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Residency in the Persian

Alph Kurak 14 April  
1840 -

Secret Department.

Sir  
I have the honor to forward for the information of the Honourable the Governor in Council copies of my last despatches to the Honourable the Secret Committee, dated the 14<sup>th</sup> instant. I have the honor to be,

Yours faithfully,  
Agent of J. Arnall  
Resident in the Persian Gulf

J. P. Willoughby Esquire  
Secretary to Government

Bombay -

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Secret Department

To,

J. P. Willoughby Esq  
Secretary to Government

Bombay

Sir

1. I have the honor to enclose for the information of the Honorable the Governor in Council, the accompanying translation of a letter from His Highness the Imam of Muscat, upon the subject of Khorshid Pasha's schemes and intrigues in that quarter, and also an Extract from a communication from Khojah Reuben the native Agent relating to the same.

2. As His Highness has already, as mentioned by him, intimated the arrival of Khorshid Pasha's Agent at Muscat with presents and has I believe communicated fully with the Honorable the Governor in Council regarding the subject of this persons' mission.

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mission. I have not considered it necessary to return any other reply to this letter, beyond thanking the Imam for the confidence he has reposed in me, & expressing a hope that he may shortly be made acquainted from India with the views of the Government in respect to the reference he has made -

The letter referred to by Kingah Rooben as received by His Highness from Ahmed bin Suror (one of the Beyrute Sharhs) contained a representation on Ahmed bin Suror's supposed forcible detention at Muscat. The Imam has however assured him in reply that his Brother remains there entirely with his own free will and consent and that he is at liberty to quit the place whenever he pleases -

I have the honor to be  
 Residing at *Residence of the Resident*  
 Surat 14<sup>th</sup> April 1840  
 Resident Persian Gulf

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Translation of a letter from the Imam of Muscat  
to the Resident in the Persian Gulf dated 17 Moharram  
or 23 March 1840

I therefore wrote a letter to  
you intimating relative to Khorsheed  
Pasha's man but it was not possible that  
I should communicate to you in that  
letter all I thought on the subject - because  
I heard that it would be clandestinely  
opened - Khorsheed Pasha has not relinquished  
his designs on Oman and the Oman  
but he desires an object the attainment  
of which is above his power - In the  
letter received from him, there was little  
said - his communication was verbal  
through his man and this man states  
that he has no excuse not to come to  
the Oman, as far as Brimi, beyond which  
his projects do not extend He has  
requested assistance from me and promised  
assistance against anyone with  
whom I may have war, and he states  
that



That Mahomed Ali Pasha has written  
 to him (Khorshid Pasha) that he is about  
 to send seven ships for him, but I suspect  
 it is not true. I have as yet made him  
 no answer. I told him that he should  
 have an answer on his leaving, and he  
 is now delayed at Muscat, until an an-  
 swer may be received from the Governor  
 of Bombay. For I have written to the  
 Government and have sent the original  
 of the letter (of Khorshid Pasha) and  
 have enquired of the Government whether I  
 should keep the things sent to me by Khor-  
 shid Pasha or return them. I am expect-  
 ing an answer agreeably to which I will  
 act. The things sent by him are trifling  
 a lean horse a mare, a sword ornaments  
 2 furs 20 Arab cloaks and 130 bags of  
 dates.

True Translation

(Signed) J. Mackenzie  
 Civil Surgeon



Secret Department

To

J B Wellesley Esq<sup>r</sup>

Secretary to Government

Bombay

Sir

I have had the honor to receive your letter No 267 in this Department, under date the 15<sup>th</sup> February transmitting for my information & guidance, copy of a letter from the Secretary with the Right Honble the Governor General of India dated the 13<sup>th</sup> January communicating the sentiments of His Lordship as to the course of policy to be observed by the British Government in regard to the present state of affairs in the Persian Gulf; with a view of counteracting the ambitious designs of the Egyptian authorities & directing me to submit to the Honble the Governor in Council my opinion as to the best means of carrying out the views of the Governor General, and more especially with

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respect to the practicability or otherwise of some  
 access in being obtained to our present Naval  
 strength in this quarter, by His Highness  
 the Imam of Muscat, placing any of his  
 armed Vessels under the general direction of  
 the British officer Commanding in the Persian  
 Gulf, as alluded to in the 10<sup>th</sup> Paragraph of Mr.  
 Secretary & Haddocks letter.

I regret that I am not at present  
 sufficiently well acquainted with the interior  
 of Muscat, to be able  
 to speak so fully as I would have wished on  
 the subject respecting which my opinion is  
 called for in the latter part of the preceding  
 Paragraph affirming however the armed  
 Vessels of the Imam to be effectively kept  
 up & manned to the cordial consent of His  
 Highness obtained, I have no doubt that  
 such an arrangement as that suggested by  
 the Right Honble the Governor General might  
 be made to add considerably to our Naval  
 Force in the Persian Gulf, while at the same  
 time