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To The Honble. Henry Wellesley

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Sir

I have the honor to transmit to you, on the part of Aali Effendi, Minister for Foreign Affairs, the enclosed Official Copy of a Firman directed to the Governor of Bagdat about the Slave Trade.

In delivering to me the Copy of the Firman, H. E. Aali Effendi said, that it is well understood that this Firman fully authorises British Men of War to seize any ship under Ottoman Colors which may be found acting contrary to the Sultan's Commands, such as are expressed in this Firman.

Per  
23<sup>rd</sup> January 1844  
I have  
(signed) Ferid Pashani  
True Copy

(signed) A. B. Pemball  
Agent Resident Pr Gulf

Capt. Murray etc  
Comp<sup>d</sup> R. Eddy

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Translations of an Imperial Firman addressed to the Viceroy of Bagdad dated in the beginning of Sept 1263 or end of January 1847 communicated the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 1847

To the Viceroy of Bagdad, I ordain (that) Whereas, although special conventions have been entered into between the British Gov<sup>t</sup> and certain Powers in Africa, for the purpose of preventing the exportation of Black Slaves from that Country to (the parts of) America, and to other places, certain Merchant Ships continue to kidnap Slaves from the African Coast and continue to transport them to other places, owing to which the provisions of the aforesaid conventions cannot be carried into execution, a request has been therefore lately made on the part of the British Government, that the necessary measures should be adopted in this matter by my sublime Porte with reference to those places, and whereas the inhuman and barbarous treatment adopted with regard to Kidnapped Slaves in the places to which they are transported is not like what adopted in other places, coming to these places and that the prevention thereof would be both just and commendable. - It is therefore my inference and

Imperial will that the Slave Trade carried on  
on the aforesaid Coast by the Merchant Vessels  
under my Imperial Flag be henceforward entirely  
prohibited, that any (Vessels) acting in contravention  
to this prohibition and captured by the Ships of  
my Imperial Fleet which by the grace of God are  
to be sent into those waters or taken by the British  
Ships of War cruising in those parts and deli-  
vered up by them to the Authorities of my Royal  
Ports in the Gulf of Berra, be taken possession  
of by my Sublime Porte and that the Captains thereof  
be punished; that those whom it may concern, be  
presumptively warned thereof and that the utmost  
care and attention be paid to the full and  
perpetual observance of the present prohibition  
and to the punishment of those acting in contra-  
vention thereto as aforesaid. -

You therefore, who are the Viceroy of the  
aforesaid, will not conformably (hereto) and  
be ware of transgressing (these orders) -

1 True Copy  
Signed H. B. Kemball  
Assist. Secy, Persian Gulf

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D. Williams  
Et  
R. Emory

Extract

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Although I have abstained from necessarily troubling your Lordship with any details, respecting the progress of the negotiation to induce the Porte to cooperate with H. M. Govt, for the suppression of the African Slave Trade within the Persian Gulf, it is not to be inferred that I have been equally forbearing with the Ottoman Government.

I am happy to add that the result of these negotiations is most satisfactory. The Sultan desirous of showing his anxiety to meet the wishes of the Queen, and of proving the friendly spirit which animates his conduct towards Great Britain, has consented that the importation of African Slaves into H. M. Ports within the Persian Gulf shall cease, and His Highness has further been pleased to order that some Ottoman Vessels shall be sent into the Persian Gulf in the ensuing Spring, to cruise with those of Her Majesty, in order to prevent a continuance of this nefarious Traffic within those waters.

I have not hesitated to express in H. M. name as well as in behalf of the British Government, the sincere pleasure with which this signal proof of

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

The Sultan's friendship will be secured by them, and I have assured both the Grand Vizier, and Aali Effendi, of the satisfaction which will at all times be inspired by the sight of the Ottoman flag floating at the side of the British, but more particularly when they are united in a service so hallowed as the prevention of a traffic which can only be carried on by means that must be equally repulsive to both Christian and Mussulman -

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June 12

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Aali Effendia has fixed the end of May as the time on which the Sultan's orders shall

come into operation, in order that those who are engaged in the traffic may have time to adopt some other employment -

I propose taking the earliest opportunity of communicating to the E. I. Co's Agent at Bushire, the intentions of the Porte in this matter -

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Signed A. B. Memball  
Asst. Resident Persian Gulf

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J. B. Wilson

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Extract of a Despatch to  
Lord Palmerston, dated Constantinople  
February 7<sup>th</sup> 1847.

Although the Ottoman Go-  
vernment has agreed in deference  
to your Lordship's wishes, to cooperate  
with Great Britain for the suppression  
of the African Slave Trade within the  
Persian Gulf, its consent has only been  
obtained on the condition that the  
Imperial Firman and Special In-  
structions on the subject, to the  
Pasha of Bagdad shall not be made  
public. Consequently in enclosing  
translations of these documents, I have  
most respectfully to request that  
your Lordship will consider the  
communication of them as secret.

Your Lordship will not fail to per-  
ceive that the Firman and Instructions imply  
the right, rather than give the right to British  
Men of War to stop Turkish Vessels engaged  
in the trade. In order to clear up the  
point, I desired Mr. Pisani to point out  
the difference to Aali Effendi; H. E. gave  
Mr. Pisani the most satisfactory assurances  
on the subject, as your Lordship will see by  
Mr. Pisani's official report, a copy of  
which

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which I have the honor to annex.

It was not without difficulty  
that I obtained Adm. Ezzendis consent to  
inserting the final clause in the original  
instructions, which orders that all slaves  
landed from a vessel that may have es-  
-caped the cruizers, shall be sent back to  
the place from whence they were taken.

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Signed / A. B. Kemball  
Assistant Resident Persian  
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Copied by  
F. S. ...  
J. S. ...

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No. 201 of 1847.

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From  
 A. Malet Esquire,

To, Secretary to the Government of Bombay  
 & M. Elliot Esquire

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

Secret Department.

Dated 17 July 1847.

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, copies  
 of five letters, as per  
 margin, from Major Hem-  
 mell, Resident in the

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Dated the 7 April 1847	No. 1
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Persian Gulf, connected with the slave trade  
 that quarter.

2. With his letter dated the 7<sup>th</sup> April  
 last, Major Hemmell submits copy of a recent  
 correspondence between himself, and the Honble  
 Mr. Wellesley, Her Majesty's Ambassador at  
 Constantinople, and Major Rawlinson, Political  
 Agent in Turkish Arabia, on the subject  
 of the sublime Porte having recently consented  
 to put a stop to the traffic in African slaves,  
 which had hitherto been carried on at the Ports  
 in the Persian Gulf, belonging to the Turkish  
 Government.

3. With his further letter upon the  
 same subject, dated the 27<sup>th</sup> May last, Major  
 Hemmell has forwarded copy of a letter  
 from Her Majesty's Ambassador at  
 Constantinople

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Constantinople, dated the 21<sup>st</sup> of the preceding month, intimating that the Sublime Porte has issued orders to the Pacha of Bagdad, not to do more at present, than prevent slave vessels under foreign colors, from loading their cargoes in Turkish Ports on the Euphrates.

In his letter dated the 11<sup>th</sup> May last, Major Hennell communicates the gratifying intelligence that at recent personal interviews with the six Maritime Arab Chiefs in the Persian Gulf, enumerated in the margin, he had succeeded in inducing each of them to enter into a separate engagement, binding himself to prohibit, from and after the 10<sup>th</sup>

The Chief of Ras-ul-Khyma	_____
and Sharga	_____
The Chief of Amulgorvine	_____
The Chief of Ginnah	_____
The Chief of Deboye	_____
The Chief of Absoothahce	_____
The Chief of Bahreim	_____

number 1847, the importation of slaves from the African Coast, or elsewhere, on board of his vessels; and those of his subjects; and giving full authority to the Honble Company's Cruisers, to detain and examine all such vessels suspected of being engaged in the slave trade; and to seize and confiscate them, should they be found violating the terms of the engagement now subscribed to.

With his letter dated the 11<sup>th</sup> May, Major Hennell transmits copy of a communication which he addressed on the 8<sup>th</sup> of the same month, to Her Majesty's Ambassador at Constantinople, announcing the above intelligence, and containing a "Sketch of the statistics of the slave trade in the Persian Gulf."

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Persian Gulf, and the relations hitherto existing between the British Government and the several Chiefs occupying its shores."

I am also directed to transmit to you for submission to the Right Honorable the Governor General, Copies of the Minutes recorded by the Honorable the Governor and the

Minute by the Honorable the Governor of 26<sup>th</sup> Ultimo, concurred in by the Honorable Mr. Reid  
Minute by the Honorable the Governor dated 26<sup>th</sup> Ultimo concurred in by the Board  
Minute by the Honorable Mr. Willoughby dated 30<sup>th</sup> Ultimo.  
Minute by the Board dated 4<sup>th</sup> instant

Honorable Mr. Willoughby as per margin, consequent on the receipt of Major Bannell's letters; and to state the orders to the effect that

in directed have this day been issued from this Department. The two points alluded to in the 4<sup>th</sup> para: of the Honorable Mr. Willoughby Minute dated the 30<sup>th</sup> Ultimo, will be responded to by the next Overland mail.

The Governor in Council begs to solicit the authority of the Right Honorable the Governor General for the publication in the Bombay Government Gazette of the engagements now entered into by the maritime Arab Chiefs of the Persian Gulf.

Bombay Castle  
17<sup>th</sup> July 1847.

I have the honor to be,  
Sir,  
Yours most obedient servant;

W. Mack  
Secretary to Government

Copy by D. P. Fernandes  
by P. E. S. S.

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Office No 119 of 1843.

To

W. Low Regt<sup>o</sup>

Commodore

Bassadore

Sir,

With reference to my letter to your address, dated the 15<sup>th</sup> of August last year, I have the honor to inform you that, the Honble the Governor in Council having determined that, my interpretation of the Treaties, respecting the punishment assignable for selling persons of the smallest tribe, is erroneous. I request you will have the goodness to consider the contents of the first paragraph of that letter to be annulled, and that, the Treaties assign the punishment of Piracy. I beg to enclose for your information and guidance a copy of the 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph of Mr. Willoughby's letter No 261 dated 14<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>r</sup> 1843.

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2 I also beg to enclose for your information and guidance, a copy of a letter from Mr. M'Cloughly dated the 10<sup>th</sup> of January No. 55, together with a copy of the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> paragraphs of its enclosure. Captain Hennell will, on his return to the Gulf, explain the latitude to which he meant his observations alluded to, to extend and, in the mean time, the application of the terms of the Treaty should be restricted to the parties to it, in attending to Captain Hennell's proposition for seizing boats.

Residing in the Gulf  
Buzhine 20<sup>th</sup> March 1843

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I have the honor to be  
Signed, W. D. Robertson  
Off. Resident Persian Gulf

True Copy  
Signed A. W. Kemball

Off. Resident Persian Gulf

True Copy  
J. Reid  
Chief Secy

Approved by  
E. J. Lancaster

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P. 3/4 of 1847.

From, A. Malet Esquire  
Secretary to the Government of  
Bombay  
To, Captain Sir R. Oliver R. N.  
Superintendent of the Indian Navy

Secret Department, Dated the 17 July 1847.

I am directed by the Honble the  
Governor in Council to transmit for your informa-  
tion an Extract, paras: 1 & 3, from a letter from  
Major Hennell, Resident in the Persian Gulf,  
dated the 11<sup>th</sup> May last, N. 4, together with  
translation of the engagement therein alluded  
to, which each of the six Maritime Arab

- 1 The Chief of Ras-ul-Khyma & Kerga.
- 2 The Chief of Amulgarine
- 3 The Chief of Gouda
- 4 The Chief of Debye
- 5 The Chief of Abbothabee
- 6 The Chief of Bahrein

Chiefs in the Persian Gulf,  
named in the margin,  
has entered into binding  
himself to prohibit from

and after the 10<sup>th</sup> December 1847, the importation  
of slaves from the African Coast, or elsewhere  
on board of his vessels, and those of his subjects  
and giving full authority to the Honorable  
Company's Cruizers, to detain and examine  
all such vessels suspected of being engaged  
in the slave trade, and to seize and confiscate  
them, should they be found violating the  
terms of the engagement now subscribed to.

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2. I am directed to request that you will be pleased to issue the necessary orders to Officers Commanding the ~~the~~ Company's vessels of war, for carrying out the powers acquired under the terms of the engagements in question.

Bombay Castle }  
17<sup>th</sup> July 1847. } (Signed) A. Malet  
Secy to Govt.

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Secret Department

To

Captain Robert Oliver  
Superintendent of the S. S.

Sir

I am directed by the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Governor in Council to request that you will despatch the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Company's Steamer *Sesostis* to the Peruvian Gulf about the 1<sup>st</sup> Proxim, with instructions to her Commander to return to Bombay on or about the 1<sup>st</sup> April next.

To prevent an unnecessary consumption of cost during this voyage, I do hereby request that you will positively prohibit the Commander of the *Sesostis* from Steaming, except under some great emergency, and in this latter case, to report for what time and for what purpose the vessel was put under Steam.

The Governor in Council requests that you will be pleased to instruct the Commander of the *Sesostis* in the first instance

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instance: to proceed to Muscat and from thence to Karachi, and on reaching this latter port, to report the arrival of that vessel to Captain Hurrell the Resident in the Persian Gulf.

4 After this the *Sesostri* should make a tour of the Gulf in such manner as the Resident may suggest, showing herself at all the principal ports in the Gulf.

The Governor in Council requests that you will inform the Postmaster General the date on which the *Sesostri* will leave Bombay, that it may be advertised for general information, and desired me to express the hope of Government, that you will be able to send the *Humble Crew* company's *Ships of War Elphinstone* as a reinforcement to the Squadron in the Persian Gulf, before the time fixed for the return of the *Sesostri* to Bombay.

Bombay Castle } I have the honor to be Sir  
18<sup>th</sup> Jan'y 1840. } Signed J. P. Walloughby  
- True copy - Secretary to Govt

Attest  
Secretary to Govt



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Sr

Captain Hennell

Resident in the Persian Gulf

Sir

I am directed by the Honble the Governor in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 116, dated the 14<sup>th</sup> ultimo, regarding the reduced state of the Squadron in the Persian Gulf, and to transmit for your information a copy of my letter of this date to the Superintendent of the Indian Navy directing the despatch to the Persian Gulf of the Honble Company's Steamer *Sesostrie* for the purpose of making a tour of demonstration in that quarter.

The Governor in Council requests that you will be careful that the instructions contained in my letter to Captain Oliver are not deviated from except under very emergent circumstances and desires me to inform you that, before the time

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
OF THE BOMBAY GOVERNMENT

fixed for the return of the Sedovist to  
Bombay. Government hopes to be able  
to send the Harle Company's Schooner  
of War "Ephraim" as a reinforcement  
to the Squadron in the Persian Gulf  
Bombay on the 18<sup>th</sup> January 1842

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I have the honor to be  
18<sup>th</sup> January 1842 / signed J. P. Willoughby

Secretary to Govt

- True copies

J. P. Willoughby  
Secretary to Govt.

Ed  
J. Maitland.