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رسالة من جون سبنسر سميث إلى هارفورد جونز

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نسخة من رسالة من جون سبنسر سميث، الوزير المفوض في القسطنطينية [إسطنبول]، إلى هارفورد جونز، المقيم البريطاني في بغداد، مرسله من القسطنطينية ومؤرخة في ١٧ أغسطس ١٧٩٩.

تحيل الرسالة تقريراً عن تحركات السفن الحربية الفرنسية والإسبانية إلى اللواء البحري جون بلانكيت، قائد أسطول البحرية البريطانية في البحر الأحمر (انظر أدناه). كما تحيل إعلاناً صادراً عن الباب العالي [حكومة الدولة العثمانية] يناشد القوات الفرنسية أن تغادر ويعرض عليها المرور الآمن إلى الوطن، والذي يوصي سبنسر سميث بلانكيت بتوزيعه في السويس والقصور (غير مرفق).

مرفق رسالة من نائب الأميرال هوراشيو نيلسون، مرسله من ماهون ومؤرخة في ١٧ يوليو ١٧٩٩. تحيل

الرسالة تقارير واردة من أحد القراصنة المفوضين في جبل طارق تفيد بأن الأسطول الفرنسي والإسباني المشترك قد دخل المحيط الأطلسي، يلاحقه نائب الأدميرال جورج كيث إفينستون.

رسالة من جون سبنسر سميث إلى هارفورد جونز [١٧] (٨/١)

Constantinople 17 August 1799. ①

Sir,

My last dispatch concluded with an account of all that was then known of the Enemy's fleets. I now take up the pen to give you our subsequent information which cannot prove less interesting in India than the former intelligence. It is contained in the annexed paper, sent to me by Rear Admiral Lord Nelson containing the deposition of the Master of a Gibraltar privateer by which the Combined fleets appear beyond a doubt to have reposed into the Atlantic on or about the 9. July followed by his Majesty's fleet under Vice Admiral Lord Keith.

I transmit this document principally for the information of R. Admiral Blankett: to whom you will consequently take the trouble to forward. It with my best Compliments and good wishes, In point of opinion there upon altho' the undiscovered movements of a force of this magnitude be
Harford Jones Esq: &c. undoubtedly

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undoubtedly a source of disquietude: yet I by no means feel justified in basing the supposition that any dangerous detachment may be sent towards the Indian Seas: nor to create any alarm which might check Admiral Blankett's operations in that side.

On the contrary is my aim to contribute to their efficacy by putting into that Commander's hands a weapon which has been judged useful in those of our Commodore on this side. It is at all events necessary that our thro' Squadron cooperating to one common purpose the deliverance of the Ottoman territories should be guided by one common system avowed by this Court and concurred in by His Majesty's Mission. I therefore beg you will equally convey to Admiral Blankett or the Commanding officer on the coasts of Arabia, the enclosed certified Copy of a proclamation, to disseminate amongst the French Troops whereby the Porte aims at weakening the Enemy's force in Egypt, and even at its total evacuation by facilitating the means of escape to the discontented individuals of that army, and even extending the mild condition of conveyance home safe in person and property to whole corps or garrisons, inclined to lay down their arms: and to turn their backs upon their iniquitous chief who has betrayed them to their ruin, and sacrificed

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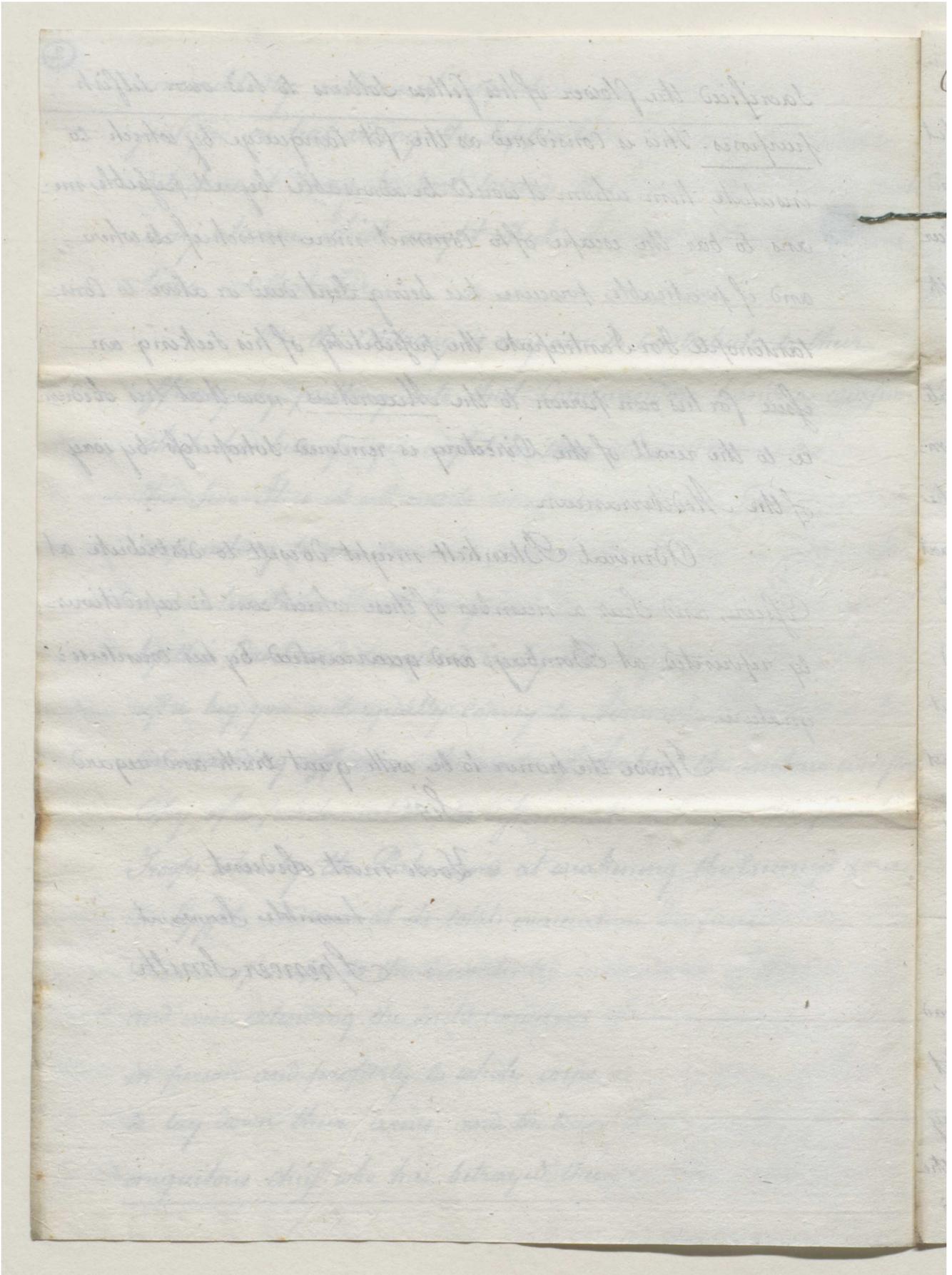
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sacrificed the flower of his fellow soldiers to his own selfish
purposes. This is considered as the fit language by which to
insult, him whom it would be advisable by all possible me-
ans to bar the escape of to commit more mischief elsewhere,
and if practicable procure his being sent dead or alive to Con-
stantinople For I anticipate the possibility of his seeking an
issue for his own person to the Mauritius, now that his obedien-
ce to the recall of the Directory is rendered hopeless by way
of the Mediterranean.

Admiral Blankett might do well to distribute at
Copier, and See a number of these which can be expeditious-
ly reprinted at Bombay, and guaranteed by his countersi-
gnature.

I have the honor to be with great truth and regard
Sir

Your most obedient
humble servant
Spencer Smith

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Copy for Admiral Blankett

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Mahonie the 17. July 1799.

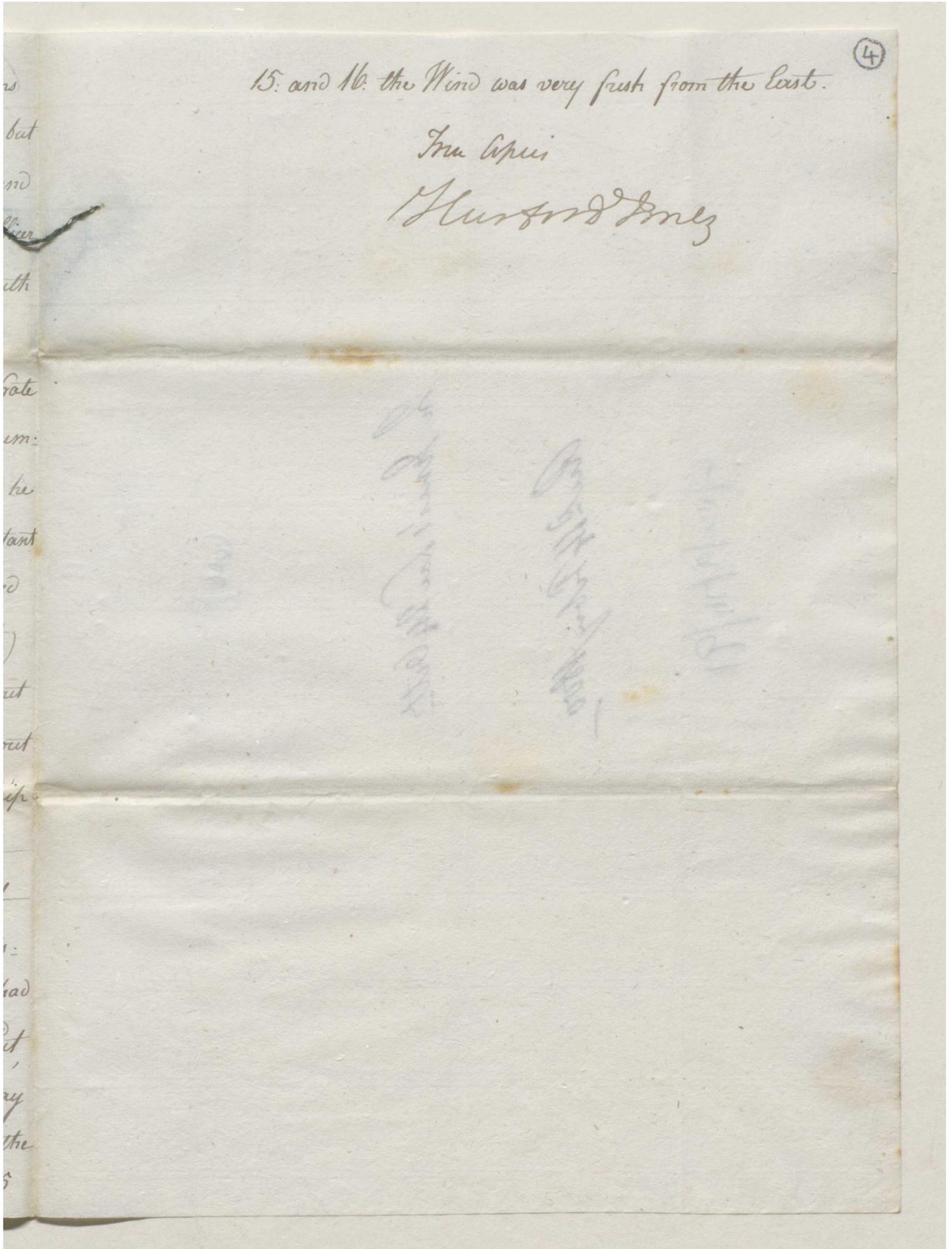
Joseph Montano Master of the Privateer called the Prince Edward his crew consisting of 23. Men arrived this Morning at 11. O'Clock, delivered his dispatches at one quarter before Twelve and gave verbally the following Intelligence.

That on Sunday the 7. Instant early in the Morning a signal was hoisted on the Rock at Gibraltar for a fleet seen to the East, that between 7. and 8 of same Morning Lord St. Vincent ordered a King's Cutter to go and reconnoitre the fleet (light brigs from the West) as the Cutter did not return Montano was ordered to repair to Lord St. Vincent on board a Line of Battle Ship in the Bay, the only one there, at 12. O'Clock he was directed to ready for sea, and at about 7. (the Cutter was not returned) he took on board an English Officer he supposed to be a Capt of a Frigate with dispatches, he immediately rowed round the Rock and at about 8 O'Clock he set sail Wind N.W. he steered East, and at three the next Morning having gone about 21. Miles he heard about 10. (p.m.) Guns fired it

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it thundered and lightened was very gloomy and by means
of the Lightning he perceived the fleet to be South of him, but
could not count the Number, he continued, to steer East, and
saw nothing, more till the 11. about Midday when the Officer
spoke the Master of a Danish Brig 15. Leagues to the South
of Alicante coming from Norway and bound for Naples
who informed him that on the 1. Instant being off Cape Gate
was board or saw the French & Spanish fleets 60 in num-
ber the greatest part of which were Line of Battle Ships he
further says that on the 11. being to the S. E. of Juvia distant
about 12. Miles, he discovered the Fleet Commanded by Lord
Keith going under an easy sail (a convey proceeding it)
composed of 31. Line of Battle Ships and One frigate about
five he spoke a Line of Battle Ship of said fleet and about
two the Officer he had on Board went into Lord Keith's Ship
the privateer was detained about a quarter of an hour
and received dispatches for Mahon, the fleet crowded all
sail possible, when he left Gibraltar, Lord J. Vincent dis-
patched a Privateer for Portugal from the Wind he had
he supposes the Enemy's fleet might go through the Gut,
if not on the 8. 9. Certainly he judges Lord Keith's fleet may
have passed the Straights of Gibraltar by this Time. on the
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