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**‘Persian Gulf. Relative to the adjustment of aggressions committed by
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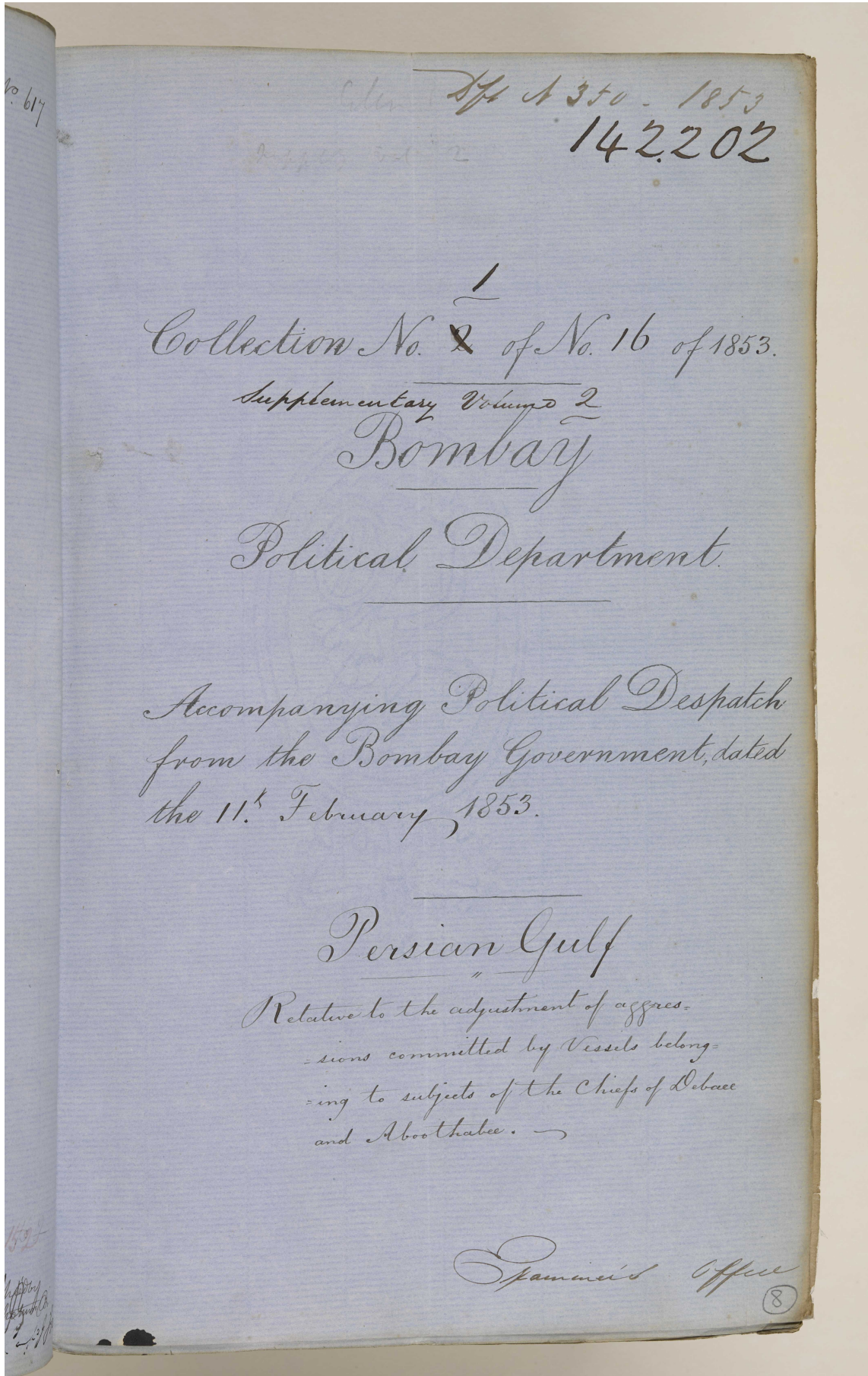
The item concerns:

- A report from Tronson about receiving the payment due from the shaikhs of Debaie [Dubai] and Aboothabee [Abu Dhabi] for cases of aggression committed by their subjects at sea
- Internal disputes at Debaie concerning the ruling family
- The refusal by Sheik Houssein [Shaikh Ḥusayn bin ‘Abdullāh of Bandar-e Charak] to pay the sum required by Kemball due to his subjects’ seizure of a boat
- Raiding expeditions in Batinah [Al Batinah] by Sheikh Sultan ben Suggur [Shaikh Sulṭān I bin Ṣaqr al-Qāsimī of Ra’s al-Khaymah] and Humaid ben Rashid [Shaikh Ḥumayd bin Rāshid al-Na‘īmī of Ajman]

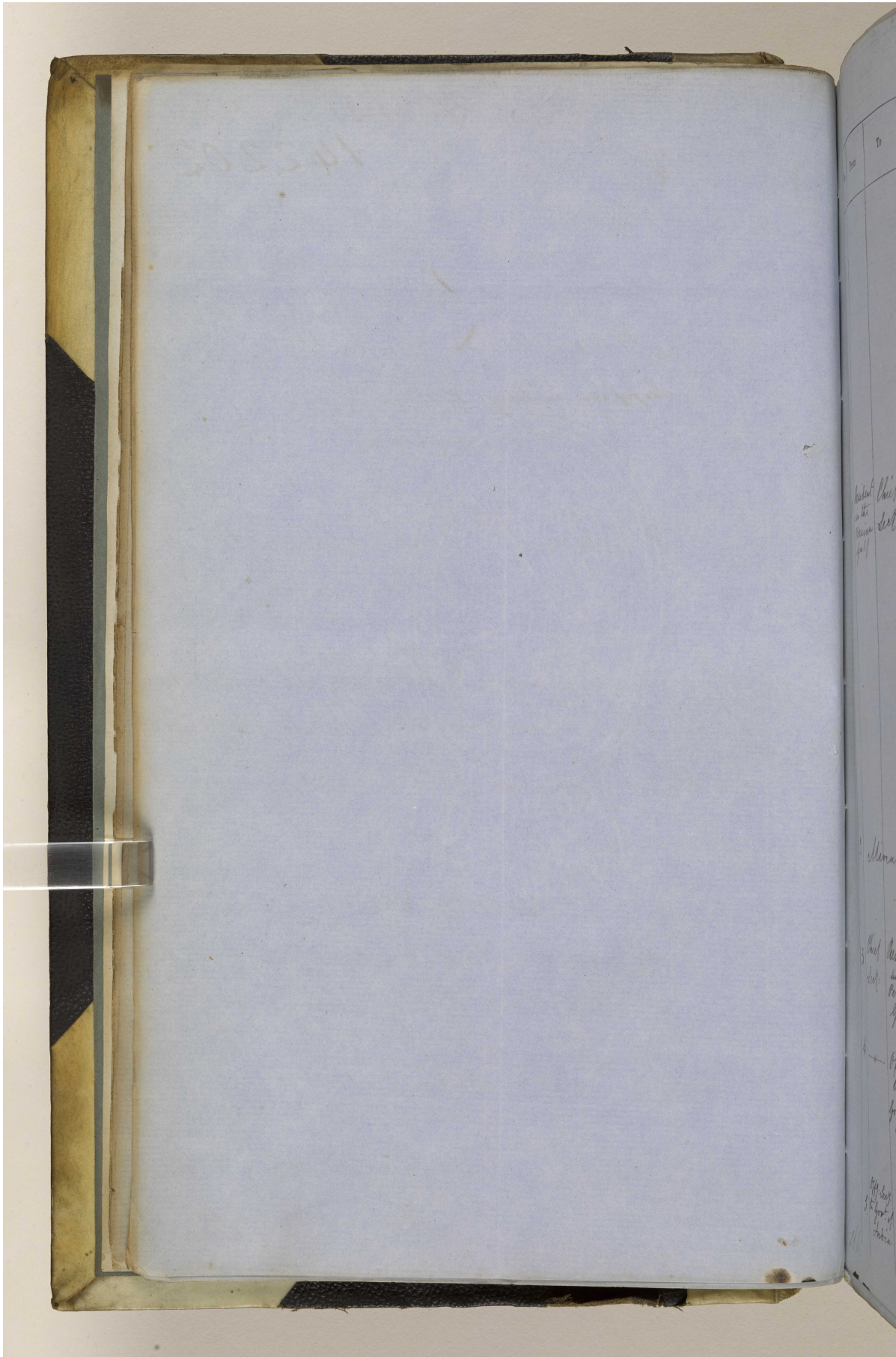
- The arrival of a firman directing Sheikh Abdul Rahman [Shaikh 'Abd al-Raḥmān] to give up Bunder Abbas [Bandar 'Abbas] to the Prince of Fars.

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Bombay Castle
11th February 1853.

W. Macleod
Chief Secretary

Copied by
A. J. Cowan
11th Feb 1853

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 No. 1 of 1852
 From
 To
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 Sir

Extract Bombay Political
 Consultation 2^d February 1853.
 Office N^o 416 of 1852.
 Cons. N^o 91 of 1852.
 Captain A. B. Kimball
 Resident in the Persian Gulf.
 A. Malet Esquire
 Chief Secretary to Government
 Bombay
 Residency in the Persian Gulf
 Bussore 2^d December 1852.

Accompanying my letter N^o 88 of 14th October last I had the honor to forward to you for submission to the Right Honble the Governor in Council a copy of the instructions I had furnished to Capt. Foulson Commanding H. C. Brigantine "Siris" for the adjustment of two cases of aggression, which had been committed at sea by vessels from Debaee and Aboothabee respectively upon boats belonging to dependents of Sheikh Sultan ben Suggur, and herewith I have now much satisfaction in enclosing for the information of His Lordship a transcript of a report received by Commodore Robinson from that officer under date the 4th November, communicating the details of execution of the duties assigned to him. Rajee Jacob has since advised me of the distribution of the 200 crowns recovered from the Sheikhs of the offending tribes to the parties who were the sufferers by their depredations, and has duly transmitted

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transmitted to me their receipts -

2. With reference to the 5th para of Lieut. Ironson's letter I beg also to enclose herewith for submission to Government translated extract from a communication I have received from the Agent at Sharqah dated 11th ultimo, reporting the sequel of the disturbances at Debaee, which were brought to notice in my despatch to your address A. 18 of 27th October. As anticipated by me it will be observed that Sheik Sa'eed ben Butyeh has sought in a closer connection with Aboothabee a counterpoise to the intrigues of Sheik Sultan ben Suggar. -

3. No intelligence has yet reached me of the alleged attack upon a buzzarah belonging to Aboothabee near Bid-dah to which Lieut. Ironson alludes in his 5th Para: and I would gain hope therefore should the particulars related to him have any foundation that they may prove to have been much exaggerated. -

I have the honor to be &c

Sig^d A. B. Kemball

Resident in the Persian Gulf

A. 18 of 1852.

From

Lieut. James Ironson S. N.

To

Commanding H. M. Brigantine "Tiger"

Commodore George Robinson S. N.

Commanding S. N. Squadron Persian Gulf

Sir

In continuation of my letter A. 17 of 1852 I have the honor to inform you that I left Bassadore on the 27th Instant for the Arabian Coast in pursuance of the requisitions contained

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contained in Captain Kemball's letter to me N^o 330 of 1852. —
 2. I arrived off Sharjah on the 28th Instant, Hajee Jacob came on board and informed me that nothing of any consequence had transpired since I last visited the Coast. I proceeded to Aboothabee taking him with me, and reached that place on the evening of the 20th Instant, and immediately on anchoring in the inner harbour I sent Hajee Jacob on shore with the Resident's letter for the Sheik, also to inform the Sheik the duty I had come upon, and the necessity there was of settling the matter as soon as possible. The next morning Hajee Jacob returned on board accompanied by Sheik Khundaw, who stated that his brother Sheik Saad ben Sharoon was laid up with sore eyes, otherwise he would have come on board: he informed me that Sobit was fishing on the Pearl Banks, that he Sobit had been punished some time ago, and confined in irons for the space of seven days when the act he committed was made known to his brother by Hajee Jacob. He brought on board the hundred Dollars demanded as the fine and equivalent for the Pearls stolen, I warned him that in case any future aggression is committed by his followers on the sea, which is contrary to the Maritime truce, the British Government will come down upon him with a heavy hand, he wished me to write to the Resident to request permission for them to attack Debaee by sea, this I told him was perfectly useless as I was certain that the Resident would not give them permission as it was contrary to

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Maritime truce for any armed man to proceed by the sea. He also stated that the whole of the Chiefs on the Coast were all at enmity with his tribe, that they were not allowed to proceed out of their own territory without being attacked, and that they had lost during the last year one hundred and fifty Camels seized by their enemies each worth nearly one hundred dollars.

3. Having completed the duty required at Aboothabee I left that place on the 1st Instant and arrived off Debaee on the morning of the 23^d. Sheik Said bin Butye came on board when I delivered the Residents letter to him, and informed him the duty I had come upon. He immediately stated that he was ready to comply with the Residents requisitions with regard to the punishment to be inflicted on the offenders. He stated that he had it carried out in the manner recommended by me on the 23^d Sept last. As he had fined the Kacodah 150 Dollars, I requested him to return 50 to him as the Residents demand was 100 Dollars. This he stated he would do, I warned him the British Gov^t would come down heavily upon him, if his subjects again committed any aggressions on the sea. He made a complaint against some Boats belonging to Aboothabee who he stated boarded a Debaee boat some days since off the Island of Seir bin Jafz and beat her crew very severely; I told him to send the parties to Sharjah and Hadjee Yacoub would enquire into the truth of their statement.

4. The 200 Dollars that I received from the Sheiks of Aboothabee and Debaee together with the Pearls, I delivered over to Hadjee Yacoub and directed him to dispose of them in the manner directed in the 5th Para of the Residents letter, and on no account deliver them over to Sheik Sultan bin Suggur.

5. Sheik Said bin Butye returned

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returned to Debai about fifteen days ago. I believe instead of taking the part of the late Sheik's sons, Soheil and Hasher, he told Said bin Rasahid that instead of turning them out of Debayi, he ought to have killed them. I asked him about the affair, he stated that they had no property, that what was left of the late Sheik came to him as his successor, that Soheil and Hasher were not turned out of Debai, but were taken to Shargah along with the rest of the late Sheik's family by their mother's Father, formerly a large merchant at Debai.

6.th A Buggarah passed the "Tigris" on the night of the 31st Instant, and hailed her that a Buggarah belonging to Aboothabee had been attacked near Seir beni Yass by Boats belonging to a place near Biddah, and that the latter had killed four of her men, I suppose if correct, the Sheiks of Aboothabee will let Hajee Yacoub know the particulars.

7.th I have the honor to forward the accompanying letters from Sheik Said ben Thanoon, Sheik Said ben Butye and Hajee Yacoub to the Residents address on H. B. Brigantine "Tigris". I have the honor to be
off Lingar November 4th 1852. Signed J. Tronson
Lieut. Comdr. R. C.

N. B. I named the Moonshie or Agent at

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at Lingah has just come on board and states that Sheik Houssein the Chief of bharrack has twice refused to pay the sum required of him by the Resident, or to give up the Boat seized by his subjects although he has gone twice to him about it, but if a vessel is sent to make the demand he will accede to it immediately. He, Sheik Houssein also states that he has seized from the parties that attacked the Masheykee Bongyarah, Pearls of the value of 500 Dollars, which he is ready to give up as soon as a demand is made up on him by the Resident.

Lingar November 4th } Sig^y J. T.
1852. 10th A.M. }

True copy

Sig^y G. Robinson
Commodore &c

True copy

Sig^y H. F. Disbrowe
Asst^t. Resident Persian Gulf

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Translated Extract from a letter from Hoja
Yacoub Agent at Sharjah to Captain A. D. Kemball
President in the Persian Gulf dated ^{28th Mohurrum} 11th November received
2nd December 1852 -

I before reported to you touching the sons of Mukhtoom
and their maternal uncle what they did with Saeed ben
Rashid, and how they made up matters with the latter and
entered into engagements and bound themselves by Oaths
with each other, that he should be the Sheikh of the place
and the sons of Mukhtoom should retain possession of the
Forts. Subsequently on the ^{27th Zilhijeh} 14th October Saeed ben Rashid
acted treacherously towards the sons of Mukhtoom and by
treachery took the forts from them, and afterwards expelled
them from Debaie with their uncle, and some others and
they came to Sharjah and on arrival there they despatched
a messenger to Sheikh Sultan ben Saffur at Rusul-
= Khymah, Sheikh Sultan reached Sharjah on the ^{4th Mohurrum} 18th Oct^r
and gave them a place at the Layah / cove^r or landing place
Westward of the Town / for their residence and on the
^{16th Idems} 27th October a person by name Zatal ben Shaheen com-
+ Probably with his followers -
=ing from Debaie arrived at Sharjah and took up his
abode with the sons of Mukhtoom at Layah and so
also Saeed ben Maana al Moheyree who resided at
Debaie Sheikh Sultan bribed him with the promise
of an annual payment of 400 Krans to quit Debaie

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with his Tribe and come and settle under his authority at Sharzab and on his quitting Debaie and arriving at Sharzab on the 26th ^{Mohurrum} November Sheikh Sultan and his son Abdullah proceeded with Saeed ben Maana to Aboo Geyle and they took the forts from the Sulad Bouzza and delivered them over to Saeed ben Maana and Sheikh Sultan informed the former that they were at liberty to remain at Aboo Geyle, the forts being in the possession of the latter, but otherwise might take their departure nor would he accede to the urgent request of Zaid ben Bouzza to be allowed to remain there on the former terms. Sheikh Saeed ben Butye perceiving that his Tribe would be dispersed as the issue of the intrigues of Sheikh Sultan ben Suggur sent a messenger by name Umair ben Moor to Aboothabee to treat with Sheikh Saeed ben Tahnoon and on his return from Aboothabee received a letter from Saeed ben Butye saying that he had arranged affairs to his satisfaction for good and evil with the Chief of that place and on the 10th ^{27th Mohurrum} November his messenger again returned to Aboothabee and at the present time the people of Debaie are fortifying Deerah on account of their fears of Sheikh Sultan ben Suggur, they say the origin of the disturbances sprung from the intrigues of Sheikh Sultan.

They report that Sheikh Sultan ben Suggur sent a person named ben Hunteesh with a number of men to Batinah to harry the country which they did & carried off

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off 8 the riding camels and returned to Sharjah, also He, -
-maid Ben Rashid the chief of Ajmaun despatched a simi-
-lar Expedition under a person by name Ahmed ben Jannah
to Batmah with the same object who carried off 16 the
riding camels and I hear they killed three men of that
country and wounded four.

I have received intelligence that 30 horsemen arrived
from Persia at Bunder Abbas and they communicated
with Sheikh Abdul Rahman ben Suzzur and stated
that they held a Firman from the Prince of Fars direct-
-ing him to relinquish the district and make it over
to them, but on hearing this he desired them to give him
the Firman that he might send it to Ho. Ho. Syed Saed
but they refused to do so. On receiving this answer
Sheikh Abdul Rahman despatched a kassid to the
Imam and the thirty men retired to the distance of a
day and a night's march to await the return of the mes-
-senger from Muscat -

/ True Translated Extract /

/ Signed A. B. Kemball

Resident Ho

/ True copy /

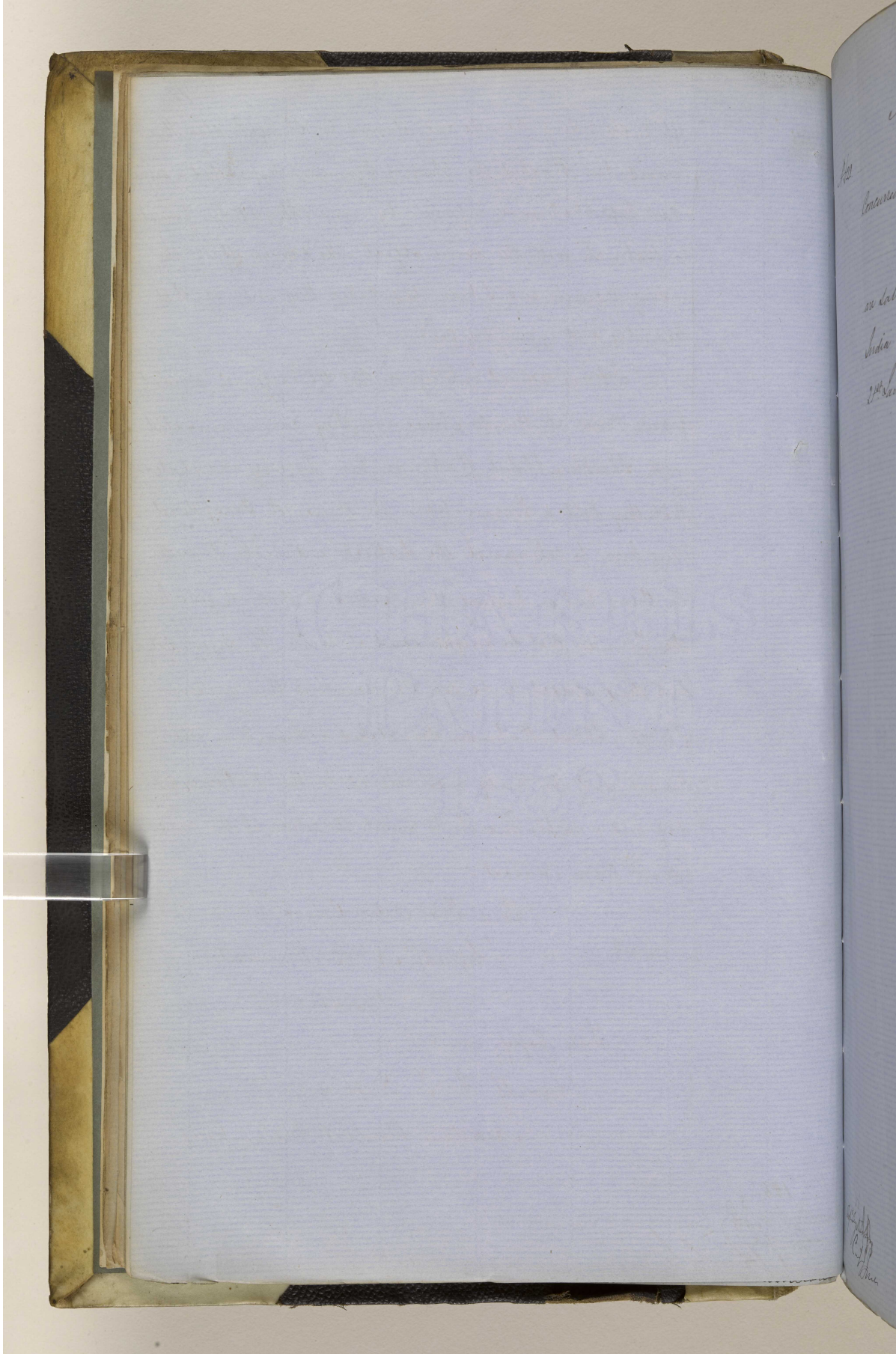
/ Signed Ho. J. Disbrowe,

Assistant Resident Persian Gulf.

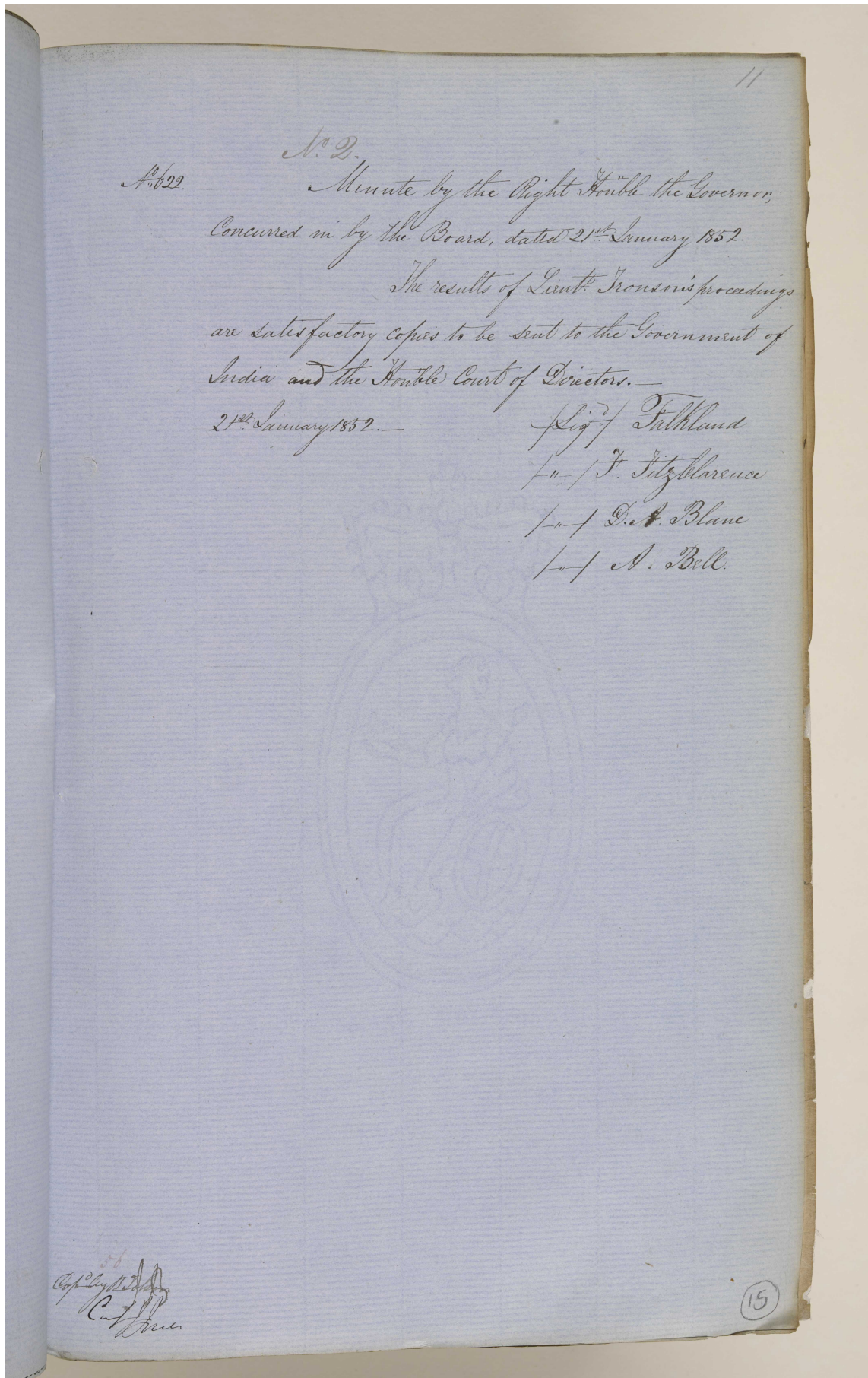
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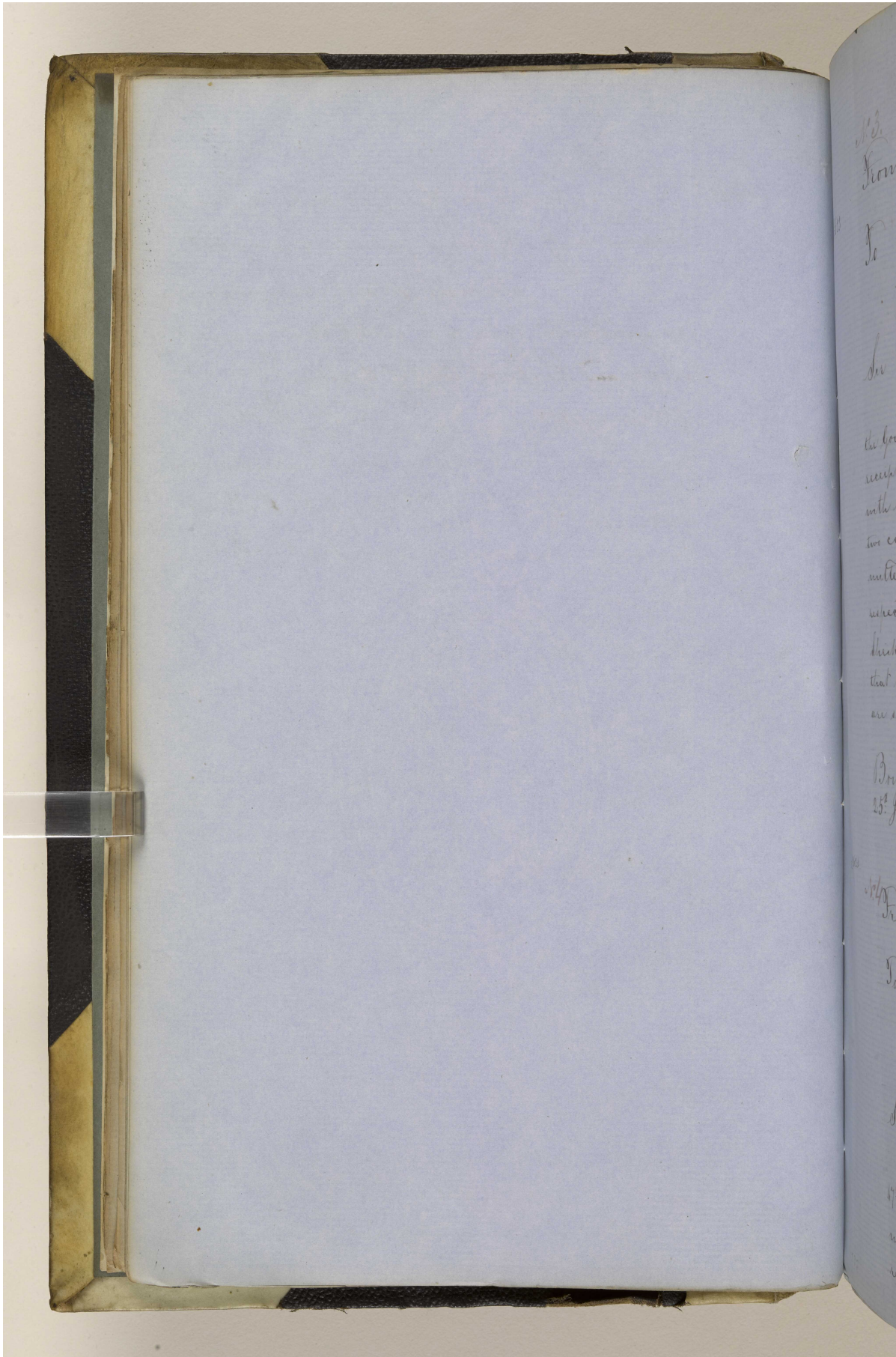
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N^o 3. N^o 356 of 1853
 From Political Department
 N^o 623 To A. Malet Esquire
 Chief Secy. to Government Bombay
 Captain A. B. Kemball
 Resident in the Persian Gulf
 Sir Dated 25th January 1853
 I am directed by the Right Honble
 the Governor in Council to acknowledge the
 receipt of your letter dated the 2nd Ultimo N^o 116
 with enclosures relative to the adjustment of
 two cases of aggression which had been com-
 mitted at sea, by vessels from Debaie & Aboothabee
 respectively, upon boats belonging to dependents of
 Sheik Sultan bin Sagger and to inform you
 that the results of Lieut Grouson's proceedings
 are satisfactory.
 I have the honor to be
 Sir } /Signed/ A. Malet
 Bombay Castle } Chief Secretary
 25th January 1853 }

N^o 624. N^o 419 Office N^o 357 N^o 9 of 1853
 From A. Malet Esquire
 To Chief Secy. to Government Bombay
 C. Allen Esquire
 Offg Secretary to Government of India
 Fort William
 Sir Dated 25th January 1853
 With reference to my letter dated the
 17th Ultimo N^o 153, relative the aggressions com-
 mitted at sea by vessels from Debaie & Aboothabee
 respectively upon boats belonging to Sheik Sultan
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Dear Sir, I am directed by the Right Honourable the Governor in Council to transmit to you for submission to the most noble the Governor General of India in Council copy of a communication from the Resident in the Persian Gulf dated the 2nd Ultimo No. 416 & to state that Captain Kerball has been informed that the results of Lieut. Tronson's proceedings are satisfactory. -

Bombay Castle }
25th January 1853 }

I have the honour to be
Signed A. Malet
Chief Secretary

copied by
Ch. G. ...
G. R. ...

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N^o 5. N^o 173

From Foreign Department
The Off^r Secretary to Govern^t of India
To The Chief Secretary to Government
of Bombay

Sir, Dated 7th January 1853

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 17th Ultimo N^o 153 forwarding copy of a correspondence with the Resident in the Persian Gulf relative to a case of aggression committed by the servants of two Arab Chieftains on some pearl fishers; and in reply to state that the Governor General in Council fully approves of the instructions issued by the Government of Bombay, there being no necessity for any threatening intimation as proposed by the Resident Captain Kemball

Fort William the 7th January 1853

I have the honor to be
Signed G. Allen
Off^r Secy to Govern^t of India

N^o 6.

CP629 Minute by the Right Honible the Governor concurred in by the Honble M^r Blane dated 21st January 1853

Copy to be sent to the Resident in the Persian Gulf with reference to the Government letter to his address N^o 549 date 17th December last

21st January 1853

Signed Falkland
" D. A. Blane
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