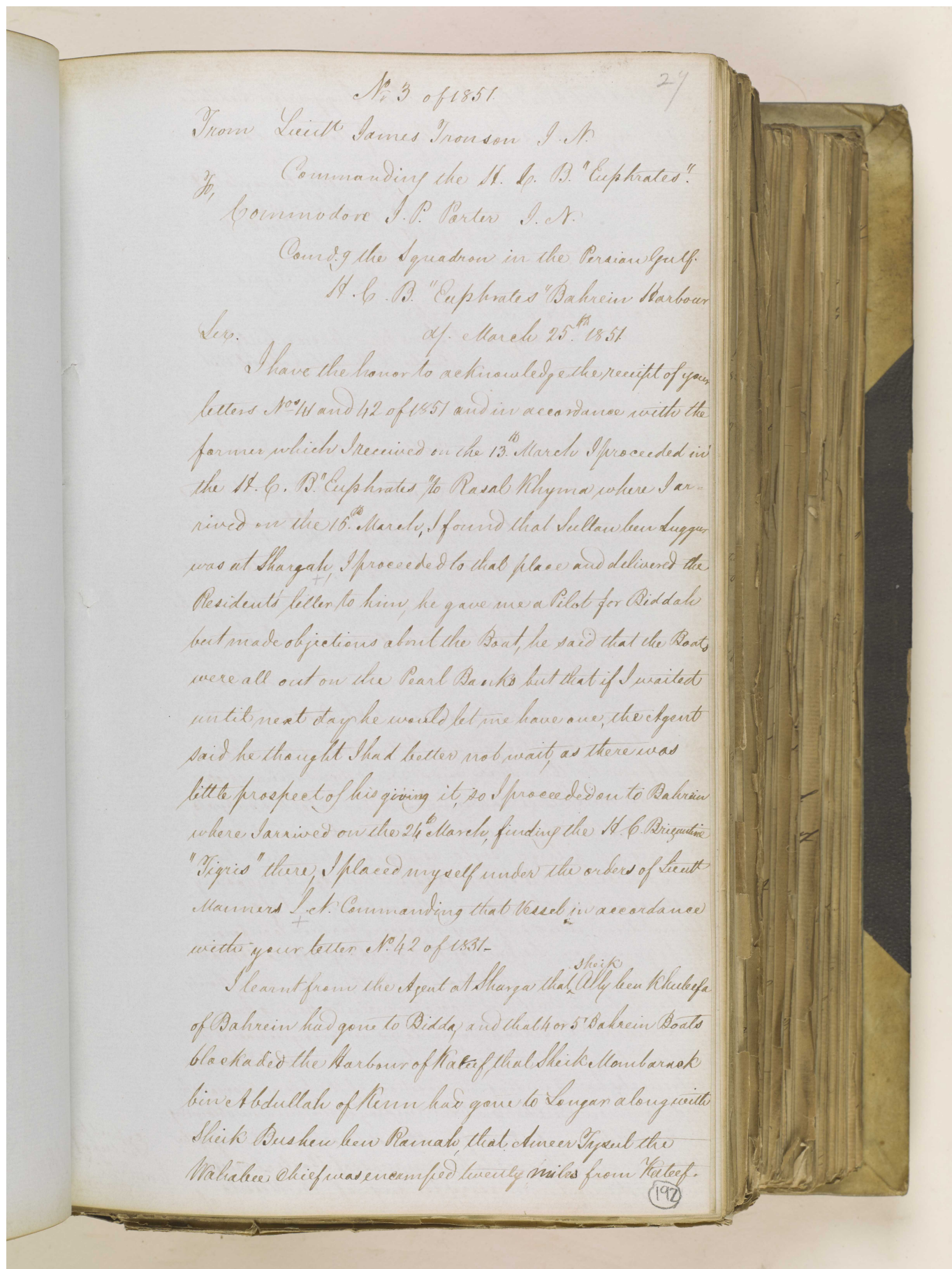
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From Lieut James Inouson I. N.
Commanding the H. G. B. "Euphrates".
Commodore J. P. Parter I. N.
Comd'g the Squadron in the Persian Gulf.
H. G. B. "Euphrates" Bahrein Harbour

Dep. of March 25th 1851

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letters N° 118 and 112 of 1851 and in accordance with the former which I received on the 13th March I proceeded in the H. G. B. "Euphrates" to Rasal Khyma, where I arrived on the 16th March, I found that Sultan ben Suggar was at Shargah, I proceeded to that place and delivered the Resident's letter to him, he gave me a Pilot for Biddah but made objections about the Boat, he said that the Boats were all out on the Pearl Banks but that if I waited until next day he would let me have one, the Agent said he thought I had better not wait, as there was little prospect of his giving it, so I proceeded on to Bahrein where I arrived on the 24th March, finding the H. G. Brigantine "Tigris" there, I placed myself under the orders of Lieut Manners Lieut. Commanding that vessel in accordance with your letter N° 112 of 1851.

I learnt from the Agent at Shargah that ^{Sheik} Ally ben Khalifa of Bahrein had gone to Biddah, and that 4 or 5 Bahrein Boats blockaded the Harbour of Katar, that Sheik Mombarnak biver Abdallah of Herri had gone to Longan along with Sheik Bushen ben Rarnab, that Meneer Teyal the Mahabee Chief was encamped twenty miles from Katar.

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The Pilot supplied by Sultan, being Suggur for Biddah was of very little use being obliged to follow the one on board the "Sigris."

I have the honor to be
(Signed) J. Frouson
Lieut. R.N.

No. 8 of 1851.

From Lieut J. G. Manners R.N.
Commanding H.M.S. "Sigris."

To, Commander J. P. Porter.

Commanding H.M.S. "Sigris" Persian Gulf.
Dated El Biddah 4th April 1851.

Sir

I have the honor to inform you in continuation of my letter from Bahrein dated the 27th ultimo, that I proceeded on the following day to the Ports mentioned in my sailing instructions, and arrived off Ofaer at on the evening of the 29th. I despatched the letter from the Resident to the Sheik of the place but found the Town almost entirely deserted there being about a dozen Arabs who were left for the purpose of pulling down the houses for the rafters. The inhabitants I am informed as also those of Makrah have located themselves at El Biddah.

I anchored at this place on the 31st ultimo & received the next day a visit from the three Sheiks and delivered them their respective letters. As the Sheik of Bahrein has on the part of his subjects, agreed to stand security for the amount demanded & delivering up a large Bugla as a guarantee, which has been handed over to Hajee Jassen the Agent, and as my instructions authorized me to accept such I of course did not deem it in any way necessary further to enforce the payment on the part of the Sheiks of Afferat Okrah and Doak now settled at Biddah evidently under the authority of the Bahrein Chief and peaceably inclined. Having been detained at El Biddah some days in consequence of the state of the weather, which has been most unsettled blowing extremely hard & finding the position of the place erroneously laid down on the Charts I have employed the time in obtaining under the superintendance of Lieut Constable a proper survey of the Barbary, which proves to be one mass of shoals and reefs in case it may be necessary for any of the Vessels of

Copied by
Lieut. J. Frouson
Lieut. R.N.

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of the Squadron on a future occasion to approach this port for duty on the Gutter Coast.

I purpose in the next place, which I hope will obtain your approbation, proceeding to Core Aladeid and the Company's Islands chiefly to obtain correct surveys of the locality of the numerous dangers in that quarter and partly to show the tribes by the presence of the vessels our ability to destroy their towns in case such operations at any time should be considered necessary to keep the inhabitants from Piracy. After such is completed I shall proceed to Bushire touching at Katiff for further information as intimated in my communication from Bahrein.

I have &ca
(Signed) F. C. Manners
Lieut. J. N. Comd^g "Tigris"

True Copies
(Signed) J. P. Porter
Commodore &ca

From, No. 9 of 1851.
Lieut. J. C. Manners J. N.
Comd^g C. I. Co^s Brigantine "Tigris,"
To, Commodore J. P. Porter J. N.
Commanding Indian Naval Squadron
in the Persian Gulf.

Sir,
Dated Bushire 15th Apr^l 1851.
I have the honor to report the arrival
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of the E. I. Co. Brigantine "Tigris" under my command, having left Core Aladeid on the 8th and Bahrein on the 13th Instant with the H. E. S. Constance in Company.

As I mentioned to you in my last letter from E. I. Biddeh my intention of remaining on the Gutter Coast some short time with the other two vessels for the purpose of examining the reefs and shoals in the vicinity of Core Aladeid as well as the Core itself, I have now to inform you, that Lieut^o Constable has made a true survey of the Harbour of E. I. Biddeh, before totally erroneous, and correctly fixed the positions of many other shoals, some of which were found laid down in the Charts supplied by Government some miles out, both in latitude, and longitude. In this work he was much assisted by Mr^o Mid^o Jackson of this Vessel.

Lieut^o Ironson, Constable, and myself proceeded to the head of the Core, in our Boats un-manned and armed which is a distance of about 15 miles from the entrance ^{to the} the ships were anchored, it appears there is no channel for vessels through the reef into the Core itself.

As I believe it was the wish of the Resident that the Vessels should remain on the Coast some little time in order by their presence to suppress piracy, and show the inhabitants of the different Towns that our ships in case of necessity could reach their Ports, evidently a point of great importance I trust our proceedings will

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will meet with your approval, especially as there will be every facility from the above Officer's directions for vessels entering the harbour for shelter in case of bad weather, should they be stationed in that Quarter. The Coast however from El Bidda to the Southward, as far as Scir Beni yas Island is extremely unsafe and should only be attempted in the finest weather. There appears to be an extensive Pearl fishery on the fushit Arref a dangerous shoal of about 5 miles extent, and on which the Constance got on shore, owing to the strong tide but was hove off without the least damage, a little to the Southward of Jebbul Wokrah. There is also another reef not mentioned close to Ras Amoodhool on which the Tigris was exceedingly close before it was perceived. It was my intention to have proceeded further South, but the wind became foul and the weather very unsettled and cloudy.

From information I received at El Bidda it appears the Wahabee Chief Fasil ben soud is preparing to make war by land both upon that place and El Bidda in order to exact the tribute of 4000 Dollars yearly paid by the respective Chiefs of those places, and they were in immediate expectation that an attack would soon take place, the Agent also at Bahrein stated that he had war Buglahs at Katiff in readiness for sea operations. The Sheik of the Wahabees I am informed is himself at present at a Town very near Kateef. The Euphrates —
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accompanied me to the places ordered, and to
Corr Aladeid, back to Bahrein when I gave the
Commander orders to proceed to his station.

As this vessel has now been nearly
8 months at sea, and in all the heavy weather of
the winter season, with only one mainsail
and jib in any way serviceable for bad
weather and the damages sustained during
the late gale not having yet been repaired and
nearly all her gear expended, and the ship
much in want of rope and other stores. I
have the honor to request she may be allowed
to remain a sufficient time in harbour for
these deficiencies to be remedied, her quarter
deck gun carriage, are with the exception
of one condemned by survey, and it is very
unsafe to fire shot out of them.

In compliance with your re-
quest that an exchange should be made
between one of the Officers of this Vessel
and Mr. Jackson of the "Euphrates" Mr.
Anderson Store Accountant was appointed
to that Vessel and the above named Officer
to the "Tigris" I take this opportunity of
forwarding the monthly returns for March
1851 as per margin. The H. C. Brig Euphrates
has been ordered to resume her duties on
the Bassadore Station.

I have &c
(Signed) J. C. Manners
Lieut. Comdr. "Tigris"

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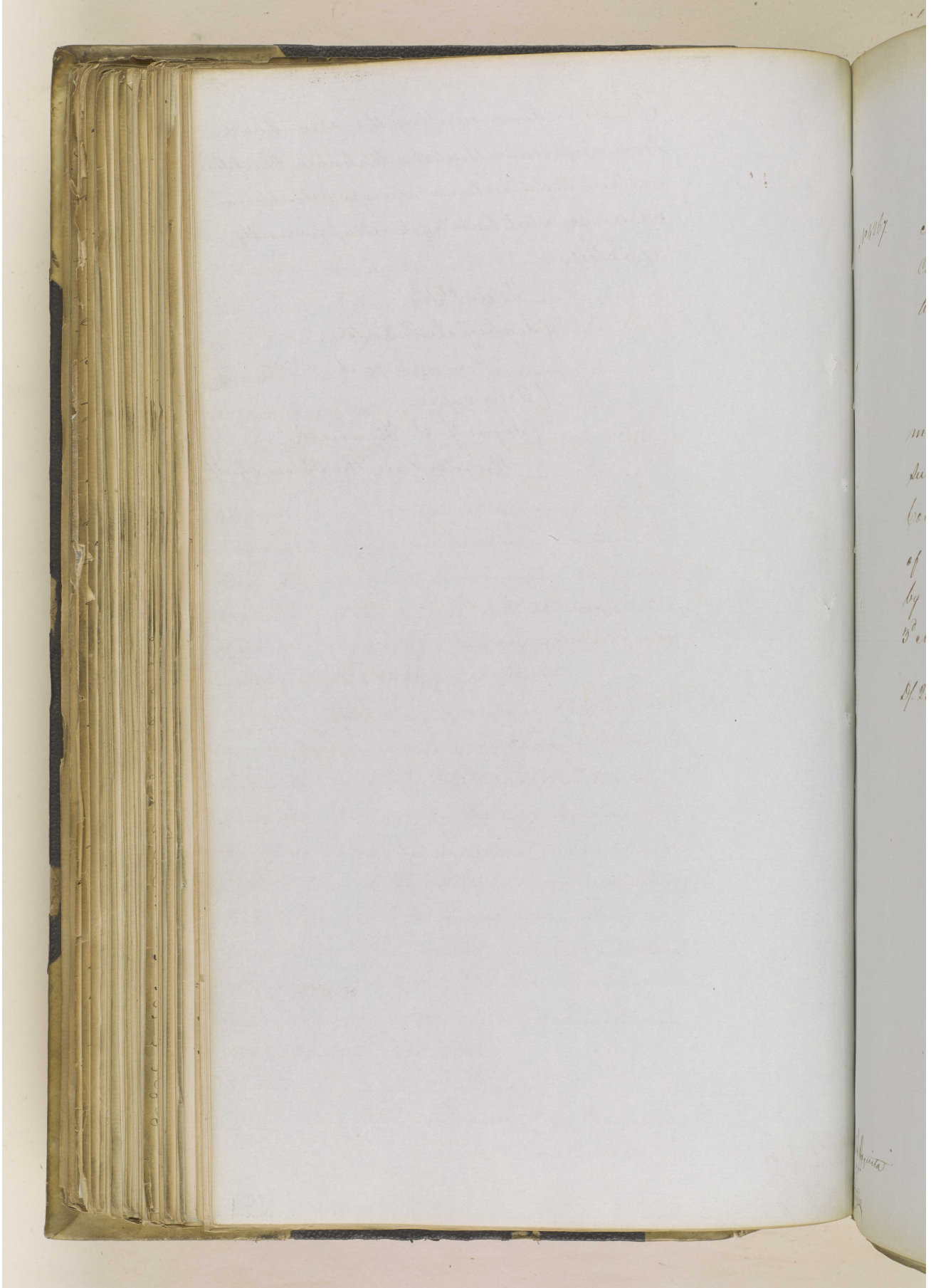
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P. S. Since writing the above I have
been informed that the Wahabee Chief has
retired to the interior, an amicable
arrangement having been apparently
affected.

True Copy
(Signed) J. P. Porter
Commodore I. N. G. Esq.
(True Copies)
(Signed) S. Hennell.
Resident in the Persian Gulf.

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No 4267

N^o 7.

Minutes by the Right Honourable the Governor
concerned in by the Honorable M^r. Blane and
the Honorable M^r. Bell, dated the 25th May 1851.

The proceedings of Lieutenant Bellamers
may be approved. The completion of a correct
Survey of the Harbour of Beedda by Lieut
Constable, is very satisfactory. The reports
of the retirement of the Wahabees is contradicted
by Colonel Kennell's later letter dated the
3rd May N^o. 31.

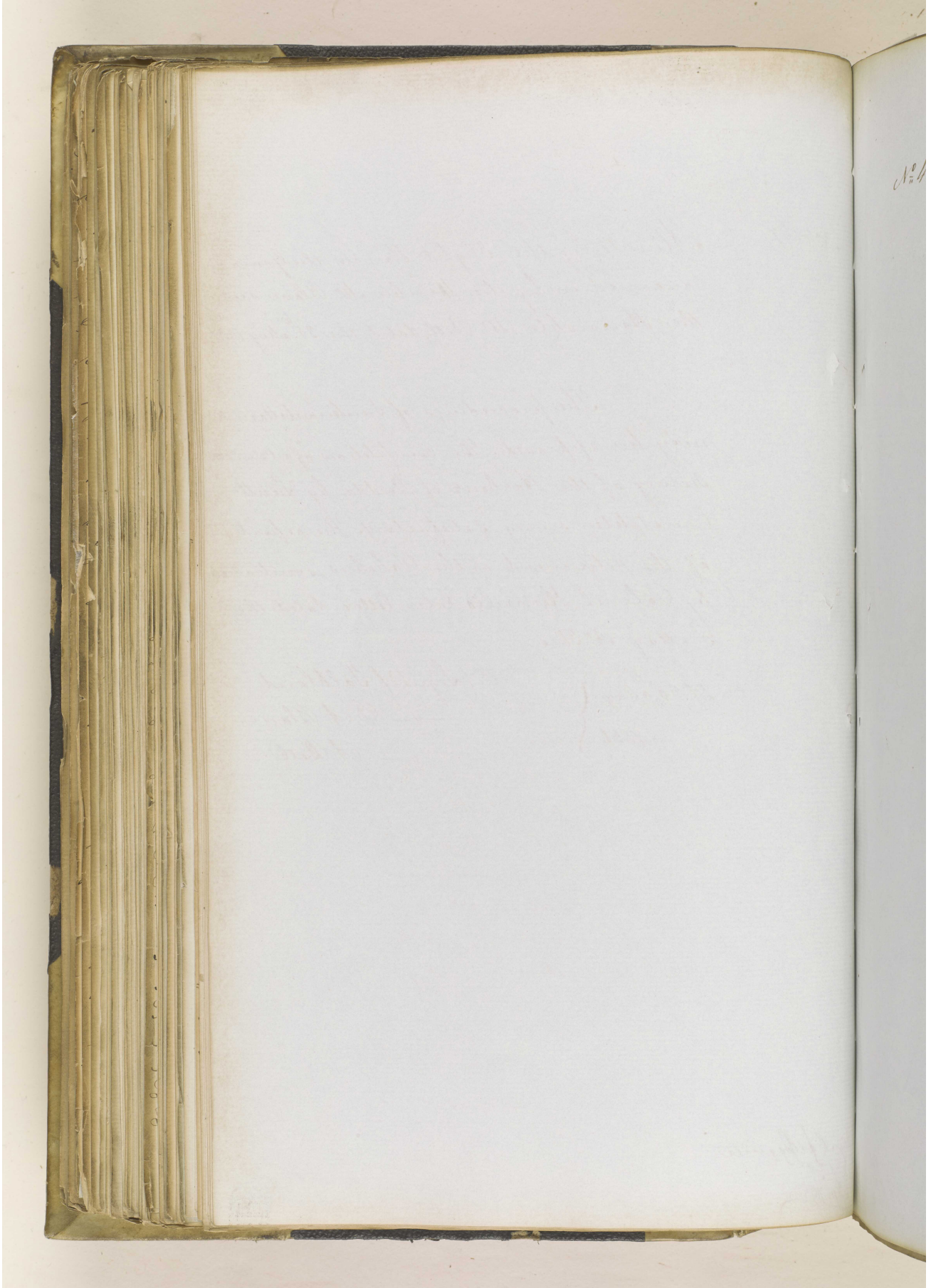
D^y 26th May }
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(Signed of Falkland
-v- D. A. Blane.
- " - A. Bell.

By L. J. ...
Edm. Byrne

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N^o 2396 of 1851.
Political Department.
From,
A. Malet Esquire,
Chief Secretary to Government
Bombay.

To,
Lieut^{nt} Colonel S. Hennell
Resident in the Persian Gulf.

Sir,
Dated of th June 1851.

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated the 21th April last N^o 108; and to inform you that the Right Honorable the Governor in Council approves of the proceedings of Lieutenant Manners, Commanding the Honorable Company's Brigantine "Sigris", during his late Cruize on the Coasts of Gutter and Oman.

I am at the same time desired to state that the completion of a correct survey of the harbour of El Bidder, by Lieutenant Constable, is very satisfactory.

Bombay Castle } I have the honor to be
of th June 1851 } (Signed) A. Malet
Chief Secretary

N^o 2397 of 1851.

Copy of the above letter to be sent to the Commander in Chief the Indian

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