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change in the rank of the person at the head of this Mission has
procured any alteration in the relative position of the Mission
and the Consulate at Bushire

The 4th Paragraph of your letter to the
Secret Committee I perceive that it was without hesitation
that you felt yourself obliged to write after these insults had
been committed and that you expressed an intention of
condemning to reside in that town if an apology were made
by the Governor of Bushire for the outrage which had been
sustained by the British Admiral. It appears to me to be very
fortunate that circumstances did not admit of your following
this course as possible advantage will result by your continued
presence in Bushire, where you have suffered from a course of
systematic and unprovoked affronts, and no apology from so
obscure a person as the Aga of Bushire could in my opinion
be considered adequate for the insults which have been
inflicted on the British flag and Government, in the person
of the British Admiral and yourself. It is sufficient and
of the inadequacy of any such reparations that I shall refrain
from demanding satisfaction from the Persian Government
from the indignities of so extreme a nature,
which are to be considered as a direct insult to the British
Government and a direct insult to the British flag and
Government. I have therefore in my letter expressed a desire
to be appointed a minister of the hostile spirit of the
Persian Government is to be properly disposed of by being
submitted to the consideration of Her Majesty's Government.

I have learned from a private source that you
had actually embarked at Haerak for the purpose of returning

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had been interpreted in Mr. McNeill's previous letter
 from Bombay on the 9th December. In your letter of the
 11th March you inform me that Mr. McNeill had made
 reference in a private letter to the above communication
 but that you had not received the official dispatch.
 The packet was it seems opened by the Lords at Sooley,
 and it is not more of the contents appear to have been
 abstracted as you mention, that the number of letters
 received by you corresponded with the list of letters which
 were enclosed in the packet. I have examined the copy of the
 list of letters returned in the office of the Mission and
 find that two official letters were forwarded to you
 on that occasion. I have also examined the list of cor-
 respondence from which it appears that two official
 letters were addressed to your commission. I regret well
 relating to the contents of the copy of the letter from
 me but it is therefore unnecessary for me now to
 repeat the two official letters and neither of these
 should be Mr. McNeill's communication in the
 above subject.

Yours truly
 J. G.
 Major-General Sir J. G. G.

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Duplicate

No 103 of 1842

From The Secretary to the Gov^{ts} of Bombay

To J. H. Maddock Esquire

Secretary to the Right Hon^{ble}

the Governor General of India

Dated the 6th September 1842

Secret Department Sir,

I am directed by the Hon^{ble}

the Governor in Council to transmit to you for submission to the Right Hon^{ble} the

Sec^y Dept

From the off^y Resid^{nt} in the Pers^{ian} and 18th July 1842 No 51-

- do - do d/5 No 52
- do - do d/7 No 53
- do - do d/25 No 54
- do - do d/18 No 114
- do - do d/9 No 115
- do - do d/27 No 119

Governor General of India copies of the despatches noted in the margin from the officiating Resident in the Persian Gulf received by the ship Bremen.

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I am at the same time

desired to forward the two accompanying Packets to your address received by the same opportunity from Lieut ^{Col}

J. Sheil H. Esq. charge d'affaires at Tehran and from Lieut ^{Col} Taylor the

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The Sub. of Ambar, and
despatches from the
at Buxari, from which appears
that a treaty of peace has
been concluded between
the authorities of this
by Takabors, on condition
of an annual payment of
500 crowns by the
by Takabors.

The Sub. at Buxari
also provided a com-
mission to the Sub. of Takabors
chief in. So that in the
ambiguous terms he stated
that he has no intention of
encroaching on the territory
of the Imam.
It appears that

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Make the chief himself
difficult, says a fellow
by Adams that it
is not in his power to
protect the Indians
How can he under these
circumstances no need
for British interference
support of the Indians
perhaps perhaps it
would not do to touch
any Commission either
in or out of the
law

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The former papers with
a draft to be done
now with the B. &
may be returned to
the draft-des

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The ... arrived ...
 ... of the 10th ...
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Respectfully,
 J. B. ...

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(Copy)
N^o 1304 of 1846.

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From
The Under Secretary to Gov^t of India
With the Governor General.
To
The Secretary to Government
Bombay.

Dated Simla, the 25th June, 1846.

Foreign Capt^l Sir,

Under instructions from the Right
Hon^{ble} the Governor General I have the
honor to acknowledge the receipt of your dis-
patches, Nos 161 & 162, dated the 29th ultimo
with their respective enclosures relative to
the affairs of His Highness the Imam of
Muscat in connection with the Wateabee
Chief.

I have the honor to be
(Signed) W. Edwards
Under Secretary to Gov^t of India
with the Gov^t Genl.

Simla,
The 25th June,
1846.

(True Copy)
W Edwards

Under Secretary to Gov^t of India
With the Governor General.

Capt^l Frederick

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Office No 298

Duplicate

No 161 of 1846

From A Malet Esquire

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Secretary to the Govt of Bombay

To

J Courrie Esquire

Secretary to the Government of India with
the Right Honble the Governor General

Dated Bombay 29 May 1846

Secret Departt

Sir,

With reference to Mr Chief Secretary Mellanby's letter, No 56, dated the 12th November last, relative to the nature and extent of assistance to be rendered to His Highness the Primum of Muscat, in the event of his possessions being again threatened by the Wahabee power, I am directed by the Honble the Governor in Council to transmit to you for submission to the Right Honble the Governor General of India, Copy of a communication from Captain Harmerston, Her Majesty's Consul & Honble Company's Agent in His Highness' Dominions, No 9, dated the 3rd March last on the subject.

Bombay Castle

29 May 1846

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most obedt servant

A Malet
Secretary to Govt

Obv
W. Woodhouse
Ex^o R. Kelly

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No. 2513 of 1845.

From
The Chief Secretary to Government
Bombay.
To. Major S. Hennell.
Resident in the Persian Gulf.

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Political Department Dated 21st May 1845.

Sir,

I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 28th March last, No. 140, forwarding Translations of two Communications from the Acting Native 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 Saad bin Moathub, the Wahabee Agent at Baysun.

2. In reply I am desired to refer you to my letter dated the 19th Instant, No. 2415, forwarding Copy of one from the Secretary to the Government of India, containing the general Views of the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council on the line of policy which should be observed by the British Government towards the Wahabee Tribes.

3. I am also desired to transmit to you Copy of my letter of this day's date to

16 Commanders

Commodore Sirves of Her Majesty's Ship
'Pilot' together with copy of that Officer's reply
on the subject of his proceeding with the vessel
under his command to the Persian Gulf.

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14. The Officialing Superintendent
of the Indian Navy has been directed to cause
the Honorable Company's Brig 'Euphrates'
lately returned from Aden, to be prepared for
Service in the Gulf with all Expedition.

Bombay Castle
21st May 1845.

I have the honor to be Dear
/ Signed J. P. Willoughby
Chief Secretary

/ Your Copy /

J. P. Willoughby
Chief Secretary

Captain P. P. Willoughby
1845
E. J. P. P.

N. 627 of 1845

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From, Secret Department
The Chief Secretary to the Government
of Bombay
To, Captain W. H. Service
Lieut. Col. Major of War Pilot

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Sir, Dated 24th May 1845

I am directed by the Honble the Governor in Council to inform you that in consequence of information received yesterday by the Bark Aetref, of the unsettled state of affairs in the Persian Gulf, Government is of opinion that your proceeding with the Vessel under your command to the above quarter, for the purpose of rendering any temporary service which may be required by Major Hornell the British Resident at Bushire, will be highly conducive to the public interests.

I am therefore desired by His Honor in Council to request that you will be pleased to proceed in this service with all practicable expedition, provided you can undertake to do so consistently with your instructions and that it does not interfere with any orders you may have received from His Excellency Rear Admiral Sir Thomas J. Cochrane or Commodore Sir H. Blackwood & Barant.

Bombay Castle
24th May 1845

I have the honor to be Sir
J. P. Willoughby

True Copy
J. P. Willoughby
Chief Secretary

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Copied by
G. R. Sully

Translated substance of a letter from
Najib Sidki Agent at Muscat to
Major Struett, Resident in the Persian
Gulf dated 17th Duffar - 24th February 1840

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I before informed you of the
arrival of the Redger Messagers, and
of Syed Nimrod bin Agha's having joined
Syed Dowsayn. On the 10th February they
entered Muscat, the Messagers with them
to the number of twelve, of whom eleven,
Consisting of Salim bin Ahmad bin
Mather al Muscat, and Ahmad bin
Ahmad al Farah, with nine others
of the Muscat, were specially deputed
to Syed Dowsayn, with letters from both
bin Muthlak and Syed al Said, as also
letters from the latter to Ahmad bin Agha
and the 12th Ahmad bin Durr al Towan
came after them with special letters from
Syed bin Muthlak for Syed Ahmad bin
Agha -

The Wahabee reached
Dowsayn on the 27th Moharrum 1260
their number as far as I have ascertained

700 Men, consisting of Hedgides, Maudsion,
 and Mojarrah, with their followers -
 On their appearance the Harem, Zorabier,
 and Shuamis joined them and delivered
 over to them such Forts as they required.
 The Harem gave up to them the Fort of
 Tunch - of the people of these parts
 some are visiting him in person and
 others deputing envoys - It is reported
 that the Messengers from Shuleifa bin
 Siahkoot Sultan bin Suggun had reached
 him in the morning of the 12th Ruffur
 (20th February) the authorities Syed &
 Dowsanee, Syed Mahomed bin Salim and
 Syed Ahmed bin Agha met together
 in private Conference when the latter
 said "what is the decision" They replied
 "The Decision is with you" He observed "the
 alternative is either to arrange matters
 with him and respectfully deliver up what
 has been demanded of us, or fight him &
 forestalling him at Dehar, upon which
 place his first descent will be made,
 and God will decide between us" they said
 "we cannot adopt either of these measures
 without

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From Lieutenant Colonel H. D. Robertson

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Off. Resident in the Persian Gulf

To L. A. Reid Esquire

Chief Secretary to Government

Bombay

Sir, Dated 5 July 1842

1. I have the honor to request you will lay before the Honble the Governor in Council the enclosed translations of letters from Moollahi Hoosain, the Government agent at Shargah, dated the 7th of May, and the 8th and 12th June, with an enclosure.

2. The details in Moollahi Hoosain's letter of 7th May respecting the messenger of Abdoolah bin Soonejan, and the answers delivered to him by the Piratical Shekhis, bear reference to the dispatches from Stedje, of which I transmitted translations in my letter in the Political Department dated the 28th of April last.

3. It appears from Moollahi Hoosain's Poel
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credit of the 12th of June, that a further communication from the ruler of Sejed had arrived, through the agency of an old collector of the ~~stated~~ taxes in Oman, when that Country was formerly under the Government of Sejed.

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4. The moderation of Abdoolah bin Soonyans views, as exhibited in this new appeal to the religious feelings of the Shekhs, ought not to lead us into the belief that the writer will not be active, if he can, in letting the world know how much God depends on him for explaining to all men the Koran, or that he will not soon discover, that although he does not himself covet the Riches of this world, it will be necessary nevertheless that he should possess himself of them, in order to execute his duty as Gods sole commissioner.

5. It is evident I think that the Shekhs of Oman were much flattered by the first letters they received from the ruler of Sejed and his general aids if they have been.

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less enlivened from the receipt of this last letter
want of inclination to join his standard, is
not probably the reason of their indifference,
but the apparent hopelessness, even with his
countenance, of their being able to revert to Pi-
racy or to possess themselves of those things
which their spiritual guide stands so little
in want of but which they always want, and
will always grasp wherever and whenever
they dare.

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6. The Booraynee shekhs have claimed,
in their public answer to the ruler of Kedge,
a description of connection with our Govern-
ment which as it does not subsist, has possi-
bly been asserted in the hope that, if a bedulla
bin Soorayan be ignorant of the truth, he
might be deterred from interfering in their
concerns through fear of our Government.
no doubt the public answer had supporters
who were anxious that it alone should be
sent, for the Booraynee agent in reporting
the

the same circumstances as are mentioned by
Moolla Hoossein, says that Soliman ben Abdoolla
having found in his own brother Mahomed ben Abdoolla's
bed clothes, a letter of a totally opposite tenor for the
ruler of Obedjid, tore it into pieces with indigna-
tion and alarm: as there is therefore a faction
in Booraynee in favor of Abdoolla bin Soomey-
an, that ruler will be made acquainted with
the true state of our relations with the chiefs. &
will very probably use forcible means to bring his
opponents under his subjection. I should be
thankful to receive from Government any speci-
fic instructions they may be pleased to think
requisite for my guidance, in case of any such
attempt on the part of Abdoolla bin Soomeyan
on the chiefs and Country of Booraynee. In the
mean time I shall conform to the instructions
issued by the Governor General in Council in the
6th paragraph of Mr. Maddock's letter to Mr. Willoughby
dated the 17th of January last, No. 47. a
copy of which was forwarded by Mr. Willoughby
on the 4th February last. Adverting to his Lord-
ships

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ships view that despatch. I am inclined
to suggest to Government that I should be
allowed, if I see a suitable opportunity to
withdraw altogether our Agent from Boorey
since

Under the sentiments of His Lord-
ship, the Governor General in Council as
communicated in Mr. Maddock's letter N^o
110 to Mr. Willoughby dated the 28th of February
last, a copy of which accompanied Mr. Will-
oughby's letter N^o 510, dated the 30th of March,
it is not my intention to press much fur-
ther the restoration of the Soomallee slave,
imported in the boat of the Brother of Abdool-
la bin Rashid of Oornulgivein, whose case
is again noticed by Moolah Koosein in the
enclosures, especially as it appears there really
is a great difference between the case of that
slave and those restored by Sultan bin Sugg-
er, inasmuch as the delinquency of
selling her was committed in Meedat and
as stated in the enclosure to my letter 55 P.
Political Department dated the 4th April last,
was divided among a number of men,
not