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Letter from Harford Jones to Lord Elgin

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About this record

A copy of a letter from Harford Jones, Resident in Bagdad [Baghdad], to Lord Elgin, HM Ambassador to the Ottoman Empire, sent from Bagdad and dated 23 June 1801.

The letter complains that, following a dispute with Jones (see IOR/L/PS/9/76/163), the Pashaw [Büyük Sulaymān Pāshā, Governor of Baghdad] has removed the nobatchys and chouses [nöbetçi and çavuş, guards] in Jones's service. Jones states that he will remain in his residence until he receives further directions.

The letter was enclosed in Jones's letter to Jonathan Duncan, Governor of Bombay, dated 4 August 1801 (catalogued as IOR/L/PS/9/76/163).

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Letter dated the 23rd June from Harford Jones to H.E. the
King's Ambassador at the Porte.

My Lord,

I beg to inform your Lordship that the
Pashaw this morning sent to the Janissary Aga to remove from attendance
on me the two Chouses and two Kobatchys in my pay, which I received
from the Janissary Aga for my protection as a public Agent here.

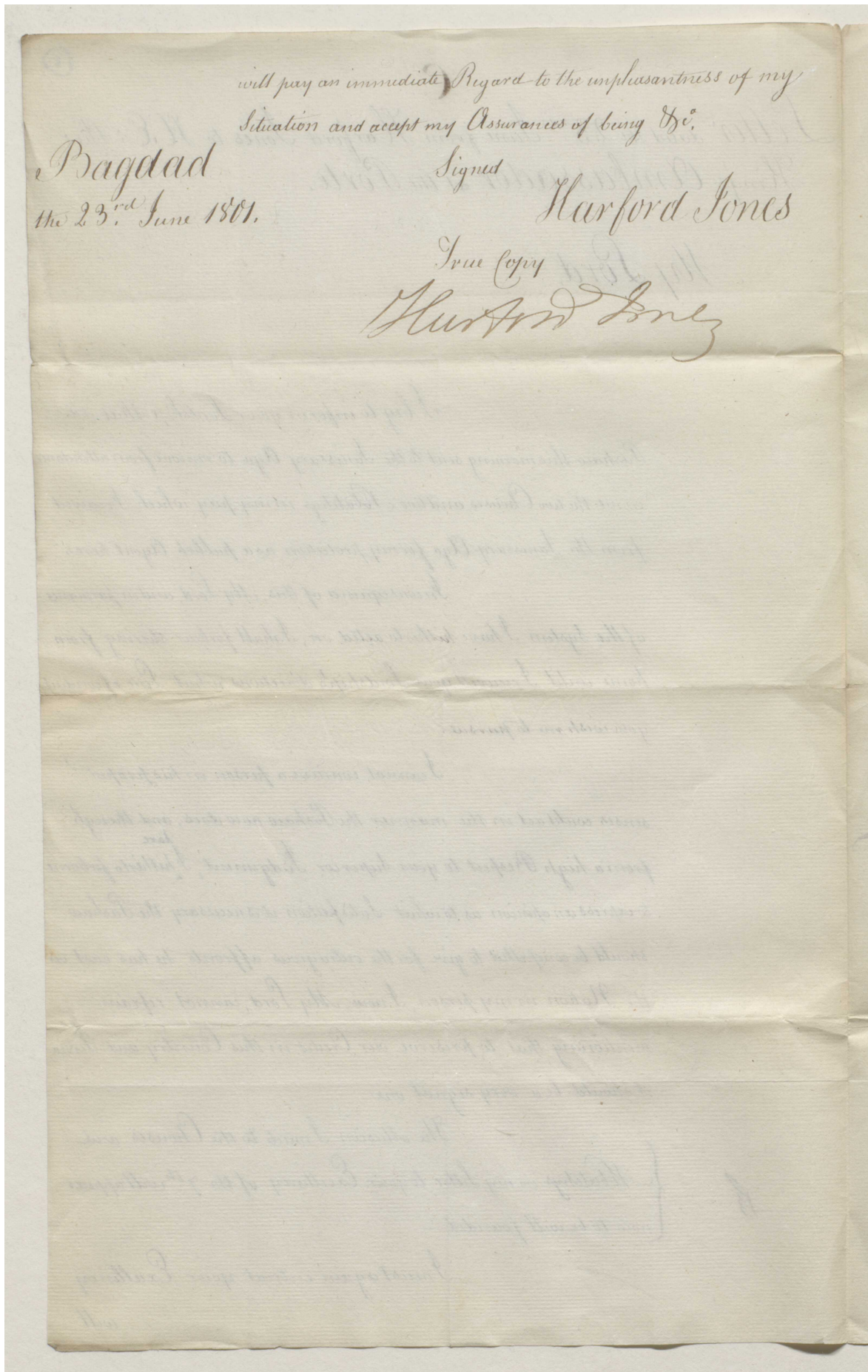
In consequence of this, My Lord, and in pursuance
of the System I have hitherto acted on, I shall forbear stirring from
home until I receive your Lordship's directions what Line of conduct
you wish me to pursue.

I cannot conceive a person in his proper
senses could act in the manner the Pashaw now does, and though
from a high Respect to your Superior Judgement, I ^{have} hitherto forbore
to express an opinion as to what Satisfaction it is necessary the Pashaw
should be compelled to give for the outrageous affronts he has cast on
the Nation in my person, I now, My Lord, cannot refrain
mentioning that to preserve our Credit in this Country and Persia,
it should be a very signal one.

The allusion I made to the Chouses and
Kobatchys in my Letter to your Excellency of the 7th will appear
now to be well founded

I must again entreat your Excellency
will

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will pay an immediate regard to the unpleasantness of my
situation and accept my assurances of being &c.

Bagdad
the 23rd June 1801.

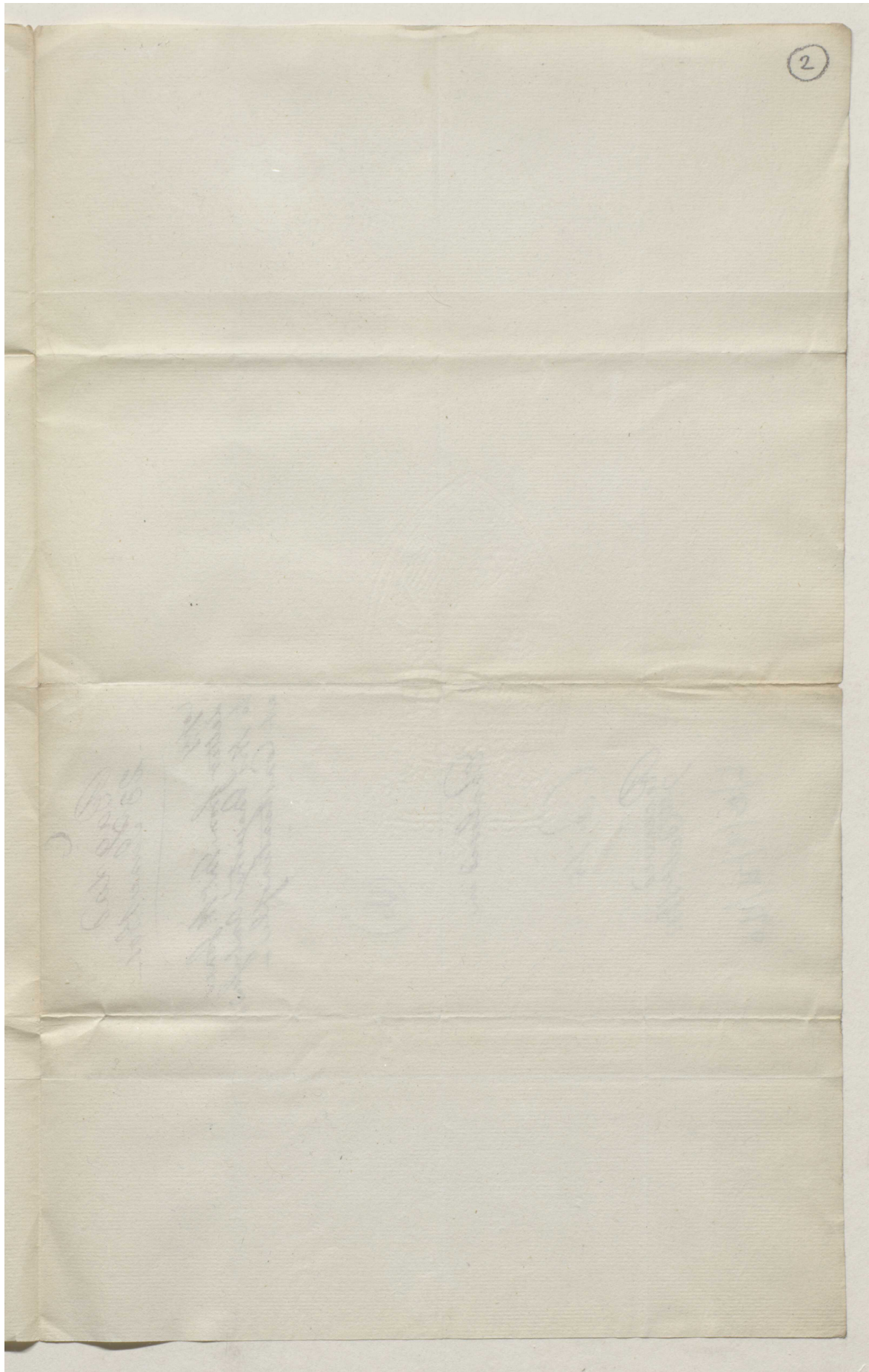
Signed

Harford Jones

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