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**‘Persian Gulf Measures adopted by the Resident to prevent the disorder
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Pearl Banks.-’**

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The item consists of copies and extracts of correspondence and resolutions cited in, or enclosed with, extracts of a Political Letter from the Government of Bombay to the East India Company Court of Directors, 15 January 1856. A copy of this letter can be found at IOR/F/4/2641/169196, alongside details of further enclosures. The item is the second in a series of twelve items on events in the Persian Gulf.

The item contains a letter from Lieutenant Herbert Frederick Disbrowe, Assistant Resident in Charge, Persian Gulf, to the Government of Bombay. He reports the actions taken by Captain Arnold Burrowes Kemball, Resident in the Persian Gulf, to prevent a conflict between the Al Ali [Āl ‘Alī] and the Boo Soomait [Āl Būsmayt] tribes on the Persian [Iranian] side of the Gulf. His letter contains copies of correspondence between: Kemball; Charles Augustus Murray, HBM's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at the Court of Persia [Iran]; Mahomed Shereef [Muḥammad Sharīf], Officiating British Agent at Lingah [Bandar-e Lengeh]; and Commodore Richard Ethersey, Commanding Indian Naval Squadron in the Persian Gulf. Details of the two tribes' preparations for the conflict are included, as well as communications Kemball has had with Sheikh Khuleefah ben Saeed [Shaikh Khalīfah bin Sa‘īd], Governor of Lingah, and Sheikh Ali ben Sultan [Shaikh ‘Alī bin Sulṭān].

The Government of Bombay forward copies of the above to the Government of India and the Court of Directors.

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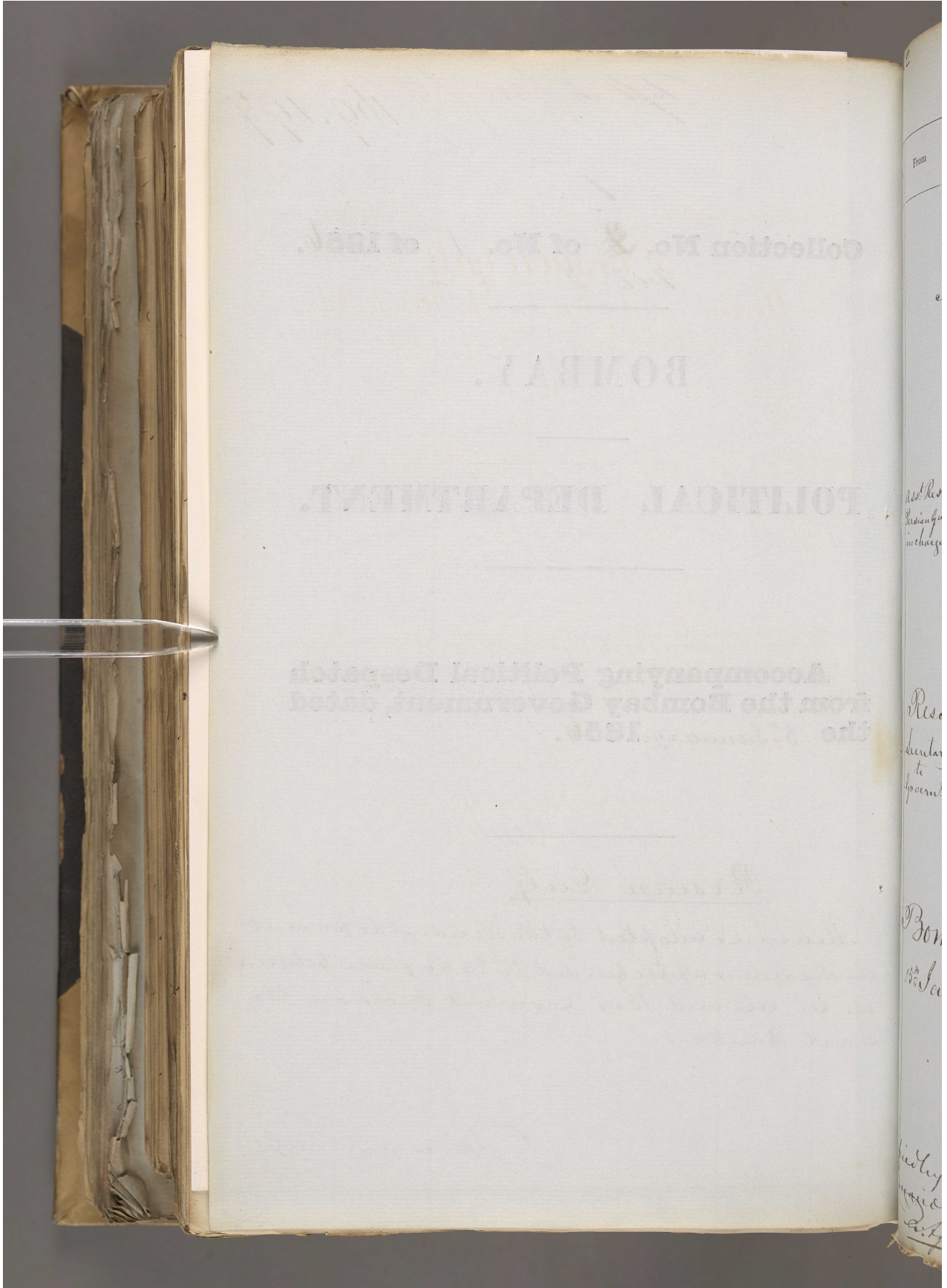
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*Measures adopted by the Resident to prevent
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Pearl Banks.-*

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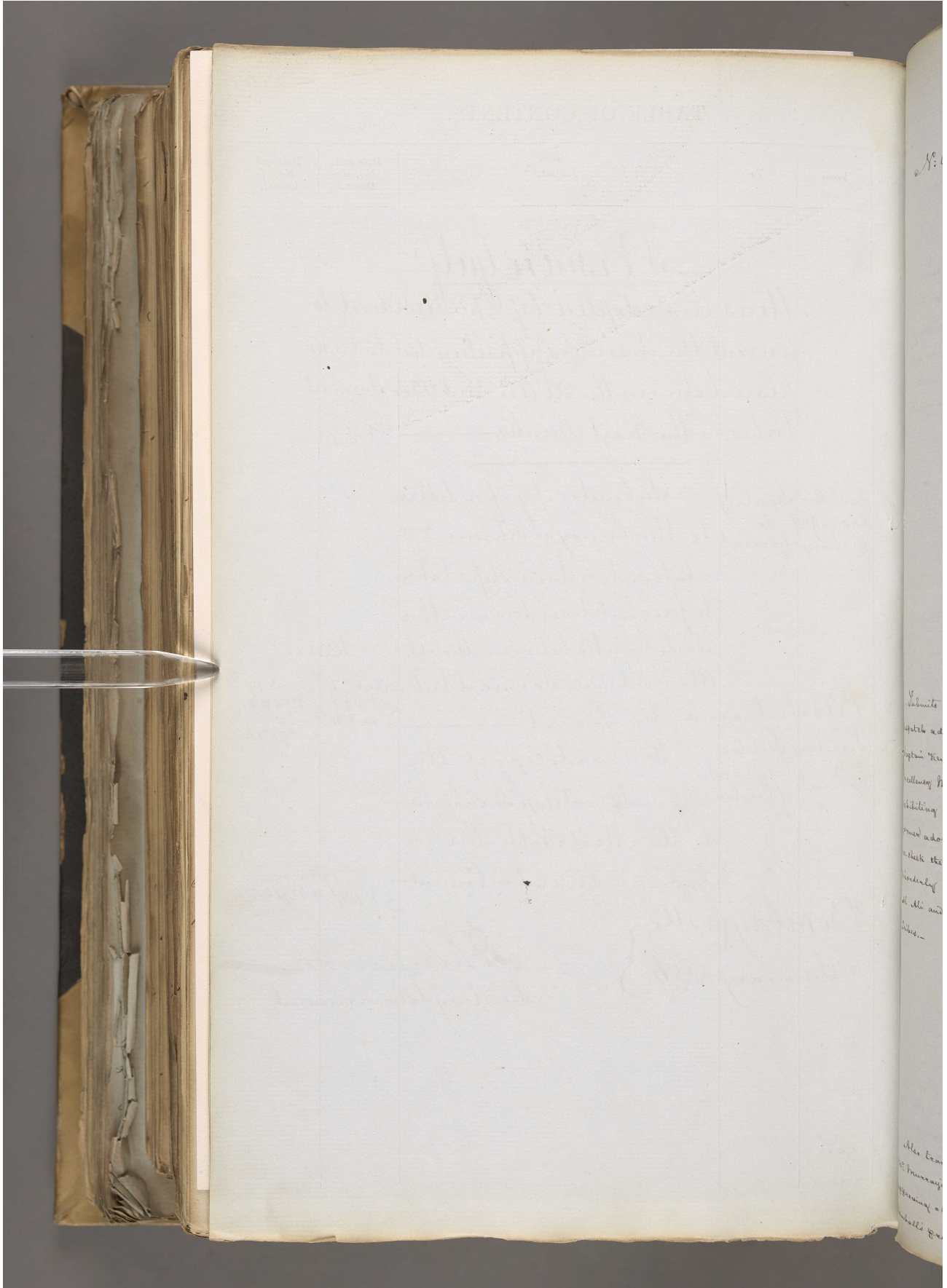
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15th January 1856.

Anderson
Secretary to Government.

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From. Political Department.

Lieutenant Gb. F. Disbrow,

Assistant Resident in Charge

To.

Persian Gulf.

Gb. L. Anderson, Esquire,

Secretary to Government,

Bombay.

Residency in the Persian Gulf

Bushire 18th October 1855.

Sir,

1/
Submits copy of a
despatch addressed by
Captain Kemball to His
Excellency Mr. Murray
exhibiting the steps then
formed adopted to
re-check the rising
disorderly spirit of the
Al Ali and Boo Soomait
Tribes.

I have the honor to submit for the
information of His Lordship in Council, copies of
a communication with enclosures N: 260 of 1855.
addressed by the late Resident Captain Kemball,
to His Excellency Mr. Murray exhibiting the
steps he felt himself bound to adopt for the
purpose of again checking the mischievous spirits
of the Al Ali and Boo Soomait Tribes whose
dependents were guilty of disorder last year on
the Pearl Banks.

2/
Also transcript of
Mr. Murray's reply entirely
approving of Captain
Kemball's proceedings.

I beg also to enclose transcript of a
despatch from Her Majesty's Minister, in reply
to the above communication entirely approving of
the judicious measures taken by Captain Kemball

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to preserve the peace of the Gulf.

In enclosing the said correspondence it is but right and just I should mention that, independent of the evident necessity that existed for the employment, should need be of steps of unusual stringency to bring the refractory Tribes to their bearings, the Lingah Chief personally invited the interference of the British by expressing to the Resident in a letter he addressed him, his inability to control his dependents, the Boo Soomaites, and permission, moreover was granted by a former Governor of Persia to the British Authorities in the Gulf to repress the maritime disorders and irregularities that might, perchance, be committed by the Inhabitants of the Ports on the Persian Coast.

My despatch to the address of His Excellency Mr. Murray, No. 316, of St. Albans, which forms enclosure 4 to my communication to Mr. Secretary Anderson No. 260, on this subject will apprise His Lordship in Council that, owing to the orderly behaviour of the Boo Soomait and Al Ali Tribes on the Pearl Banks, the employment of Coercive measures had up to date evidently not been required to restrain them.

I have the honor to be
(Signed) B. L. Disbrow,
Assistant Resident in Charge
Persian Gulf.

Quotes reasons why, and authority by which employment of unusually stringent measures were authorised in event of necessity.

Employment of coercive measures eventually not required.

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Office N^o 360 of 1855.

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

To. His Excellency.
The Honble C. A. Murray C. B.
A. B. M^d Envoy Extraordinary
and Minister Plenipotentiary
at the Court of Persia
Tehran.
Residency in the Persian Gulf
Rushik 3^d August 1855.

Sir.

With advertence to the affray which took place last year on the Pearl Banks between the Al Ali and Boo Soomait tribes, I have the honor to submit for your Excellency's

submits translated information translated substance of a letter
substance of a letter
detailing preparations
made by al ali & Boo
Soomait tribes to renew
hostilities at sea.

I have received from the officiating British Agt^t made by al ali & Boo at Lingah, detailing the preparations made by either party to renew the conflict this season, a state of things which has been confirmed both by the reports of the several authorities and by communications that have reached me fromst respectable sources.

The Al Ali and Boo Soomait Tribes having thus shewn themselves unable to appreciate the leniency they experienced on the last occasion, and having moreover, I am

Consequent thereon, aware, avowed, that as the prosecution of a
Commodore Elthorpe
has received instructions
to undeceive them in the
matter of leniency they
expect to be treated
with in

bloodshed at sea could seemingly be atoned for by a money payment so long as they were located on the Persian Coast, they were quite prepared to purchase the indulgence at

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my own price, I have felt the necessity of undeceiving them on this head and I assure myself of Your Excellency's approval of the Instructions I have accordingly addressed to Com^o Ethersey on the subject. —

Your Excellency will observe, that the worst feature of the present case, is the attempt to engage neutral parties in the quarrel, and if the peace of the Gulf is to be preserved. ^{Suggestions regarding mode of treatment of Arab Tribes residing on Persian Coast when afloat in} seems to be no alternative but to regard these Arab Tribes (when afloat) in the same light ^{afloat in} precisely as if they continued to reside on the Arabian Coast, and were included in the engagements of the Chiefs of their respective Communities to abstain from Maritime hostilities of any description.

I have the honor to be
S^ol^oly
Yours
Resident Genl.

(True Copy)
S^ol^oly
Yours
Asst^o Resident Persian Gulf.

Copied by J.B.
Woodcock
Capt. W. Pittfield

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Translation From

Mahomed Shereef

To Officiating Agent at Lingah

Captain A. B. Kemball

Resident in the Persian Gulf

Dated 24th Shuwal
9th July.

Received 27th July 1855.

The al ali and Boo Soomait Tribes would appear to have an intention, in addition to their past (disorderly proceedings) to recommence a course of acts, towards each other, that will lead to confusion, and disorder, for the al ali, it is said, have manœuvred and equipped the whole of their Boats with Warlike stores, such as guns, muskets, powder and shot, have also engaged, on hire, 200 matchlockmen, natives of Fars, to serve on board of their vessels, and (finally) have embarked guns four in number, from Charrack and in that condition proceeded to the Fishery - In this quarter, too, the Boo Soomaites have in like manner equipped their

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their Boats with Guns, Muskets and Ammunition,
and even launched the Butel of Hajee, that
was in Dock and, after taking in Guns, have
gone to the Pearl Banks - The Shiekh of
Lingah, finding himself unable to prevent
them from thus acting - I, who have been
appointed to act in the absence of Moolah
Ahmed, and am now performing the duties
of Agent to the Sirkar, forbade the Boo Soomaites;
they, however, would not give ear to my
remonstrances and said "Let the people of
the Al Ali first disembark the Warlike stores,
they have placed in their Boats and then we
will do likewise - In short they have left for
the Banks without disembarking a particle
of their stores. -

True Translation,

(Signed) H. F. Disbrowe,

Assistant Resident &c.

True Copy

(Signed) H. F. Disbrowe,

Assist^t. Resident Persian Gulf.

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Muckoon & Co.
L. Aguer

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Office No. 251 of 1855.

From,

Captain A. B. Kemball,

To,

Resident in the Persian Gulf,

Commodore R. Ethersey J. N.

Commanding Indian Naval

Squadron in the Persian Gulf,

Bushire Roads.

Sir,

Dated 28th July 1855:-

Persian Coast.

In reply to your letter No. 77 of this day's date, I have the honor to inform you, that in consequence of an intimation from Sheikh Khuleefah ben Sa'eed, the Gov^r of Lingah, to the effect, that the Al Ali tribe residing on the Islands of Ges, were said to be manning and arming their Boats

with a view to attack those of the Boo & Sumait tribe on the Pearl Banks, I suggests that the Constables be detached to the lower end of the Gulf to cooperate with the H. C. Brigantine Tigis in hissing order on the Pearl Banks. Boo Soomait & al. Ali Tribes seem inclined to disturb the general Peace - now received, that either party continues

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to mistrust the other, and that prepared as their vessels are to fight, should they meet at sea, a collision must certainly ensue, - I venture to think some additional -
precautions on our part advisable, and to suggest accordingly, that the H. C. Schooner "Constance" be detached to the lower end of the Gulf to cooperate with the H. C. Brigantine Tigris in maintaining tranquillity. -

The most effectual means of restoring confidence and of anticipating the bloodshed and disorder that occurred last year, would be, I conceive, to discover, if possible, the boats ^{most effectual means of restoring confidence. See!} equipped, as stated, for purely hostile & purposes and when found, to oblige them to return to their homes, or, in case of resistance, to capture or destroy them. Remonstrance and intimidation, should of course be employed to the utmost extent before recourse be had to forcible measures.

Enclose for transmission per Constance.
letters

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Encloses certain letters I have addressed to the Sheikhs Ali ben
letters to certain
Parties giving - Sultan and Khuliefah ben Saed, as well as
notice of the above
arrangements - to the Officiating Agent at Lingah, giving
notice of the above arrangements - These letters
require no immediate reply.

Residency in the Persian Gulf } I have the honor to be, &c.
Camp near Bushire } Signed A. B. Kemball.
28th July 1855. } Resident &c.

(True Copy)

Signed H. F. Disbrowe
Assistant Resident Persian Gulf.

To,

Captain A. B. Kemball,

Resident in the Persian Gulf,

Sir,

dated 27th Sept 1855

(for 2^d August)

In reply to your letter N^o 260 of 19th th _{ii}

entirely approves
judicious measures
adopted by Capt A. B. Kemball
to prevent the threatened
conflict between the
Al. Ali and Boo
Soomait tribes on the
Pearl Banks.

September, I have to inform you, that the
judicious measures you have taken to
prevent the threatened conflict between the
Al. Ali and Boo Soomait tribes on the
Pearl Banks are entirely approved.

Camp near Tehran }
27th September 1855. }

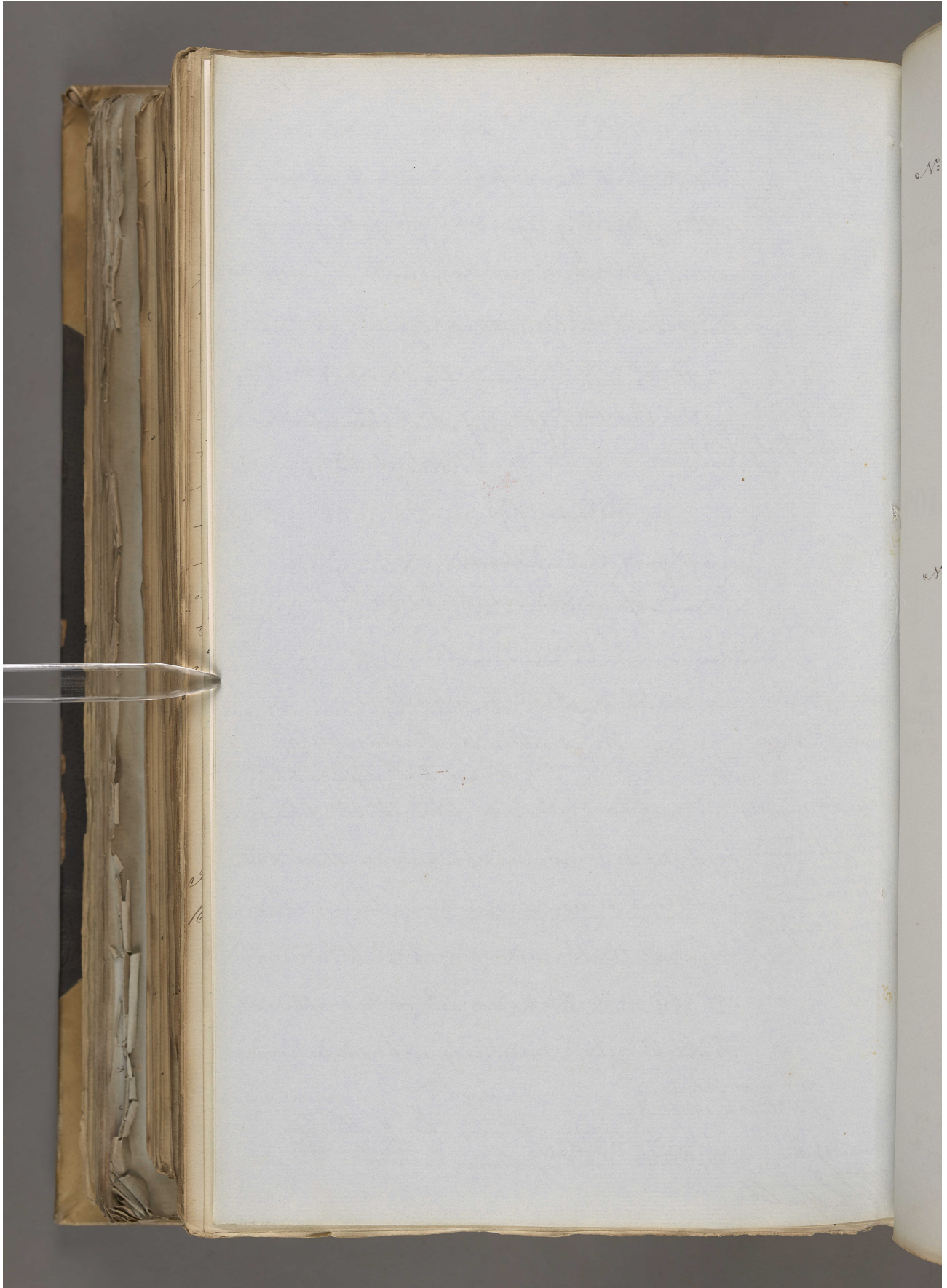
I am &c.

Signed H. F. Disbrowe
Assistant Resident Persian Gulf

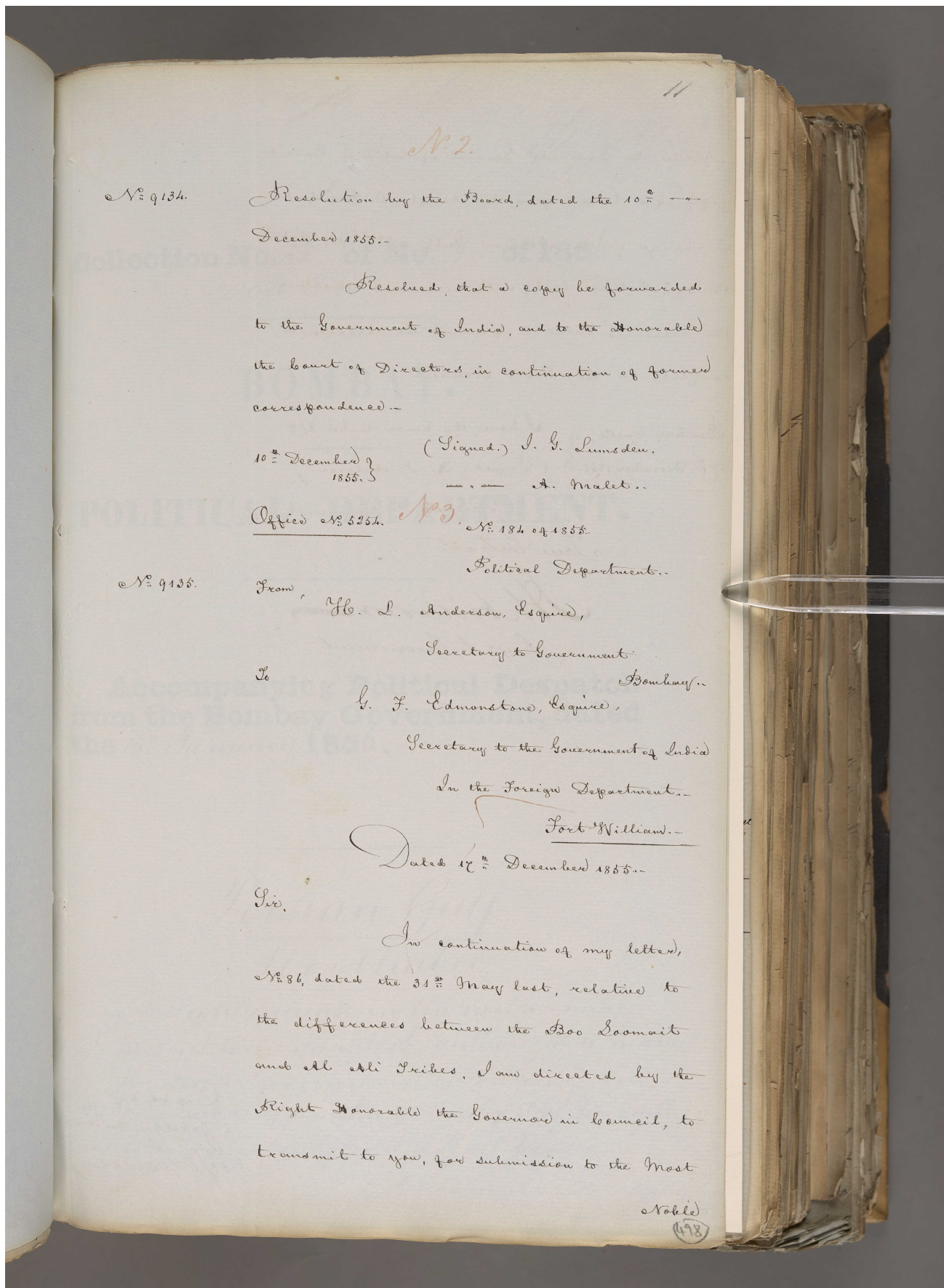
(True Copy) Signed Chas. A. Murray

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Nº 9134.

Resolution by the Board, dated the 10th —
December 1855.

Resolved, that a copy be forwarded
to the Government of India, and to the Honorable
the Board of Directors, in continuation of former
correspondence.

(Signed.) J. G. Lumsden.
10th December 1855.

A. Malet.

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Political Department.

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From,

H. L. Anderson, Esquire,

Secretary to Government

To

G. F. Edmonstone, Esquire,

Bombay.

Secretary to the Government of India

in the Foreign Department.

Fort William.

Dated 17th December 1855.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter,
Nº 84, dated the 31st May last, relative to
the differences between the Boo Soomait
and all Ali Tribes, I am directed by the
Right Honorable the Governor in Council, to
transmit to you, for submission to the Most

stable

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 Noble the Governour General of India in Council,
 copy of a letter from the Assistant Resident
 in charge of the Persian Gulf, N^o 75/362, dated
 the 18th October last, with enclosures, reporting
 the measures taken to prevent the threatened
 conflict on the Pearl Banks.—

Bombay Castle, } I have the honor to be Sir
 17th December 1855. } (Signed) H. L. Anderson,
 Secretary to Government.—

True Extract

H. L. Anderson
 Secy. to Government

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