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المكتبة البريطانية: أوراق خاصة وسجلات من مكتب الهند

IOR/F/4/2504/142187

١٢ يوليو ١٨٥٢-١٥ سبتمبر ١٨٥٢ (ميلادي)

الإنجليزية في اللاتينية

مادة واحدة (٢٨ ورقة)

الملكية العامة

المؤسسة المالكة

المرجع

التاريخ/ التواريخ

لغة الكتابة

الحجم والشكل

حق النشر



حول هذا السجل

تتألف المادة من نسخ ومقتطفات من مراسلات ومحاضر مذكورة في أو مرفقة برسالة سياسية مرسله من حاكم بومباي إلى مجلس إدارة شركة الهند الشرقية، بتاريخ ٠٢ أكتوبر ١٨٥٢، وتوجد في وهي المادة الثالثة في سلسلة مكونة من ستة عشر مادة عن الخليج العربي. IOR/F/4/2504/142185.

تتعلق المادة بالتحقيقات في نهب السفينة "سينتور"، وهي سفينة تجارية تحت الحماية البريطانية، في رأس الخبة. وبما أن السفينة كانت تحمل كميات ضخمة من الصبغ الأزرق، فقد أولي اهتمام خاص لموقع هذه المادة المسروقة واسترجاعها. تتلقى حكومة بومباي التقارير التالية:

- من النقيب أرنولد بوروز كمال، المقيم البريطاني في الخليج العربي، بخصوص الموانئ التي تم فيها استيراد الصبغ الأزرق والإجراءات التي اتخذها لاستعادة الشحنة

• من النقيب أتكز هامرتون، الفنصل البريطاني ووكيل شركة الهند الشرقية في الأراضي الخاضعة لسيادة إمام مسقط، بخصوص الإجراءات التي اتخذها هو والإمام، السيد سعيد بن سلطان آل بوسعيد، وسط تقارير تفيد بأن الجناة الرئيسيين كانوا من بني بو علي من جعلان.

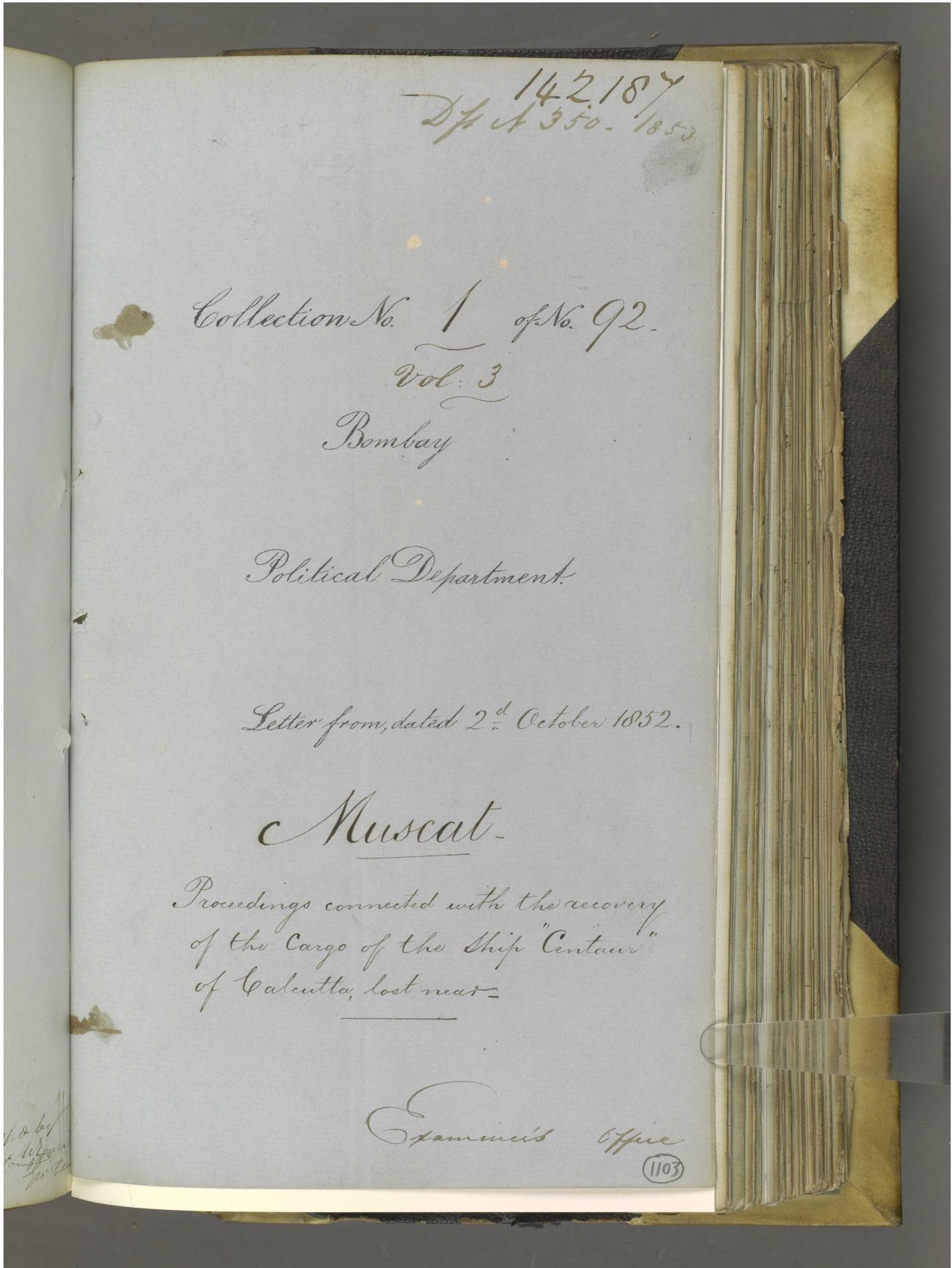
• من الخواجة حزقييل بن يوسف، الوكيل المحلي في مسقط، بخصوص نتائج استفساراته في صور حيث ساعده ابن شقيق الإمام، السيد حمد بن سالم آل بوسعيد.

تحتوي كافة التقارير على تفاصيل عن العديد من المجرمين الذين يشاع عنهم بعض الروايات. يحتوي تقرير هامرتون أيضا على تفاصيل عن الحساسيات السياسية المحيطة بالتحقيقات، بما في ذلك اتفاق تم التوصل إليه بينه وبين الإمام (الورقتين ١١٢٢-١١٢٣).

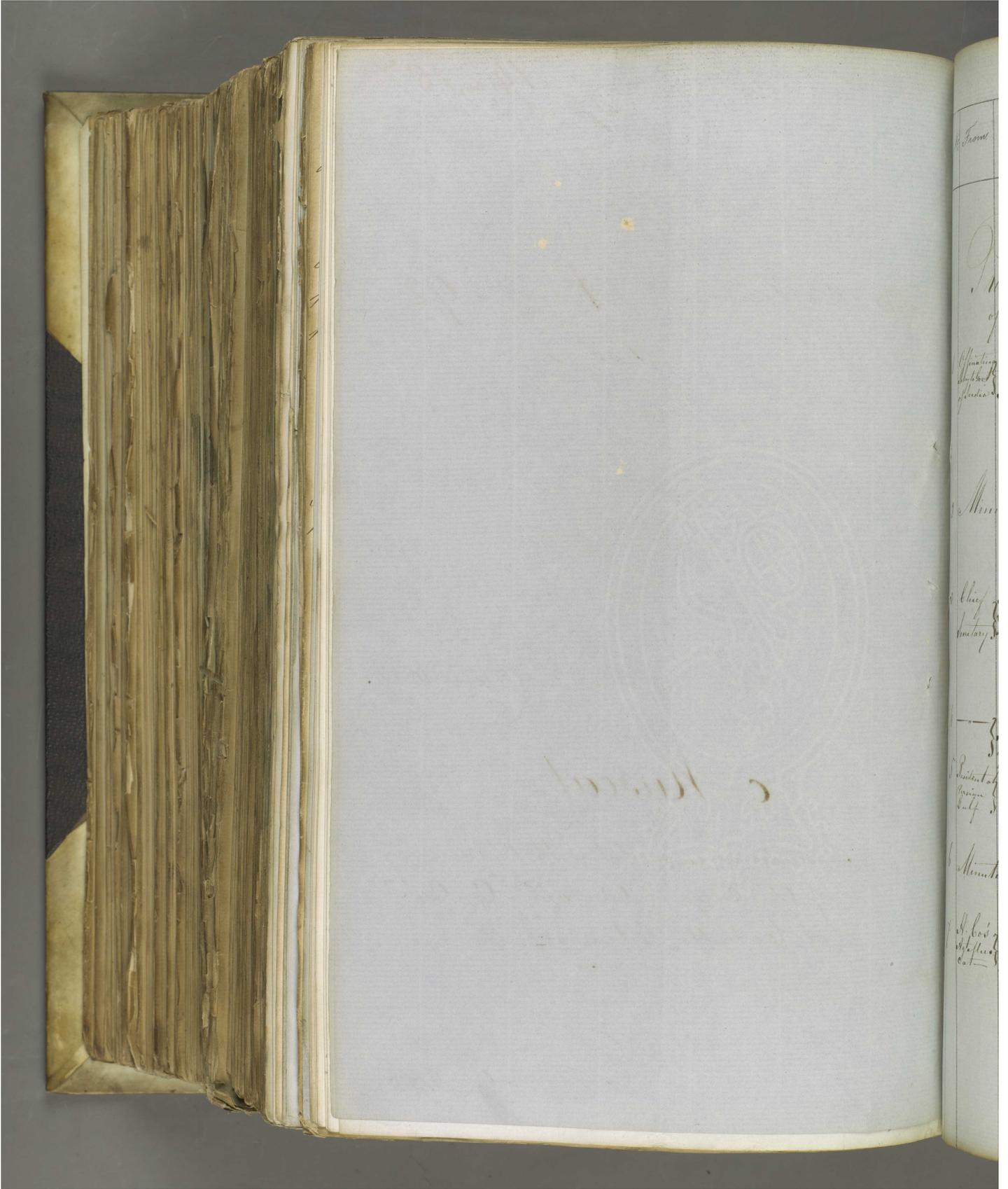
بالإضافة إلى ذلك، تتضمن المادة مراسلات من أطراف تمت الاستفادة من خدماتهم في استعادة البضاعة: ويليام فريدريك فيرجسون، السكرتير في اللجنة العامة للتأمين في كلكتا؛ والحاج محمد هاشم نماجي والحاج محمد كريم نماجي، وهما تاجران فارسيان [إيرانيين] يقيمان في بمباي [مومباي].

تتضمن صفحة عنوان المادة المراجع التالية: "الإدارة السياسية في بمباي"، "مسودة رقم ٣٥٠ من ١٨٥٣"، المجموعة رقم ١ من رقم ٩٢"، "المجلد: ٣"، و"مكتب المفتش".

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Bombay Castle
2^d October 1852
copy by Mr. Brewster
Capt. Smith.

W. W. W. W.
Chief Secretary

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Extract Bombay Political
Consultation 25 August 1852.

N. 2455.

From The Officiating Under Secretary to Govt of India.

To The Chief Secretary to Government Bombay

Foreign Department Dated Fort Williams the 20th July 1852

Sir,

In continuation of the letter dated 2nd Instant N. 2228, I am directed to transmit for the consideration of the Right Honble the Governor in Council the accompanying copy of a letter from the Insurance General Committee at Calcutta regarding the property plundered from the "Centaur".

Fort Williams
The 20th July 1852

I have the honor to be

Signed / Robertson Kerr.

Offy Under Secy to Govt of India

[Copy] Calcutta 12th July 1852.

Charles Allen Esquire,
Secretary to the Government of India -

Sir,

I am directed by the Insurance General Committee on behalf of the Underwriters and others concerned in the Ship "Centaur" to acknowledge your letter of the 2nd Instant, and to express their thanks to the Most Noble the Governor General in Council for the measures he has ordered to be adopted for the recovery of the property plundered from the Centaur, on the

Coast

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Coast of Arabia, and which if followed up without delay, may, they hope, be successful.

The parties concerned will of course be prepared immediately to pay salvage on Indies or other property recovered.

The Committee trust that His Lordship the Governor General in Council will remark on the conduct of the Gentlemen holding the Office of the Honble. Company's Agent and Her Majesty's Consul at Muscat, who himself states, that within 120 Miles of him, British property in the hands of Plunderers, of the value of eighty to one hundred thousand Pounds was selling for less than five per cent of its value and yet never made an effort to recover a chest.

The Committee would consider that under such circumstances it was the duty of a British Consul and of the Agent of the Honble East India Company to make every attempt to redeem the property. And should the Most Noble the Governor General in Council coincide in this opinion, they trust that instructions will be given to prevent for the future such neglect, and abandonment of the interests of the Merchants and Underwriters, as appears to have occurred in the present instance -

I have the honor to be very

Signed/ W. J. Ferguson

Secy Insurance Dept
Committee

Jane Coppy/
Signed/ W. John Kerr.

Offy Under Secy to Govt of India.

Minute

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N^o 2 3
Minute by the Right Honble the Governor, concurred
in by the Honble Messrs Blane and Bell, dated 11th
August 1852.

1. Paras. 3 and 4 of Mr. Ferguson's letter, should
be communicated to Major Harnerton for his remarks
and explanations.
2. The Government of India to be informed -
/Signed/ Falkland
11th August 1852 } - - D. A. Blane
- - A. Bell

N^o 3. N^o 3596 of 1852.
Political Department -
From, A. Malet, Esquire,
Chief Secretary to Government - Bombay.
To, Major A. Harnerton.
Via Mr. Consul and the Honble Civ Agent in the
dominions of H. H. the Imam of Muscat.
Dated 19th August 1852.

Sir,
In continuation of my letter N^o 359 dated the
17th ultimo, relative to the wreck and plunder of the British
Ship "Centaur" on the Coast of Arabia, I am directed by the
Right Honble the Governor in Council to forward to you,
for your remarks and explanations, an extract from a
letter from the Secretary Insurance General Committee at
Calcutta to the address of the Secretary to the Government of
India, dated the 12th idem.

Bombay Castle }
19th August 1852 }

I have the honor to be &c

/Signed/ A. Malet

Chief Secretary
Office

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Office No. 9597. No 103 of 1852.
Political Department.
From, A. Malet Esquire,
Chief Secretary to Government Bombay.
To, W. Seton Karr, Esquire,
Offy Under Secy to Govt of India -
Fort William
Dated the 19th August 1852

Sir,
I am directed by the Right Honble the
Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your
letter No. 2455 dated the 20th Ultimo, on the subject
of the wreck and plunder of the British Ship "Centaur"
and to inform you, for submission to the Most Noble
the Governor General of India in Council, that an extract
paras. 3 & 4 from the letter from the Secretary Insurance
General Committee, therewith forwarded, has been trans-
mitted to Major Kemerton, Hon. Mr. Consul and the
Honble Company's Agent in the Dominions of His High-
ness the Imam of Muscat for his remarks and explanations.
I have the honor to be
Bomby Castle }
19th August 1852 }
Signed/ A. Malet
Chief Secretary

Copies by Malet
Curry
Malet

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Extract Bombay Political
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Office N^o 265 of 1852.
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From, Captain A. B. Kemball
Resident in the Persian Gulf.
To, A. Mallet Esquire
Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Bombay.
Residency in the Persian Gulf.

Political Department. Bushire 17th August 1852.

Sir,

In reply to your instruction under date 17th July last N^o 3160 in this Department giving cover to correspondence on the subject of the wreck of the British Merchant vessel "Centaur" near Rasool Audd. I have the honor to state for the information of the Right Honble the Governor in Council that as the only mode which appeared practicable from this quarter of carrying into execution the orders therein conveyed to the effect that my utmost endeavours should be directed to recover any portion of the plundered cargo of that ill-fated vessel which might come within my knowledge I have addressed Requisitions to the several Chiefs on the Arabian Coast and have obtained orders of similar purport from the Prince Governor of Lars to the Persian Authorities on the opposite shores intimating to each the expectation of the British Government that he will seize and detain for eventual restitution to its owners any consignments of Indigo which may be brought this year to his territories and which from the circumstances of this commodity being imported only to the Persian Gulf from

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Bombay

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Bengal while the "Centaur" was freighted with the whole supply of the season could be easily traced & identified as the property of the Muder writers who insured her Cargo from Calcutta -

2. These documents (being Duplicates of the former of which the originals have been already transmitted) I now forward to their destinations by the A.C. Steam Frigate "Duen" accompanied with intimations to our Agents at Singah and Shargah to be on the watch for importations of Indigo within the limits of their surveillance respectively & if any should be effected to take steps through the medium of the local Authorities to ensure its seizure -

3. On the previous passage of the "Duen" on her way to Bussorah I had addressed an instruction to the above effect to the Acting Agent at that Port & as this document embodies the substance of the Communication subsequently made by me to the Governor of Sars and to the Independent Arabian Chiefs beg herewith to submit a copy for the information of Government.

4. Although the steps now detailed have been taken with all the promptitude of which circumstances would admit preceded by a Requisition upon Sheikh Sultan ben Suggur the Joasme Chief as already reported for the restitution of a quantity of Indigo which is alleged to have been removed from the wreck of the "Centaur" by a vessel belonging to Husel Whymah on her return home from Razzibar I must still express my conviction that no material benefit may be expected to result therefrom. However conflicting otherwise the reports which have reached me from various quarters upon none of which perhaps implicit reliance can be placed all seem to combine to certify the facts that a portion only of the cargo of the "Centaur" amounting -

Handwritten notes in the right margin of the page, including the name "Husel Whymah" and other illegible text.

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Amounting to not more than one half was conveyed to the shore by the plunderers in consequence of the vessel having gone to pieces or being burnt before the rest could be landed & that of such portion the Cotton Piece Goods and other general Merchandize being immediately apporportioned to individuals were so scattered and dissipated in the interior as to be no longer tangible. With regard to the Indigo Major Hamerton in his report to Government intimates that the Chests on being landed were broken up on the beach as being too heavy in the bulk to be transported by Carrels and in such a state in whatever way it may have been disposed of its discovery or detection afterwards would seem to be morally impossible.

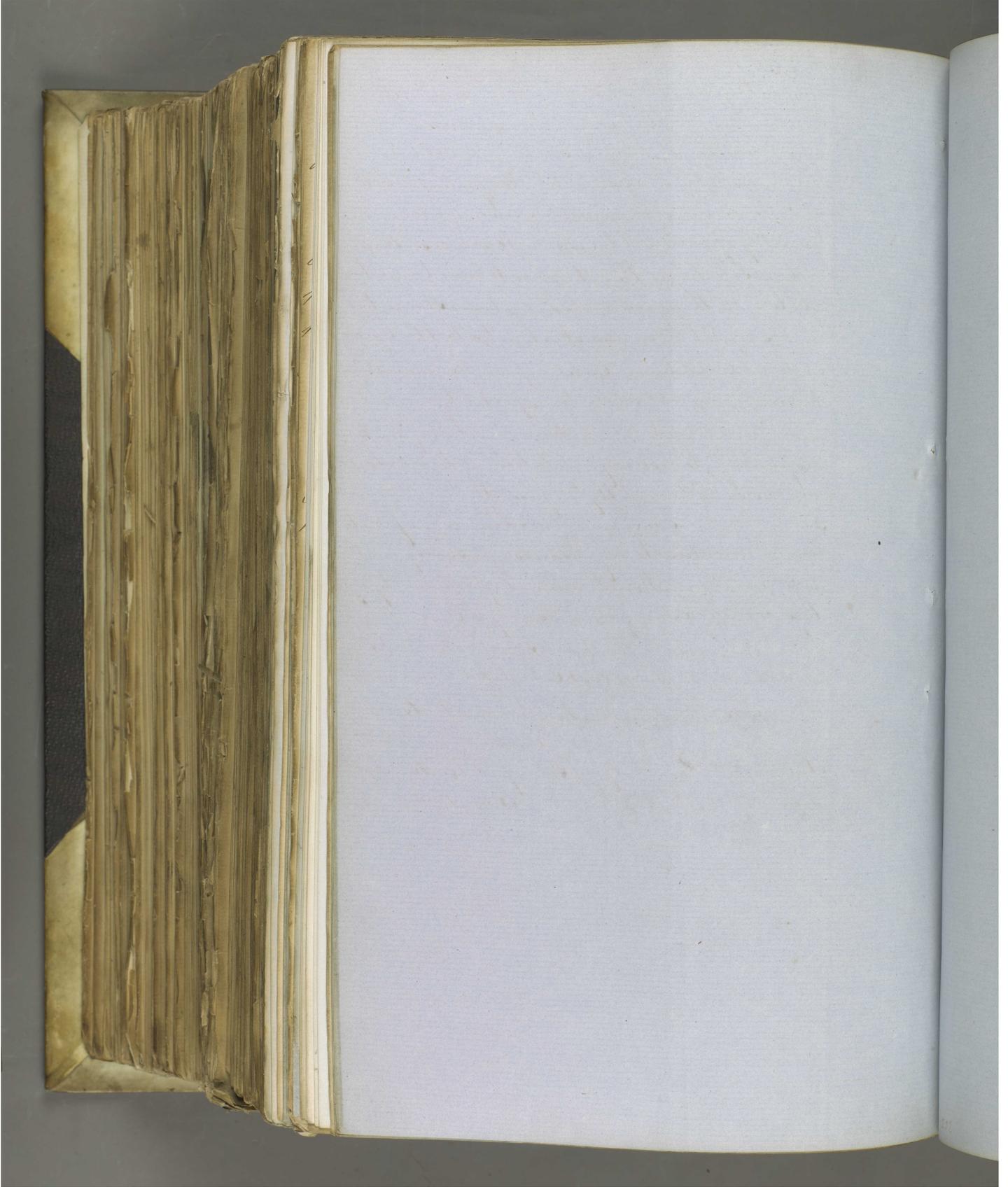
5. The same officer however in a private communication to my address of a subsequent date having mentioned rumours of a quantity of this Article having found its way to Ruseul Chittagong, Lingah and even to Bussorah I venture to think I have adopted the measures best calculated to carry out the wishes of Government with a view to its recovery. I have the honor to be &c.

Residency in the Persian Gulf / Signed A. B. Kimball
Bussore 17th Aug 1852 S. Residency in the Persian Gulf

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Read by all Beasts
1852
A. B. Kimball

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From
To
No 241 of 1852.
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Captain A. B. Kimball
Resident in the Persian Gulf
J. G. Taylor Esquire
His Majesty's Vice Consul & Honble
Company's Agent, or Clerk in charge.
Bussorah.
Residency in the Persian Gulf.
Sir
Bussorah 31st July 1852.

In anticipation of orders which in all probability will be presently communicated to you from Bagdad, I have to instruct you after the receipt of this letter to keep a careful watch upon importation of Indigo which may be effected this season into the Port of Bussorah & I desire in the event of any such importations coming to your knowledge that you will immediately place yourself in communication with the local Government with the view of inducing it to seize the consignments & to place them in safe custody until a reference can be made to the Superior British & Turkish Authorities at Bagdad regarding their disposal.

The motive of this procedure is to be laid to the circumstances of the wreck of the British Merchant vessel "Centaur" laden principally with the commodity above mentioned and bound from Calcutta to the Persian Gulf, on the Coast of Batimah, and the subsequent plunder of her cargo by the lawless Arab tribes inhabiting those shores - the details of which doubtless have already reached you thro' the medium of common report.

Should the occasion then arise for your making an appeal to the Governor of Bussorah you will be good enough

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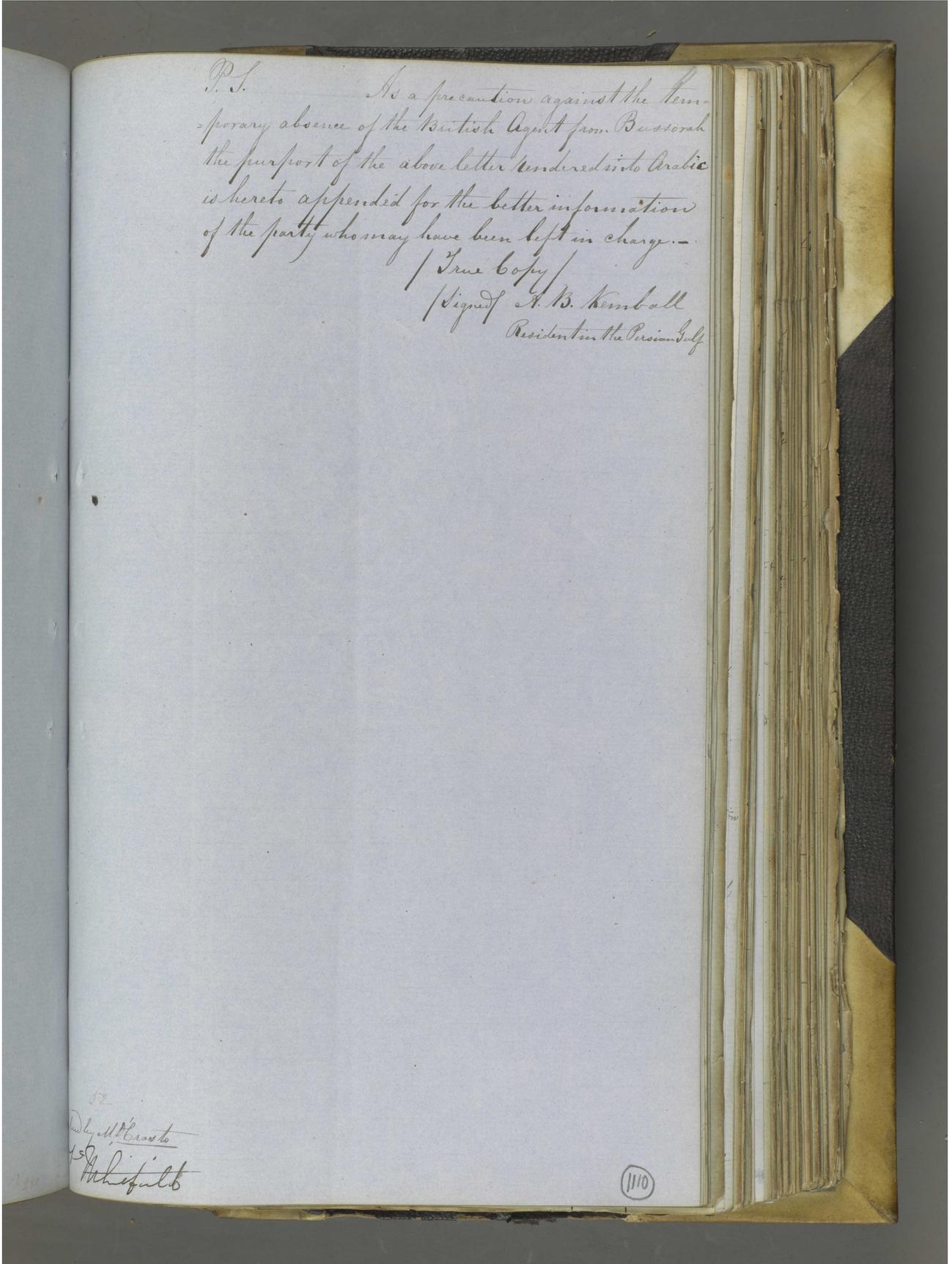
enough to explain to that Functionary that the Persian Gulf receives Indigo from no other part of the world except Bengal & the Cargo of the "Centaur" comprised the whole supply of the season - It is therefore certain that whatever Indigo is this year imported into Bussorah or other Ports on the River Euphrates is stolen property & can be traced & identified as belonging to the Underwriters British Subjects, who insured it from India Being an Article nearly indestructible of little or no use in the barbarous Country into which it has been cast, the plunderers who have got possession of it must bring it to other Ports for sale where it would be the duty of course of all friendly Authorities to seize and detain it - Should you have the good fortune to effect any seizures you will be pleased at the time to record carefully the names of the parties who have attempted the importation as well as the Ports from whence the consignments have come & you will inform those concerned that the Indigo being British Property must necessarily & of right be eventually surrendered to its owners but that any claims ^{that} might advance to indemnification on being declared would receive all the attention and consideration they might appear to deserve, in communication with the Chiefs or States to whose controul themselves are amenable.

It would be of advantage if you could extend your observation and enquiries for the attainment of the objects above contemplated, to the Port of Mochemrah.

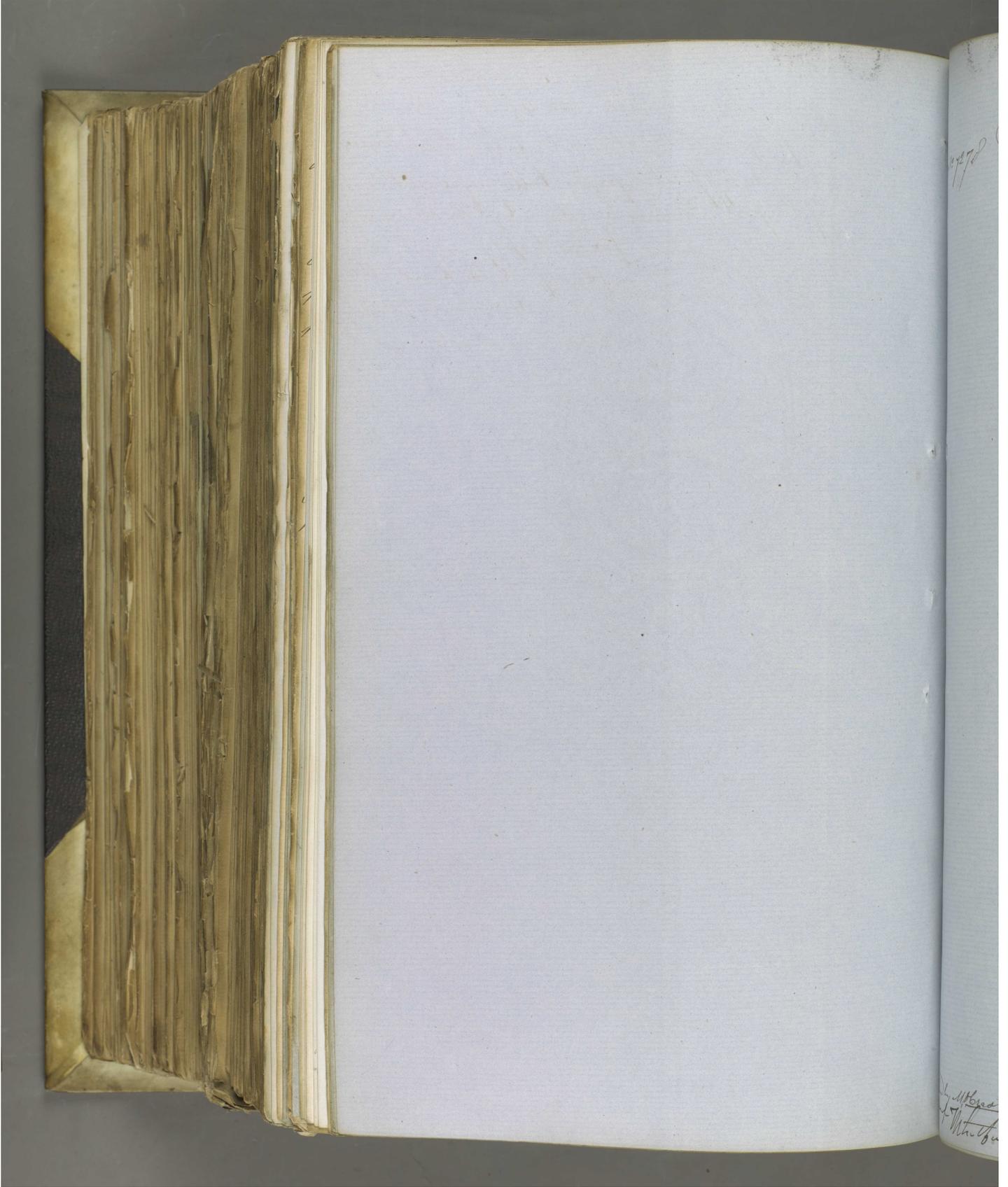
Resident in the Persian Gulf
Bushire 31st July 1832.

I have the honor to be
Signed A. B. Kimball
President

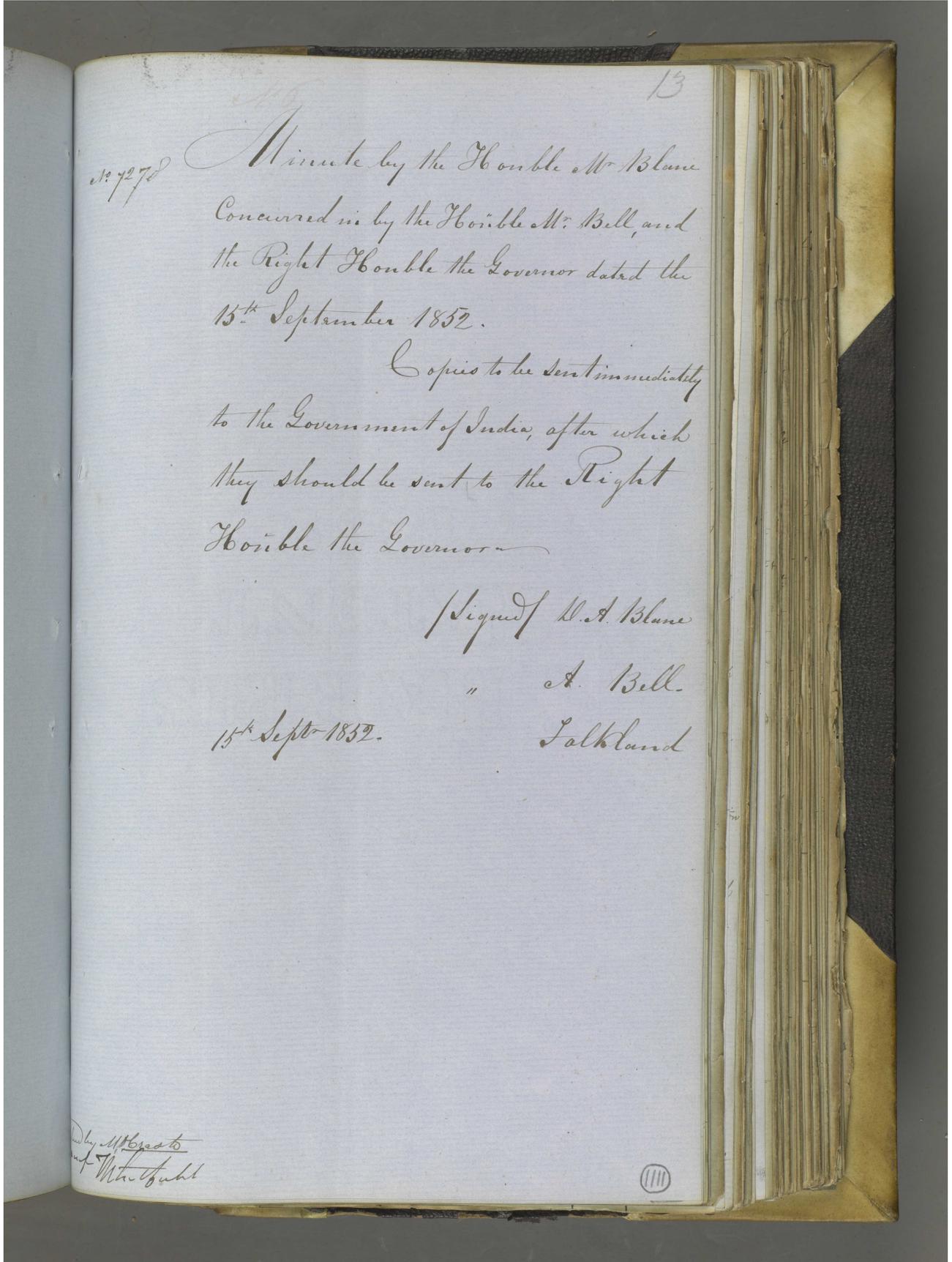
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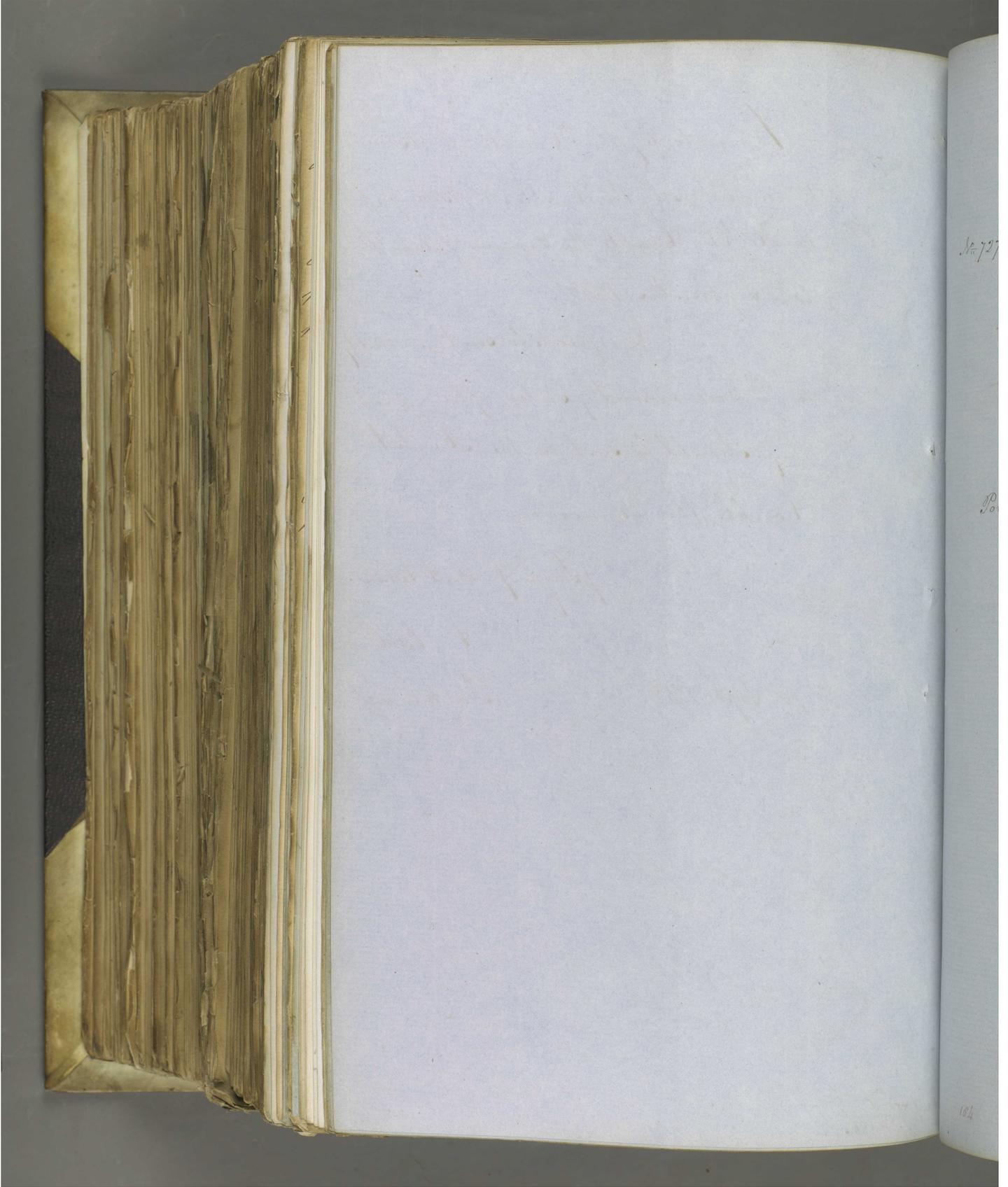
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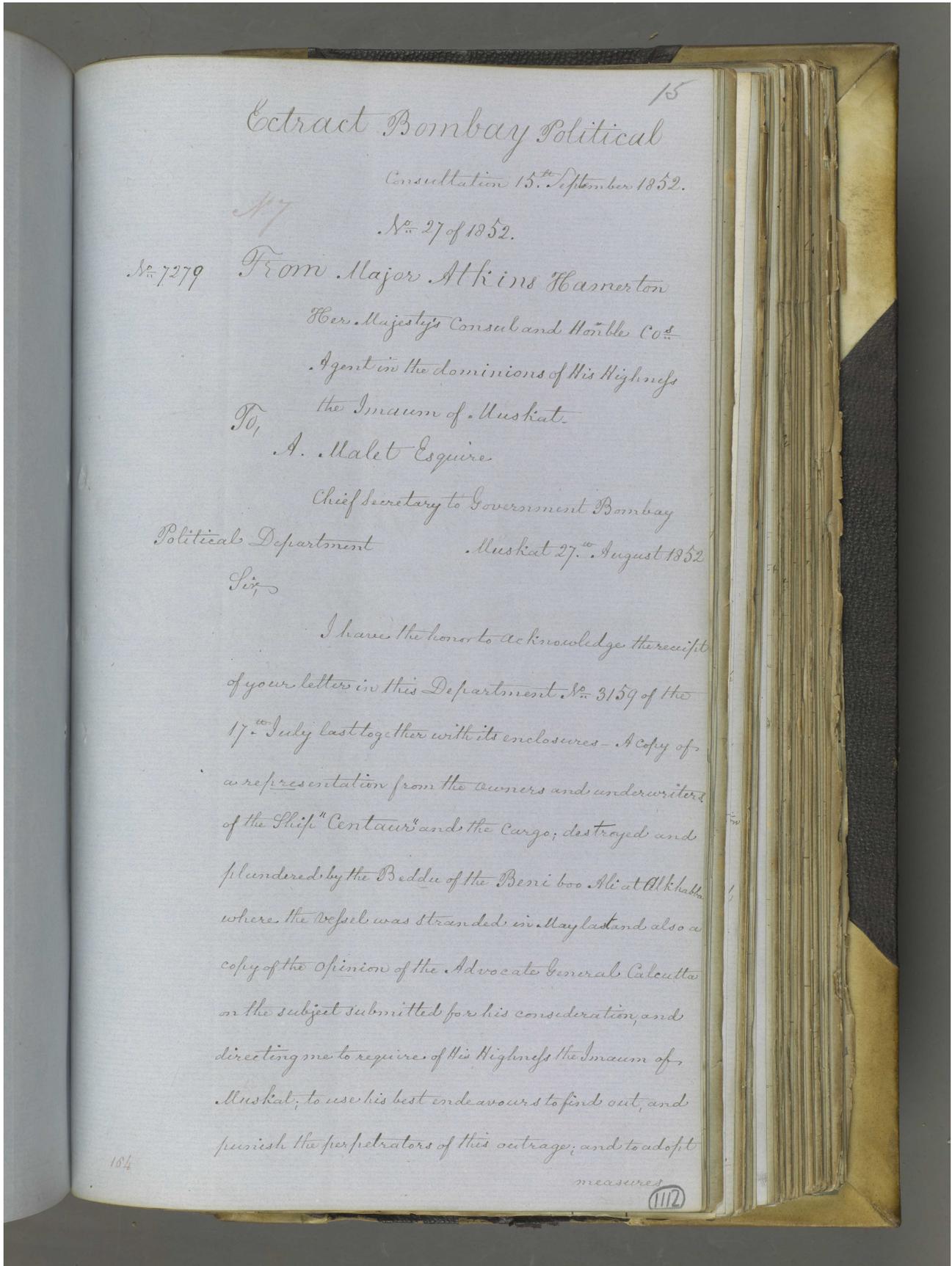
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measures to recover, as much as possible, of the cargo,
particularly the Indigo, which, the underwriters state,
must be brought to Muskat and other ports in the
Persian Gulf.

2. I have the honor to report for the information
of the Right Honble the Governor in Council as
follows, that from the moment the loss of the Centaur
was known at Muskat, I explained to His Highness
the Imam that the Government would expect
him to do all in his power to assist in saving any
part of the cargo which might from time to time be
brought into his territories, under any circum-
stances - and if he had any influence with the
Sheikhs of the Beni Boo Ali, to exert it to cause their
peoples to give up the plunder, His Highness at once
said, that force alone would save the vessels and
cargo, but a force such as an English Ship of war
could furnish, but that the time of three or four
days would suffice for the Beddu to ruin and destroy
every thing, and which from all accounts up to the
present time appears to be the truth - The Beddu
do not collect and take care of the cargo, they plunder
from vessels, they at once break up and tear to pieces
all and every thing they get possession of - it will
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be found that as they took the Indigo from the vessel
they did not carefully land it and store it with
a view to selling it at a future time, as is supposed
by the underwriters and owners, but they threw the
Chests into the sea, and into their boats, and the
moment they reached the shore they broke the Chests
in pieces; and even broke the cakes of indigo to
divide them, every one on the beach, men, boys
and even the women, asserting their claim to
a share of every article as it came ashore - and
this is the way they always do, and immediately
in order to get all they can, every one for themselves
before the Schaiiks arrive, whose portion is
considered one fifth of the whole plunder, as
soon as they, the Bedda, came in numbers from
the shore on board the vessel, and before the
Master and the Crew left her, they commenced
throwing the Indigo Chests into the water to float
them to the shore; and in the presence of the
Master and Crew they took a web of broad cloth,
the property of one of the passengers and cut it
into small pieces, so small as to be of no apparent

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use to any one / every man taking a piece as his
Share - on their invariable principle of
a Division of every thing - great efforts have
been made by the Hojah Merchants of India, resid-
ing here, and in Muttra / the next town to
Muskat / to buy up the Indigo; but not one has
succeeded; the reports are that the whole of
it taken by the Beddu has been broken into small
pieces for the purpose of being divided, and only
to be obtained in small quantities - but the
fear of going amongst the beddu of the Beni
boo Ali prevents any one going to them; and
they will not bring it into Soor for fear of
having it taken from them in consequence of
the Imams's strict orders to the Schaikhs of
Soor his subjects; yet it is possible that small
quantities will be brought even into Soor by
stealth, which would in all likelihood
happen in a similar case under a
much better organized Government -
than exists in any part of the Imams's
territories - I am informed "

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the Arab Merchants here, many of whom are interested in the loss of the 'Centaur' - some personally, and others, Agents for Merchants in Busheer, and Bussorah; that nothing like one third of the Cargo has been obtained by the Peddler of the Beni boos Ali and that every article they got out of the vessel was ruined as a merchantable article; indeed, they tell me that they see no chance of any thing being recovered, and I am also informed that but a small quantity of Cargo has been procured from the vessel; the Peddler broke the Indigo chests to pieces in the hold of the ship, and cut up a quantity of Silk Cloths, with a view to keeping the matter a secret from their neighbours; and reports say that Indigo in small quantities is picked up along the shore.

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as far as His Highness the Imam
had it in his power he rendered every
assistance, but the people who committed
this outrage are not His Highness's subjects,
or in any way subject to his control, and
to use force, or to attempt to punish
the Peddu of Al Wahba, who are of
the Beni boo Ali of Salan, who profess
the Wahabee tenets of Mahammedanism,
cannot be expected of His Highness the
Imam of Maskat. In the first place
the Imam is not prepared to, nor does
he possess the means to punish the Beni
boo Ali; and, in the second, any attempt
on his part would beyond all doubt plunge
him into difficulties with the whole of
the Wahabee tribes of all Arabia.
On the arrival of the Master and Crew
of the "Centaur" at Maskat on the 19th
May last from Al Wahba His High-
ness the Imam behaved in the most
kind.

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kind and liberal way to the Master,²¹
Captain Salmon, and his Crew, and caused
a vessel to be prepared and sent her with
Captain Salmon and his Crew, with a
number of his own people, to endeavour
to reach Al Khabba and see if it was
possible to save any of the Cargo; but
from the state of the weather, it was
found to be impracticable to reach in
time to be of any use; and on the 29th
of May the vessel returned to Maskat.
In the mean time information reached
us at Maskat of the vessel being
destroyed and not to be seen. Many re-
ports were in circulation of the ship
being on fire. but they were not true.
At that time the force of the Monsoon
had reached, and a strong South East
wind caused a heavy surf on the
beach. on the 3rd June the Honble
Company's Brigantine of War "Tigris"
arrived at Maskat and the Commanding
officer, Lieutenant Tronson, reported that
he had been the day before at Al.
Khabba, but did not see a vestige of
the ship "Centaur", and it was then only
19, nineteen, days from the day the ship
stranded. Lieutenant Tronson heard of the
Circumstance

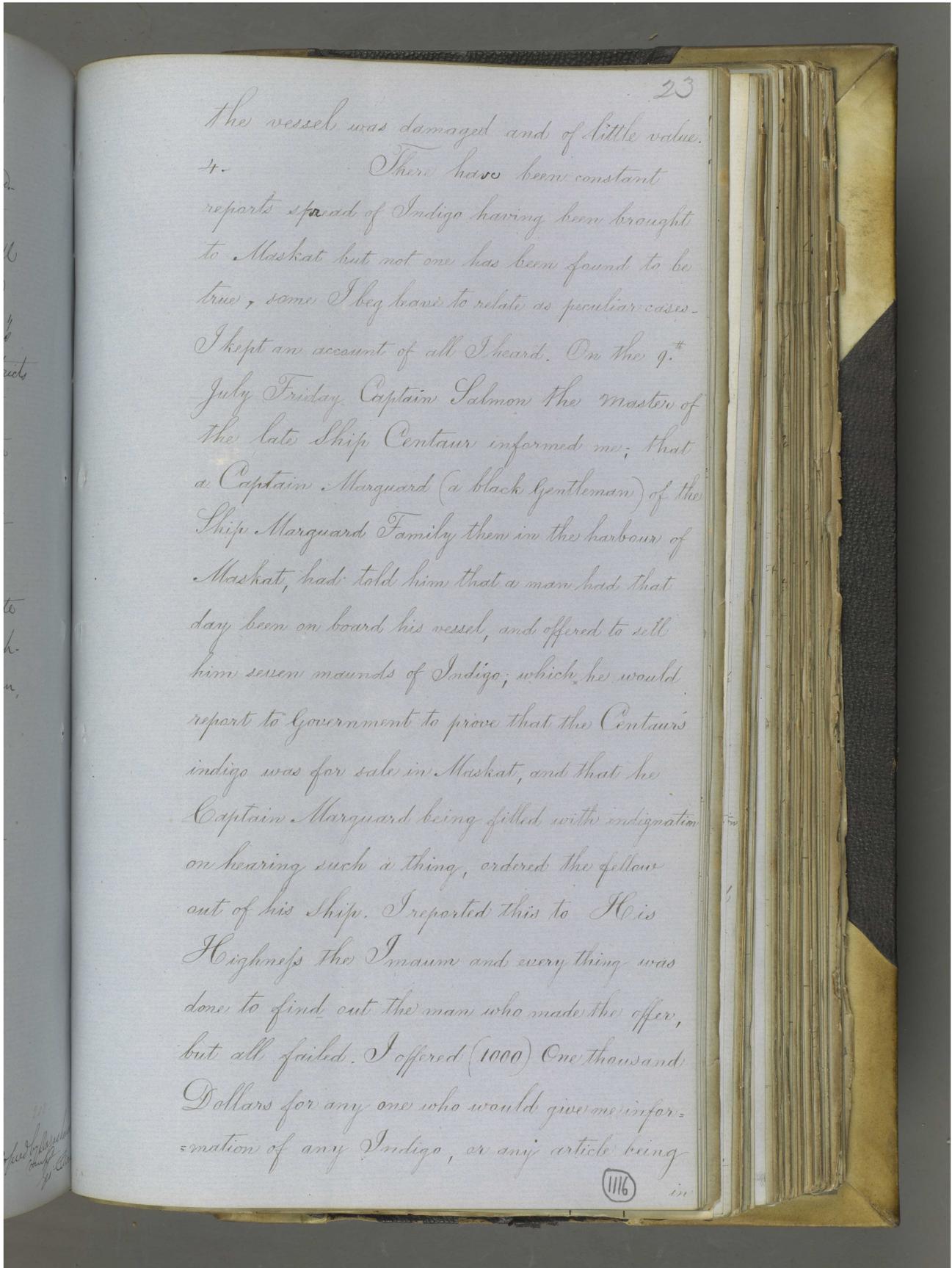
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circumstance while cruising off Sahar,
and at once made for Al Khabba in order
to render assistance but ere he arrived
all remains of the vessel had disappeared.
His Highness the Imam wrote to all the
SchaiKhs under his control at Soor and all
along the Coast of Arabia, to secure all
Indigo or any other article of the 'Centaur's'
Cargo which might arrive within the districts
under their respective orders; and wrote to
them in a most stringent manner, telling them
that he would most certainly punish severely
any one who would be proved to be guilty
of any Connivance, or any Contravention
of these orders, and His Highness also wrote
to Mahammed bin Ali bin Hammoodeh
the SchaiKh of the Beni boo Ali of Jala,
strongly advising him to try and make
his people give up any part of the
'Centaur's' Cargo they might have, and
I also wrote to him but he took no notice
of either the Imam's or my letter, and
all persons well acquainted with these
people say the SchaiKh in this instance
could effect but little, for all the
Mischief was done in the course of four days
from the time the vessel stranded, and that what
ever the Pedder took from

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The vessel was damaged and of little value.
4. There have been constant reports spread of Indigo having been brought to Maskat but not one has been found to be true, some I beg leave to relate as peculiar cases. I kept an account of all I heard. On the 9th July Friday, Captain Salmon the master of the late Ship Centaur informed me; that a Captain Marquard (a black gentleman) of the Ship Marquard Family then in the harbour of Maskat, had told him that a man had that day been on board his vessel, and offered to sell him seven maunds of Indigo; which he would report to Government to prove that the Centaur's indigo was for sale in Maskat, and that the Captain Marquard being filled with indignation on hearing such a thing, ordered the fellow out of his Ship. I reported this to His Highness the Imam and every thing was done to find out the man who made the offer, but all failed. I offered (1000) One thousand Dollars for any one who would give me information of any Indigo, or any article being

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in Maskat or Multra and if I found any, the money to be paid and all secrecy observed and no questions asked; but I did not receive information, and the Inaam promised to reward handsomely any person who would give him private information as to Indigo being in any part of his territories. On the 13th July Rajah Haskial informed me he had heard that one Mahammed Ali Bunderie Kubbabee a Persian Merchant here had sent a man called Ali bin Ahmed to Soor with (1000) One thousand Dollars to buy indigo for himself. Mahammed Ali Kubbabee Abdullah Shaikh Ali Ahmed Mahammed and Ahmed Abdub four persons. I brought this to the notice of the Inaam and all were examined and declared they had no part in the transaction, that the man Ali bin Ahmed said to be sent to Soor was there at his date grove; which proved to be true, and he was brought from thence; and the other four men swore solemnly on the Koran after the manner of their faith before the Shaikhul Islam; that they had not sent any one whatever
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to buy Indigo for them, these men swore
in the Imams house in my presence.
5. On the night of the 14th July
Captain Salmon Master of the late Ship
Centaur told me that Kojah Heskial bin
Eusaph the Native Agent had got most
positive information, and that he had heard
it from other quarters - that, the Godowns of
Bheeraj; a Bannians one of the principal mer-
chants in Maskat, (who is an underwriter for
Native vessels, and who conducts business for
the Imam) contained a large quantity of the
centaurs Indigo and that it was sewed up in
galeemas (a sort of coarse carpet stuff) in order
to deceive people as to the real contents of the
packages - and early in the morning I went for
the Imams Minister, and requested him to report
the circumstance to the Imam - he did so and
returned to me instantly, saying the Imam
had ordered the go-downs to be at once searched,
and requested me to appoint some person to be
present on my part, I sent for the Native
Agent Kojah Heskial and sent him on my
part, and the godowns were searched, and
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the goods, bales, and parcels of every kind were
thoroughly over hauled, and the Agent Hojeh
Heshial returned and said they did not find a
vestige of Indigo in any of the Godowns =
His Highness then said that any time of
the night or day he would have any place
searched where there was the least suspicion
of any part of the Centaur's Cargo concealed,
that the temptation was great - to cause people
to do wrong, but that by the assistance of God
all should be done in his power to prevent
such a crime being committed, as appropriating
to ones own use, the Cargo of the Centaur; which
was in the sight of the Almighty a double
sort of robbery - reports of the most extravagant
and absurd nature have constantly been in
circulation of large Store Houses at Soor being
filled with Indigo and people buying it
for almost nothing His Highness the
Imaum requested me several times to send
some person to Soor to see as to the truth
or otherwise of these

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Reports; that they certainly were not true, but that
his Highness much feared some of his enemies or
the enemies of his family might write or say
that which might produce an ill feeling towards
him in the minds of the members of Government,
and I then said that for his Highness' satisfaction
I would send on my part our Native Agent Dleshtel
him Ensof, but that some person well worthy of
trust must go with him. The Imam said I will
send Glamed him Salem my own Brothers' son with
him; whenever you like and I accordingly desired
Dleshtel him Ensof to hold himself in readiness
to proceed to doo with his Highness. Said Glamed
him Salem the Imam's nephew - he said he wanted
a day or two to prepare himself, in the evening
he came to me and said he had told the Imam's
Minister he would not want a boat from the
Imam, that he would go in the launch of the
ship Franjee Comasjee which I told him
I would not allow him to do, that he must
go in the Imam's boat, and why I did
so, was for the following reason. -

The ship Franjee Comasjee be-
longe to four Brothers, Arab Merchants re-
siding at Muscat and is sailed under
British colors, the Register is in the
name 

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name of the youngest Brother Hajee Ibrahim bin Jinnal; he resided some time at Calcutta and thus procured a British Register, these Brothers are wealthy & all respectable men, they own several ships and sail some under Arab colors; and some under English, but they are at the head of a sort of opposition; which exists in Muskat, and this man Hajee Ibrahim bin Jinnal, the ostensible owner of all their ships under British colors, is a sort of Mentor to the Agent Glesdial bin Eussoph, and moves him to conduct himself in a way he ought not to do towards the Imam's authorities; and hence arises the hatred and ill feeling, which exists between our Agent and the Imam's people; which ought not to be, and would not exist if he were not so much under the influence of this man Hajee Ibrahim and others; who seeing the weak point of poor Glesdial make a sort of tool of him, and therefore I would not allow the Government Agent

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to go in his boat, nor to appear openly
to have any connexion, as far as I could
prevent him, with Hajee Ibrahim bin
Innal or any private individual in matters
connected with the discharge of his public
duty; The Imam felt hurt, at the agents
declining to go in one of his boats; but I
told him it was all a mistake on the part
of the Agent - The Boat prepared for him was
exactly the same as the one prepared for the
Imam's own nephew - indeed the agent him-
self acknowledged that it was even a better
one; I am thus particular in detailing this
circumstance with a view to prevent misre-
presentation hereafter.

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On the 2nd August, all at length
being prepared, I sent the Agent to go ac-
-companied by and under the special charge
and protection of His Highness Saïed Hamad
bin Sahim bin Sultan; the Imam's own
nephew, and the Agent Gledial bin Cu-
-soph appears to have discharged this
duty well, I drilled him thoroughly before
he started as to how he was to conduct
himself.

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in the ground close to a wall, with a quantity
of rubbish heaped over them. The Agent says they
had not the appearance of having been there
any length of time, probably put there by some
of the fishermen - who procured it off Alkhabba.
The Beni boos Ali of Soor, are a distinct
people from the Beni boos Ali of Salaw. the
latter are Mahabees, and would not allow the
former to touch any thing of the Centaurs
Cargo if they saw them. The vessel is said
to have capsized, and that the Beddu at
low tides go off to procure what they can;
they did not burn the vessel as was reported,
nor did they manage to weigh the guns or
anchors, or any heavy article; they have
not the means of doing so. I am told by the
Schaikh of the Beni boos Ali of Soor =
Rashid bin Salern, who is here, and had
frequently sent men to see how things are
off Alkhabba.

I have the honor to enclose a
translation of the proceedings of the Agent
Isakial bin Cusph, during his trip
to Soor, and a copy and translation of a
paper I drew up before sending him to
Soor. I did so because any thing I do at
all out of the usual routine is looked
on with much jealousy by the foreign
Consuls resident with the Soudans =
His Highness has declared that he will
punish with great severity any of his
Subjects

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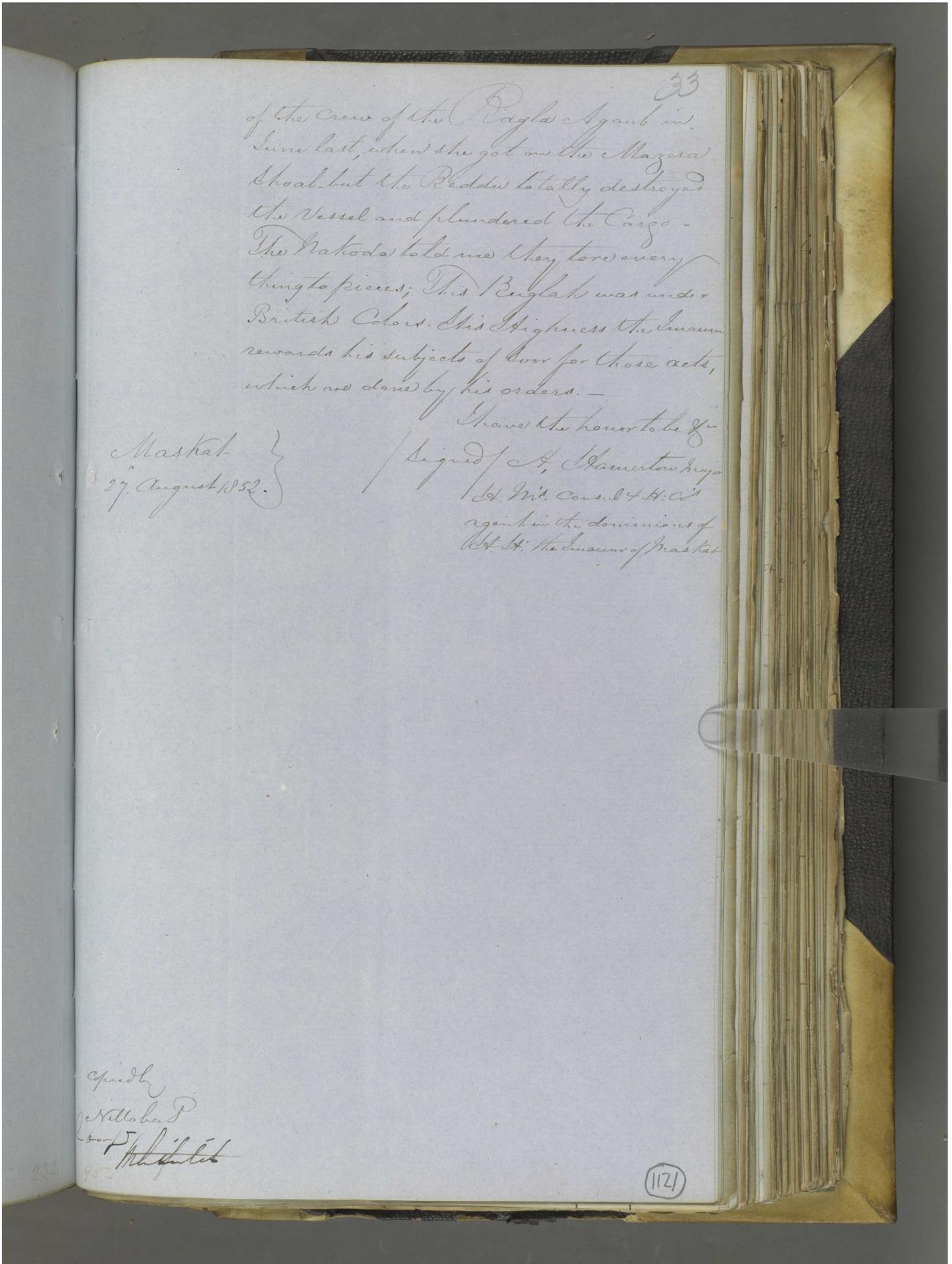
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Subjects who may be proved to have taken any part in the plunder of the Centaur; and he has taken great pains to discover if such has been the case but as yet no person has been discovered to have done so. The Peri boe Ali of Salaw would not suffer the Soor people to interfere with them in any way.

In conclusion I beg leave to mention for the information of the Right Honble the Governor in Council that the lives of the Master and Crew of the Centaur were saved by Saied bin Nassur Lembee, one of the Soor men who was returning from Makella with three other Soor boats and saw the Centaur (shore) and the boats around her; and knowing how things were he went to her and finding the Alhabba men had determined to put the Captain and all his people to death at Sundown after the tow Wahabee (custom) he told Captain Salmow who was already aware of it and his people also and managed to take them all off in his boats and brought them to Masbat. The Soor people have also saved the lives of the Master/Captain Bertram passengers and crew of the American Bark "La Plata" which got on shore in September 1850 on the Mezareh Shoal off the Coast of the Peri boe Ali Country, and the Soor men also saved the lives

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of the crew of the *Paglas Agamb* in
June last, when she got on the *Mazera*
Shoal, but the *Reddew* totally destroyed
the vessel and plundered the cargo -
The *Nahoda* told me they tore every
thing to pieces; This *Beulah* was under
British Colors. His Highness the *Emam*
rewards his subjects of *Coor* for those acts,
which are done by his orders. -

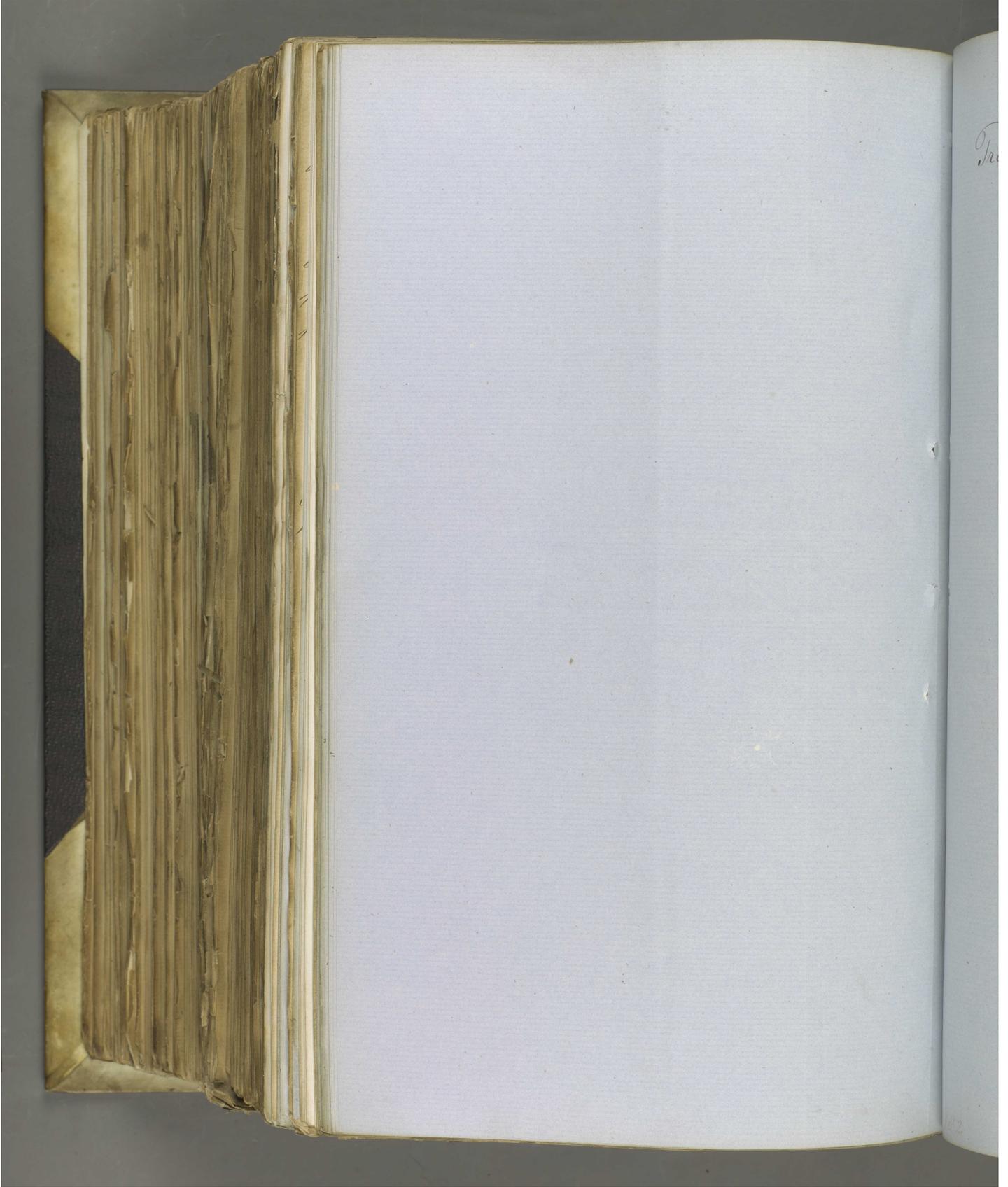
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I have the honor to be Sir
Signed / *A. Hamerton* Major
Lt. Col. Comd. & Lt. Col.
agent in the dominions of
H. H. the *Emam* of *Maskat*

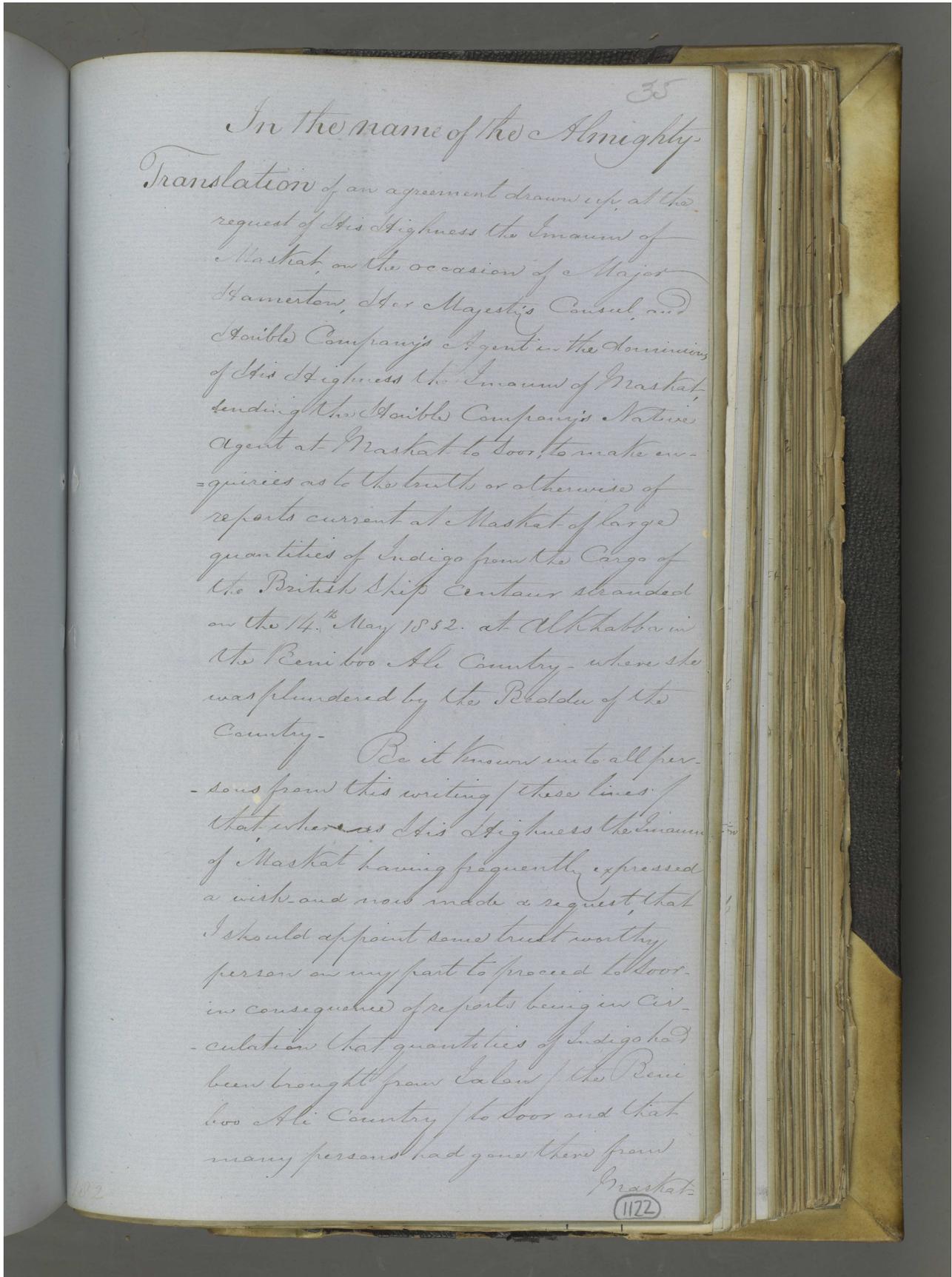
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Maskat and other places to buy it. I have
therefore agreed to do so, and appoint Ho-
-jeh Isakheil bin Euseph on my part
to accompany His Highness Sa'id
Sa'id bin Salim bin Sultan appointed
on the part of His Highness the Emam
of Maskat, to proceed to Soor, to search
and enquire as to the truth of the reports
and C. Atkins Hamerton Major Her
Majesty's Consul and Agent for the
Government of India with the Emam
of Maskat, do hereby publicly declare
and make known that Her Majesty's
Government and the Government
of India do not assume or assert their
right to search or to send persons to search
under any circumstances in any part of
the territories of His Highness the Emam
of Maskat. Unless by and with the
consent and permission of His High-
-ness the Emam for so doing - and
which in this present case His Highness
now grants and freely permits - and I
have duly informed Hojeh Isakheil bin
Euseph, that he is not at liberty to
search or send any one to search any
place without the sanction of His
Highness Sa'id Sa'id bin Salim
bin Sultan - but in every place where-
-soever and whensoever Hojeh Isakheil
may have any cause to suspect that
Indigo

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Indigo or any other article of the Cargo
of the Vessel of the Centaur may be con-
-cealed, he shall require permission to
search from His Highness Saïed Hamud
who is ordered to grant it. and it shall
not be necessary for Hajet Saïed Saïed
bin Eusoph to explain to any one, what
his reason may be for his wishing to
search any place whatsoever, he may
think fit to do - but only as before stated.
made a requisition on His Highness
Saïed Hamud bin Salim bin Sultan
for permission to do so; which will
at once be granted to him -
dated 13th Shawal 1268. at Maskat -
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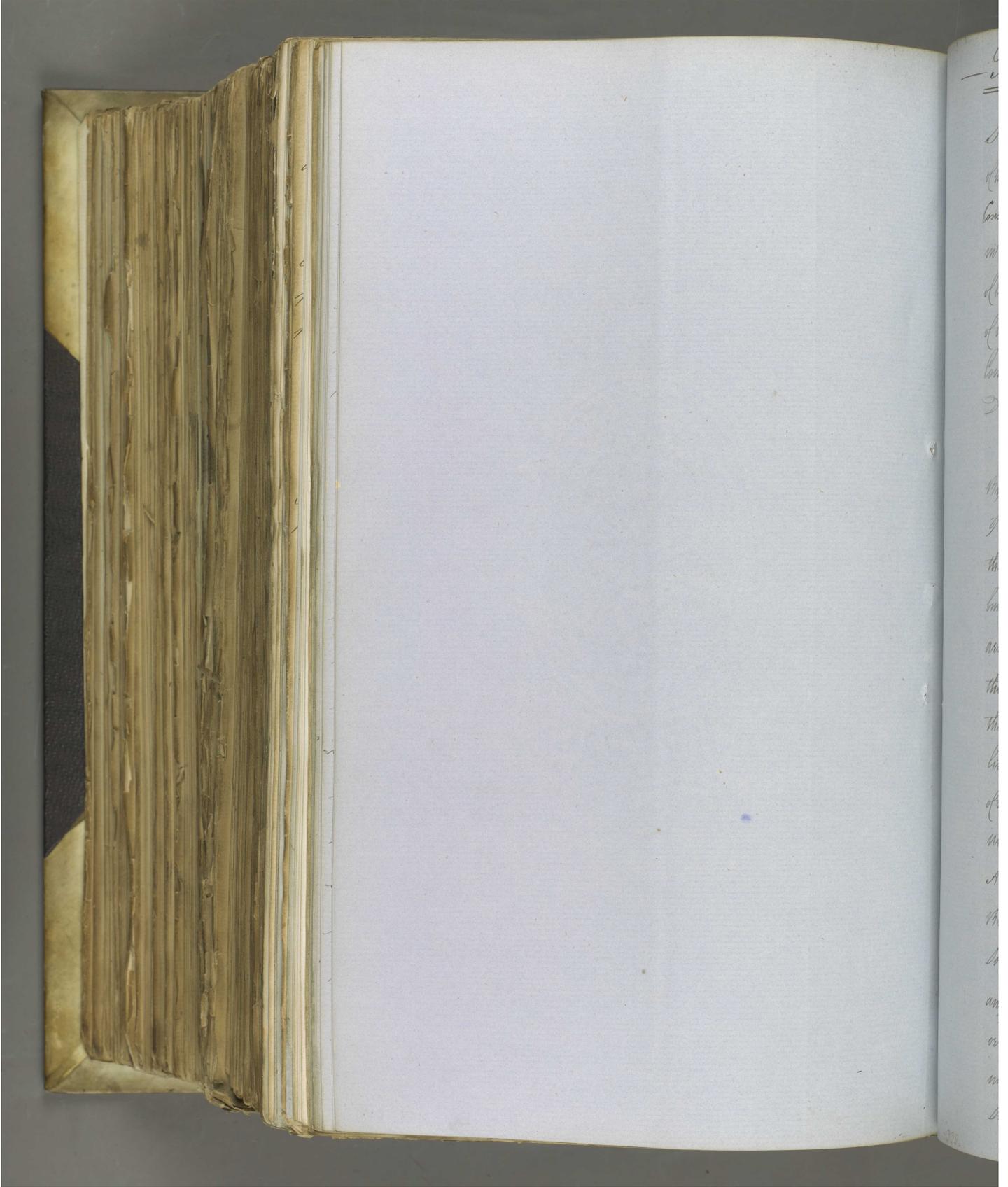
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Statement of Messrs J. W. Paraph, Her Majesty's Agents at Muscat
of his proceedings at Soor - where he went by order of Major Lamerton - Her
Majesty's Consul and C. A. in the Dominion of His Highness the Imam of Muscat;
in order to ascertain the truth or otherwise of the reports current at Muscat,
of large quantities of Goods being stored, and for sale there, from the Cargo
of the Merchant Ship Centaur - stranded at Al-Wahab, in the Straits of the
Country and plundered and destroyed by the Arabs of that Country.
Dated Muskat 7th Muharrar 1268 - 23rd August 1852.

By order of Major Lamerton, Her Majesty's Consul and Her Majesty's Agent,
I Messrs J. W. Paraph went from this (Muscat) to Soor, to learn as to
the Goods of the Centaur, in company with His Highness Sa'id Ahmad
bin Salem bin Sultan, on the 15th Shawal 1268, 2nd August, 1852, and we
arrived at Soor on Thursday 10th Shawal (5th August at the fourth hour of
the day about 10 A. M.) and landed at a place called Wharf Shuragh; from
thence we went into the Fort, where there is a Strag, and many people
living there - we stand there until near evening (4. & M.) the Muezzin
of the Mosque, the Ponsab, arrived, and with them Schawich Sa'id bin Abu
Willah Farah - to visit His Highness Sa'id Ahmad bin Salem bin Sultan.
A little while afterwards came Schawich Marshall bin Salem, one of the
Sheikhs of Soor - and during the visit His Highness Sa'id Ahmad bin
Salem bin Sultan asked them about the Goods - whether they had received
any, or could give any news of it; whether any had been brought to Soor,
or if they knew of any one had any - they all said they had not seen any
nor did they know where there was any - His Highness Sa'id Ahmad bin
Salem bin Sultan conjured them to tell if they knew - but they all
(1124) declared

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declared they had no knowledge of it - The English said Shams bin Salem bin Sultan
then ordered them to search and make enquiry if any person had any. they said
they would please God do it, they then went away and we went to sleep. on the
next morning Friday. I asked the English said Shams bin Salem bin Sultan
to give us a house outside the town, he ordered the Walker to get one ready and
at mid-day I went into it, next day Saturday a man of the French, a blind beggar,
man, came to me, his name is Shams bin Shams, and I talked to him as to whether
the Indigo. at first he said the friends of Sultan is poor, the Indigo was made
into three shares, for the Sultan or Sultan and one share for the inland. I asked
him if he knew for certain if any Indigo had been brought to port, he replied
I see not but I heard that the Marquis of Mautrat was coming here, and that
the Indigo was taken to the shells, on the 22^d Shawal (9th August), I went with
the English said Shams bin Salem bin Sultan, to the Sultan, where the French
was, to a place called Mamburum and went into the house of Said bin Abu
Allah. the Schanahs were then assembled, and the English said Shams
bin Salem bin Sultan questioned them all as to the Indigo, if any person had
any, they replied we have searched and enquired as you desired us and we
have not heard of any. we stood there all day. but neither I, nor the English
said Shams could find out any thing of Indigo being in the place - and we
then returned to our houses, I continued making enquiries, when a man came
who said his name was Salem bin Yehanno or Yehanno, he said I will tell
you must declare by the Almighty not to tell any, because here are the French,
who would most certainly kill me, he then told me that in two hours. there
was Indigo, the one of Mohammed Shumabe, and the other house. I went
to the English said Shams bin Salem bin Sultan that same day 25th Shawal
(12th August) and told him I wanted to search a place with his permission,
he instantly appointed Nasser bin Shams bin Shams, with four other men
and also two of his own men to accompany me - and we all went to the place
told to me, and searched, and dug up the ground, but we did not find any thing -
I then returned and sent for my informant Salem bin Yehanno. he said
he was just there but would come in an hour in the evening, after
Sunset he came. I told him he had told me there was Indigo in a certain
place. that I had searched but found none. this is not right. if you know
where there is any, tell me truthly he then said I know where there is some,
this is true, but you understand - I told him if I find any, then if
you

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you want ten dollars or something more - and he then described a place to which
I sent one of my people that he might see it, and in the morning on Friday, I
went to the Highness Said Hamid bin Salim bin Sultan and got an order and an order
to dig and search in the place pointed out. I went and dug and found a bag -
I opened it and found in it three small bags of Indigo all which I opened
and took out three small pieces and went to Said Hamid bin Salim bin Sultan
and told all to him, he sent for the bags, and they were brought, we supposed
them to contain about four and a half or five mounds of Manikat about
forty five lbs English weight. Said Hamid bin Salim bin Sultan said to me
will you take this Indigo. I said I have no orders to do so, he then said he
would take it and ordered Nafsu bin Hamid Marwaha to take it to the Mayor
and have it weighed and write the weight. I took away with the sanction
of the Highness Said bin Hamid bin Sultan the three small pieces. he said
I will send for all the people of the Mayor inside and out and see where
this is, and tell you. I then returned to my house and paid the ten dollars
to Salim bin Zuhair the Willuchan. at four o'clock the Wallah of Sor
Said Hanmid came to me and said, Said Hamid bin Salim bin Sultan
sends his compliments to you saying he has seen for all the Mayor
people but cannot find out where this Indigo is - near sunset the Highness
Said Hamid bin Salim bin Sultan came and said I went to tell you I
cannot find out where this Indigo is - I said yes, and then said I am
wished to return, and the Highness Said Hamid replied we must delay
a little, an order has arrived from H. H. Said Said (the Imam) for me
to try and settle the dispute between Said bin Abu Allah, and his
people and the Beni bin Abi of Sor, Schawich Marshall bin Salim's people,
but please God tomorrow we will go, on the 2nd Mawal 14th August the
letter from yourself reached me, by the bedden of Marshall of Marthun
Nahida Mohammed bin Minham, when I received it I went to the
Highness Said Hamid bin Salim bin Sultan and told him, a letter
had arrived from the Priests, read it, he did so, and said he had
determined (1125)

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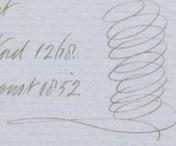
determined to start to night, but the wind was too strong - please God tomorrow
morning we will go and on Sunday the 28th Shawal 15th August at 1/2 past
9 o'clock we embarked, and arrived on Wednesday 1st Zilhad - 17th August,
at Muskat.

Muskat

(signed) Hassan bin Joseph

17th Zilhad 1268

29th August 1852



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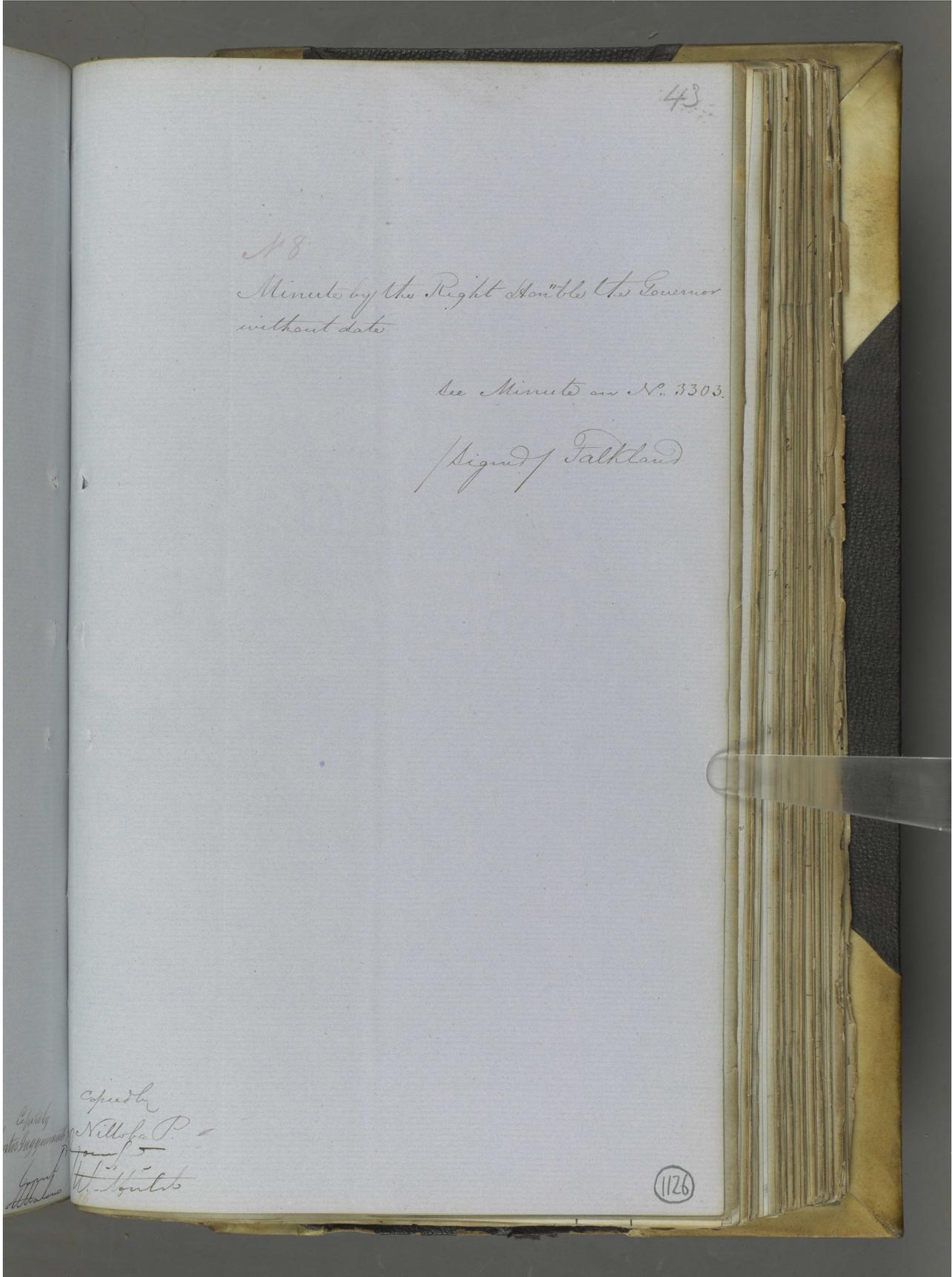
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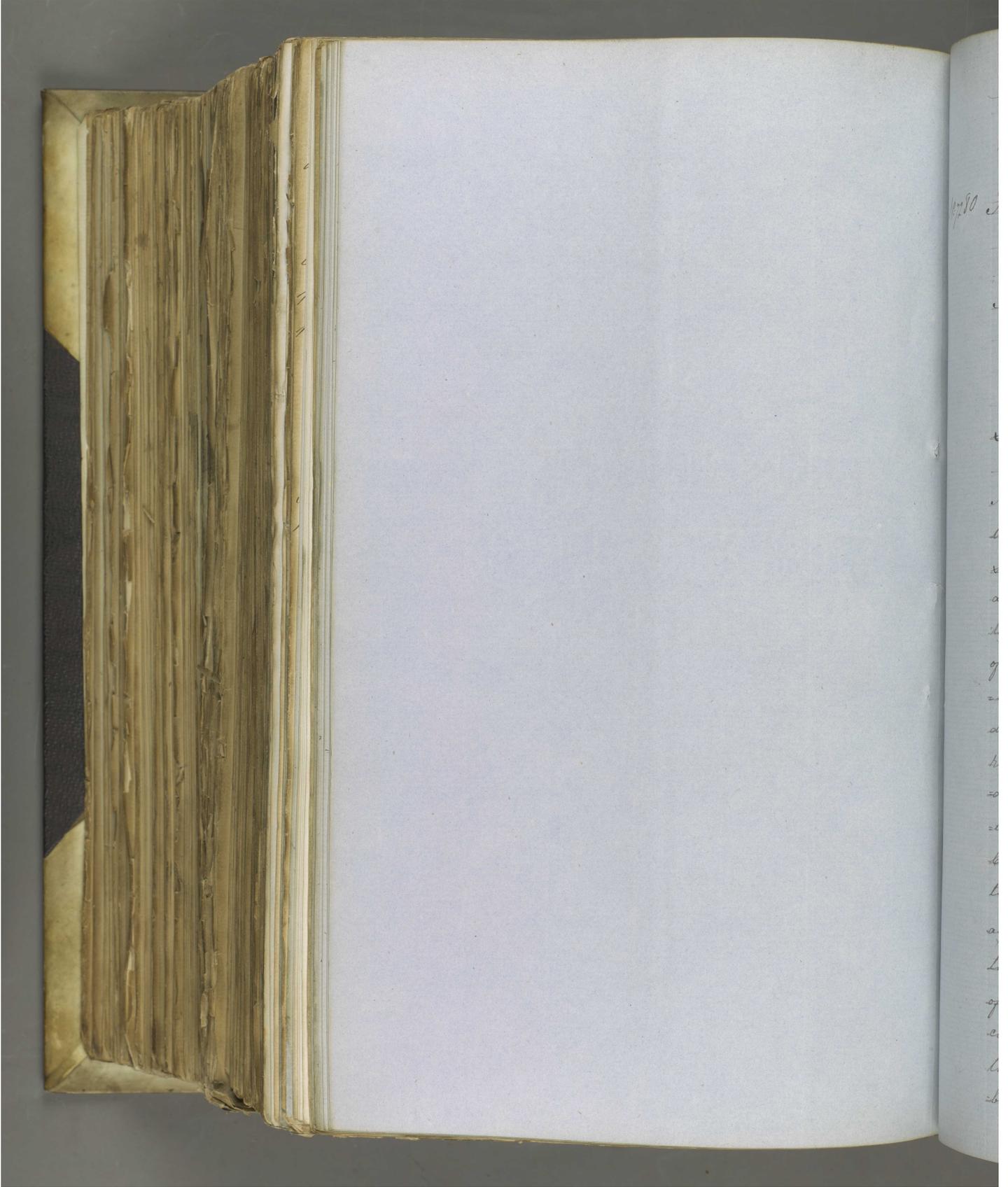
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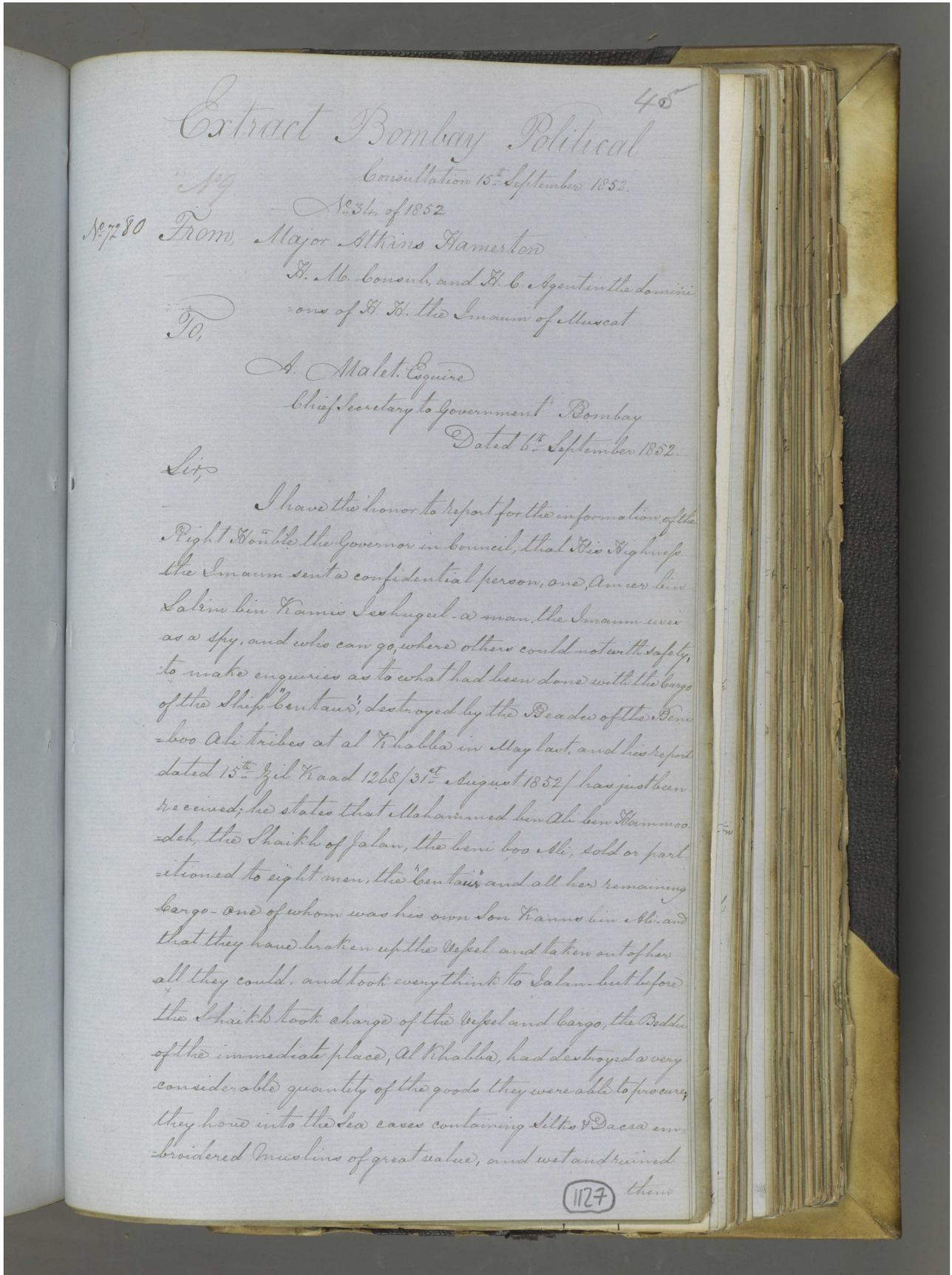
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them. and divided everything amongst themselves. & also that a
Bagla from Zanzibar to Bas el Rhyma, in the Persian Gulf,
stopped at al Khabba, and took cargo out of the boat, which
she is supposed to have sold at Sohar, but as yet we have no
authentic information; this subject is now under investiga-
-tion. it is reported that the Bagla sold at Sohar for fifteen
hundred to two thousand dollars worth of Indigo and
silk cloths at Sohar but I much doubt if there are people
at that place, able to buy anything like such an amount
of goods.

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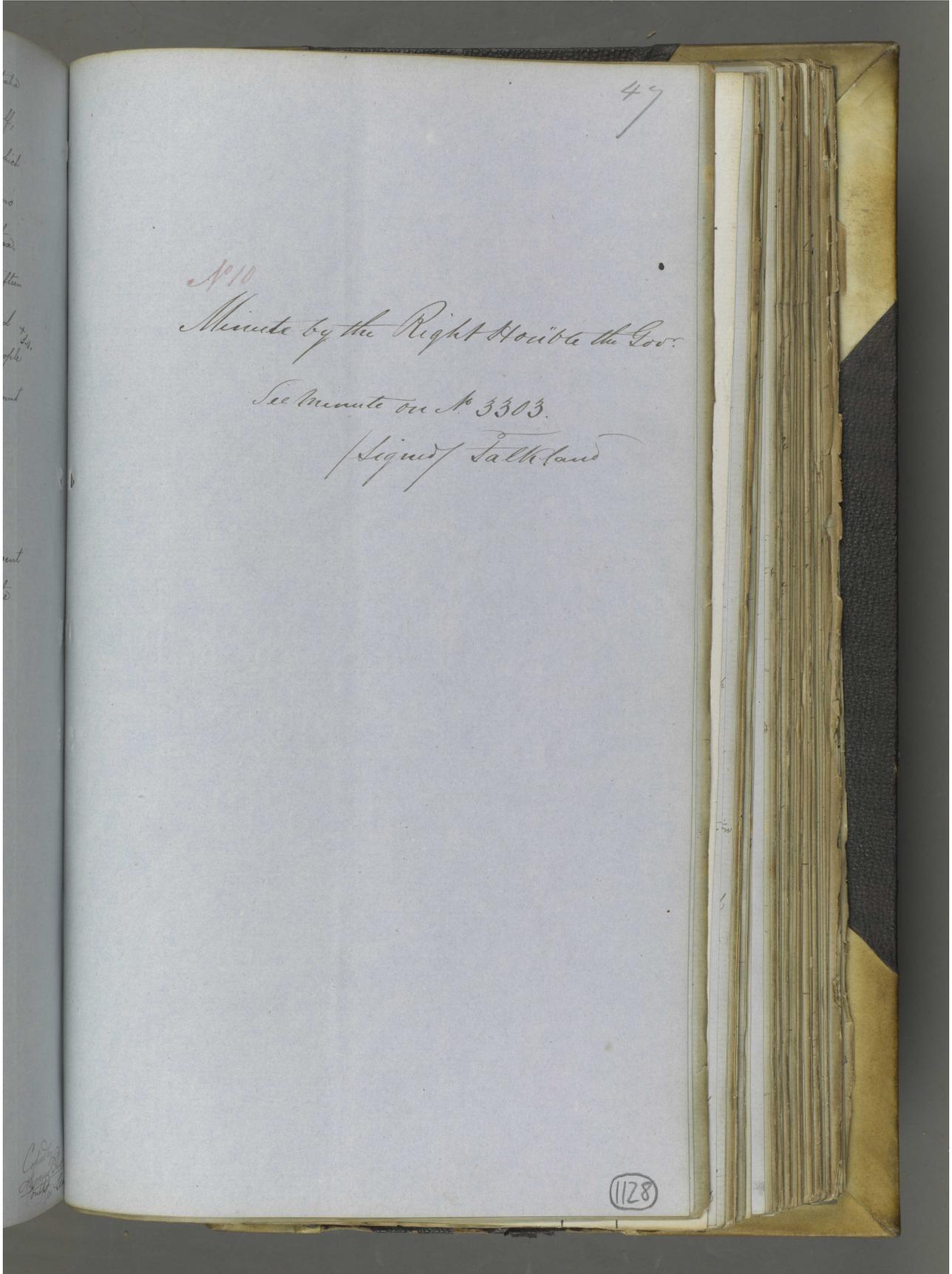
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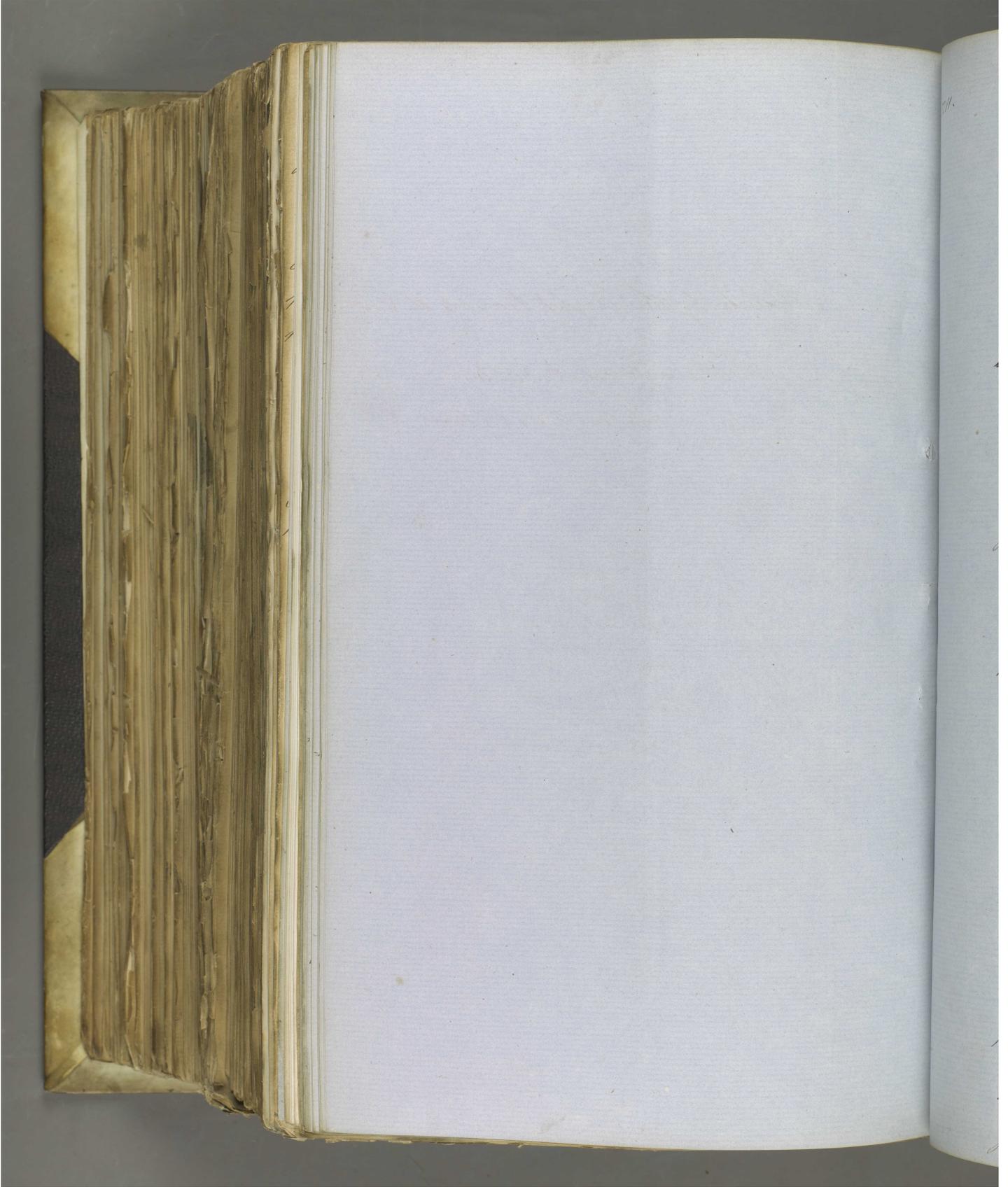
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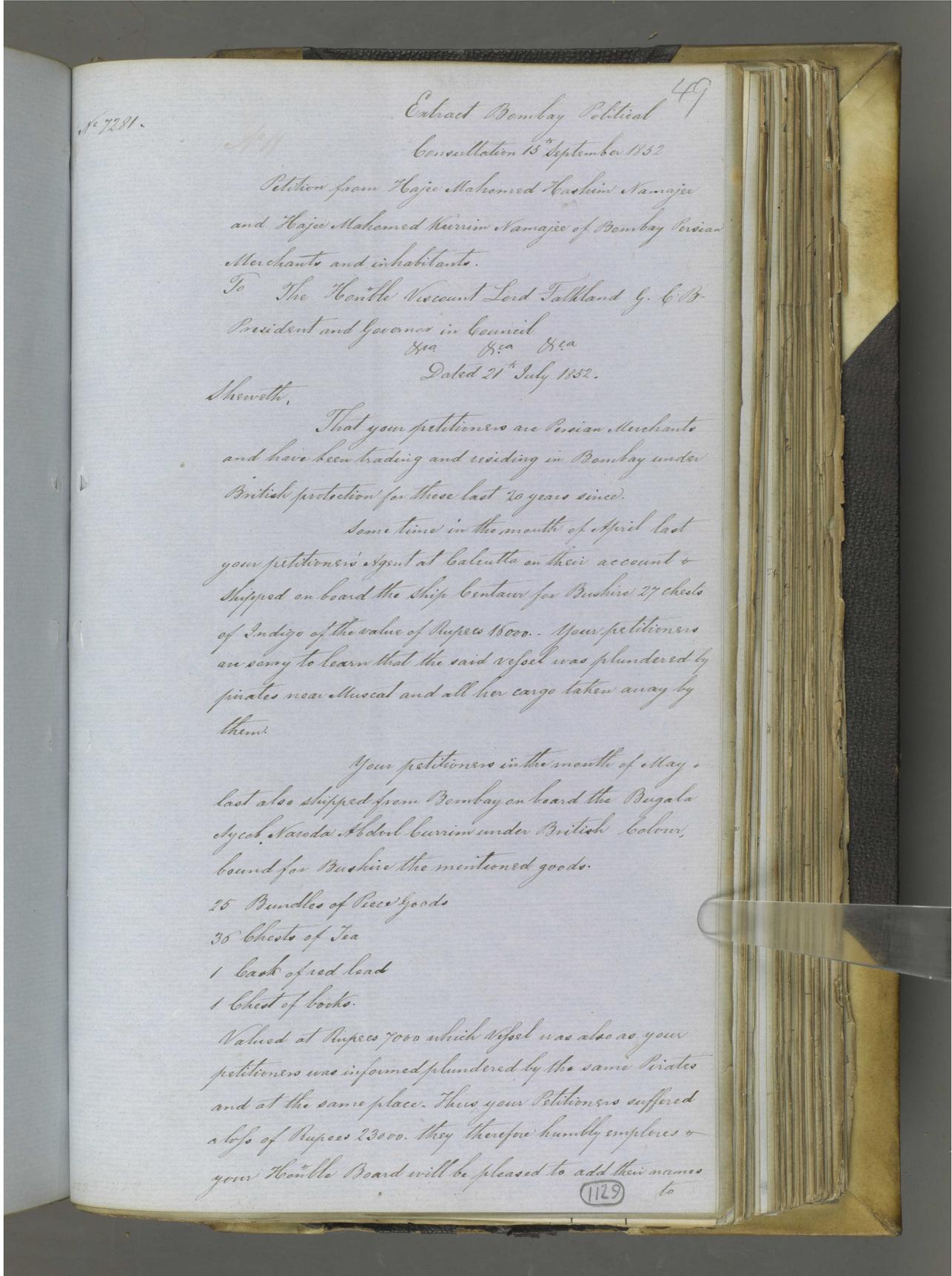
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to those of the other claimants intending to seek Com-
pensation for the said loss by the endeavours and
protection of the enlightened British Government.

Bombay 21st July 1832.

And your Petitioners as
in duty bound will ever pray

Hajee Mahomed Hashim Samajee

Hajee Mahomed Hussein Samajee.

Minute by the Honorable Mr. Blane concerned N^o 7282.
in by the Honorable Mr. Bell dated 3rd August 1832.

This paper may be sent to the Government
of India with the next communication we may have
occasion to address to them on the subject.

3rd August 1832.

Signed D. A. Blane.

J. A. Bell.

N^o 13

Office N^o 3980

N^o 113 of 1832,

Political Department

N^o 7283.

From A. Malet Esquire

Chief Secretary to Government

To

C. Allen Esquire

Offg. Secretary to the Government of India
Fort William

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Dated 15 September 1832.

With reference to my letter N^o 85 dated
the 17th July last, I am directed by the Right Honble the
Governor in Council to report the return to Bombay
yesterday of the Honble Company's Steam Frigate "Duesen"
from the duty on which, consequent on your letter dated
the 2nd July last N^o 2228, she was despatched to the Persian
Gulf, and to transmit to you for submission to the
Most Noble the Governor General of India in Council
copies of two Letters from the Honble Company's Agent
in

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in the dominions of His Highness the Imam of Muscat
nos 27 and 34, dated the 27th ultimo and 6th instant the
former with enclosures on the subject of the plunder of
of the cargo of the British Ship "Centaur".

2. I am desired also to forward copy of a letter
with enclosure from the Resident in the Persian Gulf
no 265 dated the 17th ultimo on the same subject.

3. I am further on this occasion instructed
to transmit copy of a petition from Hajee Mahomed
Hashim Namajee and Hajee Mahomed Kurrin Namajee
Merchants of Bombay dated the 21st July last on the
subject of their alleged losses by the wreck of the Centaur
and requesting that their names may be added to the
List of claimants for compensation

Bombay Castle
15th Sept 1852

I have the honor to be Sir
Yours faithfully
S. Matet
Chief Secretary.

No 3981 of 1852.

Political Department

From
S. Matet Esquire
Chief Secretary to Government.

To
Hajee Mahomed Hashim Namajee
and
Hajee Mahomed Kurrin Namajee
Bombay

Dated 15th September 1852.

Gentlemen,

I am directed by the Right Honble the
Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your
petition dated the 21st July last on the subject of your
losses by the plunder of the Ship Centaur and Begla
Sagob in the Persian Gulf and to inform you that
a copy thereof has been forwarded to Calcutta to
day

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