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**‘Persian Gulf Relative to the complaint of the seizure and detention at Kishm  
of merchandize [etc] belonging to Hindoo British subjects.-’**

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**About this record**

The item consists of copies and extracts of correspondence, minutes and resolutions, cited in, or enclosed with, a Political Letter from the Government of Bombay to the East India Company Court of Directors, 29 August 1854. A copy of this letter can be found at IOR/F/4/2586/154786, alongside details of further enclosures. The item is the seventh in a series of nine items on events in the Persian Gulf 1853-54.

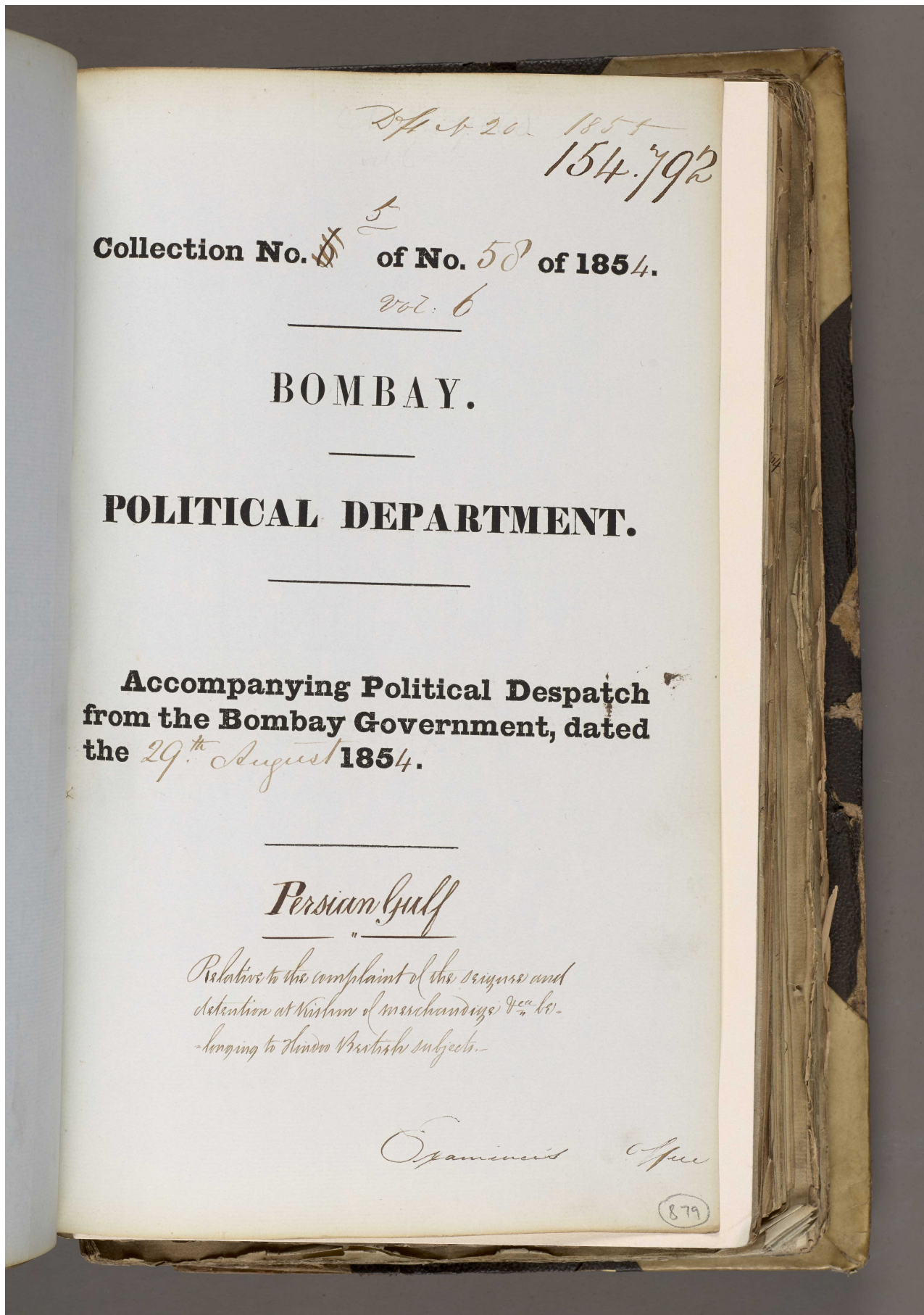
The item relates to a complaint by certain Hindoo [Hindu] British subjects residing in Kerman and Yezd [Yazd, also rendered in text as Zezd and Zeyd]. They complain that their merchandise has been seized on the island of Kishm [Qeshm] by the Sheikh Abdul Rahman ben Suggur [Shaikh ‘Abd al-Rahmān bin Şaqr, also rendered in text as Abd Urrhama], in retaliation to the Persian [Iranian] authorities seizing control of Bunder Abbas [Bandar-e ‘Abbas]. Their complaint is made to William Taylor Thomson, HM Minister at Tehran, who forwards it to Arnold Burrowes Kemball, Resident in the Persian Gulf. Kemball in turn forwards it to the Government of Bombay, alongside a copy of his subsequent instructions to Commodore Robinson, Commanding the Indian Naval Squadron in the Persian Gulf, to investigate the issue at Kishm.

Taylor Thomson is also referred to as HM Chargé d’Affaires at Tehran.

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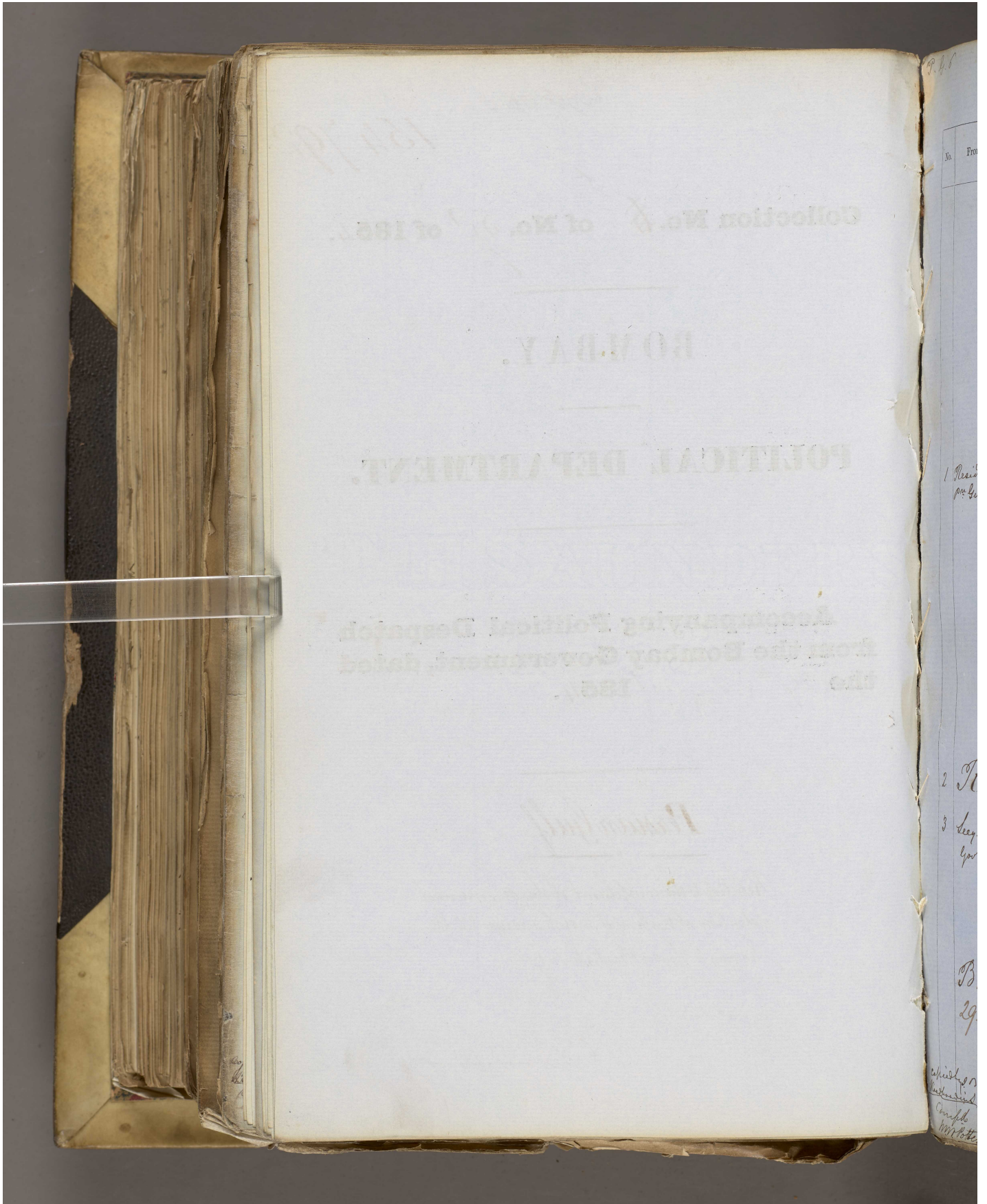
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'Persian Gulf Relative to the complaint of the seizure and detention at Kishm of merchandize [etc] belonging to Hindoo British subjects.-' [879r] (1/12)





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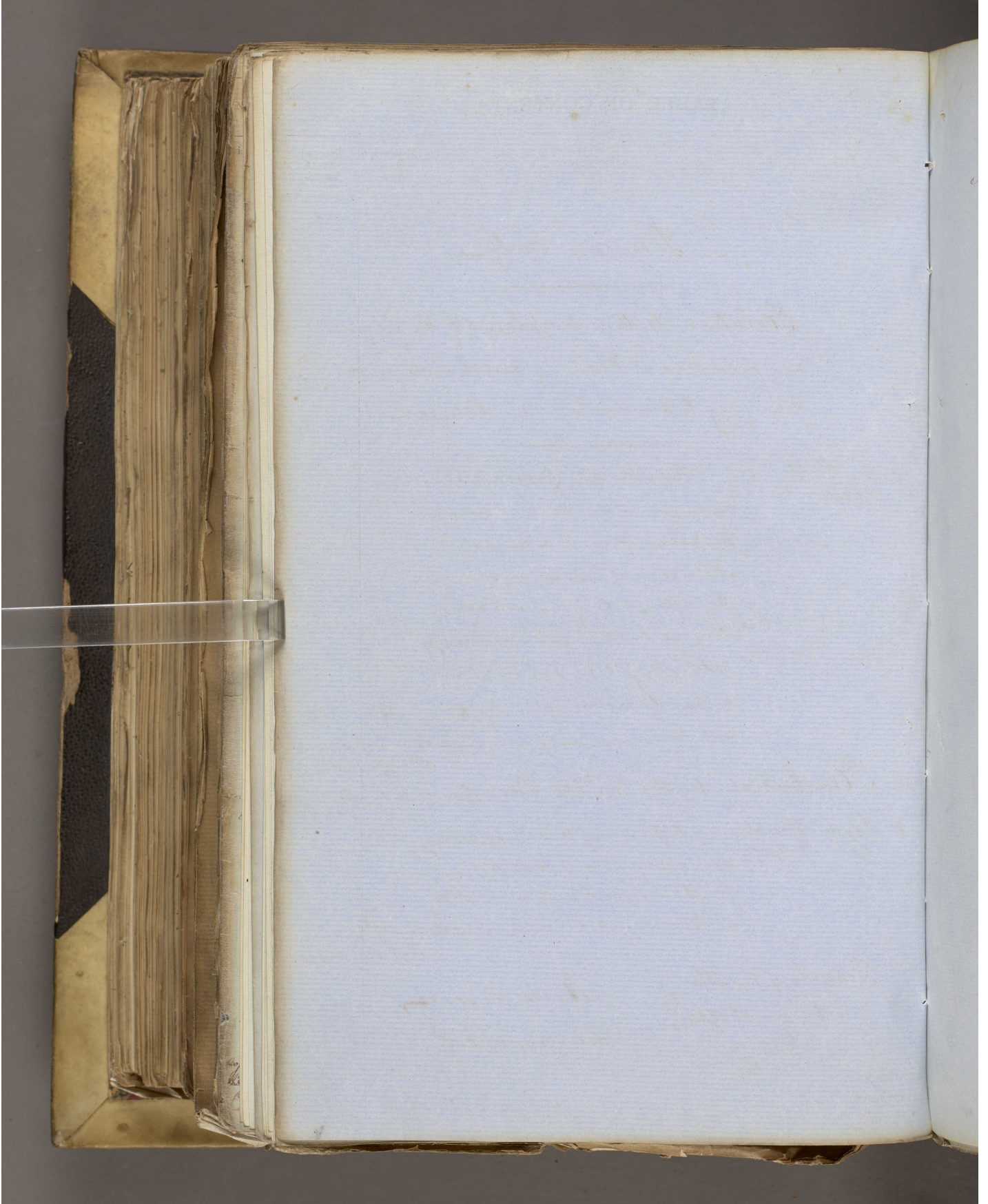
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<u>Persian Gulf.</u>					
Relative to the Complaint of the seizure and detention at Kishm of Merchandize belonging to Hindoo British Subjects.					
1	Presid. Persian Gulf	Secy. to Govt.	Reports his proceedings consequent on the receipt of despatch from Her Majesty's Minister at Tehran regarding the alleged seizure and detention at Kishm of Merchandize belonging to Hindoo British subjects residing in Ayzed and Kerman.	1854 June 25 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> . 232/30	1854 July 31 <sup>st</sup> N <sup>o</sup> . 5557.
2			Resolution by the Honorable Board	July 11 <sup>th</sup>	" N <sup>o</sup> . 5558.
3	Secy. to Govt.	Presid. Persian Gulf	Informing that his proceedings are approved and that his further report will be awaited by Government.	" 19 <sup>th</sup> N <sup>o</sup> . 3275.	" N <sup>o</sup> . 5559.
Bombay Castle 29 <sup>th</sup> August 1854.				Sh. Bullock Secretary to Govt.	

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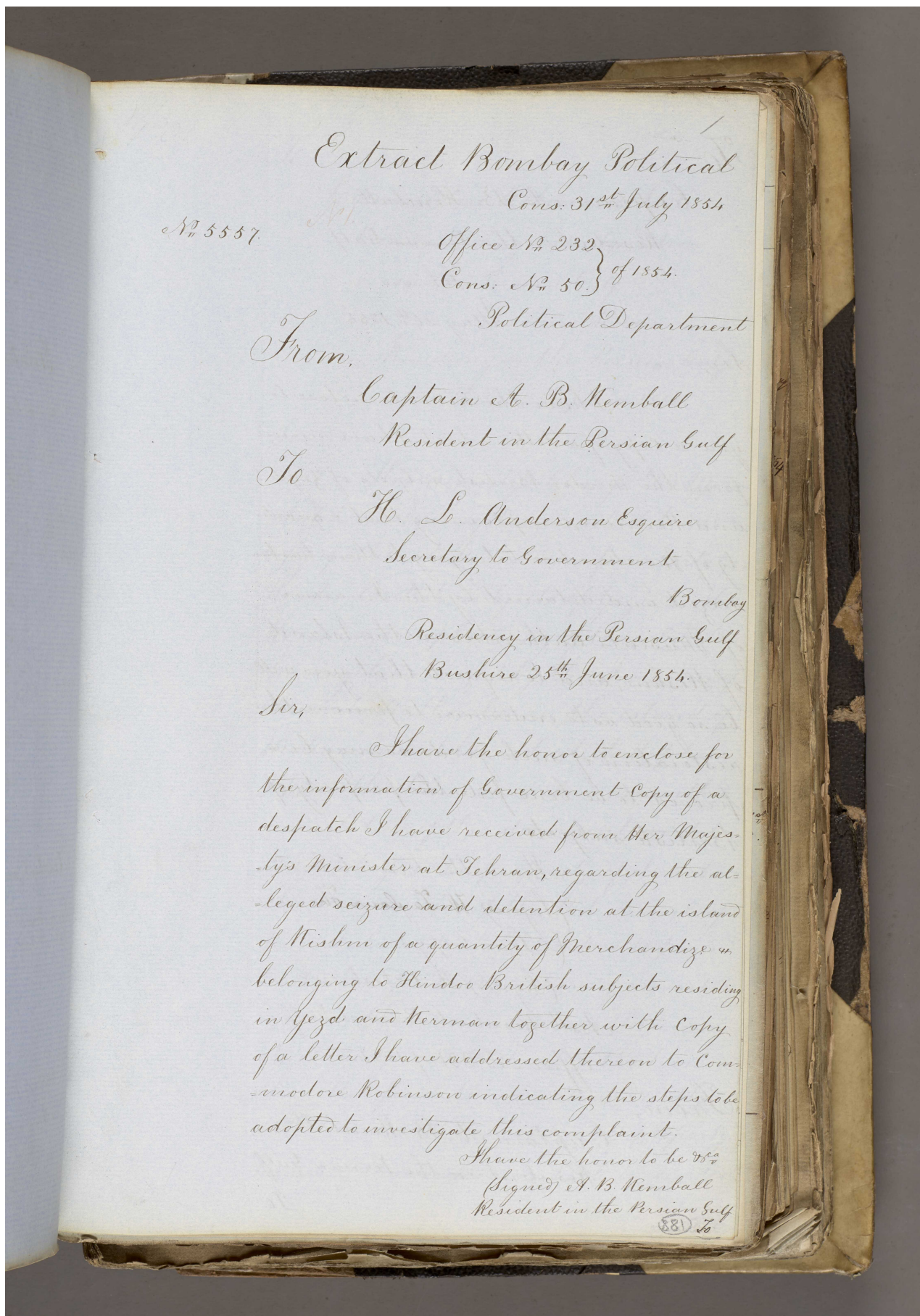


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'Persian Gulf Relative to the complaint of the seizure and detention at Kishm of merchandize [etc] belonging to Hindoo British subjects.-' [881r] (5/12)



Extract Bombay Political  
Cons. 31<sup>st</sup> July 1854

N<sup>o</sup> 5557

Office N<sup>o</sup> 232  
Cons. N<sup>o</sup> 50. } of 1854.

Political Department

From,

Captain A. B. Memball  
Resident in the Persian Gulf

To

H. L. Anderson Esquire  
Secretary to Government

Bombay

Residency in the Persian Gulf  
Bushire 25<sup>th</sup> June 1854.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose for the information of Government Copy of a despatch I have received from Her Majesty's Minister at Tehran, regarding the alleged seizure and detention at the island of Kishm of a quantity of Merchandize belonging to Hindoo British subjects residing in Yezd and Herman together with Copy of a letter I have addressed thereon to Commodore Robinson indicating the steps to be adopted to investigate this complaint.

I have the honor to be

(Signed) A. B. Memball  
Resident in the Persian Gulf

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'Persian Gulf Relative to the complaint of the seizure and detention at Kishm of merchandize [etc] belonging to Hindoo British subjects.-' [881v] (6/12)

To  
Captain A. B. Kemball  
Resident in the Persian Gulf.  
Tehran  
May 20<sup>th</sup> 1854.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose to you a copy of a letter which I have received from the Hindoo British subjects of Zeyd and Werman, complaining that a quantity of Merchandise belonging to them has been seized and detained by the Imams of Muscat's Authorities in the Island of Kishm, and to request that you will be so good as to endeavour to procure the restoration of such goods as may be proved to be bona fide the property of British subjects

I have the honor to be  
(Signed) W. Taylour Thomson  
(True Copy)

(Signed) H. F. Distrowe  
Asst<sup>l</sup> Resident Persian Gulf.  
Office No 231 of 1854

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



'Persian Gulf Relative to the complaint of the seizure and detention at Kishm of merchandize [etc] belonging to Hindoo British subjects.-' [882r] (7/12)

To  
Commodore Robinson I. N.  
Commanding I. N. Squadron  
in the Persian Gulf  
Bushire Roads  
Residency in the Persian Gulf  
Bushire 25<sup>th</sup> June 1856.

Sir,

Her Majesty's Charge d'Affaires  
at Tebran having transmitted to me  
a copy of a letter to his address from certain  
Hindoo British Subjects of Yezd under  
Kerman, complaining of their Goods  
having been seized by the Imam of  
Muscat's Authorities in the island of  
Kishm and detained at that place  
I have the honor to enclose herewith a  
translation of this document and to  
suggest to you the propriety of directing  
the Commander of the H. C. Vessel of  
War stationed at Bassidore to proceed  
to Kishm for the purpose of investi-  
-gating the circumstances therein de-  
-tailed: You will observe that in  
the letter from the Hindoos, neither  
dates, nature or description of property,  
names of the vessels in which imported

or  
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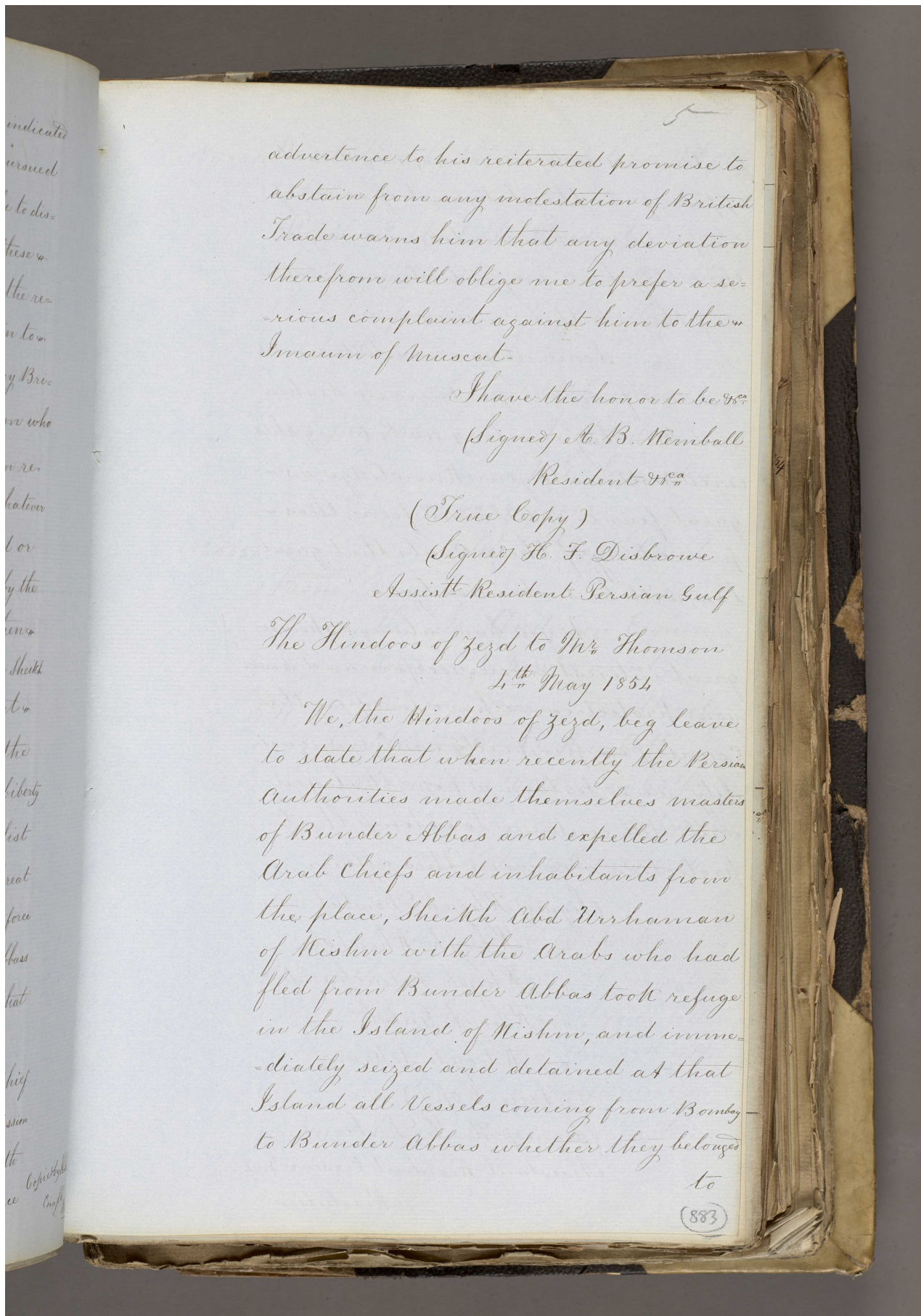
or names of the Consignees are indicated  
The only course therefore to be pursued  
by Lieutenant Stradling will be to dis-  
cover, if possible, the Agents of these  
persons, and obtain from them the re-  
quired details; or failing therein to  
invite on board of his vessel any Bri-  
tish subject residing at Kishm who  
may be able to give information re-  
garding any British Property whatever  
that may have been sequestered or  
detained in the manner stated by the  
complainants. In demanding the  
release of such property from Sheikh  
Abdul Rahman ben Suggur that  
officer should however inform the  
owners that though they be at liberty  
to remove it wherever else they list  
their nationality as subjects of Great  
Britain can give them no right to force  
or evade the Blockade of Bunder Abbas  
or to carry their merchandize into that  
Port.

The enclosed letter to the Chief  
of Kishm acquaints him with the mission  
of a vessel of War to his Port and with  
advertence

Copied by H. H. D. D. D. D.  
C. W. P. M. D. D. D.



'Persian Gulf Relative to the complaint of the seizure and detention at Kishm of merchandize [etc] belonging to Hindoo British subjects.-' [883r] (9/12)





'Persian Gulf Relative to the complaint of the seizure and detention at Kishm of merchandize [etc] belonging to Hindoo British subjects.-' [883v] (10/12)

to Persians or to ourselves, nor does it appear, from the statement of some of our partners who were likewise seized, that they have any intention of restoring them to their owners.

Some days since letters were received from our partners in Kishm and Bombay inviting us to bring this circumstance to your knowledge, as a great fear is entertained from this proceeding of these Arabs that great loss will be sustained by us.

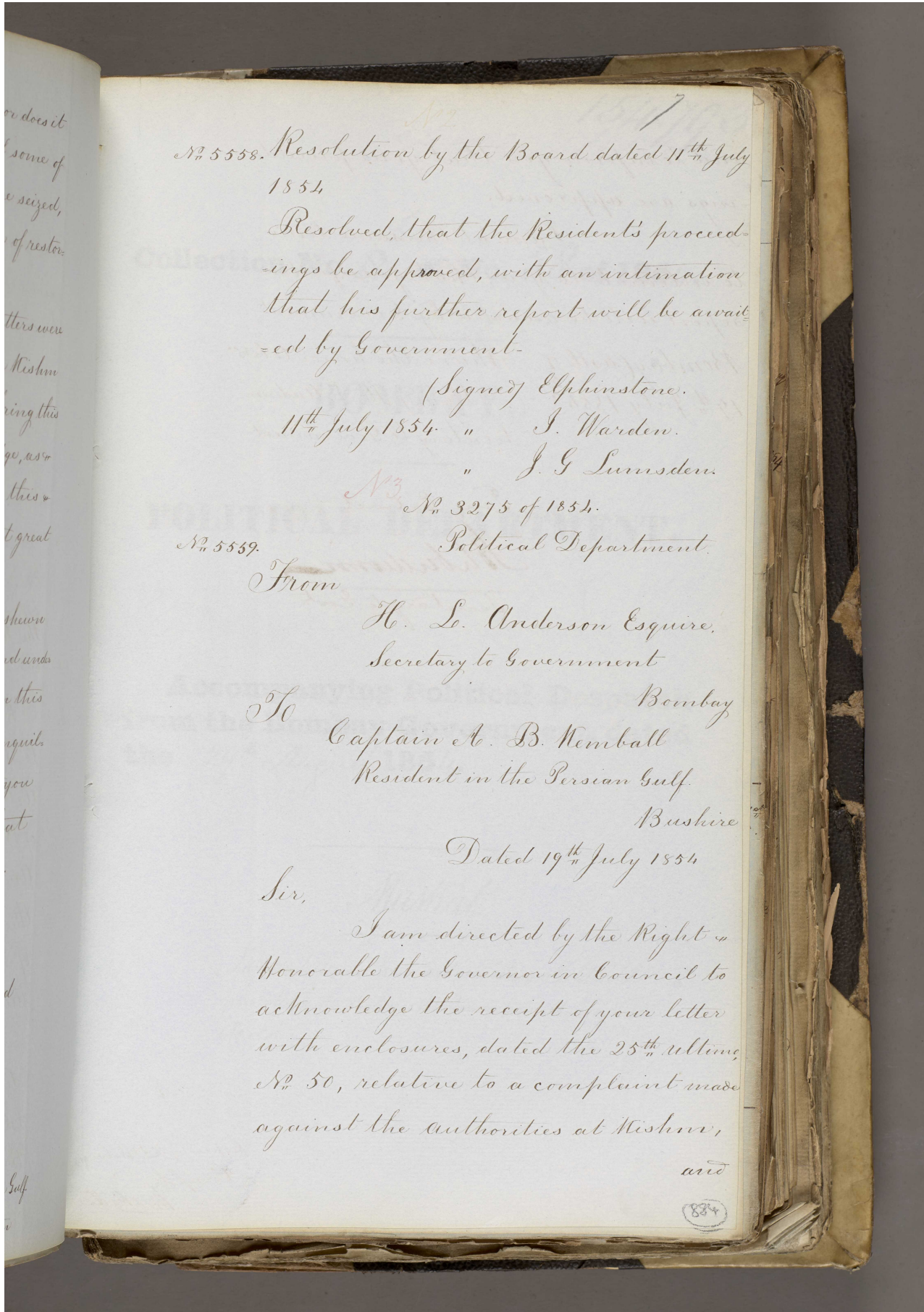
As you have always shown great interest in our welfare and under your protection we have lived in this Country in prosperity and tranquillity, we entertain a hope that you will still continue to extend that protection over us in this affair.

(Signed) Khojeh Dowlut  
" Khojeh Khooshal  
" Khojeh Salmechund  
" Khojeh Gulab  
" Khojeh Setram

(True Copy)  
(Signed) H. F. Disbrowe  
Assistant Resident Persian Gulf  
Resolution



'Persian Gulf Relative to the complaint of the seizure and detention at Kishm of merchandize [etc] belonging to Hindoo British subjects.-' [884r] (11/12)



*N<sup>o</sup> 5558.* Resolution by the Board dated 11<sup>th</sup> July  
1854

Resolved, that the Resident's proceedings be approved, with an intimation that his further report will be awaited by Government.

(Signed) Elphinstone.

11<sup>th</sup> July 1854. " J. Warden.

" J. G. Lumsden.

*N<sup>o</sup> 3275* of 1854.

*N<sup>o</sup> 5559.*

Political Department.

From

H. S. Anderson Esquire,  
Secretary to Government

To

Bombay  
Captain A. B. Kemball  
Resident in the Persian Gulf.  
Bushire

Dated 19<sup>th</sup> July 1854

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter with enclosures, dated the 25<sup>th</sup> ultimo, *N<sup>o</sup> 50*, relative to a complaint made against the authorities at Kishm,

and

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and to inform you that your proceed-  
ings are approved.

I am at the same time  
to intimate to you, that your further  
report will be awaited by Government

Bombay Castle }  
19<sup>th</sup> July 1854 }  
I have the honor to be  
(Signed) H. L. Anderson  
Secretary to Government

True Extract

*H. L. Anderson*  
Secretary to Govt.

Copied by H. H. Hilways  
Comp'd  
*M. Potter*