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that quarter, which seems to have been concluded
on one side, in misapprehension regarding the
state of that trade in the Gulf.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant.

Bombay Castle
2d July 1847.

W. Calcutt
Secretary to Govt.

From Secy Bombay 23 Aug 1847

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From the
Secretary to the Govt
of Bombay
Dated 2^d July 1847.
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Transmitting copy of a Com-
munication from the Resident
in the Bombay Gulf regarding
the detailed proceedings for the
franchise to the Government of the
said Gulf and of the reply re-
turned thereto. A system
of proceeding in the Gulf by
chartered vessels and the
prospect of carrying out the
late agreement for the
protection of the same trade
and 27th 1847.

SECRET
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

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The Honorable

The Governor in Council
at Bombay.

We have the pleasure to transmit to you a copy of a letter, dated the 19th instant, which Viscount Palmerston has caused to be addressed to the Commissioners for the Affairs of India, in commendation of the ability shown by Major Stowell in negotiating with six of the Maritime Chiefs of the Persian Gulf, the Treaties for the Suppression of the Slave Trade, notified in your despatch of the 16th of June 1853. We entirely concur in the praise bestowed upon your Political Resident.

East India House }
London }
21st August 1857 }

We are,
Your loving friends
Signed J. S. P. Rushington
J. S. P. Rushington

Slave Trade

Right Honorable

George C. Phipps M. P.

Sir,

I have had before me Viscount Palmerston's
your letter of the 6th instant and its enclosed,
from which I have learned with great satisfaction
that Major Stowell has succeeded in
concluding Treaties for the Suppression of the
Slave Trade, with six of the Maritime Chiefs
of the Persian Gulf.

of India, Co. (P.S. 1847)
11/10/47

2 In answer to their Communication, 2983

I am to request that you will state to the Commissioners for the affairs of India, that Lord Palmerston concurs with them in thinking that the ability displayed by Major Theswell in negotiating these important Treaties is highly Commendable.

Foreign Office
19th August 1847

Yours &c
Signed H. U. Adington

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Wm. A. C. Chiffley

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Ms. 1847 - 2983
In a letter from the Secretary to the Government of Bombay dated the 11th Oct. 1847 (P.S. 205) Lord the Secy. in the Dec. 1847
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From the Secy. in the Dec. 1847
Enclosure -
To the Secy. in the Dec. 1847
Containing their statement relative to the Treaty concluded for the Cession of the Islands on which the British have taken with the French in the Bay of Bengal -
Wm. A. C. Chiffley

Office No. 411.

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No. 265. of 1847

From

A. C. Hall Esquire

Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay
To, H. C. Elliot Esquire

Secretary to the Government of India
with the Right Honorable the Gov. General

Secret Department

Dated 11th October 1847.

Sir,

With reference to my letter dated the 17th July last No. 201, I am directed by the Honorable the Governor in Council to transmit to you for submission to the Right Honorable the Governor General of India, copy of a despatch from the Honorable the Secret Committee dated the 28th August last relative to the Treaties concluded by the President in the Persian Gulf for the suppression of the Slave Trade with six of the maritime Chiefs in that quarter, and to state for the information of His Lordship that a copy of this despatch has been forwarded to Major Hemmell.

Bombay Castle,
11th October 1847.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

W. Hall
Chief Secretary.

Copy of Despatches
to Mr. Hall

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The President of the Russian
Empire reports that a
time Arab chiefs have
entered into separate
agreements binding them
together, altogether 100,000
in Dec. 1847 of transportation
of slaves for the African coast
a resolution on board of
their vessels, or those of
their subjects, & in full
authority; the two
Cruisers will be
examined all such vessels

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expected of my superiors
to have had charge & con-
fidence should not be
found violating terms of
present engagements.

The Ministry have ex-
pressed their regret that
friction at this point of
charge & receipt of
letters have been addressed
to the Chiefs & separate
by a number of Chiefs
to Gen. Expressive of the
satisfaction with their
improved conduct -
The Capt. of the Navy has

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been directed towards
 necessary action to officers
 Commanding of the Co.
 Mills, for carrying out
 of power vested in them
 in this regard -
 A reference has been made
 to Home authorities as to
 whether Turkish soldiers
 should be permitted to enter
 in the premises taken by
 the police. I have had
 to say a whether British
 Govt should retain in its
 own hand the entire control
 of the matter.

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The Home authorities
 have advised that
 the Turkish soldiers
 should not be permitted
 to enter the premises
 as they are not
 under the control
 of the British
 Government.

Government of India

(Signature)
 Secretary

(Signature)
 Secretary

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of India, Government of India.
The Ministry of Labour and Industrial Relations
New Delhi

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also whether of public policy
to change itself with a view
to raising of all slaves who
may be liberated under
of recent Employment
these war chiefs -

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F. & H. Sec
No 1/B

The Ministry put an appeal
to the permission to publish
in the Gazette the employ-
ments thus entered into by
the war-time chiefs

This may be seen stated
also further orders are left
to the Ministry

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Office No. 176 of 1847
Circ. No. 4 of 1847

From Major General
President in the Persian Gulf,
To A. Maitland Esquire,
Secretary to the Government - Bombay
Dated Bushire 11th May 1847

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Adverting to my despatch to
your address, No. 1 in the Department dated
the 7th Ultimo, intimating my intention, under
the circumstances therein stated, of endeavoring
to obtain from the Arabian Chiefs
in the Persian Gulf, a modification of the
relations at present subsisting between
them and the British Government, in respect
to the Slave Trade, it is with sincere
gratification I have the honor to report for
the information of the Honorable the Gov^{rs}
in Council, that I have succeeded in persuading
the several Chiefs notified in the

Sheik Sultan bin
Suguss Chief of
Basra
and Sheik
bin Hushid Chief
of Amutquim
Sheik Aqay bin
Wahid Chief of
Ejman
Sheik Mulkoom
bin Dalay Chief of
Dehage
Sheik Saad bin Tah-
noon Chief of Abso-
Hatur
Sheik Mahomed bin
Rahesha Chief of
Bahrein

margin, to enter, each into a separate engage-
ment, binding himself to prohibit altogether
the transportation of Slaves from the African
Coast or elsewhere, on board his Vessels
and those of his subjects, and moreover
giving full authority to our Cruisers, not
only to detain and examine all such vessels
suspected of being engaged in the Slave Trade,
but likewise to seize and confiscate them
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should they be found violating the terms of the engagement now entered into. Being in fact equivalent to the total abolition of his superior offices, on the part of themselves, and their dependents.

Enclosure No. 1 is a copy and translation of this important document as executed by Sheikh Sultan bin Suggur the Chief of the Rasmees Tribe - All these authenticated by the other Sheikhs are, with the exception of dates and names, exact transcripts of the one now forwarded.

It would be needless to trouble the Government with a detail of the arguments used by me in bringing about this desirable arrangement - suffice it to say they were of a strictly persuasive character. I am aware these new obligations have been entered into by the Arab Chiefs unwillingly, but their reluctance was overcome, partly by a desire to mark their deference for the views and wishes of the British Government, and partly by the impression, that these engagements would form additional guarantees for the maintenance of their independence. It was however urged, that it would be unjust to make such vessels as had already proceeded to the African Coast this season, liable to the penalties of an ex post facto law, and

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I therefore consented that its provisions should not come into operation before the commencement of the new year of the Hejira 1264, or the 10th December next. I had the less objection to fixing this period; as in all probability several Months must elapse before I can be honored by the receipt of the approval of government to the result of these negotiations, and its sanction received, for the issue of the necessary instructions for carrying the new arrangements into effect.

11. They too remark, that till the present time, the Chief of Bahrein has been no party to the several engagements entered into by the Maritime Sheiks regarding the Slave Trade, subsequently to the general Treaty of 1820. From this circumstance, and from the known proud and haughty character of the present rulers of that Island, I hardly hoped to be able to induce him to follow the example of the others. I met however with less difficulty than I anticipated; although he hesitated for some time, and made my interpreter explain the several clauses fully. I am inclined to attribute the comparatively little opposition he made, to becoming a party to the arrangements, to the alarm which the pretensions advanced by the Ottoman Porte communicated in a

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subject

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separate despatch / have inspired him...
 In consenting to the total abolition of the hitherto lucrative traffic in slaves, the Maritime States have unquestionably made no small sacrifice both of their interests and prejudices. I would therefore respectfully suggest for the consideration of the Honourable the Governor in Council, whether the occasion be not of sufficient importance to call for an acknowledgement direct from the Government in the shape of a letter to each of the parties subscribing the engagements, accompanied by an appropriate present, to mark its sense of the sincere proof now afforded of their desire to be guided by its views, and to cultivate its friendship and good will. In case His Honor in Council should see fit to receive this suggestion favourably, I have taken the liberty of annexing a list of such Articles of Presents, as I have reason to think would be considered acceptable. The gifts made by me on my late visit were only those usually presented on the occasion of the Annual Fair.

I have the honor to be,
 Signed / S. Hennell
 Resident in the Persian Gulf

Residency in the P.G.
 Bushire 11th May 1817

Copied by
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Translation of an Engagement entered into by Sheik Sultan ben Suggur Chief of Ras-el-Filayah and Shargah for the Abolition of the African Slave Trade in his Ports -

It having been intimated to me by Major Hennell, the Resident in the Persian Gulf, that certain Conventions have lately been entered into by H. H. the Imam of Muscat, and other Powers, with the British Government, for the purpose of preventing the exportation of Slaves from the African Coast and elsewhere, and it having moreover been explained to me, that in order to the full attainment of the objects contemplated by the aforesaid Conventions, the concurrence and Cooperation of the Chiefs of the several Ports situated on the Arabian Coast of the Persian Gulf are required - Accordingly I, Sheik Sultan ben Suggur, Chief of the Fasmeh Tribe, with a view to strengthen the Bonds of Friendship existing between me and the British Government, do hereby engage to prohibit the exportation of Slaves from the Coasts of Africa, and elsewhere, on board of my Vessels, and those belonging to my Subjects

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subjects or Dependents, such Prohibition to take effect, from the 1st day of Mohur -
-rum 1264 A. H. / or 10th December 1847 A.D.

And I do further consent, that whenever the business of the British Government, fall in with any of my Nephews or those belonging to my Subjects or Dependents, suspected of being engaged in the Slave Trade, they may detain and search them; and in case of their finding that any of the Nephews aforesaid, have violated this Engagement, by the exportation of Slaves from the Coasts of Africa, or elsewhere, upon any pretext whatever, they / the Government business / shall seize and confiscate the same. -

Dated this 14th day of Jumadee-ool
Murool 1265 A. H. or 30th day of April 1847
A.D.

True translation
Signed / J. Kennell
Resident of

L.S.

Sheik Sultan ben
Sugger

Sheik Muhtoom's Engagement Debaye
is dated 14th Jumadee-ool Murool 1265
or 30th April 1847

Signature

Ejman

Sheikh Abdool Azees's Engagement
is dated 13th Jumadee - ool Muroowl 1263 or
1st May 1847.

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Sheikh Abdoullah ben Rashed's En-
gagement is dated 15th Jumadee - ool
Muroowl 1263 or 1st May 1847.

Abuothakee

Sheikh Saed ben Jabnoon's
Engagement is dated 17th Jumadee - ool
Muroowl 1263 or 3rd May 1847.

Bahsein

Sheikh Mahomed ben Khulafas'
Engagement is dated 22nd Jumadee - ool
Muroowl 1263 or 8th May 1847.

(True Copy)
Signed / A. B. Kemball
Assistant Resident Persian Gulf

Copied by
Ant. Albugayja
Comp. R. Eady

List of articles suitable as presents to the Arabian
 Arabian Sheiks, on the occasion of their abolition of
 the slave trade.

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Sheikh Sultan ben Suggar
 A Cashmere shawl either red or white
 with corner about 1000
 A plain full sized strong gold Hunting
 Watch 250
 A Telescope 30 1.30
 Sheikh Saad ben Tahnoon
 The same as the above 450
 Sheikh Abdoolah ben Rashed
 A double barrel gun with Flint Locks 200
 A shawl as above 100 300
 Sheikh Azzeg ben Rashed
 A shawl as above 100
 A good full sized silver Hunting watch 150 250
 Sheikh Muktoom ben Butyr
 A shawl 100
 A watch as above 150 250
 The same as Sheikh Sultan ben Suggar 450

Residency in the Persian Gulf
 Bushire 11th May 1847
 Signed J. Hemmell

Resident in the Persian Gulf

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 V. Fernandes
 for the Govt

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No 287 of 1855

From H. L. Anderson, Esquire

Secretary to the Government of Bombay

To

Commander J. F. Jones, J. N.

Acting Resident in the Persian Gulf

Secret Department

Dated 22 October 1855

Sir,

I am directed by the Right Honble the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of Captain Kemball's letter N^o 6, dated the 23rd June last, with reference to the views of the Honble the Secret Committee respecting our general policy in the Persian Gulf.

2. In reply, I am instructed to inform you, that the opinion of this Government upon the general policy to be observed in the Persian Gulf, may be inferred from the orders issued in my letter N^o 288 dated the 20th November last, which were approved in Mr Secretary Edmonstone's letter N^o 5464 dated the 22nd December last.

3. Though these orders do not appear to have been entirely conformable

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conformable to the wishes of the Honble
the Secret Committee; it must be apparent
that recourse to military operations on
shore was never contemplated.

This Government believes
that the maritime tranquillity of the
Gulf can only be maintained by a
perseverance in the policy which has
now for a long time been observed in
that quarter; and by resisting with the
Naval strength at our command any
aggressions or encroachments which
are likely to disturb the peace of the
Gulf and lead to the revival of Piracy.

Dombayballe }
22nd October 1855. } Signed H. L. Anderson,
Secretary to Government.

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Secretary to Government.

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Extract from translated substance of a letter from Khojah
Ruhil Government Agent. Muscat to the Resident in
the Persian Gulf dated 11. Moharrum or 16 March 1840

States that relative to Khojah
bin Seif and Seror bin Alli Zahiri con-
cerning whom he had written on a former
occasion and the business that he had
transacted with Abdulla bin Meccan
-moor, Koorshid Pasha's man that on the
8th instant Hamed bin Seror and Seif
bin Alli Zahiri visited him (Agent) and
stated that the Imam had called the two
first named persons to his presence and
made enquiries of them but that they
denied having entered into any agreement
with Koorshid Pasha's man and that
the Imam induced Hamed bin Seror &
bin Alli to enter an amicable agreement
such as the Resident had established
between them and intimated to them
that whatever was the wish of the Bri-
tish Government he concurred in every
respect

* This reconciliation
was first effected by
the Resident when at
Goman

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respect. That on the 10th instant letters were re-
ceived from Ahmed bin Seroor by Hamid
bin Seroor and Seif bin Alli, a copy of
which he enclosed also by the Imam of
Muscat who in reply intimated that the
information relative Hamid bin Seroor
was without foundation that he remained
at Muscat of his own free will. That on
the 12th Kaatan bin Seif visited him (agent)
and swore solemnly that he had not in-
vited Abdulla bin Muhammad, but that
he had been self invited guest. That he
(agent) has observed, when Abdulla bin
Muhammad visited any persons connected
with the Imam he made presents to
them and that His Highness has now or-
dered that the intercourse with him may
be limited. Reports the arrival of a Baitel
from Bahrein with 60 horses belonging
to Khoosheid Pasha for sale in Bombay
and that another Baitel is on the way
with 30 Horses mentions that the Imams

Ship,

Ship Prince of Wales has been ordered to
the Makran Coast to take in salt for
Calcutta and that the Brig Sarah from
Calcutta, left on the 9th to return says
that the Imam is anxious to hear from
the Resident -

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True Translated Extract

(Signed) J. MacKenzie

Civil Surgeon

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(Signed) S. Annell

Resident in the P. Gulf

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भारत सरकार

No. 10 of 1842

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Secret Department

From Capt. A. Hamilton

British agent, Muskat, on a mission to
Zanzibar

To

J. P. Wetherby Esquire

Secretary to Government Bombay

Dated 5. March 1842.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter in this department, No. 1092, of 1841 of the 27. November last, together with a copy of a communication from the Secretary to the Government of India, under date 25. of October 1841 No. 1803, containing the sentiments of the Right Honorable the Governor General of India in Council, regarding the slave trade, as carried on between the East Coast of Africa and various parts in the Persian Gulf and Red Sea.

2. With reference to the latter part of the 2. para of Mr. Secretary (Madras) letter of the 25. of October 1841 No. 1803 in the Secret Department I have the honor to inform you for the information of the Honorable the Governor in Council, that His Highness the Imam, desired me to inform Government, that he would make a notification to prohibit the boats of the Soassines from visiting his African possessions, and give authority to our

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our Vessels of War to seize such boats within certain limits. -

Zanzibar
3rd March 1842

Shave the limit to be per
Signed: Thomas Namerton
Capt. British Agent Resident
on a mission to Zanzibar -

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True Copy

J. H. S. S. S. S. S.
Secretary to Govt.

J. H. S. S. S. S.