

ships to prevent all chance of a quarrel being fastened on the Bahreinees, and advise the Chief that in the event of any annoyance being given to his pearl divers, their best plan is to retire at once and report to you when the instructions of Government will be sought as to further notice of the affair.

4. I will return *Hugh Rose* as soon as she has got her supplies and any post that might be awaiting you or Her Majesty's ships. If you deem well to come across in her yourself, do so.

*No. 31.*

No. 816-407, dated Bushire, 31st July 1871.

From—LIEUTENANT-COLONEL LEWIS PELLY, C.S.I., Her Britannic Majesty's Political Resident in the Persian Gulf,

To—COMMANDER DOUGHTY, R.N., Commanding H. M.'s Ship *Maggie*, Royal Navy.

ON your return to Bahrein I should be obliged by your continuing to act on the instructions which the Senior Naval Officer informs me he communicated to you before leaving Bushire, *viz.*, to cruize between Ras Rekkān and Ras Tannoora, making Bahrein your head station.

2. The point where there is the greatest chance of complaint is that of the pearl banks around Ras Rekkān.

3. I have the honor to place at your disposal an interpreter who has long served aboard the vessels of the old Indian Navy, and who is conversant with the maritime questions arising on the Arab Coast.

4. On your arrival at Bahrein the Gun-boat *Hugh Rose* will return to Bushire with intelligence and for supplies. Her Commander will bring across any letters you may wish to send for supplies, post, &c.

5. Should you after departure of *Hugh Rose* deem any intelligence you may receive of sufficient importance for communication by special boat, oblige me by requesting the Chief of Bahrein to despatch a boat to Bushire accordingly, furnishing the Master with a note, when his expenses will be paid at the Residency.

6. *Hugh Rose* will return to Bahrein as soon as practicable, and will take whatever posts or supplies you may require. My instructions being to keep the Government constantly informed of all that happens on the Arab Coast, I beg you will keep in frequent communication with me by letter in view to carrying out the instructions of Government.

*No. 32.*

Dated H. M.'s Ship *Maggie*, 2nd August 1871.

From—F. PROBY DOUGHTY, Commander,

To—LIEUTENANT-COLONEL LEWIS PELLY, C.S.I., Poltl. Resident, Persian Gulf, Bushire.

I HAVE the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 816-407 of 1871, which I received after the despatch of my private note to you of this day's date.

I left the anchorage of Bushire this morning at 6-30 for the purpose of carrying out the instructions mentioned in paragraph 1 of your letter, having received Major Smith on board for passage to Bahrein.

2. The pearl bank round Ras Rekkān shall receive special attention.

3. I thank you much for Interpreter Hajee Cassim; his previous service in the Indian Navy must well qualify him for his present duty.

4. I expect no further supplies for the present from Bombay, but on the return of the *Hugh Rose* to Bahrein I shall feel much obliged by your giving directions that all mails for this ship, public or private, be delivered to her Commander or other responsible person for conveyance.

5. Should I obtain any intelligence of sufficient importance for communication by special boat, it shall be transmitted as you desire.

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6. I shall be glad to see the *Hugh Rose* back as soon as possible, her native crew being more fitted to stand the oppressiveness of such weather afloat as we have experienced during the last few days, than the highly trained man-of-war's men of this ship who left England in the winter and are unacclimatized. Beyond a certain point in sickness and debility it will become my duty to seek for them a change of air. I trust that this course may not be necessary, as it may cause some difficulties in your work. Bahrein and its neighbourhood may prove, as heretofore with us, a more endurable and salutary climate than Bushire, and I trust it may, but the next six weeks everywhere in the Gulf will be trying. The last three days have placed 21 *hors de combat* with the heat, several of which still linger in a very precarious state. The early night seems as fatal as midday under the awnings, and the want of rest through heat greatly debilitates those it does not strike down. Last night deprived me of the services of both the Engineers; the Surgeon is getting over-worked; this ship has already lost one, and there is no other on his way to replace him should any accident happen.

7. Your wishes with respect to constant communication shall be attended to. Noon.—The Surgeon has just reported that Major Smith also is in a very unsatisfactory state from *coup de soleil*.

*P.S.—4th.*—Three more added yesterday to our list of "heat strokes," but to-day all have felt and enjoyed a sensible difference in the atmosphere, dryer, every one feeling fresher, patients doing well. I start for the pearl banks on Monday (7th).

*No. 33*

Telegram dated 3rd August 1871.

From—PELLEY, Bushire,  
To—Political Secretary, Bombay.

COMMANDER, Her Majesty's Ship *Maggie*, writes that his men continue to be struck down with heat; that all his crew are debilitated, and that his ship is now almost useless as a fighting ship. If matters get worse, he intends leaving Persian Gulf for Gulf of Oman or further eastward. *Bullfinch* gone to Muscat to entertain native firemen, and be present at recognition. Have requested her Commander to return as soon as practicable.

*No. 34*

No. 973-253, dated Bushire, 28th August 1871.

From—LIEUT.-COL. LEWIS PELLEY, C.S.I., H. B. M.'s Poltl. Resident, Persian Gulf,  
To—Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Political Dept.

REFERRING to my letter as per margin and its accompaniments, I have now the honor to enclose copies of further correspondence passed between me and the Officers Commanding Her Majesty's Ships *Bullfinch* and *Maggie* concerning the movements of those vessels, and the position of affairs at Bahrein.

No. 898-237, dated 14th August 1871.

Commander, Her Majesty's *Maggie*, to Colonel Pelly, dated 10th July 1871.

Colonel Pelly's reply to Commander, Her Majesty's *Maggie*, No. 918-452, of 19th August 1871.

Colonel Pelly's letter to Senior Naval Officer, No. 919-453, dated 19th August 1871.

2. I shall have the honor in a separate letter (to be sent by this opportunity) of sketching the position of the contending parties at Lahsa and in Nejd. But the report now enclosed from the Commander of Her Majesty's *Maggie* gives a concise summary of the intelligence communicated to him by the Residency Moonshees on this subject.

No. 974-254, dated 28th August 1871.

3. One of the Moonshees having reported to me that the Chief of Bahrein was using incautious language in regard to the belligerents in Nejd, and that a son

Translated purport enclosed.

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