

2/ His Majesty's Ship *Imogene*
at Sea, 10th February 1834

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Sir,

Per. Imamu

Original Treaty with Orders of the 14th Ultimo - I have to state my
to the Americans in proceedings, with His Highness the Imam
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in a Translat. Bombay on the 15th January and arrived at
in English.

In pursuance of your Excellency's
of all about, and the information I have
obtained, respecting his Power, Influence,
and Trade, throughout his Dominions
and its Neighbourhood, and also the fact
and particulars of the Treaty, lately made
by His Highness with the Americans
which I now forward, with inclosures
per margin -

In execution of this Order, I left
Bombay on the 15th January and arrived at
Zanzibar after a passage of fifteen days,
on the evening of the 30th. He came to anchor
of the Imamu's Palace, alongside of the
Riverpool 4 guns, His Highness's Flag
ship, carrying a Red Flag at the main.

His Excellency

Vice Comd. Sir James - R. C. B.

Commander in Chief

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This is not the usual place of Anchorage,
and only made use of by the Spanish Men
of War, in consequence of its being immediately
opposite the Palace, which stands on the
beach, about a quarter of a mile from the
Ship - We found at this anchorage besides
the Liverpool, two Frigates, two Corvettes,
and a Brig, for the Number, Force, Tonnage,
State, Age, and Condition of His Highness's
Squadron, I beg to refer Your Excellency
to enclosure N^o 3.

At the anchorage off the Town,
which is about five miles from this, there
were lying, One English Merchant Brig,
One American Merchant Ship, and two
Brigs with several small craft of the
Country - Before we had anchored, His
Highness sent off an Captain of one of his
Frigates to welcome us on our
arrival, and to express His Highness's
great pleasure on seeing an English
Man of War. - I thank'd him for his
attention, and said I was sorry it was
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after sunset, as I could not salute His
 Highness, untill early the next morning,
 when I would do so with 21 Guns. — He
 said they knew our custom very well, and
 that the Flag ship was ready to return our
 salute whenever we began. — He now
 went on shore and I begged him to state
 to His Highness, that I was sent to pay
 respects to him, and to enquire after his
 health; and that I had also Dispatches,
 which I would deliver, at any time, His
 Highness would do me the honour to receive
 me. — The next morning at Daylight
 we fired a Royal Salute, which was
 taken up by the Flagship immediately
 after our last gun, and in the same
 time, so that it appear'd a continuat-
 ion of the same salute, and this
 exactness of returning a Salute, they
 observed in all subsequent firing, taking
 it up at our last Gun. — At 9 o'clock
 the Captain return'd bringing with
 him a present, which he said His High-
 ness had sent for the Captain, ~~and~~ ^{being}

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of two bullocks and vegetables, with a quantity of fruit, sufficient for a dessert for the whole crew; after they had devoured one of the bullocks for dinner. He also brought a message to say, that His Highness would receive me whenever most convenient to myself, I mentioned 10 o'clock and at that hour went on shore. His Highness with his officers, received me at the steps of the Merandah in the most courteous and kind manner, coming up to shake hands and pointing out the way I was to go, followed me to a large room, at the head of which he placed me on his right. We conversed through his interpreter, Captain Hapan of His Highness's Navy, who though an Arab was educated at Bombay, reads, and writes English well, and is His Highness's confidential servant. Captain Hapan is a very pleasant, mild gentlemanly man, and very partial to the English, has been much at Calcutta, Bombay and various parts of India; and is appointed by His Highness,

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Highness, as Agent to the English - and it is through him alone that any thing can be done - After many enquiries for my health, and hoped that I had not suffered by the voyage, he commenced by saying how pleased he was to see an English Ship, and when he heard her fire a gun he was Delighted, as he was sure she must be a Man of War. - He always considered the English, as his best friends, and was happy to see them at all times, and when in his power to shew them every possible attention. - I told him, the friendship was mutual, that the English had a great regard for him, and his subjects, and we were glad to shew our sincerity, whenever we had an opportunity and that in saying this, I was only speaking the sentiments of my country towards him. - We played at compliments for some time in a very pleasant goodhumoured manner when the Interpreter said, that His Highness was more pleased than ever from the beginning

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beginning to the end, and requested I would ask for every thing I wanted. - This was a good opportunity to change the subject, and I then stated, that the ship required to be supplied with Beef, Vegetables, Wood and water &c. His Highness ordered the Boats off immediately, and they brought off a quantity of Water in the course of the afternoon - as this was our first interview I could not very well introduce what I wished, we therefore spoke about the Ships of his Squadron; I admired the Liverpool, a very fine ship of 74 Guns, and told him she was very like the Melville - he said she was English, and all they said or did was good. I told him, we had on board the Imogene, Gun on a new construction, and if he would do me the honor, of visiting the Ship, I should be glad to shew them. -

This he was quite ready to do, and Monday was fixed, to be the day. - Having gone through the ceremony of Drinking Coffee.

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and Herbert, I took my leave, and went on board. — The next day I went to introduce the Officers to His Highness, who was happy to see them, receiving us at the door, and we were shewn into the same room as yesterday, and served with coffee and Herbert. — His Highness, and the young Prince, / his two sons / shaking hands in the most good humoured manner, with all who offered to do so. — When this was over, he told the Interpreter to take a chair near him. — and began in an under voice, saying that his Agent, had been writing to him, about His Highness, having made a Treaty with the Americans, that he had done so, it was true, but not with any intention of injuring, or forgetting his best friends the English, to whom he felt himself so attached, that he was willing to give them every thing, even his country, if they wished it. — That as for the Americans he cared nothing for them, they

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they were nothing to him, his attachment was to the English, he would show me the Treaty and if there was any thing in it, I objected to, he would immediately alter or break it - and send it to America, as he thought nothing of it. As this was the subject, upon which I felt most interested, and as the Officers were all present, and he speaking in an under voice, I proposed sending them away, as putting him more at his ease. - This was the time of their great fast called Ramadam, during which they fast all day and have frequent prayers, the hour for which was now approaching, and he requested I would come the next day at 3. or 4. o'clock, which was always the hour appointed by him, for an interview, we consequently took leave, and returned on board. - The next day I went on shore and after the compliments of the day, His Highness gave me the American Treaty, which he requested I would read, and take on board, and give him my opinion, and that

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he would make any alteration, or break it, if I wished. He asked if the Americans come to attack me, will the English give me their support? I told him, that as I had not yet read the Treaty, I could not say anything about it, but as for the latter question, it required some consideration to answer. It was a great pity, he had made a Treaty without consulting his greatest friends, the English, that he had no occasion to have made any, and that he could have told them, he was very glad to see their Trade, but as for a Treaty, he could not, and would not make one, without the consent and approbation of his great Allies, the English.

He said that is all very right, and true, and in future if any one comes to me to make a Treaty, I will send them off directly to Bombay, telling them I will sign any thing my good friends the English agree to, but it is now too late and the question is, what can I do. If you tell me to break the Treaty, I will

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in case the Americans come to attack me?
do so, but will the English support me?
he began and was going to say, if he had
asked the English, and taken their advice,
he might have had better reason to
expect their support - but he stopped
me short and holding up both his hands,
and laughing said "No - No - No excuse,
no excuse will the English support me?
I will do any thing you like, and break
the Treaty to-morrow. - I told him it was
a question I had no power to answer, and
at present I had not even read the Treaty -
He repeated his wish for me to take it on
board, and give him my opinion, and
advise what to do; I now took leave,
promising carefully to read the Treaty,
and went on board.

In reading the Treaty, I found
that His Highness, had not only given the
Americans, free liberty to live, and to
Dwell at any place they pleased, in his
Dominions and to have Consuls, or Form
Establishments, at any Port, but that he
had also signed away his own right, to
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for a value, on any cargo imported, or exported that the Americans are to pay, 5 percent upon all goods, Imported, which 5 percent is to cover all charges of Exportation, as well as Importation, including, Pilotage, Tonnage, Anchorage, and licence to Trade, nor is any other charge whatever to be made, — and altho' the Americans agree to pay 5 percent, upon their Import Cargoes, yet the value of such Cargoes, are to be fixed by themselves, and neither the Immam, or the Officers of his Majesty, are to interfere. — all the right, opinion and Authority of His Majesty or his Officers are to be — subservient to the will of the Masters of the American Merchant Vessels — and he must take his per centage upon what value they choose to put upon their Cargoes. — And whilst the Masters of the American Vessels, are thus left to pay what they please, the Treaty — grants Art - 8. to the Immam, as an Indulgence, leave to Trade to America,

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in his paying the Duties, and all other charges. —

His Highness says he did not understand the Treaty, and if there is any thing required to prove this, or that this is a most far fetched, and over reaching Treaty, nothing more is necessary than the above facts, or the production of the Treaty itself.

In the course of the day Captain Hoapan came on board, he lives here, and was not at Muscat when the Treaty was made. — He had been present, and was Interpreter at all the Interviews I had with His Highness, and therefore knew all that had passed. He said what a pity it was, that His Highness had not done, as I had said, and as he ought to have done; it would have been so easy, and to use his own words, "things would have gone off so smoothly." That His Highness knew that now, but the time was gone past, and what His Highness wished to know, was, what he could do now.

It was that, which the Imam wished me to tell him. — I said it was easy to have avoided making the Treaty, but

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when once made, it was not so easy to break it. — He said that was very true, — we now sat down to read it over, ~~article~~ by article, he explaining the Arabic to me, and I the English to him; He was surprised, and said the Imam could never have understood it — It was now 10 o'clock, and as the Imam was to visit the ship at 3 P.M. he went on shore, to attend His Highness on board the ship, in compliment to His Highness had been dressed in colours, since in the morning, and at the appointed time all the Boats attended to escort His Highness on board — he coming off in the Barge, which hoisted his Red Flag, the other Boats attending, and forming in two lines. He was received with a Royal Salute, and the Officers in full uniform, and was attended on board by two of his Sons, the Governor / who is his Uncle / and several Officers. — From the Quarter Deck, went to the cabin, where they all took seats,

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and sat for some time, refreshments were offered, but
it being their great fast of Rausadam, none were
accepted. His Highness began, by thanking
me for my great kindness, and attention, that
he could not sufficiently express all he felt,
but that it came from his "inside and from
"the bottom of his heart." As the Liverpool
was laying close under our stern, our attention
was called to her, I admired her very much,
and repeated her great likeness to the Melville.
He said she was a very fine Ship, and built
by the English, and that nothing would
please him so much, as for the English
to have her, that if they would accept
of her, he should be very happy; I
thanked him, and told him I would
faithfully report his munificent offer
to my Admiral. — He said that is what
I wish, and to the Admiralty, and to the
King. — She is in very good condition,
but is too large for the Service of Muscat,
and if the King of England will
accept of her, it will make me very
happy.

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happy. - I will send her to Bombay, or
 if you like, will give her to you here,
 We then went round the ship, and returned
 to the cabin, for a short time, when he
 took his leave apparently highly pleased,
 and with every expression of thanks
 and gratitude. - He proceeded to the
 shore, under a Royal salute. - The
 Boats attending in the same manner
 as they brought him off. - The next
 day I went on shore to see the Emperor
 upon the subject of the Treaty, which
 I had now read. - His Highness began
 our interview, by saying, that Mr.
 Edmund Roberts, who was the
 American Ambassador upon the
 occasion, began his Mission, by
 requesting His Highness to pay
 him some money, due to him
 from His Highness's subjects, upon
 some Commercial transaction, which
 took place five or six years ago,
 when Mr. Roberts was trading upon
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that Coast that he His Highness had refused
to do this, and then Mr. Edmund Roberts
succeeded making the Treaty, and said ~~we~~
allow other ships and people to go, and
settle at Fanzibar, what fault have we
done that we may not do the same;
our little ships go trading all round
the world, and we are now come to show
that great ones can, and will follow them.
His Highness laughed, and said this
was alluding to the Corvette, and Schooner,
but we had seen much larger ships.
He said, I only tell you this that you may
know; that this was the beginning of
the Treaty. — Mr. Edmund Roberts, was
an old, fat, blustering man, and I was
glad to sign the Treaty to get rid of him —
as I did not think it of any importance
I never saw Mr. Edmund Roberts sign it,
nor any one else, nor had it any witnesses,
they brought the paper to me and I signed it.
I told His Highness that he had done
very wrong, in making any Treaty, he
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might have said, he was very glad to see them to Trade, but as for a Treaty, he could not make one, without consulting his Allies, and great Friends, the English.

He said that was very good and very true, but it would have taken a long time to get an answer from Bombay. I said no, I thought not; but if it did so much ^{the} better, if they got tired of waiting they could go away - but it would not take very long. - He said, what I am going to say, is by no means by way of complaint, and merely letting me see, what right he had to expect an answer to a letter from Bombay.

The Admiral would have given me an answer immediately but not the Government of Bombay. I said I perfectly understood the distinction he wished to draw; and he then proceeded, repeated, "what I am going to say, is by no means by way of complaint, for I never complain of the English, and it is only to let you see, if I had any right to -"

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to expect an answer from Bombay, if I had written about the Americans. If I wrote to the Agent at Bushire, he answers me if he pleases, or says, has sent my letter to the Governor of Bombay: and if I write to the Governor of Bombay, he refers me to the Agent at Bushire, and I am now six months without receiving any answer to my letters. I told him it most likely arose from some mistake, or mis carriage - that if he would entrust me with a letter, I would answer for its being delivered - He shook his head, saying, no, no, - He then went on to say, that the King of Persia [His Highness married the Grand Daughter of the Persian King] was going to war with the Chief of the Bushire people, and called upon me to assist him; that he the Imam applied to Major Wilson, or the Bombay Government, for permission to do so. They wrote word, and told me, if you wish to keep the friendship of the English Government, you will not assist the King of Persia. - I therefore did not do so, and wrote to the King of

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Persia; to say, that if you want assistance,
 you must not ask me, you must go
 to some other power. The King of
 Persia, in consequence of this, was very
 angry, and wrote he would have nothing
 more to say to me - and I lost my friend,
 and my relation. - Now, the King of
 Persia, threatens war with me, and I ask
 the English to support me, and have
 been waiting six months for a reply.
 but they will not give me any answer,
 and so between the two stools, I fall to
 the ground. He said I make no complaints,
 and only relate, this to shew you, what
 right I had to expect any answer, if I had
 written to Bombay about the American;
 One thing more I will tell you, and still
 without its being consider'd a complaint.
 Some years since the English wanted,
 and took possession of the Island of Kishm,
 in the Persian Gulf, at which the Persian
 King took great offence, and wished to
 know what right the English had to
 come and take one of his Islands, and
 close to his own Dominions. The
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English applied to me, and I said, it is my
 Island, and my country, and you shall have
 it. The King of Persia was outrageous at
 this, declared War, and marched 7000 Men
 against me, down as far as Sambroom,
 where I met him, and the business was
 settled, and the English kept the Island.
 When the Americans came to Muscat,
 had I a right to expect an answer, if
 I had written, to Bombay. I said - I
 thought he certainly would have had an
 answer. - He then said, I will never in
 future, make a Treaty without their consent.
 I have now received a letter from the French
 Governor of Bourbon, saying he would
 come to Zanzibar, to make a treaty and
 laughing. "I will have nothing to say to
 him, but tell him, to go to Bombay,
 and whatever they agree to, those will
 I sign". I like the English Nation,
 though those who belong to it in this
 Country, are always against me - They
 are the same as my Brothers, my Country,
 is their Country, and if they wish for it,
 and give me a quiet place to retire to,
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they shall have it tomorrow - But the business now is, what am I to do? - I will do any thing you tell me, and if you promise the English to support me, I will send this Treaty, to America tomorrow, and say I cannot comply with it. cannot you do some thing now, immediately, without waiting - I told him, I had no authority to make a Treaty, and the breaking of one, was too serious a thing for ~~me~~ to take upon myself to advise - but the best thing he could do, was, to make out a promise to me, that in future, he would make no Treaty without the consent of the Bombay Government, and that he was quite ready to break the present Treaty if the English wished, and would support him - and to give me also, a copy of the Treaty - This he said, he would do, and directed his Interpreter to get it done, and he would sign it. As I was going away, he said, he wished above all things, to have an English person, always with him, there was a house, quite ready, and he wished, some one would come, and

and live in it, and he would be guided by him, and then you must not blame me. I now took leave and went on board. The next Day I went to receive my Despatches, and take my leave, as this was our last interview. His Highness repeated, almost every thing he had said before, and placed in my hands a paper written in Arabic, at the same time; directing his Interpreter to read over, and explain it to me, he the whole time listening with the greatest attention. This was his written promise, that in future, he would make no Treaty, without the Advice and consent of his Friends the English; and that he was ready to break, the present Treaty with the Americans, whenever the English wished him to do so. He then said if this right, I said Yes, he returned it to me, and said I will give you, the Original Treaty and will keep the Copy for myself. I now received His Highness's Despatches, and after many expressions, of the pleasure he had experienced in having an English Man of War with him, and his great attachment, to the English Nation, he shook my hand, in the

the most friendly manner, wishing me every success, and happiness, he then attended me to the steps, on the beach, where I bowed, and took my leave, and sailed the next morning.

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King of Muscat

The Imaum is said by his Interpreter, to be 44 Years of Age, but he appears to be more. He is a tall, stout and noble looking man, with a benevolent countenance, clear, intelligent sharp eye, and remarkably pleasant and agreeable in conversation. He is greatly attached to the English, and every thing that is English, and appeared to have a pride in telling me, all his saddles were made in England.

He was wounded some years since when in a joint Expedition with the English, and appears to wish to be considered as an Englishman in every thing, whom he says he looks upon us as his brothers, and will willingly give them his Country. He married the grand-daughter of the King of Persia, but in consequence of a quarrel between His Highness and the King of Persia, about the English, he

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lost his Wife, and she is now detained in Persia.
 He has three sons, the eldest 21 Years of age, is
 now in charge of Muscat, and the other two,
 are with him at Zambar - When His Highness
 visited this Island last Year, the eldest Son was
 then left at Muscat, but some disturbance
 taking place, His Highness was obliged to
 return. He has now been here about
 two Months; and it is understood, that if
 things remain quiet at Muscat, he will
 remain here for a Year or two.

His Highness has lately been ^{Queen}
 endeavouring to form an Alliance with the
 Queen of Madagascar, by offering his ^{of} Madagascar
 hand, and sent an Ambassador to the
 Court of Tananarivo for that purpose.
 This Ambassador returned last December,
 and met the Inaam at Samoo, on his
 way down from Muscat. His Highness
 had long been expecting these tender Documents,
 and cruel, as love letters always are, he found,
 contrary to all expectations, that they were
 written in English, not only the letter from
 the Queen but also those from the Ministers
 His Highness had no one, who could
 translate

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Melville in Trincomalee

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Harbour 6th May 1834.

My Lord,

I have the honor to enclose for your Lordship's information Copy of a letter which I addressed to His Highness the Swammy of Muscat upon the receipt of your Lordship's despatch of the 18th Ultimo.

To prevent the possibility of any misunderstanding arising from the further detention of the Original Treaty between His Highness and the Americans I have determined that it shall forthwith be returned to him, and either His Majesty's Ship *Hyacinth* or *Hyacinth*, as the Earl of Clare may decide, both ships being now at Bombay, will proceed with it to Zanzibar.

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General
The Right Honourable

Lord M. C. Bentinck G. C. B. & C. & A.

Governor General and Commander in Chief

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I have referred the whole of the information ~~has~~ obtained by Captain Harts' visit to the Imam of Muscat, to the Lord Commissioners of the Admiralty.

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If in the mean time the Americans seize upon Zangibar and Sir D'Almeida's Squadron upon the plea of his non fulfilment of the Treaty, their position will be ^{very} awkward one with relation to our possessions and Trade in this quarter of the world.

And it cannot be overlooked that Mahomed Ali's Army being at Bushire, he may be induced to seize upon Muscat that Island being in open rebellion against its lawful sovereign the Imam.

I have the
[Signed] John Gore
Vice Admiral and
Commander in Chief -

Your Lordship not having expressed any wish to the contrary, I propose having Triconicals for the Mauritius on the 10th Instant

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and shall probably be at Madras by the
1st of August, at latest - Orders are left
at Madras for Ships of War to bring to me
any Despatches which may arrive there
to my address -

(Signed) J. G.

[True Copy]

H. H. Munro
Secy to the Govt

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Secret Department

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To
S. R. Reid Esquire,
Acting Chief Secretary to Government,
Bombay

Sir

I have had the honor to receive your letter N^o 1387, in this Department under date the 30th August last transmitting for my information, a copy of a communication from the officiating Secretary in attendance on the Right Honble the Governor General of India, conveying His Lordship's sentiments on the several points adverted to in my despatches from Muscat -

I In expressing the gratification I derived, in learning that my proceedings

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closing my tour of the Arabian Coast
 in my month of July last, have been
 honored by the approbation and sanction
 of His Lordship, I proceed in com-
 -pliance with the intimation conveyed
 in the 2^d paragraph of your letter, to report
 the extent of pecuniary credit, which may
 be required in order to enable me to carry
 into effect the instructions contained in
 the 14th Paragraph of Mr. Maddock's
 despatch of the 1st August -

3^d The authority given by the Right
 Honble. the Governor General, to afford
 assistance in munitions of war and pro-
 visions to such of the Chieftains and

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States of Arabia, as may be acting bona
 fide in their professed determination to
 maintain their own independence, and
 to resist the pretensions and encroachments
 of the Egyptians and their agents, will
 I have great hopes be attended with
 favourable results, and these will doubtless
 be increased by the additional authority
 to add pecuniary aid, when it may be
 deemed requisite - The Military Stores
 lately sent up from the Presidency by the
 Barque Sir Herbert Corripton, in com-
 pliance with my request, will enable me
 to afford supplies of ammunition in
 cases where this may be done to advan-
 tage. - It is difficult at the present
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moment to say exactly what amount in cash will be necessary to carry out the views of the Right Honorable the Governor General, because much must depend upon the proceedings and movements of Khorshed Pasha. I would however request that a credit to the extent of 25,000 Crowns should be afforded me, altho' I trust our objects may be attained by the expenditure of a smaller sum -

4. Supposing Sued bin Mootluk to be sent back into Oman by Khorshed Pasha with a body of Madgdy Bedouins, but unsupported by either regular Troops or Guns he will not be able to establish himself