

This PDF was generated on 27/04/2022 from online resources of
the **Qatar Digital Library**

The online record can be viewed at:

http://www.qdl.qa/en/archive/81055/vdc_100109378706.0x000001

It contains extra information, high resolution zoomable views and transcriptions.

Letters from Louisa Abbott to Harford Jones

Holding Institution	British Library: India Office Records and Private Papers
Reference	IOR/L/PS/9/76/74
Date(s)	19 Apr 1799-26 May 1799 (CE, Gregorian)
Written in	English in Latin
Extent and Format	1 item (2 folios)
Copyright for document	Open Government Licence



About this record

Two letters from Louisa Abbott, widow of Robert Abbott, late East India Company Agent in Aleppo, to Harford Jones, Resident in Bagdad [Baghdad], dated 19 April and 26 May 1799.

The letters concern the transit of mail via Aleppo, including issues around the payment of messengers, and forward news from Tripoly [Tripoli] and Latachia [Latakia] concerning the French invasion of Palestine (IOR/L/PS/9/76/73).

To Harford Jones Esq.^r
Bagdad

①
Aleppo the 19. April 1799.

Sir

The Inclosed is a duplicate of what I had the honour to write you last.

This moment I had advice of a Messenger going to Bagdad I profit of the opportunity I inclose you here in the news which I was preparing Copies for you by the desire of Sir W. Sidney Smith to be Communicated to you & to his Excellency at Constantinople &c. &c. officially in his Letter of 27. March A. N. Ship Signe off Baronti a Copy of which with the rest of all the news you have here in.

I remain with the greatest Respect
Sir

Your very Devoted and most
obedient humble Servant
Louisa Abbott

P.S. From the different dispatches I have in one Time to different places I was almost going to forget to reply to your favour of the 13. March by the Dispatch directed to the Honorable Jacob Besanquet Esq: which arrived to Aleppo the 17. Instant in Company of two others from Dufora

I remain with Respect &c. &c.

Louisa Abbott

Sir,

The annexed of the 19. April is a Duplicate of my last respect to you, wherein I mention the Receipt of your favour of the 13. March with the
Packet

Packet to the Honorable Jacob Bosanquet Esq^r which arrived the 17. April & the dispatched the 19. of the same at Sunrise in Company of a dispatched I received from Samuel Manesty Esq^r to the address of the Honorable the Court of Directors.

On the 16. Instant I had the honour to recd your Express Mes- senger of the 27. April containing a Packet to the address of Peter Tooke Esq^r and was dispatched to Constantinople to the same Gentleman on the 21. of the same Month five days after its arrival & which was the first opportunity that offered with the Honble Companys Dispatch.

Your Arab Messenger is demanding a gratuity saying that after he set out of Bagdad he returned once more but as the date of your Letter the 27. April arrival here at the 16. May I could not pay him any thing he therefore desired me to write you of the same.

The detention of this Messenger few days longer was owing to your desire of wishing to know certain news about the Coasts of Syria, and as I had sent a person to His Majesty's Fleet at Acere, I was waiting to recd from him some news to add to the Inclosed which I had prepared for you, but as I find no news yet to be had of that person as likewise I recd this day news which confirms the Inclosed of Tripoly, of the 29. April, and Latakia of the 6. May in favour of the English & the Turks as likewise they mention that 5. Vessels were arrived at Acere the one Russian & four Turkish Men of war & that the English are defending Acere were strongly. therefore I return you your Messenger & if I receive any news I shall send you by the first opportunity.

Your Messenger has been paid of all his diet money & Lahab or Road provision as likewise herein you have Inclosed his note of hand for the £ 30. which I gave him to add with the Price of his Horse which he sold and Bought a Camel & it shall be noted in the Companys Account as usual to so much advanced the Resident at Bagdad

I have the honour to be with the greatest Respect
Sir

Your very Devoted & most
obedient humble Servant
Louisa Abbott

Meppo the 26. May 1799.
at Sunrise

Yours
Harford Jones



