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Political Department

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For Despatch
 Dated 15.5.62
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From

Captain A. P. Disbrow

Offg. Sol. Resident Persian Gulf

To

Mr. J. Shaw Stewart Esquire
 Acting Secretary to Government
 Bombay

Residency Persian Gulf
 Bushire 19 May 1862

Decoration of
 English burial
 ground.

I have the honor to enclose
 transcript of two despatches
 have deemed it my duty to sub-
 mit to Her Majesty's Minister
 at the Court of Persia, on the
 subject of the desecration of
 the English burial ground out-
 side Bushire Town.

Forward copies
 of 2 despatches
 to Her M^{ty}'s Min^{ster}
 in the above
 subject

In requesting the fa-
 vor of your submitting the con-
 tents to His Excellency the Go-
 vernor in Council, and in ex-
 pressing my hope that their
 tenor will be honored with His
 Excellency's approval.

British Res^{id}
 Bushire 19th
 May 1862

I have the honor to be
 Sir,
 Your most obed^t Servant
 A. P. Disbrow

Offg. Sol. Res^{id} Persian Gulf

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From

Off. Pol. Res. Persian Gulf

To

Acting Secy to Govt. Bombay

Dated 19 May

Registered

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Submits copies of despatches addressed to Her Majesty's Minister at Tehran regarding the desecration of English burial ground at Bushire.

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Political Department

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From

Captain A. J. Disbrow

Off. Pol. Resident Persian Gulf

To

C. Alison Esquire C. B.

H. B. His Envoy Extraordinary
and Minister Plenipotentiary
at the Court of Persia

Tehran.

Residency Persian Gulf

Bushire 24 March 1862

Sir,

It is with feelings of deep regret I make known to you that our burial ground at Bushire has been desecrated, and that the graves of our Officers and Soldiers have been defiled. Although every reasonable precaution had been adopted by us to prevent entry by the erection of a wall around, steps were cut into the walls; broken glass, that had been arranged along them, was removed; the enclosure had been made use of for cultivation; and the graves themselves had been desecrated by

by depilement of a most heinous character.

2. On discovering that such had occurred, Captain Elie Jones represented to Mirza Syed Khuleel the offensiveness of the outrage, and the necessity that existed for reparation being made to us. Mirza Syed Khuleel adopted the usual course of promising largely, but effecting nothing. Although it lay in his power to afford us redress, and although he conveyed an assurance to me that corporal punishment would be inflicted on a party he held to be an offender, as also that the burial ground would be repaired, nothing, positively nothing, has he done in the affair. No resource is therefore left me but to lay the matter before you in the form of a complaint.

3. Mirza Syed Khuleel no doubt will endeavour to screen himself by furnishing to his own Government some plausible pretext for non-compliance with our demand for redress. He has already represented to the Resi-

dency

Wide Enclosure
to Mr. Doria's let-
ter of 20th Au-
gust 1859.

Residency his inability to pun-
ish. The cultivator on the grounds
of his ownership to the spot en-
closed. This pretext, you will
remember, he endeavoured, though
rather unsuccessfully, to make
deceitful use of in the affair
of Doctor Woods' summer quarters.
How far Mirza Syed Khuleel is
justified in adducing such ex-
cuses years after the ground
had been in our undisturbed
possession for burial purposes,
and years after the sanction of
His Majesty the Shah's Ministers
had been accorded us to enclose
the spot, I leave it to your
better judgment to decide. Cap-
tain Jones's own opinion was
that the desecration of our graves
formed but a sequel to the
annoyances offered us by the
demolition of Doctor Woods' sum-
mer residence.

4. It is my intention
to effect the necessary repairs
to the walled enclosure imme-
diately, but, until the local
Authorities become assured that,
owing to your support and in-
fluence,

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influence, it will be dangerous
for them to permit desecration,
I am by no means satisfied
that the resting-place of our
departed soldiers will be secure
against a repetition of insult.

I have the honor &c
(signed) H. F. Disbrow.
Offg Col. Resd &c

(True copy).

H. F. Disbrow
Offg Col. Resd Persian Gulf.

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From,
Captain H. F. Disbrow
Offg Col. Resident Persian Gulf

To,
C. Alison Esquire C. B.

H. B. Mr. Envoy Extraordinary
and Minister Plenipotentiary
at the Court of Persia
Tehran.

Residency Persian Gulf
Bushire 16th May 1862

Sir,

In continuation of my des-
patch to your address No. 13 of
March 24: last regarding the
desecration of our burial ground,
I do myself the honor to submit
for your information copies and
translations of correspondence that
has passed at Bushire between
the Foreign Office Agents and
myself on the subject.

2. Mr. J. L. Lyd Whulcel,
I regret to observe, carried on
to the last moment the per-
verse system he had adopted
from the day he commenced his
career as Foreign Office Agent
in this town.

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To certify copies
for use, only the
last of these 4
enclosures is for-
warded. It shows how
matters stand.
The other three will
be submitted if
called for

He pretended to share in the indignation & expressed at the offensive desecration the tombs of our Officers and Soldiers had been subjected to. He promised twice to administer corporal punishment to a person he held to be an offender. In fact he made every possible profession of alacrity but, after all his promises and professions, finished by incorrecly declaring that he had received a message from me soliciting permission to erect a dome over the walled enclosure of the burial ground, by stating his inability to punish one of the King's subjects for raising cultivation on a spot he claimed as his own —, and by denying what had already been unequivocally admitted by one of his own people deputed to ascertain the character of the desecration perpetrated —.

4. On fine, though he eventually accorded permission for the necessary repairs being effected to the grave yard, he obstinately

obstinately persisted in withholding the slightest satisfaction to the wounded feelings of the British community.

5. I refrain from entering further at present into detail on this subject, and will conclude by observing that I await the result of my appeal to Mirza Mehdy Khan, the new Foreign Office Agent. This result, I beg respectfully to acquaint you, shall be communicated for your information in due course.

British Resd.
Buckhires 16th
May 1862

I have the honor to
signe H. F. Browne
Off. Pol. Resd. &c.

(True Copy)

H. F. Browne
Off. Pol. Resident Pers. Gulf.

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Inclosure 2.

Inclosed in a letter from
 Offr. Col. Res. Persian Gulf
 To Acting Secy. to Gov. Bombay
 Dated 19th May No. 3719

From,

Offr. Col. Res. Persian Gulf

To,

H. B. His Minister, Tehran

Dated 16th May No. 2119

Regarding description of
 English burial ground.

Result of an appeal
 for redress made to
 the new Persian Gov.
 Office Agent is awaited.

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From,

Captain H. F. Disbrow

Offr. Col. Resident Persian Gulf

To, Murza Mehdy Khan

Persian Agent for Foreign Affairs
 BushireDated 12th Zilkhad 1278
 12th May 1862

It is with much pain
 I address you on the subject of
 a correspondence that has recent-
 ly passed between Murza Syed
 Khuleel, your predecessor in the
 Foreign Office Department, and
 myself, regarding the British
 burial ground.

2. You are as well aware
 as I am that permission was
 accorded by His Majesty the
 Shah's Ministers to erect the grave
 yard. You also know as well
 as I do that the Persian local
 authorities from the day of its
 erection have been instructed
 to protect it. Both the permis-
 sion and the instruction were
 received, unless I err, during your
 former tenure years ago of the
 post of Agent for Foreign Affairs

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in this town.

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Although you will observe that Mirza Syed Khuleel in the end acceded to repairs being effected to the walled enclosure surrounding the remains of our Officers and Soldiers, yet he never inflicted punishment on the party or parties who defiled the tombs, nor did he either cause the removal of the obnoxious cultivation, or punish the cultivator, though he promised to me he would do so. Far from it. Only a few days ago a workman was seen busily occupied gardening, and setting in order the plants that have been permitted to rise within the walled enclosure. It is difficult to suppose that Mirza Syed Khuleel possessed not the power to put a stop to such heinous proceedings, and it is highly painful to the feelings of the whole British community to observe that the very party, who has been commanded to afford protection, refuses to interfere or to permit our dead to sleep in peace. I beg and pray

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pray of you to allow the offensive to exist no longer; and I beg and pray of you to issue the necessary orders to ensure respect being paid to the burial ground in future.

4. Granting it may be perhaps difficult to trace the persons who defiled the tombs, still no such difficulty can be alliged in regard to the cultivation and cultivator, and surely you will do me the justice to admit that an example is essentially necessary, both to restrain others from offending hereafter, and to appease the wounded feelings of the British community. I look anxiously for your reply.

Not yet received.
H.D.

I am &c
/Signed/ H. F. Gibbons
Offg. Secy &c

(True copy)
H. F. Gibbons
Offg. Secy Persian Gulf

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Enclosure No 3.

Enclosed in a letter from
 Offg Pol. Res^t Persian Gulf
 To Acting Secy to Govt Bury
 Dated 19th May 1862 371st D.

From

Offg Pol. Res^t Persian Gulf
 To

Persian Agent for Foreign
 Affairs Bushire
 Dated 12th May.

Refers to correspondence with
 his predecessor on subject
 of desecration of the Burial
 ground at Bushire.

Requests cultivation may be re-
 moved there from & the cultiva-
 tor furnished.

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The Acting Secy begs to submit
 this for the orders of the Hon
 Board.

It is like ^{many of} Capt Desbrow's
 letters very unsatisfactory
 and the acting Secy doubts if
 in this case the offg Pol.
 Residents proceedings can
 be approved.

The letter does not state
 the mode of "displemment" &
 gives this part as ~~too~~ ground
 on which to form an opinion
 whether ~~it is~~ the
 displemment was of a "moral"
 "heinous character" and
 if it amounted to desecration.

The tone of Capt Desbrow's
 letter to the Agent for Foreign
 Affairs appears undignified.

W. M. Mearns
 agy

There can be no
 doubt of it. It was
 indeed a great loss.

Superior. Secs
 of Bureau of
 Foreign Affairs
 Bureau of Affairs
 in the Bureau
 of Affairs. N.T.A.

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I would tell Capt. D. that it wd have been more satisfactory had he told us shortly & plainly what he had to complain of - that the tone of his letters is not disguised - but that we will express no opinion ~~to~~ as to the course he pursued till we know what was done to call for remonstrance & what has been the result. Would not a paid watchman Murray

any repetition of cause of complaint? Squabbles?

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Captain H. F. Disbrowe,
Assistant Pall Resident
in charge Persian Gulf
Bushire

Mr,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No 37 dated the 19th ultimo, submitting copies of two communications which you have addressed to Her Majesty's Minister at the Court of Persia regarding the desecration of the English burial ground at Bushire.

2nd It would have been more satisfactory, I am desired to state, had you placed before Govt a succinct ~~and plain~~ account of what you have had to complain.

3rd The HEC considers the tone of your letters to the Persian Agent for Foreign Affairs to be undignified, but he will refrain from expressing an opinion as to the course you pursued until he learns what was done to call for remonstrance and what has been the result.

4th You are requested to state, for the information of

but, whether the employment of a paid watchman at the burial ground at Bushire will prevent any repetition of such cause of complaint as that now brought to notice -

W. Belatter }
17 June 62 } R.W.

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N^o 49 of 1862

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(ms. for Recd. Secy. From,
Encl. 1862. 27.
Lanc. 1862. 1. 4.

Captain H. F. Disbrowe

Offg. Col. Resident Persian Gulf

To,

Mr. J. Shaw Stewart Esquire

Acting Secretary to Government

Bombay

Residency Persian Gulf

Bushire 14th July 1862

British burial
ground at Bn.
Shire -

Sir,

I acquainted you in my communication to your address N^o 37 of May 19th last that I had reported to H. B. M's Minister at Tehran the painful fact of the English burial ground at this town having been subjected to desecration. I have the honor now to enclose transcript of a despatch recently received from the British Minister on the subject, from the contents of which it will be gathered that the Persian Ministers have sent instructions for the punishment of the perpetrators of the desecration.

2.

In respectfully soliciting the favor of your submitting the fact for the information of His Excellency

Refers to letter N^o 37 of 19th May 1862 and incloses transcript of a despatch from H. B. M's Minister at Tehran shewing that Persian Ministers have sent instructions for punishment of the perpetrators of the desecration to the British burial ground.

Solicits the favor of this fact being

noted
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Excellency the Governor in Council, and in intimating my intention to submit a further report on this head in due course.

submitted for the information of H.E. in Council.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obed^t servant;

A. A. Wane

Offg Pol. Resident Pers. Gulf.

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Duplicate
No. 17.

Shran
June 5th 1862

Sir,

Vide enclosure
1 to my former
note in to Govt
No 37 of 19th May
last.

Incloses letter
from Persian
Minister for
Foreign Affairs
respecting de-
secration to Bri-
tish Burial ground
at Bushire.
Will be glad to hear
the offenders have
been severely pun-
ished.

With reference to your
despatch No. 13 of 1862, I en-
close translation of a letter ad-
dressed to me by the Persian
Minister for Foreign Affairs
respecting the desecration of
the British burial ground at
Bushire. I shall be glad to
learn that the instructions sent
for the punishment of the
perpetrators of this outrage
have been carried out with
the utmost severity.

I remain &c.

Signed / C. Alison

Captain Disbrowe.
Officiating Resident
at Bushire.

(True Copy)

A. A. Wane

Offg Pol. Resident Pers. Gulf.

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Enclosure No. 1.

Inclosed in a letter from
 Offg Pol: Resident Pers: Gulf
 To Acting Secretary to Govt
 Dated 4th July No. 149.

From,

H.B. Mr's Minister at Tehran
 To,

Offg Pol: Resident Pers: Gulf
 Dated 3th June No. 148.

Could translation of a letter from
 Persian Minister for Foreign
 Affairs respecting desecra-
 tion of the British burial
 ground at Bushire. He will
 be glad to hear the offenders
 have been severely punished.

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Statement of Mr. J. C. Edwards
 Accountant Residency Persian Gulf.

On Sunday the 14th
 September 1862 the watchman
 stationed at the British burial
 ground came to give me his
 usual report about every thing
 being in order. On the follow-
 ing day he came to say that
 during his temporary absence
 from his post on Sunday some
 parties, unknown, had de-
 stroyed the broken glass that
 had been placed on the ridges
 of the wall surrounding the
 grave yard. I told him to
 try and discover the perpetra-
 tors else punishment would
 fall upon himself. On Wednesday
 the 17th the watchman again
 came to me to say that on the
 night previous two persons had
 again come near the grave yard
 and from a conversation they
 had between themselves, which
 he overheard, he was sure they
 were some of the parties who
 had

had done the mischief on Sunday night, and could point out who they were. Notice was sent from the Residency to Mirza Mehdy Khan to this effect, who immediately apprehended the parties. They confessed their guilt and were bastinadoed. There is no doubt of the parties having been bastinadoed. The injury done to the wall of the grave yard was but slight. The spirit in which it was done (as gathered from the conversation overheard and reported by the watchman) appears to have been most wanton. Up to date the injury has not been amended. The perpetrators of the outrage were fruit sellers. Their names are Moheini, Ahmed and Abd Reza.

Bushire } Signed J. C. Edwards
3rd October/62 } Account of D. C.

(True copy)

J. C. Edwards

Offg. Lt. Resident Persian Gulf.

Persian Agent
for For. affs
in Bushire.

From,

Captain H. F. Disbrow

Offg. Lt. Resident Persian Gulf.

To,

Mirza Mehdy Khan

Persian Agent for For. Affairs

Bushire

Dated 2nd Rabi ul Awwal 1279
27th September 1862

A short time ago I received information, when in my summer residence at Chaghudduk, that the English burial ground had again been wantonly desecrated, natives of Bushire having taken advantage of the brief temporary absence of the grave-yard watchman successfully to carry into effect their mischievous intentions. The receipt of this intelligence surprised me and shocked me exceedingly. On the other hand I was delighted to learn that you had hastened to inflict corporal punishment on the offenders, and

and for this friendly display on your part I beg to express my sincere thanks to you.

Other points, however, there are that deserve consideration, and to which I am desirous of directing your particular attention.

1^{stly}, In cases where punishment has to be inflicted upon Persian subjects by Persian authorities for offences committed upon British subjects or British property, it has been the custom from time immemorial for the punishment to be carried into effect in the presence of a party or parties from this Residency. I beg this most desirable practice may be adopted in future as here-
- tofore.

2^{ndly} Though I have waited patiently for a number of days, the grave-yard wall remains unrepaired. May I request the favor of the ne-
- cessary

necessary repairs being effected at the expense of the companies who so wantonly and maliciously committed the injury.

Lastly. At your particular and urgent request it was that I placed a special watchman on a monthly salary over the grave yard. I scarcely see, however, what benefit will be derived from the measure, for the watchman is apparently unable to absent himself for seven or an hour or so for the simple purpose of submitting a report to the Residency regarding the state of the grave yard committed to his charge, ere fresh outrages are perpetrated.

It is a melancholy reflection indeed, that Bushire inhabitants will not permit the remains of the dead to rest in their grave yard in peace, and that Bushire authorities possess so little comp-
- trol

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control over the said inhabi-
tants as to be unable to pre-
vent such inhuman proceed-
ings. I record these remarks
with pain, but my feelings are
hurt and the facts are even as
recorded.

May I ask what se-
curity you can afford me for
the non-recurrence of similar
outrages hereafter?

I have &c

Signed/ H. F. Disbrow

Offg Pol. Rest. &c

(True copy)

A. H. D. Browe

Officiating Pol. Rest. Persian Gulf.

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Translated Purport of a letter.

From

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Mirza Morddy Khan
Persian Agent for For. Affairs
Bushire

captain H. F. Disbrow
Officiating Political Resident

Persian Gulf

Dated 3rd Rukh 1281/79
28th September 1862

Received 30th September 1862

With reference to
the fresh injury done by mis-
chievous parties to the Eng-
lish burial ground, the very
day of its occurrence the watch-
man made known to me
the circumstance, and I, after
ascertaining who had been
guilty of the outrage, together
with the extent of the injury
committed, enjoined that, in ac-
cordance with the orders of
Government and the custom
in like cases, the offenders
should be visited with pun-
ishment commensurate with
their

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com their offence, and be forced
to repair the damage they
had inflicted.

A number of other mis-
chievous parties, however, who
have sprung up in Bushire,
and were themselves the foun-
dation stone of the outrage,
the cast obstacles in the way. I
shall submit to the Persian
ministers the facts of the
case as they stand, and
stringent commands will doubt-
less be issued for the pun-
ishment of both the actual
offenders, and the inciters to
mischievous, in order that others
may not hereafter be the cause
of the recurrence of acts like
these, or occasion trouble and
discussions between us.

True Translated Passport
Signed H. F. Disbrowe
Off. Pol. Resident Pers. Gulf.

(True Copy)

H. F. Disbrowe
Off. Pol. Resident Persian Gulf.

¶ The obsta-
cles needed
to refer so
far as I have
been able to
ascertain to
restraint. Plac-
ed upon the
Agent for Foreign
Affairs by the
Dep. Governor
of the town, &
perhaps others,
who declared that
the Agent for F. A.
in basing his
Persian subjects
exceeded his
powers.

J. D. D.

" S. 37 To From,

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Captain H. F. Disbrowe
Off. Pol. Resident Pers. Gulf.

Murza Mochdy Khan
Persian Agent for Foreign Affairs
Bushire

Dated 20th Rubeec or Sauec 1279,
15th October 1862

With reference to your
communication to my address,
under date the 3rd instant last,
I beg to acquaint you that I
have duly submitted to H. his
Minister at Shiran the par-
ticulars connected with the
fresh outrage recently committed
upon the English burial ground,
and as I feel assured, when
I remember the friendship ex-
isting between England and
Persia, that the Persian minis-
ters will severely condemn,
and express their indignation
at these acts of desecration,
confidently rely ~~must~~ on your having
already submitted, or your
submitting

submitting, as you promised
to me, a report to your own
Government with a view to
the obtainment of the re-
quisite commands to ensure
the non-recurrence of simi-
lar outrages.

I have &c.

(signed) H. F. Disbrowe

Offg Pol. Resident Persia Gulf

(True copy)

H. F. Disbrowe

Offg Pol. Resident Persia Gulf

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For Decree 1862 From
Entered 5/27/62
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Captain H. F. Disbrowe
Offg Pol. Resident Persia Gulf

Mr. J. Shaw Stewart Esquire
Acting Secretary to Government
Bombay

Residency Persia Gulf
Bushire 8th October 1862

Discreet of
the
English
burial
ground
at
Bushire

Sir,

In continuation of my
letter to your address N° 49 of
July 14th last, I do myself the
honor to acquaint you, for the
information of His Excellency the
Governor in Council, that, not-
withstanding the reluctance
displayed by the local authorities
at Bushire to afford satisfac-
tion for outrages committed on
the English burial ground, I
was at last enabled through
the support I received from
Her Majesty's Minister at Tehran
to obtain the punishment of
Aghayer, one of the individuals
concerned in the outrages. The

Aghayer
one of the
discreet of
the burial
ground has
been punished
Sol.

The punishment actually inflicted upon Aghayer consisted in a fine of thirty-three Mahomed Shah Krans, a sum equivalent to the repairs incurred by me on the repairs I effected to the grave yard owing to the damage it had sustained. I had pressed the local authorities for punishment beyond, and more severe than, the simple infliction of a fine. As Aghayer, however, had been an offender only in a minor degree, and as no proof could be produced against him of his having been a party to the more serious charge of defilement comprised in the complaint originally submitted, I did not deem it expedient to protract a discussion that had already extended beyond ordinary limits. Whilst confining myself, therefore, to an acknowledgment of the thirty-three Krans, I determined to leave it to the better judgment of

33 M. S. Krans.
fine constituted the punishment.

As Aghayer had offended only in a minor degree, officiating he did not feel it to the British Minister to pronounce whether the reparation afforded us be sufficient.

33 M. S. Krans.

Mr. Alison simply acknowledged the despatch, & I presume he is satisfied with the amount of reparation.

a fresh outrage has been committed, & fresh complaint & appeal have been preferred.

Such documents only forwarded as appear actually necessary.

Others ready if required.

Mr. Alison, Her Majesty's Minister to decide and pronounce whether further satisfaction were needed. I may add that, having received yesterday a reply to a reference I made to Mr. Alison on the subject, I glean that Mr. Alison deems the reparation afforded to be sufficient. I shall accordingly desist from pressing the British authorities further regarding past outrages. A fresh outrage has, however, been unfortunately committed. I have possessed no resource, therefore, but to submit fresh complaints and fresh appeal.

3. As it is not my desire to burden Her Majesty's Government with more correspondence than appears actually necessary, and as I have submitted the particulars to Her Majesty's Minister with a view to a decided check being placed on such inhuman proceedings hereafter, I forward merely a statement showing the nature of the injury done to the grave yard & transcript

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transcript of a communication
I addressed to the Persian Agent
for Foreign Affairs regarding
the outrage, together with trans-
lation of the above functionary's
reply. Should further details
or documents be pronounced re-
quisite by His Excellency the
Governor in Council, I beg re-
spectfully to express my readi-
ness to furnish them on de-
mand.

In intimating my
intention to submit the result
of the representations I have
been again compelled to make
to Her Majesty's Minister re-
specting the desecration of our
cemetery.

British Res.
Bushire 8 Oct 62

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedt. Servant

J. A. G. Browne

Offg Pol. Resident Pers. Gulf.

P.S.

As enclosure 4 to
this despatch I beg to sub-
mit

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submit copy of a further com-
munication I have this day
addressed to the Persian Agent
for Foreign Affairs regarding
the burial ground.

British Residency

Bushire 15 Oct 1862.

J. A. G. Browne

Offg Pol. Resident Pers. Gulf

Result of repre-
sentations to Her
Maj's Minister at
Tehran will be
submitted to
Government.

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Political Department
From,
Offg Pol: Resident Persian Gulf
To,
Acting Secy to Govt. Bombay
Dated 8th October
Registered.

No 73.

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Offg. Pol. Resident Persian
Gulf, 8th Oct/62 No 73.

Punishment of one
of the desecrators of
the English burial
ground.

Fresh outrage on it has
been committed, & fresh
complaint submitted.

Extract para: 1 of a letter
— Political Department —

No 13 of 1862

From,

Captain H. F. Disbrowe
Offg Pol: Resident Persian Gulf

To,

Charles Alison Esquire C. B.
H. B. His Envoy Extraordinary
and Minister Plenipotentiary
at the Court of Persia
Tehran.

Residency Persian Gulf
Bushire 24th March 1862

It is with feelings of
deep regret I make known
to you that our burial ground
at Bushire has been desecrated,
and that the graves of our
Officers and soldiers have been
defiled. Although every rea-
sonable precaution had been
adopted by us to prevent an-
ty by the erection of a wall
around, steps were cut into
the walls; broken glass that
had been arranged along them
was removed; the enclosure
had

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had been made use of for
cultivation; and the graves
themselves had been desecrated
by depilement of a most hair-
ing character.

(True Extract)

J. A. Brown
Offg Col. Resident Persian Gulf.

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Camp near Tehran
July 26th 1862

Sir:

With reference to the
desecration of the English bury-
ing ground in the neighbour-
hood of Bushire, I have the
assurance of the Persian Min-
ister for Foreign Affairs that
the Prince-Governor of Fars,
and the Persian Foreign Office
Agent at Bushire, are using
their best endeavours to re-
move all cause of complaint
on that subject. I trust
that renewed instructions
will soon go to Bushire to
prevent the recurrence of such
unseemly desecration.

I remain &c

/Signed/ C. Alison

To

Captain Disbrow

&c &c &c

Bushire

(True Copy)

J. A. Brown
Offg Col. Resident Pers. Gulf.

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Inclosure No 2.
 Inclosed in a letter from
 Offg Sol. Resd Persian Gulf
 To Offg Under Secy to Govt
 D^d 13th October No 771st D.

From

H. B. Mr Minister in Persia

To

Offg Sol. Resd Persian Gulf

D^d 26th July No 21.

Steps that are being
 adopted to remove
 all cause of com-
 plaint respecting
 the English
 burial ground.

Political Department 1862-1863 No 77 of 1862

Enclosed for Mr. From.
 Entry No 5877.
 July 1863.

Captain H. P. Disbrowe

Offg Sol. Resident Persian Gulf

To.

Mr. West Esquire

Officiating Under

Secretary to Government

Bombay.

Residency Persian Gulf

Bushire 13th October 1862

English
 burial
 ground.

Sir,

I do myself the honor
 to acknowledge the receipt of
 your despatch to my address,
 No 2,003 dated June 17th last,
 regarding the desecration of
 the English burial ground at
 Bushire, and with reference
 to paras 2 and 3 of the despatch
 I beg respectfully to state that
 the nature of the desecration
 will be gathered from para 1
 of my communication to the
 address of Mr. Alison, C.B., Her
 Majesty's Minister at Tehran,
 No 13 dated March 24th last,
 which communication formed
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 Acknowledges
 despatch
 No 2003 re-
 garding Eng-
 lish burial
 ground.

Nature of the
 desecration
 will be gather-
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 1 of my commu-
 nication to Mr
 Alison, No 13^d
 March 24th last,
 which formed
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enclosure 1 to my letter No 37 da. My letter No 37^d May 19th last to the address of Mr. Secretary Stewart. Sec^y Stewart. For convenience of reference I do myself the honor to attach copy of the para: referred to; and, as regards the result of my remonstrances to the Bushire Authorities and my representations to Her Majesty's Minister, in my despatch No 73, dated the 8th instant, to the address of Mr. Acting Secretary Stewart, I duly reported for the information of His Excellency in Council that punishment, consisting in a fine of 33 M. S. Kras, had been inflicted upon Aghayer, one of the desecrators of the graveyard, and further that I gleaned from a reply received to a reference made to Mr. Alison C. B. on the subject that Mr. Alison deemed the reparation afforded sufficient. With reference to para: 4 of your despatch under

Copy of the para: is attached.

Punishment inflicted upon one of the desecrators.

The presence of a Watchman on the burial ground can scarcely be looked upon as a security against the repetition of insult. The representation that have recently been addressed by Mr. Alison to the Persian Ministers are likely eventually to produce the desired effect.

under acknowledgment, wherein "I am requested to state whether the employment of a paid watchman at the burial ground at Bushire, will prevent any repetition of cause of complaint." I do myself the honor to reply for the information of Government that, prior to the receipt of your despatch No 2003, I had duly appointed a watchman to protect our burial ground, and that a fresh outrage (as submitted in my communication No 73 dated October 8th to the address of Mr. Acting Secretary Stewart) had nevertheless been committed. The presence of a watchman can scarcely therefore be looked upon as a security against the repetition of insult. On the other hand I incline to the opinion, and I trust, that the representations ——— that have recently been addressed by Mr. Alison to the Persian Ministers

Ministers on the subject of the unseemly decorations will eventually produce the desired effect, and will cause respect to be shewn to the graves of our Officers and soldiers. I enclose transcript of a despatch to my address from Mr. Alison which appears to afford me just grounds for holding the opinion and hope above recorded.

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Encloses copy of letter from Mr. Alison justifying apparently the record of the above opinion.

3. I conclude by observing that the entertainment of a watchman over the grave yard involves, for the present at least, no extra charge to Her Majesty's Government, for the watchman's monthly salary is defrayed from "Burial funds" I hold in deposit in the Residency Treasury. These funds were collected from voluntary contributors immediately after the War. The balance in my charge, as shewn in a regular account kept at this

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Balance of this Residency, amounts to Rs. 1,454 M. of Krans, 48 Gaz, or a sum bordering upon 700 Bombay Rupees.

British Residency
Bushire 13 Oct 1862

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obedt. Servant

J. A. D. Browne

Offg. Pol. Resident Pers. Gulf.

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Political Department.
From,

Offg. R. R. Rest. Persian Gulf
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Offr Under Secy to Govt. B. May
Dated 13th October

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Offg. Pol. Resident Persian
July - 7 13th Oct 62 No. 47

Regarding desecra-
tion of the En-
glish burial-
ground.

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Desecration of the
English Burial ground
at Buxire...

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1. On the 19th May last, Captain Disbrowe, Assistant Political Resident at Bushire, submitted copies of letters addressed by him to Her Majesty's Minister at the Court of Persia and the Persian Agent for Foreign Affairs at Bushire, relative to the desecration of the English burial ground at that place.

2. In this correspondence Captain Disbrow stated that although every reasonable precaution had been adopted to prevent entry into the Revival ground by the erection of walls around it, steps had been cut into the walls and broken glass arranged along them " - " removed, " " the enclosure " " made use of for cultivation and the graves desecrated - the nature of the desecration however was not stated.

3. In reply Captain Dickson was informed that it would have been more satisfactory had he placed before Government a succinct and plain account of what he had to complain of; he

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he was at the same time requested to state whether the employment of a paid watchman at the Burial ground would prevent a repetition of the cause of complaint.

4 On the 4th July last, Captain Disbrow submitted transcript of a despatch recently received by him from Her M^{ts} Minister at Tehran, from which it was gathered that the Persian Govt. had sent instructions for the punishment of the perpetrators of the outrage.

5 In a further letter dated the 8th October, Captain Disbrow stated that notwithstanding the reluctance displayed by the local authorities at Bushire to afford satisfaction, he had been at last enabled through the support he received from Mr. Alison, to obtain the punishment of one of the individuals concerned in the outrage on the English burial ground, and that the punishment inflicted upon the party consisted in a fine of 33 Mahomed Shah Kraus, a sum equivalent to the expenses incurred in the repair of the burial ground after the occurrence of the decoration. Captain Disbrow further stated that

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that although he had pressed the local authorities for punishment beyond the infliction of a simple fine, as the party alluded to had been an offender only in a minor degree, and as Mr. Alison deemed the reparation afforded to be sufficient, he had desisted from pressing the Bushire authorities further on the subject. Captain Disbrow concluded however by stating that a fresh outrage had been committed, and that he possessed no resource but to submit fresh complaints and fresh appeals.

6 On the 13th October Captain Disbrow replied to the communication from Government alluded to in para: 3, and stated that a watchman had been duly appointed to protect the Burial ground, but that a fresh outrage had been committed - that the presence of a watchman could scarcely therefore be looked upon as a security against the repetition of insult, but that he trusted the representations he had addressed to Her M^{ts} Minister at Tehran would eventually produce the desired effect and cause respect to be shown to the graves of our officers and soldiers.

Captain

7.00 Captain Nicholson concluded by stating that the entertainment of a watchman over the grave yard involved for the present no extra charge to the village's Government, as his monthly salary was defrayed from "Reverend funds" held in deposit in the Residency Treasury; that these funds were collected from voluntary contributors immediately after the war; and that the remaining balance amounted to 1457 ellahoured Shah Kraus or a sum bordering upon 700 Bombay Rupees.

Intimation for the orders of the Council Board - Jd

The Hon. Mr. Resident may be informed that the District's proceedings are approved and that the Govt. has assured that H. Mr. Minister at Beheran will employ his best efforts to effect due reparation for the

fresh outrage complained of and to secure the British cemetery at Bunkine from similar insult in future.

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Execution of the
English burial
ground at Bushire

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Entry No 5 of 1862
July 1863 P. 1.
N. 3487 of 1862
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To
Lt. Colonel L. Pelly,
Acting Political Resident
in the Persian Gulf
Bushire.
Sir,

In acknowledging the receipt
of the letters quoted in the

- 1. From Off. Political Resident dated 4th July No. 49 of 1862 with enclosure.
- 2. Dtd 5th October No. 73 of 1862 with enclosure.
- 3. Dtd 13th October No. 77 of 1862 with enclosure.

margin relative to
the desecration of
the English burial
ground at Bushire.

I am directed to inform you that
Captain Diebrow's proceedings are
approved, and that the Govt. feel
assured that Her Majesty's Minister
at Teheran will employ his best
efforts to exact due reparation
for the fresh outrage complained
of, and to secure the British
Cemetery at Bushire from similar
incult in future.

Bombay Castle
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Persian Gulf.

*Despatches addressed to Her
Majesty's Minister at the Court
of Persia.*

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From

Captain Felix Jones
Pol. Resident, Persian Gulf

A. H. Forbes Esquire
Acting Secretary to Government
Bombay
Residency, Persian Gulf
Bushire, 19 March 1862

Sir,

In continuation of

1. No 27 of 4th November 1861.
2. No 29 of 28th December 1861.
3. No 3 of 20th January 1862.
4. No 5 of 24th January 1862.
5. No 6 of 10th February 1862.
6. No 7 of 24th February 1862.

correspondence
exchanged by me
several with
Her Majesty's
Mission at
the Court of
Persia, I
have the honor

to submit copies of few
their despatches as indicated
in the margin.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your Most Obedt Servant,
J. H. C. W. W. W.
Res. for
Pol. Resident, Persian Gulf.

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Political Department

From

Pol. Resident, Pers Gulf

To

Act Secretary to Govt

Dated 19th March

Registered

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The Receipt should be acknowledged and copies forwarded to the Secy of India

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Recd in the Persian Gulf
of 19th March N^o 17

Submit further correspondence with the Persian Mission at the Court of Persia.

W. H. P.

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From

Captain Felix Jones

Pol. Resident, Pers Gulf

To

C. Alison Esquire C. R.

H. H. Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at the Court of Persia

Shirvan

Residency, Persian Gulf
Rushmore, 4 Nov 1861

Sir,

As His Highness the Prince Governor of Bushire, Fars and Dushistan has addressed me a friendly protest, I deem it proper to place a copy of it before you, with a translation, and my reply. It seems that the course I adopted of referring disorders at sea, and other malpractices of the local Sheikhs on the Persian coast to Shirvan direct, has not been palatable to the Prince

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Prince

Prince Governor of Fars, hence this protest from his son, the functionary above cited, who, I still believe, has no authority whatever beyond the limits of the district publicly placed under his rule.

12. At the same time, if I can ascertain that M.H.'s authority in reality has been extended to all the parts on the Persian Coast, I will in future, if you approve, endeavor to secure his co-operation for the redress of evils, having the ultimate course of reference to Behran open in the event of himself, or M.H.'s father the Prince Gov^r of Fars, proving equally apathetical in respect to our remonstrances as his predecessors the Sheans. Sultanah was when in office at Shiraz.

I have the honor to be
Sincerely
Yours
Felix Jones
Pol. Resident of Fars.

Encl: No 1 to No 24

Translation

A friendly protest written
by order

Dated the 28th Pub: Jan^y 78
13th October 1857

(This paper is without seal or signature. It is in the handwriting of Mirza Ayed Khuleel, and was presented to Hajee Akhund in a closed envelope without address by one of Mirza Ayed Khuleel's servants.)

S.H.H. the Anirnadeh Deputy Governor of Fars, the Governor of Bushire, and of the districts of Dashtee and Dashtistan, and of several parts (in the Persian Gulf), is much grieved at the necessity of making known a strange proceeding on the part of the Resident in the Persian Gulf.

In the case of certain reports, true or false, written

by the British Agent at Singah
touching certain irregularities at
that Port, the Resident thought
fit to represent matters to Sek-

The grief of M.H.A. has been
greatly increased at the necessity
of his having to make known this
proceeding of the Resident, notwith-
standing that every kindness and
attention has been, and is shown
to all the officers of the British
Fleet, and to the Resident in parti-
cular. Such being the case, is
it to the interests of friendship,
seeing M.H.A. is present at this Port,
that affairs should be represen-
ted to Sekrao?

in the territories
under his rule, and even
in the province of Sars. If
the matter be one of impor-
tance it will be brought to
the notice of the Moored-ood-
oolah, if trifling the Amirrah
will arrange it himself.

Does the Resident not
know

know that the Ministers of this
Mighty State make great demands
for affairs of little moment?

M.H.A. is much grieved that
marks of unfriendliness should
have been exhibited by the Resi-
dent in the proceeding above
noted, and that it should have
caused a coolness, and produced a
change in the feelings of M.H.A.
The calls of friendship and the
rules of unity have not been at-
tended to. M.H.A. has therefore
no resource but to make this
friendly protest on an affair
not worthy of being noticed, for
why should a small matter be
unnecessarily enlarged and become
the means of giving trouble and
annoyance?

The object of M.H.A. is to
make known this affair for
the information of the Resident,
it has therefore become neces-
sary to make it known.

True Translate Report
Signed Sa'cha Edwards
Accountant &c.

Encl. 142 to 143

A.B.M. Pol: Resident in the Persian Gulf has received to day a Persian document without seal, but which, from its contents, he recognises as a public protest made by A.H.A. the Amcerradeh, Governor of Bushire, Dashti and Dashtistan, against certain proceedings of the British Resident.

In the preamble of this document A.H.A. is represented as holding authority over the above places, and other ports (in this Gulf), and the context of the whole paper implies, I think, though it does not expressly state, that Lingah & the whole of the sea ports of Farsistan are under the surveillance of the Prince Governor of Bushire.

Ab. The British Resident in reply would intimate his entire

entire ignorance of the extent of A.H.A. authority, as above implied. He has had in short no public announcement made to him at any time, either locally or from Tekran, indicative of the fact of such extended powers being confided to the Rulers of Bushire, Dashti, and Dashtistan, the geographical limits of whose places terminate - so far as the Resident's long experience goes - at Asseloo, and Tabrud on the Persian Coast. Had it been otherwise, the Pol: Resident of the British Govt in the Persian Gulf would undoubtedly have gladly associated himself with A.H.A. the Amcerradeh in all matters, whether in relation to Lingah, or to other ports on the Persian Coast. It was indeed the absence of any Persian authority on the Coast of Farsistan in the above neighborhood that led to reference being in the first instance made to Tekran. So protracted and troublesome a

course

course was necessitated before the arrival of the present Prince Kormor owing to no notice being taken of the Resident's friendly remonstrances, either at Shiraz, or at the ports indicated. If the documents in the Persian Foreign Office are inspected, it will assuredly be seen that until lately H. H. Col. Resident invariably appealed to the Prince Gō of Fars when disorders arose, & in justice to the Royal and exalted personage now again residing there, it is readily and gratefully admitted that he invariably responded to those appeals with friendliness and vigor. In the interior of his absence from Shiraz, the same course was pursued, but without the same results; moreover the association of Persian Officers with us was insisted so that co. operations might effectually repress the spirit of anarchy and dissidence which had manifested itself

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itself amongst the Persian and native tribes to the detriment of security and progress, whether by land or by sea. The Resident's efforts for the benefit of both exalted Gō were in truth not then valued at Shiraz, though he had his reward in the vicarious of his conduct having been fully appreciated by H. H. the Shah's Gō in Tehran.

Therefore it will be manifest to H. H. the Amier that as no unfriendliness on his, the Resident's, part induced him to refer matters to Tehran - and in any case, certainly no unfriendliness to him, for duty to both exalted Gōs prescribed the course to the Resident before H. H.'s investiture. But the Resident not the less deploras the grief which has been expressed in the present protest, and would gladly avail himself of H. H.'s authority and presence to remove all cause for similar references in future, if his position really enabled him to

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to curb the refractory and tyrannical disposition exhibited by the chiefs of the Russian maritime ports, to that of Singa in particular.

The acts of this personage in reference to British affairs the Resident has no hesitation in characterizing as inimical to all progress while they are at the defiance of the control and obedience due to the Govt of N. B. S. M. the Shah.

The Resident by no means regrets the receipt of the friendly protest under reply, for it enables him publicly to thank N. B. S. M. for his general kindness and attention to the British officers, and his consideration for himself in particular. The Resident indeed is very sensible of this, and will further give N. B. S. M. every credit for possessing a desire to maintain the best possible relations with the officers of the British Govt. If his efforts in the public matter now under notice are

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are successful, N. B. S. M. may be assured that much trouble to the higher officers of both States will be avoided, and the best interests of both through the deal, be secured. The Resident will then only have the gratification of reporting to the Shah that nothing is wanting to perfect the unanimity so much desired.

signed Felix Jones
Pol. Resident

/Three copies/

J. H. V. Brown
Asst. Pol. Resident, Persia

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Enclosure No. 1
Enclosed in letter

From

Pol. Resident, Persian Gulf

To

Secy Secretary to Gov

No. 17 dated 19 March

From

Pol. Resident, Persian Gulf

To

H. B. M. Minister in Persia

No. 27 of 4 Nov 1861

with 2 enclosures

The Ameyah Gover
nor of Basrah & its dis
tricts protests against
course adopted by the
Resident of appealing
on subject of Persian-Tribes
Maritime disorders to Sha
tan in lieu of his father at Sheeraz & Kirmasch.

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Political Department

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From

Captain Felix Jones M.A.
Pol. Resident, Persian Gulf

To

C. Allison Esquire C.B.
H. B. M. Envoy Extraordinary
and Minister Plenipotentiary
at the Court of Persia
Tehran

Residence, Persian Gulf

Bushire, 28 Dec 1861

Sir,

The enclosed copy and
translation of a letter which I
have addressed lately to the Persian
Agent for Foreign Affairs here will
exhibit to you the nefarious
practices in operation at ports
on the Persian coast for the in-
fringement of the prohibitory
decrees on the exportation of
opium. How such practices
militate against legitimate trade
and the interests of foreign
merchants and shipping will
readily be apparent to you, to

say nothing of the loss of re-
-venue to Persia and detriment
to the prosperity of the port of
Bushire in favor of those of Tur-
-key contiguous to the Persian
frontier.

2. As yet I have received
no reply to the communication
now brought to notice, and the
British ship seeking a cargo of
Persian wheat here has conse-
-quently left for Busrah where
she will procure it in the mean-
-time.

I have the honor to be
signed Felix Jones
Pol. Resident

P.S. Grain is plentiful in all
these districts and abundance
of rain to the present time gives
assurance of a good harvest in
prospective.

signed Felix Jones
Pol. Resident

Enclosure

Enclosure 1 to 1429.

Translation

From
Captain Felix Jones M.A.S.
Pol. Resident, Persian Gulf

To
Mirza Ayed Khuleel
Persian Agent for Foreign Affairs

Dated 13th January 1867
16th December 1867

A.B.
The Agent of a British
ship now here has requested us to
address the Persian Authorities with
the view to obtaining for his ves-
-sel about 30 Karahs of wheat.
This application he has made from
the knowledge of the fact of wheat
having recently been shipped at
this Port with the permission of
the Custom House Authorities.
He is also well aware that, for
a long time past, from every port
in the neighbourhood other than
Bushire, Persian grain has been
covertly shipped, notwithstanding
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the edicts against its exportation.

Substantial proof of this lies in the markets of Ruerich, and in the fact of many foreign ships, of considerable tonnage, during the past year, having abandoned this port to load there, and have even returned here deeply laden with the grain produce of Persia. This should have paid an export duty in these Runders instead of in the Turkish port of Ruerich. The consequences to the Persian State of such illegitimate exportations must therefore be as manifest to you as they are to all well wishers of your Government. My more immediate object however in addressing you is to obtain through your friendly exertions the abrogation of all restrictions to the shipment of Persian grain since they are thus evaded. In this way only can the lawful trader

hope

hope to contend with the smuggler, and thus only can the revenues flourish, and declining commercial confidence be restored to this Port.

I am &c
Signed Felix Jones
Pol. Resident &c

/ True Copies /

H. H. Howe
Act. Pol. Resident, Persian Gulf.

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Enclosure No. 2
 Enclosed in a letter

From

Pol. Resident, Persⁿ Gulf

To

Actg. Secretary to Gov^t

No. 17 dated 19 March

From

Pol. Resident, Persⁿ Gulf

To

U.S. U. Minister in Persⁿ

No. 29 of 28 Dec^r 1861

with one enclosure

Refractory practices
 in operation at ports
 on the Persian Coast
 for the infringement
 of the prohibitory
 decrees on the ex-
 portation of grain
 appeals for an abrogation of M restrictions.

Political Department

No. 3 of 1862

To

Captain Felix Jones U.S.A.

Pol. Resident, Persian Gulf

To

C. Allison Esquire U.S.

U.S. Envoy Extraordinary

and Minister Plenipotentiary

at the Court of Persia

Tehran

Residence, Persⁿ Gulf

Bushire, 20 January 1862

Sir,

An express Agent has
 lately been sent me from the
 maritime Arab Chief of the
 Turkish Port of Rowet urging
 upon the claims of his people
 on the Persian Authorities for
 the recovery of the property,
 or indemnification in the case
 of the wrecked vessel so out-
 rageously plundered by the
 Jungasser tribe in the vicinity
 of Bushire.

vide my des^{ch}
 patch No. 1 of
 1861 Pol. Dep^t

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2. This Agent has brought

a letter to His Royal Highness the Prince Governor of Farsistan from the Persian Consul at Baghdad but I am not aware of its contents. The Sheikh of Koweit however in addressing me is very importunate, and in a copy of a letter he furnishes me from the Turkish Authorities to his address I glean he is rightly supported, if not urged to continue in his perseverance for obtaining redress against the wreckers and against those Persian fugitives who shared in their foul proceedings.

* Vide Para. 3
of my Despatch
dated 11th of
14th January
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3. The object no doubt of the latter is to procrastinate in hopes the claimants may be wearied into silence. Powerful as the Chief of Koweit is to do mischief to Persian vessels, & having unquestionable right to resent the inhumane conduct of those implicated if justice is not done to him, I am

am of opinion that procrastination will only lead to reprisal. This may involve the loss of Persia and of Turkey. My efforts and my advice are indeed unheeded where the interests of the Persian Govt are sacrificed daily to private cupidity, therefore this second reference to you. My duty too as Resident in the Persian Gulf is not to let these outrageous proceedings prevail.

4. I have learnt that Bander Khan, the Chief of Yungasser, has left this lately for Tehran.

I have the honor to be
Signed Felix Jones
P.L. Resident

/True Copy/
J. V. D. Browne
Asst. P.L. Resident Pers. Gulf.

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Enclosure No. 3
Enclosed in a letter

From
Pol. Resident, Pers Gulf

To
Act Secretary of Leg
No 174 dated 17 March

From

Pol. Resident, Pers Gulf

To
H.B. M. Minister in Persia
No 23 of 20 January 1862

Maritime Arab Chief of the
Turkish port of Noweit
again - unfortunately claims
redress from Persian
authorities for the
outrageous plunder of
Turkish vessel by
Mungaseri Tribe.

Exp. by
A. Alingueres
J.H.

Political Department

No 5 of 1862

From

Captain Felix Jones S.S.
Pol. Resident, Persian Gulf

To

C. Alison Esquire C.B.
H.B. M. Envoy Extraordinary
and Minister Plenipotentiary
at the Court of Persia
Tehran

Residency, Pers Gulf
Bushire, 27 Jan 1862

Sir,

Though more than a month
has elapsed since I addressed the
Persian Authorities on the subject
of the exportation of grain as
communicated to you in my let-
ter No 29 of 1861, and its conse-
quences, no official has been re-
ceived. I have had however
verbal intimation that the in-
terdict against the exportation
has been rescinded by the Per-
sian Government, and it is
beyond dispute that grain is
being

being stored, as well as largely
shipped by native traders for
exportation.

Disturbing as I do
these verbal assurances while
the Persian Authorities hesitate
to give any official intimation,
I am compelled to express to our
merchants and traders great
doubts as to their intentions in
the end. It seems to me, indeed,
that prevarication and procrast-
ination are purposely designed
to blind me to their present par-
tiality in favor of all traders
who will pay extra export dues
on grain, and when the time
comes for British subjects to
press for equal privileges, the
official interdiction for alcohol
will be quoted as still in force,
unless they agree to overlook
the terms of the Treaty, and
comply with inordinate de-
mands.

3. Such indeed is the un-
certainty prevailing on this
head

head amongst our trading sub-
jects and protégés that they are
debarred from storing and pur-
chasing grain in anticipation
of the arrival of their vessels;
Consequently while all others
are active, ruin is impending
over their affairs. In a great
measure the obstacles to fair
trade are said to be due to the
antagonism existing between
the Prince Governor and the par-
tisans of the Customs and Mir-
za Syed Khulcel as the Agent for
Foreign Affairs. This latter is
reported to be aware of the inter-
dict having been raised on the
exportation of grain either wholly
or in part, at the discretion of
the Prince Governor, but refrains
from officially notifying it to
me with the object of defeating
the expectations of A.A. in re-
spect to his dues on grain ex-
ported by foreign ships. Aus-
then motive for his silence is
discerned in his hopes of ob-
taining by delay something
for

for himself from all parties
concerned in grain exportation
from this Port.

In any case material
and prolonged injury results to
British trading dependents abroad,
and to put a stop to the vicious
practices that prevail I would
respectfully suggest if the op-
eration of the decrees regarding
grain is in reality left to the
discretion of the local officers
that a letter similar in tenor
to that now enclosed may be
sent out in order to ensure to
our dependents the trading
privileges which others enjoy,
and to which by Treaty they
have an undoubted right.

I have the honor to be
signed Felix Jones
Pol. Resident Pers Gulf

(Enclosure)

J. W. Brown

Actg Pol. Resident, Pers Gulf.

Political Department

No 6 of 1862

From

Captain Felix Jones
Pol. Resident, Persian Gulf

C. Alison Esquire C. R.
H. M. Consul Extraordinary
and Minister Plenipotentiary
at the Court of Persia
Tehran

Residence, Persian Gulf
Bushire, 10 Feb 1862

Sir,

Mirza Mehdi Khan, the
subject of your despatch No 2
of 9th ult, is, I am informed,
the Mirza Mehdi who, before
being styled Khuliil, held the office
of Moonshee or Agent for the
Persian affairs here. He is in-
deed the same individual who
has so often figured in my
despatches, and with my expe-
rience of his character I
expect little from his friendly
assurances. The Bohrean com-
plications we owe to his in-
trigues

trigues, and the impunity which followed on his bastinadoing a British protégé in this Court was also attended with effects prejudicial to our status here.

Further, it was him who brought about the destruction of our summer quarters (as lately reported) by misrepresentations which have been fully detailed in my despatches.*

2. It would appear indeed that, while Mirza Mehdi Khan was offering to you "the most friendly assurances," he must have been congratulating himself on the success which, after recall, attended his presence at Tehran. His being there raised to the rank of a Khan, and sent back here in a double capacity seem to me indicative of an intention on the part of the Persian Govt to persist in efforts injurious to our prestige and influence in this Gulf. His antecedents warrant suspicion

S. No. 287 of 1860
para 213.
No. 122 of 1861.
No. 277 of 1860
para 4 of my
letter of 1 June
1861 (S. No. 287 of
Bombay Encl.
-ed in my
letter No. 20 of
1861 - Sec. Dep.)

T. No. 267 of 1860.

* No. 273 of 1860
para 2 of
supra; also
No. 1 of 1862
in
the volume 2
postscript
particularly.

No. 4 of 1860
from S. H.
Minister to
Resident.

suspicion; I trust however I may be mistaken and, have the honour to
Signat Helia Jones
Pol. Resident ~~Hea~~

(True copy)

J. W. Howe

Asst. Pol. Resident, Persian Gulf.

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Enclosure No. 5
Enclosed in a letter

From

Pol. Resident, Pers. Gulf

To

Act Secretary of Govt

No. 14 dated 19 March

From

Pol. Resident, P. Gulf

To

A.S.M. Minister in Persia

No. 6 of 10 Feb 1862

Ming. Mik. Ali Khan's
antecedents unques-
tionable

He is, (however), Resident
appointed to
Residence in the above

Capacity of Persian Agent
for Foreign Affairs & Persian Navy (Commissioner)

Cd. P. D. D. D.
C. D. D. D.

Political Department

No. 4 of 1862

From

Captain Elliot Jones R.N.

Pol. Resident, Persian Gulf

To

C. Allison Esquire C.R.

A.S.M. Envoy Extraordinary

and Minister Plenipotentiary

at the Court of Persia

Shraw

Residency, Persian Gulf

Perthshire, 24 Feb 1862

Sir,

With reference to my
recent communication, as per
margin, to your address on
the subject of the plunder of
the wrecked Turkish vessel on
the Persian Coast in this neigh-
bourhood, not having had a
reply from the Persian Agent
for Foreign Affairs, I deemed it
expedient to call his attention
again to the subject, as shown
in the accompanying trans-
lation of a letter.

2. His reply to this letter is also enclosed, and I request attention to it as a perfect specimen of the shamelessness with which Persian functionaries in authority, & especially Mirza Syed Khuleel, can veil their nefarious practices under an outward show of zeal for the interests of their Gov. It is well known in short here that Bunker Khan was set free from Bushire, and had an acquittance given him to exempt him, & his people, from consequences attendant upon the wholesale plunder of the shipwrecked vessel on the payment of 4000 Tomans hushmoney, of which 200 Tomans was Mirza Syed Khuleel's share.

3. The only shadow of truth in the reply of Mirza Syed Khuleel is in the statement that he on my demand caused restoration to the

the wrecked people of a few of the horses and articles rescued from the stranded vessel, & that he sent his brother and a number of people for the investigation of the affair. These were however but outward manifestations made purposely to cover more sinister designs practiced by his brother Mirza Surrujollah. This latter, as an Agent in mischievous partnership with Mirza Syed Khuleel, has been equally notorious with him in contriving to defeat every effort made in behalf of humanity and justice in these districts.

4. Known as facts and transactions are, the oath subscribed to by the unfortunate castaways is of more worth than a multitude of Persian statements, and I feel assured that conduct so remorseless will not be allowed to prevail.

I have the honor to sign
Felix Jones
Spl. Resident

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to 1st 1/1/1861.

Enclosure 1 to No. 7.

Translation

From

Captain Felix Jones, M.A.,
Pol. Resident, Persian Gulf

To

Mecida Syed Khuleel
Pers. Agent for Gov. Affairs
Bahrain.

Dated 14 Shaban 1278
14th February 1862

A.

Solicited from you a categorical reply regarding the restitution of property plundered from the Kowait vessel under the Turkish flag that was wrecked in this neighbourhood off Jungiatoon. The same day letters were addressed to Sheeran on the subject, and answers having been received to the latter, I beg to insert in the margin portions of a communication from the British Agent at Sheeran, with a view to your becoming

J. P. Jones

becoming acquainted with the sentiments of H.H. the Prince Governor of Fars.

It is a matter of exceeding surprise to me that you should nevertheless have remained silent here on a subject which, as you yourself will know, threatens mischief the longer reparation for outrage is deferred. You are not ignorant of the protest made some time back by the Sincerhadda Governor, or of the reply I submitted. Viewing then the purpose & purport of the said communication, as also that of others recently received by you, you will, I trust, excuse me if I again press you both for the restoration of the plundered property, & the punishment of the offending parties. Justice demands restoration. Humanity, too, requires an example. Nay, supposing indeed that it lay in my power to

to overlook the requirements of justice and humanity, still, when I bear in mind the position the Koweit Chief holds in regard to Persia, it appears to me to be to the interest of the Persian Govt that full & speedy reparation should be afforded for such like occurrences. The party deputed by the Koweit Chief has however been awaiting a reply here no less than 30 days. In Tehran the Turkish and British Ministers have been kept in a state of expectancy for a period of several months, whilst their endeavors on the spot have proved utterly abortive.

I conclude by observing that, as I am the mediating authority to whom all maritime classes in the Gulf refer (their grievances), it would be impossible for me - even were I disposed to do so - to withdraw from importunity on a matter that, for special and particular

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particular reasons, demand my exertions. As it is not in my power therefore to remain apathetical, I deem it necessary to make to you another friendly reference at this season.

Sincerely trusting it may be the last

I remain &c

Yours faithfully
Felix Jones

Pl. Resident &c

True Translated Purport

Signed M. F. Disbrowe

Act. Pl. Resident &c

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Translated Purport of a letter

from

Meerha Syed Khulcel
Pers. Agent for For. Affairs

To

Captain Felix Jones ^{U.S.A.}
Pol. Resident, Pers. Gulf
Bushire

Dated 15 Shaban 1278
15 February 1862

Received 15 February 1862.

A.C. and acknowledging let-
ter dated ^{14th instant} 14th January;

I have understood all
you wrote regarding the wrecked
English belonging to Koweit.
I have also understood the ex-
tract of a letter from the Bri-
tish Agent at Shirvan, which
you inserted in the margin
of your communication.
Praise be to God, it is not con-
cealed from you that I have
exerted my best endeavours
for the arrangement of said

matter

and signed
F. Jones

all matters relating to King-
doms in alliance with Persia,
more especially have I exerted
myself in this particular af-
fair, which was represented to
me by you prior to the arrival
of the Succiernada Governor.

In accordance with your
desire, my brother, and a num-
ber of parties mutually appointed
by us for the investigation of
the case, proceeded to Barchee in
attendance upon the people of
Koweit, where they remained
a period of some 15 days cau-
sing restoration by the people
of Barchee and Dashtee of a
quantity of articles recovered
from the sea, besides a number
of horses that had reached the
shore alive.

Half the English war-
still lying with her cargo in
a wrecked condition when Sad
Alee Beg was specially deputed
sent to Barchee by A.A.A. the
Prince Gov. of Fars & A.A. the
Succiernada Governor. On
arrival

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arrival of the latter fine
 tianary at Bushire, he seized
 Bracken Khan (the Gunzatoon
 chief) and kept him in con-
 finement until an order was
 issued by His Majesty the
 Shah summoning him to
 the Capital.

True Translated Purport
 (signed) H. F. Disbrowe
 Asst. Pol. Resident &c

(True Copies)

W. W. Brown

Asst. Pol. Resident, Pers. Gulf.

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Political Department.

To, Captain H. F. Disbrowe,
 In charge of the Residency in the Persian Gulf.
 Bushire.

Sir, I am directed to acknowledge the receipt
 of the letter from Captain Jones dated the 19th ultimo
 N. 17, submitting copies of his Despatches addressed
 to Her Majesty's Minister at the Court of Persia.

(signed) Mr. J. Shaw Stewart
 Acting Secretary

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N. 88 of 1862.

Political Department.

To Colonel H. M. Durand C. B.
 Secretary to the Government of India
 In the Foreign Department.
 Fort William.

Political

Sir, I am directed to forward for submission
 to the Government of India copy of a letter from
 the Resident in the Persian Gulf dated the 19th
 ultimo N. 17, enclosing copies of Despatches
 addressed by him to Her Majesty's Minister at
 the Court of Teheran.

(signed) Mr. J. Shaw Stewart
 Acting Secretary.

21st April 1862

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Political Department.

No.1091.

Persian Gulf.

Mahomera

*Insult offered to the British Flag and to Living
Beavers by the people and Shaikh of.*

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From,
Captain H. P. Disbrowe
Offg Pol. Resident Persian Gulf
To,
Mr. J. Shaw Stewart Esquire
Acting Secretary to Government
Bombay
Residency Persian Gulf
Bushehr 21st May 1862

Insult offered
to British Flag
by a British Naval
Officer at Mo
am? A

Sir,
The Sheikh of Mahomera, and
people under his authority, having
offered considerable insult to Her
Majesty's Flag, and to Lieutenant
Bewsher H. M. S. "P.", serving in
this Gulf, I deem it my duty to
submit the particulars of the
case for the information of His
Excellency in Council.

2. The circumstances at-
tendant on the insult were brief-
ly as follows:

Circumstances
attendant on
the insult.
On the afternoon of the
9th of January last Lieutenant Bew-
sher had occasion to bring up
in the "Georgiana" off the mouth
of the Haffar Canal. At about
4.45 P.M. he left the vessel in
the Jolly to sail up the Canal.

Mr. Midshipman Hurd having accompanied him. Having pulled up the canal for a short distance the above Officers returned towards the ship when a canoe, which shoved off from Mahomera, came towards them. Presently, when she had drawn near, a man stood up, and in an authoritative tone of voice informed Lieutenant Brewster that the Sheikh of Mahomera desired to speak to him. Lieutenant Brewster declining to take notice of the man's summons, he began using violent language, and a second person rose in the canoe and presented a matchlock at Lieutenant Brewster which he lowered without firing. Lieutenant Brewster at first conceived the man to be mad, and pulled on towards the ship, but finding the matchlock again presented, and being desirous of avoiding an unnecessary scuffle he pulled on shore to report the affair to the Sheikh.

The Sheikh received Lieutenant Brewster sitting, and stated that

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insult

that the party who had raised the matchlock had done his duty, as it was the custom to fire at people who disobeyed the orders of the Sheikh. Other conversation transpired, the Sheikh remaining seated on the ground with a Persian, Lieutenant Brewster and Mr. Hurd standing closely surrounded by a dense crowd many wearing arms. These people freely and loudly commented on all that passed, and were not called to order except once; at last Lieutenant Brewster told the Sheikh that he wished to go back to the ship, and requested a way might be cleared, and this, after some discussion as to whether they should be detained or not, was done. Lieutenant Brewster reported, the manner and bearing of the Sheikh and the crowd to have been from first to last most overbearing and offensive, the more deliberately so, as he (Lieutenant Brewster) went in a boat flying the blue ensign and

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Ch. J. Brewster

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and both Mr. Hurd and himself
were in uniform at the time."

Such in brief are
the main features of the case,
and borrowed as the account
has been to a great extent ver-
batim from the original com-
plaint submitted by Lieutenant
Bewsher, I deem it unnecessary
to trouble with copies of all the
correspondence that has pass-
ed on the subject.

I will conclude by
observing that Captain, F. H. Jones,
Political Resident, represented the
matter in strong terms to Her
Majesty's Minister at Tehran,
and that Mr. Alison, as will be
seen from the accompanying
enclosure, has obtained a pro-
mise from the Persian Govern-
ment that punishment shall
be inflicted on the Chief of
Mahomera for his insulting
behaviour.

In intimating that
I have adopted the necessary
steps to ascertain whether the
punishment has been carried
out, and in soliciting the favor

Person by
copies of all
correspondence
on this sub-
ject is not
submitted.

Persian Govt
has
promised
to punish
the Chief
of Mahomera
for his
behaviour.

Steps have been
taken to as-
tain where the
punishment
has been
carried out.

of your submitting the contents
of this despatch to His Excellency
the Governor in Council.

British Res. I have the honor to be
Dear Sir,
Bushire 21st May 1862. Your most obed^t servant
A. A. D. Lowe

Offg. Pol. Res. Persian Gulf.

x a decided
opinion on the case.
The present report per-
vades does not inform
us of what reasons the
Chief of Mahomera
has been assigned for
the conduct complained
of. The Secy of State & the
Govt of India sh^d be
furnished with copies
of these proceedings.

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From

Offg Pol. Res^t Persian Gulf

To

Acting Secretary to Gov^tDated 21st May

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Recd. The receipt of this
 letter sh^d be acknowledged
 The facts as ~~explained~~ ^{as} ~~stated~~ ^{reputed} by Capt^d ~~dis~~ ^{some}
 appear to have justified
 the proceedings of the
 Pol. Resident, but the
 Offg. Pol. Resident sh^d
 be requested to furnish
 entire copies of all the
 correspondence which
 may take place on
 this and similar
 subjects, and inform
 that abridged narratives
 like the present, do not
 enable you to form the

Regarding insult offered
 to Muhammad Ali
 The British Flag
 & British Na
 Officer.

* & this is confirmed
 by the H. B. his ^{Minister}
 at Tehran, having
^{expressed} ~~expressed~~ ^{expressed}
~~expressed~~ ^{expressed} ~~expressed~~ ^{expressed}
~~expressed~~ ^{expressed} ~~expressed~~ ^{expressed}
 in the result.

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Tehran

April 7th 1862.

Sir, I have brought the conduct
 of the Sheikh of Mahomera, as
 stated in your despatch N^o 1 of
 the 15th of January last, before
 the Persian Government, and or-
 ders have been sent down to the
 Prince Governor of Persian Arabia
 to punish that Chief for the in-
 -sult he offered to Lieutenant
 Bousher.

I shall be glad to hear
 from you that the said orders
 have been carried out.

I remain &c &c
 /signed/ C. Allison

Captain Felix Jones
 &c &c &c

Bushire

(True copy)

J. J. W. W. W.
 Offg. Pol. Res^t Persian Gulf.

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Inclosure No. 1.

Inclosed in a letter from
 Offg. Pol. Res. Persian Gulf
 to Acting Secy. to Govt. Bombay
 Dated May No. 40. P.D.

From,
 H. B. his Minister in Persia
 To,
 Pol. Resident Persian Gulf
 Dated 7th April No. 9.

Orders have been sent
 down to the Prince of
 Verman of Persian Area
 via the British Chief for
 the insult he offered
 to Lieut. Bewsher.

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No. 2051 of 1862

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To
 Capt. H. F. Disbrowe
 Assistant Ball Resident
 in charge Persian Gulf
 Bushire,

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge
 the receipt of your letter (with
 enclosure) No. 40 dated the 21st
 ultimo, reporting that insult has
 been offered to the British Flag &
 to Lieut. Bewsher, H. B. & N. serving
 in the Persian Gulf, by the Sheikh
 of Mahomera & the people under
 his authority.

2nd In reply, I am desired
 to state that the facts, so far
 as reported by you, appear to
 have justified the proceedings of
 the Political Resident; facts
 which are corroborated by the
 British Minister at Tehran having
 obtained a promise of satisfaction
 for the insult offered.

3rd I am instructed to
 request that you will forward
 entire copies of all the correspondence
 which may take place on this
 and similar subjects; and to
 remark that abridged narratives

like the one submitted by you
do not enable Govt to form an
~~decided~~ opinion on the case.
The present report, for instance,
does not inform the H^l the Govt
what reasons the Shukh of
Mokumera may have assigned
for the conduct complained of.

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To

Call M. Durand, C B

Secy: to the Govt of India
in the Foreign Department

Fort William,

Political,

hi,

I am directed by His
Excy: the Govt to forward to
you, for submission to the
Govt of India, the accompanying
copy of a letter (with enclosure)
from the Assistant Ball Resident
in charge Poonan Gulf, L 40
dated the 21st ultimo, reporting
that insult has been offered to
the British Flag & to Lieut Bawker,

M. M's Indian Navy sailing in the
Poonan Gulf, by the Shukh of
Mokumera & the people under
his authority.

2nd I am at the same time
desirous to annex a transcript
of the reply which has been
returned to the above com-
munication.

B.L.

21st June 1862

J. Agnew

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From
Captain H. F. Disbrow
Offg Pol. Resident Persian Gulf

To
R. West Esquire
Offg Under Secretary to Govt
Bombay.

Residency Persian Gulf
Bushire 13th October 1862

Sir,
I do myself the honor
to acknowledge the receipt on
the 11th instant of your despatch
No 2,051, dated the 21st June
last, regarding the "insult that
had been offered to the British
flag and to Lieutenant Bewsher
H. M. S. V. by the Sheikh of Ma-
homerah and the people under
his authority," and in reply I beg
herewith to forward entire copies

- Copies of letters
- 1/ From Senior Naval Officer Bushire to Pol. Resident Persian Gulf Dated 14th January 1862
 - 2/ From Acting Secy. H. H. Bewsher Esq. to Senior Naval Officer Bushire Dated 13th January 1862
 - 3/ From Pol. Resident Pers. Gulf to H. M. Minister in Persia No 1 Pol. Dep. Dated 15th January 1862
 - 4/ From Offg Pol. Res. Persian Gulf to H. M. Vice Consul Bushire No 20 P.D. Dated 8th May 1862

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2. I regret exceedingly to learn that the narrative submitted in my communication (with enclosure) No. 40, dated the 21st May last, proved insufficient to enable His Excellency the Governor in Council to form an opinion on the case. My best endeavours shall however be directed to prevent such embarrassment in future.

3. In explanation of the course I pursued I beg respectfully to submit that the receipt from time to time of despatches from Her Majesty's Government, indicating dissatisfaction at the voluminous character of the correspondence that was forwarded from this Residency, created in me the desire to burthen the records of Government, as little as possible, with enclosures, and to embody, as much as possible, in my own letters to the Secretaries to Her Majesty's Government the

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the particulars of events that transpired. More particularly do I beg to be permitted to refer to Mr. Secretary Anderson's communication to the address of the Resident, No. 3, 625 of 1860, on the subject of correspondence, to be furnished from this Residency.

4. With regard to future occurrences, the course it is my intention hereafter to pursue is to submit in entire form letters that contain information of note on really important subjects, avoiding, however, of course unnecessary repetition, and on matters of minor importance I shall forward only such portions of correspondence as appear to me to be essential. This course I trust will be honored with the approval of His Excellency the Governor in Council.

5. I conclude by observing that, with reference to the information sought by

me respecting the punishment
of the Mahomera Chief as re-
hibited in enclosure to this
despatch, no definite intelli-
gence has yet reached me
on the subject. The only in-
telligence I possess on the point
is contained in a private letter
to me from Mr. Vice Consul Rogers,
extract from which I do myself
the honor herewith to submit
for the information of His Ex-
cellency the Governor in Council.
In intimating that
it is my intention to make
further inquiries regarding the
punishment, or otherwise, of
the Mahomera Chief, and that
I shall duly report the result
for the information of Govern-
ment.

British Residency } I have the honor to be
Bushire 13 Oct 62 } Sir,

Your most obed^t servant

A. W. Browne

Offg Pol. Resident Persian Gulf.

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From,

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Lieutenant J. W. C. Wood I. N.
Commanding H. M. S. B. "Hugh" Rigs "The"
Senior Naval Officer Bushire

Captain Felix Jones I. N.
Political Resident

Persian Gulf

Dated Bushire 14th January 1862

Sir,

I have the honor to for-
ward, for your information, the
accompanying copy of a letter to
my address from Acting Lieu-
tenant Brewster I. N. in charge
H. M. Schooner "Georgiana" I. N.
As this appears to be a case
of an emergent nature, I have
considered it my duty in the
absence of the Commodore com-
manding the Persian Gulf Squadron
to forward it to you direct.

I have &c^a

(Signed) J. W. C. Wood
S^r Comd^r &c^a

(True copy)

A. W. Browne
Offg Pol. Resident Persian Gulf.

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Inclosure 1.

Inclosed in a letter from
Offr. P. R. Pers. Gulf
To Offr. Under Secy to Govt. Bay
Dated 13th October. No 7812.
From,

Senior Naval Officer Bushire
To,

Offr. P. R. Pers. Gulf
Dated 14th January.

Forward copy of let
ter from Act. Lieut. Bos
sher M. N. on an
important subject

From,

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Acting Sirr. J. B. Bowsher I. N.
In charge H. M. S. "Georgiana"

To,

Lieutenant J. W. C. Wood I. N.
Commanding H. M. S. "Hugh Black" I. N.
and Senior Naval Officer at Bushire

Sir,

I have the honor to bring
to your notice the following cir-
cumstances, which occurred at
Mahomerah on the evening of
the 9th instant, and request
that you will be good enough
to lay the matter before the
Resident in the Persian Gulf.

On the evening of the
9th of this month I had occa-
sion to bring up in the "Georgi-
ana" off the mouth of the Haf-
far Canal.

At about 4.45 P. M. I left the
vessel in the jolly to sail up
the canal. Mr. Hurd, Midship-
man, was with me, and the
Butler came to get milk for
the mess. Having sailed up
abreast of the town, Mr. Hurd
and

and myself landed on the right bank of the canal, looking from the Shat el Arab, and walked to a little eminence about fifty or sixty yards from the boat. There we remained for about a quarter of an hour, and then returned to the boat. Having pulled up the canal for a short distance to pick up the butter, we were going back towards the ship when a canoe, which shoved off from the town, pulled up towards us. When she came close to, a man stood up, and called out in a loud and authoritative voice, that the Sheikh wanted to speak to me. I of course declined having anything to say to the Sheikh, and still kept pulling towards the ship. Upon seeing this the man, who previously spoke, began using abusive — or at any rate violent language, and another man in the boat immediately jumped up and presented a matchlock at me, which

which he lowered without firing. Thinking the man was mad, I still pulled towards the ship, when the matchlock was again presented. Wishing to avoid an unseemly scuffle, I pulled on shore to report the man to the Sheikh.

I found the Sheikh close to the bunder, and he received me sitting on the ground. I asked him through the butter to give me the name of the man who raised a gun at me. He declined doing so, stating that the man had done his duty as it was their custom to fire at people who disobeyed the orders of the Sheikh. He then asked me why I had landed in his town without his permission, and what my business was. Was I a friend or was I an enemy? I of course told the Sheikh who I was, and that it was not customary for British Officers to tell a Sheikh when they wished to land in a friendly country.

country. That I had not landed in his town and that he knew as well as I did that we were friends with the Persians. During the time we were talking, the Sheikh was sitting on the ground with a Persian, who I believe was an officer, close to him. Mr. Hurd and myself were standing ~~close~~ surrounded by a dense crowd, many having arms. These people freely and loudly commented on all that passed, and were not called to order, except once. After several repetitions of the same questions I told the Sheikh that I wished to go back to the ship, and requested that a way might be cleared, after some discussion, as to whether we should be detained or not, this was done. Before leaving I made the butler, who interpreted throughout, tell the Sheikh, or rather the Persian who was generally spokesman, and loud enough for all to hear

hear, that it was my intention to lay the whole matter before the Resident in Bushire, with a view of its being placed before the Persian Government, and not to forget the man's name that I had asked for and that he had refused to give, three distinct times.

The manner and bearing of the Sheikh and the Persian with him and the crowd was, from first to last, most overbearing and offensive, and the move deliberately so, as I came in a boat flying the blue ensign and both Mr. Hurd and myself were in uniform at the time.

In conclusion I would wish to point out that I have to pass Mahomera twice in every month, and trust that it may not be considered unreasonable if I urge that some notice be taken as early as possible of this unwarrantable insult offered to a British Officer.

Officer and the British Flag.
 Bushire I have &c.
 Jan 13th 1862 / Signed J. B. Brewster
 Acting Secy. &c.

(True copy)

/Signed J. W. C. Wood
 Lieutenant J. W. &c.

(True copy)

J. W. C. Wood

Offg. Secy. Resident Persian Gulf.

From,

Captain Felix Jones. J. W.
 Offg. Secy. Resident Persian Gulf

To,

Charles Alison Esquire C. B.
 H. B. M's Envoy Extraordinary
 and Minister Plenipotentiary
 at the Court of Persia
 Tehran.

Residency Persian Gulf
 Bushire 15th January 1862

Sir,

In the temporary ab-
 sence at Bussrah of the Com-
 modore commanding H. M's
 Squadron in this Gulf, the
 Senior Naval Officer at this
 port has forwarded to me
 a letter, of which the accom-
 panying is a copy. The writer
 and complainant in the case
 is Lieut. Brewster (commanding
 H. M's Schooner "Georgiana" tender
 to the Commodore's vessel), who
 was at the time indicated en
 route from Bussrah to Bushire.

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2. To such exhibition of contempt towards British Officers and to vessels bearing the British flag - well known in this case to be a vessel of H. M. British Government - has occurred at Mahomerah or at any other place in this Gulf during my extended experience in these regions, and I attribute the insult solely to the presence on the spot of some Persian functionaries from the interior. The Arab Chief of Mahomerah, and indeed all the maritime Arab chiefs, have too many interests afloat to risk a misunderstanding by personal misconduct as that described.

3. Since the war with Persia you are aware our naval interposition for the suppression of anarchy and disorder in this Gulf has been derided by the Persian Government although the policy which gave rise to it has been, and still is, more beneficial to Persia than to any

any other State. Healthy as it was too, Sir Henry Rawlinson in his despatch to me, No. 14 of 7th April 1860, in the then temper of the Persian Ministers was obliged to deprecate all intervention in the hope that, sooner or later, Persia herself would be necessitated to ask it again. Of this however there appears to be much doubt, for time, instead of dissipating the ill feeling, seems to enhance it, and consequently anarchy and disorder - as so often represented to you - not only prevail but are increasing on her coasts. At first the neglect by Persia of her duties merely led to tribe discussions which augmented the insecurity by sea; of late, however, British traders have, as reported, been oppressed, and now we observe a disposition wantonly to annoy and even to insult British Officers. Forbearance has been long exercised, and it

it would seem that impunity only serves to aggravate the acts and expressions of Persian disregard. My anxiety is so great indeed lest open collision should ensue on the commission of some outrage more glaring than those yet brought to notice. Hence another reference to you seems necessary at this moment.

I have &c

/Signed/ F. H. Jones

Pol. Resident &c

(True copy)

[Signature]

Offg Pol. Resident Persian Gulf.

Political Department No. 20 of 1862

From, Captain A. F. Disbrowe
Offg Pol. Resident Pers. Gulf

To, Richard Rogers Esquire
H. B. M's Vice Consul
Bushire

Residency Persian Gulf
Bushire 8th May 1862

Sir,

I beg to enclose copy of a despatch, No. 9 under date April 7th to the address of Captain F. H. Jones from Her Majesty's Minister at Tehran on the subject of an insult offered by the Sheikh of Mahomerah to Lieutenant Brewster, commanding H. M. S. "Georgiana," and shall feel obliged by your furnishing me with any information you find it in your power to procure me regarding the punishment of the Mahomerah Chief as promised and commanded by the Persian

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This despatch was forwarded to Govt in Capt Disbrowe's letter No. 40 d^d 21st May 1862.

[Signature]

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2. The details of the insult are probably well known to you; should they not be so, however, Lieutenant Brewster, on arrival at Bushire, if referred to, will doubtless communicate them to you.

I have &c

British Res^y / signed / H. F. Disbrowe
Bushire 8 May / 62 Offg Sol. Res^y &c

(True copy)

H. F. Disbrowe
Offg Sol. Resident Persian Gulf.

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Extract from a private letter dated May 24. 1862
from H. His Vice Consul Rogers to Captain Disbrowe

You will have heard #
Name not clear #
by legible: #
He was made prisoner and re- #
ceived some rough treatment #
at the hands of the Persians #
subsequent to Jaber's entry in #
to Mahomerah - not however, #
so far as I can learn, on ac- #
count of his behaviour to #
Brewster, but for being in arrears #
of revenue. He, and others of #
the Chaab Sheikhs, have gone #
to Ahwaz to meet the Shah #
Yadrak with reference to con- #
tingent complications which #
may probably arise in conse- #
quence of recent changes in #
the Chaab country. Probably #
when at Ahwaz he may re- #
ceive the chastisement on ac- #
count of Brewster to which your #
letter refers. If he does I will #
notify it to you in due course.

(True Extract)

H. F. Disbrowe
Offg Sol. Resident Persian Gulf.

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Inclosure 5.

Inclosed in a letter from
Offr Pol. Res. Persian Gulf
To Acting Secy to Govt. Bkay
Dated 8th October 4873 P.D.

From Mr. Vice Consul Rogers
to Captain Disbrow
Dated 24th May 1862.

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mistaken on account
of insult given to
Lieut. Brewster, in
the presence will be
conveyed in due course.

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Insult offered to the
British Flag and to a
British Officer at
Mahomera in the
Persian Gulf.

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On the 21st May last
Captain W. H. Disbrow, Assistant
Resident in the Persian Gulf, in charge,
submitted for the information of Govt.
the particulars connected with an insult
offered by the Sheikh of Mahomera
and the people under his authority,
to the British Flag and to Lieut.
Brewster, an Officer of the Indian Navy.

2. The following are the circumstances
of the case - On the afternoon of the
9th January 1862 Lieut. Brewster
had occasion to bring up in the
"Georgiana" off the mouth of the
Kufar Canal and left the vessel to sail
in the jolly boat up the Canal,
Mr. Midshipman Mord accompanying
him - on their return to the Georgiana
a canoe shoved off from Mahomera
and came towards them, when one of
the men in it stood up and informed
Lieut. Brewster in an authoritative
tone that the Sheikh desired to speak
to him - Lieut. B. declined to notice
the summons, when the man used
abusive language, and another man
rose in the canoe and presented a
matchlock at him, which he lowered
without firing - Lieut. B. at first
conceived the man to be mad and
pulled on towards the ship, but
seeing the matchlock again presented,
he pulled on shore to report the affair
to the Sheikh.

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3. The Sheikh received Lieut. B. sitting and said the party who had raised the matchlock had done his duty, as it was the custom to fire at people who disobeyed the orders of the Sheikh. Other conversation transpired, the Sheikh remaining seated and Lieut. B. and Mr. Murd standing, closely surrounded by a dense crowd, many wearing arms. Lieut. B. reported the manner and bearing of the Sheikh and the crowd to have been from first to last most overbearing and offensive, the more deliberately so, as he went in a boat flying the blue Ensign and both he and Mr. Murd were at the time in uniform.

4. Captain Disbrowe stated that the Political Resident had represented the matter in strong terms to Her Majesty's Minister at Tehran, and that Mr. Alison had obtained a promise from the Persian Government that punishment should be inflicted on the Sheikh of Mahomera for his insulting behaviour.

5. Captain Disbrowe was informed in reply to his letter, that the facts, so far as reported appeared to justify the proceedings of the Political Resident, facts which were corroborated by the British Minister at Tehran having obtained a promise of satisfaction for the insult offered. Captain B. was at the same time requested to forward copies of

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of all the correspondence on the subject, as his present report did not inform the Government what reasons the Sheikh of Mahomera may have assigned for the conduct complained of.

6. A copy of the correspondence was forwarded for submission to the Govt. of India.

7. With his present letter Captain Disbrowe submits entire copies of all the correspondence on the subject of Lieut. B.'s complaint, but does not allude to the question of the Sheikh's reasons for his conduct. The following ~~is~~ ^{explanation} ~~afforded on this point in a~~ ^{however, from the} letter addressed by the Political Resident to H. M. Minister at Tehran, reporting the occurrence of the insult.

Reg. N. 4998.

2. "No such exhibition of contempt towards British Officers and to vessels bearing the British Flag - well known in this case to be a vessel of H. M. British Government - has occurred at Mahomera or at any other place in this Gulf during my extended experience in these regions, and I attribute the insult solely to the presence on the spot of some Persian functionaries from the interior. The Arab Chief of Mahomera, and indeed all the maritime Arab Chiefs, have too many interests at stake to risk a misunderstanding by personal misconduct as that described."

3. Since the war with Persia you are aware our naval interposition for the suppression of anarchy and disorder in this Gulf has been decided by the Persian Government although the policy which gave rise to it has been, and still is, more beneficial to Persia than

to any other State. Healthy as it was too, Sir Henry Rawlinson in his despatch to me, No. 14 of 7 April 1860, in the then temper of the Persian Ministers was obliged to deprecate all intervention, in the hope that, sooner or later, Persia herself would be necessitated to ask it again. Of this however there appears to be much doubt, for time, instead of dissipating the ill feeling, seems to enhance it and consequently anarchy and disorder - as so often represented to you - not only prevail but are increasing on her coasts. At first the neglect by Persia of her duties merely led to tribe dissensions which augmented the insecurity by sea, of late however British traders have, as reported, been oppressed, and now we observe a disposition wantonly to annoy and even to insult British Officers. Forbearance has been long exercised, and it would seem that impunity only serves to aggravate the acts and expressions of Persian disregard. My anxiety is great indeed lest open collision should ensue on the Commission of some outrage more glaring than those yet brought to notice. Hence another reference to you seems necessary at this moment.

8. In conclusion Captain Diebrow states it to be his intention to make further inquiries regarding the punishment or otherwise of the Mahomera Chief, and that he shall duly report the result for the information of Government.

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of the Honble Board -
The further report pro-
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may be omitted - when
these proceedings should
be reported to the Govt of
India in reference to
the Correspondence already
forwarded to them on
the subject

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Political Department.

No. 54. *Secret.*

Persian Gulf.

Relative to the unauthorized prosecution of pearl fishing on the Arab pearl Banks in the— by a diving company composed of European and native British subjects.

Subsequent proceedings vide Compt. N. 236/63.

Reported to the Secy of State in Decr 1863 (131) Secret Decr 31 Decr 1862 No 779
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From, Captain H. F. Disbrow
Offg. Pol. Resident Pers. Gulf

To, Mr. J. Shaw Stewart Esq.
Acting Secretary to Govt
Bombay

Residency Persian Gulf,
Bushire 11th July 1862

Sir,

* Vide En-
closure 1.

A private company, com-
prising amongst its members
British, European and Native-
Indian Subjects, having suddenly,
I might almost say secretly, ap-
peared in this Gulf, and stationed
a number of divers with patent
diving machines on the rich Pearl
Banks in the vicinity of Bahrein
without the sanction of Her Ma-
jesty's Government, and without
the authority of the Bushire Re-
sidency, I am under the necessity
of respectfully requesting that
you will lay before His Excellency
the Governor in Council the sub-
joined account of this most ex-
traordinary proceeding.

On

2. On Saturday last the Merchant Steamer "Johnstone Castle" arrived from the Presidency in these Roads, and a few hours after she had anchored I received a visit from a person called Mr. Plunkett, one of her Charterers, who had come up from Kurrachee on board of her. This Gentleman informed me to my surprise that he had stationed the Divers referred to above, and on my explaining to him that the course he had adopted was irregular, he pointed to a Volume of the Bombay Government Records on my Table, and quoted therefrom a passage which he considered conveyed to him authority for his proceedings. The passage runs thus 'As the Banks are free to all, so all the Maritime people of the Gulf take a share in the fishery,' and although the wording of the passage may perhaps be styled ambiguous, whatever interpretation Mr. Plunkett may choose to place on it I respectfully submit that I account the term 'all' to be solely applicable

I understand Mr. Plunkett to be an Agent or partner in the Kurrachee Bank.

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Vide Page 612.

applicable to natives residing in the Gulf, and not to include inhabitants of India. In any case, when I observed a diving company, that was composed of Christians and British Subjects, had, without the sanction of Her Majesty's Government and without a previous reference to the Political Residency, repaired to a Foreign Sea, and planted Divers with patent diving apparatus among turbulent Mahomedans—, when I remarked the secrecy with which the whole affair had apparently been conducted, and, lastly, when I saw bread being actually taken out of the mouths of a multitudinous and needy Arab population—, when I observed all these things, I had no resource but to condemn the entire proceedings, and to take steps for the removal of the diving Bugla and her Divers. I proceed to relate, as briefly as may be, the course I pursued.

3. As the Divers had been unauthorizedly stationed, and I deemed it advisable that they should be removed under arrangements

arrangements to be effected with the Commodore's cognizance, I wrote to the Commander of the "Johnston Castle" prohibiting him from repairing with his Steamer to Bahrein, or Bahrein neighbourhood, until a Government Vessel was in readiness to accompany her, and I decided Commodore Drought should she attempt to leave unattended by one of the Vessels of War, to forbid her egress. Further, as it was a matter of importance that the British European Subjects should be withdrawn as early as practicable from the banks, lest collision with the Arabs, and perhaps bloodshed, should arise, I requested the Commodore either to proceed in person or to despatch a Vessel of War to the spot as speedily as practicable, and with regard to the Diving Arab lugla, and her native Arab crew, I explained that, possibly enough, these could not justly be characterized offenders, and that moderation towards them would therefore be requisite. Finally, with respect to the Pearls that might have

have been taken by the Divers, as I accounted every Pearl that had been realized to be unlawful gain, I called upon the Commodore to demand, and, if necessary, to seize, the proceeds of the unauthorized fishery.

These were the measures I adopted, and they led to Commodore Drought's repairing in person on Monday last to the fishing grounds, accompanied by the Merchant Steamer and Mr. Plunkett.

The Merchant Steamer returned yesterday evening bringing in tow the Arab Diving lugla (which proved to be a Turkish Vessel), and bearing to me Commodore Drought's report of his proceedings on the Pearl Banks. A copy of this report I enclose for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council, and with respect to the Pearls adverted to therein, they are 33 in number but so extremely diminutive, being seed-pearls less in size than small shot, that they are valueless, and I deem further notice of them unnecessary.

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5. One closing this despatch
I beg respectfully to be permitted
to offer a few general observations.

6. However willing I am to
accord full credit to Mr. Plunkett's
statement that he embarked in
the Arab fisheries whilst labor-
ing under mistaken impressions,
by and however willing to believe
that he has been misguided, yet I
consider that Mr. Plunkett cer-
tainly committed a grave error
in omitting to inform Her Majesty's
Government, or Her Majesty's Govern-
ment Officers of his intention to
proceed to a Foreign Country, and
to fish among banks situated in a
Foreign Sea. In this respect I am
of opinion that he decidedly erred.
On the other hand, it is but just
to remark in extenuation that Mr.
and Plunkett lost no time on arrival
at this Port in acquainting me
that he had embarked in the
Arab fisheries, and when he learned
that I disapproved of the mea-
sure he manifested considera-
ble alacrity to act in conformity
with my wishes, and evinced a laudable

desire to apply a remedy
to the evil he assured me, and
still assures me, was unintentionally
committed.

7. I remark on these points
as it is far from my desire to
make Mr. Plunkett's error of judg-
ment a more serious affair than
is actually requisite. I beg fur-
ther respectfully to submit
for the consideration of Her Ma-
jesty's Government whether the
heavy pecuniary loss Mr. Plun-
kett, and those associated with
him, must inevitably suffer
from the prohibition placed on
their operations will not in itself
constitute a punishment sufficiently
severe.

8. I have heard that one of
the causes that operated to in-
duce strict secrecy regarding the
diving operations was the apprehen-
sion that a rival company
had designs of a similar charac-
ter, and Mr. Plunkett was anx-
ious to be first in the field.

Whether any real foundation exists
for this report it is out of my
power to state, but should other
Companies be meditating diving
operations

operations in this quarter, I earnestly and respectfully request His Excellency in Council's careful consideration of the subject ere permitting Europeans, or other British subjects residing in India, to engage in the fisheries. I would also solicit His Excellency's particular attention to the views expressed by Captain Fchie Jones in the year 1857 last on the occasion of Messrs J and W. Watson of Bombay making known their desire to be allowed to prosecute Pearl-fishing operations in this Sea. Captain Fchie Jones submitted his opinion that British capitalists would not be able to compete with the Banyans and other native traders now monopolizing the fisheries in their own hands, and it is certain that plunder, if not bloodshed, would result to inexperienced parties at the outset of operations in this Sea, and Messrs J and W. Watson were informed by Her Majesty's Government that Government could not sanction the operations contemplated by them on the Persian Gulf. So far

Vide Captain Fchie Jones's letter to Mr. Secretary of the Council dated 10th June 1857. See: Para 2, and Mr. Anderson's reply No. 3, 178 dated 8th July 1857. See: Para 2.

as I can ascertain the sole fishers on the Gulf Pearl Banks have, from time immemorial, been the Gulf Arabs, and beyond a doubt a large portion of the natives on the Coast derive considerable sustenance from their labors in the fishery. I would submit for consideration therefore whether, as the Gulf Arabs have been left up to the present season in peaceable possession of these valuable fishing-grounds, the said fishing-grounds may not lawfully be accounted Arab property, & further, whether it would not appear hard that British subjects, or subjects of other Nations beyond the Gulf, should be allowed suddenly to participate in the profits to be derived from them. European companies, it should be remembered too, would arrive armed with patent fishing machines, and would possess considerable advantages over the needy Arab. At least so it appears to me, and if I understand the question aright, were people of all Nations permitted to resort to the fishing

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fishing grounds, risk might almost
even be incurred of exhausting
the fishery.

9. Not to burthen
the Government with unneces-
sary details, I submit only such
portions of the correspondence
that has passed on this subject
as seem actually requisite. These
consist of a letter I addressed
to Commodore Drought, enjoin-
ing moderation towards Vessels
carrying certain flags; Mr. Plunkett's
letter descriptive of the
Diving Company and its opera-
tions; and Commodore Drought's
report of his proceedings in
connection with the Company.

10. Trusting that the mea-
sures I have adopted in this
sudden affair, and that the
views I have herein enounced
will be honored with the appro-
val of His Excellency the Governor
in Council.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your most obedient servant;

A. W. D. Wode

Offg Pol. Resident Persian Gulf.

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Political Department No. 64 of 1862

From
Captain H. F. Disbrowe
Offg Pol. Resident Persian Gulf
Commodore H. A. Drought, R.N.
commanding Persian Gulf Squadron
Bushire Roads
Residency Persian Gulf
Bushire 7th July 1862

Sir,

With reference to my of-
ficial communication of yesterday's
date it is impossible to gather
for certain from the term "Arab
Bugla" made use of by Mr. Plunkett
in his report of yesterday's date
the true national color of the
Diving Bugla.

2. My object in addressing
you therefore is to acquaint you
that, should the Bugla prove to
belong to Turkish or Muskat sub-
jects, I cannot assent, however
much she may have offended, to
your doing more than causing her
to be conveyed to Busrah or Mus-
kat (as the case may be), and
made over to our British Political
Agents residing at either of those
ports. These Officers will no
doubt

*Sent in original
for your per-
usal yesterday.

don't adopt the measures that are lawful and necessary in association with the Chief Native Authorities and yourself.

9. 3. I confess to you plainly, that although, on the one hand, I consider the act of stationing this diving party without authority to be an exceedingly grave offence, as yet, on the other hand, there are not wanting in some respects extenuating circumstances. My desire therefore is that undue severity should not be exercised, for it is clear that it will be in the power of Her Majesty's Government to adopt ulterior measures in the matter hereafter.

14. Mr. Plunkett, though his proceedings have been highly injudicious and irregular, has, it appears to me, been misguided, and has evinced the utmost anxiety and desire to remedy the evil since it has been committed, and as regards the diving Bugla, and her native Arab crew it is perfectly possible (simply employed on hire as they probably are), that no blame need be attached to her or them. In such case, they should not be subjected to unnecessary

unnecessary restraint or detention.

5. I write considerably in ignorance of facts. These facts will however become known to you after inquiry, and I rely much on your tact, moderation and judgment for the arrangement of the entire affair.

6. Awaiting your report by the earliest opportunity I have &c.

/signed/ H. F. Drobrow
Officiating Pol. Res. &c.

(True Copy)

H. F. Drobrow
Off. Pol. Resident Persian Gulf.

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Enclosure No. 2.

Enclosed in a letter from
Maj. Genl. Resident Pers. Gulf
to Acting Secy to Govt.
Dated 11th July No. 52 B.

From
Maj. Genl. Res. Persian Gulf
to
Commodore H. A. Droughton.
Dated 7th July No. 64.

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(at 2d).

Copies by
H. A. Droughton

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to
Captain H. F. Disbrowe.
Officiating Resident in the
Persian Gulf

Dated H. M's Ship "Falkland"
Cephara Bank off Bahrein
8th July 1862.

Sir,

I have to inform you of
my having come across the Arab
Bugla towed here by the Steamer
"Johnstone Castle" this afternoon
flying British Colors, and on
boarding her and bringing Mr.
McGill on board the "Falkland",
that gentlemen informed me
the Red Insign was intended as
a private signal to the "Johnstone
Castle" which vessel was then
coming in sight in company with
the "Glyde".

2. I enclose the whole
of the pearls found on board
the Bugla which are very small.
Mr. McGill informing me that
their fishing has been a failure
owing to heavy North Westerly
winds prevailing for the last few days.

(True Copy)

H. A. Droughton

Maj. Genl. Resident Persian Gulf.

I have &c.

/Signed/ H. A. Droughton
Commodore &c.

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Inclosure No. 3.

Inclosed in a letter from
Off^r Col. Resident Persia Gulf
To Acting Secy. to Govt.
Dated 11 July No. 52.

From

Commodore H. A. Drought Esq.

To

Off^r Resident Persian Gulf
Dated 8th July No. 166.

(Comms done & proceedings
in respect to the diving
party.)

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Steamer "Johnstone Castle"
Bushire July 6th 1862

Off^r Captain H. F. D. Browne
Resident Persian Gulf
Bushire

Sir,

Necessity compels me to com-
municate with you this day in
acknowledgment of your letter,
as I am anxious if possible to
leave Bushire for Bahrein this fore-
noon.

The parties left on the Bank are,
Mr. McGill a British subject.

Mr. J. Fair Ditto

Frank Capon Ditto

The former has an interest in
the business, the two latter are
on monthly salary. Two native
servants of Kurrachee and four
Arab lascars from Muskat. The
parties are on board an Arab Bag-
la, the crew and commander,
I understand, are natives of Bahrein.
The precise locality I am at a loss
to give but I believe the Bank
to be about 160 miles from Bushire
and near the Lopherah or Isberah
Bank. A native Hindoo Gentle-
men of Bombay and Kurrachee, ha-
ving Agents at all the large towns on

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H. A.

on the Arabian side of the Gulf, and who has been long engaged in the Pearl trade of the Gulf, accompanied me, and from enquiries made it was not found necessary to communicate with the authorities at Bahrein, and as the Hindoo Pearl Merchants of that place confirmed the impression I had of the Banks being free to all, no arrangements, beyond being prepared to pay such tax as may be levied by the Sheikh of Bahrein, were entered into. I regret the circumstance very much, and I trust the prompt measures I am adopting to remove the parties from the Banks will prevent any collision. Mr. Mitchell, who knows the Arab character well, and speaks Arabic, will have, I am certain, left the Banks, if the least indication of opposition presented itself.

I purpose to return to Bushire to land cargo, and with your permission to make arrangements to continue the fishery, if not at Bahrein, at some other suitable places in the Gulf.

(True copy)

W. H. A. H. H.

Offg. Secy. Persian Gulf.

I have &c.

signed J. P. Mitchell

Secret Department

No. 57 of 1862

Reported to Mr. Secy. of Home,
State in Dec. 1862
12th Dec 1862.

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Captain H. J. Disbrowe
Offg. Secy. Resident Persian Gulf

Mr. J. Shaw Stewart Esquire
Acting Secretary to Government
Bombay.

Residency Persian Gulf
Bushire 16th July 1862.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter to your address No. 52, and by way of exhibiting the prejudicial feelings that may be engendered by unauthorized proceedings like those of Mr. Mitchell and parties associated with him in the recent diving operations in this Gulf, I do myself the honor to submit the following information communicated to me by the Arabic Secretary to the Residency on this subject.

2. The Arabic Secretary informs me that Bahrein Pearl Divers have been heard to say that if the English design setting on foot operations of the character witnessed at the Pearl fisheries, which fisheries constitute the bread and livelihood of the Arabs, the

the Arabs know not whence they will derive a sustenance. From what they perceive the English intend taking possession of the Arab Ports, and desire, as a preliminary measure, to possess themselves of the Pearl Banks.

3. In submitting the above observations, it is by no means my desire to prefer additional complaint against Mr. Plunkett. Far from it. Mr. Plunkett, from the day I pointed out to him the grave error of judgment he had committed, has evinced a most laudable anxiety to remedy the evil, and to act up to my wishes. He has no doubt suffered considerable pecuniary loss, too, from the restraint that has been placed upon him by me. I respectfully trust, ^{that} therefore, in so far as Mr. Plunkett is personally concerned, ^{being} beyond forbidding — to embark in operations of the nature under discussion without express permission, he will not ^{owing to my reports} be visited with the Government displeasure.

4. In respectfully soliciting the favor of your laying the contents of this despatch before His

Ex:

Excellency the Governor in Council,
Bashire Residency,
16th July 1862.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obed^t servant

A. R. Howe

Officiating Pol. Resident Persian Gulf

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From,

Off^r of the Resident Persian Gulf

Acting Secretary to Gov^t

Dated 16th July

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The ideas are possessed
when they saw English
Diving operations on the
Bahrain Bank banks.

Mr Plunkett has anxious
- My striving to remedy the
evil committed by the
error of judgment.

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Secret Colonel. A. B. Kemball, C.B.
Political Agent in Persian Gulf.

To The Secretary to Gov^t of Bombay
In the Political Department
Bombay

D^y Bagdad 7th Aug^r 1862.

Sir

The officiating Resident in
the Persian Gulf having communicated
to me his despatches to your address
N^o 52 Secret Depart^{mt} dated 11th Ultimo.
I have the honor to state that I should
hardly consider myself authorized
to take any action in the case of the
Turkish Renglah chartered by
Mr Plunkett. It may be quite within
the competence of the British Political
Authorities in the Persian Gulf to
remove a Turkish vessel, so chartered,
for the Pearl Banks; but as, apart from
this condition, she would be certainly
regarded by the Ottoman Authorities
to have been merely pursuing a

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careful vocation, I do not regret that
the proposed step should have been
omitted of conveying her in custody
to Russorah -

As regards the general question
propounded in Captain Disbrow's
Despatch I would observe that I am
myself quite an advocate for
discouraging Europeans, whether
Englishmen or Foreigners, from
engaging in the Pearl Fishery, but as
regards the mode of procedure there
are certain points which suggest
themselves to me as not unworthy
of consideration - Thus if the
speculator, in lieu of being an Englishman,
had been a Frenchman or an American,
or to mark ^{more clearly} the distinction had the
English speculator chartered a French
or an American Vessel for his purpose,
Could the British Authorities have
exercised jurisdiction; or rather must
they not have confined their
proceedings to the mere tender of

caution

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caution and advice, and to the refusal
of protection in case of attack from the
Arabs who that advice disregarded.
Supposing the Pearl banks to be the
property of the different Arab Sheikhs
or Communities, as lying respectively
within the limits of their Territorial
jurisdiction, If the said Sheikhs or
Communities were content to admit
Europeans to dive on the said banks, Is
the British Government competent to
interdict such an arrangement?
In the case of territorial jurisdiction
may not the limits be defined in the
same manner as the bounds were
formerly, and are perhaps still, con-
ventionally established to the Common
Fisheries on the French and English
Coasts, at a specified distance from
either shore; and finally supposing
these limits to include legitimately
all the existing Fishing grounds
Could any objection be fairly raised
by the Arabs themselves to deep sea
diving on banks, ^{which} they never have fished
nor could fish without artificial

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wards and appliances.

It may certainly be assumed that if the 13th Squadron in the Persian Gulf suffice to enforce the observance of Treaties, to prevent the prosecution of intertribal feuds at sea, and generally to preserve order, it must suffice also to protect British Subjects, or to procure them redress, if molested in the pursuit of a vocation sanctioned by the ostensible Rulers of the Country; but on the other hand a paramount political consideration presents itself in the fact that upon the Pearl Fishery the Arab Tribes of the Persian Gulf are mainly, if not solely, dependent for subsistence, and if it be desirable to screen these tribes from the Cupidity of their own Chiefs, and more especially to wear them from habits of War & piracy, it must be perfectly justifiable I submit for the Supreme Government to regard the Persian Gulf as a mare clausum for purposes of Pearl diving to all parties.

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parties coming from Ports or Coasts situated beyond its limits and to refuse protection by Proclamation accordingly to such parties whatever their Nationality.

Apart from the legal view of the question I am the more disposed to recommend that the ban imposed by Government should be of a preventive rather than of a penal character & sufficiently comprehensive in terms to include British Subjects as well as Foreigners that in point of fact exception is justly taken not so much to the individual as to the means employed and although on the conditions stated the risks of the venture would probably be found too great to be readily borne by Europeans, it must be remembered that Banyans from India are already largely engaged in the trade, not yet, indeed, as divers, but as Contractors for the proceeds of the Fishery, and that a person of this class was actually partner with Mr. Shunkett in his ill-fated speculation.

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The haste with which I have been obliged to prepare this despatch may I trust excuse the incompleteness with which I may be found to have considered the subject. It is one however which my experience of Gulf Politics leads me to think of sufficient importance to be fully discussed; and the views I have expressed regarding it, though not in themselves worthy of adoption, may perhaps suggest to Government a course of action which shall preclude on the one hand the exercise of a doubtful jurisdiction, and on the other obviate the chances of collusion or contravention of its Policy -

I have the honor to be Sir,

Your Most Obedt Servt

W. M. M. M.
Lt. Agent Turkish Residency

British Residency
Baghdad 7th Aug^r 1862

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5/12 Decr 1863

From

Captain H. P. Disbrowe
Off. & Col. Resident Persian Gulf

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M. J. Shaw Stewart Esquire
Acting Secretary to Government
Bombay
Residency Persian Gulf
Bushiri 28th August 1862

Sir,
I do myself the honor to transmit the accompanying despatch to your address (No 49 in this department dated the 7th instant) received by me under flying seal from Colonel Kemball, Her Majesty's Political Agent at Baghdad. The despatch refers to the recent diving operations in this Gulf on the part of Mr. Plunkett and others associated with him, and though it advocates on the one hand, the end I have in view, yet it modifies on the other hand, the proposed line of procedure.
It

2. It would scarcely
become me to offer remarks on
the subject of opinions advan-
ced by ~~as as as~~ Colonel
Kemball whose judgment and
experience in Gulf politics so
far surpass my own: I may,
however, be permitted to observe
that I concur with Colonel Kem-
ball in the views enounced by
him in the despatch I have
the honor herewith to forward.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Your most obed^t servant

J. A. W. Brown

Officiating Pol. Resident
Persian Gulf.

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Submitted for the
orders of the Council
Board. *Nov 23*

Their correspondence is
so interesting and the
subject is so likely to
assume importance that
the A. S. thinks his
excellency in Council
will wish to peruse it in
extenso.

It is with much
diffidence ^{any opinion} to advance on
so difficult a question
but it appears to the A. S.
that Col. Kemball's
judgment regarding the
inadvisability of the exercise
of a doubtful jurisdiction
and the absence of dispatch
that the proposed steps

should have been
omitted of conveying
conveying the Fort
Bey in custody to
Passon and writing
the consideration of for

York have already
expressed in the case of
the Mess Watson their decision
that "they could not sanction
the operations contemplated
by them in the Persian Gulf"
and the same course would
appear desirable in the
present case

It is however a question
whether the prohibition was
at some future and perhaps
not far distant time lead
to a remonstrance on the
part of persons - subjects
of a foreign power, and

in view of this Contingency
it may be submitted
be desirable to discuss
the course of action which
to quote Col. Remond's words
"shall preclude on the
one hand the exercise
of a doubtful jurisdiction
and on the other involve
the chances of collision
in contravention of the
policy"

But Mr. Lord with very
great deference suggests
a doubt whether the
refusal of protection by
"Proclamation" as
recommended by Col.
Remond would be in
all respects judicious:
it is presumed that the
action previously taken

by Govt of declining to
sanction the engaging in
the service by British
subjects will be maintained
and this may be regarded
for the present purpose
as a safe and necessary
precaution by the paramount
power: with regard
however to foreign subjects
though Govt might withhold
their sanction, further steps
than the refusal to protect,
would, Mr. Russell with
apparent good reason
concludes, lead to the
exercise of a doubtful
jurisdiction. It is im-
possible to point out a
precise course in a
question of this kind,
but the general policy

being indicated the
Resident in the Persian
Govt would doubtless
exercise friendly
precautions in the case
of foreign vessels and
give timely warning of
the danger and the
absence of protection
under the great and
immediate probability

* Article X of
Treaty with Persia
signed 16-10-1812
Article III of
the Declaration of Commerce
between Great Britain
and Persia 1813.
The objection to the

"proclamation" would
the British Regt. respecting
to state appear to be
that it might be
considered a "pro tanto"
withdrawal of the protection
now maintained by our

York in the Persian Gulf
and would tend to
lessen our prestige and
influence which another
unequivocal and all
scrupulous power might
be willing to pay by the
loss of that very protection
which our representatives
had publicly refused.

The suggestion made
by Col. Remond for clearing
grounds to the fishing
grounds in concert with
the Arab tribes and
for obtaining the recognition
by these tribes of our right
to fish for pearls in
certain waters where
they do not and cannot
fish themselves would
appear well deserving

of consideration. Such
an imperative is great
circumspection in approaching
this part of the subject
may be gathered from
the present sentiments
of the Arabs as reported
in Capt. Sir Croves letter
of 5th dated 16 July 1862 L.D.
and action in this
direction might be

prudently deferred until
circumstances render it
necessary or eminently
desirable.

W. S. P.

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The off. S. P. L.
Rev. hadavery
reason to

believe that immediate
interposition was necessary
to prevent the parties
who had embarked in a
rash enterprise without
due consideration, who
were sailing under the
British flag, from drawing
down on themselves the

vengeance of the Arabs
 who considered themselves
 possessed of exclusive rights
 of fishing. In this view the
 proceedings of the U.S.P.M.
 may be approved. But
 the view taken by Col.
 Remball as to our ^{general} rights
 & liabilities is no doubt the
 correct one, & while we
 are bound to use our
 influence to prevent bloodshed
 & bloodshed arising out of
 fishing disputes, we must
 be careful not to involve
 ourselves in any responsibility
 for the protection of the
 fishery which might lead
 to infringement of the rights
 of the Arab tribes or of other
 nations.

The whole question

the best course
 to be followed
 should be
 determined by
 experiment be
 repeated.

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 "Who can doubt that the
 "Fishes of the Red Sea
 "are very valuable
 "to the people?"
 "Battell p. 157."

obviously calls for
 further enquiry as to
 the extent of the fishing
 grounds & the rules
 & customs which have
 prevailed relative to
 their boundaries, & the
 rights over them.
 How have disputes
 heretofore been settled?
 What is the best way of
 providing against
 them in future?
 Without & how can we
 aid the maintenance
 of peace & good order
 without involving
 ourselves in an unwise
 & inefficient protectorate?

In all these points
 the U.S.P.M. Report should
 report fully the results
 of his enquiries, & in
 his communications
 with the Arab Fishers
 he should be careful to
 make it clear to them
 that our object is to

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2 protect them from
any unauthorized infringement
of their rights by
British subjects, and
to extend, as they
seem to ^{suspect} ~~expect~~ our
authority over them.

26/4/62 MM.

Copies to Col. Kimball

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N. 401 of 1862

Secret Depart.

Lt. Coll. L. Pelly,

Acting Political Resident
Bushire.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge
the receipt of Captain Diebrow's
letters with enclosures dated the 11th
and 16th July, last, N^o. 52 and 57,
relative to the unauthorized prosecution
of pearl-fishing on the Arab pearl
banks in the Persian Gulf by a
diving company composed of European
and native British subjects.

2. In reply I am desired to
inform you that Captain Diebrow's
proceedings in interposing to prevent
the parties who had embarked in a
rash enterprise, without due consideration,
and who were sailing under the British
Flag, from drawing down on themselves
the vengeance of the Arabs who
considered themselves possessed of
exclusive rights of fishing, are approved.

3. I am at the same time desired
to state that the view taken by
Colonel Kimball as to our general
rights and liabilities, and the best
course to be followed should Mr.
Plunkett's experiment be repeated, is
no doubt the correct one, and that
while we are bound to use our
influence

influence to prevent lawlessness and bloodshed arising out of fishing disputes, we must be careful not to involve ourselves in any responsibilities for the protection of the fishery which might lead to the infringement of the rights either of the Arab tribes or of other nations.

The whole question obviously calls for further inquiry, as to the extent of the fishing grounds and the rules or customs which have hitherto prevailed relative to their boundaries and the rights over them. How have disputes hitherto been settled? What is the best way of providing against them in future? and how can we aid in the maintenance of peace and good order in that part of the Persian Gulf without involving ourselves in an inconvenient protectorate?

I am instructed to request that you will report fully the result of your inquiries on all these points, and that in your communications with the Arab tribes you will be careful to make it clear to them that our object is to protect them from any unauthorized infringement of their rights by British subjects, and not to extend as they seem to suspect, our authority over them.

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N. 402 of 1862

Secret Dept.

To
Lt Colonel A. B. Kimball,
Political Agent in
Turkish Arabia
Baghdad.

Sir,

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 7th August last N. 49, relative to the unauthorized prosecution of pearl-fishing on the Arab pearl banks of the Persian Gulf by a diving Company composed of European and Native British subjects, and to forward for your information copy of my letter to the address of the Acting Political Resident in the Persian Gulf of this date N. 401.

Office N.

N. 110 of 1862

Secret Depart.

To
Colonel H. M. Durand, C.B.,
Secretary to the Govt of India
In the Foreign Dept.
Fort William.

Political
Sir,

I am directed to forward for submission to the Govt of India copy of

1. From the Assistant Resident in the Persian Gulf, in charge dated the 11th July N. 52 of 1862 with enclosures.
2. From Dillo dated 16th July N. 57.
3. From Dillo dated 23rd August N. 67, transmitting a despatch from the P.O. agent in Turkish Arabia dated 7th August N. 49.
4. Reply of Govt to the Acting P.O. agent in the Persian Gulf dated Dec. 8 N. 401 of 1862.

the correspondence noted in the margin, relative to the unauthorized

prosecution of Pearl-fishing on the Arab pearl banks in the Persi by a diving Company composed of European and Native British

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8th December 1862

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Steam Communication

*Regarding the proposed between Bombay
and the*

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Former proceedings vide comp No. 1602/61.

and to sweep them.
8 Dec 1862



Political
No 8.

Sir,

Parasit I have taken
into consideration in
Council the letter of
Your Excellency's Government
dated 12th November 1862
again urging upon my
attention the expediency
of establishing regular
steam communication
between Bombay and
the Persian Gulf, and
pointing out that the
Bombay Steam Navigation
Company are prepared

His Excellency
The Honorable
The Governor in Council
Bombay.

to perform the service at a lower rate (namely Rs 15,000 for each trip) than that stated in your former communications upon this subject.

2. The minimum cost of this arrangement, allowing eight trips in the year and assuming that by the word "trip" is signified the service to & from the Persian Gulf, would be Rs 120,000 per annum. But, as it appears that each "trip" to Karachi and back on your bi-monthly service to that Port, now costs 4,000, I conclude

that

Police
Rs.

* Gross Cost 15,000 x 8 = 120,000

Deduct 4,000 x 8 = 32,000

Rs 88,000

that that amount will be deducted from the cost of each trip to the Gulf and back. This will reduce the aggregate charge to 88,000 rupees a year. But I learn from the Govt of India that, in their opinion, "the charge for the Police of the Persian Gulf" "be much reduced if a regular line of mail steamers be established for running from Karachi to Bussorah, touching at Muscat, Bandar Abbas, Bushire, and one of the ports on the Mekran Coast." The "mere

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The Governor
Bombay

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 it is added running
 'to & fro may be expected
 'to have a sensible effect
 'in checking piracy'.
 Looking, therefore, at
 the general financial
 results of the establishment
 of a line of steamers for
 postal purposes running
 through the Persian Gulf
 it appears that the
 actual cost to the Indian
 Exchequer may be less than
 the amount here named.
 Adverting to
 these considerations and
 to the improved financial
 position of India since
 the time when I first
 reluctantly



reluctantly negatived
 the proposal submitted
 to me by your Lord, I
 am willing to sanction
 the establishment of a line of
 steamers for postal
 purposes, between
 Bombay & the Persian
 Gulf, calling at Kurrachee,
 limiting the number of
 annual trips to eight.

It is desirable
 that the contract with
 the Bombay Steam
 Navigation Company
 should be made, in
 the first instance, for
 a fixed period of five
 years with option of
 termination by your
 Lord

Government on the
company, on giving
two months notice

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W. C. Wood

N^o 6034 of 1862

Transfer from the General to the Political
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India Office

London 3rd March 1862

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His Excellency

The Honorable

The Governor in Council
Bombay,

Sir

Para 1.

I have taken into consid-
eration in Council the letter of your
Excellency's Government N^o 67 of 12th
November 1861, again urging upon my
attention the expediency of establishing
regular steam communication between
Bombay and the Persian Gulf, and
pointing out that the Bombay steam
Navigation Company are prepared to
perform the service at a lower rate
(namely Rupees 15000 for each trip) than
that

that stated in your former communication upon this subject.

2. The minimum cost of this arrangement, allowing eight trips in the year, and assuming that by the word "trip" is signified the service to and from the Persian Gulf, would be 120,000 Rupees per annum. But, as it appears that each trip "to Karachi and back, on your bi-monthly service to that Port, now costs 4,000, I conclude that that amount will be deducted from the cost of each trip to the Gulf and back. This will reduce the aggregate charge

Gross cost	$15,000 \times 8 =$	120,000
Deduct	$4,000 \times 8 =$	32,000
		<u>Rupees 88,000</u>

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of the ports on the Persian Coast. The mere fact of a steamer "it is added, running to and fro may be expected to have a sensible effect in checking piracy." Looking, therefore, at the general financial results of the establishment of a line of steamers, for postal purposes, running through the Persian Gulf, it appears that the actual cost to the Indian Exchequer may be less than the amount I have named.

3. Adverting to these considerations and to the improved financial position of India, since the time when I first reluctantly negatived the proposal submitted to me by your Government, I am willing to sanction the establishment of a line of steamers, for postal purposes, between Bombay and the Persian Gulf, calling at Karachi, limiting the number of annual trips to eight.

4. It is desirable that the contract with the Bombay Steam Navigation Company should be made, in the first

first instance, for a fixed period of five years
with option of termination, either by your
Government or by the Company, on giving
twelve months' notice.

I have the honor to be &c
Signed C Wood

Resolution
9 April 1862

Ordered that copies of the
papers marginally
quoted, be trans-
ferred to the
Political Department
of the Secretariat, with reference to the
letter from that Department to the
Home Government under date the 12th
12th November last. No 67.

W. H. Overton
Acty. Secy to Government

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[Signature]
Off^r Under Secretary

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