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Residence of the British Consul
Karachi 27th March, 1840

Secret Department.

Sir,
Herewith I have the honor to enclose for the information of the Honble, the Governor in Council, the accompanying translation of a letter from the news writer at Shiraz, reporting certain particulars regarding a person named Sirdar Mustafaa, who at the invitation of the Shah, has lately arrived in Hind, and proceeded to Esphahan, from Hyderabad. His only object in troubling the Government with these details is, to show that communications sometimes pass between the Court of Persia, and the native Princes in India.

The individual above referred to, reached Meerat during the period I was at that Port. He had a private interview with Mr. De Grey the Consul, to whom he represented that it was, with great difficulty, he had been able

To J. P. Wollochby Esq^r Secretary to the Gov^t Bombay

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to elude the vigilance of the Indian
authorities, who were desirous of pre-
venting his departure from the Country.

3^d Notwithstanding the State
proceeds to Shiraz, the Citizens of
that Town cannot restrain the exhibi-
tion of their turbulent spirit, which
has again been displayed in another
serious collision with the regular
Troops.

4th Shah Houdan is now leaving
Bushire where his Nephew Shah Nader
assumes the Government of that place,
proceeds with his Regent to a Back
water called Khor Jester within the
Bushire District. As his Vessel is
armed with guns, which sweep the
level plain on either side, he sets his
Nephew at defiance. There was some
talk in Bushire of equipping an
Expedition against him, but as usual
it has ended in nothing.

5th The Communication between
this Island and Bushire remains
uninterrupted, but flour, wheat and
firewood are not allowed to pass
the

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The Custom Houses without a special order from the Shaks.

James Van

Ld J. Newhall

Resident in the Province

Calif.

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From Captain S. Hennell

Resident in the Persian Gulf.

To

The Honorable Messrs Committee

Yes Yes Yes

London.

Dated, 16th May, 1840.

Honorable Sir,

On the 15th Instant, I had

the honor to receive your duplicate letter, dated 29th January last, calling my particular attention to the demands made by Her Majesty's Ministers on the Persian Government, namely -
 The issue and publication of a firman regarding non-interference with the Servant of the British Mission on the part of the Servants of the Shah -
 The punishment of all persons concerned in the outrage committed on the person and property of the Bishop of the British Residency in 1838 and the public notification that Mirza Aspad, was dismissed from the Government of Bushire on account of the affront which he offered to the British

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In reply I have the honor to
report for the information of your honorable
committee, that although I receive regular
intelligence of all occurrences which take
place at Bushire, no intimation has reached
me of any part of these demands having
to the present date been carried into effect
in that Port.

Residency in the Persian Gulf,
Karrah 16th May 1840

I have the honor to be &c
Signed J. Hennell
Resident in the Persian Gulf

True copy
Signed J. Hennell
Resident in the Persian Gulf

Compd
J. Hennell

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Residency in the Persian Gulf
Karracke 12th May 1840

Honble Secy

I have the honor to report for
the information of your Honble Committee,
that up to the date of the latest intelligence
received from Shiraz, the Shah had not
marched from Isfahan, and the same un-
certainty regarding his future movements
still prevailed. In reply to enquiries made
by a Major and Richard Baker, in the
course of a visit paid to him by Sir Hajji,
it was intimated, that he had
not yet made up his mind whether he
would proceed towards Herat Shiraz,
or against Bagdad. In the meanwhile
Military preparations are going on. The
Inhabitants of Isfahan have been obliged
to

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

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to supply a large number of Iron arms
 and a considerable quantity of Brass
 for casting Guns and a similar requisi-
 tion has been made upon Shiraz. The
 Gun Chauds (Tiers) which have so long
 been the ornament of the former City
 have it is reported been cut down to be
 made up into Gun Carriages. Iron
 Pistols, some Tons of Gun powder have
 been forwarded to the Royal Camp for
 the purpose of being used in the equip-
 ment of artillery. His Majesty still
 insists upon the refractory Shaik son
 of Ischem of Shiraz Shaik Abou Tassab,
 making his appearance at Court but
 the Mollah appears equally determined
 to render compliance with the Shaik's
 summons. An attempt was made by
 the Governor of the City Mirza
 Mubarrak Khan to arrest him but the
 Citizens resisted such a determination

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It is said that the Emperor considering it
 prudent to give up the scheme of reduc-
 ing him by force. His Majesty had taken
 very effectual means for crushing the re-
 bellious and refractory spirit so frequent-
 ly displayed by the Inhabitants of this
 by arresting upwards of four hundred of
 the most notorious characters, what the
 fate may be is not yet known - The
 and Russian Embassies had joined the
 Shah, and it is also generally reported
 that an Army from Constantinople is
 arrived.

Affairs at Shiraz and the
 neighbouring districts were tolerably
 quiet. The Chiefs of
 the Government of the Low Country have
 proceeded to Shiraz in obedience to a sum-
 mons to meet the new Prince of Shiraz
 who had either arrived or was
 daily expected at that City.

Everything is tranquil in the
 neighbourhood

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neighbourhood, supplies are plentiful &
Chap. Selam happy to add that the health
of the Troop is unusually good there being
but few Europeans and Natives in Hospital.

On the 10th Instant a transport from
Bombay with men and stores for the
Expedition in the Riverine Fleet
arrived at Karak the brought a portion
of the wing of the 16th Regiment. Re-
stated to relieve the Native Details of
the 1st Battalion. The other Vessels
are daily expected with the remainder
of the wing.

The Travellers calling them-
selves Count De Brangart Count Parre
and A. Outray and supposed to be
attached to the French Ambassador now at
Ispahan have recently reached Bushire. Their
intention is to visit Karak,
Baburah & Bagdad where they will await
the arrival of the Countess Count De Brang.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your obedient Servant
Richard J. Bennett
Resident in the Persian Gulf
(True Copy)
Signed R. Bennett
Resident in the Persian Gulf

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Secret Department.
From Captain P. Hemmell

Resident in the Persian Gulf
Barrack

To Mr. L. R. Reid Esq^r,
Secretary to Government,

Bombay

Dated 11th June 1840

Sir,

I have had the honor to receive
your letter No 372, in this Department on
the date the 13th ultimo, transmitting to me
copies of a despatch from the Honorable the
Secret Committee, dated the 3rd instant, for
copies of certain documents on the subject
the Treaty, lately concluded by Captain Bagenal
on the part of the British Government, see
His Highness the Imam of Muscat, which
has been ratified by Her Most Gracious
by the Imam -

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By the same opportunity,

I also received the ratification of this Treaty by Her Majesty, for the purpose of being delivered in the manner directed in Lord Palmerston's communication to Sir John Robinson, dated the 24th March last.

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Adverting to the 3^d paragraph of your Despatch, I have the honor to state for the information of the Honorable the Governor in Council, that in an affair of such importance, I consider it would, in many respects be advisable, and for the advantage of the public service, that agreeably to the suggestion of the Government, I should convey Her Majesty's ratification to His Highness himself. I propose therefore, on the return of my regular assistant Mr. Macdonald (who is at present absent at Bagdad on his private affairs) to avail myself, of the departure of the Honorable Company's Steam Ship, Sunday about the middle of next month, and proceed to wait personally upon His Highness for the purpose.

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of having not full effect, the instructions conveyed in Sirs Palmerston's letter, regarding the mode, in which the qualifications are to be interchanged -

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sian Gulf. Karachi
11 June 1840

Thence the Honorable Secy
Signed S. Maxwell
Resident in the P^{er} Gulf

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Secret Department

From the Resident in the Persian Gulf

To
The Chief Secretary to Government,

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit for
the information of the Honorable the Govern-
ment Council the accompanying translation
of a letter from the Station Agent at Bas-
rah reporting the state of affairs in this
quarter -

The death of the Chief of the an-
themsed, by Khordad Pasha's orders, is little
better than an act of murder, as no evidence
existed to prove that he was concerned in
the assassination of the late Governor of
Lahore, the Honorable Effendi -

Although the report does
not positively state that the whole of the
British Troops have evacuated Aden
yet

get, unless they had quelled Salisali, and
Ajmer, it is unlikely that the inhabitants
of the former place, could have dispatched
the Cousin of, Darghush, to Bahraim. (Pro-
bably with the overture to Mahomed bin,
Khalcefa) as reported by our Agent.

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4. Mahomed bin Khalcefa is the
second Cousin of the present Shah of
Bahraim, Abdoolah bin Ahmed Saich
Khalcefa the Grandfather of the latter,
standing in the relation of great grand-
father to the former. Since the time of Shah ^{the father of Shah}
Khalcefa, the younger, a secret enmity has _{Abdoolah}
always existed between the two branches
of the family, which has been fostered by
his Highness the Emperor, between whom
and Shah Mahomed there is a constant
interchange of friendly letters, and presents.

It is not my intention (unless
under special instructions) to interfere in
any way with the scheme in contempla-
tion by Mahomed bin Khalcefa, & the Roderini

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 I should be sorry to see the Amir
 Khalid should it, however, succeed, venture
 to think that it would in every respect, be
 advantageous to our interests. At present
 Amir Khalid can be considered only as a
 Tool of Mahomed Ali, and therefore the
 establishment of an independent Arabian
 power in Ageda, would effectually put
 an end to the little remaining Egyptian
 influence in the direction of the Persian
 Gulf. Even should Mahomed bin Khalifa
 not succeed in his views upon Sabah, I
 am of opinion that if he can establish a
 factory at any place on the main land, he
 will speedily be joined by the Boohawara,
 the Ah-i-ally, under Eza bin Tareef, and
 all the other branches of the Alloobee Tribe,
 now disaffected to Shaikh Abdollah bin
 Ahmed of Bahrein. Once in possession
 of the sea ports of Khatif, Sohat, and Ajjer,
 I have little doubt of his being able to
 maintain them against any force. Amir
 Khalid

... being against him, proceeded we
... the Chief of ... to sup-
... the ... by attacking ...
... the sea.

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Residence in the P. G. } I have the honor to
Karrack 13 June 1840 } Signed J. H. ...
President in the P. G.