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Copy of a Letter from Sir Harford Jones to the Secret Committee

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A copy of a letter from Sir Harford Jones, former Envoy Extraordinary to Persia [Iran], to the Secret Committee of the Court of Directors of the East India Company, dated 21 January 1812. The letter responds to the Secret Committee's request for an explanation from Jones regarding a statement to the Supreme Government of India that he was not instructed to forward his dispatches to the Secret Committee via Calcutta [Kolkata].

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Abbotsous Hotel Vere Street
21 Jan^r 1812

Honble Sir & Gentlemen

I take the earliest moment of
access to my papers to furnish your
Honble Committee with the explanation
you have desired in respect to my having
applied to H. E. the Right Honble Lord Mount
the Governor General that I was not
directed by your Honble Committee to
transmit through his Excellency, the
Accounts of His Majesty's Mission to
Persia lately under my Charge.

That your Honble Committee
may better understand my conduct
in the instance in question; I beg to
lay before you the Copy of the Letter
from me to H. E. the Governor General
which accompanied the first set of
my Accounts transmitted to him.

The Honble Jacob Bosanquet
Chairman & the other Members
of the Honble Secret Committee

I am

Yours &c

I am sorry to find it appears from
 the 2^d paragraph of this Letter, that I
 did apply to H. E. I was not directed to
 transmit my accounts to your Honble
 Committee through His Excellency, but at
 the same time I must be permitted
 to hope the Honble Committee will
 receive the paragraph abovementioned
 as an unequivocal proof it never was
 my intention to avoid submitting my
 accounts to H. E.'s inspection, nor to
 shew any remarks he might think
 proper to make on them.

The fact is when the Letter to
 H. E. the Governor General was written
 I was on the point of departing from
 Lauris to the King of Persia's Camp
 at the request of H. P. H. the Prince
 Royal on business the most urgent
 to H. P. H.'s Interests; namely to justify
 to H. P. H. the Prince Royal and his
 Ministers, having by my advice refused
 to sign the Amistice negotiated and
 drawn up between General Termasoff
 and Meerza Bozeng.

I therefore dictated in great haste to Mr
Theridan my Secretary, the Letter to the
Governor General from a general recollection
of your orders of the 24th Sept without
previously referring as I should under other
circumstances have done to the orders
themselves; & I carried the accounts made
up with me to the Persian Camp to
forward them from thence to India.

I flatter myself after this
explanation your Honble Committee
will acquit me of any wanton or
deliberate attempt to offend H. E. the
Governor General and perceive that I
fulfilled the very Letter of the orders given
me not indeed from a recollection of those
orders but from a uniform desire to
manifest the respect & deference due
from me to the high Station of your
Governor General.

I have the honor to be with
the greatest respect,

Honble Sir & Gentlemen
Your faithful &
obdt. humble servant

(Signed) Harford Jones

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