

From Commodore R. Etheridge J. N.
Comd'g Persian Gulf Squadron

To Commander F. Jones J. N.
Acting Resident Persian Gulf,
Bushire Roads, 27 April 1856.

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter, dated the 24th Inst, with enclosure, on the subject of the Al Ali Migration, in which you inform me that you have been directed by Government to insist peremptorily on their removal to Gees, or other place at your discretion and that in the event of their refusing to comply, you are authorized to sanction the use of force, but that all operations against them must be confined to the sea and you intimate that it is not your intention to sanction the adoption of force until our moral influence has been tried to the utmost and failed to effect the object contemplated.

2. Keeping this in view, the plan which appears to me more likely than any other to gain our object is to make the strongest possible demonstration with every disposable vessel, and thus make it evident both to the Al Ali, as well as to the Sheik of Demasrah that we possess, on the spot, the means of enforcing our claims with our arms.

3. The distance of Demasrah from this is not over 170 miles, and as I learn from your report to Governor

must therefore be seriously threatened so long as the presence of the Alibi at Demarcation operates to favour old friends irrespective of their breach of a agreement. Thus the Government has remarked upon in the Revolution and in justice and I am accordingly directed to insist peremptorily on their removal to Geis, or under certain conditions to other places at my discretion.

To effect this removal I am authorized to use coercive measures if necessary, so far as capturing and bearing the boats of the tribes should be necessary for refractory. But all our operations against them must be strictly confined to the sea. In no case however, would I adopt or sanction the adoption of force, until our naval influence supported by the presence of the Squadron under your command had failed.

5. in inducing the tribe to withdraw
 Agreeable to my instructions
 I beg to consult you on the strength
 of the force to be detached on this
 service, leaving its employment
 to your experience and local know-
 ledge, whether in a mere demon-
 strative view, or eventually, under
 the contingency contemplated in
 para 5-

6. In order that you may be
 aware of my own plan of ~~hastily~~
 sketched on the departure of the
 "Bliver" I forward a copy of my letter
 to Government on this subject. This
 was written however before perusal
 of the sailing orders of the "Semiramis"
 and under the impression that the
 Steam Frigate had come purposely
 to augment the Squadron. From the
 tenor of the 11th para of the Government
 Resolution of the 8th April, and the
 absence of any instructions to the
 contrary I still have this impression,
 though

Capt W. H. D. Long
 Comd'g

through His Excellency Sir Henry
Leake evidently expects her immediate
return to Bombay -

Considering our present -
position with the Persian Court, the
services demanded by Government
in the neighbourhood of Bahrein
and Deraman: the required search
for slaves - the vigilance necessary
to the maintenance of good order
on the Coast: Bahrein at this period,
~~and other exigencies that may~~
arise at Arab Ports or at Bushire,
it is obvious that the "Falkland"
and small Schooner "Constance" alone
are quite inadequate to the duty in
this Gulf. The necessity for the
detachment of the "Sainiussis" is there-
fore plain to me, and I shall,
accordingly, not alter my plans of
making that vessel's services sub-
servient to the exigencies of the
moment, unless important despatches
from Her Majesty's Ambassador in
Persia.

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Persia - now at Baghdad - should
 compel me to send her to India
 without loss of time. Indeed as a
 reserve for this object alone her
 presence is needed in the Gulf;
 otherwise there is at this season no
 mode of speedily communicating
 with Bombay. Should this emergency
 arise, our measures for the expulsion
 of the Al Ali must be foregone for a
 time at all risks, in order to perform
 the general police duties in the sea-
 8. I await your reply, to
 make the arrangements which
 are necessary to my temporary
 absence from this place.

Residency in the Persian Gulf } I have the honor to be Sir
 Bushire 24th April 1856 } Signed Felix Doues
 Acting Resident Gen

"True Copy"

Signed H. P. Durbrowe

Assistant Resident

Persian Gulf

Copy to H. P. Durbrowe
 Comd. Am.

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From

Lieutenant A. Foulerton. I. N.

Commanding H. M. S. sloop "Blive"

and Senior I. N. Officer Persian Gulf

To

Captain A. D. Kemball,

Resident Persian Gulf

Sir,

Herewith I have the honor to forward
Extract from a Letter, dated 15th Ultimo, to my ad-
dress, received from Lieutenant James, I. N. Com-
manding "Sigris" detailing his proceedings in the
lower part of the Gulf between the 12th & 19th Ultimo.

H. C. S. "Blive", } I have the honor to be, your
Off. Memorials, } signed A. Foulerton,
Persian Gulf. } Lieut. I. N. Commanding
1st June 1855. } "Blive" and Senior I. N. Officer
Persian Gulf

1st June Copy 1

Signed A. D. Kemball,

Resident in the Persian Gulf

Extract Letter from Lieutenant H. J. James I. N.
Commanding H. C. Brigantine "Sigris" to Lieutenant
A. Foulerton I. N. Commanding H. C. sloop "Blive"
and Senior I. N. Officer Persian Gulf

H. C. Brigantine "Sigris"
at sea 15th May 1855

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that

left Bassidore for Sharja on the 12th Instant &
 arrived at that place on the 14th Instant, when
 hearing from the Agent there that Sultanben
 Suggur and Sedere were both attacking Hums-
 reah and had been so for some days, also that the
 former had broken the Maritime Treaty which
 I believe binds all the other who not to carry
 men or ammunition for warlike purposes by
 sea by sending and causing to be taken Guns,
 men, Matchlocks and ammunitions from all the
 Ports under his control, except Amulgaune, to Hums-
 reah, and also that it is his intention as soon as
 Humsreah be taken to make it over to Sedere. I took
 the Agent on board and stood for that place which
 I reached the same day and anchored there, sending
 the Agent on shore together with a letter for Sheikh
 Sultan bin Suggar, a copy of which I forwarded
 by the H. S. S. "Falkland." I received an answer
 to it the same afternoon, which I also forwarded
 by the same opportunity, stating that the Sultan
 would wish to see me the following day before
 stringent measures were resorted to. I remained
 off the Cove that night and weighed the follow-
 ing morning, a long N. Westerly swell having
 set

set in and it having the appearance of hard weather. having sent the agent on shore to communicate with Sultan bin Suggior Sedree threatens that after Humrah is taken, he will proceed to attack Amulgavin, the chief of which place when called upon to furnish food, and men for the attack on Humrah sent neither the one nor the other, but is assisting the Humrah People as much as he can, having already sent them 150 men and some ammunition by land.

I am now starting in again to Humrah for the purpose of picking up the agent and also to receive the intended visit of the Sultan, or any one else he may authorize to see me. I have been led to threaten and try to make peace from an idea that I am almost certain Government do not wish the Wahabee chief to hold any Ports on the Coast being certain that were peace concluded, Sedree would return to Dhemy. The son of the Sultan Abdullah bin Sultan was killed yesterday. he has also been to blame, having brought from Lingah 2 Guns and a quantity of ammunition for the use of his father at Humrah.

I this day received a visit from allahome
bin

bin Ab. Roacherbe and Abdullab bin Hussein
 who were deputed by the Sultan to see me and hear
 what I had to say and tell me the terms on which
 peace could be concluded. They were these, that
 Humreeh was to be immediately given up, the
 inhabitants allowed to proceed, where they please
 or remain there, but the Forts were to be razed
 to the ground. I thought these terms but fair
 and wrote to the Sultan begging him to suspend
 hostilities for a day and night, so that the British
 Agent might proceed to and from Humreeh without
 molestation. At the same time made the signal
 for Abdool Rahaman bin Saeb, Chief of Humreeh,
 and on his arrival on board asked him also to
 agree to a suspension of hostilities on the same
 terms, telling him that I would send the British
 Agent on shore the following morning to inform
 him as to the terms on which peace would be
 made by Sultan bin Suggur. On the following
 day I received another visit from Abdolla
 bin Hussein, together with a letter from the
 Sultan, acquainting me that, although he had
 ceased firing during the night, still that his
 people had been fired on and one of them wounded

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 Surayya Shewary
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by the Humreach men, begging me at the same to pay him a visit, if possible on that day - I accordingly proceeded on shore and remained with the Sultan sending the Agent to Humreach to see, if the people of that place would agree to the terms of peace laid down by the Sultan. He returned with an answer that they would not. The Sultan then said he would make peace on the same terms allowing the ports to stand and every thing remain as it was, if the English would take the Coats into their hands allowing him to place ten men in them for the name of the thing. These terms I declined accepting without reference to the Resident in the Persian Gulf. The Sultan said he could not wait for an answer to any letter, I might send to Bushire -

I therefore, returned on board and the war recommenced between the two parties. In trying to make peace Shahr acted on the supposition, that the Resident would wish peace concluded on terms favorable to both parties, both as the Pearl Fishery is about to commence and that as the war, if carried on, will, to the best of my knowledge, involve the
 while

whole of the tribes on the coast sooner
or later. I left Hurdreach in the 17th Instant
for Bassidore which place I reached this
day, the 19th Instant.

"True Extract"

/ Signed A. Souterton,

Lieut. J. N. Combs "Calico"

Senior J. N. Officer

Persian Gulf.

/ True Copy /

/ Signed A. B. Kimball,

Resident in the Persian

Gulf.

George A. ...
Camp
Algeria

N. 42 of 1856

From

Commodore R. Ethersey I.N.
Commanding Persian Gulf
Squadron

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To

Captain J. F. Jones I.N.
Acting Resident
Bushire -
H.B. Rowette Falkland,
Bushire Roads 23 February 1856

Local
Bushire -

Sir,

I have to regret that the circumstances detailed in Lieutenant Huslock's letter, a copy of which is enclosed together with one from Lieut Worsley commanding the "Pyralis" but now (5 P.M.) been brought to my notice, so gross and unprovoked an insult offered to a British officer while on shore on duty in proper uniform calls for immediate redress.

Insult offered to an Officer of the Squadron -

Begs Resident will demand ample satisfaction.

I have therefore the honor to request that you will, in bringing the circumstances to the Governor's notice, demand every necessary satisfaction that the case calls for.

I have the honor to be,
Signed R. Ethersey

Commodore I.N.

From

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Fort William

Foreign Dept

The 25 April 1856

No. 2240
To Secy Govt of
Bombay

Recd 25 April

Sir,
Your letter No 58
dated the 2^d Inst with its enclosures
relative to an insult
offered to an Officer
of the Gulf Squadron
by a Persian Soldier
at Bushire and the
measures adopted
in consequence by
Commander Jones
having been laid
before the G. C. int.
I am directed to
acquaint you ^{in reply} that
the proceedings
reported are approved.

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Fort William
Foreign Department
30 June 1859

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To No 3933
The Acting Secy to Govt
Bombay.

Sir,
With reference to your
letter dated 27th ulto, No 1282,
I am directed to forward
for the information of the
Bombay Govt. the enclosed
copy of a letter this day
addressed to the Political
Resident in the Persian
Gulf regarding the Persian
translation of Her Majesty's
Proclamation made
at Muscat
in his Office. -

W. Shave & Co
30 Sep

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No 1859 Dept
to
Acting Secy to
Govt Bombay
of 30 June
No 3933

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Corr. 1 July
No 270

Encloses copy of
addressed to the
P. H. Kest in the
Person full
respecting the
translation of the
Proclamation
prepared at
Shree

Genl William
Foreign Departt
the 27 May 1859 -

dup 28 May

No 3110
To Secy to Govt Bombay

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Sir -

In reply to your letter
of the 11th Inst, No. 67, and
its enclosure regarding the
circumstances connected with
an interview between the
Commander in the Persian
Gulf and the Chief of Abotthak.
I am directed to state that the
Govt. Secy. has received
this intelligence with satis-
-faction -

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Under Secy

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Genl William
Foreign Dept
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Secy: to Govt of Bombay

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Sir, I have the honor to
acknowledge the receipt
of your despatch of 17
Alto: No 184, & in reply
to state for the information
of the C. H. the Gov. in
Council, that the Gov.
the Gov: Genl: informed
approves of the judicious
measures adopted by
Captain Pembell to
prevent the threatened
Conflict on the Peare Bank
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11. 2804

Fort William
Foreign Dept.
The 3^d July 1857

To Secy Genl of
Bombay

Sir,

In reply to your
letter No 59 of 29th
May last respecting
the possibility of
the tranquillity of
Oman being disturbed
I have the honor
to acquaint you
that the G. C. will
approve of the
proceedings therein
reported.

J. G. [Signature]

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