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## Letter from Samuel Manesty to Harford Jones

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### About this record

A copy of a letter from Samuel Manesty, Resident in Bussora [Basra], to Harford Jones, Resident in Bagdad [Baghdad], sent from Maghil [Al Ma'qil] and dated 15 October 1802.

The letter concerns the appointment of Aly Pasha [ʿAlī Pāshā al-Kahyah] as Governor of Bagdad, reporting that calm has prevailed in Bussora during the period of political instability in Bagdad. Manesty also reports the arrival of Assistant Surgeon Hine to take over from Dr James Short, surgeon at the Bagdad Residency, and forwards various correspondence, in particular concerning the death in Bombay [Mumbai] of Hajee Khaleel Khan [Hājī Muḥammad Khalīl Khān Qazvīnī], Persian [Iranian] Ambassador to India.

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To  
Harford Jones Esq<sup>r</sup>  
President  
at Bagdad.

Sir,

I had last the pleasure to write to you on the 17<sup>th</sup> Ultimo, and on the 30<sup>th</sup> Ultimo and 10<sup>th</sup> Instant, I duly received your communications of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Ultimo and 28<sup>th</sup> Ultimo.

The Information which you conveyed to me on the Subject of the late important Political Events at Bagdad has been extremely satisfactory and acceptable, and I have the honor to inform you that your open Packet for the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the President in Council in the political Department, which reached me enclosed in your letter of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Ultimo was forwarded to Bombay the 7<sup>th</sup> Instant per Panther.

I am myself of opinion that the Events which led to the Confirmation of the temporary power of Aly Pasha and to the  
destruction

destruction of the Janissary Aga and his Party on the 20<sup>th</sup> Ultimo, were very fortunate ones however they may be regretted on principles of Humanity. They have given Aly Pasha such a degree of ascendancy at Bagdad as will enable him decidedly and effectually to benefit by the Promulgation by the Ottoman Emperor of a Firman in his favor of which I learn by letter from him and from you, Intimation reached Bagdad on the 26<sup>th</sup> Ultimo, which might not have been the case, had any Turkish Officer charged with such a Firman, found, on his arrival at Bagdad, the late Janissary Aga in possession of the Citadel.

You entertain warm and reasonable hopes that this Country will escape those general and dreadful calamities which are frequently experienced in Asiatic States on the Demise of Sovereigns & Rulers, and it is with much pleasure that I confirm to you the continuance of tranquillity here and the perseverance in prudent and moderate Measures of the Missalim and the Montefic and Charib Shaiks.

I observe with satisfaction the friendly intercourse subsisting between you and Aly Pasha and the attentions you have lately received from him. His letters to me are very handsome ones and that delivered to me by the Piskhercher on the 11<sup>th</sup> Instant proves his desire that his Government should benefit by British Counsel and Friendship.

By

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By an express Chocadar I now transmit you public advi-  
ces to your address from the Presidency conveyed to Bushire on the  
Fernate Brig and thence to Bassora on the American Ship  
Two Sons, which imported on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Instant.

With the Chocadar proceeds to Bagdad M<sup>r</sup>. Assistant  
Surgeon Hine, who arrived on the Two Sons from Bushire, and  
who is appointed by Government to relieve D<sup>r</sup>. Short in the  
discharge of the medical duties at Bagdad, I have every reason  
to suppose that M<sup>r</sup>. Hine will not retard the Chocadar in his  
progress, and it is of course advisable that he should repair to  
his Station without delay as the Services of D<sup>r</sup>. Short must necessa-  
rily be required in India.

The Commands of Government to your Presidency by  
the present conveyance will probably convey to you a detailed  
Statement of the unfortunate Accident which deprived Hadjee  
Khalil Khan of life at Bombay on the 20<sup>th</sup>. July. The event,  
considering the sacred light in which the Ambassadorial  
Character is held by all Nations, is an extremely awkward one,  
and our Hon<sup>ble</sup> Superiors are consequently very anxious that  
its real nature should be correctly and clearly comprehended  
in this Quarter of the World. Their Instructions to me on the  
Subject are pointed and forcible, and I am happy in informing  
you

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you that the Measures, which I have taken, in obedience thereto, to explain the lamented occurrence to the Mussalim and to the principal Inhabitants of Busson, to the Arab Sheiks and to many Persian Subjects, have successfully reconciled them to it, as one the immediate effect of the Almighty Supreme will beyond the Control or interference of human Prudence or Wisdom, and not in the smallest degree implicating British Honor and Reputation.

I enclose a small Packet for the Honorable the Court of Directors, of which I request your care.

I have the honor to be with great truth and  
Respect  
Regard.

Sir,

Your very obedient humble servant  
Samuel Manesty

Maghul  
the 15<sup>th</sup> October 1802.

Yours truly,  
Harford Jones

Recd  
Overland  
28 Dec 1802

Letter from the  
Resident at Busson  
to the Resident at  
Bangalore.

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