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Letters between Harford Jones, John Lewis Reinaud and Jonathan Duncan

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About this record

A copy of a letter from Harford Jones, Resident in Bagdad [Baghdad], to Jonathan Duncan, Governor of Bombay [Mumbai], sent from Bagdad and dated 12 February 1799.

The letter complains of the conduct of John Lewis Reinaud, former agent of the Bussora [Basra] Residency in Bagdad, regarding communication with the Pashaw [Büyük Sulaymān Pāshā, Governor of Bagdad].

Attached are two letters between Jones and Reinaud dated 9-10 February 1799. Jones remonstrates with Reinaud for meeting with the the Pashaw and the Diwan Effendisi [Secretary] without Jones's approbation. Reinaud claims that the visits were personal.

Also attached is a copy of a letter from Jones to Reinaud dated 20 September 1798. The letter announces Jones's appointment as Resident in Bagdad, instructing Reinaud henceforward to transmit any political instructions to Jones and to cease all public meetings with the Pashaw and his government.

To
The Hon^{ble} Jonathan Duncan Esq^r.
President and Governor W^o. W^o.
in Council
Political department. at Bombay.
Hon^{ble} Sir and Gentlemen,

At a time when the Attention of your
Hon^{ble} Board is engaged by objects of the highest Impor-
-tance, it is with no small degree of Reluctance, that
I intrude on its Notice, the subject contained in the enclosed
Copies of Letters, from me, to M^r. John Lewis Reinaud,
and of his answer thereto.

The Letters speak so much for themselves
that little Remark, is necessary to be made on them, however,
it is proper to acquaint your Hon^{ble} Board, that M^r. Reinaud,
is greatly mistaken in saying the Pashaw desired to see him.

I was made acquainted on the 6th at Night, that by means of the Duwan Effendi, Mr. Reinaud, had not only sought this Interview, but had also solicited to be theBearer of Letters from the Pashew to Mr. Duarda, and to the Honorable the Chairman. — so gross a Mistake in the outset gives me but little Respect for Mr. Reinaud's subsequent Reasons and Apologies.

The strict orders of the Honorable the Board of Directors in respect to all kinds of Communications with the Officers of the Turkish Government being confined to their Resident originated, I presume in the Inconvenience, their Affairs formerly suffered from an indiscriminate Interourse, and the Intrigue of different persons with those Officers. I humbly conceive it is not in any ^{usual} Line of Service, that where an accredited Agent is sent, ~~but~~ other Persons of his Nation, or persons employed by them in the Service of his Nation, should have Communications of any Sort with the Government, but that he is sent otherwise than through the Medium of that Agent.

I have the honor to be, with the greatest Respect
Honorable Sir and Gentlemen
Your very obedient humble Servant
Harford Jones.

Bagdad
the 12th February 1799.

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To Mr. John Lewis Reinaud,

Sir,

A due regard, to what belongs to the Nation, I hold at this Court by the appointment of the Honble the Secret Committee of the Honble the Court of Directors, with the approbation of his Majesty's Ministers, calls on me, to request, that you will inform me by what Authority and under what pretence, you have paid, different ^{public} Visits to the Dewan Effendis or Secretary to the Pashaw, and for what purpose, and under what pretence, you, accompanied by Lieutenant Dural of his Majesty's Navy, visited, the Pashaw at his Palace, without either receiving my approbation on such a Measure, or without affording me, the most distant Intimation of your Intention to do so.

You cannot have so long been employed in the Service of M: Majesty; and be ignorant that at
Bussora,

Bussora, the personal Communications with the Turkish
Government, whether on Business or Ceremony are confined
to the Resident alone, and I confess after the very ample
Conversations, and Explanations, I had with you on this
Subject in September last, and after the Letter I addressed
to you, on the 29th September last, it appears strange to me,
that I should again be under the Necessity of writing to you,
thereon. It is my duty to represent your Conduct both to the
Honble the Secret Committee, and to the Honble the Government
at Bombay, and I wish you may be able, to furnish me,
with something which may to my Honble Employers and
Superiors serve, to extenuate the extreme Severity and
Culpability of it.

I am

Sir

Your very obedient hum^{ble} Servant
Harford Jones.

Bagdad
the 9th February 1799.

To

Harford Jones Esq^r.

Residing at the Court of the Pashaw of Bagdad.

Sir

I had the honor, to receive your Letter,
of yesterday's date, last Evening; and I beg Leave to form a
Reply to it.

- Sir

Since your arrival, to your Station, you may
 hear, what degree of friendship subsists between the Dewan³
 Effendisi, or Secretary to the Pashaw, and me, and of my general
 acquaintance here. You may have heard also of the Civilities,
 received by me from the Pashaw, in my different Visits to
 Bagdad, and when I had the honor, to be employed by
 Samuel Mansur, Esq: the British Resident at Bussora, in
 consequential Business with him, and therefore I am surpris'd
 in seeing by your Letter, that you require Information,
 from me, by what authority and under what pretence, I have
 paid different private Visits, to the Dewan Effendisi, (and not
 publick ones, as you are pleas'd to aver) however I beg Leave,
 to state the Reasons for my doing so, and am fully convinc'd
 that they must be satisfactory.

My Reason for visiting the Dewan Effendisi
 on the 6th Instant in the Evening, or the first time, it was because,
 I was urg'd by those friendly feelings which an honorable heart,
 would have, for a person from whom it has experienced innumerable
 Civilities. The Dewan Effendisi, was very happy, to see me and
 offer'd me, an apartment in his Palace, for my accommodation,
 which I refus'd.

My Reason for visiting the Dewan Effendisi
 in company with Lieutenant Duval on the 8th Instant, I beg
 Leave to state, was not premeditated. That Gentleman, and I
 when at Dinner receiv'd a very kind, and friendly Message
 from,

from the Duran Effendisi, wishing to see us; and having sent us
two horses well furnished for our conveyance, we went to him,
and spent about half an hour, when he informed us that the
Pashaw wished to see us, and that we should accompany his
Son, immediately to the City. This desire of the Pashaw I must
confess, awakened, in my heart those feelings, which his former
friendships inspired, and Gratitude, urged me immediately
to embrace, the unsought for honor, and pleasure intended me,
by such a visit. The Pashaw seemed much satisfied at our
arrival, and ordered, the Duran Effendisi, to furnish us with
the best Sattar, announcing his Name. He afterwards asked
me if I mean to return to his friend Mr. Marceby and having
answered in the Affirmative, gave me some trifling Commissions,
to execute in England, and bring out with me, We then took
Leave.

Since, that I have had the pleasure of
visiting my friend the Duran Effendisi, and his Son twice,
at his Palace.

Altho' it has escaped my Memory, your
having made any Explanations on your arrival here, in any
subject whatever, concerning publick Business, yet I received your
Letter of the 20th September, informing me of your appointment
and altho' I had no orders on the subject; I instantly gave
up all kind of publick Interourse with this Government

Had,

By
the 10th
To

Had I been aware of your Instructions extending so far, as to ⁽⁴⁾ require a private Gentleman, requesting your permission to visit his particular friends, I of course, would not have acted contrary to them, but as you never intimated, to me their extent, I naturally conceived, it would not hurt either you or the publick Service, whether, I drank Coffe, with my friend the Duwan Effendis or not, therefore did not acquaint you of my Intention to visit him.

I have as you observe, had the honor, to be a long time employed in the Service, of M. Amesty, and have been so fortunate, as to gain that Gentleman's approbation, of my conduct, on the different important Services he has thought proper, to send me on.

These are the Reasons which I beg Leave, to offer in extenuation of my conduct, which you are pleased, to stile the extreme Temerity and culpability, and I trust that, the Honble the Secret Committee, and the Honble the Bombay Government, will see it in a different Light, than that which you mean to represent it; and do me, the Justice which I conceive is due to me.

I have the pleasure to be,
Sir
Your very obedient humble servant
John L. Reinaud.

Bagdad
the 10. February 1799.
To Mr. John Lewis Reinaud
Sir
Understanding that the Resident at
Bussra

Russia, in consequence of the present Situation of political Affairs, has appointed you his agent at this place, I am, to acquaint you, with my arrival here on the 24th Instant, with an appointment from the Hon^{ble} the the Secret Committee of the Hon^{ble} the Court of Directors, to reside at the Pashaw's Court, and therefore, I am to request, that in the Event of your receiving any orders from the Resident, (who cannot yet be apprized either of my appointment or arrival) ^{in respect} to the Hon^{ble} Company's Affairs, that you will transmit such orders to me, and that from the Receipt of this Letter, you will consider that you cannot have any Business of a publick Nature, to transact either with the Pashaw or the Officers of his Government.

I have the honor to be,
Sir

Your very obedient humble Serv^t.

Harford Jones

Bagdad

The 26th September 1799

True Copy

Harford Jones

Mr Jones's Copy forwarded
with Mr. Reinaud's
transmitted in the 15th Feb^y.

Dec 26th 1799

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