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month on his way to ~~some~~ ^{down} whence, it was
said, he would travel across Arabia to the neighbour-
hood of Medina, where he was in expectation of a
support from Bedwin Tribes, in a new enterprise
for the recovery of his power. Of course I mentioned
this report, as I do others in which I offer no opinion,
merely as the news of the Country, and of the truth or
the contrary of which I am unable to judge. -

8. The Prince of Shiraz returned a very
satisfactory reply to the Complaint I presented to
him, respecting the insolent conduct of the Soldiers
to Mr. Stanshall, as described in the Postscript of
my last letter to your Honorable Committee and
sent me a Reskhum for the Governor of Bushire
ordering the Grain to be furnished, and all such
conduct to be guarded against in future. In
sending the Prince Reskhum to Sheikh Raffer, I
told him, that as the Prince had assured me that
the main conduct arose from mere stupidity
and ignorance, I did not wish him to carry the
order for punishment into effect. -

9. The conduct observed by the Govern-
ors and Merchants of Bushire towards me, &
when I re-established the Presidency at the
Mother in Bushire, having been represented by
Colonel Sturt to the Kingi Crismistew, His Ma-
jesty was pleased to express his disapprobation
of

of their demands, and intended to take some marked notice of it, which Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires was to apprise me of at a future time. -

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9. The Pratical States are busily engaged in Wars on land negotiations for Alliances and Support, petty Expeditions, in which a few Men lose their lives and some Camels are carried off, furnish the Native Agent at Charga with a bulky Chronicle for his last despatches. These Wars having no tendency to disturb the Maritime peace of the Gulf, are little interesting to us and do not require the adoption of any measures on any part. - The Agent describes the people of Charga to be advanced rapidly in wealth and prosperity, that the trade and voyages of the Pratical Arabs made during the year to Africa and the Red Sea, have yielded more than the usual returns and that the importation and profits from the Article of Slaves have especially been very considerable. - The Arab Sheiks even the most politic and cunning among them have been unable to conceal from the intelligent Aboola Aboosin the gratification they derived from the Letters they received from Abdolla bin Soonyan the ruler of Hedjed, and from his General Said bin Mootthik. - There were
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are more independent and reckless display
 the effect of the flattering addresses in dark
 hints and contemptuous allusions to our Govern-
 ment, at the same time that they honored
 the Messenger of the Chief with marked cour-
 tey and kindness - Our Ships of War contain
 the only convincing arguments for tranquilli-
 ty which we shall be able, for a long period still,
 to hold forth to these untutored and restless tribes
 Moolha Hoopain has been as yet unable to obtain
 information of the exact nature of the replies
 sent by the Sherks and Elders to the ruler of the
 Medjid - excepting that a public letter from the
 Chiefs of Booreynee, in the interior of Emam, declar-
 ed themselves to be so politically controlled by the
 British Government, that they could not act, - and refus-
 ed Abdolla bin Soonyan to us - Our Ammission with these
 inland tribes is not of a strict a nature as they asserted,
 and they claimed for themselves a restraint which was
 never imposed by us. - But this public letter was ac-
 companied by a secret Despatch, the contents of which
 are no doubt of a very opposite character, but your Govern-
 ment Agent at Booreynee had not learnt their tenor.

8. Commodore Lowe was again last month
 at the Euphrates, and conveyed to this island the river
 Steam boat Nimrod - The Commodore intends to widen
 a Dock which the Gentlemen of the Karrack field free

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generously, see the subscriptions to build for the poor people of this island, so as to enable him to get the Kingdom the Subduer, now at Bushire, and a good Steam Boat which he will bring from Bombay in the course of the month, taken into it, till the season opens for their transmission to the Indies. -

9 Rumours are in circulation that Captain Hamerton has left the Court of the Suram of Muscat in consequence of angry discussions - I am not myself aware of the reason but Captain Hamerton has no doubt gone to Bombay. -

I have the honour to be
Yours truly
Wm. D. Robertson
Officiating Secy. to the Govt.

Persecute 8. July 1842.

P.S. Rumours of the intention of the King of Persia to invade the Turkish Possessions are circulated and believed in Bushire from the statement accompanying them, but of the truth of which I am ignorant, that Sheikh Hassen, the Amier of Bushire, has received a firman from the King directing him to warn all his Majesty's subjects belonging to Bushire, and to other places to withdraw their property and come away themselves from Bagdad and Basra within four months. It is said that an army of fifteen thousand select troops are assembling at Tehran to advance on Bagdad, and that it is the King's design when he shall have reduced it, to dictate to the Porte the restoration of the Sultan of Egypt to his former position in Turkish Arabia. -

Mosattimud and Dowla who was lately at Shiraz, gave every assistance in his power to Captain Sillio to float his steam boat which had grounded near to that tower is said to have set out for Teheran to arrange for the equipment of the expedition into Turkish Arabia. -

Persian Pilgrims to Kerbella going there by the land route through Hamanah and from Bushire have been ordered not to pass beyond the Persian frontier. The Honorable Committee will be pleased to attach no further credit to these rumours than information from other sources may induce. Your humble Committee to consider them no further to - I can form no opinion respecting them myself. - Health
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James Stewart ...
the troops of his opponent ...
My last letters from Tehran are
up to the 15th of June and from Bombay to the
15th of April -

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/ Signed / W. D. Robertson
Officiating Secy. Persian Gulf.

(True Copy)

Signed A. B. Kimball -
Asst. Secy. Persian Gulf.

(True Copies)

Addressed to
Secretary to Government.

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James ...

सदरिचार: मुद्रित राष्ट्रीय अभिलेखागार
भारत सरकार
New Delhi, India, Government of India.

N^o 449 of 1857.

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From,

Secret Department.

W. L. Anderson Esquire,
Secretary to Government.

To,

Bombay.
Commander Felix Jones. Esq.
Resident in the Persian Gulf.

Sir,

Dated, 29th May 1857.

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, with enclosures, N^o 260, dated the 24th April last, reporting circumstances which may possibly tend to disturb the tranquillity of Amran. —

2. In reply, I am desired to inform you, that, the Right Honble the Governor in Council approves of the tenor of the instructions issued by you to the Native Agent at Shargah, and will await your further report on the subject. —

3. You will be pleased to inform Shekh Sultan bin Suggur, that, he will incur the severe displeasure of this Government, should he persist in fomenting

discussions

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dissensions in Amran, as he is suspected by
you of having done.

Bombay Castle,
29th May 1857.

I have the honor to be
signed
W. L. Anderson
Secretary to Government

True Copy.

Subscribed
Secretary to Government.

P. C. B.

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For 1857
In a letter from
the Secy. to Govt.
dated 29th May
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From the Bombay Government
to the Resident in the
Punjab.
Dated the 29th May 1857.
No. 449.

Communicating the
observations and instructions
of Government on the
points therein stated.

W. L. Anderson

Marine Department No 1413
Bombay Castle 10th July 1857

Sir

I am directed by the Right
Honorable the Governor in Council to
acknowledge your letter No 2585 dated
19th Ultimo, and in reply to explain, for
the information of the Government of India,
that a Commodore of the 2^d Class, is al-
ways both in the Royal and Indian
Navy, the Captain of the Ship which
carries his Pendant. If therefore the
Commodore remove his Flag from one Ship
to another, he must necessarily either dis-
place or transfer a Captain or other
Officer in command, and this causes
either

To,
The Secretary to the Government
of India

either injustice or inconvenience. This would not be the case if the Commodore were permitted to shift his Pinnacle without displacing the Officer in Command of the Ship, as a 1st class Commodore would do, but then the Commodore's allowance of one Ship of the Squadron must be drawn twice over.

Occasionally it may be of importance that the Commodore should thus shift his flag; but such occasions are rare, and when they arise, may be treated as exceptional. If such exceptions be authorized, every objection will be answered, without changing the rule.

I have the honor to be,
 Sir,
 Your most obedient Servant
 C. M. M.
 Colonel
 Secretary to Government.

To
 The Right Honorable Lord Elphinstone G.C.S.G.
 Governor and President in Council
 My Lord,

I beg to request the honor to acknowledge
 the receipt of Secretary Colonel Moclville's letter da-
 -ted the 15th instant N^o. 2915 with its enclosures,
 requesting me to report on the subject of the pro-
 -prietty or expediency of the Commodore in Com-
 -mand of the Persian Gulf Squadron being able
 to shift his broad Pendant from one vessel to
 another as the service may require.

In reply I beg to state to your Lordship
 in Council that should it be found that from
 the exigencies of the Public Service an Officer
 was prevented carrying on his duties in an effi-
 -cient and proper manner unless allowed to
 shift his flag as circumstances required it,
 then I am of opinion the privilege should be
 conceded on the understanding that the Officer
 holds the rank of a 1st Class Commodore but
 not otherwise.

If a 1st Class Commodore is serving
 under the orders of a Commander in Chief
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on a station the privilege could not be conceded to him by the immediate superior, although employed on detached duty without the sanction of higher authority.

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In the event of the death of the Commodore in the Persian Gulf the next in Command (if a Captain) can succeed to the appointment pro. tem. as Senior Officer, until the wishes of the Government are known; but no Officer can succeed to a Commodoreship of the 2nd Class, nor would such an appointment of his own making be valid - nor would any orders he gave be legal unless he held at the time, the Commission of 2nd Class Commodore signed by the proper authority. This rule would not hold good if the next in Command held only the rank of a Commander - for a Commander can not under any circumstances become a Commodore of either Class nor would any orders issued by him be legal. I think a Commander or any Officer with the sanction of his Commander in Chief, if his vessel is in the Port or Roadstead, may reside on shore but to be allowed to shift from ship to ship whenever he pleases would cause great discomfort and annoyance to every Officer in the fleet, and

and be attended with serious difficulties and
disorder in every department of the service.

Office of the Comd'r in Chief, S. I. Have the honor to be
Bombay 20th April 1854. Signed Henry J. Leake
Commander in Chief of the
Indian Navy.

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Colonel
Secretary to Government.

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Office No 1092

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From, H. S. Anderson Esquire,
Secretary to Government,
Bombay.

To
The Secretary to the Government of India
In the Foreign Department -
Pol. Department. Fort William.

Dated 10th March 1856.

Sir,
I am directed by the Right Hon^{ble} the
Governor in Council to forward to you, for the
use of the Government of India in the Foreign
Department, 6 printed copies of ~~Political~~
No 24, from the Records of the Bombay Government,
a new series, containing miscellaneous information
connected with the Persian Gulf.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Bombay Castle, 3

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H. S. Anderson
Secretary to Government.

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Office No: 1524

No: 53 of 1856.

From, H. L. Anderson Esquire
Secretary to Government

To, The Secretary to the Government of India,
In the Foreign Department,
Fort William.

Political Department.

Dated the 4 April 1856.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter, dated the 10th ultimo, No: 37, I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor in Council to inform you that, a Box, to your address, containing packets of Printed Selection, No: 24, from the Records of this Government, noted in the annexed List, has been shipped on board the P. and O. Company's Steam Vessel "Singapore" to sail on the 5th instant.

A Bill of Lading is enclosed.

Bombay Castle,
4 April 1856.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obedient Servant

H. L. Anderson
Secretary to Government

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From No 184 of 1855.

To G. L. Anderson Esquire,
Secretary to Government,
Bombay

G. F. Edmonstone Esquire,
Secretary to the Government of India
in the Foreign Department,
Political Department.

Fort William.

Dated 17 December 1855.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter, No 86, dated the 31st May last, relative to the differences between the Noo Semait and Al Ali tribes, I am directed by the Right Honourable the Governor in Council to transmit to you, for submission to the Most Noble the Governor General of India in Council, copy of a letter from the Assistant Resident in charge in the Persian Gulf, No 75/362, dated the 18th October last, with enclosures, reporting the measures taken to prevent the threatened conflict on the Pearl Banks.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Bombay Castle, 3
17 December 1855. 3

G. L. Anderson
Secretary to Government.

Approved by B.S.S. & Co. Secy.
G. F. Edmonstone