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## **Letter from Harford Jones to Henry Dundas**

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## About this record

A copy of a letter from Harford Jones, Resident in Bagdad [Baghdad], to Henry Dundas, Secretary of State for War, sent from Bagdad and dated 31 October 1798. Subjects covered include:

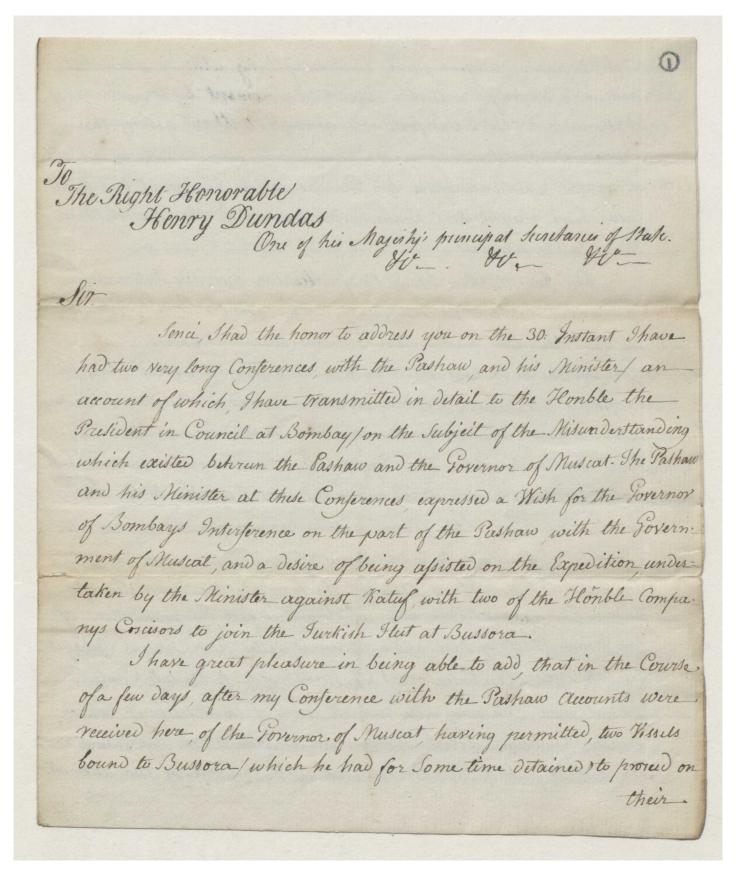
- · A dispute between the Pashaw [Büyük Sulayman Pasha, Governor of Baghdad] and Muscat
- Rumoured communication between Muscat and the French Government in Mauritius
- The arrest of the French Consul Jean-François Rousseau and the seizure of his papers, of which Jones forwards copies (IOR/L/PS/9/76/48, 57 and 58)
- Jones's attempts to obtain intelligence from French-occupied Egypt
- An arrangement with the Pashaw for communication with Constantinople [Istanbul], by which Jones will collect and forward intelligence from Europe
- Affairs in Persia [Iran] and the Pashaw's plans to send an embassy to Baba Khan [Fatḥ-'Alī Shāh Qājār, Shāh of Persia].

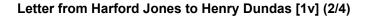
The letter also forwards a copy of the Proclamation issued by General Napoleon Bonaparte on landing in Egypt (IOR/L/PS/9/76/42) and an intelligence report from Caboul [Kabul] (IOR/L/PS/9/76/41).

Another version of this letter is catalogued as IOR/L/PS/9/76/43.		













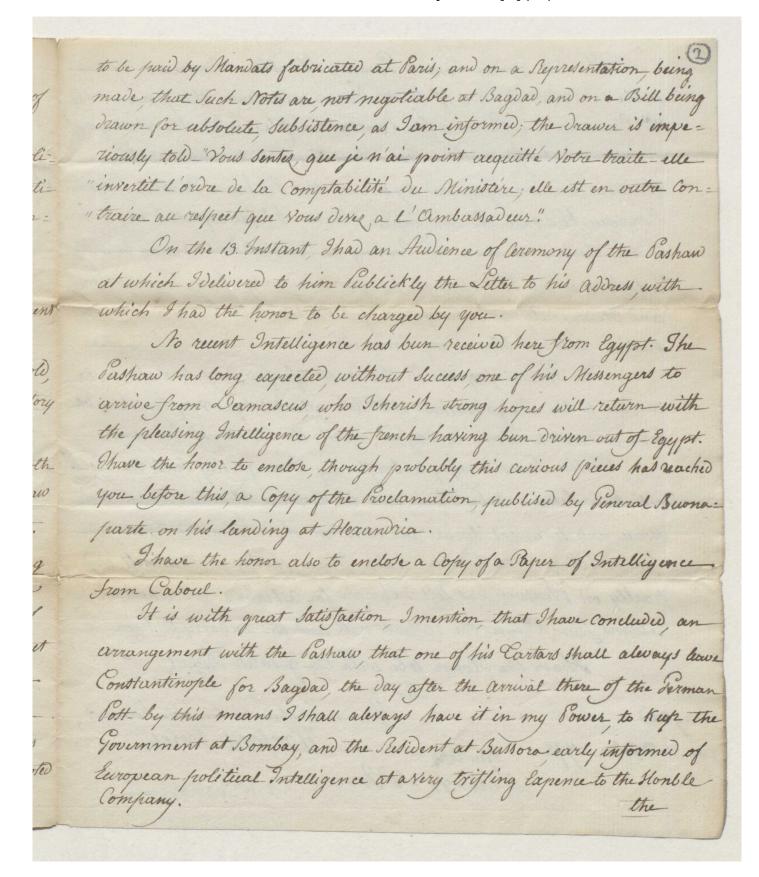
their Voyage, whereby we judge, that everything uther is or will be, amicably arranged with the Museut Forernement by the Forerner of Bussora: and that I was fortunate enough without giving the Pashow the smallest disgust, to dissuade, him from persisting in Soliciting the assistance of the two Cruixers which I judge at this particular Time might be a Request inconvenient to the Honble Com:

On Investigation I find the particular friendly Intercourse. Said to exist between the Fovernor of Muscat and the French Fovernment at the Mauriteis, has no other rounds than Surmise.

On the 8: Instant the French Consul General and his Household excepting his Secretary who escaped were Confined in the French Factory under a grown in Consequence of orders received here on that day from Constantinople—the Papers of the French Consul General both public and private were suried and sealed up—I applied to the Pashaw for the Inspection of the former; and he readily granted my request. I have now the honor to endote Copies of Some of the most interesting and extracts from others. Amongst the former is the Prospectus of a French Commercial Company which was in fact the foundation—of the French Factory here and a curious Letter from Feneral Lubayet the late French Ambassador at Constantinople, to the late Consul—Seneral here—We may here remark as my of the Blessings which I French Republican Liberty Sheds on an Individual the Appointments of one of its publick Servants Stationess in the middle of asia, attempted











The late French Consul General Monsieur Rousseau Neptuw to the celebrated Cluthor of that Name, will leave this place on the 2. November as a Prosoner for Constantinople under the Charge of a Tovernment Officer, Sent from that Capital to Conduct him thither and accompanied by one of the Pashows Tartars. Monsieur Rowseau being an old and infirm Man, I have expressed my Wishes to the Pashow to render his Journey as Commodious as may be - My Interference on this occasion has proceeded only from Compassion and Humanity and therefore I ful Confident a British administrution will not blame my Conduct. The Pashaw peoposes in the Course of a few days, to make an excursion to the Neighbourhood of Hillah attended by a very Considerable force and not to return to Bagdad untill the Month of Ramazan. Versia Sums to enjoy a temporary Tranquility Seni the Reconciliation between Saba Khan and his Brother Hossein Than took place and Sence the Surier and execution of Mohammed Khan the Son of Zikey Khan Zundea. Baba Khan partly on Business and fartly on Pleasure has left Tahiran for astrabad and whenever he neturns from thence the Pashow will send an Embassy to him Those the Honor tobe with the greatest Ruput Your most obedient humble Servant Bagvad Harford Jones. the 31 October 1798 Fre Copy Hurgord Innes. 1/8/9/76/44