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## 'Persian Gulf Relative to Vessels of a suspicious Character lurking on the track of the Coasting trade in the'

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### About this record

The item consists of copies and extracts of correspondence and minutes cited in, or enclosed with, a Political Letter from the Government of Bombay to the East India Company Court of Directors, 13 January 1853, and found at IOR/F/4/2504/142185. Further enclosures to the letter can be found at: IOR/F/4/2504/142194; IOR/F/4/2504/142195; IOR/F/4/2504/142196; IOR/F/4/2504/142197; IOR/F/4/2504/142198; and IOR/F/4/2504/142200.

The item is the fifteenth in a series of sixteen items about the Persian Gulf.

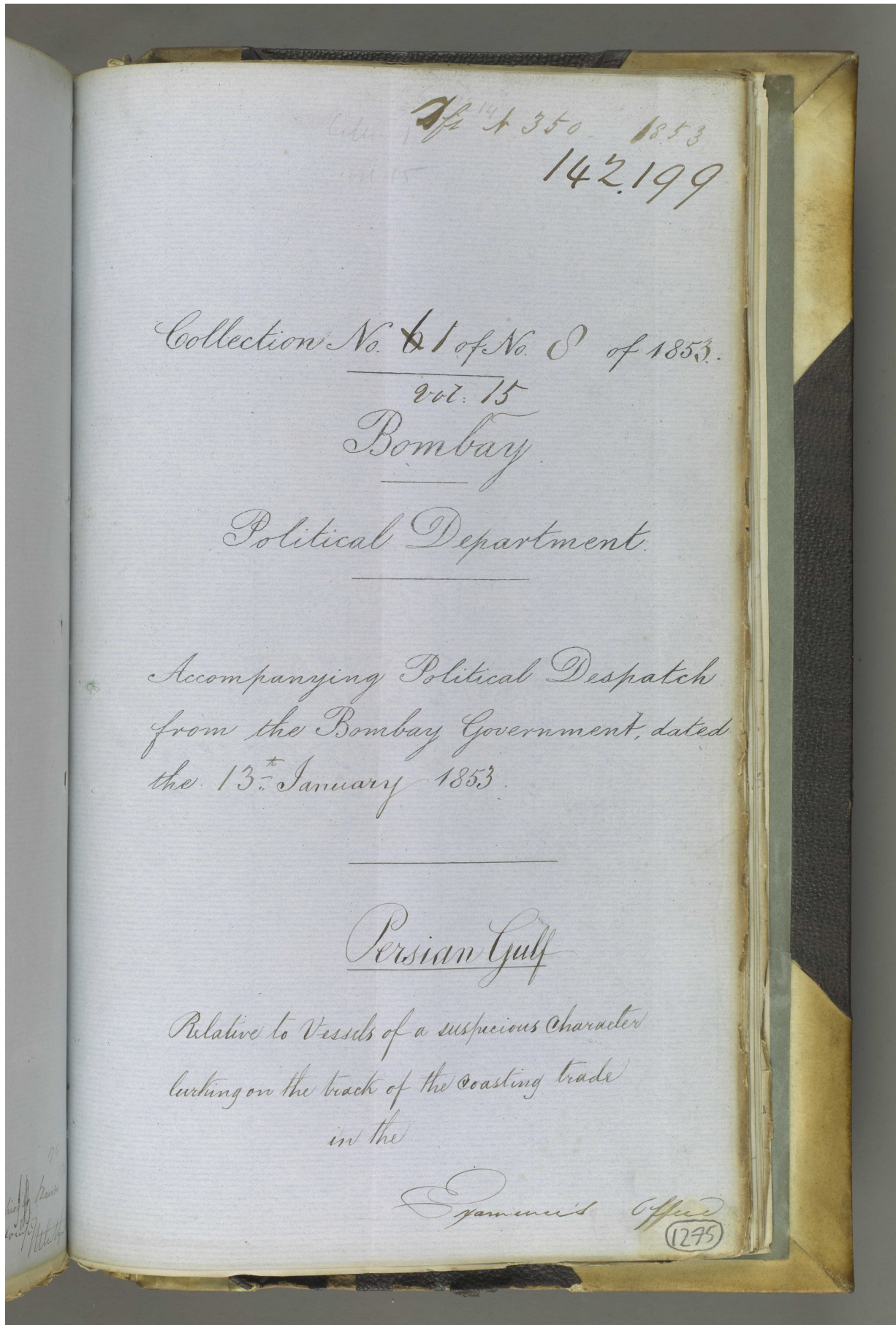
The item contains instructions from Captain Arnold Burrowes Kemball, Resident in the Persian Gulf, to Commodore George Robinson, Commanding Indian Naval Squadron in the Persian Gulf, dated 28 October 1852, following reports of 'suspicious vessels' around the Persian [Iranian] Coast and rumours that the 'pirate' Soheil ben Ateysh [Suhayl bin 'Uṭaysh, also rendered in text as Sheil ben Ateysh] has returned to Biddah [Al Bid'] and Wakrah. Kemball instructs Robinson to warn his commanders to look out for these vessels, including how to identify them and what to do with them.

Kemball sends copy of his instructions, along with some comments, to the Government of Bombay, who in turn forward them to the Government of India.

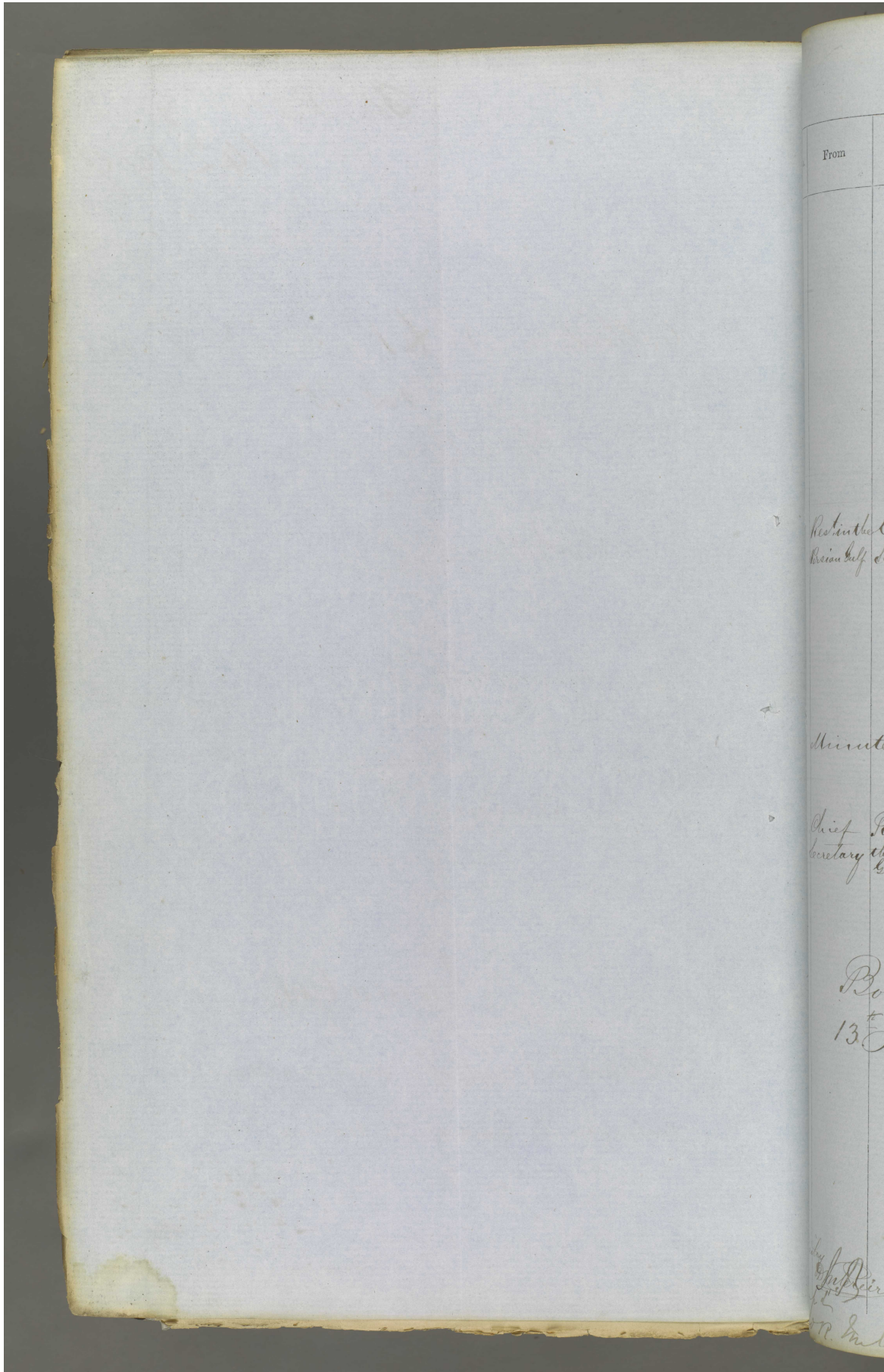
The title page of the item contains the following references: 'Bombay Political Department', 'Draft No. 350 of 1853', 'Collection No. 1 of No. 8 of 1853', 'Vol: 15', and 'Examiner's Office'. Originally, the Collection

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of the Coasting trade in the' [1275r] (1/10)



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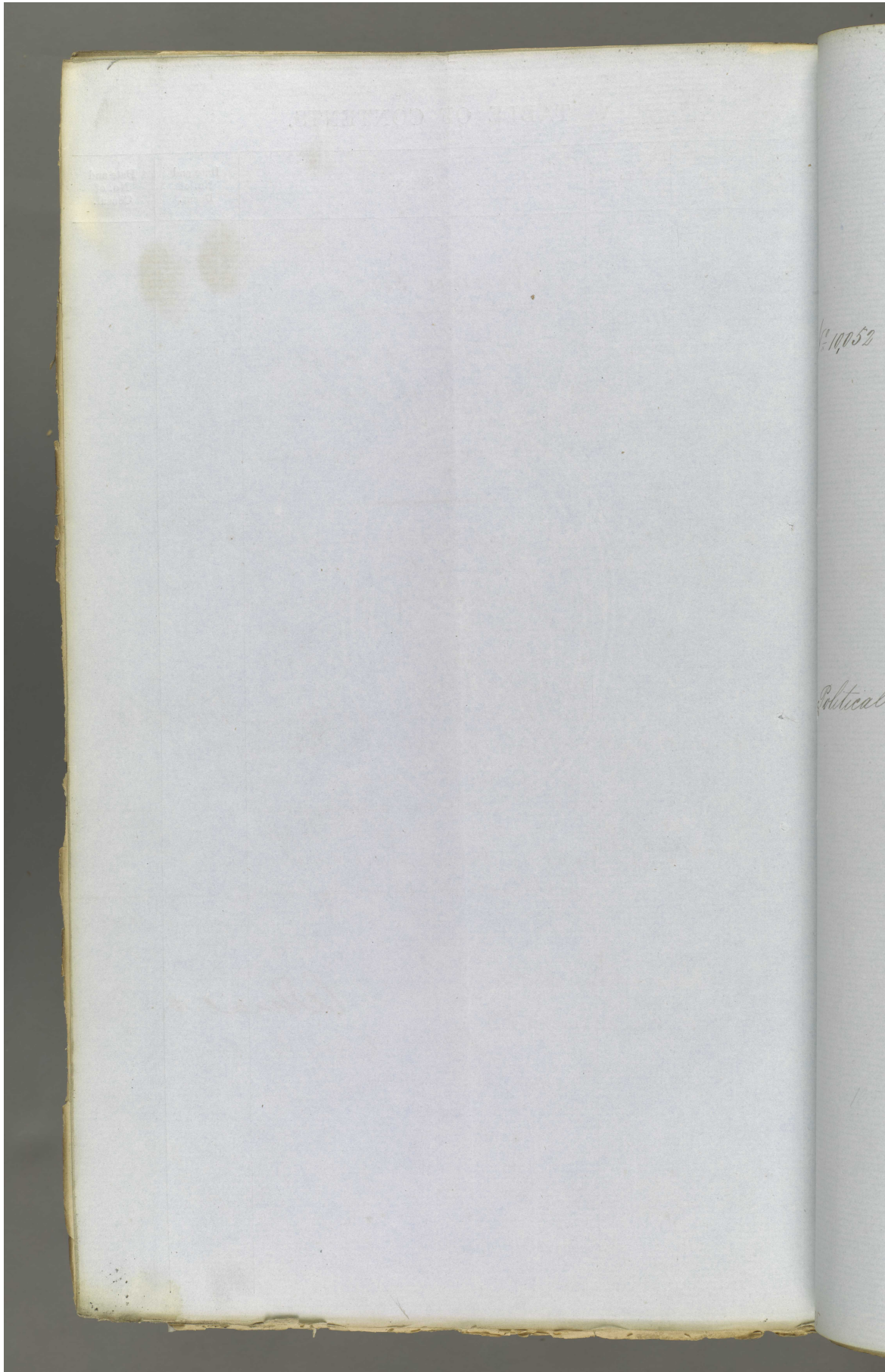
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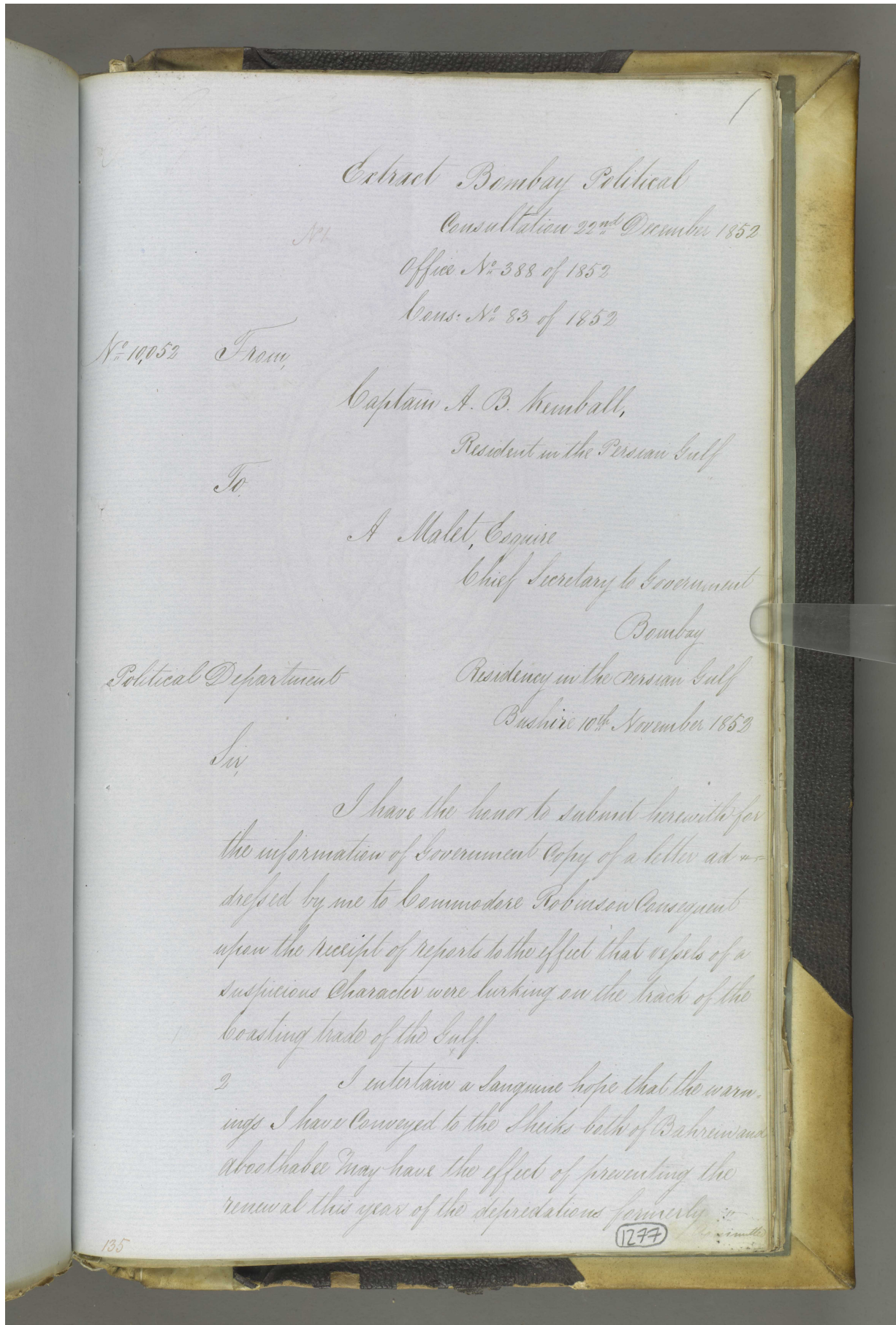
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'Persian Gulf Relative to Vessels of a suspicious Character lurking on the track  
of the Coasting trade in the' [1276v] (4/10)



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of the Coasting trade in the' [1277r] (5/10)



'Persian Gulf Relative to Vessels of a suspicious Character lurking on the track  
of the Coasting trade in the' [1277v] (6/10)

Committed by Sheik ben Ateyeh and other pirates  
of his Class, or they will at least anticipate any ex-  
cuse for waiving the responsibility of their acts; in  
the event of such persons issuing from the parts  
of either

I have the honor to be &c.  
(Signed) A. B. Kemball,  
Resident in the Persian Gulf.

N<sup>o</sup> 370 of 1852

From

Captain A. B. Kemball,  
Resident in the Persian Gulf

To

Commodore J. Robinson, J.S.  
Commanding J.S. Squadron  
Persian Gulf / Bushire  
Residency in the Persian Gulf  
Bushire 28<sup>th</sup> October 1852.

Sir

Intelligence has reached me upon the  
correctness of which I can rely, that two Boats  
of highly suspicious Character have been discovered  
lurking on the tracks of the Coasting trade of the Gulf  
along the Persian Shore, the one off Rasool Khan or  
Munkaaf, the other off the eastern Mouths of the Cu-  
phratis, for the purpose of intercepting Merchant  
Craft passing to and fro on their lawful occasions,  
the

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'Persian Gulf Relative to Vessels of a suspicious Character lurking on the track  
of the Coasting trade in the' [1278r] (7/10)

the latter of which boats is further declared to have  
exchanged shots with one belonging to Sughah on  
return to this Port from Basrah, and as the in-  
telligence in question derives additional Credit from the  
rumours which were Communicated to you on the Arabian  
Coast of Scheib ben Aleysh having again appeared at  
Biddah and Wukrah intent upon renewing his depre-  
dations at sea, (as mentioned in your letter N<sup>o</sup> 148 of 17<sup>th</sup>  
Instant) I deem it advisable that the Commanders  
of the Cruizers under your orders should be warned  
to look out for pirates of this Class in order that no pre-  
sumptions should be omitted to defeat their object and if  
possible to effect their Capture.

I would accordingly beg leave to suggest  
that you should issue instructions to the Officers Com-  
manding the Queen's Tigris to bring to and closely +  
Scrutinize any vessels they may fall in with which  
they may suppose to bear the Character referred to,  
and in the event of their finding them to be so manned  
and equipped as to leave no doubt of their identity, or  
of the purposes of their Cruise to seize and Convey them  
either to Basrah or Bassora with a view to the cir-  
cumstances being subjected to investigation. It might  
perhaps be of advantage to wait yourself of an oppor-  
tunity which will offer for Basrah in the Course  
of tomorrow in order to Communicate with Lieut<sup>t</sup>

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'Persian Gulf Relative to Vessels of a suspicious Character lurking on the track  
of the Coasting trade in the' [1278v] (8/10)

Adams in the above subject prior to the "Lucas" +  
quitting the River.

3 The Pirate Boats are said to be small the  
one being a Suggarah the other a Shoah Carrying  
each from 10 to 15 Men and the former is described  
as having lost the top of her stem or Sautwater.

I have the honor to  
signed / A. B. Kemball,  
Resident of

(True Copy)  
signed / H. F. Disbrow,  
Assistant Resident Persian Gulf.

Made by the Right Honble the Governor  
Concurred in by the Honble M<sup>r</sup> Blanc. Dated the  
14<sup>th</sup> December 1852

N<sup>o</sup> 10053 10055

The Resident's instructions to Commo-  
dore Robinson may be approved.

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signed / Falkland,  
14<sup>th</sup> December 1852  
N<sup>o</sup> 5525 of 1852  
D. A. Blanc.

Political Department

From

N<sup>o</sup> 10054

Arthur Malet, Esquire

Chief Secretary to Government

To

Captain A. B. Kemball,

Sir

Resident in the Persian Gulf  
Dated the 20<sup>th</sup> December 1852  
I am directed to acknowledge the  
receipt

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Copy by  
H. F. Disbrow  
Compd. P. B.  
A. B. Kemball

'Persian Gulf Relative to Vessels of a suspicious Character lurking on the track  
of the Coasting trade in the' [1279] (9/10)

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receipt of your letter of the 10<sup>th</sup> Ultimo N<sup>o</sup> 588, with enclosure,  
and to inform you that the Right Honble the Governor  
in Council approves of the instructions issued by you  
to the Commodore in the Persian Gulf, consequent on  
the receipt of reports to the effect that vessels of a sus-  
picious character were lurking on the track of the Coasting  
trade of the Gulf.

Bombay Castle  
20<sup>th</sup> December 1852  
office N<sup>o</sup> 5526

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

N<sup>o</sup> 3.  
N<sup>o</sup> 157 of 1852

N<sup>o</sup> 10055

From,

Arthur Malet, Esquire

To,

Chief Secretary to Government,  
W. Allen, Esquire  
off<sup>g</sup> Secretary to the Government of India  
Fort William

Sir

Dated 20<sup>th</sup> December 1852

I am directed by the Right Honble the  
Governor in Council to transmit to you for submission  
to the Most Noble the Governor General of India in  
Council, copy of a letter from the Resident in the  
Persian Gulf dated the 10<sup>th</sup> Ultimo N<sup>o</sup> 588, with its  
enclosure to the address of the Commodore in  
that quarter, consequent on the receipt of reports  
to the effect that vessels of a suspicious character  
were

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'Persian Gulf Relative to Vessels of a suspicious Character lurking on the track  
of the Coasting trade in the' [1279v] (10/10)

was lurking on the tracks of the Coasting trade of the  
Gulf and to state that the instructions issued by Cap-  
tain Kemball to Commodore Robinson, have been  
approved by this Government.

Bombay Castle }  
20<sup>th</sup> December 1853 }

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

True Extract

*A. Malet*  
Chief Secretary

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Copied by  
M. Malet  
E. Malet  
A. Malet