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Letter from Harford Jones to Peter Tooke

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About this record

An extract of a letter from Harford Jones, Resident in Bagdad [Baghdad], to Peter Tooke, Agent of the East India Company in Constantinople [Istanbul], dated 23 November 1801.

The letter concerns attempts to transport cowpox samples to India for purposes of inoculation against smallpox. Jones asks Tooke to arrange for cowpox matter to be sent from Constantinople to Bagdad.

Another copy of this extract can be found in IOR/L/PS/9/76/195.

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Extract of a Letter dated the 23^d Nov. from M. Jones to P. Tooke

It appearing from a Letter dated the 4th August addressed by the Medical Board at Bombay to the Hon^{ble} the Governor, that the various attempts to introduce the Cow Pox into India, have failed principally from the matter, which has been brought, being too old, and it being thought by the Medical Board desirable to have the Matter of the Cow Pox sent to Bagdad, in order that the Hon^{ble} Company's Surgeon here might innoculate with it, and by that means produce fresh Pus, which might be sent to the Surgeon at Bapora, where a fresh pus might again by innoculation be produced, by which means the Pus produced at Bessora would probably arrive in India, in a state fit to communicate the disease; I must most strongly recommend to your particular attention the procuring and sending to Bagdad as early as possible, some of the matter of the Cow Pox, and as the Hon^{ble} Company have now several Tartars at Constantinople, I think my self authorized to request that you will return one of them as early as you shall have procured good Matter, expressly for the purpose of bringing it to Bagdad without loss of time: So that the Experiment of innoculation may be tried here at such a Season as will afford the best hopes of success. By the orders of the Govern^{ment} in India,

J.

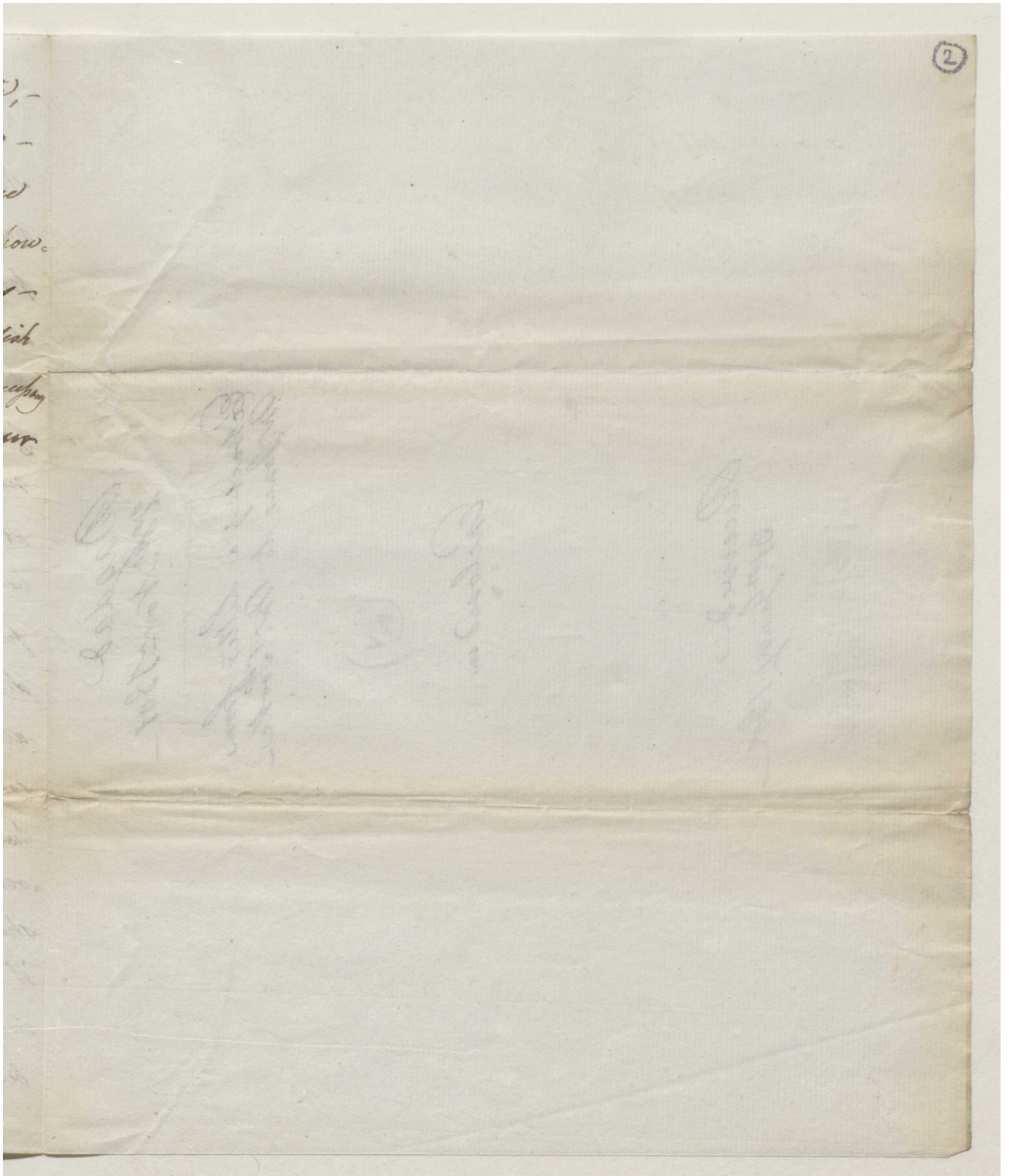
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I some time ago wrote to the Kings Ambassador at the Porte, -
on this subject; but His Excellency never thought proper to take -
any notice to me of my Letter, though I find he send some
of the Matter of the Cow Tax to Bapora. - I am convinced how-
ever your Philanthropy will cause to you to be as assiduous as -
possible in carrying into effect the humane wishes of the British
Government in India; and any expense you may find it necessary
to incur on this account, you will be pleased to charge to our
Honble Employers. -

Yours truly

P. Tooke

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Letter from Harford Jones to Peter Tooke [2v] (4/4)

