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Turkish Consul-General at Bombay has Intimated that in Future the Visa of the
Ottoman Consulates will be Required for the Bills of Health of all Ships
Calling at Turkish Ports**

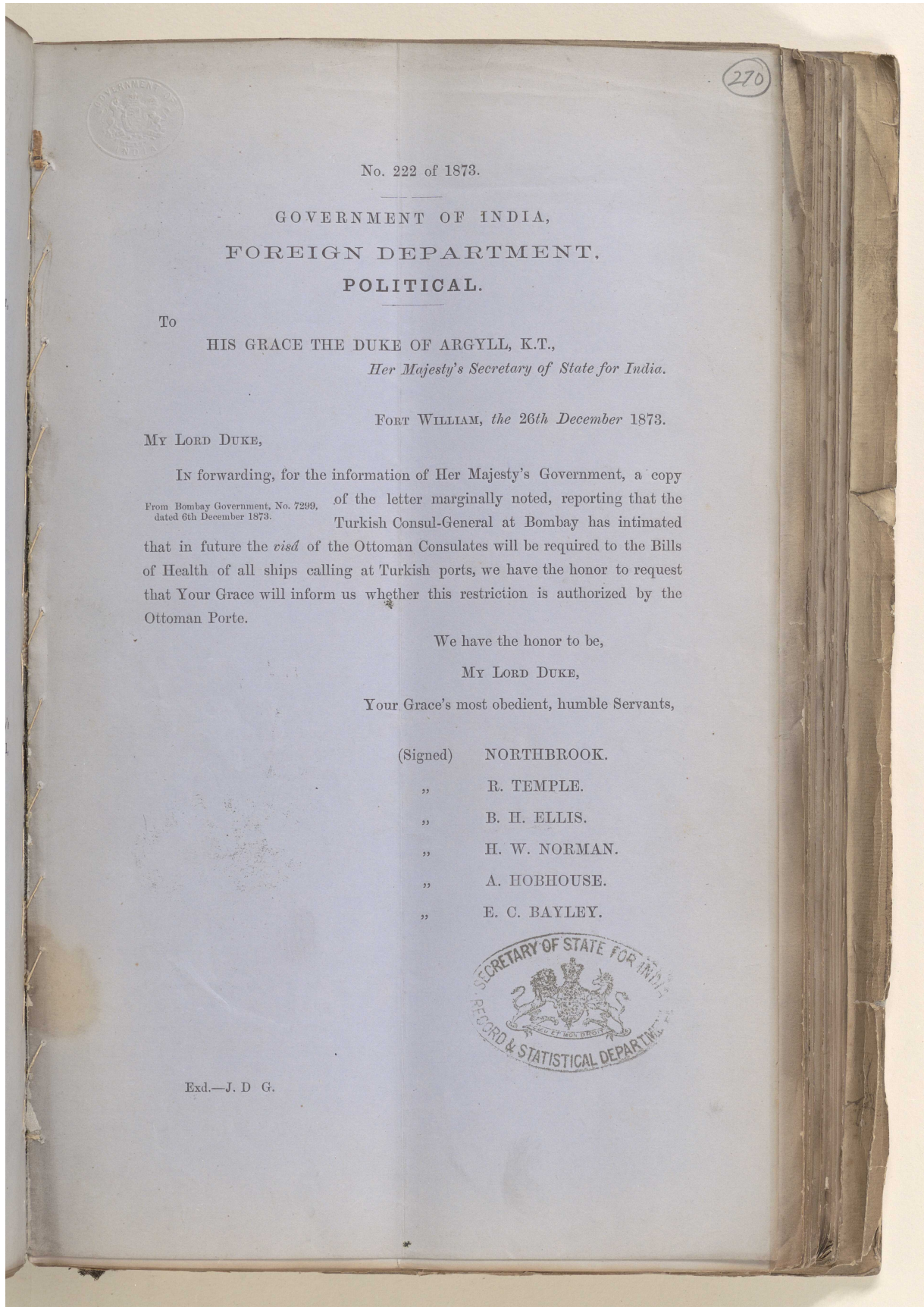
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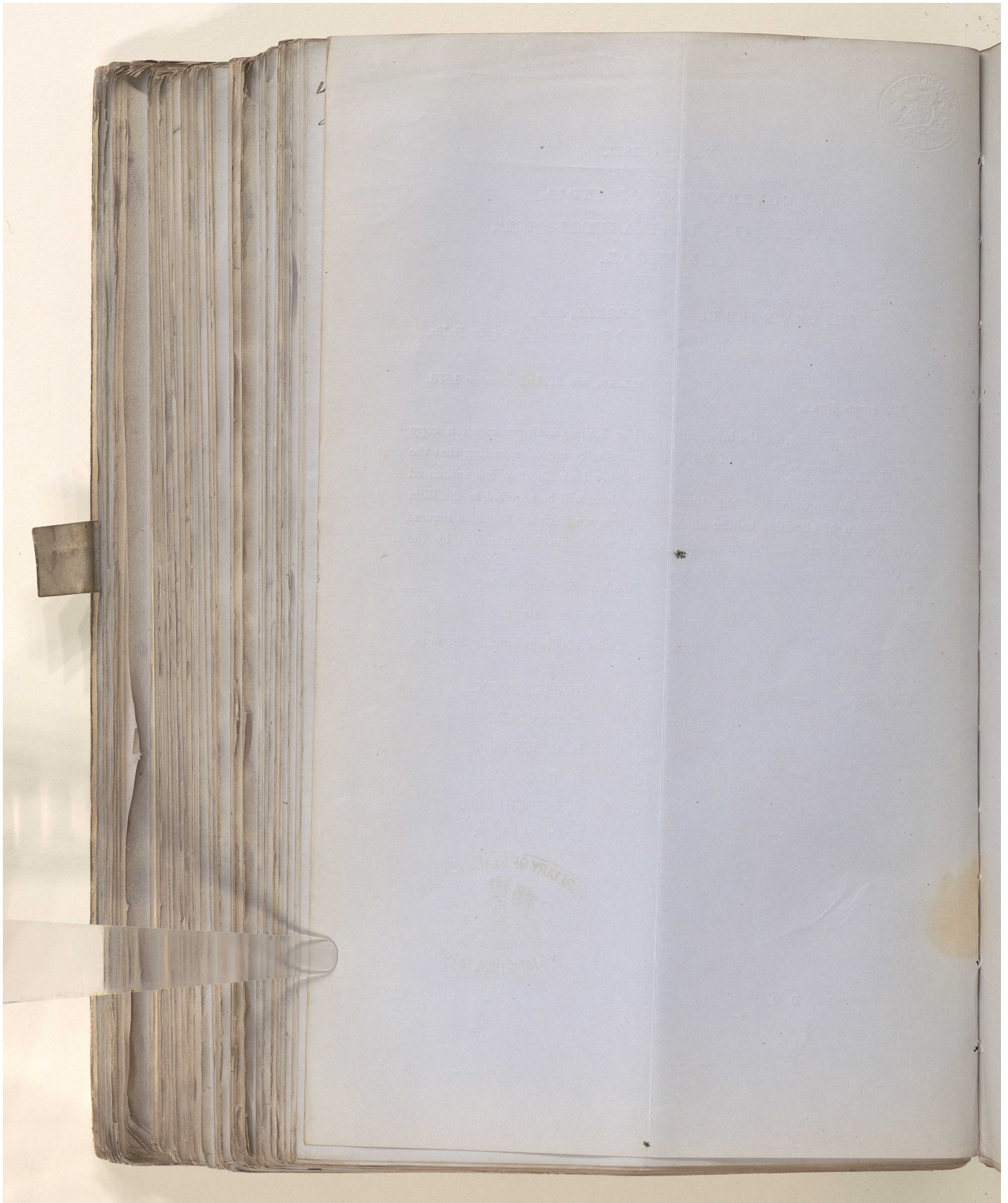
About this record

This item consists of a Political Despatch from the Government of India Foreign Department to the Secretary of State for India, dated 26 December 1873 and received by the India Office (date and department not stated), forwarding a report that the Turkish Consul-General at Bombay [Mumbai] has intimated that in future the visa of the Ottoman Consulates will be required for the Bills of Health of all ships calling at Turkish ports, and requesting confirmation of whether the Ottoman Porte has authorized this 'restriction'. The source of the information is a copy of a letter from the Imperial Ottoman Embassy in London to the Consul-General for Turkey at Bombay, dated 22 September 1873.

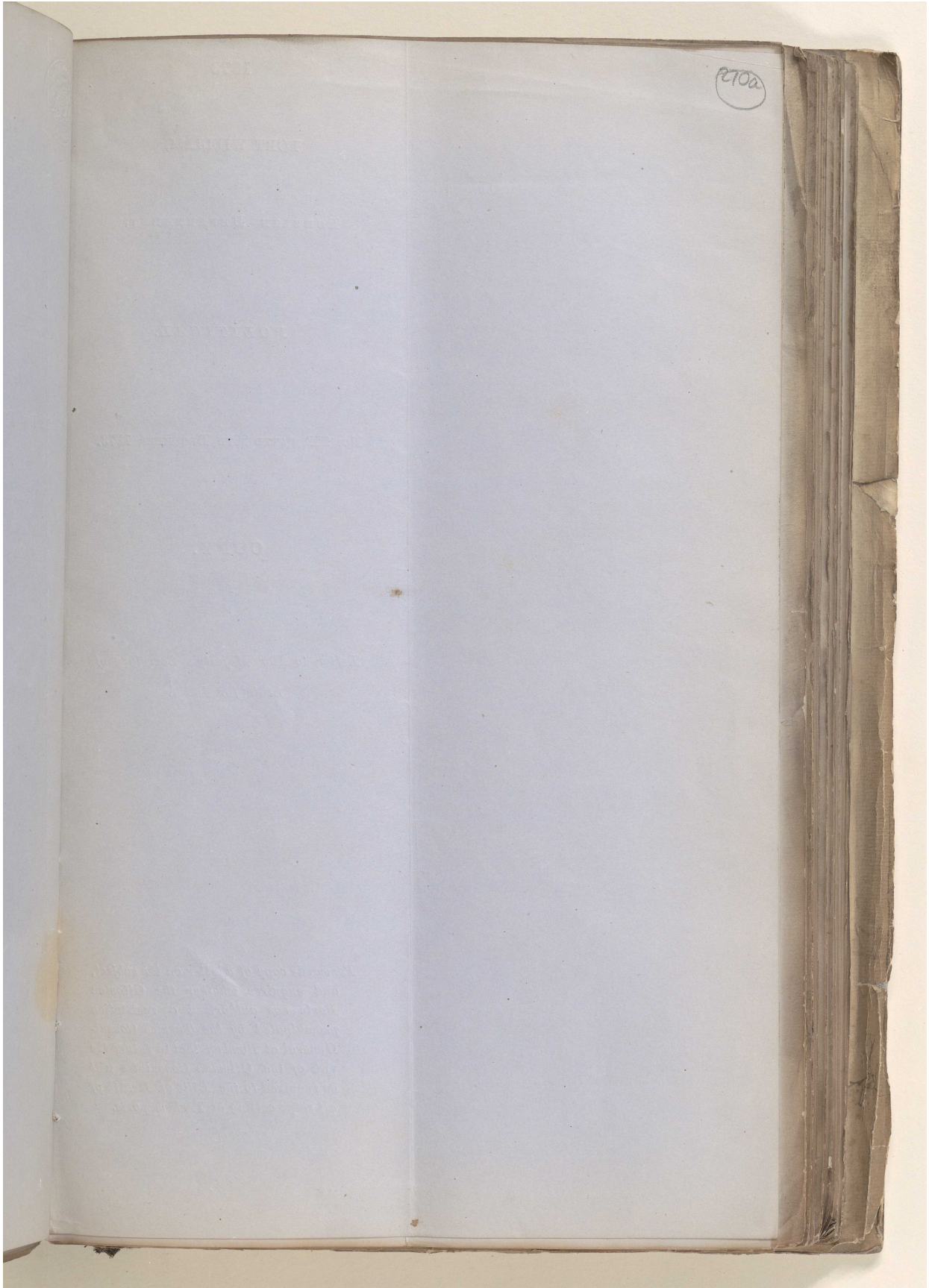
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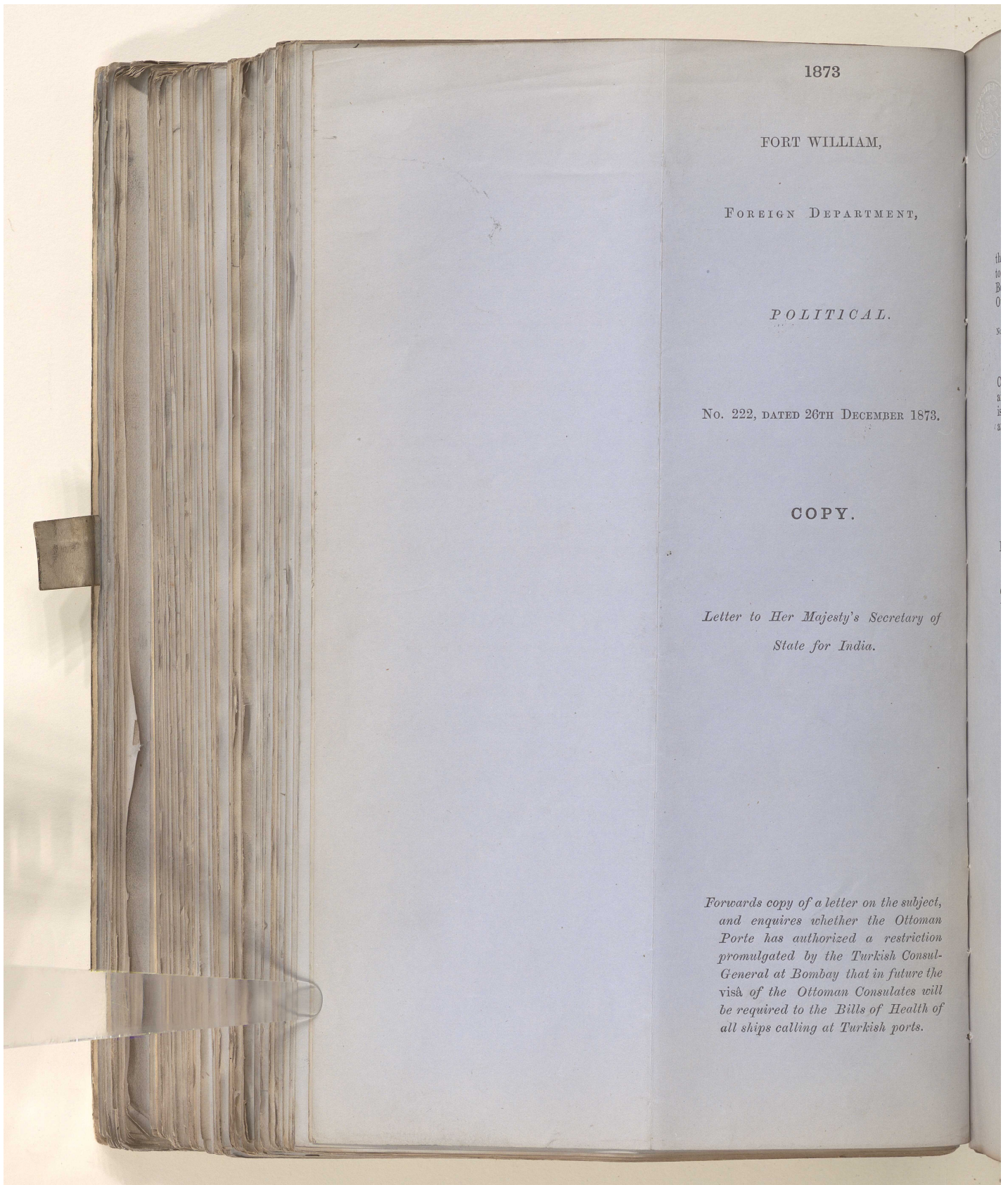
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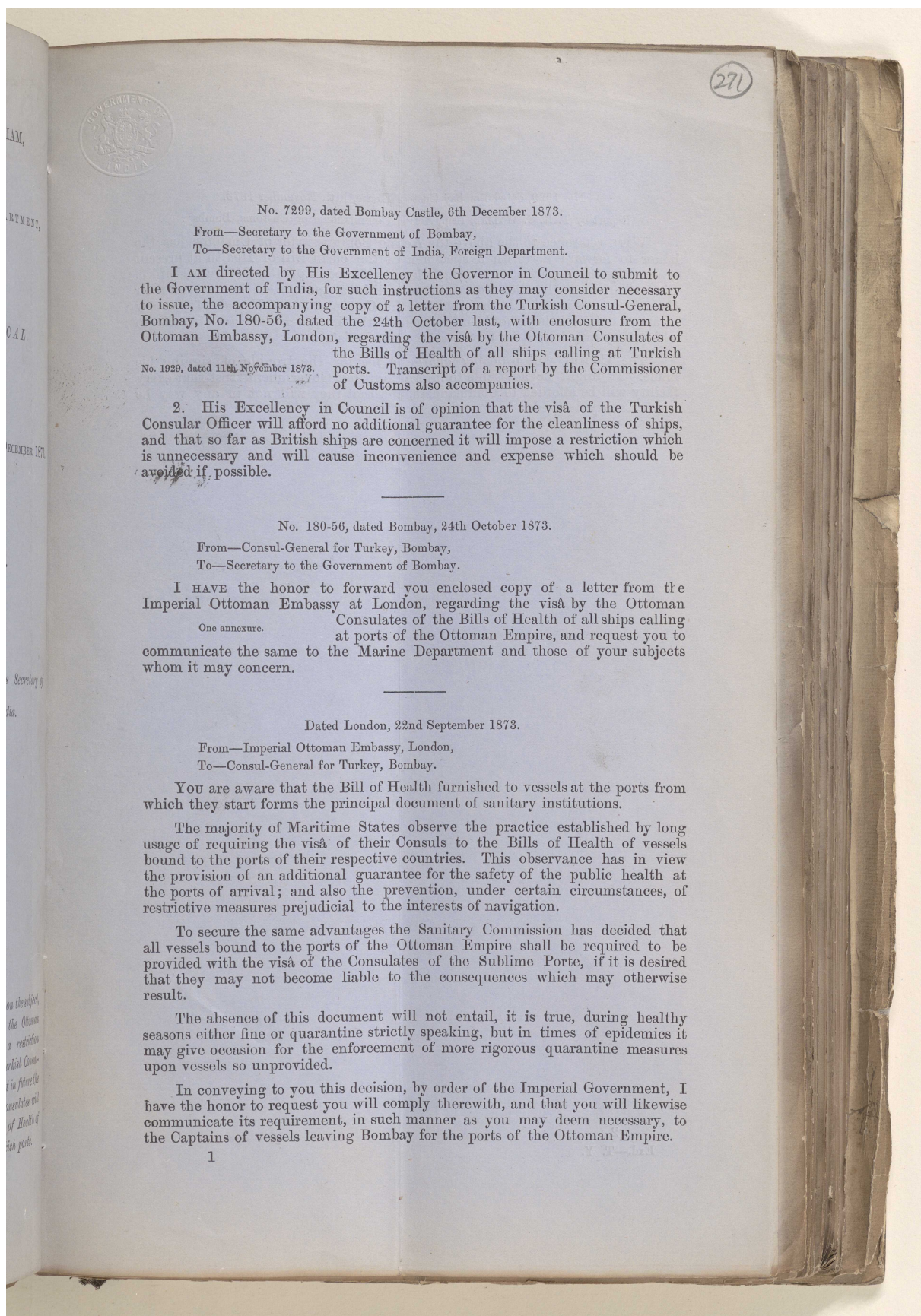
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No. 7299, dated Bombay Castle, 6th December 1873.

From—Secretary to the Government of Bombay,
To—Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department.

I AM directed by His Excellency the Governor in Council to submit to the Government of India, for such instructions as they may consider necessary to issue, the accompanying copy of a letter from the Turkish Consul-General, Bombay, No. 180-56, dated the 24th October last, with enclosure from the Ottoman Embassy, London, regarding the visà by the Ottoman Consulates of the Bills of Health of all ships calling at Turkish ports. Transcript of a report by the Commissioner of Customs also accompanies.

No. 1929, dated 11th November 1873.

2. His Excellency in Council is of opinion that the visà of the Turkish Consular Officer will afford no additional guarantee for the cleanliness of ships, and that so far as British ships are concerned it will impose a restriction which is unnecessary and will cause inconvenience and expense which should be avoided if possible.

No. 180-56, dated Bombay, 24th October 1873.

From—Consul-General for Turkey, Bombay,
To—Secretary to the Government of Bombay.

I HAVE the honor to forward you enclosed copy of a letter from the Imperial Ottoman Embassy at London, regarding the visà by the Ottoman Consulates of the Bills of Health of all ships calling at ports of the Ottoman Empire, and request you to communicate the same to the Marine Department and those of your subjects whom it may concern.

One annexe.

Dated London, 22nd September 1873.

From—Imperial Ottoman Embassy, London,
To—Consul-General for Turkey, Bombay.

You are aware that the Bill of Health furnished to vessels at the ports from which they start forms the principal document of sanitary institutions.

The majority of Maritime States observe the practice established by long usage of requiring the visà of their Consuls to the Bills of Health of vessels bound to the ports of their respective countries. This observance has in view the provision of an additional guarantee for the safety of the public health at the ports of arrival; and also the prevention, under certain circumstances, of restrictive measures prejudicial to the interests of navigation.

To secure the same advantages the Sanitary Commission has decided that all vessels bound to the ports of the Ottoman Empire shall be required to be provided with the visà of the Consulates of the Sublime Porte, if it is desired that they may not become liable to the consequences which may otherwise result.

The absence of this document will not entail, it is true, during healthy seasons either fine or quarantine strictly speaking, but in times of epidemics it may give occasion for the enforcement of more rigorous quarantine measures upon vessels so unprovided.

In conveying to you this decision, by order of the Imperial Government, I have the honor to request you will comply therewith, and that you will likewise communicate its requirement, in such manner as you may deem necessary, to the Captains of vessels leaving Bombay for the ports of the Ottoman Empire.

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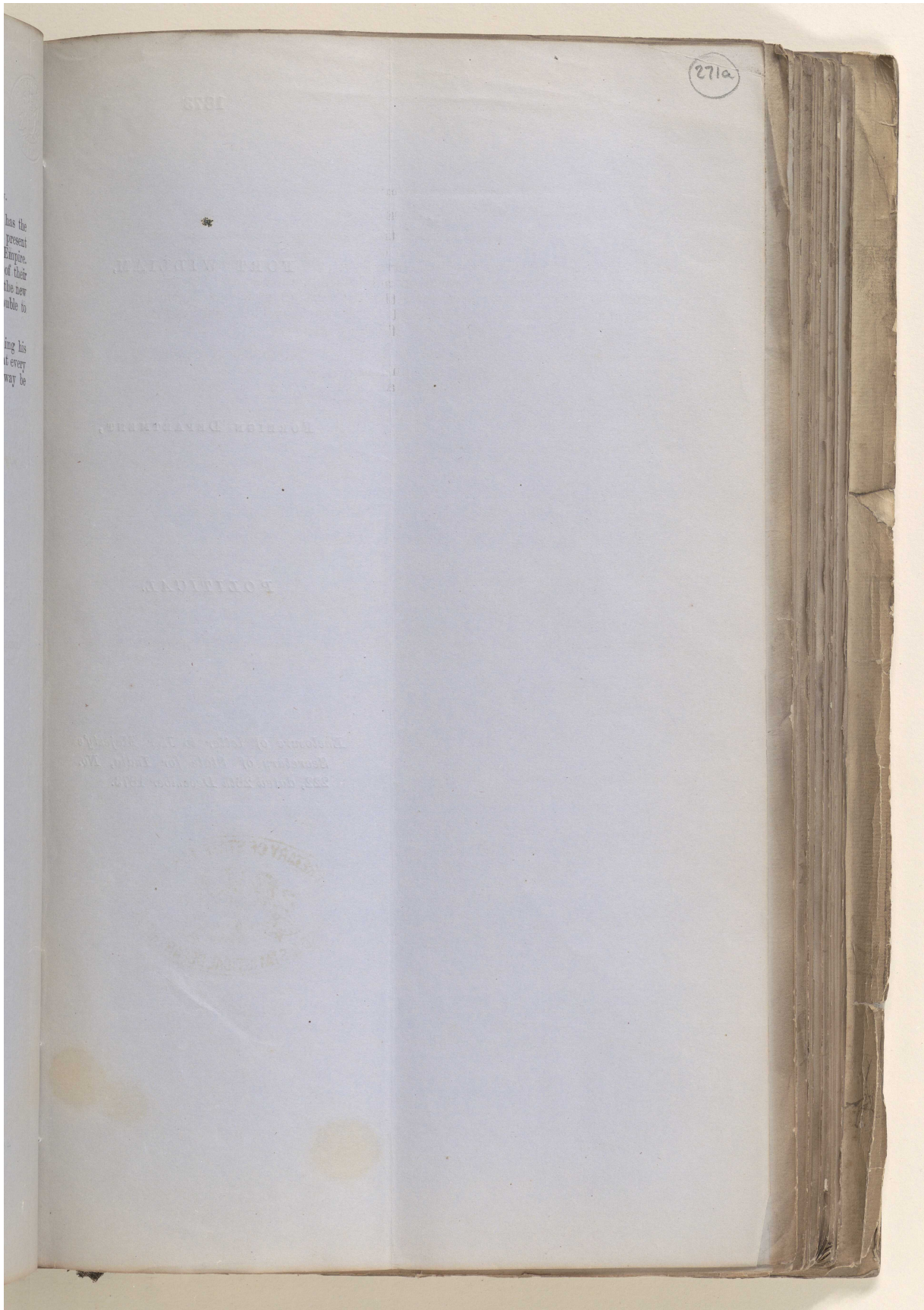
No. 1929, dated Bombay Custom House, 11th November 1873.

Report by T. R. S. WYLLIE, Esq., Acting Commissioner of Customs, Bombay.

WITH reference to the above the Acting Commissioner of Customs has the honor to forward herewith a specimen of the clean Bill of Health at present granted by this department to vessels leaving for ports of the Ottoman Empire. If the Turkish authorities require as an additional guarantee the visà of their Consul due notice should be given to the Commanders of Vessels of the new arrangement, and they should be warned of the inconvenience and trouble to which they may be put by the absence of such visà.

The Consul will probably charge a fee for the trouble of signing his name. It might be advisable to inform him that Government trust that every facility will be afforded to Commanders, and that they will not in any way be unnecessarily delayed.

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