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Letters between Harford Jones and Lord Elgin

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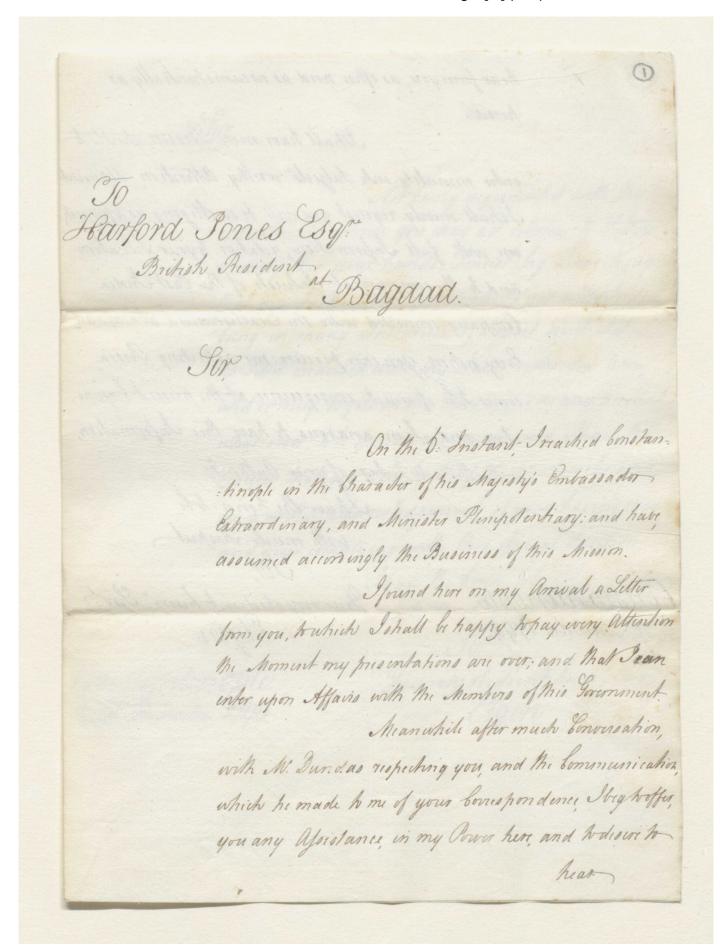
Copies of five letters between Lord Elgin, HM Ambassador to the Ottoman Empire, and Harford Jones, Resident in Bagdad [Baghdad]:

- 1. A letter from Elgin to Jones, sent from Constantinople [Istanbul] and dated 16 November 1799. The letter announces Elgin's arrival in Constantinople and assumption of his duties, offers assistance, and asks for information regarding Bagdad and Persia [Iran]. A duplicate of this letter can be found in IOR/L/PS/9/76/103.
- 2. A letter from Elgin to Jones, sent from Constantinople and dated 21 December 1799. The letter orders Jones not to open or read any letter addressed to Elgin from India. A duplicate of this letter can be found in IOR/L/PS/9/76/103.
- 3. A letter from Elgin to Jones, sent from Constantinople and dated 21 December 1799. Elgin renounces the use of cyphers in his communications with India. A duplicate of this letter is catalogued as IOR/L/PS/9/76/104.
- 4. A letter from Jones to Elgin, sent from Bagdad and dated 17 January 1800. The letter reports the transit of Elgin's dispatches to India via Bagdad and Bussora [Basra] and congratulates Elgin on his appointment as Ambassador. Jones also outlines the policy of the British Government in India towards Persia [Iran], reports on events in Afghanistan, and describes British interests in Bagdad. It also reports a rumour that the Shereef [Sharīf] of Mecca has offered to read the khutbeh [Friday prayer sermon] in the name of Baba Khan [Fatḥ-'Alī Shāh Qājār, Shāh of Persia] instead of the Grand Signior [Sultan of the Ottoman Empire] in exchange for

money. A duplicate of this letter can be found in IOR/L/PS/9/76/105.						
5. A letter from Jones to Elgin, sent from Bagdad and dated 17 January 1800. Jones acknowledges the receipt of Elgin's letter of 21 December and pledges not to open or read letters addressed to Elgin from India as instructed. A duplicate of this letter can be found in IOR/L/PS/9/76/107.						







Letters between Harford Jones and Lord Elgin [1v] (2/12)

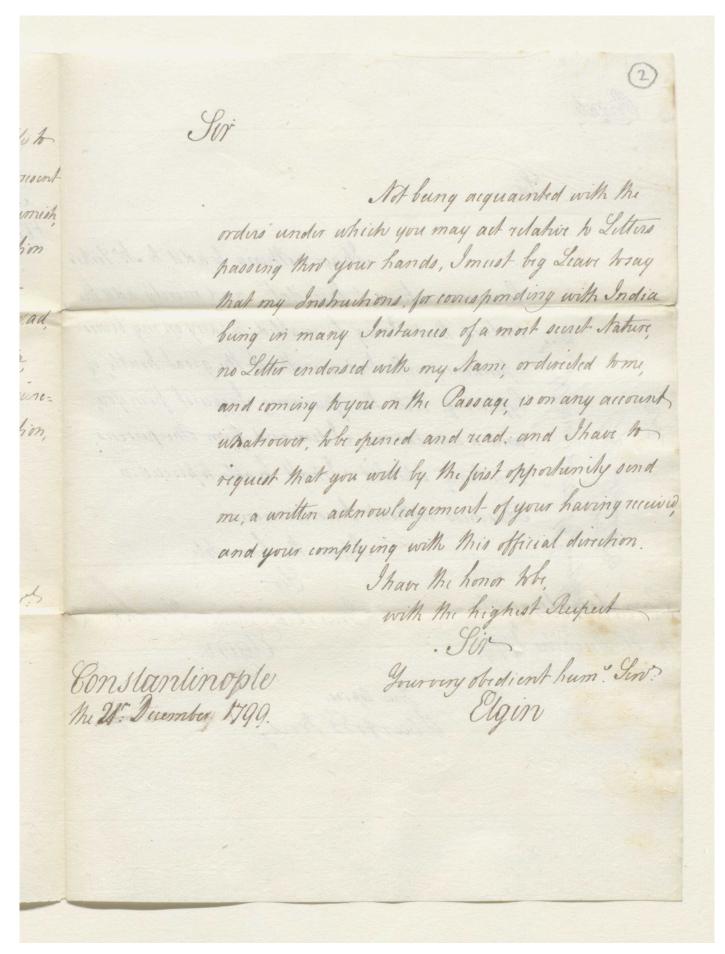


hear from you, as often and as circumstantially as homille. Ishall have more Liesure, shortly to enter minutely into Subjects worthy attention apprount I shall merely requist you will be so obliging as befurnish me, with full Information, relative byour Situation and to the commercial Interest of the East India Company connected with the Establishment at Bagdad Every notion, you can prower me respecting Persia comes Who of much consequence at the present bonjune -- hur, and Iam anxious, to have this Information, with the advantage of your authority. Than the honor No with much Rupert Fourvery obidient hum. Sin! Constantinople M. 16: Soumber 1799.



Letters between Harford Jones and Lord Elgin [2r] (3/12)





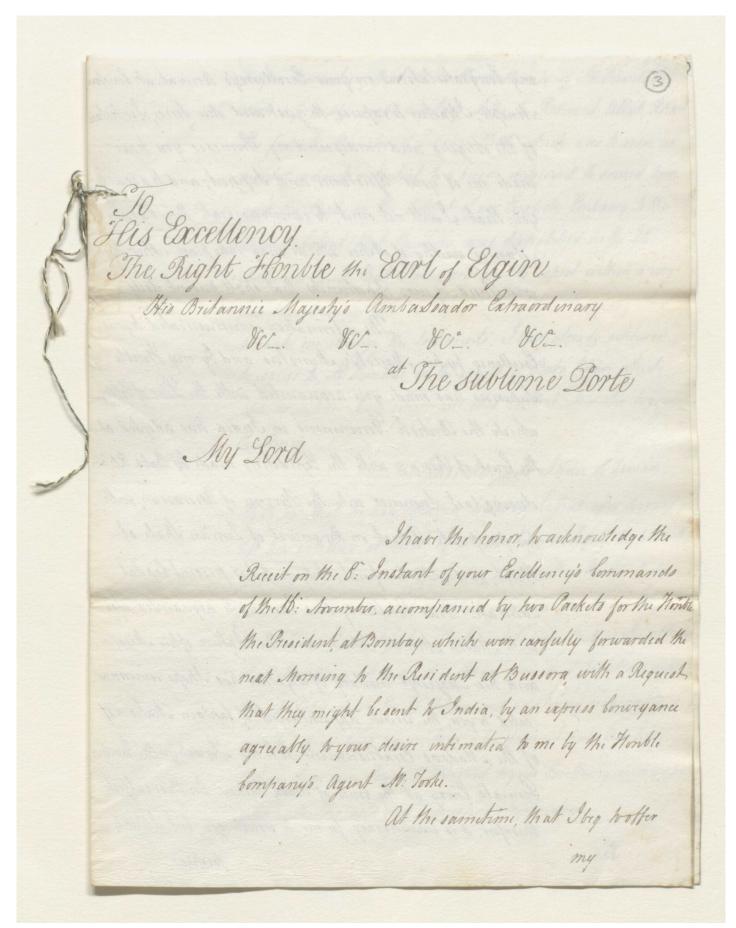
Letters between Harford Jones and Lord Elgin [2v] (4/12)



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Letters between Harford Jones and Lord Elgin [3r] (5/12)









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Letters between Harford Jones and Lord Elgin [4r] (7/12)



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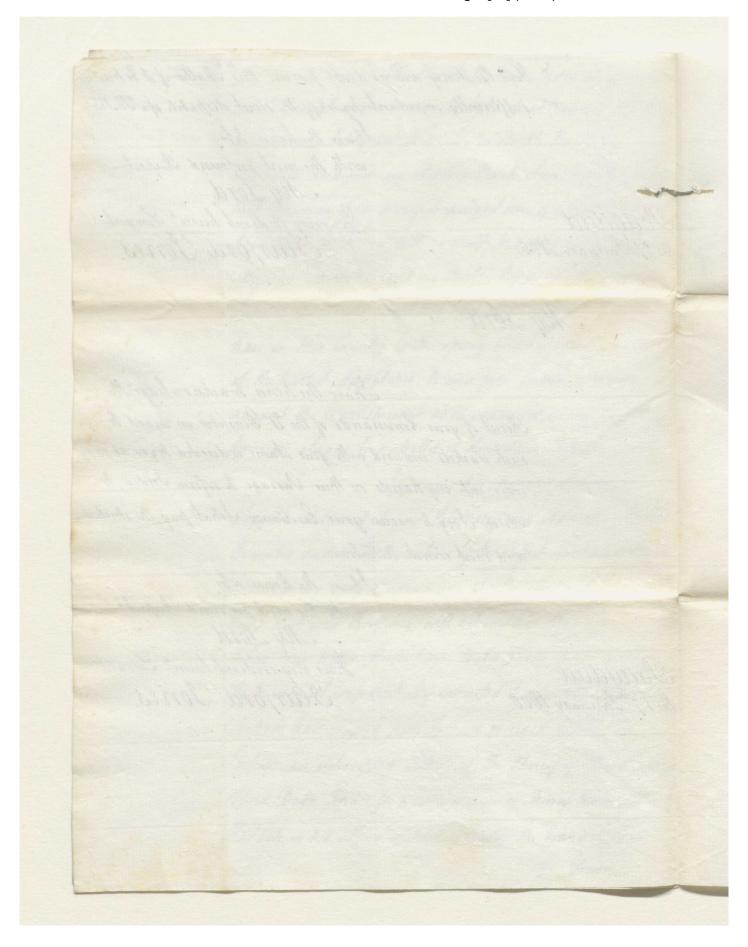


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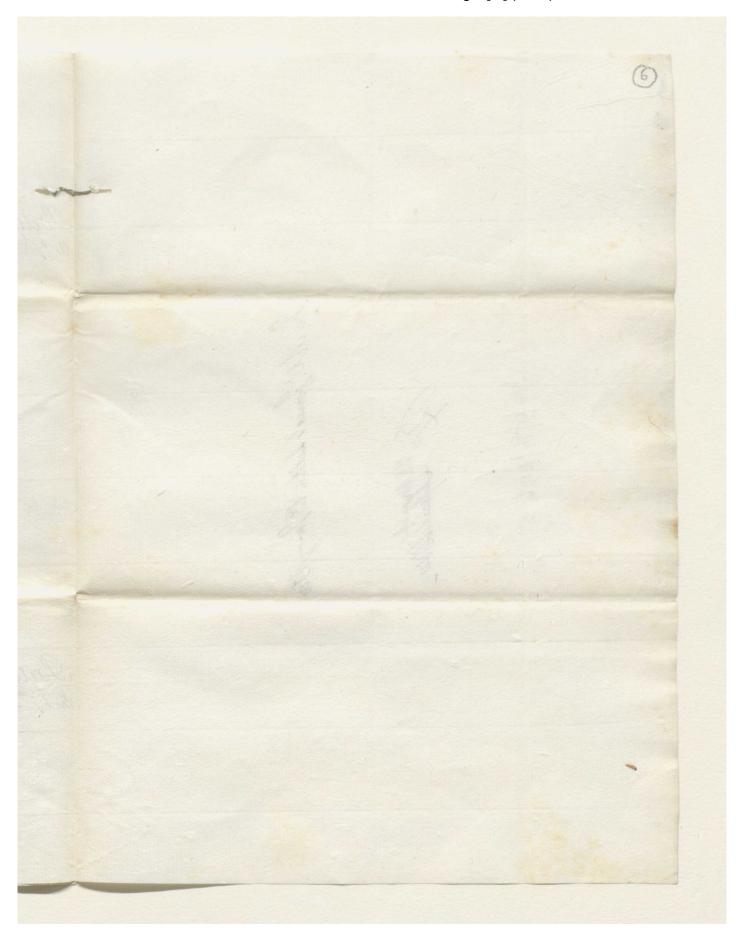






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