

chance in some respects clash with the  
other —

I have the honor to be  
Signed / Herbert Disbrowe  
Acting Political Agent  
Muscat.

Forwarded under flying seal for the perusal  
of S. Mansfield Esquire, Commissioner  
in Sind. —

March 30<sup>th</sup> 1863  
Muscat

I signed / Herbert Disbrowe  
Acting Political Agent  
Muscat —

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N<sup>o</sup> 59 of 1863.

From Secret Department.  
Captain Herbert Disbrowe  
Acting Political Agent  
Muscat.

To, The Honble H. B. Anderson  
Chief Secretary to Government Bombay.  
Dated Muscat  
March 31<sup>st</sup> 1863.

Sir, In continuation of my letter, dated yesterday, N<sup>o</sup> 57, I do myself the honor to state, for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council, that I shall endeavor to induce H. H. the Sultan of Muscat to remain quiet, and to do nothing calculated to give umbrage to Persia, pending the arrival of instructions and advice from the Commissioner in Hind.

I have the honor to be  
Signed H. Disbrowe  
Acting Pol. Agt. Muscat.

Forwarded under flying seal for the perusal  
of S. Mansfield Esquire, Her Majesty's  
Commissioner in Hind

Signed H. Disbrowe  
Acting Pol. Agt. Muscat

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H. B. Anderson

Chief Secy.

C. C. Stettell

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No. 93 of 1863.

From Secret Department.  
The Honorable H. L. Anderson,  
Chief Secretary to Government  
Bombay.  
To J. Mansfield Esquire,  
Commissioner in Sind.

Dated 13<sup>th</sup> April 1863.

Sir,

I have the honor, by direction of  
His Excellency the Governor in Council,  
to acknowledge the receipt of your  
letters, and their several accompa-  
niments entered in the margin  
relating (1)

\* From the Commissioner in Sind to a threatening  
No. 41, dated the 9<sup>th</sup> April 1863, enclosing a letter from H. H. the communication  
Sultan of Muscat, and three letters addressed by the  
from Captain Disbrowe to Govt. Persian Governor  
with copies of a letter and a ac-  
compariment addressed by that officer to the Commissioner.

From the Commissioner in Sind of Bumpoor to  
No. 42, dated the 9<sup>th</sup> idem with H. H. the Sultan  
enclosures.

From the Commissioner  
in Sind No. 43 dated the 9<sup>th</sup> of Muscat, re-  
idem with enclosures.

garding the  
extension of the Telegraph works to His  
Highness' port of Choubar (2) to the  
deputation of a Persian Elchee to the  
Court of the Khan of Khelat, and (3)  
to an intimation received from the  
Political

Political agent at Muscat, expressive of  
H. H. the Sultan's willingness, <sup>to</sup> permit  
the occupation of Quadir by British  
Troops.

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2. His Excellency in Council approves  
generally of your proceedings, as now  
reported; and requests that you will  
proceed to act on the views expressed by  
you for the protection of the Telegraph.  
I am, however, desirous to state that nothing  
in the shape of military occupation,  
beyond what is necessary for the effectual  
protection of the working parties of the  
Telegraph within the Rhelat territory  
and the possessions of the Sultan of  
Muscat, should be attempted without  
express orders from the Governor General  
in Council.

3. When on the spot you will be the  
best judge of what number and description  
of men will be required for the purpose  
of protection; but His Excellency in  
Council requests that you will bear in  
mind that there is probably a good deal  
of empty bluster in the letter from the  
Governor of Bombay.

4. It is certainly not for the want  
of will that the Perisians have hitherto  
abstained from attempting to possess  
themselves

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themselves of the Sultan's ports on the Mekran  
Coast, and if the Persians did not feel  
disposed to meddle with the Sultan  
when he stood alone, it is not likely  
they will do so now, when the attempt  
would be an act of direct hostility  
against the British Government.:-

5. You will probably find that if you  
leave at Quadr, the Officer, whom you  
have been authorized to select as  
Assistant to the Political Agent at  
Shelat, with a small personal escort,  
such as the Officer would, under any  
circumstances require, nothing will  
be seen of any Persian force, and even  
should any attack be attempted, the  
Sultan's Governor, with the moral support  
which the presence of a British Agent  
and his escort, assisted by the Telegraph  
Officers and their guards will afford,  
would doubtless be able to protect  
our Telegraph parties from being  
interrupted.

6. His Excellency in Council  
anticipates that you will be able  
to leave at Quadr a Gunboat  
which will be useful to communi-  
cate with the working parties on the  
Coast, as well as with Muscat and  
Surrachee.

Kurrachee:

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7. As regards our own position at  
Quadr, you have already been furnished  
with instructions to treat with His Highness  
the Sultan for the purchase or lease of  
such portion of his possessions there as  
you may find on visiting the spot, to  
be necessary for the perfect security  
of the Telegraph. Any arrangement  
you may make in this way will of  
course be subject to the final approval  
of the Governor General of India, and  
Her Majesty's Government.

8. His Excellency the Governor  
in Council does not see any present  
necessity for discussing the question  
raised in para. 8 of your letter N<sup>o</sup> 41  
of the 9<sup>th</sup> instant. The Sultan has  
probably no apprehensions that he  
will be a loser, or suffer detriment  
in any dispute with his neighbours,  
occasioned by his willingness to aid  
us in the matter, and such being the  
case, it does not appear necessary formally  
to decide the question raised by you.

9. As for any claim of the Khaw  
of Khelat, His Excellency in Council  
scarcely deems it necessary to place  
you on your guard against giving  
it

it the slightest countenance. It rests on precisely the same footing as His Highness the Rharis claim to Purrackee, and after a dispossession verging on a century, His Highness cannot be surprised at our declining to take the slightest notice of it.

10. I am desired to enclose, under flying seal, the instructions which have been communicated to Captain Disbrowe on the important subject under consideration. No time will be lost in furnishing you with any further instructions which may be received from the Governor General of India or Her Majesty's Government, with whom the final decision of all the questions raised in the present correspondence must rest.

I have the honor to be,  
(Signed) H. L. Anderson  
Chief Secretary

Bombay Castle }  
13<sup>th</sup> April 1863 }

(True copies)

Chief Secretary

To,

His Highness Syed Shownee,  
Sultan of Muscat.

Your Highness,

I have received your Highness' friendly letter dated the 29<sup>th</sup> March last, forwarded to Kurrachee by the "Lurloo", on the subject of the communication addressed to you by the Persian Governor of Bushpoor--

2. Captain Disbrow, the Agent of this Government at your Highness' Court, has fully informed me of the state of affairs on the Mekran Coast--

3. Your Highness is aware that the final decision on subjects of this nature rests with the Viceroy and Governor General of India or with Her Majesty's Government in England, I cannot however permit the occasion to pass without thanking your Highness, for the prompt and efficient aid rendered by you in all matters connected with the Electric Telegraphs, and I beg to assure your Highness that Her Majesty's Government will highly appreciate this fresh proof of the



the cordial desire which your Highness and  
your venerated predecessor have always  
evinced, to comply with the wishes of the  
British Government.

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4. Captain Durbrow will communicate  
to your Highness the sentiments of this  
Government regarding the advice which he  
has already afforded to you.

5. Pray accept my best wishes for  
your happiness and prosperity.

Your Highness's esteemed friend.

signed A. B. C. How,

Bombay Castle

15<sup>th</sup> April 1863

True Copy

A L. L. L. L.

Chief Secretary

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