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This item consists of a copy of a Political Despatch from the Government of India Foreign Department to the Secretary of State for India, dated 20 February 1874 and received by the India Office Political Department on 16 March 1874, forwarding a letter from HM Minister at Teheran [Tehran] to Earl Granville (Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs), on the subject of a proposed Treaty with Persia [Iran] for the suppression of the slave trade.

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No. 36 of 1874.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,
FOREIGN DEPARTMENT,
POLITICAL.

To

HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF ARGYLL, K.T.,
Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India.

FORT WILLIAM, *the 20th February 1874.*

MY LORD DUKE,

We have the honor to forward, for the information of Her Majesty's Government, a copy of a letter from Her Majesty's Minister at Teheran to the address of Earl Granville, on the subject of a proposed Treaty with the Shah of Persia for the suppression of the slave trade.

We have the honor to be,

MY LORD DUKE,

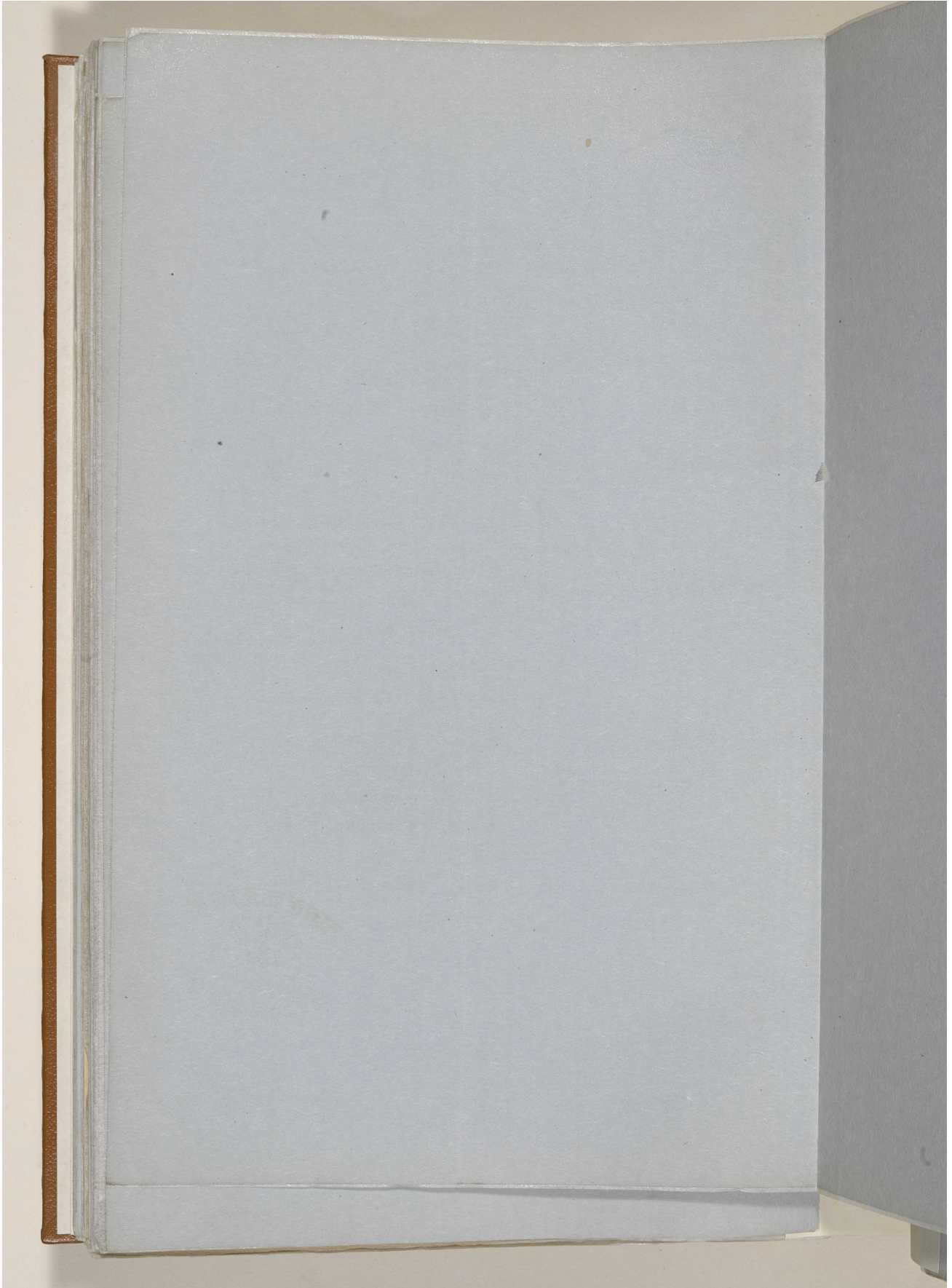
Your Grace's most obedient, humble Servants,

(Signed) NORTHBROOK.
" B. H. ELLIS.
" ~~H. W. NORMAN.~~
" A. HOBHOUSE.
" E. C. BAYLEY.



Exd.—T. Y.

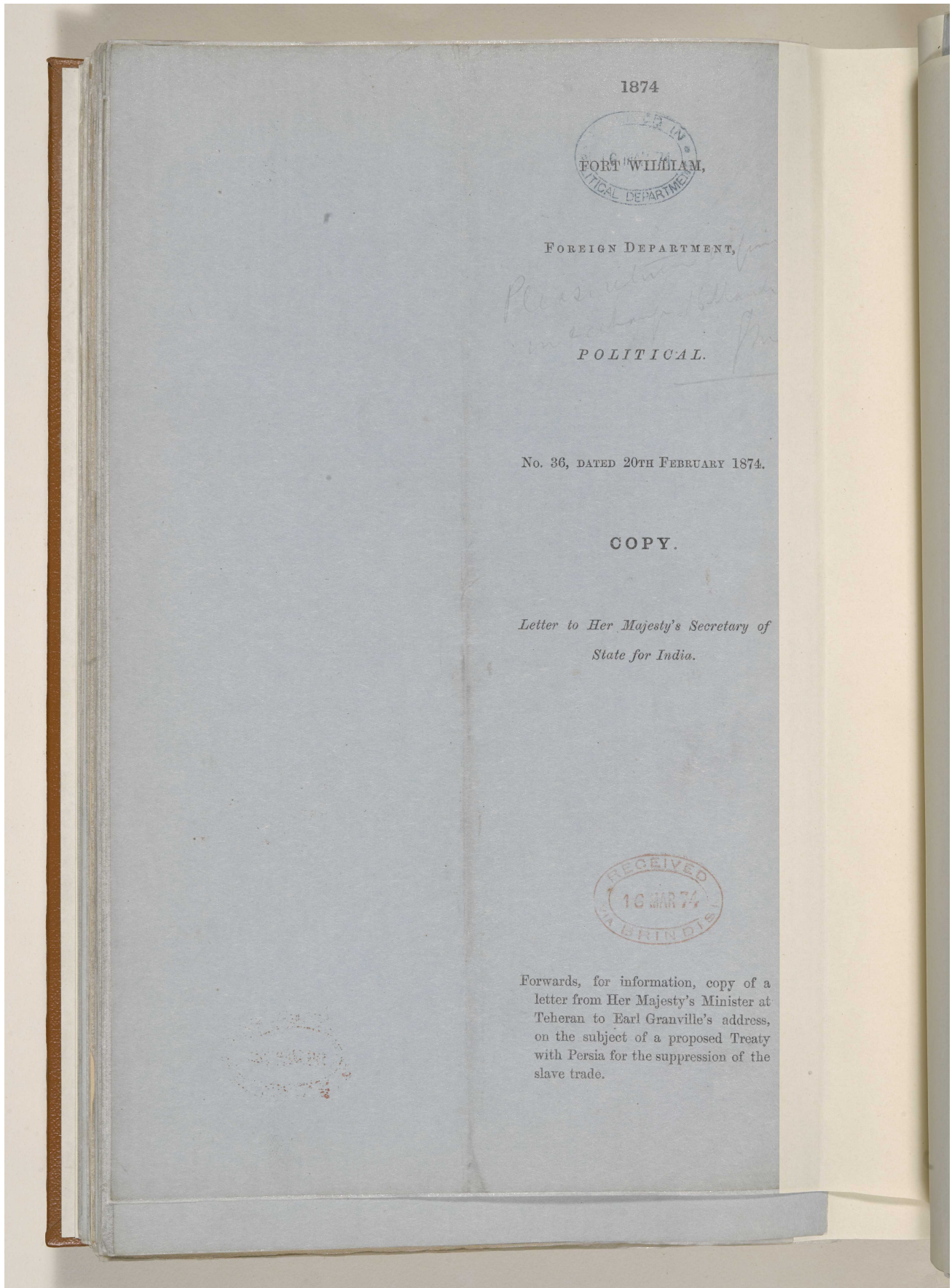
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No. 1, dated Teheran, 18th November 1873.

From—Her Majesty's Minister, Persia,
To—Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

WITH reference to the instruction conveyed to me in Your Lordship's despatch, No. 4, of the 1st September last, I have the honor to report that I took advantage of the Ex-Prime Minister's being again consulted on certain subjects by the Shah to remind His Highness of the conversation which had passed in London between Your Lordship, His Highness, and the Persian Minister on the subject of the conclusion of a Treaty between the Queen and the Shah having for its object the suppression of slave-trade on the Eastern Coast of Africa, and begged him to submit the matter afresh to His Majesty, which he promised to do.

Some days later no communication having been made to me of the manner in which the Shah had received the reminder, I addressed to His Highness the semi-official note, of which the enclosure is a copy, forwarding to him at the same time a translation in Persian of the Convention proposed to him in London by Your Lordship.

Yesterday having at His Highness' request called upon him, I was informed that the Shah had desired that my note and the translated articles of the Convention should be left with him, Your Lordship's correspondence on the subject with His Highness having been mislaid, so that he might himself study the question, and, having done so, that he would consult with His Highness on the subject.

I did not consider it advisable to allude to this subject with the Minister for Foreign Affairs, feeling assured that, both from a fanatical Mahomedan spirit and from his habitual practise of impeding as much as possible the adjustment of all matters of British interest, it would only be giving him an opportunity of biasing the mind of His Majesty by laying before him the arguments of the fanatical priesthood, which maintains the right of Mahomedans to hold in slavery all who are not of that faith, or do not pay the tax upon infidels imposed by the Koran.

Teheran, 12th Novembre 1873.

De—W. TAYLOUR THOMSON, Esq.,
A—S. A. LE MUSCHIR-ODD-DOOWLEH, &c., &c., &c.

Vous ayant à la fin de la conversation que, par ordre de S. M., j'eus l'honneur d'entretenir avec V. A. le 8 du mois courant, rappelé ce qui s'était passé pendant la conversation qui eut lieu en Angleterre entre Lord Granville, V. A., et le Ministre Persan, au sujet d'obtenir l'appui de S. M. le Schah aux tentatives faites maintenant par le Gouvernement de S. M. B. pour la suppression de la traite des nègres sur la côte Orientale de l'Afrique, et vous ayant prié de soumettre de nouveau cette question à S. M. dans l'espoir qu'elle y donne sa plus favorable considération, je vous serais très obligé si vous voudriez bien m'informer de la décision que S. M. aurait prise sur cette affaire importante, qui est d'un intérêt si profond pour S. M. La Reine ainsi que pour toute l'Angleterre.

Je vous transmets d'après votre désir une traduction en Persan de la convention proposée à cet effet par Lord Granville.

Exd.—J. T. F.

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FORT WILLIAM,

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT,

POLITICAL.

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