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The item consists of copies and extracts of correspondence and resolutions cited in, or enclosed with, an extract of a Political Letter from the Government of Bombay to the East India Company Court of Directors, 28 August 1855. The enclosures are dated 22 November 1854-8 August 1855.

The item relates to updates provided by Khojeh Hiskale [Khawājah Ḥizqīl bin Yūsuf], British Agent at Muscat, to Captain Arnold Burrowes Kemball, Resident in the Persian Gulf, on a recent case involving an enslaved Soomali [Somali, also rendered in text as Somaly and Somalee] girl who was brought to Muscat. In particular, attention is paid to the efforts of Syed Soweeynee [Sayyid Thuwaynī bin Sa‘īd Āl Bū Sa‘īd], Governor of Muscat, to find and punish the man who sold her (Salim ben Mahomed ben Salim ul Mukhetee [Sālim bin Muḥammad bin Sālim al-Mukhṭī?], a native of Soor [Sur]).

Kemball forwards the updates, along with his own comments, to the Government of Bombay.

The title page of the item contains the following references: 'Bombay Political Department', Draft Number '1199 [18]55', 'Collection No.7', and 'Examiner's Office'. Originally, the Collection number was given as '4 of No. 86 of 1855.' but this has been crossed out.

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POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

Accompanying Political Despatch
from the Bombay Government, dated
the 20th August 1855. *para. 13*

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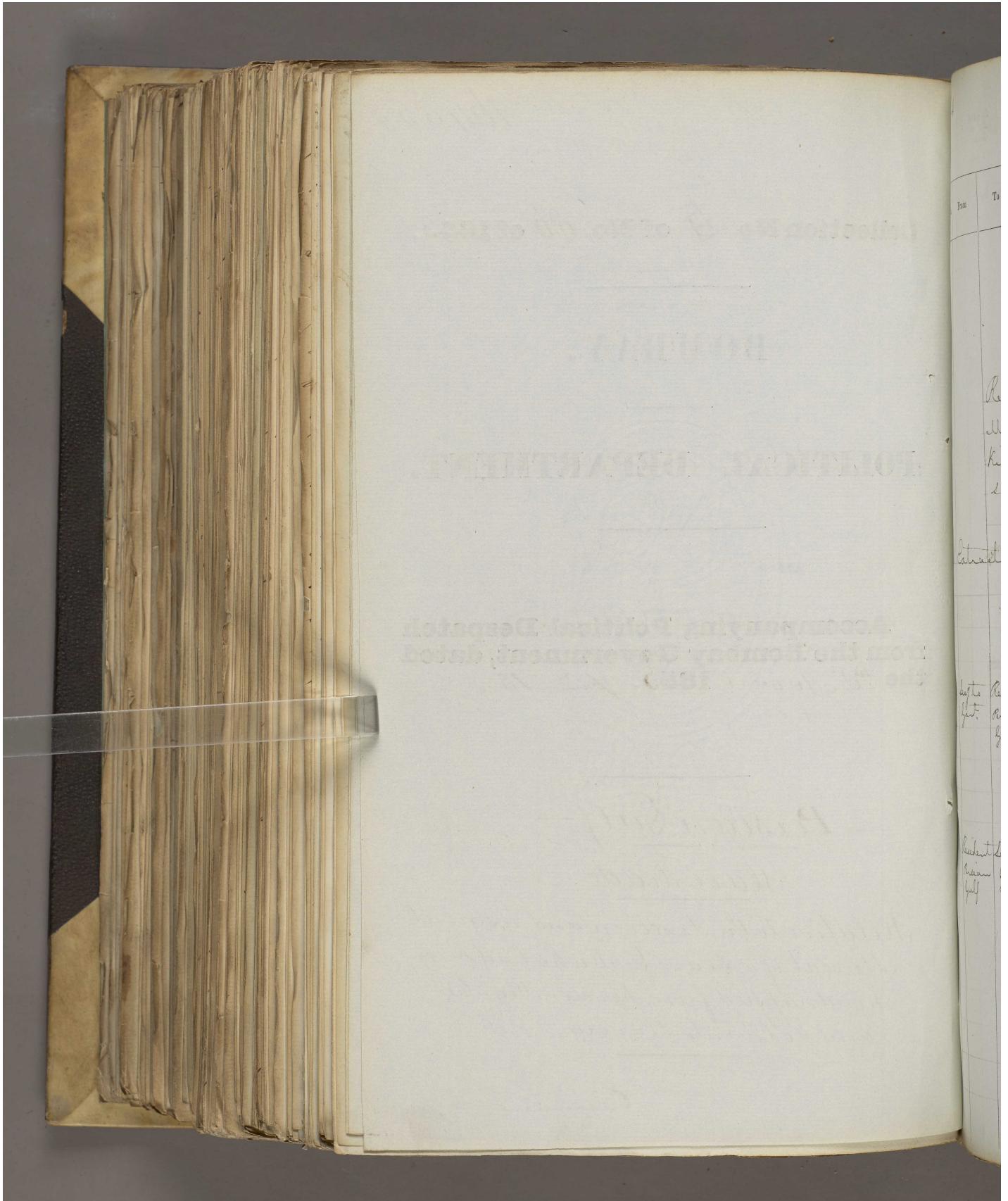
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1			Extract Para. 15, from a Despatch from the Honble the Court of Directors dated the 22. November 1854 N. 32	1855	3 March 950
2	Secy to Govt.	Resident Persian Gulf	Forwarding to him the above extract, with a request, that he will furnish the information therein called for	6. Feb. 562	" " 972
3	Resident Persian Gulf	Secy to Govt.	Reporting the result of his application to the Govern of Muskat to punish his subjects of Soor who were concerned in kidnapping a Samalee girl from her own Country and selling her into Slavery	22. June 2/3 45	8 Aug. 5626 (619)

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5	Secy to Resident Govt. Persian Gulf		Requesting him to instruct the native agent at Muscat to report to him whenever Salim bin Mahomed shall return to his home, and that he will therefore renew his requestion on Lord Lo- wey for the punish- ment of that person	3 Augt. 3145	5628
Bombay Castle 28 th August 1855.			<i>H. Buller</i> Secretary to Govt.		

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Extract Political Letter from Bombay,
Dated 28th August (2086) 1855.

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22nd November, N^o 32 of 1854.

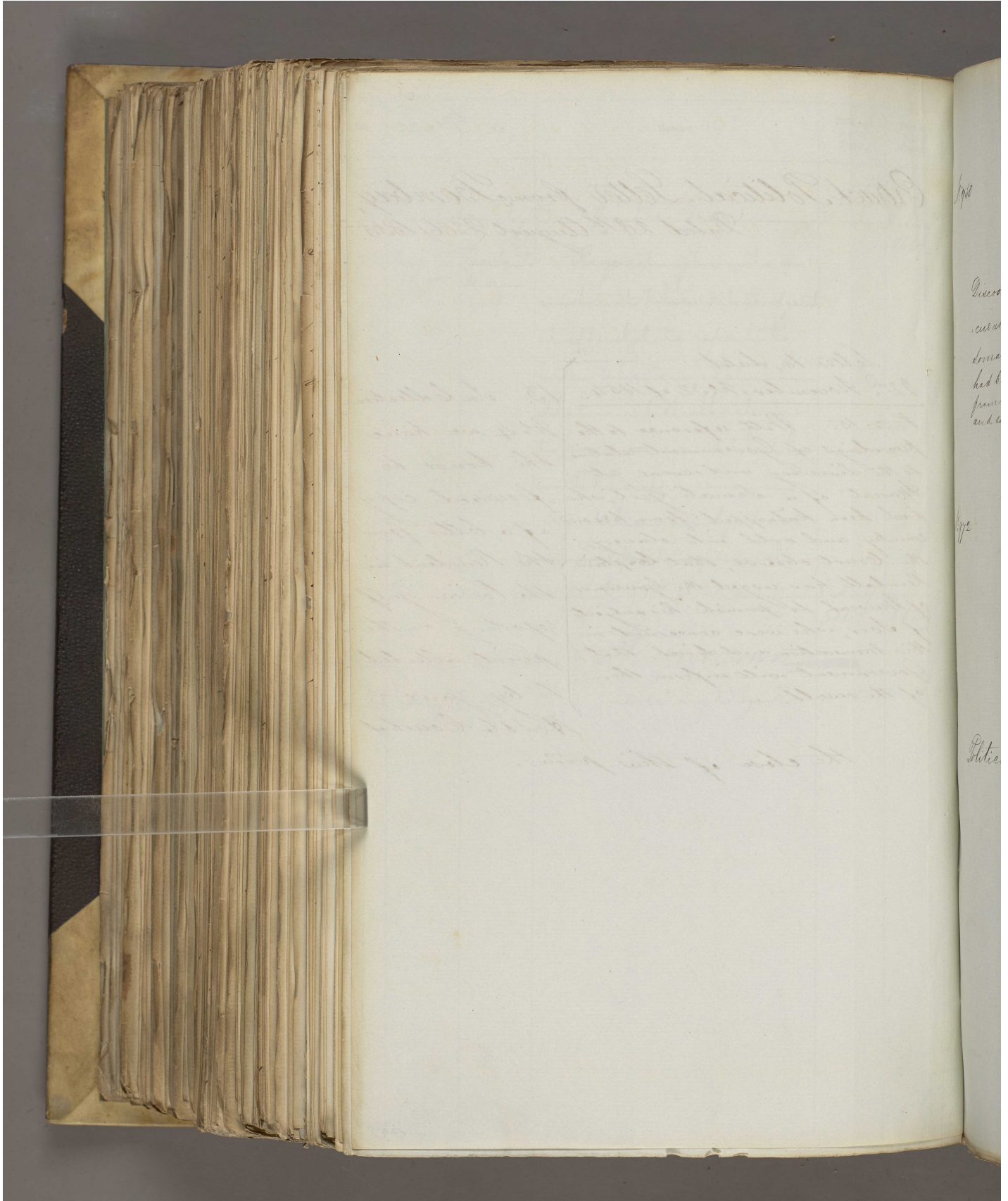
Para: 15. With reference to the proceedings of Government relative to the discovery and rescue at Muscat of a Somali Girl, who had been kidnapped from her own country and sold into slavery, the Court observe, that Captain Kemball has urged the Governor of Muscat to punish his subjects of Soor, who were concerned in this transaction and direct, that Government will inform them of the result.

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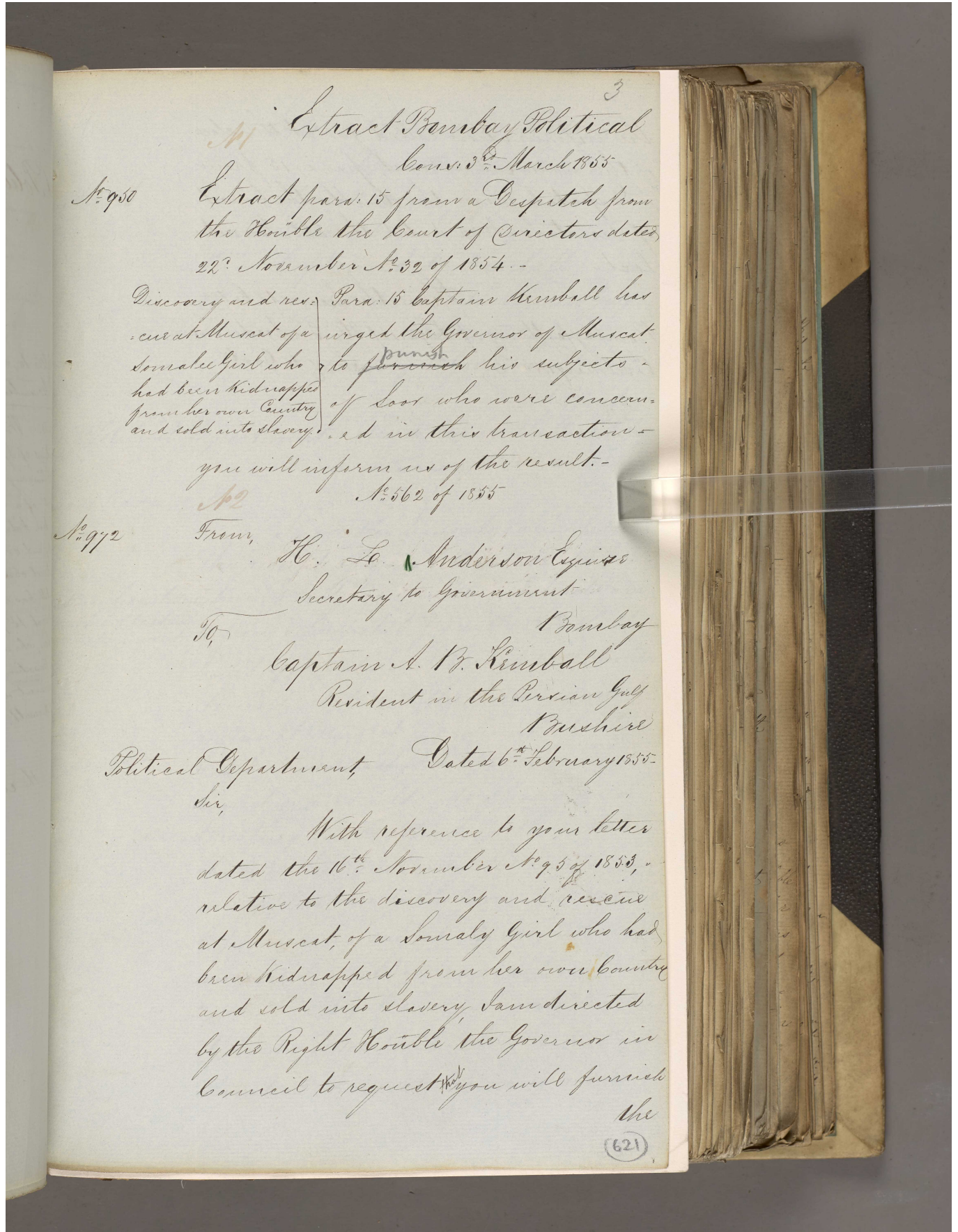
N^o 4 we have the honor to forward copy of a letter from the Resident in the Persian Gulf, reporting on the point alluded to by your Hon^{ble} Court at

The close of this para..

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Gov. 3rd March 1855

N^o 950 Extract para: 15 from a Despatch from
the Honble the Court of Directors dated
22nd November N^o 32 of 1854. -

Discovery and res. Para: 15 Captain Kimball has
discovered at Muscat of a ^{young} girl who
had been kidnapped from her own Country
and sold into slavery. ^{punish} to punish his subjects
of loss who were concern-
ed in this transaction -
you will inform us of the result. -

N^o 562 of 1855

N^o 972 From, H. L. Anderson Esquire
Secretary to Government
Bombay
To, Captain A. B. Kimball
Resident in the Persian Gulf
Barrister
Political Department, Cated 6th February 1855.

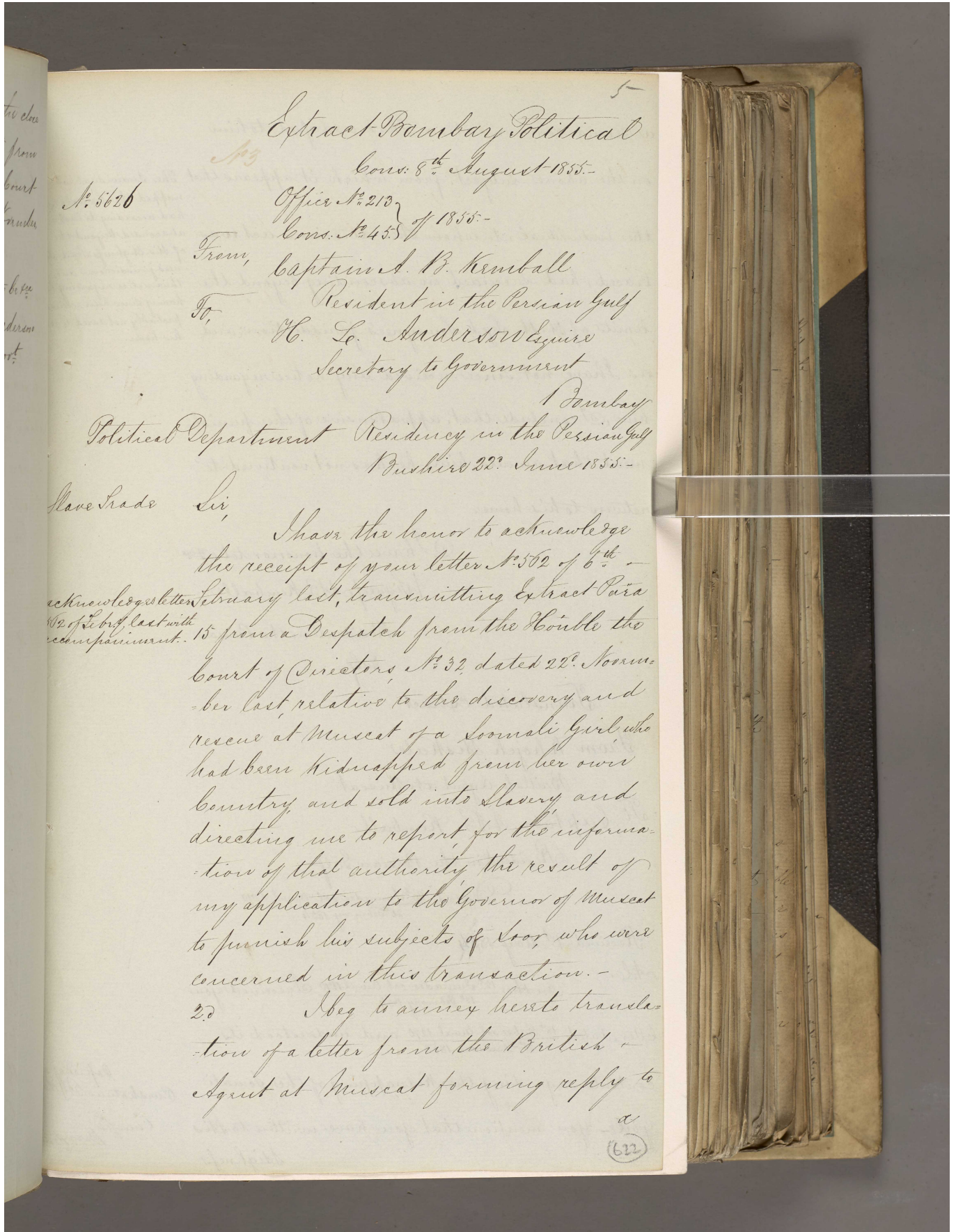
Sir,
With reference to your letter
dated the 16th November N^o 95 of 1854,
relative to the discovery and rescue
at Muscat, of a young girl who had
been kidnapped from her own Country
and sold into slavery, I am directed
by the Right Honble the Governor in
Council to request ~~that~~ you will furnish
the

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the information called for at the close
of the annexed extract, para: 15 from
a Despatch from the Honble the Court
of Directors N^o 32, dated the 22^o November
last:-

Shave the honor to be ^{recd}
Bombay Castle 3 / signed of W. L. Anderson
6th February 1855 3 / Secy to Govt

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Cons. 8th August 1855-

Office N^o: 213
Cons. N^o: 455 of 1855-

From, Captain A. B. Kemball
To, Resident in the Persian Gulf
H. L. Anderson Esquire
Secretary to Government

Political Department Residency in the Persian Gulf
Bombay
Bushire 22nd June 1855-

Slave Trade Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter N^o: 562 of 6th February last, transmitting Extract Para 15 of a Dispatch from the Honble the Court of Directors N^o: 32, dated 22nd November last, relative to the discovery and rescue at Muscat of a Somali Girl, who had been kidnapped from her own Country and sold into Slavery, and directing me to report for the information of that authority, the result of my application to the Governor of Muscat to furnish his subjects of Soor, who were concerned in this transaction.

I beg to annex hereto translation of a letter from the British Agent at Muscat forming reply to

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a second communication I had addressed to him on the above subject, from which it appears that the individual, to whom this atrocious act was traced, had succeeded in absconding beyond the limits of H. H. Syed Loweynee's jurisdiction, and as I have not since received any notice regarding him, I conclude that, apprehensive of the punishment that awaits him, he has not ventured to return to his home.

The individual who kidnapped the Somali girl, had according to last account absconded beyond the limits of His Highness's jurisdiction - and, not having since been relieved, probably not dared to return to his home.

I have the honor to be,
Signed A. B. Remball
Resident in the Persian Gulf

Translated Extract
From Khojeh Diskale
British Agent at Muscat
To Captain A. B. Remball
Resident in the Persian Gulf

Dated 20th Jumadee ool Awul 1270
20th February 1854

Received 1st May 1854

A. C. On the 12th Jumadee ool Awul 1270
12th February 1854. I received your

letter, dated 18th Rubee ool Awul 1270
20th December 1853, and understood its

contents regarding the kidnapping of the Somali girl - you mention that you have written to His Highness

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Highness dyed Soweynce to inflict fitting punishment on the perpetrators of this act, as an example to others but that you have not been informed of the punishment having been carried into effect In conformity to your instructions I spoke to dyed Soweynce about it, who immediately summoned the person that had brought the girl to Muscat - his name is Saeed ben Ali Rubeeah us Sunanee, a native of one of the Villages near Muscat. On his arrival St. St. questioned him about the affair - Saeed said he had obtained the girl from Salim ben Mahomed ben Salim ul Mukhayer, native of Soor, in exchange for a Boat (Budun) as reported by me in a former letter dyed Soweynce enquired where Salim ben Mahomed was, and being told that having gone on a voyage, he had overstaid the season - His Highness observed to me that the man had remained either in Yemen, or at Zanzibar, but that, on his return, I might rest assured he should be severely punished

True Translated Extract

Signed A. B. Kemball

Resident &c

(True Copy)

Signed St. F. Disbrowe

Assistant Resident Persian Gulf

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Resolution

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Resolution by the Honorable Board dated the 31st July 1855 No 5627

Resolved, that Captain Remball be instructed
to order the Agent to report to him whenever the individual
who committed the crime (Salim ben Mahomed) shall
return to his home, in order that requisition for his punish-
ment may be renewed.-

The information contained in this letter should
be communicated to the Honble the Court of Directors, with
reference to their despatch of the 2^d November No 32 of 1854-

31st July 1854 }

Signed J. G. Lumsden
- A. Malet

No 3145 of 1855

Pol Department

No 5628

From H. L. Anderson Esq^r
Secretary to the Government of Bombay.

To The Resident in the Persian Gulf
Dated the 3^o August 1855.

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honorable the
Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your
letter No 213/45 dated the 2^d June last enclosing transla-
tion of a communication from the Native Agent at
Muscat reporting that Salim bin Mahomed the person
who kidnapped the Somalee girl therein alluded to, has
absconded

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absconded, but that on his return to Muscat, Syud
Soweynee has promised to inflict on him severe punish-
ment.

2. In reply, I am desir'd to request that you
will instruct the Native agent at Muscat to report to you
whenever Salim bin Mahomed shall return to his home
and that you will thereupon re-new your requisitions
on Syud Soweynee for the punishment of that person.

Bombay Castle
3^d August 1855

I have the honor to be
Signed, St L Anderson
Secretary to Government

True Extract

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Secy: to Government.

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