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The most important of the above communications, is Captain Hennell's letter dated 9th Instant, N^o 63, with which that Gen^l forwards Extracts from two letters to his address, from Dⁿ Reich, dated the 10th April and 11th ultimo.

In the former of these Extracts Dⁿ Reich reports that, on the 21st March last, the Persian Garrison of Herat, and surrendered up that fortress to the Herat Government, a measure which is stated to have been entirely impalatable to the Vizier of Herat, as being too public a demonstration of a friendly disposition between Great Britain and Persia.

In the Extract of the 11th ultimo, Dⁿ Reich reports his arrival at Herat, on the 5th of the same month, and states that, on reaching that Capital, he found affairs in a very unsatisfactory situation, His Persian Majesty having immediately accepted the offer of allegiance.

प्रोफेसर, सुरक्षित राष्ट्रीय अभिलेखागार

proffered to him by Kamran Shah, thro
the Mission of Sher Mahomed Khan, a
reconferred the Government of Herat, on
Kamran Shah.

5. I am desired to state, for the
information of His Lordship in Council,
that a copy of Captain Keenell's com-
munication above alluded to, has been
this day forwarded for the information
of Sir W. H. Maccriaghten.

6. The information contained in Cap
Keenell's letter dated the 9th Instant, No 62
regarding the erection, at the present moment,
of a Fort at Bishire, by Sheik Nasin, on the
flanks of the Town Walls, close to the Back-
water, appears to this Government to be de-
=serving of attention, whenever any arrange-
=ment may be in contemplation, for the
surrender by the British Government, of
the Island of Karraack.

I am further desired, on this
occasion, to transmit to you, for submission
to the Right Honble the Governor General

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Indian Council, an original despatch
your address from Colonel Sheil, Her
Majesty's Charge d'affaires
the Court of Persia, dated the 19th
to which herewith, together with the original
communications, noted in the margin,
from Lieut Colonel Taylor, Political
Agent at Kabul, which also
had their forwarding, under a flagging
by the British Company's schooner

* Secret Dept
d/5 April 1841 20.16.
" 5th 18. - 18.
Coll. Dept
dated 20th March 1841
28.36.

Have the honor to be

Sir

Your obedient servant

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Secretary to Govt

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From

The Chief Secretary to Government

Bombay.

To

F. Currie Esquire

Secretary to the Government of India

Political Department

Dated 9th May 1843.

Sir

With reference to your letter dated the 6th Instant No. 19.53. I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to transmit to you for submission to the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council a copy of one from the Resident in the Persian Gulf dated the 28th March last, No. 140 forming translations of two Communications from the Acting Consul Agent at Muscat, reporting the measures proposed to be adopted by the authorities at that place consequent on the heavy demands made on them for tribute by Saïd Saïd Molluch the Arabian Agent at Muscat, together with copy of my reply of the 24th.

From this correspondence His Excellency in Council will observe that with reference to the present state of Affairs in the Persian Gulf, a requisition has been made

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by this Government for the Service of His
Majesty's Fleet of War Ships, to proceed to
that quarter, for the purpose of rendering any
Service which may be required by the President
at Bushire.

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Bombay Castle,
20th May 1805.

It gives the honor to be
Sir,

Your Most Obedient Servant

Francis Baily
(Chief Secretary)

Copy to the Secretary

Received the Secretary to
the Board of Admiralty
Dated 20th May 1805
By
E. B. Bailey
June 13th 1805
Francis Baily
Chief Secretary

1805: 20th May

By
E. B. Bailey

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From

Major Hemmell

Resident in the Persian Gulf

To,

L. P. W. S. Esquire

Chief Secretary to Government

Bombay

Political Dept.

Bushie 28th March 1845

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit for the information of the Honble the Governor in Council the accompanying translations of the substance of letters from the Agent, Messrs dated the 24th February and 12th March, reporting the measures proposed by the local authorities of that place, consequent upon the heavy demands made on them for tribute, by Saed bin Moolluck the Wakeran Agent by name.

The position of affairs in that Quarter is exceedingly unsatisfactory, and it is greatly to be desired, that His Highness the Sultan should pay a speedy visit to his Arabian Possessions. The Chief of Sohar, Syed Ahmed bin Azam, is a person of considerable talent and energy, and were he to be fully and efficiently supported

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by the authorities of Illuscut, it should not be surprised were he able to check the advances of the Wahabee authority over the territories of himself, and his Highness the Sumran, but the feeble and vacillating policy, which characterizes the Local Government of Syed Sa'ayid, leaves me but little hope of his following out the firm and decided course, which the present crisis apparently so urgently requires.

I have addressed letters to the Khairat, Bahian Chiefs, enjoining them that the establishment of the Wahabee Power in Quina, will matter no alteration whatever in the policy hitherto pursued by us with respect to the suppression of piracy; and at the same time intimating, that in a rebellion on their part to join or aid in several aggressions upon the territories or Coasts of His Highness the Sumran of Illuscut will be viewed with deep displeasure by the British Government, and treated accordingly.

In expressing a hope that it may be favored as early as possible with the sentiments of the Honble the Committee Council regarding the measures to be adopted in the event of the independence of Illuscut being threatened by the Wahabee Agents;

Residency in the Persian Gulf
10.9.50

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Yours faithfully,
Resident in the Persian Gulf

Confidly
W. H. Murray
Examined

No 17 of 1841
 To J. P. Willoughby Esq
 Secretary to the Govt

Sur. Bombay

I have the honor to forward
 for the information of the Honble
 the Governor and Council the ac-
 companying copies of two reports
 to the Honble the Secret Committee.

W. H. C. Esq
 Secy to the Govt
 Calcutta 22nd May 1841

I have the honor to be
 Sir J. P. Willoughby
 President of the
 Secret Committee

To J. P. Willoughby Esq
 Secretary to the Secret Committee
 of the East India Company
 London

By last letter to the Honble
 the Secret Committee of the
 Govt of Bombay was dated the 11th
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 I have now the honor to
 report

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report from information my
collected this day from the
course of the Arabian coast referred
to in the paragraph of my last
communication -

In the course of this tour,
I visited the several parts not in
the sea, and had interviews with
the heads of Rasal Khayma, Amul,
Dabaye and Abothabee,
and the Committee of the
be gratified to learn that (with the
exception of family quarrels in
Ajman which prevented the
of that place from meeting me)
I found tranquillity and peace
everywhere prevailing. I am happy
to find that the proposed treaty
of commerce has been for the ensuing
year, and this was most cordially
entertained, and accordingly
of the former
Even the British
I anticipated

- * Angam.
- Rasal Khayma.
- Amulgavine.
- Esman.
- Shargah.
- Dabaye.
- Abothabee.
- Kem...

The first part of the paper is devoted
 to a general statement of the
 principles which should govern the
 conduct of the Government
 in the management of the
 public lands. It is stated that
 the Government should act as a
 trustee for the people, and should
 use the lands in a manner
 that will best promote the
 interests of the Nation.
 It is also stated that the
 Government should not alienate
 the lands, except in cases
 where it is necessary for
 the public good, and that
 the proceeds of any such
 alienation should be applied
 to the improvement of the
 public lands. The paper
 concludes with a statement
 of the author's views on
 the subject of land control.

Central Asiatic Republics
 I have a number in boxes of the
 sort of disaffection now developing
 in that Country, and which
 has been not a little encouraged
 by the recent report of the
 sub having announced that
 they had been shut out from
 still continues to address letters to
 the Chiefs of Omdurman, warning
 them of approaching disaster, but
 these intonations have been
 given, and proved to be
 that of good omen, that they
 would not be a little of any
 sort of danger to the
 British on the other hand
 are determined to have their
 hands on the front of
 the Sultan to interfere with their
 independence, and all that is
 to be feared is a little reliance
 on the British, still as

The... power lately
 established, and the impression made
 by the steady and determinate line
 of policy pursued by us in this
 quarter. I am inclined to believe
 that for the present they are tolerably
 satisfied. Altogether I consider the
 state of affairs as most satisfactory.
 I have the honor to permit me to con-
 gratulate the Government
 upon the bold and enterprising
 establishment of its influence
 in the Gulf.

I have the honor
 to remain, Sir,
 your obedient servant,
 Wm. B. Ewell
 President of the Gulf

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Secret Department

To
J. P. M'Laughlin Esquire
Secretary to Government
Bombay

I have the honor to forward for the information of the Honorable the Governor in Council the accompanying copy of a report to the Honorable the Secret Committee

I have the honor to be
Resident in the Persian Gulf
Resident in the Persian Gulf

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The Honble the Secret Committee
of the Honble the Court of Directors
of the East India Company
London

It is with much grati-
fication I have the honor to report,
in conformity with the satisfac-
tion expressed by the Squadron
Commander in Chief of the
East Indies, of the success which
attended the attack of Biddah
and the capture of the fortress of
Biddah, and the protection to
the latter for aggression
committed by the Defendants on
the 1st of April 1781, in viola-
tion of the terms of the Capitulation
of Biddah. The Honble Committee will
be pleased to have with pleasure that
the terms of the Capitulation have
been

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been attacked without bloodshed
 The warfiles now made
 will doubtless produce highly
 beneficial results, and greatly
 promote our views in this quar-
 ter. The individual who was
 persecuted by the private residing
 under the protection of Salween
 being a subject of
 His Majesty's Government, the
 Service Chief, the justice done
 to that numerous tribe,
 will not fail to impress them
 with the conviction of the deter-
 mination of the British Govern-
 ment to put down piracy by
 all means, committed or protected
 in other instances, and
 having been made by Shah
 Alitoom of Delays on account
 of those members of the King's
 who suffered from the in-
 justice of the Marston Peace

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copy of the same sent to
 the Honble the Governor. Paper
 enclosed for the acceptance of the
 Government. The same is now in
 the hands of the Honble the
 Secretary to the Government.
 I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 your obedient servant,
 J. P. [Signature]
 Secretary to the Government

Portugal and India are everywhere
 present and generally credited
 by the Portuguese and indeed it
 is in consequence of this belief
 that Shaka Masca has suspended
 all the restrictions upon the in-
 tercourse with Kavarak as if
 after a long description and
 it is fully all credit to be
 started from the line, and
 further place.

8th Kavarak continues healthy
 and is daily increasing in pop-
 ulation. Merchants are now
 beginning to settle on the island,
 and several applications for per-
 mits to erect permanent
 buildings have lately been pre-
 pared by them, and there are
 reports of the Mayor. There is not
 the least doubt that in this
 island to be permanently ruled

by

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By order of Great Britain, it
is hereby declared that a most
favourable place, and well
situated, in the East Indies, and
especially in the trade of this
Country, in the West of India and
the East Indies.

From the year to be
of J. B. Smith.

Residence the
of J. B. Smith.

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of J. B. Smith.

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of J. B. Smith.

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of J. B. Smith.

[Signature]

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Secret Department.

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To,
The Honorable the Secret Committee
of the Honorable the Court of Directors
of the East India Company.
London.

Honorable Sirs,

Nothing of importance has
taken place since I last addressed your
Honorable Committee on the 10th ultimo.

My last letter from Telsau
was dated the 3^d of February and those
from the Queen's Ambassador to the
Government of India of that date were
forwarded to Bombay on the 25th ultimo
by the Schooner *Unity*. No letters have
been received here from India since
the 14th of January. The Troops
reported in my last to be detained
for boats, are still almost all here,
two small Country boats being all
that

that could be procured and these con-
veyed away only a small portion
of them. This Island is consequent-
ly still not evacuated and the Troops
of Allee Khan of Lar, under the
Command of his Nephew Loof Allee
Khan are waiting in Bushire for
my summons to come across.

9. Hoossein ally Khan, the
Courtier deputed to escort me to Bushire
having become very urgent that he
should not be any longer detained
I invited him to visit me to re-
ceive his dismissal as I explained
to him, that it would be out of
my power to return to Bushire at
present, in consequence of the in-
trigues of Sheikh Nafair, the Go-
vernour of Bushire, to mislead the
inhabitants of this Island. He
has replied that he will be very
happy

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happy to come over to Karack as
soon as he could walk, which
he is at present unable to do.

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4. Sheikh Nafis, the Governor
of Bushire, deputed Sheikh Sullah,
(a respectable man) to this island
to give assurances to the Islanders
of their safety from oppression, &
when the island should be delivered
up to him Sheikh Nafis's protesta-
-tions were not depended on by the
inhabitants from the first, and
they were confirmed in their opinion
of their worthlessness, by Sheikh
Sullah asking them for a sum of
money for Sheikh Nafis's kindness—
Sheikh Sullah at the same time
told them, that a garrison of 200
soldiers, arrived at Bushire for Karack,
were to be under Sheikh Nafis's
consideration

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considered it advisable to permit these negotiations to develop themselves before allowing it to be guessed, what course I intended to adopt. At length the inhabitants having received no assurance from me, and believing themselves within the fangs of their oppressor, packed up their property, and were embarking it with the intention of emigrating to Arabia or Turkey, when they came to take leave of Colonel Davis, and informed him of their reasons for going away. Colonel Davis reported to me, and I then pledged the British Government to see the Shah of Persia's firman carried into full execution by taking care that the inhabitants of Karraek should suffer no molestation whatever on account of their

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their having submitted to, and served the English. I also wrote to Sheikh Nasser to inform him of my proceeding, and that I could not acknowledge him as the person who was to receive this Island in charge for the King of Persia, and that if, as Sheikh Sallah had told me, he had really received from the Vizier of the Firman Firmo, a Commission to take the Island I should refer the question to Tehran before delivering it up. I received a pretful answer, as might have been expected, from Sheikh Nasser, but devoid of all pretension or pretence to dispute the propriety of my refusal to give the Island up to him, altho the Prince of Sheeraz was then at Bushire, ready to refer to, had I trench'd on His Highness's prerogative.

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prerogative. If His Royal Highness ever gave such an order, and Sheikh Sallah assured me he had, he has chosen not to bring its propriety to the test of a discussion at Tehran and in point of fact the subsequent arrival of Lotf Allah Khan of Lar to carry out the provisions of the King's ferman, settles the justice of my resistance. Under these circumstances I may find it necessary to remain on this island for two or three months, in order to redeem my pledge to the inhabitants, on their parts they are quite satisfied with my assurance and are happy.

News of a rebellion having broken out in Persia on the borders of the Turkish Provinces near Hermandshah has reached me, but is too indistinct to

form to enable me to judge of its extent.

The Prince of Sheeraz came

to Bushire, as it had been expected he

would, about three weeks ago. He will

stay there it is said for a fortnight

longer. His Royal Highness' presence is

thus characterized by an Armenian Mer-

chant in a letter to me. "The inhabitants

"are in a sad heart, and away in mind,

"as a vessel at sea when attacked by

"storm frightened whether may be saved

"or not - not knowing what will hap-

"pen to them, so long as Prince remains"

The Prince has pardoned Sheikh Hajji

a former Governor of Bushire thro'

the intercession of Sheikh Hajjain the

Case provided he pays Three thousand

out of seven thousand Tomans, the

amount

amount adjudged for him to pay to clear
 him from his offences. The Prince
 is attended by the son of Hoossein Alla
 Meerza a humane and just man,
 and by Meerza Saaduck, whose
 cruelty and rapacity are unbounded.
 Alla Huss Khan the brother of Khan
 Alla Khan, whose eyes had been
 scooped out on a previous occasion,
 was put to death by the Prince
 at a Messinee, and his wives and
 children, about forty in number,

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were sent as Prisoners to Scheraz. The
Prince received a firman from the
King to go to Bushire to settle the
affairs of that town, and to show
every possible civility and Kindness
to the English Resident -

7 The news of the murder
of Abdollah bin Saonyum in Reyaz,
the Capital of ~~Arak~~ has been con-
-tradicted, and it is said that he continues
to govern Reyaz. His power is however

limited

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limited to that town, and does not extend far among the Bedouin tribes, Amur Khalid is occupied in reconquering Hatif and Lalsah. He has taken the town of Ayca, on the road to Lalsah, and is now besieging Et. Hatif after burning all the villages in its vicinity. The oil he receives from the Sheikhs of Bahrein is considerable. Sheikh Moorabit the son of Abdolla bin Ahmed has joined him with five hundred soldiers of Bahrein, and by his influence among the Bedouins from possessing Guttur on the main land, a body of two thousand of them has been collected. It is evident that so long as Modjd and Lalsah are thus harassed by contending chiefs there does not exist any chance of an invasion of Arabia.

I have

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3. I have written to Thakee.
-fa bin Shakhbakt the Chief of
Abcottabad; whose attacks by
land on Sultan bin Suggur
during the season of the Pearl
fishery, obliged him to keep
many of his boats and men
at Sharga, to defend their homes,
that it does not seem fair to
him to attack his enemy by
land at that season; and that
I hope he will hereafter agree
to a land truce with him for
the period of the Pearl fish-
ing, I fully explained to Thakee
-fa why I submitted such
a hope, and I may chiefly
mention to you Thakee bin
-fa's opinion that Thakee is much
more powerful by land than
by sea, while Sultan bin Sug-
gur's strength is chiefly Marine
& time

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Marston, and that my ar-
 gument is, that it is not just
 to strip from Marston
 aggression which is his power
 and strength. Marston's strength
 at the very least, when his
 necessary not being bound not
 to attack him by land, his
 people thereby lose their means
 of subsistence for the year. The
 price of the article which I have
 proposed for a more observance
 of strict and engagement as I
 wish. I had to subscribe to,
 with in no ways implicate a
 Government in interfering with
 the land guards of the shield
 and the Committee will be
 pleased to understand that if the
 Marston force were not in a
 position, which Sultan would
 easily capture all the Pearl-
 fishing

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fishing boats of Kheulapa, and
 their mood than punish him
 for any aggression Kheulapa
 makes upon him by land.
 I am hopeful that the constant
 enmity between these Chiefs
 may be superseded altogether
 when Kheulapa finds his rival
 stands on terms of greater
 equality with him. I am how-
 ever doubtful whether Kheul-
 apa will willingly accede to my
 proposal, but as it is quite
 quite obvious he may dis-
 cover fear although he is
 as well known, not much
 subject to that passion.

I have the honor to be
 Yours
 H. C. Robertson
 Officiating Resident
 in the Persian Gulf

P.S.

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P.S. I have just received letters from Muscat in which the progress of the French Corvette La "Faronite" is mentioned - After leaving Babuine she touched at Nicobar which island the Captain explored - She then went to Baime - des - Alaps and stayed there four days, then to Ormy which the Captain traversed - then to Muscat where she fired no salute, and held no intercourse with the Indians - She had been in Muscat for a fortnight and filled up her water - Reports of her next voyage were contradictory - First it was given out that she was to go to Bombay then that she was to go first to Ormy and a third report was that she was to sail to Chocma direct - A Brig which left Muscat after the state of

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my letters stated that she was
positively to revisit the Red-
Sea and thence to go to China-
and that her object in going
to Yunnan and Hedjaz was to
pick up some travellers, two
travellers whom she took up
at Babelue, calling themselves
Italians, and still with her at
Muscat, but one of them had
been recognized at Muscat as
an American. It is possible that
some one may have been landed
from the Corvette at Matif to
travel across Arabia, although
I have no information to that ef-
fect. The Consul of Bahrein
is absent from his post from ill health.

Signed H. D. Robertson
Offt Post in the P. G.

True Copy

Signed H. D. Robertson
Offt Post in the P. G.

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Political Department

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Captain J. Holwell
Resident in the Persian Gulf

J. P. Willoughby Esquire
Chief Secretary to the Government
Bombay

Bombay 29 November 1841

It is with pleasure the honor to
enclose for the information of the Hon^{ble} the
Governor in Council the accompanying translation
of a letter from Sheikh Mirkhadim the Chief of
Shargah to my ad reported the 9th ultimo, in
which he states that in the return to Debag of
some of his subjects who had been guilty of
murder upon the boat of Madras had been
detained at Shargah he immediately
placed them in confinement, and having recovered
the property taken, had restored it to the lawful
owner. The Sheikh proceeds to say that having
heard of the security station for the good behaviour
of the Princes of Shargah by the Residents
in that times he has voluntarily inflicted a fine
of 1000 on those of his own people who had
been the instrument of the crimes above alluded

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The British Government has to be held
 responsible for the aggression of the
 1. The first aggression was the aggression
 2. stated that it was the aggression of the
 3. British Government in their arrival
 4. I claim for the proceedings which they had
 here greatly damaged the property as they
 5. etc. etc. etc. etc. etc. etc. etc. etc. etc.
 6. have been taken into the possession of the
 7. and the property has been damaged
 8. but in the year of 1857 I will be a few
 9. years in the history of the aggression upon the
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मन्त्रालय, मुंबई राज्य प्रसिद्धि
 भारत सरकार के कार्यालय

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I have the pleasure to inform you all
 that the book which I gave into the hands of your
 Highness the Maharaja of Mysore who will probably
 inform you your views are desirable. He likes
 the book very much and says that the whole of that
 book is of great value to his people by the
 Maharaja's Highness the dependent of Mysore has written
 a paper which has been sent me by the hands
 of the Maharaja of Mysore. It is a most interesting
 paper and I have been very much interested
 in it. I have also been very much interested
 in the paper which you have written on the
 subject of the Mysore State. It is a most
 interesting paper and I have been very much
 interested in it.

As for the views of affairs in land, all
 the great and petty in every quarter, and will be
 of great value to the Government.

Yours faithfully,
 J. B. Humbert
 Chief Secretary
 Mysore State

J. B. Humbert
 Chief Secretary

Copy to
 Mr. [Name]
 Mr. [Name]

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True Translation
/ signed / S. Hemell

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Abstract

Draft of a letter from the President to His Highness the
Prinsep of Mysore dated 1st August 1933.

After Compliments and acknowledge-
ment of the receipt of His Highness's letter.

With respect to the remark alluded
to by His Highness, I beg to assure your Highness that
the intelligence of it occasioned me the greatest astonishment
and regret - unable to comprehend the motives for such a
Proceeding. I deem it most becoming to abstain from every
Comment upon the merits of the case and would, much
reunish, that whatever determination your Highness
may adopt, it cannot be denied, that the opposite party
have acted in disregard of the general feeling upon such
matters. In conclusion, I beg leave to add that
the content of your Highness's letter and of this reply
will be reported to the Bombay Government and
should any suggestions be offered for your Highness's
consideration, I shall lose no time in acquainting
your Highness with the purport of them.

True

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1 True Copy /
1 signed J. H. Blane

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Resident

1 True Copy /
1 signed C. A. M. S.

Chief Secretary

No. 19 of 1833

Political Department

St

Charles A. M. S. Esq.

Chief Secretary to Government

Bombay

Sir,

In continuation of the subject of my letter
of 23rd April last, reporting the expulsion of the
Rajah of Mysore, the Prince Regent from the
Government of Mysore; I have the honor to
transmit a "Proclamation" with Translation, from
His Highness the Prince Regent, regarding
one of the determinations, which he had been in-
duced to adopt with reference to the Proceedings
of the Insurgents on this occasion.

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2 Mrs. Jugal Kishore "Junior Merga" has in the interim, been admitted into the Town on the alleged conditions of his bringing forward documents and of his returning after a short stay and leaving the Government in the hands of his infant son and some other nominal representatives. The number of his followers is stated, however, to be gradually increasing and symptoms of disunion having shown themselves amongst the insurgent ranks, it is not supposed that their power will be of long continuance. -

3 To repeat on every opportunity the professions of impartiality to take any part in the affairs of this Government, is the clearest defiance of my duty, and my reply, of which I herewith enclosed a Draft, was accordingly to this effect. The necessity of a strict adherence to this rule has, at the same time, been further demonstrated by the events here referred to, which have clearly shown, how little protection or redress could be expected from the Government in the case where a dependence is placed upon the conduct of the Chiefs on the other -

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Bushie Residence } Have We:
9th June 1853. } signed J. A. Blane

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Translation of a Petition from His Highness
the Prince of Siam addressed to the
Resident in the Siam Gulf.

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Having been exceedingly sorry to hear
that on the highly irregular and reprehensible
proceedings of the People of Siam, and Siamy
in the Town of Bushie, being represented to us we
had determined that the most summary and com-
-passionate punishment should be instantly inflicted
upon the perpetrators of such an outrage; al-
-though it was to be apprehended that many in-
-nocent persons would become involved among the
guilty. Shortly afterwards Communications were
received from the aforementioned Individuals,
explaining that they had been reluctantly com-
-pelled to act as they had done owing to the out
conduct of the Ministers of Prince Rama Cooki Niza
and after humbly entreating for pardon and
forgiveness had expressed a hope, that we would
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be pleased to appoint our dear Prince Saur
Merza to the Government of Bushire, & his ex-
cellency the Begum or Mooluck at the same
time, interceded and pledged himself for their
future good behaviour and likewise represented
the misery that would be inflicted upon many
innocent individuals and which our displeasure
remain unappeased. We have at length deter-
mined to warrant their Proceedings and have dis-
patched Feroze Khan our Colonel Peshkedar
with a Khilat investing our dear Prince Saur
Merza with the Government of those parts. We are informed
of this circumstance and desire that you considering
the very special favor we bear towards you, you
will diligently employ yourself in the duties of
your situation, and use every exertion to meet
the wishes of our dear in all respects. -

Your Trustant

John S. Russell

Asst. to the Post

Draft for letter from the British in the Persian
Empire to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

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Political Department

To,

J. P. Willoughby Esq^{re}
Secretary to Government
Bombay

For,

I am enclosing the accompanying translation of a letter from Said Souring the Acting Governor of Muscat to my address. I have the honor to request for the information of the Honorable the Governor in Council, that the vessel mentioned alluded to as having been detained in Bushire, is the "Mombassa" belonging to Sheikh Abdol Rahiman of Bushire. This Regla as stated in the 3rd paragraph of my public letter No. 5 in this Department was sent up to the Port of Bushire with the small portion of the cargo received from the wreck of the Sultet. Col. Rahiman, who is the best choice

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chose to give up to the Owners. Some
 time after these Goods had been landed,
 the Makloda of the Mombasa, had
 the folly, not only to bring that Ship
 from the woods (where she was per-
 -fectly safe) into the inner Harbour,
 but also to have her drawn up in
 the shore near the Town, in order
 to make some petty repairs. This
 incautious proceeding, was imme-
 -diately taken advantage of by the
 Governor, Mirza Abbas, who, upon
 the grounds of the injury inflicted
 upon Persian Merchants in the
 case of the Cargo of the Sultan Aol
 Rahman by the Kishor Sheik, im-
 -mediately took possession of this
 Buzla, and now refuses to allow
 her to be taken away, without the
 payment of a sum of Money.

On this intelligence reach-
 ing Sheik Abdool Rahman, he
 despatched

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despatched his son, with four large
 Breglas to Bushire, in order to ef-
 fect if possible the liberation of the
 detained Rebel. The Russian Fleet is
 reached this port a few days ago,
 and I received from its Command-
 er, a letter, forwarding the commu-
 nication from the Governor of Muscat
 referred to in the 1st paragraph; at
 the same time he requested my
 instructions as to how he was to
 proceed. In reply I declined
 interfering in the affair, as I con-
 sidered that the unwisely irregu-
 lar conduct of Saïd Al-Balool
 Bahmanee in regard to the Persian
 property which had fallen into
 his possession, deprived him of all
 claims to our support. These reasons
 I have detailed somewhat more fully
 in my reply to His Highness Saïd
 Soowey, a copy of which I send to
 myself

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