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to his being sent there with the next despatches,  
 or in any case, before the setting in of the Monsoon.  
 5. ~~It is to be understood that we do not conceive~~  
 that our interests will suffer at Roshir from a  
 temporary withdrawal of the *Albatross* and *Talland*.  
 The *Constance* remaining here for the time should  
 however any thing unforeseen occurring, advantage  
 will be derived to dispatch a special boat across the  
 sea to communicate with us without delay.

I have the honor to be  
 Dear Sir,  
 Yours truly,  
~~John C. Sturges~~  
~~Commander U.S. Navy~~  
~~North Pacific Ocean Gulf~~  
 From  
 Commodore C. Sturges U.S.N.  
 Commanding Pacific Gulf Squadron

~~Commander J. Jones U.S.N.~~  
 acting Commanding Pacific Gulf  
 "Talland" Pacific Roads.  
 April 25. 1856

Sir  
 With reference to the 2. para of your  
 letter of this date, you intimate your intention  
 of proceeding to Roshir about the 1. of proximo  
 and request that arrangements may be made  
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for the reception of yourself and suite on board one of the vessels of the squadron

2. I am fully aware of the custom which has generally been followed here that the President when pursued by his annual tour or on other duty afloat, is accommodated on board the Commodore's vessel and I should not think the present occasion have contemplated a deviation from the custom, were it not that the Cabin of the "Holland" is much too limited and confined even for myself and is totally insufficient for the addition of yourself and suite; it is a notorious fact that no vessel in the service except the two Schooners and Regattive is more

Under these circumstances I have the honor to inform you that I have issued orders for your reception on board the "Ayidaha" which vessel is ready and can start any day you may intimate to be your wish to embark.

I have the honor to be very  
Signed / C. Thomas  
Commodore U.S.N.

P.S. Have the goodness to let me know the names of the officers comprising your suite and the number of followers.

Done by  
Wm. F. Osborne

Copy sent to  
Comd. U.S.N.



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Apr 24 1856  
Secret Department

From

Commodore P. Ettesney, U.S.N.  
Commanding Persian Gulf Squadron

To

Commander J. Jones, U.S.N.  
acting Resident Bahrein

Sir

In reporting the arrival of the  
Serranus from Persia, I have the honor to  
intimate that the three vessels "Fakhree", "Ajdah",  
and "Serranus" will be ready to leave this for  
Bahrein tomorrow morning.

H. C. Condit, U.S.N.  
Resident Bahrein  
May 2, 1856

I have the honor to be  
Signed, P. Ettesney  
Commodore U.S.N.

True copy  
Signed, W. F. Dabrowac  
acting Resident Bahrein Gulf

True copies

W. H. Dabrowac

Secretary, to Govt.

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Secret Department

No 748 of 1842.

From Lieut Colonel H. D. Robertson  
Officiating Resident Persian Gulf

L. R. Reid Esq  
Chief Secy. to Govt.

Dated 25<sup>th</sup> June 1842

Sir

I have the honor to enclose for the information of Government, a translation of a letter from Lutf Ally Khan the Persian Commandier of the forces in Karachi, respecting the rates of Pilotage to be charged in future by the Pilots of the Island, together with a Copy of my reply.

I have written so fully to Lutf Ally Khan that it only remains for me to express my hope, that Government will approve of my reply, since I could not with justice have urged the continuance of the new system on the pilots without promising them an indemnification in case of the Persian Government reverting to the old system, or without promising them a firmness from the King of Persia adopting the new system. The first course would have been altogether unwise I conceive and the attainment of the second doubtful for Sir John McNeill

instead



instead of procuring a firman on my representations to him of this subject, under date the 15<sup>th</sup> of February, last, merely referred me to His Honor in Council for instructions.

3. If Government is desirous of retaining the new system, I respectfully suggest, that letters to that effect should be addressed to Colonel Sheil, since the Resident here, I imagine, has no power to prevent the Persian Government from taking what rates it pleases, and if by his personal influence he should induce the Pilots to adhere to the new system he would, in justice, I suppose, be bound to indemnify them for following his advice. Should the Persian Government take another view of the question I shall send a copy of this letter to Colonel Sheil and of Mr. Willoughby's letter dated 24<sup>th</sup> March A. 491.

Residence in the  
Persian Gulf  
Karrack  
June 21<sup>st</sup> 1842

I have the honor to  
be signed  
W. D. Robertson

Offg. Resid. Persian Gulf

Translation

Translation of a letter from  
 Lutf Allee Khan Laroo commanding the  
 Kharg to Lieutenant Colonel Robertson  
 officiating Resident, Persian Gulf, dated  
 19<sup>th</sup> June 1842.

Sir, Touching the rates of Pay  
 to the Pilots of this Island, I have learnt  
 that formerly a different System  
 prevailed, their pay was fixed, they re-  
 tained their own portion, and paid  
 the remainder to Government. This  
 you are doubtless aware of, as also  
 that after the arrival and settle-  
 ment of the British Force here, the  
 old System was entirely changed,  
 and a new one established by the  
 British Authorities. By reason of  
 which, I perceive that, whenever it  
 shall please the Persian Government

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to claim its own share according to the old rates from the Pilots, paid according to the new. These poor fellows will be able to retain nothing for themselves moreover will be compelled to make up from their own pockets - and again if they retain their pay, The Government will be the loser, so whenever the Shah may require the Government Tax to be levied - what is to be done? and what system to prevail? At all events it is necessary that I should give you information that should you deem it right, and be a well wisher of these helpless Pilots you may exert yourself with your Government to have the old system reestablished that the tax being levied - These poor fellows might yet



yet gain their livelihood.

True Transaction

signed A. B. Kimball

Asst. Resident P.G.

True Copy

signed A. B. Kimball

Asst. Resident Persian Gulf.

Letter from Lieutenant Colonel  
H. D. Robertson officiating Resident  
Persian Gulf, to Looft Allah Khan  
dated Karrack 21<sup>st</sup> June 1842.

I have received your letter  
respecting the Pilot fees of the  
Karrack Pilots, and in reply, beg  
to inform you that my Govern-  
ment has as yet given no orders  
about these fees beyond changing the  
old system of them, and desiring  
the new system to be maintained.

What

What you say about the effect,  
on the Pilots, of the Persian Govern-  
ment obliging them to pay a tax to  
it, at the old rates, while ships only  
pay for their services according to  
the new rates, is very obvious, and is  
known to me, and this result must  
happen, either that the new system  
must be abolished, or if it is retained  
that the Persian Government must  
submit to lose its old tax.

If the Pilots fear, that the  
Persian Government will not  
maintain the new system, and  
that they will be hereafter charged  
for the tax on ships which have  
sailed out of their reach, it would  
certainly be prudent on their  
part to exact Pilotage Fees ac-  
cording

according to the old rates, since I have  
 no power to be their surety for an  
 indemnification for the difference of  
 rates, either from Captains of Mer-  
 chant's ships, or from Government  
 on account of ships not belonging  
 to itself. By realizing the greater  
 sum they save themselves from pos-  
 sible loss, and they can necessarily  
 restore it to those from whom it  
 may be taken, should the new  
 system be finally adopted, than  
 obtain it without dispute, or at  
 all even, if not taken in the first  
 instance according to the old system.  
 I write you thus frankly my sen-  
 timents because as I cannot pledge  
 indemnification from my own  
 Government for loss from under  
 exaction



exaction, I should be sorry, that from  
 any reserve on my part, I entailed  
 so serious an injury on the Pilots,  
 as preventing them from recover-  
 ing when they could, what they  
 may possibly be called on to pay.

One thing only I will  
 expect the Pilots to concede to  
 me, and in this they run no  
 risk - that they will exact fees  
 from the ships of my Government  
 according to the new rates, until  
 orders arrive from Government  
 to the Commanders of Govern-  
 ment ships to pay according  
 to the old rates - or till Govern-  
 ment shall procure sanction  
 from the King through the  
 British