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Diary 47 (Nov. 1897-Aug. 1898): Summary

(Kearby Chess)

Diary 47 begins on November 4, 1897. According to his diary, Joseph arrived back in Baghdad from his journey to Europe with his son Alexander, his wife Eliza, and the outgoing British Consul Col. Mockler on October 14. He quickly settled back in to his normal life, traveling up and down the Tigris River from Baghdad to Basra and back, aboard the steamers of the Lynch company. Typically, Joseph was clerk aboard the H. Blosse Lynch, though on occasion his services were required aboard her newer sister ship, the Mejidieh. At home in Baghdad, Joseph corresponded with his son by mail. Alexander had begun studying several subjects in school, including German. Joseph also noted in his diary that he had paid a carpenter for four days worth of work while he was away at Basra, part of an ongoing series of improvements to his home in Baghdad. (4 November 1897, 2-3)

Evidently, Eliza had returned to Iraq separately from Joseph, she had recently arrived at Basra in the SS Arabistan, one of several British steamers which made a regular run from Europe, through the Red Sea and Persian Gulf before traveling on to India. On Monday, November 8, Joseph met Eliza at Basra. Upon meeting her again, he wrote in his diary: "I could not keep myself from the tears on seeing her without my son Alexander." (8 Nov. 1897, 9) The news that she brought was just as bad. She complained that in Paris, their family friend Ibrahim Gejou had treated them quite poorly. He was unprepared for their arrival and charged them extra for her to stay in the same room with Alexander. To make matters worse, Eliza believed that Alexander should not remain in Paris because he spent too much money too quickly and made a habit of selling his postage stamps instead of using them to write home. The whole conversation left Joseph so very sorry & broken hearted that [he]lost all the pleasure of talking with her about anything else. That night, he could not sleep well on

account of the excessive mosquitoes and his wife's story of his son's life in Paris. (8 Nov. 1897, 10)

Upon their return to Baghdad together, the rest of the family was glad to see Joseph and Eliza once again. Throughout November, Joseph often noted that the weather was unusually cold and calm, recording morning temperatures in the low thirties Fahrenheit, and overnight temperatures that sometimes dipped as low as the mid-twenties. On Tuesday the 16th, Joseph took the time to call on the new British Consul General, Colonel Lock, who had replaced the outgoing Col. Mockler. Lock, it seems, was rather interested in performing archaeological expeditions in the surrounding desert. An avid amateur archaeologist himself, Joseph recommended that Lock visit the site of Sippar at Tell Abu Habbah, southwest of Baghdad. Joseph then went to meet the new French Vice Consul M. Ronet, and engineer M. Jacquers. (16 Nov. 1897, 17-18) After visiting with some family on November 17th, tending to some home business, and receiving another letter from his son, Joseph embarked for Basra again on the 19th. Throughout the journey, Joseph continually complained of the cold weather and its ill effects on his health.

At Basra, they took on an important cargo: the body of Sheikh Mezel of the Mahomera tribe. Mezel had been murdered by his brother Khazal, and the body was being transported to the Shia holy city of Karbala for burial. On this journey, Joseph listed among the notable passengers: the new Inspector for the Quarantine of Baghdad dispatched by Constantinople, Dr. Z. Yeronimakus; Dr. Malakis of the Basra Quarantine and his clerk Solon Calothi, coming for an unspecified political affair, as well as Ezra Daniel the Jew Apothecary. (23-4 Nov. 1897, 27-9) On November 28, Joseph learned of the death of Yousif Sayegh, a relative of his wife Eliza's late husband Fathallah. Joseph and his brother-in-law Antone Marine attended a wake at the Sayegh family home in Baghdad, where Yousif had lived as the last resident after his remaining brothers in the clergy moved north to Mosul. Later that afternoon, Joseph, Antone Marine, and their friend Yousif Korkis Tessy accompanied the body from the Sayegh home to the Armenian Church near the ancient citadel in the northwest corner of Baghdad, where funeral services were held. The Baghdadi Christian community turned out in droves to pay their respects, including the Russian consul Mr. Mashkow. Following the funeral, the body was taken by mourning carriage to the Christian cemetery complex on the eastern outskirts of the city, where it was interred. (28 Nov. 1897, 34-5)

Aside from unusually rainy and gloomy weather, the late autumn and early winter of 1897 was a relatively uneventful time. The work on the Svoboda family home continued, he noted in his diary that he painted the pillars and railings in his home yellow and green. (30 Nov. 1897, 37) In December, Joseph continued to correspond with Alexander, who complained of the bitterly cold winter in Paris, the like of which

he had rarely experienced – temperature always at zero, or freezing point. (16 Dec. 1897, 53) Once, on a journey from Baghdad to Basra, Joseph noted that some of his passengers were the former administrators of the Basra Quarantine, Dr. Lubiez and Dr. Malakis. They, along with their entire staff, had been dismissed from their positions for reasons that Joseph was not aware of, and were returning to Istanbul via the Suez Canal in the steamer Alphonse Parran. (17 Dec. 1897, 55) On the same trip to Basra, Joseph gave Rezooki Sayegh three Arabic language manuscripts to send to Alexander via Bombay so that they could be sold in Paris. Joseph also sent four Rumelian Railway lottery bonds (purchased at a price of 28 Turkish Lira) for Alexander to sell in exchange for some of the Paris Exhibition Lottery bonds for 1900 for 1 Napoleon apiece. (21 December 1897, 59-60)

On Christmas Day, Joseph noted that they passed the Ottoman steamers Mossul and Ressafah near Bughela carrying Ottoman soldiers to Kuwait to settle a disturbance, as he put it, between the followers of the Sheikh of Kweit Moobarak el Subah and his brother's sons, as his brother Mahomed was Killed by the former 2 years ago, the Arabs have split in two parts. Later, the crew celebrated Christmas aboard the Blosse Lynch with a caked baked by Captain Cowley's butler Francis. (25 December 1897, 64-5) Upon arriving back at Baghdad, Joseph wrote that the Damascus Post, the key mail line going over land through the Ottoman Empire, was delayed by more than four days, meaning he and Eliza had no letters from Alexander for Christmas. (26 December 1897, 66) It arrived the following day, the driver having been found dead in the desert between Hit and Saglawyeh east of the Euphrates. (27 December 1897, 68) Several days later, Joseph mailed Alexander a cheque for 200 francs from his uncle Yousif Marine as a Christmas gift. (30 December 1897, 71)

The first of the New Year brought an unexpected surprise. On a trip down to Basra, with morning temperatures hovering around freezing, Joseph notes a particularly uncommon weather phenomenon: "It begun to Snow after midnight, a phenomena for this part of the world and a great rarity, I never saw it like this but once some 25 years ago; the whole desert, banks of the river and brush wood are covered with it so white and picturesque." (1 January 1898, 74) Though recording wonder at the rarity and beauty of the event, Joseph complains of the cold for several days. It seems the threat of Ottoman military force successfully settled the troubles in Gulf, at least temporarily, as the Blosse Lynch passed the same contingent of Turkish soldiers now encamped at Lebany on the banks of the Tigris. Evidently, the Sheikh of Qatar (Kater in Joseph's rendering) Jassim el Thani had submitted to Ottoman authority. (4 January 1898, 79)

The month of January 1898 saw three anniversaries that each occasioned great celebration in Baghdad. On January 6, the Father Superior of the Latin Church, Marie Joseph, was feted

for his 40th anniversary at the Church in Baghdad. The French Vice Consul, Mons. Ronet, presented the priest with the *Palmes d'Officier d'Academie*, one of the highest awards for the expansion of French culture abroad. January 9th, 1898 corresponded to the 16th of Shaban in the Islamic hijri calendar, and was celebrated as the Coronation Day of Sultan Abdulhamid II. According to Joseph, all of the foreign consuls in Baghdad paid their respects to the Governor of Baghdad Vali Atta-Allah Pasha and Mushir Rejeb Pasha, Commander in Chief of the Ottoman 6th Army. (9 Jan 1898, 85-6) On January 27, late in the evening on account of the Ramadan fast, the German consulate hosted a reception in honor of Kaiser Wilhelm's birthday. Joseph attended, along with most of the European diplomatic community and the Ottoman provincial administrators. There was a dance, and guests were entertained by the Ottoman military band. (27 January 1898, 111-3)

On January 10, Joseph received an urgent telegram from his son asking permission to travel to Cairo to work for the international commission overseeing the management of Egyptian public debt. He wrote in his diary "I was astonished to see such a message, how could I possibly let him accept such a situation without first knowing what condition and how and who has asked him, or if he has been applying for it?" He attempted to send a telegram ordering Alexander to wait, but it was delayed by a cut telegraph line, an all-too common occurrence. In the mean time, his brother-in-law Anton Marine advised him to allow Alexander to pursue the opportunity. Joseph resolved to wait until his son sent more details by mail. (10 January 1898, 87-8)

Upon receiving Joseph's telegram, Alexander replied by wire that he would wait until the end of February. Joseph wrote: "All here advise me to let him go after I receive the full particulars of this situation in Cairo if advantageous; I was so restless all the night thinking about Alexander's project of wishing to go to Cairo." (18 January 1898, 99) A week later, Joseph received two letters from Alexander from the end of December, more thoroughly explaining his motivations. Through Sherif Beg, the son of a Moossa Kadem Pasha, he met the unnamed son of a Serkis Pasha, who in turn promised to introduce Alexander to Nubar Pasha, the former Egyptian Prime Minister that had retired to Paris. (24 January 1898, 107-8)

Throughout the later months of winter, Joseph continued to correspond frequently with Alexander. On Sunday February 6, he received an inexplicable telegram from his which simply read: "Grammaire, 100 francs repondez." In his diary, Joseph puzzled over the meaning of the message. He went to the German consulate to gather and copy the necessary documents for Alexander to renew his Austrian passport through their family friend Mr. Bhm in Vienna. After a few days, Joseph finally surmised that, by "grammaire," Alexander must have meant the Arabic manuscripts he had sent to him in December. He replied telling Alexander to suspend the sale, as 100 francs was far too

low a price. He then sent Alexander a longer letter via the Damascus Post to telling providing the details of a trip to Vienna and telling him that he "must give up the idea of the job in Egypt for the present." (6-10 February 1898, 124-30) On February 19, Joseph received two letters from Alexander from a month earlier, explaining that he had been quite unwell, but that he had given up the thought of going to Cairo and would instead go to Vienna come spring. (19 February 1898, 142-3) Glad to hear that his son had come to his senses, Joseph wrote to Alexander to tell him that if he was short of money he could draw 500 francs from Rezooki Korkis for his travels. (23 February 1898, 146) For the most part, the winter of 1897-1898 was cold and dry. In late February Joseph noted with relief that rain had finally come. The drought had pushed grain prices to historic highs.

According to Joseph: "wheat had risen to 500 piasters per Wazna of 78 Constantinople Oke; a thing which has never yet occurred before." (25 Feb. 1898, 149) The bad weather had also killed off livestock and destroyed much of the vegetable crop. Bad pasturage from the cold meant that young lambs were killed early for their skins rather than their meat or wool. (1 March 1898, 155) Joseph recorded in his diary upon returning to Baghdad from Basra in early March: "There is a great scarcity and dearness of provision in town; which is worth noting, it is caused by the scarcity of rain & the severe cold of this winter which killed all of the vegetation & pasturage for sheep & cattle & the price rose steadily, although there are a great quantity of Grain stowed away by the dealers in hopes of getting the price up & therefore making a good profit, the Government do not seem to take any steps to avoid this, & force the people & the sellers to dispose of the provision at a reasonable price, every kind of food rose accordingly." (4 March 1898, 158-9) Joseph wrote that the spike in food prices precipitated unrest and banditry amongst the tribal Arabs outside the city: "Lots of theft & plunder are taking place in the town & outside, the Arabs are plundering Keleks & caravans; & thieves robbing houses & shops on account of the scarcity." (5 February 1898, 160)

On March 5th, at the invitation of Eliahoo Denoos, the Seraf of the Residency, Joseph, his wife Eliza, Antone Marine and his family, Yousif Asfar and Philip Chiha went together to the wedding of his brother Noonoo Denoos. Joseph was not pleased by the nights' festivities. He complained to his diary: "there were hundreds of people Jews and Mahomedans, with the Jews band, and the Native music – the ladies were separated from us in other rooms, I did not like this entertainment at all, there is no taste in it, neither head or tale. We left at 11 1/2 and came to our houses. But I lost my sleep and could not do so all the rest of the night." (6 March 1898, 160-2)

The following morning, Joseph sent a telegram to Alexander authorizing him to sell the Arabic manuscript for 100 francs and the Rumelian Railway Lotteries for 105 Francs each. He

lamented that he had paid 140 francs for each of them initially. (7-10 March 1898, 162-7) He later sent a more detailed letter to Alexander laying out his financial situation. Joseph allowed Alexander to keep the proceeds from the manuscript sale (100 francs) and the Rumelian lottery sale (225 Francs, less the cost of 10 shares of the 1900 Paris Exhibition lottery for various family members), plus 500 francs apiece from N. Sayegh and Rezooki Korkis, and a 300 franc bank note from Joseph, giving Alexander more than 1600 francs. Joseph thought this was an ample sum to get Alexander through to Vienna. That evening, he received a letter from Alexander informing him that he had sold the Rumelian lotteries for 104 Francs each, minus 14 francs for stamp duties and commissions. Joseph noted that the whole transaction had come at a loss to him of 158 francs. Alexander also told his father that he was planning to leave for Vienna around April 10. (10 March 1898, 166-7)

As he often did, Joseph complained about government corruption on the occasion of the dismissal of the Vali of Basra, Arif Pasha, in mid-March. Joseph noted that he had been appointed in November of 1896, a scant 16 months earlier. He wrote that the Vali left "with a nice fortune made of nearly 30,000 TLiras, it is the largest sum of that any former Governor had been able to squeeze out from the sheikhs and merchants and other bribery." The Lynches transported Arif Pasha back to Baghdad aboard the *Blosse Lynch*, breaching normal diplomatic protocol by not flying the Turkish flag, as neither they nor the dismissed Vali had one. The following day the ship's crew rectified this oversight by running up a makeshift Turkish flag in the rigging. (14-5 March 1898, 172-6)

Joseph also made a habit of recording various business intrigues and company gossip. In late March, he noted that Mr. Hatfield, the *Blosse Lynch*'s second mate was reprimanded and dismissed by Mr. Bottomley, Stephen Lynch's agent in Baghdad. The unfortunate Hatfield was immediately pulled from service and given a one-way ticket to Karachi, the nearest British port. His dismissal came as the result of various derelictions of duty: once failing to pick up the mails for India, once leaving the ship without permission on account of an alleged illness, and bringing numerous prostitutes onto the steamer into his cabin "in excess," as Joseph put it. Nevertheless, Joseph did not seem to believe that Hatfield's behavior was too out of line, writing: "Otherwise he is sober and of good and mild temper he certainly has followed what other officers are doing in both steamers." (24 March 1898, 185-6)

As the Mesopotamian winter transitioned into spring, and the cold gave way to heat, humidity, and insects, life continued apace for Joseph. April 15 marked a year since he had departed for Europe with Alexander and Eliza. The same day, he received a letter from Alexander asking for permission to return home from Vienna via the overland route at Aleppo, as he disliked traveling by sea. At the same time, he also asked permission to take an alternate route to Vienna, via Lyon,

Milan, and Venice. (15 April 1898, 216-7) Meanwhile, the renovations to Joseph's continued. He noted in his diary "I had masons today in repairing the wall on the narrow street, and also in my small house behind." (19 April 1898, 223) On 27 April, Joseph complained to his diary of a new flare up of his persistent stomach ulcer: "I took a dose of Castor Oil this morning early at 4 1/2 as I have felt bilious and bowels out of order, I had not taken it for a year." (27 April 1898, 233)

In late April, the Chaldean Patriarch from Mosul, Aleed Ishoh came to Baghdad to oversee the completion of a new Chaldean church. Construction on this church had begun some five years earlier, but it had been halted due to lack of sufficient funds. Joseph recorded of him: "He is an old man of 75 and very clever, speaking several European languages he has the decoration of the Mejidieh Class. I found him a nice person very talkative and amusing." (29 April-1 May 1898, 237-39) The Patriarch's visit was of some local social importance, he was called on by the Atta-Allah Pasha the Vali and Rejeb Pasha the Mushir of the Ottoman 6th Army.

In May, some two months after Arif Pasha's dismissal as Vali of Basra, Joseph recorded that Anis Pasha had been permanently appointed in his place. This appointment proved controversial among Anis Pasha was the former Governor of Diyarbakir and helped order the massacres of Armenians during the Hamidian pogroms of 1894-96. Joseph writes: "This is the same Anis Pasha who was Governor of Diarbekir 2 years ago, during the Armenian Massacre there, encouraged by him and he remained inactive, and the French Consul there wired to the French Ambassador Mons. Cambon, the latter went immediately to the Sultan and complained very strongly and demanded the immediate dismissal of Anis Pasha to stop the massacre, which he did, and there was no further bloodshed; Now he has been appointed to Basreh, but the English and French protested strongly to the Sultan regarding his being appointed Wali at Basreh." (2 May 1898, 240-2) Despite the protestations of European diplomats, Anis Pasha arrived in Basra aboard the Ottoman steamer Ressafah. He was met with great fanfare from the local officials and nobility amidst an honor guard of Ottoman soldiers. (9 May 1898, 252-3)

In mid-May, Joseph received a telegram from Alexander told his father to rest assured that he would depart Paris for Vienna soon, but that he needed to be sent an additional 500 francs. Joseph confided to his diary: "I suppose he wants the money for the Bicycle which he must have bought; I had written to him not to buy one now as I had arranged with Johnny, my nephew to get two out from London one for himself, I did not know what to do, and not having money just now to advance him so I had to satisfy his wishes." Joseph arranged for Rezooki Korkis to advance Alexander 20. (13 May 1898, 259) Meanwhile, the renovations to Joseph's home continued. On May 18th, he recorded in his diary: "I have carpenters at home for the last 30 days working in making me a new railings on top of the house

made of Jawi wood." Later that day, Joseph received a telegram from Alexander dated the previous night informing him that he had arrived safely in Vienna. Joseph speculated that Alexander must have left Paris on the 10th and travelled by Milan, Turin, and Venice to reach Vienna on the 17th. (18 May 1898, 264-5)

Late May brought severe weather. On the night of May 24th, Joseph observed lightning and thunder on the southern horizon while the *Blosse Lynch* took on coal and offloaded cargo and passengers at Amara. Joseph watched with apprehension as the storm seemed to move up to the north and west, with "thick black clouds like a range of high mountains." A sudden shift in the wind brought the ominous clouds above them at Amara. Joseph later wrote: "it gave us no time to furl the awnings when it begun to blow a terrific squall such as I never witnessed; With thick dust and rain and the strong lightning, the Wind is blowing from the opposite side and played havoc with the upper deck riggings, all the awnings were torn away, stretchers broke and stanchions bent and were rattling on the deck like so many sounds of cannons, the passengers Kit flew on shore and most of it were picked away by Arabs; the passengers came down yelling and crying; the thick dust blinded us, the incessant lightning and thunder was a sight like a hurricane at sea." The squall lasted for a half an hour, intruding into the cabins and causing small leaks below deck. However, the damage to the *Blosse Lynch* was minimal. The crew finished taking on six tons of coal and a shipment of ghi, and she got underway again after just a few hours. (24 May 1898, 275-6)

In June, Joseph noted a major dispute between the Arab tribes. He records: "About a month ago, a great quarrel had taken place between the tribes of Hassan ibn Jendeel of the Beni Laam tribe and Magasis located from Coot and downward on the West bank and both lost about 20 or 30 Men Killed; and now all the Governors of the surrounding districts have gathered at S. Saad to arrange the Matter and collected the Sheikhs to oblige them to give a Guarantee for their future Good behaviour." The mutasarrifs of Amara and Nasryeh(?), and the Kaymakam of Kut Jaffer Beg, as well as Ottoman officials came with a company of soldiers to mediate the dispute. (17 June 1898, 307-8)

Later that month, Joseph received a few letters from Alexander about his stay in Vienna. He recorded in his diary with pride that Alexander "is very well, taking his German lesson from Dr. Bayer, and goes to a large merchants office, a very extensive export firm he is very glad of this place and the Director is very satisfied of him, he was recommended to this large house by Mr. Bhm, who also writes to me a very nice letter and telling me how he is looking after Alexander." (24 June 1898, 320) At the same time, he received a telegram from Alexander stating "Require 500 hastily advise Korkis." Knowing that the expense of the journey from Paris and his emergency visit to the doctor were quite high, Joseph confided to his diary "I could not possibly avoid sending him as he may be in great need." Joseph

went to Yousif Korkis and had him wire his brother Rezooki for 20 Pounds Sterling for Alexander. (24 June 1898, 321)

However, Alexander's stay in Vienna was destined to be a short one. On July 8th, Joseph wrote to Alexander and provided details about his impending journey home over land, including a list of stations from Alexandretta (Iskenderun) to Deir ez-Zor in the Syrian desert. (2 July 1898, 330) But, In order for Alexander to return home, Joseph had to engage in some subterfuge. In early July, Alexander his Ottoman passport back to Joseph for renewal. Mr. Bhm, the Svoboda family friend in Vienna, could not obtain an Austrian passport for Alexander. Having just turned 20, Alexander was still liable for mandatory conscription into the Austrian army, and if the authorities knew of his presence there, he would be drafted in September. Thus, Alexander would have to travel back to Istanbul on an Ottoman passport. (8 July 1898, 338)

On the same day, Joseph recorded that the Mushir of the Ottoman 6th Army, Recep Pasha, had been transferred to Tripoli in North Africa by order from Istanbul. Joseph wrote: "It is to the regret of everybody here Christians, Mahomedans and Jews because he is one of the best man in the Turkish service, a very honest streight forward man, a just and wise administrator, he belongs to the New School and a liberal and open hearted." Evidently, the Vali was jealous of Recep Pasha's popularity:

"The present Waly here Atta-Allah Pasha who is a very old man, very fanatic and lazy, and does no good to the welfare of the people and the country, hated by everybody, but has a great influence and being a relative of the Sheikh ul-Islam and hates the Mushir in his internal feelings, being jealous of him because every body likes the latter, and has been undermining him and, the Sultan hates every person in his services who has such influence and liberality with the nation; and frightened by false rumor bing represented to him, that if the Mushire is allowed to be left in Baghdad where his popularity is gaining ground, he might eventually gain his independence by having all the Army Corps siding with him as well as the population, and it might end by the dismemberment of Irak Arabia from the Turkish dominion." (8 July 1898, 338-40)

The Mushir was popular with the local citizens of Baghdad. A group of concerned residents telegraphed to Istanbul begging the Porte to retain him, but according to Joseph their appeals had the opposite of the intended effect. Instead, they inflamed the Atta-Allah Pasha and Sultan Abdulhamid II's fears that Recep Pasha's popularity might one day lead to rebellion. Instead, the Mushir of Yemen was called in to take Recep Pasha's place.

The next several days were "fearfully warm," as Joseph put it, with afternoon temperatures hovering in the mid-110s. The pace of business slowed considerably. The Blossie Lynch remained docked at the Customs House for some time offloading

cargo. Joseph took advantage of time to catch up on correspondence and visitation. On July 9th, he received a new telegram from Alexander stating: "Advantageous Affaire in hand, require thousand florins." This sum was equal to about 90 Pounds Sterling. Joseph had Rezooki Korkis wire Alexander the money, believing it to be for the purchase of items in Europe that could be resold at a better price in Baghdad. (9 July 1898, 343) On the 11th, Joseph called on the Agha Muhammad at his home on the outskirts of Baghdad, and the following afternoon he went to visit Mushir Recep Pasha to bid him goodbye. On the 13th, Joseph sent Alexander a lengthy letter "six sheets" arranging accommodations for him in Istanbul at the Mostapha Pasha Han. He sent along a letter of recommendation from his friend Georgis Antone to Antone's friend Nazaret Kasparyan, who ran the han, to provide Alexander 30 Turkish Liras on his arrival. The package also included Alexander's Ottoman passport. (13 July 1898, 349)

Throughout the summer, tensions between the local Ottoman authorities and the Arab tribes of the lower Tigris continued. Joseph wrote in mid-July that "there has been a disturbance lately caused by the Motserref of Amara Mostapha Pasha who came here to fill his pocket from Sheikh Seyhood (the runaway brigand who had attacked the Khalifah, and now made Sheikh and reinstated by the Turks and farmed lands here and the Motserref wanted to exact more money from him and his sons Faleh, Kathem, etc, the Motserref having taken one of the sons and put him in prison, and the father Seyhood came and attacked the village and fired shots from the opposite side on the telegraph office where the Motserref was sitting." Both of the active Lynch steamers – the Khalifa and the Blosse Lynch – were given contingents of zaptiehs to guard against attack from Arab gunners. (16 July 1898, 354-5)

On July 22nd, Joseph received two letters from Alexander complaining about the strangeness of Vienna. Alexander wrote that Mr. Bhm had departed Vienna to stay in the countryside for the summer, leaving him alone. He also informed his father that he had used one of the payments of 500 francs to buy 100 pairs of European shoes, presumably to bring back to Baghdad to sell. (22 July 1898, 368) On July 25, Joseph received an urgent telegram from Alexander in Paris dated July 22, informing him that he was in Paris for an important purpose, and that he would send a letter soon explaining why. Joseph was astonished at his sudden departure and feared that Alexander had fled because someone had tipped off the authorities to his presence, making him liable for conscription. Joseph wrote in his diary: "I suspect the sons of Isak Lurion either Faust or Edward, they saw that he was in the office of Olloi Schweizer the General Export merchant and did this out of spite. Joseph immediately telegraphed Ibrahim Gejou in Paris asking for an explanation. (25 July 1898, 370-1) He tried to contact Mr. Bhm at his summer home to ask about the situation." (27 July 1898, 374)

On the morning of July 28th, Joseph set out for Basra aboard the *Blosse Lynch*, not knowing Alexander's fate. He spoke to Mr. Julietti at the Baghdad telegraph office and made arrangements for any telegrams addressed to him at Baghdad to be forwarded to him at Amara or Basra. Yet, when they anchored at Amara on the 30th, there was still no word from Alexander. Being left in such a state of ignorance took a heavy toll on Joseph's mental well-being: "I could no longer write and was getting mad and feel so weak that I do not know what to do and where to go, my heart fails me and I am so sorry and out of temper on account of Alexander." (31 July 1898, 380)

Upon landing at Basra, Joseph received a package of three urgent telegrams, one from Ibrahim Gejou and two from his wife Eliza. In the first, Gejou informed Joseph that Alexander was indeed in Paris, seemingly to be married. In the second, Eliza exhorted Alexander to telegraph the Austrian consul in Baghdad to inform the Ambassador in Paris to put a stop to the marriage, this was followed by one from two hours later, in which Eliza stated that she had corresponded with Monseigneur Altmayer, the Archbishop of Baghdad, who advised that involving the Austrian ambassador could be a risky proposition. Alexander had, after all, been preparing to depart Vienna so that he could avoid conscription into the Austrian army. Joseph sarcastically recorded in his diary: "This is a fine thing Alexander is doing if what Ibrahim says is true; I am at a loss to find out the reality of this news; but if it is true Alexander must have been doing a great fault and foolishness; unless Ibrahim has been working at it all the time before he went to Vienna." He discussed the matter with his friends and relations in Basra and resolved to telegram back to Paris to both Ibrahim Gejou and Alexander to discover what was behind Alexander's seemingly erratic behavior.

Joseph was unable to sleep that night. On the morning of August 1, after he had sent off his telegrams to Alexander and Ibrahim, Joseph boarded the *Blosse Lynch* to return to Baghdad. In one of the final entries in Diary 47, he wrote: "This news has stunned me and made me quite sick pulled down as it is a thing that I never expected it to come from my only son that I hold so dear and precious on earth, my affection to him has no limit and I have been expecting to see him soon and am sacrificing everything for him even my health and existence." That evening the *Blosse Lynch* set sail, with Joseph still awaiting a response from his son and an answer to his worries. (31 July-1 August 1898, 380-6)

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N 47 1897/98 [p. 1] Arabic [p. 2]

Continued from Diary No. 46 of 1896/7 [4 NOV 1897 — V047_00_N]

Light N.W. *and* fine weather at at 8 *A.M.* I came on board the Steamer, Finished Alexanders letter to be posted today; I sent it to the Post Office and had it registered, also wrote one to Rezooki Korkis London of Yesterday's date~ At 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ went home *and* had my breakfast *and* returned at 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ~

We shipped a good deal of local cargo *and* finished at 4 *P.M.*
All the cabins are engaged,

The river is standstill~ At 5 *P.M.* I went to my house the carpenter has finished his work *and* I paid him for 4 days~

I went over to Sister Medula to dine with her: *and* while there I received a letter from my son Alexander by the Damascus Post which [p. 3]

arrived this afternoon; it is dated the 15 *October*, and I read it before Medoola *and* Grzesky; Alexander is very well, he is learning the German language well; he has received my telegram in which I informed him of my arrival to Baghdad on the 14th *October*, *and* he received it the next day when he was writing the letter; At 9 I came home *and* turned in~

Light N.W. *and* fine weather at 4 *A.M.* I came on board; We are to wait for Mr. Bottomley who is going down with us to Basreh~ [p. 4]

November
4 *Thursday Therm @ 6.62*
1897
November

5 *Friday*

Baghdad to Basreh [5 NOV 1897 — V047_01_S]Voy 366

Passengers	<i>Okkas</i>	G. S. Piasters	Draft	
157	47030,,	16043 $\frac{1}{2}$	3,,2	

1897
November
[A47_006_09:001]

At 7 A.M. proceeded from Baghdad the Steamer is very light, drawing

3,,2 Inches;~

Passed Gherrarah *and* the Tents are still encamped the Christians there are nearly 50 Tents~

At 9,,5 passed Diala river, At 10,,25 passed Ctesiphon;

At 1 P.M. we rounded *and* came to at Ledje for the Khalifah coming up; We went on board of her with Mr. Bottomley, Mr. Braine, Reynolds *and* George Cowley *and* his young brother, to see *Capt.* Cowley who is coming up in her, on his return from England in the Arabistan, he looks well the same as before; he gave me a letter from my wife Eliza from Basreh; the Arabistan came out in 25 days from Marseilles a a very good passage~ [p. 5]

At 1,,35 P.M. we left and went on~

We have altogether 128 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers, (4 in 1st 1st Class Eassa Zheir *and* 3 females the family of Ahmed Beg Zheir from *Constantinople* , and 2 Jews in 2nd Class, *and* 5 also in 2nd Class but counted as 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ they are the Mère Marie Thérèse *and* an other Sister going as far as Basreh accompanying the daughter of Fetoohi Loca *and* two other girls of Mossul going to France to become nuns they paid at $\frac{1}{2}$ Passage) Also Mr. Bottomley the Agent to Basreh for business as Mr. Taylor left for London in the Afghanistan about a week ago; *and* two deck free~

At 4,,25 P.M. passed Baghdadiéh Fort~

At 6,,45 passed Azizieh, At 8,,20 anchored for the night [p. 6] at Toweel, cloudy weather *and* light breeze~

6 Saturday

Light S. *Easterly* breeze *and* cloudy a little; at 5,,20 A.M. proceeded from Toweel;

At 9,,15 passed Memlah; At 2 P.M. arrived at Coot, landed $22\frac{1}{2}$ passengers *and* 58 packages

At 3 P.M. left Coot~ Took 6 passengers; Light S.Ely with clouds *and* warm weather Therm @ 3,,85°~

At 7.20 came to Aboo Dood for the night; fine weather *and* clear moonlight night 12 days old;

Light air *and* getting fine~ At 5,,45 A.M. we got underway;

At 8,,45 l landed 4 passengers *and* 8 packages at Ali Gherbi *and* went on at 9; weather got cloudy all over~ It got fine at about 1 P.M. but it is very warm~

At 5 P.M. arrived at Amara landed $15\frac{1}{2}$ passengers [p. 7] *and* 81 packages; Took 4 Tons of Coal~ Weather very calm *and* warm but fine~

At 6,,50 pm. we left Amara fine moon light night *and* clear;

At 10.20 we anchored below Kalat Saleh, fine clear weather,

Light N.W. *and* fine~ At 5,,45 A.M. we proceeded~ We took 17 passengers from Amara,

At 9,,5 passed Azair, they have pulled down the Green Dome to rebuild it new;

At 0,,5 P.M. stopped at Gorna landed 3 passengers *and* 20 packages, at 9,,20 P.M. left Gorna~

At 5 P.M. passed the SS Baghdad *and* Barge going up just Opposite Rufail's house *and* I saw my wife Eliza standing on the bank with Rufail Tukyeh etc.; We anchored at Basreh the SS. Arabistan, Mobile *and* Dwina are here *and* also the Rusafah *and* Mosul; [p. 8]

I went up to Rufail's place, *and* met Eliza there, I could not keep myself from the tears on seeing her without my son Alexander, but got very sorry on hearing from her the bad account she gives me, *and* behaviour of Ibrahim Gejou, who has not yet furnished his rooms *and* they use Alexander's room, he has got not servant cook *and* feeding Alexander outside @ 3 *francs* per day, he has got a wife for the second time since a year *and* half *and* goes often to her; he wanted to force Eliza to pay him 150 *francs* per month to keep her in the same room as that of Alexander *and* feed her in fact she says he is a liar *and* a swindle *and* space has nothing at all *and* wants to make money out of us; *and* she says that Alexander must not remain in Paris but he should return soon, because he will be spoilt *and* he expends more money [p. 9] than what I have allowed him (200 *francs* per month) he is selling his postage stamps *and* expending; she made me so very sorry *and* broken hearted that I lost all the pleasure of talking with her about anything else; She has apparently expended the 1010 *francs* I had given her at

7 Sunday
1897
November

8 Monday Therm @ 6.60
Eliza's arrival from Paris
[A47.009.19:002]
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November
[A47.010.09:003]
[A47.011.17:004]

Marsilles and I shall have to pay her passage now to Jeboory Asfar of 31 $\frac{1}{2}$ £ Sterling. She has bought some clothes and perfumery etc. for sale she drew 40 £ *Sterling* from Rezooki Korkis to be paid here by her to his brother, she says they had fine weather on the way out from Marseilles except for two days it was bad after leaving Marseilles, *and* in the Red Sea it was very calm *and* awfully hot; she landed in Bushire for few hours [p. 10] With Andrews Dinha the Engineer of the Persepolis~

9 *Tuesday*
1897
: *November*

S. *Easterly* breeze *and* very foggy *and* dampy: I have had no sleep at all on account of the mosquitoes that were in great number *and* being so out of humour on account of Eliza's relating to me of Alexander's life in Paris;

At 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ A.M. I came on board, we are discharging *and* loading cargo;~

Yousif Marine *and* Naoom Loca called on me *and* also Fehmy Bey the Nadir of the Six Contribution he is here going to *Port* Said for a change; Père Pierre also, *and* Jeboory Asfar,~ Eliza *and* Rufail *and* Rezooki came on board *and* got Eliza's kit also the Boxes etc. etc, also Meneshi Gareh called on me *and* Naoom Loca;

We have no 1st Class Cabin passengers but Eliza my wife~ [p. 11] We finished cargo by 3 p.m, *and* got the mail~

Basreh to Baghdad [9 NOV 1897 — V047_02_N]

Passengers 194	<i>Okkas</i> 126,508	G. S. Piasters 12640 $\frac{1}{4}$	Draft ?	
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At 5,,30 P.M. got underway *and* proceeded ship drawing 4 feet;~
fine weather *and* light S. *Easterly* breeze; Eliza did not dine
with us, she has a bad cold *and* had eaten something at Rufail's
house~ At 11,,10 passed Gorna

10 *Wednesday Therm @*
6.72

At 3,,30 A.M. passed Azair~ at 5 we came to the shoal above
Ghumeijeh, there is a boat aground in the channel we took
anchors out *and* hove over~ At 7.30 got over and proceeded
easy~

Gave tickets and finished with the passengers~

At 9,,45 the ship struck the shaol bank below Abdulla in Ali
and broke 3 arms *and* floats *and* we anchored to repair the
damage, At 11.30 proceeded,

At 1,,30 P.M. landed 5 passengers *and* took one *and* went on at
[p. 12] 1,,40~

We have altogether 124 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers none in 1st Class, but 3 in
2nd Class; also besides these 5 Tilkeflies free~

At 6,,15 arrived at Amara landed 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers and took in 7
Tons of Coal; Shipped some cargo as Ghee *and* Hides etc.~

At 8,,15 left Amara fine weather *and* S. *Easterly* breeze;

11 *Thursday Therm @* 6.66
1897
November

Light S.Ely *and* fine; at 7 A.M. landed one passenger at Ali
Gherbi *and* went on at 7,,5 The SS. Baghdad *and* Barge on her
way up, just went alongside the village~

Gave tickets to 30 Amara passengers;~

Picked one passenger from Sheikh Saad at 12 AM~

At 6 P.M. arrived at Coot landed 11 passengers *and* took in
Coal;

At 7,,45 left Coot~ Fine [p. 13] Weather *and* light N.W. breeze *and* cool~

12 Friday

Light S. *Easterly* breeze *and* fine~

At 3,,10 am passed Memlah, at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ grounded at Sheresh took anchors out *and* hove off, fore *and* aft the chain parted three times of the stern anchor~

At 7,,50 got off *and* proceeded Gave tickets to 38 $\frac{1}{2}$ Coot passengers

At 2,,25 P.M. passed Azizieh; At 4,,55 passed the S.S. Khalifah going down at Gutnyeh~

At 5,45 passed Baghdadieh Fort; *moderate* N.W. wind *and* fine cold weather~

13 Saturday Therm @ 6.47
1897
November

Very Cold Weather, Fine clear at 2,,30 am passed Ctesiphon,

At 4,,20 passed Diala river,~ At 5.30 passed Gherrarah, all the Christians are out encamped yet, a very sharp cold N.W. wind blowing~

At 8 we landed the mails at the Residency *and* steamed to the Custom House, no [p. 14] steamers are here~

Eliza *and* I landed and went home, Yousif Korkis, Yacoob Tessy *and* the sons of Toni Tessy came to meet us at the beach *and* went home with us, there came my sisters, Grzesky, *and* other people;~ Also Henry who has arrived from Hwedir by himself in the carriage for a few days *and* will return; they were all glad to see Eliza, Sisters Eliza *and* Medula Grzesiky *and* Henry breakfasted with us, *and* left in the afternoon, weather is so unusually cold *and* sharp N.W. wind, we have not prepared any rooms yet, *and* are sitting in the divan *and* veranda in this cold wind,

The river has risen about one or two feet~

I found a letter here [p. 15] from Alexander arrived yesterday by Damascus mail, dated the 22 *Ultimo*, he is very well *and* enjoying *and* studying the German; Eliza has got a bad cold on the head *and* chest *and* is suffering very much~

14 Sunday Therm @ 6.33

N.W. breeze *and* very cold weather; it is so sudden *and* so bitterly cold, the water froze in some houses~

At 9 A.M. I went to church *and* then called on Chekury Andrea, Yacoob Oossy, Eassayis, Kass Phillippus etc.; many visitors came to visit Eliza my wife~ I called on Sister Eliza, Henry called on us,

It is very cold throughout the day;~ This is very unusual cold which came on so soon *and* sudden; we are not prepared for it yet, [p. 16]

15 Monday Therm @ 6.31

Light N.W. *and* fine, bitterly cold, dry weather; there must have fallen snow up the country~ at 8 A.M. I came on board; we are

discharging cargo; sent money to the office *and* went home,~
 Henry came *and* breakfasted with us; the weather is awfully
 cold;~ I called with Henry on Alice; I also called on Sister
 Medula *and* came home; more visitors are coming; it is awfully
 cold~

The SS. Baghdad arrived at about 2 p.m.~

Light *N.W.* breeze *and* very cold weather~ at $8\frac{1}{2}$ *A.M.* I came
 on board; the river is rising a little; the cold is awful all my
 hands are sore *and* chapped

I went home *and* at 2 *P.M.* I called on Alice where Henry was
 breakfasting, I took him *and* went to call on Colonel Lock the
 new English Consul General whom I [p. 17] had not seen yet,
 as he had arrived here two or three days before we started for
 Europe in April; he is a nice person *and* inquired from us about
 the Archeological researches *and* excavations in this part of the
 country, as he wish to have a digging in some parts, I
 recommended him to try Aboo Habba the ancient zippara,

We then called on the new French Vise Consul Monsr. Roné *and*
 Mons Jacquerès the Engineer in the Turkish Service also on
 Mr. Hasse the young German Chancellier or Dragoman to
 Mr. Richarz but he was asleep *and* so we left our Cards; I then
 went to Alice had tea, *and* called on *Capt.* Cowley *and* his wife,
 I came home at 5 *P.M.*

Henry came to dine with us found Antone Marine [p. 18] his
 wife *and* children who came to see Eliza *and* Artin my Nephew,
 They left at $7\frac{1}{2}$ ~

Very Cold weather *and* we are shivering; great quantity of snow
 fell on the Antolian Mountains~

Light *N.W.* *and* fine Very Cold *and* freezing as before; at 8:30
 am called on Henry for few minutes *and* then came on board;~
 We shipped some cargo; through for the SS. Alphonse Parran

At 11 went home to breakfast Henry called on us~ At 2:30 *P.M.*
 I came on board wrote in the cargo we are shipping; The river
 keeps rising it rose in all 12 bricks or about 2 feet; It is still very
 cold~ At 5 *P.M.* went home Antone Marine called on us, he paid
 me his account of the clothes I got for him from Vienna Flors.
 $71.\frac{3}{4}$ *and* 12 francs, [p. 19]

Henry is going out to Howedir tomorrow morning at day break,

Very cold *and* fine weather;

Light *N.W.* *and* very cold weather At 8:30 am I came on board,
 The river is still rising it rose $\frac{1}{2}$ foot since yesterday;

We shipped a good lot of cargo, also 550 Bales Wool of Yousif
 Korkis~

I finished my letter for Alexander up till today, I begun it on
 the 5th *and* sent it to the Post Office leaving today for
 Damascus *and* had it registered, also the one for Rome for

16 *Tuesday Therm @ 6.32*
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November
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17 *Wednesday Therm @*
 6.32
 1897
November
 [A47_020_17:007]

18 *Thursday Therm @ 6.33*

Gabriel Oossany *and* Michail Baho of the 8th *Instante*;~ went to breakfast *and* came back at 1 P.M;

At 4 P.M. I received a letter from Alexander of the 29th *Ultimo*, *and* a packet of Photograph of his mother *and* himself taken in Paris, by the Damascus Post arrived today~ [p. 20]

At $5\frac{1}{2}$ I went home; Johny my Nephew called, he has also received a letter from Alexander in todays Post which we red~

19 *Friday*

Light N.W. *and* cold weather,

Light N.W. *and* fine; at $5\frac{1}{2}$ A.M. I came on board;

Baghdad to Basrah [19 NOV 1897 — V047_03_S]

Passengers 143	<i>Okkas</i> 129,556	G. S. Piasters 22,341 $\frac{1}{2}$	Draft 4,,2	
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At 6,,15 *A.M.* we proceeded *Capt.* Cowley has resumed his Command; *and* Mr. Braine remains behind to join his Steamer the Khalifah as chief mate,

The river fell about $\frac{1}{2}$ foot this morning~

At 8,,10 grounded at Rustumyeh Got an anchor *astern* out *and* hove her stern out of the bank;

At 9 proceeded, at 9,,25 passed Diala

At 10,,40 passed Ctesiphon At 3,,40 P.M. passed Baghdadiéh [p. 21]

Weather became cloudy *and* the cold weather has ceased the *Thermal* is 60 at 4 p.m; It has been so very cold since Sunday last; On board the SS. Comet they have had it down to 22 at 4 *A.M.* on the 16th *and* 25 at the Residency Garden; this an extraordinary occurrence,

Finished with the passengers tickets we have altogether $102\frac{1}{2}$ (one Jew in 1st Class *and* 2 Jews in the 2nd Class Cabin)

At 5,,50 passed Azizieh~ Cloudy weather;

At 7,35 we anchored at Towil for the night; weather became fine *and* clear;

Moderate N.W. *and* fine Cold weather

20 Friday Therm @ 6.40
1897
November

At 5,,25 am the Khalifah passed up~

At 6,,15 we proceeded,- It became very cold *and* sharp wind

At 6,,45 the SS. Mossul *and* Barge passed up~ [p. 22]

At 9,45 passed Memlah, At 10 landed 5 passengers at Bughela *and* went on at 10,5

Fresh N.W. wind *and* very cold,

At 2,,10 *P.M.* arrived at Coot landed 26 passengers and 46 packages~ Metty writes to me to say that it took the Khalifah 5 days to go down they were detained 26 hours at Ghumeyjeh aground, and the SS. Mossul in her way blocking her passage,

At 3 *P.M.* we proceeded, Took 8 passengers *and* 2 Bales~

At 3,,20 passed the SS. Ressafah *and* Barge going up~

At 7,5 we rounded *and* came to at Sheikh Saad for the night, *and* landed 9 Packages and 1 passengers, Shipped 8 Bales Abbas *and* two passengers We remained for the night, Weather very fine *and* cold [p. 23]

Light N.W. *and* very fine and Cold weather~ At 6 *A.M.* left Sheikh Saad;

At 9,,40 landed 4 Bales *and* one passenger at Ali Gherbi, went on at 9,,50~ The weather became a little milder this Afternoon, I have not felt it so since the 14th, I am suffering from it very much, *and* yesterday I caught a very bad cold through changing my shirt *and* exposing myself in the Cold Wind~ It is 65° at 4 *P.M.*

At 5,,45 *P.M.* arrived at Amara landed 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers and 36 packages;~

A crowd of people filled the Ship, *and* passengers wanting 1st Class Cabins, it is one Nejib Beg a Clerk in the Serai of Basreh who has married the daughter of Mostapha Pasha the Motserrif of Amara all [p. 24] being Kurds of Suleimanieh, *and* his wife *and* others in all 5 in 1st Class with their house Kit *and* furniture came aft *and* filled the quarter Deck;

The cold weather they say here caused all the fish in the marshes to be frozen to death~

At 7,,20 we left Amara, Fine cold weather~

At 10,,10 anchored at Kalat Saleh~

Light N.W. *and* fine cold weather At 6,,15 *A.M.* Got underway; Gave tickets to 30 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers from Amara (5 in 1st Class Nejib Beg *and* 4 women)

Detained at the Elbow 20 minutes, in turning the Ship below the point~

At 10,,5 passed Azair, We have 6 Zapties as usual from Amara every trip they come up *and* down for no purpose whatever; [p. 25]

At 1,,5 *P.M.* went alongside At Gorna *and* landed 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers and 76 packages

I heard here that Rufail Sayegh is up here above Gorna on the Euphrates looking after his property for the last 8 days~

21 Sunday Therm @ 6.37
[A47_024_21:008]

22 Monday Therm @ 6,39
1897
November

At 1,,55 left Gorna At 6 landed 3 passengers at Maghil (H. Mohsen of Maghil *and* two followers) The SS. Phrat came to pass up by this time,

Calm *and* fine weather *and* still Cold; I do not feel well at all My cold is all over my body *and* bones *and* feel feverish~

At 6,,30 arrived in Basreh, there is only the Persian *Steamer* Mobile here; *and* the Mail *Steamer* Assyria down in Quarantine; no one came from Rufail's place; I did not go to them as I do not feel well,

We coaled Ship *and* discharged some Cargo at night;

Light N.W. *and* fine weather Not so cold as before~ [p. 26]

I finished my letter for Alexander via Bombay of today's date *and* told him all from Baghdad till here, *and* posted it~

At 12 I went up with Rezooki Sayegh *and* landed at Asfar saw Jeboory, also Mon De Sarzec his wife *and* son who are still living here *and* are going up in a few days to Coot *and* up the Hai to Tello to dig; At 1 P.M. I returned to the Ship Rezooki fetched me;

The *Steamer* Launch of the Sheikh of Mahomera (now Mahomed son of Sheikh Jaber) came up *and* bringing the body of Sheikh Mezel who was the Sheikh of Mahomera formerly *and* was Shot by his brother in May last *and* succeeded him to the Governorship; It is to be sent up with us to go to Kerbella *and* be interred there [p. 27] We have charged 100 *Rupees* for the body and 2 persons in a 2nd Class Cabin @ 30 Besh each *and* the Coffin also was put inside~

Rezooki Angoorly Nessoory Andrea the Shahbender of the Custum House, Rezooki Sayegh *and* Jeboory Asfar called on me~

We finished the Cargo at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ P.M.

23 *Tuesday*

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November

Basreh to Baghdad [24 NOV 1897 — V047_04_N]

Passengers	<i>Okkas</i>	G. S. Piasters	Draft	
145 $\frac{1}{2}$	175,315	9,730 $\frac{3}{4}$	4,4	

At 7,,15 P.M. we got under- way, but soon after 5 minutes it became foggy and had to Anchor just opposite Rufail's place~

At 11.20 it cleared off we proceeded~

At 4 *A.M.* landed 2 passengers at Gorna *and* went on at 4,,5.
Fine weather *and* not so Cold

At 8,,10 passed Azair [p. 28] Weather shifting, a light S.
Easterly breeze *and* getting cloudy;

At 3,,5 P.M. landed a bundle of specie at Kalat Saleh *and* went on; weather is mild *and* S. *Easterly* breeze *and* cloudy a little

We have altogether 109 *Passengers* (3 in 1st Class, Mr. Bottomley free not included; a Dr. Z Yëronimakis a New Inspector for the Quarantine of Baghdad coming from Jedda to replace Dr. Lubiez who is dismissed by order from Constantinople as well as Dr. Malakis of Basreh *and* his clerk Solon Calothi, for some political affair that is not yet ascertained, Also Ezra Daniel the Jew Apothecary; 12 in 2d Class with the dead body of Sheikh Mezel of Mahomerah who was shot dead by his brother Khazal) also 2 of the Custom House Mamoor free by Lynch Brothers;

At 7,50 arrived at [p. 29] Amara landed 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers; the SS. Phrat is here on her way up~ We took in 10 Tons of Coal and 8 Bundles Hides. The river has risen here about 2 feet;

The Phrat left at 10,,15~

At 10,,30 we left weather Cloudy *and* light S. *Easterly* breeze, We passed the Phrat at 10.35. 10,,35~

S. *Easterly* wind *and* cloudy weather,

At 7,,10 passed the S.S. Baghdad *and* Barge going down~

24 Wednesday Therm @6.4

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November

25 Thursday Therm @ 6.55

Gave tickets to 13 Amara passengers, also H. Abdulrezack Khdery returning in 1st Class free~

At 10 passed Ali Gherbi fresh S. *Easterly and* cloudy all over.

At 2,,30 P.M. passed Sheikh Saad Cloudy weather, very few drops of rain fell~

At 8,,45 P.M. arrived at Coot, landed 2 passengers *and* took in Coal~

At 10,,30 left Coot, weather clearing up~

26 Friday Therm @ 6.47
1897
November

Detained few minutes [p. 30] at Mehdi *and* Hamraya~

Light N.W. *and* fine Weather, Clouds clearing up~ At 6,,20 A.M. passed Memlah; Gave tickets to 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ Coot passengers;

At 2,,20 P.M. passed Azizieh Village~ River is falling about 1 foot;

At 5,,50 P.M. passed Baghdadiieh Fort;

At 6.15 Anchored for the SS. Khalifah coming down, Sent letters *and* Specie *and* Capt. Cowley *and* Mr. Bottomley went on board;~

I heard the Koorkies noise flying off here from the Sand bank, which I have not seen for many years ago;

At 7,5 we proceeded; Mr. Hamilton of Hotz *and* Co is returning in the Khalifah; the Comet has also left Baghdad this morning going to Basreh;~ [p. 31]

27 Saturday Therm @ 6.32
Noon 53
1897
November
Joseph Sayegh died at 5
am~

Light N.W. *and* fine cold weather At 3,,30 A.M. we Anchored at Joorf el Batta, fearing a Shoal here; at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ we landed and at 6,,45 proceeded on~ At 7,,5 landed a dead Afghan passenger at Ctesiphon *and* went on at 7,,10;

At 9,,30 passed Diala River~

At 10,,55 landed a deck man at Gherrara, Mr. Bomley also landed *and* walked to Baghdad I could not do it on account of a bad corn I have in my big toe since I came from Aleppo;

At 11,,45 met the SS. Comet coming down, we stopped *and* gave her their mails, Colonel *and* Mrs. Lock the Resident on board going down, we went on at 11,,55; But at 0,,10 P.M. the Comet turned round *and* steamed up following us *and* we stopped, She sent the boat *and* Demello came [p. 32] bringing a wrong bag of the Consul's post *and* took the right one *and* we went on at 0,,20 P.M;

At 1,,30 landed Mails at the Residency *and* went to the Custum House, the Mossul is loading *and* the Ressafah also discharging cargo~ I went home *and* saw Eliza, she has worked hard in putting the rooms to right, *and* is little unwell; I found a letter from Alexander arrived this morning dated the 5 *Instante*; he is very well *and* the cold winter is setting in *and* snow begun to

fall; he asks me to let him buy a thick Coat; he also sends me a packet of french Papers, etc.,

Antone Marine came in the evening; he asked us to drive with him tomorrow, because Jeboory Asfar's wife *and* children are going down with us this time~ [p. 33]

I hear that Yousif Sayegh is very bad he has sunk down for the last two or three days~

28' Sunday Ther @ 6. 39
[A47_035_09:013]

Light N.W. *and* fine, not so cold as yesterday~ at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ am Eliza *and* I went to Church; I heard here that poor Yousif Sayegh died early this morning at day break, After Mass Antone Marine *and* I went to his house, Many people came; there is no body of his family left in the house he was the only one living in the house, his sister Catherina was there, the body is to be entered at 2 P.M. outside in the Christian Cemetery, he was 51 years Old, his two brothers Elias (Père Augustine *and* John are at Mossul with the Monseigneur Altmayer)

I called on Mr. Julietti *and* other people *and* came home at 12 had breakfast, [p. 34]

The SS. Mossul left this Morning~

At 1:30 P.M. Antone Marine came *and* we called on Yousif Korkis Tessy, *and* then went to the house of Yousif Sayegh *and* accompanied the body to the Armenian Church, Crowds of people were, all the Priests, *and* christians also Mr. Mashkow the Russian Consul etc., After the funeral they took the body in a Mourning Carriage outside~

I called on Alice *and* Sister Emilia, at 6 Eliza *and* I went over to Antone's to dine, there were all the Asfar's family, also Sedy the wife of Jeboory Asfar *and* her two children~ at 10 We came home light breeze *and* fine

29 Monday
1897
Nov.

Light S. *Easterly and* cloudy a little, at 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ am [p. 35] I came on board, the SS. Ressafah went out *and* the Mejidieh went inside to discharge~

At 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ am the SS. Phrat arrived from Basreh~ We are discharging Cargo~ At 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ went to Mr. Bottomley for money *and* other business; Came home at 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ Very cloudy *and* blowing fresh S. *Easterly*,

At 2 P.M. it began to rain hard, it kept it on till 7 P.M. this is the first good rain we have had yet *and* must do good to the desert which is still dry

I took a warm bath, the Cold weather became very mild;~

30" Tuesday

Light S. Westerly *and* cloudy gloomy weather;

at 8 A.M. I came on board Paid the Ship's Company their wages for this month;

The SS. Ressafah left this Morning at 6 am~

At 11 I left the ship *and* went home~ [p. 36]

Called on Catterina Sayegh *and* her sons in her father's house (or brother Yousif) to condole her on her brother Yousif's death she is receiving the Visitors there for the three days *and* came home at 5; Light N.W. *and* fine weather; I am painting my house all the Pillars *and* railings in Yellow *and* green,

December 1 Wednesday
Therm @ 6.42
[A47_038_10:014]

Johny called in the evening

Light N.W. *and* foggy morning called on Antone for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour *and* came on board; we are still discharging cargo;

At 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ I went on shore called in the Office *and* left with Alfred Holland Mr. Braines pay from 1 to 25 December at 25 £ Sterling per month to be given to him in the Khalifah~ I called on Sister Eliza *and* on Alice *and* sister Emilia came home at 12~

At 2 P.M. came on board *and* worked we are shipping Cargo a good lot~

1897 December 2' Thurs-
day

At 5 P.M. Went home [p. 37]

Light N.W. *and* few clouds *and* dampy~ At 8:30 A.M. I came on board~

At 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ Went home to breakfast *and* returned at 12 $\frac{1}{2}$, We have lots of cargo being shipped~

I finished Alexander's letter *and* sent it to the Post Office at 2 P.M. I also wrote to the Bishop Bassil at Damascus *and* to Michail Kerawany; also to Signori Giovanni Rottondi *and* Co at Novara in Italy~

I worked Very hard today. We shipped a lot of cargo *and* I got so mad by the crowd of people wanting their receipts *and* paying etc.~

At 5:30 P.M. went home, Weather cloudy a little *and* light S. Easterly breeze~

3' Friday

Nassoory Abood called for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour~ [p. 38]

Cloudy weather *and* light S. Easterly breeze~

It began to thunder on the South East, with sharp lightning at 4 A.M. *and* worked it up with loud thunders, *and* a heavy rain came down at 4:30 for $\frac{1}{4}$ hour *and* ceased~

At 5:30 I came on board, the streets are very muddy *and* slippery~

Baghdad to Basreh [3 DEC 1897 — V047_05_S]

Passengers	<i>Okkas</i>	G. S. Piasters	Draft	
170 $\frac{1}{2}$	117430	23,486	3,,11	

1897
December
[A47_040_03:015]
[A47_040_07:016]

At 6,,10 A.M. We proceeded Clouds breaking up~ Ship drawing 3,,11 Inches,

At 8,,20 passed Diala River Weather Cloudy all over *and* overcast *and* dampy~

At 9,,45 passed Ctesiphon, Clouds opening a little *and* having some sunshine~

Finished with the Passengers Tickets at noon, We have in all 147 $\frac{1}{2}$ (4 in 1st Class [p. 39] Mr. C. Richarz the German Consul going to Basreh for few days *and* also to meet two German travellers coming in the Alphonse Parran he has 4 attendants; also the Old Wife of Sheikh Jaber of Mahomera Khejja daughter of Ummush Khan and an other woman also was the Wife of Sheikh Jaber, she is the daughter of Aziz Agha, both very elderly women, also a Turk Rashid Effendi, and one 2nd Class Yousif the son of Mr. Nelson)~

At 3,,20 P.M. passed Baghdadieh Fort~

At 5,,45 P.M. passed Azizieh; Weather still cloudy, a light N.W. breeze, moon 9 days Old;

At 7,,30 we anchored for the night at Toweel~

at 8,,15 the S.S. Khalifah passed up~ [p. 40]

4 Saturday Therm @ 6. 55

Very light N.W. air *and* thick fog dampy weather~ It had rained at 3 A.M. for a short time~

At 10 fog cleared off We got underway~

At 1,,40 P.M. passed Memlah; lots of rain has fallen here about;

At 3,,45 grounded at Umel Ajaj, took an anchor ahead *and* hove off~ at 4,,30 proceeded~ Fine Clear Weather~

5 Sunday Therm @ 6.48
1897
December
[A47_042_18:017]

At 7,,15 P.M. arrived at Coot landed 20 passengers and 86 Packages; I received a packet of news paper from Alexander via Bombay dated the 24 *October*; we remained at anchor for the night; Fine clear weather~

Light N.W. *and* fine; at 6,,15 A.M. left Coot; at 6,,30 anchored it came on foggy; at 7,,30 it cleared off we proceeded~ Took 9 passengers from Coot~ At 8,,10 passed [p. 41] the S.S. Baghdad *and* Barge going up~

At 2,,45 P.M. passed Ali Gherbi; At 6,,35 passed Ali Sherghi, light N.W. *and* fine Clear Weather, Moon 11 days Old~ At 9,,30 anchored on account of fog, at 10 proceeded

6 Mond. Therm @ 6.52
[A47_043_18:018]

At 11 arrived at Amara landed 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers and 48 packages~

At 1,,15 A.M. left Amara, *and* at 1,,30 had to anchor, the fog came on again~ at 6 proceeded Weather Cloudy *and* overcast *and* Misty~ Took 12 passengers from Amara (one in 1st Class; Missakyan Effendi the Turkish Civil Engineer of Basreh) and 7 Zapties guards as usual;

At 0,,50 P.M. passed Azair, At 3,,40 stopped off Gorna landed 2 passengers *and* 25 packages Abdulamohsen Zheir *and* seven persons came to go to Basreh also his Belem, he told me [p. 42] that Rufail is still here up the Euphrates *and* down at Sweib;

We Went on at 4~

At 8,,20 P.M. arrived at Basreh there are only here the S.S. Comet which brough Colonel *and* Mrs. Lock from Baghdad; the Mossul *and* Ressafah *and* Esther~

7 Tuesday
1897
December
[A47_044_14:019]
[A47_044_22:020]
[A47_045_05:021]

We coaled ship during the night;

Light N.W. *and* fine Weather; We discharged *and* shipped Cargo;

The Mail *Steamer* Kapurthala *and* the S.S. Mushtery are in the quarantine station;

At 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ I landed *and* Walked in to Basreh, called on Rezooki Angoorly, *and* Tookyeh, I also called on Terrooza Wife of Nessoory Andrea who is the Shahbender her of the Custum House; I then went to Rezook's shop *and* came back to his house had Tea With Tookyeh where Yousif Marine [p. 43] also was there *and* we came out together in his Bellem to the ship; Weather getting Cloudy; I finished my letter of Alexander for the Indian Mail Via Bombay *and* gave it to Rezooki also sent two boxes to Asfar to be sent by the Alphonse Parran one Case of seewt Meats for Alexander Containing 11 Cartoons of Dates, 1 Tin Manna, 1 Tin Rahat Locum, 1 Box Cartoon of Bonbons of Aleppo, 1 Box Wooden of preserved Aleppo Abricots, *and* 5 frames in silver which I put with the Bonbons~ also one small box containing 11 Cartoons of dates for Mr. J. Khoury the french Chancellier at Port Said,

Rezooki Sayegh came *and* I gave him the two boxes [p. 44]
and the letter for Alexander, also Nessoory Andrea, Rezooki
 Angoorly etc.,

Jeboory Asfar came to me, I asked him to send the two cases of
 dates etc. by the Alphonse Parran, he is very Obliging *and*
 promised to do so with great pleasure *and* free of freight; he
 brought a Carmelite father called Père Pierre Coming out Via
 Bombay *and* escaped Quarantine at Mahomerah~

We finished loading at 8:30 P.M.~

Basreh to Baghdad [7 DEC 1897 — V047_06_N]

Passengers 145	<i>Okkas</i> 185,435	G. S. Piasters 7984	Draft 4,4	
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At 8,,45 P.M. left Basreh, weather cloudy; The SS. Comet also was to leave after us,

The Mossul had left at about 4:30 P.M~ We passed her on the way,

At 2,,45 A.M. passed Gorna~ At 7 passed Azair; Very Cloudy and [p. 45] overcast weather, *and* light S. *Easterly* breeze~

At 1,,45 P.M. landed 2 and took 1 passengers from Kalat Saleh, Very Cloudy gloomy with some light rain;

Thunder *and* Lightning and drizzling rain *and* then came on hard *and* thick; It lasted more than $\frac{1}{2}$ hour~

We have altogether 96 passengers from Basreh (2 in 1st C Cabin, Rezooki son of Beshoori Tessy Hotus Clerk *and* a new Carmelite father Père Pierre coming from France Via Bombay, took 2nd Class but as Vartan's Sister is in the 2nd Class free *return* Ticket we have put him in a 1st Class) also 5 others free 2 Tilkeflies *and* 3 men caulkers

Weather Very Cloudy, dark with S. *Easterly* wind~

At 6 P.M. it began Again to rain heavily; [p. 46]

At 6,,35 P.M. arrived at Amara, landed 31 passengers, Took in Coal, Lots of rain has fallen here, all is wet *and* Muddy~

At 8,,45 left Amara, Still very cloudy, but the moon is 14 days old~

Light S. *Easterly and* cloudy all over gloomy weather~

At 7,,55 landed 2 passengers at Ali Gherbi *and* took 7 and went on at 8~ Gave tickets to 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ Amara passengers, and Isak Ezra Hyim in 1st Class *return* Ticket by S Lynch co free~

8 *Wednesday*

1897

December

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9 *Thursday*

1897

December

at about 3 P.M. the breeze shifted to N.W. *and* Clouds breaking up~ At Sunset it became very fine *and* cold N.W. breeze;

At 7,,45 P.M. Arrived at Coot landed 15 passengers and took in Coal 7 Tons, The S.S. Phrat is here on her way down~

10 Friday

[A47_048_09:023]

At 9,,20 left Coot~ [p. 47]

At 2 A.M. anchored, fog came on, at 5 proceeded *and* again came on the fog *and* anchored after $\frac{1}{2}$ hour;

At 8,,20 fog cleared off we proceeded from Umel Ajaj; We took 18 passengers from Coot (one in 1st Class Colonel Bekri Effendi the Bimbashi of Haî, Sennyeh)~

At 11,,10 passed Memlah; Very fine *and* clear weather;

At 6,,5 P.M. passed the SS. Khalifah going down at Brenij above Humenyeh; Jeboory Asfar's wife *and* Children must have been on board; also Hannosh Asfar

At 7,,30 passed Azizieh At 10,,40 passed Baghdadieh Fort; fine clear weather;

11 Saturday Therm @ 6.45

[A47_049_25:024]

Light N.W. *and* some clouds *and* cold~ At 8 A.M. passed Ctesiphon~

At 10,,15 passed Diala, Sky covered with fog as if it is snowing, it is Very Cold [p. 48] too~

At 11,,30 I landed at Gherrara *and* walked in to Baghdad, It has also rained here~ I arrived at 1 P.M. saw Eliza but she is complaining again from her old complaint and palpitation *and* weakness of the heart etc.~ I found two letters from Alexander of the last two Damascus Post, one dated the 12 November and the other the 16th November in the last one a very long letter he mentions of his having received my first letter from Baghdad of the 21 October, he is Very Well *and* enjoying~ The Mejdieh arrived at about 2 P.M;

12 Sunday

1897

December

Johny My nephew called *and* dined with us,

Light N.W. *and* fine~ at 8:30 A.M. We Went to Church; I then called on the Bishop Aghnatius the Assyrian who has come back from Mossul on the 6 *Instante* by Order from Rome [p. 49] to be reinstated to his diocese here as before~ I also called on Kesboor Maghak Georgis Segman, Catterina Yaghchi etc.;

Henry *and* his family are still in Howedir but is coming I believe tomorrow~

at 2 P.M. Eliza *and* I called on Sister Eliza, on Capt'n *and* Mrs. Cowley, *and* on Alice but she was not at home I called on Mr. Bottomley but was not at home, we returned at 5, Antone called on us for an hour,

Eliza was again ceased with that distressing complaint of nervousness *and* hysteria at tea time till midnight When she calmed down I gave her some Ether, and Brandy *and* water; she wept *and* was then quiete~

13 Monday

[A47_051_07:025]

Light or calm Air *and* fine with few clouds~ at 8:30 am I came on board, [p. 50] the Baghdad is inside loading,

I sent money to the Office, at 11 went home, I worked in putting my room to right cleaning it *and* arranging all the Kit till 6 P.M~

Henry *and* his family came back from Howedir this evening for good,

Light N.W. *and* fine~

14 *Tuesday*

Light air *and* fine Weather;

I called on Henry at 8 A.M. *and* then came on board,

The SS. Mossul has arrived this morning at about 7 am;

At 10 went to the Office to see Mr. Bottomley, for a mistake in Mr. Braine's pay of last month, came home at 11;~ Henry called on us for an hour; I took a warm bath, Weather fine *and* not cold at all, light S. *Easterly* breeze;

15 *Wednesday*

1897 *December*

At about 1 am, it became Very Cloudy with thunder lightning *and* then a heavy rain Came down With hail for about $\frac{1}{2}$ hour [p. 51] *and* then it cleared up~ In the morning it became very foggy~ I called on Sister Medula at 8 Am, *and* then came on board, the Streets are very Swampy *and* Muddy~

At 11 went on shore called on Henry for few minutes *and* came home breakfasted and at 2 P.M. came on board;

At 4:30 P.M. the S.S. Comet arrived from Basreh with Colonel *and* Mrs. Lock on board,

At 5 I went home; Henry, Menusha *and* Louisa their daughter came to see us, Menusha *and* Louisa have not seen Eliza my wife yet since she arrived from Europe; Artin also called they left at 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ~

Fine Clear Weather;

16 *Thursday*

Light N.W. *and* fine cold weather at 8:30 am I came on board, worked in shipping cargo;

At 12 am I went to breakfast and came back at 1 P.M.

I finished Alexander's [p. 52] letter, also one to Mr. Böhm *and* one to Bazin Savon *and* Co at Port Said *and* sent the 3 letters to the Post for Damascus leaving this evening;

At 5 P.M. I finished work and went home~ Light N.W. *and* Cold weather~

The SS. Ressafah arrived at 8 P.M.~

At 10 while we were asleep, the Postman came *and* brought us Alexander's letter having arrived this evening, dated the 26 *Ultimo*; he is very well, *and* complains of the weather being so cold *and* foggy, the temperature always at zero, or freezing

point; We also received a Christmas Card from Miss Tanner from London~

Light N.W. *and* fine cold weather~ at 5:30 *A.M.* I came on board~

The river is stationary there is no rise~ [p. 53]

17 *Friday*

1897 *December*

Draft/ 3,,4

Baghdad to Basreh [17 DEC 1897 — V047_07_S]

Passengers	<i>Okkas</i>	G. S. Piasters	Draft	
147 $\frac{1}{2}$	58,801	16,784 $\frac{1}{2}$	3,4	

[A47_055_05:026]

[A47_055_10:027]

[A47_055_16:028]

[A47_055_20:029]

At 6,,10 *A.M.* we proceeded, ship is light drawing 3 feet 4 having 60,000 *Okkas* of Cargo;

At 8,,15 passed Diala river At 9,,45 passed Ctesiphon,

Gave tickets *and* finished with the passengers; We have altogether 121 (5 in 1st Class, Dr. Lubiez *and* his son Leon the latter paying deck fare, Mr. Hiles of Muir Tweedy also paying deck and two Turks to Coot, Bekry Effendi Bimbashi *and* Sehmy Efendi, *and* two in 2nd Class Christians) 2 Deck free

At 2,,15 P.M. landed one passenger Iskender Aziz at Swera, The S.S. Khalifah is here just opposite the Village at anchor on her way up, *and* I suppose repairing some thing in her Engines,

At 2,,20 we went on; [p. 54]

At 3,,25 P.M. passed Baghdadieh Fort~

At 5,,30 passed Azizieh Fine clear *and* cold weather;

Dr. Lubiez is going to Constantinople in the Alphonse Parran from Suez, having been dismissed the Service *and* recalled as well as Dr. Malaks of the Basreh Quarantine, no one knows for Certain the exact cause, all the staff of the Basreh quarantine have also been dismissed;~

Mr. Richarz the German Consul was on board the Khalifah returning, there were also the two German travellers *and* Mr. Parfit the English Missionary coming back with his New wife having been married~

At 7,,20 we anchored at Toweel; Fine clear weather;

18 *Saturday*

Light N.W. *and* little cloudy *and* Cold weather~

1897 *December*

At 6,,15 *A.M.* left Toweel [p. 55]

At 10 A.M. passed Memlah, At 0,,30 P.M. passed the SS. Phrat going up~

At 2,,50 arrived at Coot, landed $47 \frac{1}{2}$ passengers (2 Turks in 1st Class)~ and 92 packages,

At 4 P.M. left Coot, took 5 passengers~

19 Sunday

At 8,,15 anchored at Sheikh Saad for the night~

Light N.W. *and* fine; at 6,,15 am proceeded, took 2 passengers from Sheikh Saad; It became cloudy all over a thick fog passing high above *and* covered the whole sky,

At 9,,40 A.M. anchored off Ali Gherbi *and* landed two passengers *and* 20 packages At 10 we went on; Weather cloudy still all over;

At 6,,15 P.M. arrived at Amara landed 16 passengers and 66 Packages, cloudy dark night~ we finished the [p. 56] discharge *and* hauled out and remained for the night being partly cloudy;

20 Monday

1897 December

Weather keeps cloudy on some parts~ At 4,,30 A.M. left Amara; hazy overcast Weather *and* light N.W. breeze~ Took $13 \frac{1}{2}$ passengers;

Detained at the Elbow *and* below it where a Boat has Sunk 3 months ago, from 9,,45 till 10,,20~

At 11,,45 passed Azair, Cloudy still all over;

At 2,,40 P.M. Went Alongside at Gorna landed 102 packages and 2 passengers~

At 3,,10 the SS. Baghdad left down~

At 3,,35 We left Gorna, Cloudy all over *and* S. *Easterly* breeze,

At 4,,10 we passed the Baghdad going down;

There are thunders *and* lightning ahead of us toward Basreh, *and* over us, but upwards to the Northern parts it is clear *and* fine~ [p. 57]

At 7,,5 we were obliged to Anchor it became very dark cloudy with thunder *and* strong lightning *and* a heavy rain came down we must be at the bottom of Kteban reach; It kept on raining for some time *and* remained cloudy *and* dark.

At 10 we weighed *and* proceeded the Baghdad had passed down,

21 Tuesday

[A47_059_01:030]

1897 December

[A47_060_05:031]

[A47_060_06:032]

At 11,,20 arrived at Basreh, It rained all the night;

Light S. *Easterly* breeze, cloudy gloomy weather, It rains still with short interruption till 8 am,

We are shipping cargo; *and* taking coal, but are not going to leave till tomorrow at 8:30 it began to rain again with dark misty weather; the wind also freshened up from S. *East*;

Rezooki Sayegh came to me, Roofail has returned from Gorna about 10 days ago; I gave Rezooki the 3 Arabic Manuscript Books packed *and* sealed [p. 58] to post them for Alexander Via Bombay to try *and* sell them for me in Paris *and* will also give him the 4 lottery of the Rumelian Railway which had costed me 28 *Turkish* Liras packed *and* Registered for Alexander to sell them there *and* buy instead some of the Paris Exhibition lottery for 1900 @ 1 Napoleon each, the postage will be very high on these two packets but cannot do otherwise,

Rufail came at 1 P.M. I then went up with him to Jeboory Asfar, saw his Wife *and* children and his father Who have come down in the Khalifah,

I also gave Jeboory a small case of Dates (about 11 cartoons) to be sent to Bazin Savon at Port Said for their own use as a present from Me, and the case of [p. 59] sweetmeats *and* Dates for Alexander to be forwarded by Bazin direct to Paris also a small case of Dates for Mr. Joseph Kouri a present from me, all these 3 cases are to go by the Alphonse Parran leaving on the 26th *Instante*;

I got from Jeboory the case of shoes for Eliza which she had bought in Paris *and* came out in the Alphonse Parran and I sent it on board the Mejidieh; we remained till 6 P.M. the weather changed, the wind shifted to a sharp *and* cold N.W. *and* got fine, we went to Rufail's place, the ground is very muddy *and* dirty weather cold; we dined *and* I slept there~

Moderate Cold N.W. Wind *and* fine~ At 8:30 A.M. [p. 60] I came on board, We are shipping cargo; I caught a very bad cold since this morning~

Rufail came to me, also Ali Beg Saïb the Mudir of Tapo *and* Hassan Effendi the Mooday el Umum, Rezooki Angoorly etc.,

We finished loading at about 1 P.M.~

Yousif Marine wrote to me a letter from Shaebiyeh and tells me that he wants a bill from Jeboory Asfar for 200 francs payable to Alexander my son as a Christmas present from him *and* sends me a letter for Jeboory, I sent it to him *and* he sent me a Cheque on Asfar frères at Marseilles for the 200 *francs* payable to Alexander which I will enclose in my letter to him;

The Alphonse Parran leaves on the 26th~ The mail *Steamer* Patna is in [p. 61] Quarantine~

22 *Wednesday*

[A47_061_06:033]

[A47_061_08:034]

1897 *December*

Basreh to Baghdad [22 DEC 1897 — V047_08_N]

Passengers	<i>Okkas</i>	G. S. Piasters	Draft	
255	196,676	14,724 $\frac{1}{2}$	4,6	

At 3,,40 P.M. we left Basreh, ship is deep drawing 4.6 Inches;

At 10,,15 landed 3 passengers at Gorna *and* went on at 3,,20
Fine clear weather~

At 3,,30 A.M. passed Azair At 4. dropped anchor and at 6,,30
proceeded; Light N.W. *and* fine cold weather

At 11.30 landed 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ Passengers at Kalat Saleh *and* went on

Finished with the passengers tickets we have altogether 199 $\frac{1}{2}$
(one in 1st Class the Reverend Dr. Sturrock an English
Missionary Doctor coming to replace Dr. Sutton who is going to
England for about 2 years and one in 2nd Class free by Lynch,
Shooker Effendi the Mudir of Custum of Abool Khassib) [p. 62]

At 5,,10 P.M. arrived at Amara landed 24 passengers, Took in
10 Tons of Coal; shipped some Hides *and* wool about 3500
Okkas~ There has been a lot of rain fallen here yesterday~

At 7,,10 P.M. left Amara, we anchored at 10 for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour on
account of fog *and* left again, weather got cloudy~

Light N.W. *and* Cloudy weather all over~

At 7,,20 A.M. landed 4 passengers at Ali Gherbi *and* went on at
7,,25~ Gave tickets to 32 $\frac{1}{2}$ Amara passengers (one in 1st Class a
Turk FatHi Effendi) *S. Easterly* wind *and* cloudy~

At 7 P.M. arrived at Coot landed 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers~ Took in Coal
8 Tons~ The river has risen about 3 feet, but has not got in
[p. 63] the Haî river yet *and* there is no water there not even
for a Bellem to go in, and Monsr. De Sarzec with his wife *and*
son who came up in the SS. Mossul last time, are still living
here awaiting for the rise to go through the Hai to Tello to
resume his excavation for the French Government~

At 9 P.M. we left Coot, Fine clear weather~

23 Thursday *Therm* @ 6.47
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24 Friday
1897 *December*
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25th Saturday *Therm* @
6.47
[A47_065_01:037]
1897 *December*

Light N.W., it got little foggy *and* we lost some time in easying *and* stopping~

At 4,,45 A.M. had to anchor at Bughela a thick fog came on~
The SS. Mossul *and* Ressafah are here on their way down they
carry Soldiers to go to Kweit as there is a disturbance there
among the Arabs, between the followers of the Sheikh of [p. 64]
Kweit Moobarak el Subah *and* his brother's sons, as his brother
Mahomed was Killed by the former 2 years ago, the Arabs have
split in two parts,~

At 9,,5 fog cleared off We proceeded, also the two Steamers
Mossul *and* Ressafah steamed down~

Gave tickets to 26 Coot passengers~

At 9,35 passed Memlah At 10,,40 passed the S.S. Khalifah going
down at the bottom of Sheresh;

At 5,30 P.M. passed Azizieh~

As today being Christmas Francis *Capt.* Cowley's Butler made
a Cake for me, as he does every year, for my son Alexander, but
now he is not here to join with us.

Weather very fine *and* clear and New moon two days old [p. 65]

26 Sunday

At 9,,15 P.M. passed Baghdadieh Fort; Light N.W. *and* fine;

Light N.W. *and* little cloudy~ At 6,,50 A.M. passed Ctesiphon
River is falling a little~ It became fine *and* clouds cleared off~

At 9,,5 passed Diala river~

At 10,,15 I landed at Gherrara *and* walked in, a pleasant fine
day *and* mild weather I got home by 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ saw Eliza she is well,
many people have called on us for the Christmas;

The Damascus Post has not arrived yet since last thursday, it is
now four days overdue, *and* so have no letter from Alexander;
Visitors *and* Priests called;

The Mejidieh arrived at 12 AM~

Henry called on us for an hour; I went to visit the Assyrian
Bishop Aghnatius [p. 66] but was at church, I called on Sister
Medula, *and* on Henry saw his wife only, came home, Antone
Marine his wife *and* children called, also Johny *and* Artin *and*
they left at 7 P.M~ Strong N.W. wind blowing all the night~

27 Monday Therm @ 6.31
1897 December
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Strong N.W. wind, fine *and* Very Cold Weather;~

At 8:30 A.M. I came on board, the SS. Phrat is inside
discharging; It is fearfully cold the wind is cutting *and* blowing
hard

At 10 I went to the Office to see Mr. Bottomley for some Money
for Officer's Pay; I then called on Sister Eliza *and* came home at
12~ At 1 P.M. Eliza *and* I called on Catterina Yaghchi *and* on

Alice *and* Sister Emilia I then went to call on [p. 67] Eliza Erame *and* my wife went to my Sister Eliza,

I heard that the Damascus Post arrived this afternoon; the man that was sent out from here to see about it found the Postman dead in the desert somewhere between Hit *and* Saglawyeh on this side of the Euphrates and the camel standing near the dead man *and* the Mail Bag~

At 6:30 P.M. the Postman brought me Alexander's letter a registered one, also a letter from Nessoory Sayegh; he has advanced Alexander 500 *francs*; Alexander sends us lots of Christmas Cards for Henry, Louisa, Antone Marine, Alice, Johnny *and* Sister Medula~

Light N.W. *and* very cold, it very bitter *and* severe; [p. 68]

28 Tuesday Therm @ 6.26
1897 December

Light N.W. *and* bitterly cold, all the jars pots etc. are frozen to solid ice, I am so shivering from it, the *Thermal* . in my Verandah was 26 this morning,

At 8:30 A.M. I called on Henry *and* read them Alexanders letters etc.; he has also written to Henry; at 10 I came on board; the Phrat is still inside along the steps;

At 11 the Mejidieh went inside to discharge *and* the Phrat hauled out~ At 12 I went home and at 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ P.M. Came on board to pay the Ship's crew their wages for this month;

At 3:30 P.M. went on shore called on Mons. *and* Madm. Dallow the Jewish School master *and* came home, it is bitterly cold, Henry called on us also Artin *and* they left at 7

Very Cold *and* fine weather I am trembling from it; [p. 69]

29 Wednesday Therm @
6.26

Light N.W. *and* fine very cold and the water froze, I feel it worse than ever my hands *and* feet are like ice~ At 8:30 A.M. I came on board;

I recieved a letter from Monseigneur Altmayer from Mossul answering mine from Aleppo of the 24th *September*

Weather changed a light *S. Easterly* breeze is prevailing *and* became cloudy all over~ At 10 A.M. I went home, and returned at 2 P.M~ We shipped some cargo~ At 4:30 went on shore to Sister Medula where Eliza *and* Terrooza wife of Antone Marine were there, we then left *and* went to Antone's *and* spent the evening it is very cold, although the breeze is *S. East and* getting cloudy, we left at 7 Very Cold *and* I am shivering from it~ [p. 70]

30 Thursday Therm @ 6.33
1897
December

Weather cloudy, gloomy *and* a drizzling rain since last night; at 8:30 A.M. I came on board; it is still very cold the streets are very muddy *and* rain continues,

I finished Alexander's letter I enclosed Yousif Marine's Cheque for him of 200 *francs*, on Asfar Marseilles; and sent it to the Post *and* had it registered to Paris, I told Alexander every thing from the 20 *Instante* up till today~

Went to breakfast at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$, raining still *and* streets very muddy
 I returned at 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ *and* worked hard We got a lot of cargo,
 Weather very wet *and* rainy Many people Persians have taken
 the Cabins,~

At 5 P.M. I went home, I feel the cold very bitterly, weather
 very cloudy *and* dark *and* the rain begun to come down
 continually~ [p. 71]

31

Weather cloudy *and* rain continue all the night;

At 5 A.M. I came on board, the streets swampy *and* muddy~

Baghdad to Basreh [31 DEC 1897 — V047_09_S]

Passengers	<i>Okkas</i>	G. S. Piasters	Draft	
298 $\frac{1}{2}$	75,173	25,641	3,7	

1898
January

Very cloudy gloomy overcast weather, rain ceased~

At 6,,30 am we proceeded light N.W. breeze~

At 7,, we took our Pilot Mahmood from Kerradah *and* went on at 7,,5~ It begun to rain with a fresh *N.W.* wind

Detained from 8 till 8,,40 at Gherrara for the Bridge to be opened; awfully cold N.W. Wind *and* cloudy still;

At 9,,20 passed Diala, awfully cold wind blowing, I cannot write, my hand are nearly frozen~

At 10,,45 passed Ctesiphon, bitterly cold *and* very cloudy

I finished with the passengers [p. 72]

Tickets~ We have altogether 254 (6 $\frac{1}{2}$ Persians in 1st Class in 3 Cabins, H. Assad Khan, *and* friends, and 4 Indians in The 2nd *Class* Cabin)

At about 3 P.M. Clouds begun to break off a little *and* got a little sunshine; weather is getting fine~

At 3,,55 passed Baghdadieh it is still as cold as ice the wind is so cold *and* cutting

Weather again became cloudy all over~

At 6,,5 P.M.passed Azizieh at 6,,25 passed the Khalifah at Brenij, we gave her three cheers in the whistle for the New Year;

At 7.50 we anchored at Toweel; it is bitterly cold and with some clouds~ The wind blew throughout the night a S. Easter, I could not get warm in bed [p. 73]

It begun to Snow after midnight, a phenomena for this part of the world *and* a great rarity, I never saw it like this but once

1st *Saturday Therm* @ 6.36
Snowing
[A47_074.14:040]
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at 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ the SS. Baghdad
passed up~

some 25 years ago; The whole desert, banks of the river and brush wood are covered with it so white *and* picturesque, The weather is cloudy all over or thick fog hanging

At 6,,10 am we left Toweel, all along the banks the snow is covered, the clouds are clearing off, the breeze is from South East~

At 9,,45 passed Memlah at 10 landed a passenger at Bughela *and* went on at 10,,5, Clouds again came on *and* covered all over;

At 2,,20 P.M. arrived at Coot landed $33\frac{1}{2}$ passengers and 59 Packages; weather cleared off *and* have sunshine now

Here also a heavy fall of snow took place this [p. 74] morning at about 3 A.M. *and* it melted during the day the ground is very wet; Mons de Sarzec *and* his wife *and* son are still here, they have not gone to Tell~

At 3,,40 we left Coot, fine weather *and* breeze still from S. East~ Took 7 passengers (one in 1st class the Clerk of Hotz *and* co, Debono)

At 7,,50 anchored at Sheikh Saad *and* landed 13 packages and took 12 passengers for Amara, weather very fine and awfully cold~

Light N.W. *and* fine weather at 6 A.M. left Sheikh Saad, Terribly cold freezing and frost on the banks~

At 8 passed the S.S. Ressafah going up, having very few passengers about a dozen,

The Lohristan Mountains are all covered with snow;

At 9,,20 anchored off Ali Gherbi and landed [illegible][p. 75] and 32 packages, Took 3 passengers and left at 9,,50 Awfully cold *and* sharp wind I never felt so cold before than what I have had in these cold days, the *Thermal* . in my cabin now stands at 45° *and* everything closed;

At 5,45 P.M. arrived at Amara landed $45\frac{1}{2}$ passengers and 79 packages;~ Here too they have had some snow yesterday *and* the cold is just as severe~ We took 4 Tons of Coal~

At 7,,45 left Amara it is still bitterly cold *and* I am shivering from it;~ Fine clear weather and moon 10 days old~

At 11 anchored above Kalat Saleh; very cold *and* sharp N.W. breeze all the night~

Light N.W. *and* bitterly cold,

At 6,,5 am proceeded, gave tickets to $22\frac{1}{2}$ Amara passengers,

Detained at the Elbow from 7,,50 till 8,,15~ [p. 76] At 8,,20 passed the S.S. Mossul bound up~

At 9,,40 passed Azair At 0,,35 P.M. anchored alongside at Gorna *and* landed 65 Packages *and* 2 passengers,

2d Sunday Therm @ 6.32
1898
January

3rd Monday Therm @ 6.35

At 1 proceeded; the cold is still cutting the wind is so cold~

At 5,,15 P.M. arrived at Basreh; fine, clear *and* cold weather; I did not go to Rufail as it is too cold to get up in the Belem, There is only one Steamer here consigned to Gray Mackenzie *and* Co the "Fresco" having brought out large cargo for our Steamers *and* is leaving tomorrow for Bombay to load there~ We coaled ship at night *and* took some cargo~

4 *Tuesday*
1898
January
Draft: 4,,9

Light *N.W.* air *and* cloudy gloomy weather~ We shipping *and* discharging cargo, Rezooki Sayegh called on me,

I wrote a letter to Alexander in English of today's date to be sent via Bombay [p. 77] I enclosed him the duplicate Cheque for 200 *francs* which his Uncle Yousif Marine sends him as a Christmas present also a copy of the letter which Monseigneur Altmayer wrote to me from Mossul~

The mail *Steamer* Assyria is in Quarantine leaving on the 6th.

It cleared up about 11 *A.M.* *and* became fine;~ The cold keeps severe yet, I am feeling it terribly I never felt it so in my life as I did in these cold days~

Yousif Marine *and* Rufail came to me as well as Rezooki Angoorly, Nessoory Andrea *and* Rezooki Sayegh to whom I gave Alexander's letter to be posted~ [p. 78]

Basreh to Baghdad [4 JAN 1898 — V047_10_N]

Passengers	<i>Okkas</i>	G. S. Piasters	Draft	
136 $\frac{1}{2}$	220,646	9,637 $\frac{1}{4}$	4,9	

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At 7,30 we got underway from Basure, light *N.W.* *and* fine cold weather, moon 12 day old, Ship is drawing 4 feet 8,

Weather keeps very cold still,~

The troops which came down last time in the Mossul *and* Ressafah 1200 men are encamped on the opposite side of the river at Lebany, and it is probable that they will not be sent down the Gulf to Kweit *and* Katif as the Sheikh of Kater Jassim el Thani has forwarded to the Turkish Government his submission~

5th *Wednesday Therm @*
6,36
1898
January

At 1,,20 *A.M.* landed one passenger at Gorna *and* took one *and* went on~

At 6 passed Azair~ Weather became foggy like clouds up above, it is bitterly cold, it icreased all around us enveloped with the fog,

Finished with the passengers [p. 79] tickets~ We have in all 96 (2 in 2nd Class; Nessoory the son of Ilo *and* his sister, *and* one in 1st Class the Clerk of Kassim Khedery paying 2nd Class)

At 0,,45 landed 2 passengers at Kalat Saleh;

At 5,,55 P.M. arrived at Amara landed 15 passengers and 2 Bales of through Baghdad Cargo; Took in 10 Tons of Coal; Shipped cargo (210 Tins Ghee *and* 35 packages Skins etc.)

At 8,,25 P.M. left Amara, weather became cloudy all over like fog;

6 *Thursday Therm @* 6.42

S. Easterly breeze, cloudy all over Gloomy weather and raining since midnight, the banks are all wet

Gave tickets to 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ Amara passengers

At 8,,30 stopped at Ali Gherbi *and* took 5 passengers and went on at 8,45~

It kept on having raining drizzly nearly the whole day, weather very cloudy *and* gloomy dark [p. 80] with wind getting strong by 3 P.M. from the S. East,

It begun to rain again at, 4 P.M, *and* kept it till night; it is awfully wet, all the ship is so saturated with water, the weather is very cloudy *and* overcast, if it had not been for the moon, we could not have gone on~

at 8,,50 P.M. arrived at Coot still raining; S. *East* wind landed 9 passengers, Took 19 Tons of Coal; Mons De Sarzec sent to tell me that he wants to to go up to Baghdad being ill *and* if there is a Cabin for him; he came only himself to go up; his wife *and* son remain at Coot;

At 11,,25 we left Coot, Cloudy gloomy weather;

Light S. *Easterly* Cloudy gloomy overcast weather~

At 7,,30 am 7,,30 passed Memlah Gave tickets to 17 Coot passengers (2 in 1st Class Mons De Sarzec and a Turkish Officer Husny [p. 81] Effendi)~ Raining drizzly all the time *and* very wet, this is a very long *and* heavy rain which kept it since the night before last~

The S.S Phrat was at Coot last night when we were there she has also Troops about 400 taking down to Basreh,

At 10,,25 passed the S.S. Mossul *and* Barge going up at Sheresh~ Weather getting foggy on the surface of the river so thick that the banks can scarcely be seen, no wind to drive it away;

At 10,,45 it became so thick the fog that nothing could be seen at all and we kept along the bank;

At 2 P.M. the fog lifted up *and* a *moderate* cold N.W. breeze blew, but it remained very cloudy *and* dark~

At 4,,5 P.M. passed Azizieh a heavy shower fell for few minutes clouds are breaking up a little on the North *and* Eastern hemispheres, [p. 82]

The river has risen about 3 feet since we came down;

At 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ it begun to rain *and* weather got very cloudy *and* gloomy;

At 8 P.M. passed Baghdadieh

Light N.W. cloudy all over *and* overcast~ at 5,,15 am we anchored below Hudeitha At 7,,30 proceeded still foggy

At 7,,45 passed the S.S. Khalifah at anchor at Hudeitha on account of fog; at 8,,50 we also anchored at Ctesiphon; The Khalifah is close astern of us; cold *and* chilly with *moderate* N.W. wind *and* thick fog~

7 Friday Therm @ 6,51
1898
January

8th Saturday Therm @
6.40 Noon 38
1898
January
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At 8,50 it got little better we proceeded from Ctesiphon;

Detained at Jaffer in crossing to the East bank from 10,,15 to 10,,30; still foggy and cloudy;~ it became awfully cold from 10 am the Thermometer [p. 83] went down to 38 by noon *and* keeps foggy *and* misty a very exceptional weather, we have had no sunshine for the last three days;

At 12 passed Diala river At 1,,20 P.M. landed a Deckman at Gherrarah;

Weather getting fine and the the fog clearing off,

At 3,,30 landed mails at the Residency *and* went up to the Custum House, the SS. Phrat *and* Baghdad are inside; I went home the streets are most fealthy *and* muddy I never saw them in such a state; I saw Eliza she is well; found letters for me from Alexander, the Bishop Bassil of Damascus *and* Nessoury Sayegh, all arrived on Sunday the 2nd *Instante*;~

Weather has been here very severe cold, snow and rain, fogs *and* dampness such as has not been seen for a century~ [p. 84]

Light N.W. *and* foggy, it cleared off at 8 A.M. The Mossul arrived at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ A.M. I went to the Latin Church; I called to see and congratulate the Superior Père Marie Joseph whose Celebration of his 40th Anniversary Year in Baghdad took place on 6th *Instante* with great ceremony *and* the French Vice Consul Mons Ronet had written *and* obtained for him the Palmes d'Officier d'Académie from the french Government~ I also visited Habib Chiha, Asfars, Antone Marine, Sister Medula *and* came home at 12;

Today is the Coronation day (16th of Shaban) of the Sultan Abdulhamid, All the Consuls etc. paid Official Visits to the Waly Atta Allah Pasha *and* the Commander in Chief Rejeb Pasha etc. etc [p. 85] Johny *and* his son Antone remained *and* breakfasted with us, while we were at Table, the Postman came bringing me Alexander's letter of the 17 *December* which arrived today (3 days later it was due on Thursday) I also received a letter from Effie my niece from Cairo (Mrs. Boucherot) and a Christmas Card from Colonel *and* Mrs. Mockler from London, Alexander complains much at the way his mother spoke to me about him, he is touched very much, of what I related to him in my letter of the 18 Novr,~

Called on Eassayis with Johny *and* then went to his house saw Sister Eliza, *and* also on Alice *and* Emilia *and* I came home at 5 P.M. the streets are very muddy, the weather keeps very cloudy misty *and* no sun at all, every thing is wet [p. 86] the house *and* rooms are very wet, we have never seen such a weather yet in Baghdad, it is like Europe;

Very light air *and* cold weather, foggy *and* misty, at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ A.M. I called on Menusha Henry's wife, *and* then came on board, sent money to the Office; while on board Eliza sent to tell me that a telegram has just come from Alexander Paris *and* wants to

9' Sunday

1898

January

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10' Monday Therm @ 6.32

1898 January

come home quick, I went at 11 *A.M. and* found this telegram dated the 7th *Instante*

Svoboda Baghdad

Obtenu Situation dette

Publique Caire départ

necessaire 25 Janvier

repondez

I was astonished to see such a message, how could I possibly let him [p. 87] accept such a situation without first knowing on what condition *and* how *and* who has asked him, or if he has been applying for it; We made up our mind to send him this reply

Svoboda

22 Rue Duroc, Paris

Attendons maniere,

propositions poste,

Déféréz moment

But the servant came back to say that the line is interrupted~ Antone Marine *and* Artin my nephew came in the evening, their opinion was that this situation for Alexander is a beneficial one *and* should let him accept it, but my telegram is good *and* better to receive first all particulars by letter;~

Very cloudy *and* misty all the time, it wont clear up [p. 88] *and* very cold too~

11th *Tuesday*
1898 *January*

Calm *and* thick fog and mist, very dampy~ At 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ *A.M.* called on Sister Medula *and* then came on board, we are still outside the Baghdad is now gone inside~ I sent my telegram to Alexander of 12 words *and* paid 7 *francs*, but the line is not working perhaps tomorrow or later, but it was left with them~

I went home at 11, weather keeps very cloudy *and* foggy the whole day *and* it is very wet *and* chilly~ At 2 P.M. Sister Medula Menusha her daughter Louisa came to us, also Alice with my nieces Terrooza *and* Regina the daughters of Sister Eliza, also Michail Yaghchi called *and* stayed till 5 P.M~

12th *Wednesday Therm @*
6.34, Noon 43

Very cloudy still we have [p. 89] had no sun for the last week or so~

The SS. Ressafah left at 10 A.M.

Light N.W. *and* foggy, the fog is passing on *and* the sun come out for few minutes *and* it again became thick,

At 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ A.M. I came on board; the Mejdieh is inside discharging;

At 11 I went home, weather Keeps very cloudy *and* overcast no sun *and* is very cold,

I called on Yacoob Pahlawan's family *and* at 2 P.M. Came on board; We are shipping *and* discharging cargo; At 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. went home it is raining drizzly for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour; At 7 it cleared off *and* became fine~

Light N.W. *and* fine clear weather, the first day we have seen the sun *and* very cold~

At 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ A.M. I came on board, The S.S. Baghdad left at about 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ A.M. [p. 90]

I finished Alexander's letter for today's post *and* enclosed for him copies of N. Sayegh's letter *and* mine to him~ I also wrote to Miss Tanner from my wifes part, *and* N. Sayegh's letter~

At 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ went to breakfast *and* returned at 1 P.M; I sent the letters to the Post Office *and* got the one for Alexander registered,

We finished at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. I went home~ Weather getting cloudy a little~

Light air *and* cloudy weather At 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ A.M. I came on board and learnt that the Steamer will not leave till 9 A.M. on account of 7 Bundles of Wool belonging to Lynch which were shipped for Amara last evening *and* no pass had been taken from the Custum House by Lynch's man *and* they were taken on shore, these bundles of wool are to be pressed at Amara [p. 91] in Lynch's Press by Tom Tartt, Jejo Moorad and the Blacksmith Rezooki Georgis who are going down with us to taste the Press, by order from Lynch in London, *and* we are to await until the Custum House people come to let us have them; I went back home, took Tea with Eliza and came back at 8, cloudy all over gloomy *and* foggy;

We could not get the 9 Bundles of wool, the Custum House head Clerk would not come because it is friday so we leave without them~

13th *Thursday Therm @*
6.32

14 *Friday Therm @* 6.37
1898 *January*

Baghdad to Basreh [14 JAN 1898 — V047_11_S]

Passengers	<i>Okkas</i>	G. S. Piasters	Draft	
138	119,461	19,289 $\frac{1}{4}$	3.10	

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1898 *January*

[A47_094.15:048]

At 10,,10 *A.M.* we left Baghdad clouds breaking up and getting fine a little N.W. breeze; ship is light 3 feet 2

Weather cleared up by 10 *and* became fine~ [p. 92]

Gave tickets to the Passengers We have altogether $113\frac{1}{2}$ (6 in 1st Class; 3 Persians in one large Cabin; Mons De Sarzec returning to Coot, Mr. Ricky an English Merchant of Manchester who had come up in the Afghanistan, and Tom Tartt returning to Basreh but will land at Amara, and one in 2nd Class free Khalaf Agha Mamoor of the Custum House) we have also two men from Lynch's Office Jejo ibn Moorad *and* Rezooki Georgis to Amara;

At 0,,15 P.M. passed Diala At 0,,45 we rounded and went alongside the bank below Jaffer on West bank to ship 1100 Bags of mash of Eassa Khdery to Basreh @ 5 GSP. per Bag of 80 *Okkas* At 3,,35 P.M. we finished taking in the Mash having shipped only 850 Bags~ We left Jaffer *and* proceeded;

At 4,,35 passed Ctesiphon [p. 93]

At 7,,10 P.M. we anchored at Ledje reach; fine clear night *and* light N.W. breeze;

Light N.W. *and* very thick fog, At 9,,10 fog cleared off, we proceeded from Ledje;

(We have 18 persons free in all, 10 men working for Amara with Jejo Moorad *and* Rezooki *and* others for Coot *and* Basreh by S Lynch *and* co)~

At 12 *A.M.* passed Baghdadieh Fort; fine clear weather,

At 1,,50 P.M. met the Khalifah coming up at Raddat, We stopped *and* sent 2 passengers who wanted to return to Baghdad the Mamoor Khalaf Agha with free 2nd Class ticket *and* his man; I sent a letter to Henry, we went on at 1,,50~

15 *Saturday Therm* @ 6.41

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has since been increased to 150 from 1st *Instante* by Mr. Bottomley~

At 2,,10 PM. landed two passengers at Azizieh; went on at 2,,15, [p. 94]

My Assistant Clerk Metty Yacoob, who was put in my place during my 6 months absence to Europe, with an increase of pay of 50 Beshlics per month making his pay to 180 Besh. and 90 Besh per month as messing money, and after my arrival to Baghdad, my brother Henry had taken leave of 2 months to go to Hwedir, Metty was also put in his place with the same pay, until this trip when Henry has gone back to his ship, and Metty returned to his place on board here, drawing his former pay of 130 Besh. only per month~

At 7,,15 passed Memlah At 7,,55 anchored at Hamrayah weather getting cloudy with light S. *Easterly* breeze;

Light S. *Easterly* breeze, very cloudy gloomy and raining drizzly [p. 95]

At 6,,20 A.M. we left Hamraya Weather very cloudy *and* overcast

At 8,,30 grounded at the bottom of Um el Ajaj, took an anchor out *and* hove off and went on at 9;~ Weather rainy *and* cloudy~

At 11,,35 arrived at Coot, landed $23\frac{1}{2}$ passengers (Mons. De Sarzec in 1st Class Cabin) and 95 packages; They have had lots of rain here the ground is very muddy~

At 1,,30 P.M. left Coot, took 6 passengers~

At 4,,30 passed the Phrat *and* Barge in tow bound up; Very cloudy misty *and* gloomy weather;

At 5,,50 we anchored at Aboo Dood (below Sheikh Saad) for the night, still daylight but cloudy all over~ At 8 P.M. it cleared up *and* became very fine~

Light N.W. *and* fine clear Weather *and* sunshine~ [p. 96]

At 9,,20 landed Eleven packages at Ali Gherbi and went on at 9.35~

At 5,,35 P.M. arrived at Amara landed 24 passengers and 31 packages; also 14 men of Lynch's (Mr. Tom Tartt, Jejo Moorad, Rezooki Georgis *and* 10 men to try the Wool Press *and* return with us~

At 7,,20 we left Amara, fine clear weather, and very cold~

At 10,,45 anchored above Kalat Saleh~

Light N.W. *and* fine very cold, freezing, At 6,,20 A.M. we proceeded, the banks are covered with frost *and* bitterly cold~ The SS. Baghdad and Barge are ahead of us going down~ At $7\frac{1}{4}$ we passed her~ Gave tickets to $18\frac{1}{2}$ Amara [p. 97] passengers

At 9,,40 passed Azair; I have made a fire in my Cabin in a small Iron mankal which I bought in Baghdad, this is the first time I

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have ever had fire in my Cabin, the Thermometer went up from 45 to 62°~

At 0.25 *P.M.* landed 24 Packages and 2 passengers at Gorna, went on at 1 *P.M.*;~

At 3,,50 passed the SS. Ressafah *and* Barge going up at Kteban;

At 4,,50 arrived at Basreh no steamers are here; The mail *Steamer* Simla and the Persian *Steamer* King Arthur are in the Quarantine~ I went up in Rufail's Belem called on Jeboory Asfar for an hour, there was his father Hannosh *and* Naoom Loca *and* then went up to Rufail's house where Yousif Marine was there,

on our arrival at Basreh I received a telegram sent [p. 98] to me from Lynch Brothers' Office, it is from my son Alexander an answer to my telegram I had sent him on the 10th *Instante*; this was transmitted to me from Baghdad; it says~

“Différé Moment Fin

Fevrier ”

All here advise me to let him go after I receive the full particulars of this situation in Cairo if advantageous;

I was so restless all the night thinking about Alexanders project of wishing to go to Cairo~

Light N.W. *and* fine cold morning At 8 *A.M.* I came down to the Mejdieh; We are discharging and loading ship;

The SS. Baghdad arrived last night at about 7 *P.M.*~

The weather has not been so cold here throughout the day [p. 99]

The Turkish man of aur arrived Yesterday from Katif bringing back the Nakib Seyd Rejeb Effendi who had gone down to settle the disturbance between Jassem el Thany *and* the Sheikh of Kwet; the Turkish Troops of about 1200 are still encamped here on the opposite side at Lebany waiting for Orders;

Rufail, Rezooki Angoorly, Nessoory Andrea *and* Rezooki Sayegh came to me *and* stayed till sunset~

At 7 *P.M.* we finished loading Cargo~

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Basreh to Baghdad [20 JAN 1898 — V047_12_N]

Passengers	<i>Okkas</i>	G. S. Piasters	Draft	
238	261,148	14,533 $\frac{3}{4}$	5,,1	

At 7.35 *P.M.* got underway *and* proceeded; fine clear weather,
Ship is very deep, drawing 5 feet of water;

At 1,,50 *A.M.* landed one passenger at Gorna~ [p. 100]

At 7 passed Azair~ *Moderate* N.W. *and* fine clear weather

Finished with the passengers Tickets;~ The river has risen here
about~

At 1 P.M. landed 2 passengers At Kalat Saleh *and* took 2 *and*
went on at 1,,5~

We have altogether $157\frac{1}{2}$ passengers (4 in 1st Class the Hejjyeh
Khejjeh Khan widow of Shekh Jaber of Mahomerah *and* her
companion also the widow of Sheihk Jaber, being the daughter
of Aziz Agha, who went down with us on 2 Decr; Also Mr. Cree
the Clerk of Blockey returning as he had gone down in the
Khalifah, and Mr. Mayle Clerk of Muir Tweedie or the Persian
Gulf Trading Copy both these are paying deck fare *and* occupy
2 Cabins in 1st Class; *and* 3 Indians in 2nd Class)~

At 6,,45 P.M. arrived at Amara landed $19\frac{1}{2}$ passengers and 6
packages (2 Bales [p. 101] of through Bombay cargo)~

We took in 10 Tons of Coal;

At 9 P.M. left Amara fine weather;~

Light N.W. breeze *and* very fine cold weather *and* frosty~

Gave tickets to 3 Amara passengers~ (Mr. Tom Tartt, Jejo
Moorad *and* 5 workmen returning with us also)~

An old Indian woman died last night on board

At 10,,20 *A.M.* landed one passenger and the dead body at Ali
Gherbi *and* went on at 10,,30~

20 *Thursday Therm @ 6.41*

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21 *Friday Therm @ 6.37*

[A47_103_09:054]

1898 *January*

[A47_104_10:055]

Air shifted to a light S. *Easterly*,

At 1,,15 P.M. passed the S.S. Mossul *and* Barge going down, having some Troops and field Guns on board,

At 3,,30 P.M. we grounded At Aboo Dood, had to heave her off with a bower Anchor and left at 4,,30~

At 5,,5 landed 3 passengers [p. 102] at Sheikh Saad *and* went on at 5,,10~

Light N.W. or Calm and fine weather;

At 6,,40 we passed the SS. Khalifah going down, I have all the letters *and* Papers for her, which I was leaving at Amara last night, if it had not been for AbdulKadur Khderly who told me that she will leave this morning as a telegram had come from the Mushir Pasha to the Agent of the Senyeh saying so,

I knew at Basreh that our time of departure from Baghdad had been altered in future to be every thursday *and* must arrive at Basreh on Saturday so as to catch the Mail leaving on Sunday for Bombay *and* has to await for the arrival of the mail on Tuesday *and* bring it up, that is What Colonel Lock had telegraphed down [p. 103] and I read it~

22 Saturday Therm @ 6.31

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At 11.15 P.M. passed the SS. Ressafah *and* Barge going up~

At 0,,45 A.M. arrived at Coot landed 13 passengers; Took 15 Tons of Coal; many people came wanting Cabins, The German traveller Professor Dr. Sachau, the friend of Mr. Richarz returning from Babylon via Shetra, and *Capt.* Cowley gave him the Cabin which Francis the Butler now occupies, also Khorshid Effendi the Ex KaimaKam Of Shetra *and* his family *and* an other Turkish Officer have occupied the Quarter Deck Aft~

The Ressafah arrived at about 2 AM,

At 4.20 A.M. left Coot, a very cold morning freezing on the decks but the wind is very light~

Gave tickets to 47 $\frac{1}{2}$ Coot passengers (one in 1st Class [p. 104] Professor Dr. Sachau the German traveller *and* 5 followers Zapties *and* Kawass *and* servants) Khorshid Effendi *and* four Women *and* Dr. Sarkis in the Turkish Service are aft on the quarter Deck with screens rigged up for them paying @ 1:30 Deck passage~

At 9.30 were detained At Umel Ajaj in shoal water could not pass, *and* while there the big boat got a hole knocked out in her bottom by the rudder; and begun to fill in; We repaired her after anchoring *and* finished by 11 $\frac{1}{2}$; and tried to get over the Shoal, we went alongside the West bank and hauled the Launch out on the bank to be repaired;

At 3 P.M. the S.S. Ressafah came up and passed without stopping taking close along the Eastern bank~

At 5,,30 we finished and [p. 105] proceeded from Umel Ajaj~

23 Sunday Therm @ 6.37

Very cold *and* fine weather

Light N.W. *and* fine Cold weather, At 4 A.M. passed the Ressafah on her way up~

At 8 passed Azizieh Village River is falling;

At 0.20 P.M. passed Baghdadieh Fort, very calm weather;

River is falling, about 2 feet;.

I saw new moon this evening but it is new moon yesterday by the Almanack; Tomorrow is the first of Ramazan the fasting month

A light S. *Easterly* breeze came on at sunset *and* begun to get Cloudy,

At 6,,30 we landed the Shoal at Ledj *and* Could not pass, so we anchored *and* sent to sound,

At 7.40 proceeded; it is getting cloudy; [p. 106]

At about 2 A.M. passed Ctesiphon; at 3,,15 we came to the Shoal at Gusseiba *and* anchored, weather cloudy *and* S. *Easterly* wind, We lost about an hour below Ctesiphon having grounded *and* hove off with an anchor~

At 6,,30 we left Gusseiba; At 9,,5 passed Diala river, at 10,,35 landed a Deckman at Gherrara with letters. I could not land to walk in as my feet are sore and am suffering the chillblain all my toes pain me *and* swollen from the cold

Strong S. *Easterly* wind and cloudy~

At 1,,10 P.M. landed the mails at the Residency *and* went to the Custum House, the SS. Phrat is alongside loading *and* will leave tomorrow; I went home found Eliza well, I found two letters from Alexander of the 24 *and* 31 December [p. 107] both had arrived the day before by Damascus Post; Alexander mentions in his first letter about his Situation at Cairo that he had made the acquaintance of Sherif Beg son of Moossa Kadem Pasha who called on us when we were in Paris *and* while him *and* Ibrahim Gejou were at his place, they met the son of a Serkis Pasha who is in Paris studying to be a Doctor in Law, *and* he proposed this Situation to Alexander that he shall speak to Nubar Pasha the former Prime Minister of Egypt *and* now in Paris retyred and living on his large fortune, I also received letters from J. Böhm, Rezooki Korkis etc.

Johny *and* Artin called in the evening for an hour

Very strong S. *Easterly* wind blowing awfully~ [p. 108]

Strong S. *Easterly* wind blowing to half a gale~

At 8 A.M. I called on Antone Marine, his wife has been confirmed of a son on Saturday last the 15th *Instante* they are thinking of calling him Philip;

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[A47_108.06:059]

[A47_108.11:060]

[A47_108.16:061]

25 Tuesday Therm @ 6.47

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January

[A47_110.22:062]

At 9 I came on board, the river is very rough *and* wind awfully strong; We are discharging the cargo into the Barge, as the Phrat has not left yet; At 10 I went to the Office for some money etc.. Mr. Bottomley told me that we cannot leave on thursday as the ship cannot be discharged *and* so will have to leave on Friday;~ I called on Sister Eliza *and* on Alice *and* Emilia *and* came home at noon,

At 2 P.M. called on Menusha *and* on Sister Medula *and* [p. 109] Came home at 4, and took a warm bath~ Weather still very cloudy *and* S. *Easterly* wind~ The Ressafah has arrived at about 5 P.M.

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S. *Easterly* wind *and* cloudy weather all over overcast~ At 8½ am I went to see Edward Blockey but he was asleep, he was at a party given by the English community at Alfred Holland's house till late this morning~ I then called on Sister Eliza and at 9 went to Mr. Richarz the German Consul with my Passport to *and* Heimatschine to have copies made of them *and* legalized so as to send them to J. Böhm at Vienna to try and obtain a Passport for my son Alexander, and also to certify my Passport as usual every year [p. 110]

I saw Dr. Hesse the Chancellier who was sent for from his house and I gave him my Passport and Heimatschine, and he promised to let me have them next trip when I come back;

I came on board at 10 the Mejdieh is alongside discharging, the Phrat left this morning;

At 11 went home, Sisters Eliza *and* Emilia also Alice called on us, I left them at home *and* came on board at 2 P.M. worked in shipping cargo, there is a lot of galls skins *and* wool etc.~

A Circular from Mr. Richarz came round anouncing the Birthday of the Emperor of Germany tomorrow the 27th *and* will hold a reception from 8 till 10 P.M. (as being a Ramadan *and* the Turkish Officials are fasting)

At 5 P.M. I went home Antone Marine called on us [p. 111] in the evening for an hour;

27 Thursday
[A47_113.03:063]
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S. *Easterly* wind but fine~

Wind shifted to a sharp cold N.W. wind *and* became fine, At 8:30 A.M. I came on board,

I closed Alexander's letter, also for Effie my niece; Blanche Alexander's wife *and* Colonel Mockler

At 11 ½ went to breakfast, saw Tooza widow of Georgis Asfar then~ At 12 ½ I came on board~ We finished discharging *and* loading by 4 p.m~

Weather got again cloudy, but the wind is N. *Westerly*;

The river has fallen very low; nearly to its lowest level *and* current dead almost;

Today being the Birth day of the Emperor of Germany William, II, Mr. Richarz is holding an Official reception this evening from 8 to 10 p.m.; the Comet has dressed ship; he sent his Circular to all his protégées [p. 112] *and* German subjects; he makes it in the evening because it is the Ramadan fasting month on account of the Turkish Officials~

At 5 *P.M.* I went home; Took Eliza *and* went to Alice with our dinner *and* we dined with them, Johnny *and* Artin came to spend the evening, at 8:30 I went to call on Mr. Richarz; the Turkish Band was there playing, and great many people called, the Europeans; the Wali Atta Allah Pasha, the Mushir Rajah Pasha; Mr. Mashkow the Russian Consul; Mons Ronet the french Consul *and* Colonel Lock *and* Dr. Ramzey *and* Capt. Baumont of the Comet came while I was there, At 10 I left, came to Alice took Eliza *and* came home, Richarz has had a supper and a dance afterward [p. 113] *and* some ladies went as Danon *and* his wife; Ezra Daniel *and* his wife *and* Dr. *and* Mrs. Sutton etc.~

Fine cold weather;

28 Friday Therm @ 6.37

Light *N.W.* *and* fine cold weather

At 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ am I came on board~

Baghdad to Basreh [28 JAN 1898 — V047_13_S]

Passengers	<i>Okkas</i>	G. S. Piasters	Draft	
99	135,279	20,801 $\frac{1}{4}$	4,,0	

At 6.10 am we proceeded, ship drawing 4 feet~

At 8.30 passed Diala river Cold morning;

At 10 passed Ctesiphon; we have in all 75 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers (2 in 1st Class Jews, *and* 2 Mahomedan women in 2nd Class) Besides we have 21 persons free, Tom Tartt in 1st Class, *and* 18 men for the Dock to work in the Mejidieh *and* 2 Mossully women,

At 2.55 P.M. passed the SS. Baghdad *and* Barge going up

At 3,,25 passed Baghdadiieh Fort~ [p. 114]

At 5,,40 passed Azizieh- Very cold wind *and* fine weather;

At 7,,30 we rounded and came to at Toweel for the night, *moderate* N.W. *and* fine cold weather,

29 Saturday Therm @ 6.32
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At 1,,30 A.M. the Khalifah came up, she stopped and sent us the through specie, as she did not catch the mail steamer, she had left on Sunday morning for Mahomerah *and* the mail was only sent down to her in G. Mackenzies steam launch, the Khalifah having arrived on Sunday evening, and left on Tuesday evening and the mail steamer had not arrived then; I recieved Henry's letter the Khalifah has 236,043 *Okkas* cargo; and Jew passengers about 60~ Very cold weather

At 6,,15 am we left Towil; very cold weather, water has frozen on deck~

At 9,,50 passed Memlah At 11,,15 grounded, got off with an anchor *and* went on at 0,,15 P.M.~ Still very cold [p. 115] I am so shivering;

At 3,,30 P.M. arrived at Coot landed 24 passengers and 1 free *and* 75 packages~

Mr. De Sarzec with his wife *and* son are still living here, there is no water in the Hye river to go down to Shatra *and* Tallow~

At 4,,30 we left Coot, took 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers;~

30 Sunday Therm @ 6.33

At 8,,35 we anchored at Aboo Dood for the night; Light *N.W.* *and* fine cold night~

Light *N.W.* *and* fine cold morning At 6.30 am we proceeded

At 8 passed the SS. Mossul *and* Barge going up~

At 9,,20 passed Ali Gherbi;

At 5,,45 P.M. arrived at Amara landed 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ *Passengers* and 53 Packages; They have had lots of rain here a few days ago until yesterday; We took 4 Tons of Coal, [p. 116]

At 7,,30 we left Amara, fine clear weather *and* moon light night 8 days old~

31 Monday Therm @ 6.36
noon 52
1898 February

At 11 we anchored above Kalat Saleh~

Light *N.W.* *and* fine cold weather, At 6.30 am we proceeded~

Gave tickets to 8 Amara passengers (one in 1st Class, Perter Effendi an employé in the Règie)

At 10 passed Azair~ At 0,,45 P.M. passed Gorna Detained 10 minutes in Maghil to get men, workmen Indians to come down to do some work in the Blosse Lynch~

At 4.50 we rounded and went along side the Blosse Lynch on the other side of the river; I found my cabin there very dirty *and* uncomfortable no table to put my desk on, the keys are all common made here, *and* most of the cabins have no keys; she is already loaded with cargo~ I did not go on shore to Rufail as I am busy with the [p. 117] shifting *and* taking down my Kit~

Rufail *and* Rezooki came to me *and* spent the evening till 10 P.M. the mail *Steamer* Karbella has left yesterday morning, and the next mail is due here tomorrow, There is 10 days Quarantine now established on all comers from Bombay *and* other parts of India, the Plague there has increased in Bombay about 400 deaths per week;~

1st Tuesday Therm @ 6.35

Light *N.W.* *and* fine cold and frosty morning~ I began early to shift my Kit to the Blosse Lynch, my Kit does not contain in the cabin, it is so narrow *and* very uncomfortable

We are not leaving today, the men are working in altering the chocks forward it is too high to weigh the anchor;~

At 1 P.M. Yousif Marine *and* Rufail came alongside *and* I went with them to Basreh, Yousif [p. 118] got the fever *and* shivering while going in, we went to Angoorlee's saw Tookyeh there *and* her little son Yousif about 11 months old;

I then called on Terrooza the wife of Nessoary Andrea *and* then when to Angoorlee's shop for some Kit I bought *and* came back

to Angoorlee's house we had Tea *and* at 3:30 *P.M.* we left Yousif also coming with us, we came off to the Blossie Lynch, people are still shifting Kit from the Mejidieh, at 5 we crossed up to Jeboory Asfar, but Yousif went up to Rufails place as he has still the fever *and* shiver, we stayed there till 7 Oclock; the SS. Baluchistan arrived in Bushire this afternoon;~

I dined at slept at Rufail; Light *N.W.* *and* fine cold weather

2nd *Wednesday*

Light *N.W.* *and* fine cold weather but so severe as before~ At 8:30 *A.M.* I came on board with Rezooki~ We are lightning the ship she was too deeply [p. 119] loaded for this State of the river;

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[A47_120_19:064]

[A47_121_01:065]

[A47_121_03:066]

At 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ *A.M.* the Mejidieh left for Maghil to be docked (Mr. Holdway our 3rd Mate who has been shifted to go up the Karoon to command the SS. Shushan plying between Ahwaz *and* Shushter as her Captain, Mr. Plant is going to England on a 6 months leave) Mr. Holdway took the Mejidieh up to Maghil, Mr. Tom Tartt *and* Mr. Barlow are to superintend the work;

Rufail came to me *and* passed the day; also Rezooki Angoorly Ali Beg Mudeer Tapo *and* Hassan Effendi Mudai Umoom *and* other Turks, they came also to see the three Employes of the Sennyeh going to establish the headquarter of their Office at Amara instead at Basreh as it was until now, They are the Inspector newly arrived from *Constantinople* *and* came down in the Khalifah with the Assisstant my friend [p. 120] Ibrahim Effendi who was in Baghdad head Clerk of the Sennyeh *and* Zekki Effendi from here the Engineer of the Sennyeh these 3 are in 1st Class;

Weather is very mild *and* not cold at all~ We have two mails to take up of last week *and* of the Khalifah, our mail has not arrived yet but I heard that she is Aground at Faô~

Basreh to Baghdad [2 FEB 1898 — V047_14_N]in the S.S. Blosse Lynch Voy 242~

Passengers	<i>Okkas</i>	G. S. Piasters	Draft	
122 $\frac{1}{2}$	132,727	8,805 $\frac{1}{4}$	4,,4,	

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At 4,,30 P.M. got underway and proceeded; steamer drawing 4 feet 4 Inches

Detained 10 minutes at Maghil landing some men of the working gang~

The Blosse is steaming faster than the Mejidieh,

At 10,,50 passed Gorna [p. 121]

3d *Thursday Therm @*
6.43

Light N.W. *and* fine weather, At 3.30 *A.M.* passed Azair At 3.40 anchored~

[A47_122.11:067]

At 6 proceeded, Fine Weather *and* calm not so cold~

We have altogether 71 $\frac{1}{2}$ Passengers (4 in 1st Class the three people of the Sennyeh, *and* Rabka the wife of Eassayi, and one in 2nd Class the Taboor Aghassy Sherif Beg to Amara)

At 0,,15 P.M. landed 1 passenger at Kalat Saleh;

At 4 P.M. arrived at Amara landed 38 passengers with the 3 1st Class of the Sennyeh and one 2nd Class~

We shipped cargo, Ghee *and* hides, about 7000 *Okkas*, *and* took in 10 Tons of Coal;

At 6,,10 we left Amara, Light N.W. *and* fine weather, it is not cold at all,~

4th *Friday*
1898 *February*

Light N.W. *and* fine,~ At 5 *A.M.* landed one passenger at Ali Gherbi *and* took one *and* went on at 5,,5~ [p. 122]

At 7,,35 passed the SS. Ressafah *and* Barge going down~

Gave tickets to 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ Amara Passengers, Light S. *Easterly* breeze *and* few light clouds;

At 10,,15 landed 2 passengers at Sheikh Saad *and* went on at 10,,20~

I paid the Ship's company's wages for Jany~

There is a rise in the river of about 2 feet~ Weather is getting bad, strong S. *Easterly* wind and cloudy threatening weather~

At 4,,35 P.M. arrived at Coot landed 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers and 1 Bale~ Took in 10 Tons of Coal; The son of Mr. De Sarzec came to see me his name is Henry, they are still here awaiting for the rise of the river~

At 6,,20 we left Coot, the wind shifted to light N.W. *and* it begun to rain a little;

At 8,,45 anchored, it is still raining lightly *and* cloudy but not so dark~ [p. 123]

At 9,,15 proceeded,

Saturday Therm @ 6.44
[A47_125_09:068]

Light N.W. *and* fine weather~

At 3,,15 A.M. passed Memlah At 6,,45 met the Khalifah coming down at Deboony, we stopped and sent the through specie of her upward trip *and* ours;~

At 7,,15 we proceeded; I got a letter from Henry, saying that they left yesterday morning having 79,000 *Okkas* Cargo; *and* 115 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers

I gave tickets to 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ Coot passengers~

Weather very mild *and* calm;

At 7,,45 we passed the S.S. Baghdad *and* Barge going down;

At 11,,50 passed Azizieh, At 3,,5 P.M. passed Baghdadieh, River is falling again,

At 4,,40 landed a passenger (booked for Baghdad) at Swera Village *and* went on at 4,,45;

At 11 P.M. passed Ctesiphon detained $\frac{1}{4}$ hour at Hudeitha Fine clear moonlight night [p. 124]

At 3 A.M. passed Diala

6 Sunday
1898 February
[A47_126_03:069]

At 6,,30 landed mails at the Residency, *and* went up to the Custum House; the SS. Mossul is alongside here, she has not yet discharged,~ I went home, saw Eliza she has not been well having had fever for 2 or three days; I found two letters from Alexander of the 7th *January* and one of the 14th all arrived at the same time, he speaks about his offer of appointment in Egypt, the telegram I found here is so inexplicable I cannot make out the word Grammaire, he sent it on the 3d *Instante*; which says,

"Grammaire

100 *francs* repondez”

,I also recieved two letters from Mr. Böhm in answer to mine,

We went to church at 8:30 but I called first on Antone Marine *and* then went to church I then called on Catterina Yaghchi, on Lazare Chanteduc, the Assyrian Bishop *and* on Feridah Shammas Antone, to congratulate [p. 125] her on the marriage of her daughter Susan with Ferej the son of Yousif Ferej who is the assistant Clerk in the Khalifah with Henry he has remained here for a trip and got married on last Sunday the 30 *Ultimo*; I came home at 11;~ At 2 P.M. went to call on *Colonel* Lock the English Consul but he was out in the desert; I called on Sister Eliza, on Alice *and* Emilia, *and* on Monsr. Ronet the french Vice Consul but only found Mons. Jacquerèz the Engineer I came home at 6 Artin my nephew called~

Light N.W. *and* fine night,

Moderate N.W. *and* fine day, weather mild; at 8:30 *A.M.* I came on board the Blossie Lynch, the Mossul is inside discharging at 9:30 I went to see Dr. Hesse the Dragoman of Mr. Richarz the German Consul left in charge of the Consulate, as [p. 126] Mr. Richarz has left on Wednesday last to Europe in Company with the German Professor Dr. Sachau *and* an other, they went by land to Mossul on the other side of the Tigris; I took from Dr. Hesse my Passport *and* the Heimatschine, *and* the copies made out of these and legalized by Richarz so as to be sent to Mr. Böhm in Vienna to obtain a Passport for Alexander; my Passport was also vised for this year, and I had to pay him the fees for all came to 130 G. S Piastes I then left him *and* came to the Office to Mr. Bottomley for some money (200 Mejid) to pay the rest of the crew but he had none,

I came home at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$, but I am suffering awfully from the pain in my stomach for the last 6 days *and* I now I feel worse *and* am very weak

I took a warm Bath at 3 P.M~ Johny my nephew came *and* he dined with us [p. 127] *and* went away at 9 P.M~

Light N.W. *and* fine cold but mild weather; I suffered very much from the pain of my stomach last night~ At 8:30 *A.M.* I called on Sister Medula *and* then came on board, the Mossul is still alongside the Custum House~

I sent the following telegram to Alexander at 10 *A.M.*

”Svoboda

22 Rue Duroc

Paris

Suspendèz, préparèz

7th *Monday Therm* @ 6.44

[A47_127_01:070]

[A47_127_04:071]

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[A47_128_20:072]

8 *Tuesday*

[A47_129_06:073]

depart Vienne Avril ”

As I could not make out the meaning of the word in his Telegram of the 1st *Instante* Grammaire, (it may be the Arabic manuscript he calls it Grammaire, so I said Suspend as I will not part of it for 100 *francs*;

I went home *and* wrote more in Alexander's letter; called on Menusha Henry's wife *and* [p. 128] came at 12 O'clock~

At 2:30 P.M. I went to call on *Colonel* Lock the English Consul General; he enquired from me all the old history of my father's affair here in 1820 when Mr. Rich the English Consul had the dispute with Dowd Pasha on account of my father's goods *and* he red to me the report in a book published by the Indian Government of all the events he asked me if I would come one day *and* have dinner with them; I left at 3:30 *and* came home, took Eliza *and* went to Sister Eliza *and* spent the evening, there were Emilia, Alice, Menusha, Louisa, Michail *and* Yousif Yaghchi etc. *and* we left at 8 P.M~

9 *Wednesday*
1898 *February*

Light N.W. *and* fine weather,

Light S. *Easterly* air *and* very little cloudy at 8:30 A.M. I came on board, The Mossul is still inside but the Blossie is discharging into the Barge~

At 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ went home and returned on board at 2 P.M. [p. 129]
We are still discharging into the Barge, *and* the Mossul is inside loading cargo to leave tomorrow~

10 *Thursday Therm @ 6.52*

At 5 went home, Antone Marine *and* his daughter Rosa *and* son Gabriel called *and* left at 7;~ Strong S. *Easterly* breeze *and* little cloudy;

S. *Easterly* breeze *and* cloudy a little, The SS. Mossul left at 6 AM, At 8:30 I came on board, The Blossie went alongside the wharf;

I closed Alexander's letter for today's Post of Damascus: I told him every thing regarding his going to Vienna in April *and* must give up the idea of the job in Egypt for the present; I also wrote a letter to Yousif Serpos in Cairo~ I also wrote a short letter to Mr. Böhm in Vienna~

At 11 went to breakfast *and* returned at 12, we have just commenced to ship cargo~

At 4 P.M. the S.S. Phrat *and* Barge arrived from Basreh,

My Cabin is placed in [p. 130] a very bad *and* uncomfortable place being near the Gangway *and* the passage so small *and* narrow that the people and cargo are crammed near my Cabin, I cannot write or work, it is one of the worst Cabins on board~

11 *Friday Therm @ 6.48*

At 5:30 I went home~ Light S. *Easterly* wind *and* fine,

At 5:30 A.M. I came on board Light N.W. *and* fine~

Baghdad to Basreh [11 FEB 1898 — V047_15_S]

Passengers	<i>Okkas</i>	G. S. Piasters	Draft	
73	90,685	12,825 $\frac{1}{4}$	4,	

1898 *February*

At 6. *A.M.* got underway; the steamer is drawing 4 feet, having 90,000 *Okkas*~ Weather Cloudy *and* hazy *and* S. *Easterly* breeze

At 8,,15 passed Diala river; At 9,,50 passed Ctesiphon~ Weather clearing up~

We have 59 $\frac{1}{2}$ Passengers (2 in 1st Class, a Christian Dowd Selman, and Dr. Ramsay the Residency Surgeon, paying [p. 131] deck fare Return Ticket, *and* one Mahomedah in 2nd Class)

At 1,,15 P.M. passed the S.S. Khalifah at Jubeil bound up, Hannosh Asfar and Naoom Loca Were on board~

At 3,,10 P.M. passed Baghdadiéh Fort~

At 5,,10 passed Azizieh, At 6,,50 we anchored for the night at Towil~

12 *Saturday*

Light S. *Easterly and* cloudy hazy weather; At 5,,45 *A.M.* we proceeded~

At 9,,10 passed Memlah; At 10,,30 grounded at Aboo Hmar took an anchor out *and* got off *and* left at 11,,10~

At 2,,15 P.M. arrived at Coot landed 19 passengers and 74 Packages;

We passed the SS. Ressafah going up at Um el Boomy at 1 P.M.~

I received a letter from [p. 132] Henry, the Khalifah had left Basreh on Tuesday evening, having about 223,000 *Okkas and* about 60 *Passengers*, The Baluchistan had arrived on Saturday evening the 5th *and* has to make 10 days quarantine; The Mail *Steamer* Kilwa was there of last week but her Mail had not arrived when she left~

13th *Sunday Therm* @ 6.45
 1898 *February*
 [A47_134_04:074]
 at 2:30 A.M. the S.S. Bagh-
 dad passed up

At 3,,45 We left Coot, took 3 passengers~

At 6,,25 We Anchored for the Night, it became dark as it is very cloudy all over;

At about 9 P.M. a Sudden change of wind shifted from S. *East* to N. West blowing strong and with very little rain fell; it kept blowing throughout the night, which cooled the atmosphere

Moderate N.W. Wind *and* Cold

At 5,,15 A.M. we proceeded from Um el Aroog~

At 8,,30 we anchored to repair some part in the [p. 133] Wheel where the exentric got loose~

At 9. we proceeded~ Detained above Maghessil in shoal water from 10 till 10,,15~

At 10,,35 passed Ali Gherbi, fresh N.W. wind blowing;

At 6,,15 P.M. arrived at Amara landed 8 passengers and 24 packages;

At 7,,20 we left Amara Fine clear weather *and* light N.W. breeze~

14 *Monday*

At 9. anchored at Aboo- Sedra for the night~

Light N.W. *and* fine clear weather

At 5,,45 A.M. left~ Took 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers from Amara, (Johny Birjoni in 1st Class)

Detained at the Elbow from 10 till 10,,20~

At 0,,35 P.M. passed Azair, At 2,,20 passed Gorna; landed 2 Basreh passengers *and* went on at 2.25~

Light N.W. air and fine [p. 134] Weather~

At 6.30 P.M. arrived at Basreh; In passing Maaghil at 6 found the Mejidieh in Dock~

I went over to Rufail's house, where I saw Tookyeh *and* Rezooki, they are living out here for the last few days;~

Light N.W. *and* fine at 8:30 A.M.

15 *Tuesday*
 1898 *February*
 [A47_136_04:075]

I left with Rezooki Angoorly to the Blossse, called on Jeboory Asfar on my way to see about Eliza's passage from Marseilles to Basreh which appears that Strick has answered to Jeboory's letter of his unability of reducing it less than £ *Sterling* 31 $\frac{1}{2}$;

The Beluchistan is in the quarantine *and* will be out this evening after 10 days, there are many passengers in her to go up with us; and many also in Basreh all in 1st Class Cabins;

I received the little parcel of Christmas present which [p. 135] my son Alexander had sent to us with Rezooki Rafi who was at Marseilles *and* was coming out in the Beluchistan, but as he did

not come, he must have given it to her Captain Paramore who has sent it to Lynch Brothers I will open it in Baghdad; in the presence of my wife,

Rufail, Rezooki *and* Rezooki Angoorly, Nassoory Andrea also came to me;

We finished cargo at 4 P.M. but are to await for those passengers coming out of the Beluchistan at 9 P.M;

I wrote to Mr. Böhm *and* sent the legalized copies of my Passport *and* Heimathschine *and* registered it, also a letter to Alexander all of today's date *and* had them posted Via Bombay~

At about 9 *P.M.* all these passengers commenced to Come in from the Beluchistan *and* quarantine Lazarette, an awful Confusion [p. 136] *and* crowds, I saw *Capt.* Paramore also came with the passengers *and* Ladies; he has brought out the Gun which I had bought in London from Jeffreys for Johny my Nephew;~

Basreh to Baghdad [15 FEB 1898 — V047_16_N]

Passengers	<i>Okkas</i>	G. S. Piasters	Draft	
159	136,680	12,027 $\frac{3}{4}$	4.8	

At 10,,35 P.M. We got under way *and* proceeded, Ship is drawing 4 feet 8 Inches;

Light N.W. *and* fine Weather, Detained at Maghil 10 minutes landing 3 workmen~ All the cabins Aft are occupied with 11 persons in 1st Class;

Weather begun to get a little cloudy~

Light S. *Easterly* breeze *and* cloudy, At 4,,50 A.M. passed Gorna;

At 9.50 passed Azair took one passenger;

Finished With the passengers' tickets, We have in all 120 [p. 137] (11 in 1st Class Cabins, they are

1 Inspector of Post Offices free with 2 Servts; Mr. Hanson;

1 *Government* Engineer Mr. J. H. Veevers going to inspect for the building of new British Residency

1 President of Commercial Tribunal Othman Saïb Effendi per Beluchistan from *Constantinople* paying @ $\frac{1}{2}$ *1st Class* passage by LB.

3 Mr. *and* Mrs. Arthur Cooper Inspector of the Tombac (or Persian Tobacco Monopoly) per Beluchistan from *Constantinople*

Miss Elise Koch, the future Wife of Dr. Hesse, per Beluchistan from Marseilles~

1 Perter Effendi (Armenian,) the Inspector of Public debt from Basreh~

3 Jacob Rigo *and* 2 ladies the Merchant of feathers *and* Eggs in Baghdad, per Beluchistan — 11

16 *Wednesday*
1898 *February*
[A47_138.04:076]
[A47_138.07:077]
[A47_138.11:078]
[A47_138.15:079]
[A47_138.18:080]
[A47_138.21:081]

And 2 Indians in the only 2nd *Class* Cabin we have, [p. 138]

At 3 P.M. passed Kalat Saleh, wind has shifted to a fresh N.W. but it is hazy;

The Inspector of the Persian Gulf Post Offices is called Mr. Hanson, a very young Man of about 24 years;

At 8 P.M. arrived at Amara landed 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers *and* 4 Bags Tobacco~ Cloudy Weather; It became fine later on~ We took 10 Tons of Coal

17 *Thursday Therm @ 6.46*
1898 *February*

At 10,,20 left Amara, fine clear weather;

Light N.W. *and* fine Weather, Gave tickets to 25 Amara passengers~

At 10 *A.M.* landed 4 passengers at Ali Gherbi *and* Went on at 10,,10

Detained above Maghessil in Shoal water from 10,,45 till 1.15 P.M. *and* had to heave her off with an Anchor;

The Blossie Lynch is going very slow this trip, as slow as the Mejidieh, because Mr. [p. 139] Follott our Chief Engineer has cut down her steam, The river Keeps very low yet, no rise at all, *and* no rain for the last month;

18 *Friday*
[A47_141_03:082]
[A47_141_24:083]

At 1.30 *A.M.* arrived at Coot, landed 13 passengers, took in 10 Tons of Coal *and* finished at 3 *and* we remained for the night, it is getting a little cloudy; but clear~

At 6 We left Coot, Took 13 passengers; weather became cloudy all over like a haze

At 1,,30 P.M. passed Memlah still cloudy all over;

At 2,,45 passed the S.S. Phrat *and* Barge going down, at the bottom of Sheresh (Summer)

Weather keeps cloudy all over with a sharp N.W. wind and cold;

At 6,,30 met the Khalifah at Toweel, we stopped to send to her the through specie for the B.I. Mail Steamer, *Capt.* Cowley went also on board of her, [p. 140]

I received a letter from Henry, The Khalifah has left this morning, Dr. *and* Mrs. Sutton are on board going to England for a year, *and* 116 passengers, they have had rain today for 3 hours but lightly~

At 8,,40 We proceeded weather clearing up a little;

19 *Saturday Therm @ 6.40*
1898 *February*
[A47_142_10:084]
[A47_143_16:085]

At 11,,45 passed Azizieh;

N.W. Wind *and* fine Cold Weather

At 3,,15 *A.M.* passed Baghdadieh~ At 5,,50 grounded at Swera just opposite the new Village at Jwemisseh, took a Stern Anchor out *and* hove off,

At 7 proceeded, very Cold Wind *and* fine;

At 11,,40 landed some of our 1st *Class* passengers, Mr. Cooper *and* his wife, Othman Effendi Reis Tejera, Miss Koch *and* the Inspector of Post Offices Mr. Hanson at Safi to walk across to Ctesiphon, a second trip the boat took Mr. Veevers the *Government* Engineer and We Went on at 11,,55~ [p. 141]

The river is rising today a little~

At 2,,20 P.M. Stopped at Ctesiphon *and* took in our passengers *and* went on at 2.25

At 4,,45 passed Diala river~ At 6 P.M. grounded at Gherrarah after sunset and walked in to Baghdad, the desert is wet from yesterday's rain it became dark as I got between the Gardens, *and* when I got to town the streets were very muddy *and* dark so that I had to feel my way *and* walk in the mud, At 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ arrived home saw Eliza well; I found two letters here from Alexander of the last two mails one of the 21 *and* the second of the 28 Jany, in the latter one he says that he had been unwell, he had felt himself very billious *and* had taken 3 pills from a Doctor which worked him about 10 times but the next day, he vomited about 8 or 9 times all bile but he [p. 142] felt then relieved *and* got well; it appears he has given up the idea of going to Cairo; *and* will go to Vienna as soon as the cold weather is over~

The Blossie Lynch arrived at 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ P.M.~

Light N.W. *and* fine Weather at 9 A.M. Eliza *and* I went to Church, I then called with Antone Marine, at Asfars, to see Hannosh Asfar who is unwell since yesterday, he took Cold the day before *and* is in bed very much Shaken as he is over 78 years; We then called on Mina Abood, I called on Eliza Erame, on Tantons, *and* the french fathers;~ Antone called on us *and* we went to visit Polus Serkis, *and* Mily his brother Naoom's wife; also on Sister Eliza; I then went to Call on Alice *and* Sister Emilia, *and* came home at 5:30 [p. 143]

Mons Ronet the french Vice Consul *and* Mons Jacquerèz the Engineer called on us at 6 P.M.~

We heard today that Ferida Angoorly the mother of Rezooki Angoorly *and* Toni died at Basreh on Wednesday She was very weak, she is about 65 years old~

Light N.W. *and* fine mild weather;

Light N.W. *and* fine weather at 8:30 A.M. I came on board; The Ressafah is inside loading to leave tomorrow, *and* the Baghdad comes in next, we are discharging cargo into the Barge, *and* then have to go alongside the Ressafah to take in some cargo, as tomorrow is the Holyday of Ramazan~ The Ressafah went out at 11 *and* the Blossie Lynch went along the Custum House to load;

I went to the Office to [p. 144] Mr. Bottomley for Sterling for Feby's pay; Came home at 12, *and* at 1:30 P.M. Came on board

20 Sunday Therm @ 6.40
1898 Feby,
Ferida wife of Toomas Angurly died

21 Monday Therm @ 6.42
[A47_145_12:086]
[A47_145_19:087]
[A47_145_20:088]

22 *Tuesday*
1898 *February*

and worked in the Shipment of Cargo; we shipped all that was to come *and* finished by 4 P.M. as tomorrow is the Holyday for Ramadan I went home, *and* then called on Toni Oossany (whom I had seen at Deir *and* on Sarah Oossany to Condole them on the death of Ferida the Sister of Sarah at Basreh~

Light N.W. *and* fine weather, at 8:30 *A.M.* I went with Artin my nephew to the Serai to Visit the Mushire Rejeb Pasha, but he was not there, he is outside in the Garden of Asfar;~ I called on Menusha *and* on Sister Medula *and* came home at 11~ I took a Warm Bath;

Today being the holyday of Ramadan, no Custum House Open; *and* I hear [p. 145] that we are to leave on Thursday instead of Friday

The Weather is very mild *and* rather warm at noon;

23 *Wednesday*
[A47_147_02:089]

Light N.W. *and* fine clear weather;

Light N.W. *and* fine weather, at 8 *A.M.* called on Sister Eliza *and* then came on board at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ~

The S.S. Ressafah left yesterday morning for Basreh, we are having some cabin passengers~

I went home at 11 *and* came Again at 2 P.M., we are out in the middle of the stream but getting some passengers At 4:30 P.M. I went home;

I finished Alexander's letter at home, *and* told him all about his going to Vienna, *and* that if he is short of money, he can draw from Rezooki Korkis about 500 *francs*, I left the letter with Eliza to be posted tomorrow, also [p. 146] one letter I wrote to Sigr. Giuseppe Levante, the Austrian Consular Agent in Alexandretta regarding the feathers;

24 *Thursday*

Light N.W. *and* fine weather,

Weather cloudy little~ At 5:30 *A.M.* I came on board

The SS. Mossul arrived at about 4 AM.~

Baghdad to Basreh [24 FEB 1898 — V047_17_S]

Passengers	<i>Okkas</i>	G. S. Piasters	Draft	
138	64,602	12,821 $\frac{1}{2}$	3,,11	

At 5,,50 *A.M.* we got under- way *and* proceeded; Drawing 3,,11
Inches~ Weather cloudy all over~

At 7,,45 passed Diala; At 9 passed Ctesiphon~

Finished with the Passengers Tickets, We have in all 125 (7 in
1st Class, an English Officer traveller from Persia Major C.S.
Cumberland, who has been eight year now travelling for sports
etc., 3 Persians 2 of them Ladies also the Wives of Yacoob
[p. 147] and Yousif sons of Eassayi to Basreh; and H.
Abdulghani Khdery with through Return ticket to Amara *and*
free, and 2 in 2nd Class, an Assyrian Priest, Kass Yousif ibn
Georjieh *and* his mother, going to replace Kass Toma Bahi~

Weather begun to rain lightly,

At 2,,15 P.M. passed Baghdadieh, still raining drizzly,

At 3,,10 grounded at Rmelat, took an anchor out *and* hove off~
At 4,,5 proceeded, Very cloudy *and* gloomy weather;

At 4,,45 passed Azizieh but Yacoob Eassa was not here, who
had come down in the Ressafah to await for us at Swera *and* go
down with his wife he must have been left further up, as he
thought the Blossie was leaving on Friday;

At 6 P.M. we anchored [p. 148] at Zeljah (below Humenyeh)
rain still continues *and* weather dark *and* cloudy; This rain will
do lots of good, as we are in great want of it, the grain keeps
rising in price, wheat had risen to 500 Piasters per Wazna of 78
Constantinople Okkas; a thing which has never yet occurred
before~

It kept raining all the night until nearly 3 *A.M.* *and* remained
cloudy *and* gloomy~

At 5,,30 *A.M.* we left Zeljah Fresh N.W. Wind blowing *and*
cloudy~

1898 *February*

[A47_148.07:090]

[A47_149.01:091]

Raining

25th *Friday Therm* @ 5.49

1898 *February*

[A47_150.07:092]

At 9 passed Memlah, Cloudy weather~

At 9,,45 Met the S.S. Khalifah Coming up at Hamrayah, we stopped *and* sent letters for Dr. Ramsay the Residency Surgeon, *and* went on at 9,,50 Henry writes to say that they have about 55 passengers *and* 221,000 *Okkas* Cargo, he left my letter *and* Papers at Coot, [p. 149]

At 1,,20 P.M. arrived at Coot landed 7 passengers and 8 packages; Received Henry's letter *and* my papers;

At 2.15 P.M. left Coot, took 4 passengers~ Mons De Sarzec his wife *and* son Henri were just leaving Coot in a boat for Tellow, the Hai river having risen about 5 feet by the rise of the river we have had few days ago; Lots of rain has fallen at Coot too~

At 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ it begun to rain *and* became very Cloudy~

At 6,,5 anchored above Sheikh Saad reach; Moon 4 days Old~
At 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ it Ceased *and* clouds opened with some stars *and* the moon are to be seen~

26th Saturday Therm @
5.47

Moderate N.W. Wind *and* very fine weather~

At 5.30 A.M. We proceeded from below Sheikh Saad;

At 8.20 passed Ali Gherbi, [p. 150]

At 3,,50 P.M. arrived at Amara landed 12 passengers (H. Abdulghani Khderi in 1st Class free) and 4 packages, Here too it rained yesterday for about 4 hours~

At 4,,35 left Amara, Took 9 passengers;

At 6,,20 we rounded and Came to below Aboo Sedra, fine clear weather, still day- light *and* moonlight; a pity we did not go as far as Kalat Saleh~

27 Sunday Therm @ 5.47
1898 February

Light N.W. *and* fine clear weather

At 5,,30 A.M. we proceeded The rise of the river has got down here *and* the banks are about 2 feet above it~

Detained 15 minutes at Nafikh for boats passing up~ Again detained at the Elbow 10 minutes, Ship going against the bank

At 10,,10 landed 5 Persian Jews at Azair with *return* Tickets *and* went on at 10,,15

At 1 P.M. landed 2 Passengers [p. 151] at Gorna *and* went on at 1,,5 P.M.~

At 4,,50 arrived at Basreh, found the mail *Steamer* Khandala in quarantine *and* ready to start early tomorrow morning, also the S.S. Arabistan which arrived yesterday~ I closed Alexander's letter very quick it is dated tomorrow *and* sent it to the Post Office with our mail, but Mr. Hatfield found the Mail closed *and* he took our parcel bags down to the Khandala *and* gave the letter to her Capt; Whitehead to post it~ I went up to Rufails at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$, called on my way to G. Asfar *and* family for an hour *and*

then went up to Rufail *and* Rezooki, dined with them *and* slept;

Fine clear weather~

Moderate N.W. *and* fine~ at 7:30 A.M. I came on board, We are shipping cargo, *and* discharging too;

The Turkish Commodore [p. 152] Emin Pasha who was dismissed from here or rather changed to Salonik, has gone down in the Baluchistan and the new one arrived in his place, called Ismail Beg~

At 10 am Yousif Marine *and* Rufail came on board *and* we went in to Basreh to the sons of Angoorlies *and* their wives Brijita *and* Tookyeh to condole them on the death of their Mother Ferida which took place on the 17th from weakness of constitution, followed by a severe Bronchitis she was about 65 or 66 years old~ At 1 P.M. we came out to the Blossie Lynch; We are still shipping cargo *and* loading deep,

The weather is getting very mild here it is spring already

We finished the cargo at 5 P.M.;~ Having few passengers Yousif Rufail *and* Rezooki left me at 11, also Nassoory Andrea~
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The SS. Phrat is to leave soon after us~

28 Monday

Commodore Emin Beg left for *Constantinople*

[A47_153_14:093]

1898 March

Basreh to Baghdad [28 FEB 1898 — V047_18_N]

Passengers	<i>Okkas</i>	G. S. Piasters	Draft	
144 $\frac{1}{2}$	159,010	9,065	4,,10	

At 6 *P.M.* we got underway and proceeded~ Ship drawing 4 feet 10 In~ Fine weather;

At 11,,50 passed Gorna~

1st *Tuesday*

Light *N.W.* and fine~ at 3 *A.M.* anchored and at 5,,15 proceeded

At 7,,5 took our 5 Return passengers from Azair and went on at 7,,15~

Finished with the passengers tickets, We have in all 56 (2 in 1st Class a Turk Ismail Beg head of the Mejlis at Amara, and Yousif Shamooun Naso to Baghdad and one in 2nd Class Kass Toma Bahi)

At 0,,15 *P.M.* landed a passenger booked for Amara, at Kalat Saleh and went on at 0,,20

At 5 *P.M.* arrived at Amara landed 18 passengers (one [p. 154] in 1st *Class* Ismail Beg) and 30 *bundles* of Tamarind,

We shipped about 50 *bundles* of Lamb Skins and took 10 Tons of Coal; the sheep are dying this year from the bad pasturage and the severe cold we have had so that the young Lambs are killed for the sake of their skins~

At 7,,15 *P.M.* we left Amara, weather begun to change for the worse, it is getting cloudy~

Light *S. Easterly* and little cloudy~

2d *Wednesday* Therm @
5.50
1898 *March*

At 3,,50 *A.M.* we anchored At 5 proceeded; weather is getting fine~ Took 45 passengers from Amara,

At 8,,55 *A.M.* landed 6 passengers at Ali Gherbi, wind getting up and becoming cloudy; At 9 went on took 2 passengers~

Weather got cloudy all over [p. 155] but wind still from S. East

I paid the ship's company their wages for February;

At 2 P.M. landed 3 *passengers* at Sheikh Saad *and* went on fresh S. *Easterly* wind, clouds broke out;

At 8,,40 P.M. arrived at Coot, landed 9 passengers *and* took 8 Tons of Coal~

3d *Thursday*

At 10,,20 left Coot~ S. *Easterly* breeze but fine;

Fresh S. *Easterly* wind and clouds, at 6,,35 am passed Memlah,~ Weather became very squally *and* threatening, strong wind *and* clouds; *and* swell in the river~ Took 36 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers from Coot, weather very cloudy and blowing strong S. *Easterly* wind with some rain occasionally,

At 3 P.M. passed Azizieh, very strong wind still blowing *and* cloudy~

At 6,,20 P.M. passed [p. 156] Baghdadieh Fort; strong S. *Easterly* wind, with some clouds,

At 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. passed the SS. Baghdad *and* Barge bound down at anchor at Ledje reach;

4th *Friday*

1898 *March*

[A47_158_09:094]

[A47_158_19:095]

[A47_159_03:096]

1898 *March*

[A47_160_17:097]

At 3,,30 am passed Ctesiphon At 4,,45 stopped at Gusseiba in shoal water could not get over being dark *and* cloudy, we anchored~ At 5,,45 proceeded~ Weather became very gloomy misty *and* overcast, River is very low there is no rise at all;

At 7,,25 passed Diala river, At 7,,30 passed the S.S. Khalifah bound down;

Light N.W. air *and* very misty or foggy like weather;

At 8,,45 I landed at Gherrarah *and* walked in to Baghdad; the desert is wet with the rain which fell yesterday for an hour *and* the day before too, but the streets were not so muddy; I got home by 10 found Eliza well; there [p. 157] are no letters from Alexander arrived yet, two mails are due, they say that the snow on the Lebanon have detained them;~ The Blossie arrived at 11;

There is great scarcity and dearness of provision in town, which is worth noting, it is caused by the scarcity of rain *and* the severe cold of this winter which killed all the vegetation *and* pasturage for sheep *and* cattle *and* the price rose steadily, although there are great quantity of Grain stowed away by the dealers in hopes of getting the price up *and* therefore making a good profit, the Government do not seem to take any steps to avoid this, *and* force the people *and* the sellers to dispose of the provision at a reasonable price, every kind of food rose accordingly, The actual price of provision *and* Grain are now selling as [p. 158] follows:

Wheat the Wezna	78 <i>Constantinople</i>	-	
Oke -----	R.P. 500	-	
Barley D D	-"- 240	-	
fresh mutton the Oke	20	-	
Ghee, 20 <i>Okkas</i> (1 mound)	" 700	-	
Eggs each 3 for	-"- 2	-	
Fowels from	20 to " 30	-	
Patatoes the Oke	-"- 8	-	

Fish very scarce *and* double the price; *and* all other thing in proportion, nearly double its former value~

At 4 *P.M.* I called on Sister Medula, I heard that the Damascus Mail arrived this afternoon;

Antone *and* Johny my nephew called on us til 7:30 *P.M.*;

At 9:30 the Postman brought us two letters from Alexander of the 4th *and* 11 *February*, both Posts arrived at once which were detained in Beyrout or Damascus,

Alexander is well, he has recieved my letter of the 4th Jany; via Bombay; also my telegram in which I had told him,

"Suspendèz preparèz

depart Vienne Avril"

[p. 159]

he is very much touched and sorry about it, for he thought that I was angry with him about something, but he will see later on from my letters in which I explained to him all;

Light *S. Easterly and* fine weather

5th *Saturday Therm @*
5.47

Light *N.W. and* fine weather; at 8:30 am I came on board the SS. Mossul is alongside discharging *and* loading; At 10 I called on Menusha,

I took a warm bath;~

Lots of theft *and* plunder are taking place in town *and* outside, the Arabs are plundering Keleks *and* caravans; *and* theives robbing houses *and* shops on account of the scarcity~

6th *Sunday*

Light *N.W. and* fine~ At 9 *A.M.* I went to church *and* then made visits to many Christians about 12 calls; I came home at noon, *and* again went to call; and by 2 *P.M.* Sister Medula *and* Grzeski came [p. 160] to us *and* we then went to call on Dr. Hesse *and* his new wife he married last trip when we were here, they are living in Mr. Richarz' House, Eliza *and* I then called on Alice *and* on Sister Eliza *and* came home at 6~ At 7:30 Eliza *and* I went over to Antone *and* then, with his wife *and* daughters *and* himself, Yousif Asfar *and* Philip son of Habib Chiha went to Eliahoo Denoos the Seraf of the Residency by invitation, for the Wedding of his brother Noonoo, which

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took place yesterday, there were hundreds of people Jews *and* Mahomedans, with the Jews band, *and* the Native Music; Mr. Demello, Rozario the Postmaster, Gabriel Thadeus *and* Marook the Lawyer with their wives were also there, but the Ladies were separated from us in other rooms, [p. 161]

I did not like this entertainment at all, there is no taste in it, neither head or tale~ We left at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ *and* came to our houses~ But I lost my sleep *and* could not do so all the rest of the night,

7 Monday

[A47_163_06:103]

[A47_163_12:104]

Light *N.W. and* fine~ At 8 *A.M.* I called on Kerop Seth, the brother of Gabriel Seth whom we knew in Paris *and* the brother of Kirikor as he is here practising as a lawyer~ Came on board at 9, the Blossie is alongside the wharf discharging, *and* the Mossul outside of us loading to start tomorrow;

I sent a telegram yesterday to Alexander to allow him to sell the manuscript Book for 100 *francs*, *and* my 4 Rumelian Lotteries which costed me 140 *francs* each, to sell them at 105 *francs* as he has been offered *and* no more; so I said

"Svoboda

[p. 162]

22 Rue Duroc

Paris

Vendèz Livre, Lotterie,"

I paid 4.75 *francs* for it;

The S.S. Comet left for Basreh this morning at 6 *A.M.* taking Colonel *and* Mrs. Lock down, as Mrs. Lock is going to England by the B.I. Copy *Steamer* to Kurrachi

I called on Menusha for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour Sister Medula was there, at 2 *P.M.* Eliza *and* I called on Catherina Abood (Mad. Saccazan) she said that her son Yousif is now in Beyrout, and that Chekoory Aboad her brother is gone to Egypt for a change for a short time, we then went to Sister Medula *and* stayed there till 7:30 *P.M.*

8 Tuesday

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[A47_164_06:105]

[A47_164_10:106]

Light *N.W. and* fine weather,

Light *N.W. and* fine~ At 8:30 am called on Sister Eliza the SS. Phrat *and* Barge came up at 9 (8 days from Basreh)

I also called on Shemooni Korkis Tessy *and* on Yousif [p. 163] Hannosh Tessy *and* came home at 12~

At 2 *P.M.* my Sisters Eliza, Emilia *and* Eliza's daughter Terooza called on us *and* stayed till 5 *P.M.*;

I went over to Dowd Ghazala the Photographer to get some views from him of the new Bridge of the Kher, I then called on the Reis Tejjara the one who came up with us last voyage Othman Saib Beg, who has taken from us the house of Rufail @ 26 Liras per year;~ We called on Antone Marine in the evening with Eliza *and* came home at 7 $\frac{1}{2}$;

S. Easterly breeze *and* getting cloudy

9 *Wednesday*

Strong *S. Easterly* wind *and* very cloudy With Thunder Lightning *and* rain since 2 O'clock it ceased at 5, but the wind *and* clouds are threatening *and* squally;

At 8 *A.M.* I came on board the streets are wet, the river is rough~ The wind increased [p. 164] very strong with dust and the river is very agitated~ The dust became so thick *and* fine *and* could not see the other side of the river~ I went home at 11, all our rooms are full of dust, it is blowing as hard as it could~ At 2 *P.M.* came on board we have very little cargo, we shipped few packages up to no. 6 only; The Jews are in Holydays, their shops are closed, it is the Passover I think;~

At 4:30 *P.M.* went home, it is still blowing *and* the red fine dust is very thick it has penetrated every where, but at 6 it begun to rain for 1:30 hour, the wind fell,

Light *N.W.* *and* little cloudy weather unsettled yet, the streets are very muddy at 8 *A.M.* I came on board,

The river rose this morning about 1 foot;~ [p. 165]

10 *Thursday*

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[A47_168_05:108]

I finished Alexander's letter, *and* told him that he can keep the 100 *francs* sale of the Arabic book also the balance of the sale of the Lotteries of Rumelian Railway which will be about 225 *francs* after buying 10 shares of the 1900 exhibition for Rufail *and* Rezooki; *and* the 500 fr from N. Sayegh, *and* 500 *francs* bill on R. Korkis, *and* 300 *francs* in Bank note I am going to send him, so he will have over 1600 *francs* at his disposal;

My wife also wrote a letter to N. Sayegh dated the 3 *Instante*; by this post;

At 11 went to breakfast *and* returned at 12~ We shipped some cargo in all about 49000, *Okkas*;

At 5:30 *P.M.* I went home;

Johny *and* Artin called on us; *and* said that the Damascus Post had arrived few hours ago~

At 7:30 we received two [p. 166] letters one from Alexander dated the 18th *Ultimo* *and* the other from N. Sayegh of the 15th *Ultimo*; the latter has remitted to my son the balance of 500 *francs* which he had for me; Alexander is well *and* thinks of leaving for Vienna on about the 10 of April; he has sold my 4 Rumelian Lotteries for 416 *francs* (@ 104 fr each) *and* had to pay 14 *francs* for charges as stamp duty *and* commission, so the balance remain is, 402 *francs*, they had costed me 560 *francs*; @ 140 each I paid the Ottoman Bank here;

11 *Friday*

Weather cloudy and light *N.W.* breeze; [p. 167]

Light *N.W. and* cloudy weather

At 5 *A.M.* I came on board the *Blosse*;

Baghdad to Basreh [11 MAR 1898 — V047_19_S]

Passengers	<i>Okkas</i>	G. S. Piasters	Draft	
227 $\frac{1}{2}$	51,602	16,197	3,,10	

At 5,,30 am we proceeded River had risen altogether about 2 feet *and* is standstill;

At 7,,10 passed the S.S. Khalifah going up just above Diala

At 7,,15 passed Diala, At 8,,30 passed Cteciphon;

Gave tickets to the passengers, we have altogether 204 $\frac{1}{2}$ (only 2 in 1st *Class* Cabin a Jew Azoory Hyim *and* his son *and* servant with free Return Ticket from S. Lynch *and* co)~

At 1,,15 *P.M.* passed Baghdadieh Fort; weather still cloudy all over;

At 3,,5 passed Azizieh At 6,,20 we grounded at the top of Sheresh, took an anchor [p. 168] out *and* hove her off; weather cloudy in some parts, we intend to run down to Coot;

At 7,,15 we got off *and* proceeded,

At 9,,10 passed Memlah, At 10 passed the S.S. Ressafah *and* Barge bound up~

At 1,,45 am arrived at Coot, weather cloudy but moonlight; Landed 25 passengers and 61 packages, Recieved letter *and* Papers from Henry; The Khalifah had 234,541 *Okkas*, but not many passengers;

At 5,,30 am we left Coot, took 15 passengers;

At 12 am landed 2 of Amara passengers at Ali Gherbi *and* went on at 0,,5 p.m.; weather clearing up *and* getting fine~

At 7,,10 *P.M.* arrived at Amara landed 46 $\frac{1}{2}$ Passengers and 93 packages~

Shipped 7 cases of Pelican [p. 169] Feathers of AbdulKadur Khdery

12 *Saturday*
1898 *March*
[A47_170.03:109]

At 9 left Amara~ At 10,,15 anchored above Aboo Sedra;

Light *N.W.* and cloudy weather At 5,,30 am proceeded, Took 8 passengers from Amara (2 women in 1st Class, family of a Police Commissaire at Basreh Kadem Effendi)

At 7,,20 passed Kalat Saleh; At 8,,20 passed the S.S. Baghdad and Barge going up;

At 10,,20 passed Azair; *S. Easterly* breeze and hazy~

At 1 *P.M.* landed 2 passengs. at Gorna and went on at 1,,5

At 5,,15 arrived at Basreh, the SS. Arabistan is up here she has left quarantine; also the Comet and Mossul; and in the Quarantine down below there are the Persian *Steamer* Mobile and the SS. Tripoli for Gray Mackenzie~ The mail *Steamer* Patna has left this [p. 170] morning~ Rezoooki Sayegh came to me and we went up to their house saw Rufail, He has obtained a bill for 31 $\frac{1}{2}$ £ *Sterling*; on London payable to Strick and co for the passage of Eliza from Marseilles to Basreh and gave it to Jeboory Asfar~ I dined with them and slept~ A Strong *S. Easterly* wind is blowing all the night~

Strong *S. Easterly* wind, a high flood tide came on as usual in spring tides, At 7:30 am I came on board the Blossie, they are shipping and discharging cargo;

The wind increased in force, and the river very rough with large high waves washing over the sponsoons, especially as the steamer is so far off the bank nearly in mid- stream, weather became very cloudy;

I closed Alexander's letter [p. 171] dated it up till today and have to live it with Rezoooki to be sent on by the mail which leaves this next Sunday the 20th. I enclosed for him a french Bank note for 100 *francs*, also a Photo view of the reception of the Russian Consul Mr. Mashkow, where the Waly Atta Allah Pasha and the Commander in Chief Rejab Pasha were there also Mons Ronet the french consul etc. etc and I registered the letter;

The wind fell a little at about 2 *P.M.* as the flood tide begun to make~

The Wali of Basreh called Arif Pasha who was appointed here in *November* 96 is dismissed and going up with us and all his women and 3 children and lots of Kit; an other one is appointed in his place from Constantiple~

Wind shifted to *N.W.* and brought dust and haze but by 5 it [p. 172] cleared off and became fine; Rufail, Rezoooki and Rezoooki Angoorly, Ali Beg of the Tapo called on me; a lot of people came to see the Waly off; We finished cargo by 5 *P.M.* Flood tide made at 2 *P.M.* we are waiting until it turns Ebb; Weather is fine and calm;~ Again *Capt.* Cowley said he wont start until the moon rises~

13 *Sunday*

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14th *Monday*

1898 *March*

[A47_172.03:112]

Arif Pasha Wali of Basreh dismissed~

Basreh to Baghdad [14 MAR 1898 — V047_20_N]

Passengers	<i>Okkas</i>	G. S. Piasters	Draft	
226 $\frac{1}{2}$	150,345	15,414	4,,10	

At 0,,35 *A.M.* We proceeded, Ship drawing 4 feet 10 Inches; weather rather warm~

At 7,,35 landed 4 passengers at Gorna *and* went on at 7,,40

Moderate N.W. Wind, getting fine~

At 0,,30 *P.M.* passed Azair~

We have altogether 145 passengers (12 in 1st Class, they are the Wali of Basreh Arif Pasha, his family of 7 women *and* 2 children [p. 173] in all 9, even about 2 or three are female servants had paid for 1st Class occupying 3 double bunks cabins; also a young American merchant from Philadelphia a Mr. Olberman, and Mr. Veevers the *Government* English Engineers who had gone up with us two trips ago *and* came down in the Comet with *Colonel* Lock; *and* a young Missionary Mr. Barnyng going to Amara, and one Jew in 2nd Class Cabin, Huzkail Ezra Elisha coming from London) We have 7 Persians with through tickets from Bushire this time, they have made their 10 Quarantine at Basreh~

The Wali of Basreh has been only about 16 months there *and* now leaves with a nice fortune made of nearly 30,000 TLiras, it is the largest sum that any former Governor had been able to squeeze out from the Sheikhs and merchants *and* other bribery [p. 174]

Detained 20 minutes at the Elbow, River is rising *and* the *N.W.* wind is cold, it has been Colder during the day than what it was this morning;

At 5,,50 *P.M.* landed 5 passengers at Kalat Saleh *and* took one *and* left at 5,,55; They say here that there is a high rise of the river coming down~

15 *Tuesday*

1898 *March*

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[A47_174.06:114]

[A47_174.12:115]

[A47_174.15:116]

[A47_174.22:117]

River rising

[A47_175.14:118]

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We are not flying the flag for the Waly Arif Pasha, because we have no Turkish flag, *and* he has not brought also one with him;

At 11,,10 *P.M.* arrived at Amara, landed $27\frac{1}{2}$ passengers (one 1st Class the Missionary Mr. Barnyng) Took in 10 Tons Coal *and* shipped some Skins *and* Ghee; River is very high here, a sudden rise came on, *and* it is still rising~ [p. 175]

16 Wednesday Therm @
5.48

At 1,,30 *A.M.* we left Amara, light *N.W.* *and* fine Cool weather, we are going slow, the river has reached up to the top of the bank~

Took from Amara 45 passengers, including Haji Abdulghani Khderiy in 1st Class *and* servant with free Return Ticket passage by S Lynch *and* Co;

At 9,,30 passed Ali Sherghi just 8 hours from Amara,

At 3,,45 *P.M.* landed 2 passengers at Ali Gherbi, took one and went on at 3,,50, the river is well high, they have irrigated here through all the Canals, *and* people are glad for having got this rise;

We have made a Turkish flag today on board and hoisted it for the Wali Arif Pasha~

At 8,,50 *P.M.* landed 3 Passengers at Sheikh Saad *and* Went on at 8,,55~

17 Thursday Therm @ 5.46
1898 March

Weather fine clear *and* cold, [p. 176]

Light *N.W.* *and* fine cold weather

At 4 *A.M.* arrived at Coot, landed 9 passengers *and* 3 packages; Took in 10 Tons of coal; Left Henry's letter *and* manifests here; we shipped 24 packages of Lamb skins and Copperware~ The river here is at a standstill since last night, the rise has only attained about 4 feet below the bank, they could not irrigate the desert from the canals.~

At 5,,50 we left Coot, Took $34\frac{1}{2}$ passengers;

At 8,,20 passed the Baghdad and Barge going up at Umel Boomy~

At 1,,35 *P.M.* passed Memlah, Weather getting cloudy; River showing signs of falling hereabout the banks are about 5 feet above the river

We passed the S.S. Phrat *and* Barge going down at 11,,45 am;

At 5,,30 *P.M.* passed the S.S. Khalifah going down [p. 177] at Um Sneyem, I saw Mr. Jacqrèz *and* Mr. Delrieu the two french Civil Engineers going down to go to France,

S. *Easterly* breeze *and* clouds are working up;

18th Friday Therm @ 5.45
1898 March
[A47.180.06:120]
[A47.180.09:121]

At 10.30 P.M. passed Azizieh,

S. *Easterly* breeze *and* little cloudy,

At 2,,30 *A.M.* passed Baghdadieh Fort~ At 5,,35 landed 2 passengers Jews at Swerah Village *and* went on at 5,,40~ Weather getting cloudy with fresh wind from S. *East*; River has fallen about one foot,~ The 2 passengers were landed about half an hour above Swera~ There is a little rise of the River;

At 9.30 passed Bostan Kesreh The wind is blowing very Strong *and* cloudy all over; A thick dust came on by 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ through the strong wind which is blowing that the other side of the river is scarcely visible

At 12 passed Ctesiphon [p. 178]

At 2,,40 *P.M.* passed Diala River; the wind *and* dust have fallen down a little;

At 4 *P.M.* I landed below the Bridge, the steamer having gone alongside the bank to await the opening of the Bridge *and* to land 2 Cows we have on board from Basreh, as they had opened the Bridge on the other side of the river *and* on our going to pass it, we touched the sand bank *and* were detained $\frac{1}{2}$ hour,

I met a Sakka with his donkey which I rode in to town, arrived at Alice's house, at 4,,45, went in for 10 minutes *and* came home, saw Eliza, she gave me a letter, from Alexander having arrived yesterday by Damascus Post dated the 25 *Ultimo*; also a letter from Mr. J. Böhm from Vienna of the 25th *Ultimo and* a letter from my niece Effie from Cairo of the 20th *Ultimo*~ [p. 179]

Johny *and* Artin my nephews called *and* they stayed *and* dined with us, The Blossie Lynch arrived at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ p.m.~ There is only the Ressaiah here,

Mr. Mashkow the Russian Consul *and* his wife left Baghdad yesterday via Deir and Damascus Mr. Grougloff who arrived here via Persia is appointed here as consul, he was here about 4 years ago as Chancellier or Acting Consul;

No rain has fallen here in these days *and* the provision and Grains are still very dear,

The river is falling;

19 *Saturday Therm @ 5.50*
Raining.

Light S. *Easterly* breeze *and* cloudy gloomy all over; Today is a Holyday of St Joseph,

I came on board at 8 am, wrote out my letters, sent money to the Office and at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ went home, People are coming still to wish me a good Holyday;~ [p. 180]

I took a warm bath in the afternoon, *and* people continue to visit us, I am so enraged at this beastly custom they have in Baghdad, they are so fond of visiting houses as if it was a special duty they must do;

Weather is changing for the worse S. *Easterly* wind *and* cloudy, During the night it rained a little, and blew strong~

20th *Sunday Ther @ 5.50*
1898 *March*

Strong S. *Easterly* wind *and* very cloudy at about 6 *A.M.* it begun to rain steadily; at 8½ I went to church in the rain and then called with Antone on the french Priests, Habib Chiha, Asfar, Catterina Yaghchi, it is continually raining, came home at 12, Rain ceased at noon after 6 hours continual, the streets are very swampy *and* muddy~ At 2 *P.M.* I called on Sister Medula, on Menusha, Sister Emilia *and* Alice *and* on Sister Eliza came home at 6, very muddy streets; weather clearing up *and* getting fine~ [p. 181]

At about noon I received a Telegram from Alexandre Paris, thus;

”Joseph Svoboda

Baghdad

Bonne fête

Alexandre

I was very glad to hear his news I think the telegram was sent on the 18th~

21 *Monday* Ther @ 5.48

Light *N.W.* breeze~

Moderate N.W. and foggy cloudy weather; at 8 *A.M.* I came on board;~ Weather clearing up *and* getting fine, The Ressafah is still inside discharging; *and* we are to leave on Thursday;

At 10 went home weather cloudy, it rained for 10 minutes, Menusha *and* Louisa called on us at 2 p.m.~

The S.S. Baghdad *and* Barge arrived at 3½ p.m.~

22 *Tuesday* Therm @ 5.48
1898 *March*

Weather cloudy but Light *N.W.* breeze~ [p. 182]

Light *N.W. and* cloudy, but clearing up; At 8 *A.M.* called on Sister Eliza *and* at 10 passed in Lynch's Office *and* came on board,

The River is rising fast, it rose about 3 feet *and* is still rising~

Capt Cowley, Mr. Bottomly *and* our Mate went down in the Steam Launch of Lynch *and* our big boat to the Kher near the Island where a Coal boat is sunk belonging to the Company, to lash her with a chain on to the Poplar trees until the low Season comes;

The Ressafah went out *and* the Blossie Lynch went in *and* commenced discharging Cargo~

At 11 went home *and* returned at 1½ *P.M.* There is very little cargo to ship~ Weather getting cloudy~

The river keeps rising~ [p. 183]

At 4 P.M. I left the ship *and* called on Sister Medula till $5\frac{1}{2}$ *and* came home; Polus Serkis *and* his nephew Yacoob Naoom Serkis and Yousif Georgi Asfar called on us.~

S. *Easterly* breeze *and* fine;

23 *Wednesday*

[A47_185_11:122]

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S. *Easterly* breeze *and* cloudy weather, At $7\frac{1}{2}$ am I called on Antone Marine and at $8\frac{1}{2}$ I came on board, found the river had risen very high; it rose 3 feet since last night, there is about 5 bricks more to reach its proper high rise for irrigation in this part around Baghdad; This was the highest it had Attained last year *and* people could not irrigate their cultivation,

The bridge is cut open since yesterday evening,

The S.S. Ressafah and Barge left at 6 am;

At 11 I went to breakfast *and* came back at 12~ [p. 184] River keeps rising~

I closed Alexander's letter for tomorrow's Post and dated it tomorrow, also a letter for Mr. J. Böhm *and* one for Nessoory Sayegh *and* I sent them to the Post Office~

The river is at a Standstill since noon;

Our second Mate Mr. Hatfield has received a letter from the Agent of S Lynch *and* co (Mr. Bottomly) in which they complain in a very strong term of his bad behaviour on board with regard to an Accus- ation by a Jewess prostitute made against him in the Office, and also his neglect once in delivering the mail at Basreh in *August*, *and* was given to the Khalifah on her way down, also in leaving the steamer once when she was on the point of starting from Baghdad without asking her Commander [p. 185] and remained behind on pretence of his being ill etc., and therefore he is discharged from the Company's Service this time on our arrival at Basreh and is to proceed down to Kurachi being the first English Port~ Mr. Hatfield has decidedly carried this neglect of duty and the frequent visits of bad women into his cabin to excess, Otherwise he is sober and of good *and* mild temper, he certainly has followed what other officers are doing in both steamers~

At 6 P.M. I went home, S. *Easterly* breeze but fine weather

24 *Thursday*

At 5 A.M. I came on board, found the river had fallen about 1 foot,

Our Anchor got buried *and* jammed *and* had to live [p. 186] it behind.

Baghdad to Basreh [24 MAR 1898 — V047_21_S]

Passengers	<i>Okkas</i>	G. S. Piasters	Draft	
118	40,430	10,663 $\frac{1}{4}$	3,,8	

[A47_187_21:123]

[A47_187_25:124]

At 6,,55 proceeded, after living our anchor buried, ship is light having 40,000 *Okkas* only cargo~

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[A47_189_20:125]

At 8,,10 passed Diala river, the rise has got well up to nearly 2 feet from the banks here about, all the canals are irrigating; This is a great blessing to the cultivators but it is coming rather late,

Gave tickets *and* finished with the passengers~ We have Altogether 95 (one in 1st Class Mr. Olberman the same American young Merchant who came up this time with us)~ Three are free included~

At 9,,5 met the Comet coming up just at Ctesiphon *Colonel* Lock being on board, also *Capt.* Forbes the British Consul of Basreh, she sent her boat *and* took the Packet for *Colonel* Lock *and* we went [p. 187] on at 9,,10, the Comet had left Basreh on Friday~

At 9,,30 passed the S.S. Mossul *and* Barge going up;

At 0,,50 *P.M.* passed Baghdadieh Fort;~

At 2,,15 passed Azizieh; At 3,,50 we stopped for the Khalifah coming up just in the middle reach of Shedief, she whissed us, *and* sent her through specie on board, as she got down on Sunday evening and the mail boat had left that morning; I got Henry's letter *and* my papers also a packet of french papers from Alexander from Paris;

At 4,,10 we weighed and proceeded~ The Khalifah is deep having over 227,000 *Okkas and* over 200 passengers,

At 6 *P.M.* passed Memlah weather getting cloudy [p. 188] *and* very light S. Easter,

At 9,,20 *P.M.* arrived at Coot landed 10 passengers *and* 77 packages; *and* remained for the night; The river here has reached nearly to the top of the banks~

25 *Friday Therm @ 5.60*
1898 *March*

Light *N.W. and fine*~ At 5 *A.M.* we left Coot, Took 14 passengers; The river has flooded some parts of the banks, and some embankments are carried off *and* the water is rushing into the desert;

The snow is still covering the range of Lohristan hills the higher range behind the the lower one~

At 10,,30 passed Ali Gherbi some Suds broken just below the Village *and* innondated all the desert around the Tomb of Ali Gherbi only the Tomb itself is standing visible, but they are closing them;

At 5 *P.M.* arrived at Amara landed $19\frac{1}{2}$ passengers *and* 59 packages; The Ressafah [p. 189] is here just arrived on her way down; weather cloudy and light *Easterly* breeze~

At 6,,25 left Amara, Took 12 passengers; Cloudy weather warm *and* calm;

26 *Saturday Therm @ 5.62*
[A47_191.18:126]
[A47_191.25:127]

At 7,,30 we rounded and anchored above Aboo Sedra,
Light *S. Easterly and* cloudy a little

At 5,,15 am proceeded; Detained 10 minutes below the Elbow reach~

At 10 passed Azair~ At 0,,45 *P.M.* passed Gorna, *S. Easterly* wind and cloudy all over~

At 5 *P.M.* arrived at Basreh~ The mail *Steamer* Simla is in quarantine she arrived this morning *and* leaves tomorrow in the afternoon no other Steamers are here, The Arabistan has left about 6 days ago~ Rezooki Sayegh, R. Angoorly, Nassoory Andrea etc. came to me~ [p. 190] We are not going to leave tomorrow, being Sunday,

I went up with Rezooki to their house, on the way called on Asfar saw Jeboory *and* his family; and after an hour we went to Rufail where we saw also Yousif Marine dined *and* slept there~

27 *Sunday*
1898 *Mch*;
[A47_192.19:128]
[A47_192.23:129]

Light *S. Easterly and* cloudy weather at 8 *A.M.* I came on board; we are discharging cargo;

At 11 am Yousif *and* Rezooki came to me, I gave Rezooki my letter Registered for Alexander Paris *and* enclosed for him a Bank note for 100 *francs*, also a letter for August Toniatti *and* enclosed his mother's Photo; 2 Copies to Cairo~ I then went in to Basreh with them, We called on Tookyeh *and* Rezooki Angoorly, also on Ali Beg Mudir of Tapo, *and* on Kass Yousif Georjeh the Assyrian Priest *and* came to Tookyeh we [p. 191] had Tea *and* then came out to the Ship, Rezooki Angurly also came with us; we are shipping Cargo;

At 5 *P.M.* I went up to Jeboory Asfar to dine *and* sleep there. Rufail has an invitation of some Turkish friends to dine *and*

sleep also Yousif Marine, Jeboory *and* his family had gone in to Basreh to church, I sad with Johny Birjony who is still here *and* going up with us to Amara~

The SS. Ressafah came down last night,

The Mail *Steamer* Simla left this afternoon; Our second Mate Mr. Hatfield who has been discharged this time in Baghdad went down in her to Kurachi; also Mr. Jacquerez the french Engineer left for France, but is going to spend about 2 months in India *and* Egypt, [p. 192]

28 Monday

1898 March

[A47_194_02:130]

Light breeze *and* very cloudy all over *and* gloomy; I had tea at Asfar *and* came on board at 8 am; Lots of passengers are also coming the Deck is getting full *and* the Cabins too, People from Bahrein *and* Bushire are making their 10 days Quarantine here and allowed to proceed; Roofail, Rezooki, Rezooki Angoorly, Ali Beg of Tapo and others came on board

We received the mail at 4 p.m: and are waiting for the flood tide to turn Ebb; *and* also the wind blowing a N. Easter; the ship is crowded with passengers also the Cabins; taken by Jews and Christians

Weather clearing up *and* getting fine; [p. 193]

Basreh to Baghdad [28 MAR 1898 — V047_22_N]

Passengers	<i>Okkas</i>	G. S. Piasters	Draft	
353 $\frac{1}{2}$	136,978	25,767 $\frac{1}{2}$	4,,10	

[A47_194.04:131]

At 8 P.M. we left Basreh Light N. *Easterly* breeze and fine~
Weather Keeps warm and sultry~

29 *Tuesday*

Light N.W. *and* fine~ At 2,,15 A.M. landed 6 passengers at
Gorna (one is Akif Effendi the Kaimakam of Gorna an old
friend of mine, he is the Grand son of the late learned Mufty
Mahmood el Aloosy) Went on at 2,,20 took one passenger~

[A47_195.08:132]

[A47_195.12:133]

[A47_195.18:134]

1898 *March*

At 8,,15 passed Azair Finished with the Passengers Tickets~

Detained opposite Ghumeyjeh Canal, stuck near the bank from
9 till 9.30 until got off by a bower Anchor; the River Keeps Very
high here overflowing some parts of the Marshes; [p. 194]

At 2,,10 P.M. landed 6 Passengers at Kalat Saleh *and* went on
at 2,,15 took 1 passenger;

We have altogether 244 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers from Basreh, (11 in 1st
Class, they are Yacoob Eassayi; Jemil Effendi son of
Abdulghany Effendi in the Police Department; 2 Jewesses
family of Yacoob Khomara, Dowd Haddouny; de Bona a Clerk
Maltese of Hotz *and* Co but paying 2nd fare at Captain's desire,
Johny Birjony to Amara, Hannosh, Lynch Brothers Clerk his
wife *and* brother in Law *and* 2 Servants free, a Jew Azoori
Hyim *and* his son with free Ret Ticket from S Lynch *and* Co;
and one in 2nd Class the Sister of Yacoob Ilo the Clerk of
Rezooki Angoorly) We have great confusion in the Saloon *and*
Aft with this sort of people; that I am shut up in my cabin;

At 7,,40 arrived at Amara landed 22 passengers (one 1st Class
Johny Berjony) [p. 195] We took 4 Tons Coal; Shipped one
Mare @ 12 Mejidies, also 100 Bags of Rice of Abdulkadur
Khdery @ 2 *Rupees* per Bag of 80 *Okkas*, *and* some Skins *and*
Ghee~

At 10 P.M. left Amara Fine clear weather *and* light N.W.
breeze;

30 *Wednesday*

Light S. *Easterly* and cloudy a little, at 6,,30 A.M. passed Ali Sherghi, The river has fallen about 1 foot since its highest rise;

Gave tickets to 37 Amara passengers~

At 9,,20 passed the Baghdad *and* Barge going down;

Wind shifted to *Moderate* N.W. *and* still cloudy~

At 1 P.M. landed 2 passengers at Ali Gherbi *and* went on at 1,,5~

At 6,,45 P.M. passed Sheikh Saad~ Fine Clear Weather *and* light N.W. breeze~ [p. 196]

Light N.W. *and* fine weather, River is rising~

At 3 A.M. arrived at Coot, landed 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers and 37 Tins Ghee *and* 7 packages Sugar Took 10 Tons of Coal; A great many passengers came the Deck is full *and* have taken their place on the lower Deck *and* Sponsoons; the Captain wanted to turn them out, but they wont go, the Ship is very crowded *and* deep~ The river rose about 2 feet, but has not attained its former rise,

At 6 we left Coot, Took 69 Passengers~

At 3 P.M. anchored at Bughela above the Village took a rope on shore and hove on close to the bank to repair the Starboard wheel *and* put a float in it, and also to bury a small Jew Child died on board,

At 4,,20 proceeded~ At 4,,50 passed Memlah [p. 197]

At 5,,30 passed the S.S. Khalifah at Summer Going down, I saw Catherina Yaghchi in her going to spend few days with her daughter Terrooza;~

At 11,,30 we anchored at Shedief it became cloudy *and* begun to blow fresh, and then it rained a little with some lightning *and* thunder,

Light S. *Easterly* breeze *and* weather clearing up;

At 5,,30 am we left Shedief, River is standstill, this rise has not attained to its former rise of last week; it is about 5 feet below the banks~

At 10,,15 am passed Azizieh, the river is rising a little~

At 1,,20 P.M. passed the S.S. Mossul *and* Barge going down at Gutnyeh~ [p. 198]

At 3,,15 passed Baghdadieh Fort~

At 1,,35 am we anchored below Temreh reach,

At 5,, Proceeded, weather Cloudy a little, the river is standstill, it is about 6 feet below the bank; we are going awfully slow;

At 7,,15 Passed Ctesiphon At 10 passed Diala river, At 11,,20 we went alongside the bank at Gherrara Garden to land the 2

31 *Thursday*
1898 April

1st *Friday* Therm @ 5.60

3: 2d *Saturday*
1898 April

Mares *and* a Donkey We have about 100 passengers landed also; I went also *and* walked in to town, arrived at about 0 $\frac{3}{4}$ P.M. Saw Eliza, I found 2 letters from Alexander of the 4 *and* 11 *Ultimo*, both arrived by the last mail of Thursday he is well *and* getting ready to start for Vienna by the end of this month, and is going to leave the [p. 199] the lodgings with Ibrahim Gejou at 22 Rue Duroc *and* is going to take a room in the Hotel of Pas de Calais at Rue des St. Pères where we were living before, he has received the box of sweet meats I sent him by the Alphonse Parran to Port Said~

The Blossie Lynch arrived at 1,,45 P.M.~

I took a warm bath, it is getting rather warm to have fire in the Bath,

Light N.W. *and* fine weather

3 Sunday

Light N.W. *and* fine~ At 7:30 am I called on Antone Marine *and* then we went to Church, I then called on Eliza Erame; Sister Medula *and* on Menusha *and* came home at 12~ At 2 P.M. called on Sister Eliza *and* [p. 200]

on Alice *and* Emilia *and* came home at 5:30 P.M.

Light N.W. *and* fine weather, rather warm in the room at night~

4 Monday

1898 April

Light N.W. *and* fine~ at 7:30 am Came on board, there are no Steamers here, The Blossie went alongside to discharge cargo;~ I went to the Office to Mr. Bottomly for money pounds Sterlings *and* took money also Mejidies *and* Turkish Liras to the Office;~ At 11 came home,

I wrote Alexander's letter also a letter to Monseigneur Altmayer at Mossul *and* sent it by today's Post of *Constantinople* in answer to his Card he sent me to greet my holyday of St. Joseph;~

At 5 P.M. Eliza *and* I went over to my Sister Eliza to dine there *and* spend the evening sent for our dinner also;

Emilia *and* Alice came [p. 201] there for an hour, we came home at 10 P.M.~

The river is rising today, it has not reached its former rise~

5th Tuesday

Light N.W. *and* hazy with some clouds~

At 8 A.M. came on board, we are discharging, and also shipping cargo; The Jew will go into their holyday on Thursday~ At 10 went to call on Sister Medula *and* then came home had breakfast at 1 P.M. I came on board~

We shipped some through cargo, there is Vartan taking and Mr. Reynolds the Chief Mate is out Cricketing; I left at 5 Came home, Weather Cloudy Antone Marine called, also Eliahoo Denoos the Residency Banker~

6th Wednesday

Light N.W. *and* cloudy all over sultry~ At 8 *A.M.* I came on board~ [p. 202]

Finished Alexander's letter for tomorrow's Post, also a letter for the Handels Museums in Vienna;

We finished loading at 4 P.M. having shipped a great deal of cargo Mostly gallnuts,

I went home, at 5, Eliza was at Church I also went for a short time there were Prayers *and* Service for the Good Friday;~

7th *Thursday Therm @*
5.58

Artin called on us~ Weather cloudy,

Light N.W. *and* fine~

At 4:30 am I came on board~

Baghdad to Basreh [7 APR 1898 — V047_23_S]

Passengers	<i>Okkas</i>	G. S. Piasters	Draft	
209	105,064	18,868	4,,3	

1898 April

[A47_204.03:135]

At 5 *A.M.* We left Baghdad At 6,,10 passed the SS. Ressafah going up, below Gherrara Bridge~

[A47_204.23:136]

At 6,,45 passed Diala River; Cold N.W. Wind and fine Weather;

[A47_204.25:137]

At 7.45 passed Ctesiphon [p. 203]

At 11 am landed 3 passengers at Swera *and* went on at 11,,15.
At 11,,50 passed Baghdadieh,

We have altogether 162 $\frac{1}{2}$ Passengers including *Capt.* Forbes the English Consul of Basreh in 1st Class and two servants free passage, (7 in 1st Class, *Capt.* Forbes Mr. Veevers the Engineer; The Reis el Jeza for Basreh Jamal Beg, Mahd. son H. Ahmed Nema *and* a female, and Naoomy son of Korkis Tessy *and* Rezooki Beshoory with free *return* Ticket)

At 1,,30 landed a Bundle of Specie at Azizieh *and* went on at 1,,35;

At 3,,10 P.M. met the SS Khalifah coming up at Shedief She stopped *and* sent Capt. Forbe's Letters; I received a letter from Henry, he says that he has left my papers *and* letters at Coot, the [p. 204] Khalifah has 385 Passengs in all *and* 230,000 *Okkas*; We went on at 3,,15;

At 5,,30 P.M. passed Memlah At 7,,5 passed the SS. Baghdad *and* Barge going up at Um el Ajaji~ Light N.W. *and* fine clear Weather, Moon 17 days Old;

At 9,,10 arrived at Coot landed 32 passengers (one free) and 75 Packages, Received Henry's letter *and* my Papers *and* a packet of french papers sent by Alexander, We finished *and* remained for the night

8 Friday

Light N.W. *and* fine weather

1898 April

[A47_206.12:138]

At 4,,10 am we left Coot took 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers~

[A47_206.19:139]

At 9,,50 landed 5 passengers at Ali Gherbi *and* took 3 and Went on at 10,,5;

Weather became Cloudy *and* Sultry *and* warm~

At 3,,40 P.M. passed the [p. 205] S.S. Mossul *and* Barge bound up~

At 4,,40 P.M. Arrived at Amara, landed 32 passengers and 34 Packages The river keeps high here,

At 5,,45 left Amara We took 15 Zapties with us as escort this time instead of 5 or 6 as usual, the Khalifah had them also this time, it is on Account of the Arabs of Hassan el Khayoon Sheikh of the Beni Sudd who is still at large at Howeza *and* his nephew who is imprisoned at Nasryeh, Mehelhel they say his Arabs came in Mashoofs in the Marshes some where above Gorna and killed 5 men the Guard of a mud Fort [p. 206] *and* burnt the Huts etc.;

We took 23 passengers~

At 6,,30 we rounded *and* Came to for the night, in broad daylight, weather cloudy all over, Light N.W. breeze,

At 3 A.M. it began to thunder with lightning *and* it rained for about one hour; Weather remained cloudy

At 5 A.M. we proceeded from Above Aboo Sedra;

Fresh N. *Easterly* wind blowing, At 8,,50 got jammed at the bank, in the Elbow the Wind blowing strong *and* had to take out an Anchor *and* hove her off the bank; We found that 3 Arms of the Port Wheel were bent *and* broken *and* had to remain to repair them, The Wind blowing a Strong N. *Easterly and* then North all the time; We are just in the bend of the Elbow;~ At 5 P.M. they finished the repair of the wheel; and we tried to get underway but she touched the Shoal [p. 207] at the lower Eastern point of the Elbow *and* grounded took ropes on the Opposite bank from fore *and* Aft, the Wind still blowing Strong and the sun has set, So we remained for the night;

It blew fresh N.W. through the night till Midnight;

Easter Sunday Light N.W. breeze *and* fine weather~

At 5 A.M. we left the Elbow the river has overflowed in some parts *and* formed marshes,

At 6,,15 passed Azair, The attack by the Arabs of Hassan Khayoon a few days ago as I have mentioned the day before, was below Azair *and* above Hmeyan, on the Guard of a mud fort and Killed 4 Shebanas *and* one Zaptieh;~

At 9 landed 5:30 passengers at Gorna *and* went on at 9,,5,

At 0,,45 P.M. arrived at Basreh~ The Mail Steamer [p. 208] "Patna" in quarantine *and* will leave on Tuesday, she has had 2 Cases of Plague on board on her way up one died at Bunder

9 Saturday

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[A47_208_17:140]

[A47_208_20:141]

10 Sunday

1898 April

[A47_210_19:142]

Abbass *and* the Other a Lascar of the steamer died on board; The SS. Afghanistan is also here in Quarantine arrived 2 days ago; I had sent Alexander's letter to the Post Office thinking the mail was going to start today but when I heard that she will leave on Tuesday Morning I took the letter back so as to put the Bill I am taking from Rufail for 200 *francs* which he owes me 161 $\frac{1}{2}$ for the Paris Exhibition of 1900 *and* the rest I am paying him, he takes a Bill from Asfar in Marseilles; Roofail *and* Rezooki came on board *and* then we went up called on Jeboary Asfar I gave him the Bundle of Carpet I am sending to my niece Effie at Cairo to the Care of Savon Bazin [p. 209] at Port Said per S.S. Afghanistan leaving Basreh on the 1st of May; We then went up to Rufails house, where I dined *and* slept with them;

11 *Monday*

Light N.W. *and* fine Weather at 7 A.M. I came on board, the Ship is getting crowded with passengers all nearly are Bahrenis pilgrims, they filled the Deck *and* We are packing them as close as possible, at noon, the passengers who were in quarantine of last week's mail came also about 100 of them, some are Persians, Arabs etc., also Mr. Berk *and* his wife who was in Baghdad with Pttmann the merchants *and* had gone to Europe last Year after we had left, and married the Sister of Dr. Hesse's Wife who had come up with us about three trips ago~ [p. 210]

We finished the Cargo at 3:30 P.M., flood made about 4:30 a Very crowdy Ship We have this time; Rufail Rezooki *and* Rezooki Angourly called for an hour; We received the Mail at 4:30

Basreh to Baghdad [11 APR 1898 — V047_24_N]

Passengers	<i>Okkas</i>	G. S. Piasters	Draft	
582	100,586	36,130 $\frac{1}{2}$	4,,8	

At 5 P.M. We proceeded from Basreh, ship is drawing 4,,5
Flood tide just running up with us;~ Light N.W. and fine cool
Weather; the deck is crammed with passengers, they are mostly
all Bahrein Arabs;~

At 10,,30 landed 5 passengers at Gorna *and* went on at 10,,35

At 11,,40 We anchored for the night~ Fine weather *and* moon
light night~

At 4,,30 *A.M.* we proceeded Fine weather *and* light N.W.
breeze,

At 7,,45 passed Azair

I finished with the [p. 211] Passengers tickets;

We have altogether 434 passengers (7 in 1st Class, Mr. *and*
Mrs. Berk who came out Via Bombay, he married the Sister of
Mrs. Hesse, Naoomy Korkis *and* Rezooki Beshoory returning
with us with their free *return* Ticket, and Rezooki Beshoory's
wife and her Aunt paying, also the Subadar of the Residency
Sipoys with through 2nd Class but put him in 1st Class and 3
Bahrein women in 2nd Class Cabin)~ 26 Sepoys with *through*
Tickets

At 0,,10 P.M. landed 4 passengers at Kalat Saleh and went on
at 0,,15~

At 5,,15 PM. arrived at Amara landed 10 passengers and the 15
Zaptyeh~ An awful crowd of Passengers rushed on board with
their Kit Arabs Madans, Turks *and* their Kit *and* Confusion so
pressed that it is undiscrivable *and* such that I never [p. 212]
saw the like of it, people were throwing themselves every where
below; Wives of Medan Sheikhs and their followers all put down
in the passages everywhere, The Mufettish of the Senyeh
Ahmed Yawer Effendi and his followers *and* all his house Kit

12 *Tuesday*

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[A47_212.11:143]

[A47_213.04:144]

[A47_213.07:145]

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furniture, Goats, Sheep, and fowels, in great quantity, he took a 1st Class Cabin We were trampled under foot; Nobody on board seems to check the rush,

We shipped 6 Tons of Coal *and* a lot of Cargo as Rice, Skins, Tins of Ghee etc.;

We took again 5 Tons more of Coal so as not to stop at Coot *and* go alongside, as we cannot take any more passengers~

13 *Wednesday*

At 8,,40 left Amara; At 10,,45 We touched the shoal bank *and* nearly grounded [p. 213] but backed off *and* went on at 11~

Light N.W. *and* fine clear and Cool Weather, The river is rising it has reached the top of the banks~ At 4,,45 passed Ali Sherghi~

Gave tickets to the Amara passengers; we have 146 (2 in 1st Class Cabin Ahmed Yawer Effendi the Inspector of the Senyeh *and* his wife)

At 11 A.M. landed 3 passengers at Ali Gherbi *and* took one *and* went on at 11,,5;

14 *Thursday*

Rezooki Maghak
Kasperkhan died on
9th *Instante*;~

At 4,,10 P.M. passed Sheikh Saad;

At 0,,20 A.M. arrived at Coot, we did not go alongside so as not to get any more passengers, we landed 4 passengers in our Boat, I sent Henry's letter *and* papers, We went on at 0,,30 am

Light S. *Easterly* breeze and fine~ The river is falling [p. 214]

At 8,,55 passed Memlah, We passed the S.S. Ressafah *and* Barge going down at 2:30 am this morning;

At 3,,15 P.M. We met the S.S. Khalifah coming down We stopped and sent her our Specie for Coot which we did not deliver last night, and we went on from Zeljeh at 3,,25, I received a letter from Henry, they have only 30,000 *Okkas* of Cargo and 70 passengers; Henry tells me that Rezooki son of Maghak Kasperkhan died on the 9th *Instante* from an ulcer in the Stomach;

At 6,,15 P.M. passed Azizieh the rest of the mud houses are getting eaten away by the river;

At 10,,15 P.M. passed Baghdadieh Fort~ Light S. *Easterly* breeze *and* fine,

15 *Friday*

1898 April

[A47.217-10:146]

Dr. Rozen German Consul
1898 April

At 6,,15 A.M. passed the S.S. Mossul *and* Barge going up [p. 215] she is about 19 days from Basreh *and* the Khalifah passed her yesterday noon at Baghdadieh, River has fallen about 4 feet~ Clouds hanging on~

At 8 passed Ctesiphon, the river has fallen much nearly 6 feet;

At 10.55 passed Diala River~

Today is just one year since we left Baghdad for Europe with my wife and son Alexander;

At 12 am I landed at Gherrara and found a Donkey of Baghdad of M^r Berk Pttmam's Clerk came to meet Mr. Berk I rode it in *and* got home at 1 P.M. Very Warm all the way, found Eliza well, I found one letter from Alexander of last Thursday's Post, dated the 18 *Ultimo*, he is well *and* writes of his [p. 216] leaving for Vienna at the end of this month, but he prefers returning by the desert Via Aleppo as he dislikes the sea *and* asks my permission to allow him to do that. I also received a letter from Mr. Joseph Khoury from Port Said thanking me for the dates I sent him,

The Blossie Lynch arrived at 2 P.M.~

At 3 Eliza *and* I went to Call on Alice *and* Sister Emilia *and* on Sister Eliza for the holydays of Easter *and* we returned at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ~ Antone Marine called on us for a Couple of hours~

A New German Consul Dr. Rozen has arrived here in place of Mr. Richarz he came on the 6th *Instante* - Via Damascus, and [p. 217] the rumour here is that Richarz will not return again to Baghdad~ At 7 P.M. the Postman came *and* brought me Alexanders letter by the Damascus Post arrived this Afternoon it is dated the 25 *Ultimo*, he is alright, but the weather is still Very Cold and he proposes to me to take a different route to Vienna he wishes to go Via Lyon, Milan, Venice *and* so on which Costs 148 francs

Light S. *Easterly and* warm weather, it is so warm in the room to sleep;

S. *Easterly* breeze *and* fine but warm weather; The SS. Mossul arrived last night at 10 P.M.

At 7 A.M. I came on board, sent money [p. 218] to the Office *and* I went also to see Mr. Bottomley, he has made a new tarif for the Jews going to Azair this year, the Passage there *and* back will be 4 Mejdies (15 Besh. instead of 13 Beshlics) and a different tickets (White) will be issued to them so as to facilitate their finding them out at once if they land at any of the intermediate places, where they have to pay passage should they be found there etc. etc; I came home at 11, I took a warm bath without the fire place been light, as it is getting too warm now;

Weather Cloudy, and at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. a very hard shower of rain came which has innundated the house *and* streets with thunder and lightning for about $\frac{1}{2}$ hour, *and* Kept Cloudy *and* strong N.W. Wind; [p. 219]

at about 6 Dr. Rozen the New German Consul Came to Call on me, I had never seen him yet I found him Very nice person affable and speaks french and English very fluently, also the Arabic very correctly and spoke with Eliza, he Comes Via Damascus *and* Palmyra *and* Deir; He met Mr. Richarz at Deir going Via Aleppo *and* Alexandretta to *Constantinople* he left after $\frac{1}{2}$ hour *and* I promised to go *and* visit him tomorrow~ Weather unsettled with Thunder *and* Lightning in the distance but got fine at night;

16' *Saturday*

[A47.219.04:147]

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[A47.220.04:148]

[A47.220.12:149]

Sunday 17'

Moderate N.W. *and* fine Cool weather at 8 A.M. Eliza *and* I went to Church, I then called on the french Priests, on Bishop Aghnatius, Father Philippus; Selman Durian, Keboor Maghak, Yacoob Tessi; Sister Medula, [p. 220] *and* took Artin *and* Grzeski *and* called on Risha Maghak to Condole him on the death of his brother Rezooki who left a wife *and* 4 children; Called on Menusha Henry's Wife, on Rezooki Serkis *and* on Yacoob Pahlawan's family came home had breakfast At 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. Called on Alice *and* then went to visit Dr. Rozen but he was out riding; I left my card, I called on Sister Eliza, *and* at 4 called on Colonel Loch the English Consul General, had tea with him *and* had long talks, he wishes to know all sorts of information from me, I left at 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ *and* called on Yousif *and* Michail Yaghchi *and* came home;

18' *Monday*
1898 April

Fine Cool Weather~

Moderate N.W. *and* fine rather Cold weather~ at 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ [p. 221] am I came on board, we finished discharge and hauled off, *and* the Mossul Went in to discharge;

At 10 I went home *and* wrote my letter to Alexander for Thursday's Post~ I wrote a letter to Blanche the widow of my brother Alexander at *Constantinople* in answer to her letter I received last voyage, *and* sent it with today's Post for *Constantinople* ~ At 3 P.M. Eliza *and* I called on *Capt. and* Mrs. Cowley but Cowley was asleep we left at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ *and* called on Alice *and* spent the evening till 8 P.M. *and* came home; Fine Cool weather~

19' *Tuesday* Th. @ 5.52

The S.S. Baghdad left yesterday for Basreh~

Light N.W. *and* fine Cool weather~ At 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ A.M. I called on Sister Medula *and* then came on board~ The Mossul is inside discharging Cargo~ [p. 222]

At 11 Went home *and* at 2:30 P.M. came on board, We shipped very little Cargo,

At 4 Went home; Pere Marie Joseph called on me; Antone Marine called in the evening till 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ~ Light N.W. *and* fine Cool Weather~

20th *Wednesday*
1898 April

River is rising today~ I had masons today in repairing the wall on the narrow street, *and* also in my small house behind;

Light N.W. *and* fine Cool Morning; At 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ A.M. I Came on board; We are shipping Cargo~

I closed Alexander's letter for Paris *and* made it registered as it contains a letter from some one from Europe with stamps in it; also a letter for Mr. J Böhm Vienna *and* sent them to the Post Office~

River rose about $\frac{1}{2}$ foot today, at 11 went home; Shemooni Korkis Tessy *and* her son Yousif's Wife were there~ I breakfasted *and* [p. 223] Came on board at 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ~

We shipped a good deal of through cargo, but little of local;~ At 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. I went home, took Eliza *and* went over to Antone Marine *and* passed the evening, at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ came home *and* had dinner

Light N.W. *and* fine Weather

21st *Thursday*

Moderate N.W. Wind *and* fine Cool Weather, at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ am I came on board~

Baghdad to Basreh [21 APR 1898 — V047_25_S]

Passengers	<i>Okkas</i>	G. S. Piasters	Draft	
135 $\frac{1}{2}$	50,799	10,712 $\frac{2}{4}$	3,,10	

[A47_225_02:150]

[A47_225_07:151]

At 5 *A.M.* we proceeded from Baghdad~

1898 April

At 6,,40 passed Diala River~

[A47_226_04:152]

At 7,,45 passed Ctesiphon, Gave tickets to the passengers

At 11,,45 passed Baghdadiéh Fort~

We have 116 passengers, (2 are in the 1st Class, the Jamadar of the Sepoys of the Residency [p. 224] having a 2nd *Class* ticket, and Hannosh Kass Hanna Clerk of Lynch free, and 2 women in 2nd Class, the wife *and* sister of an Armenian Clerk of Lynch at Mahomera called Basil his wife has free passage) We have 24 Sipoyes of the Residency returning being relieved~

At 1,,10 P.M. passed the S.S. Khalifah going up at Raddat;

At 1,,25 passed Azizieh A very strong N.W. Wind is, blowing~

At 5,,40 passed Memlah Wind fell down;

At 8,,55 P.M. Arrived at Coot landed 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers and 56 Packages; I received Henry's letters *and* My papers *and* also a packet of news papers from Alexander; The SS. Khalifah had 180,750 *Okkas* and 361 passengers without those from Coot, she had 10 in 1st Class the 3 wives [p. 225] of Yacoob, Yousif *and* Artin Eassayi, Mr. Wroblewsky Inspector for Public Debt, Mr. Vivien Inspector of the Règie; The Kady of Basreh *and* his wife Abdulkadur Zheir; Ali Beg Zheir etc. 10 in all, *and* also Capt. Sanders of the Afghanistan going free *and* sleeping in *Capt.* Hanslow's Cabin~ The SS. Patna which was to leave on the 12th (the day after we had left) was detained until the 18th having first got permission to land the passengers *and* then were retaken on board and sent back~

22 *Friday*

Light N.W. *and* fine Weather at 4,,30 am we left Coot, took 2 passengers,

[A47_227_16:153]

[A47_227_22:154]

At 10,,20 passed Ali Gherbi~

At 5 P.M. arrived at Amara landed 18 passengers *and* [p. 226]
81 packages~

At 4,,30 the SS. Ressafah *and* Barge arrived from Basreh,

At 5,,50 We left Amara took 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers~

At 6,,45 we anchored above Aboo Sedra, Fine weather, *and* new moon today~ We have also 15 Zapties as escort to Basreh;

Light N.W. *and* fine weather At 4,,35 *A.M.* We proceeded At 6,,30 passed Kalat Saleh;

Detained 10 minutes at the Elbow in turning the narrow bend;

At Hmeyan there are about 30 or 40 soldiers encamped

At 9,,35 passed Azair, here also there are some soldiers encamped, they were sent from Basreh up in the Ressafah on the 17th they say about 200 were sent to be distributed on the stations to keep the road safe~

At 0,,10 P.M. landed 6 [p. 227] passengers at Gorna and Went on at 0,,15~

At 4 P.M. arrived at Basreh, the SS. Afghanistan is up here from the quarantine after having passed 10 days,

The Mail *Steamer* Kilwa is in quarantine having arrived today *and* leaves tomorrow I went up to Rufail and Rezooki, I saw there Rezooki Angoorly *and* his brother Toni they were going up to shoot at Garmat Ali, *and* return tomorrow~ I feel very bad having changed my inside woolen flannel this morning *and* put on a Cotton one *and* so got cold in the chest *and* bones. I feel feverish *and* coughing all the time with much irritation in Chest, I suffered much at night besides there were plenty of sand flies~ [p. 228]

Very Calm *and* fine Weather at 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ *A.M.* Roofail Rezooki *and* I left to come on board *and* thence to go to town and Visit Takoohy their Sister *and* also Nessoory Andrea and Catterina Yaghchi but we learnt that the Blossie Lynch leaves today, as the Post Office will be opened today to close the Bombay Mail, *and* we want to pass the Ressafah on her way up because the Moharrem Holyday falls on next Sunday *and* the Custum House will be closed for four days; So I remained on board; We are discharging and shipping Cargo~

I sent Alexander's letter to the Post with Rezooki it is Registered I enclosed a Bank note of 100 *francs* for him, it is dated today and addressed it to Vienna [p. 229] to the Care of Mr. Böhm,

I received a packet of french news papers by yesterday's Mail from Alexander, dated from the 19 to the 25 March, he enclosed 2 packets of needles for his mother as she had asked him to send her~

23 *Saturday*

1898 April

[A47_229_15:155]

24th *Sunday*

1898 April

The weather became very warm today the *Thermal* went up to 86 in the afternoon, No body came to me except Ali Beg Saib and Nessoory Andrea~

The Kilwa left for Bombay at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ P.M.~ We finished Cargo at 4; Not having many passengers~

Basreh to Baghdad [24 APR 1898 — V047_26_N]

Passengers	<i>Okkas</i>	G. S. Piasters	Draft	
189 $\frac{1}{2}$	164,551	13,670 $\frac{1}{2}$	4,,11	

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[A47_231_25:157]

At 5,,20 P.M. We left Basreh *and* proceeded~

The SS. Baghdad and Barge left about $\frac{1}{2}$ hour before us; we passed [p. 230] her at 6 P.M. above Maghil, Flood tide running up with us; Weather keeps very warm *and* Cabin calm~ Passed the Mossul going down @ 6.P.

At 11,,30 P.M. passed Gorna Weather became little cooler,

25th *Monday*

1898 April

At 1,,15 am we anchored At 4,,30 proceeded, Very calm *and* light S. *Easterly* breeze, cloudy *and* warm~

[A47_232_04:158]

At 7 we passed Azair, The Soldiers encamped here, are making a place above the Tomb on the bank, an elevated place *and* throwing earth to make it streight so as to encamp there; It is very warm in My Cabin, being so close to the Boiler *and* the sun striking on it~

I finished with the Passengers tickets; We have in all 148 $\frac{1}{2}$ (2 in 1st Class, a Mahomedan Seyd Ahmed, and Hayat the Wife of Yousif Dyab [p. 231] an Aleppine Lawyer in Basreh, she was the wife of Mr. Bore a Portuguese apothecary died in Basreh and one in 2nd Class the wife of Polus Abbo~

At 11,,30 landed 5 passengers at Kalat Saleh *and* went on at 11,,35~

At 4,,30 P.M. arrived at Amara landed 9 passengers, S. *Easterly* breeze *and* warm We took in 6 Tons of Coal, and shipped some Cargo as Hides *and* Tins of ghee about 5585 *Okkas*~ Ibrahim Effendi of the Senyeh came to me,

At 6,,5 We left Amara took 14 passengers;

26 *Tuesday Therm @ 5,,70*

Light S. *Easterly* breeze and Cloudy all over, warm *and* the flies are swarming in the ship *and* my cabin is full~

At 7 A.M. sent the boat at Ali Gherbi *and* took 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ [p. 232] passengers *and* went on at 7,,10~ Weather Keeps very cloudy *and* sultry warm with a light wind from S. or S. West; River has fallen about 2 feet *and* is about 4 feet below the bank;

At 6,,45 P.M. arrived at Coot landed 6 passengers; We took 5 Tons of Coal~

Weather cleared up and became fine~

At 7,,50 we left Coot; At 10,,45 We anchored having Got cloudy all around~

At 4 A.M. proceeded~ Light S. *Easterly* breeze *and* clouds disappearing;

I took a dose of Castor Oil this morning early at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ as I have felt billious and bowels out of order, I had not taken it for a year,

We took 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers from Coot~

River is falling much, [p. 233]

At 9 A.M. passed Memlah, Wind shifted to a fresh N.W. but it is hazy~

At 5,,50 P.M. passed Azizieh fine Clear Weather~

At 9,,40 passed Baghdadiéh Fort~ Light N.W. *and* fine weather, Cool night;

Light N.W. *and* fine Cool weather The river has fallen a good deal it is about 10 feet below the bank;

At 6,,35 passed Ctesiphon At 7,,10 passed the S.S. Khalifah at Menary, she looks to have very few Jews for Azair,

At 9,, passed Diala, landed our Khatrachi Hamza here to go *and* get the horse of our Pilot Mahmood to ride it out to Meshed for a pilgrimage tomorrow *and* will return on Wednesday *and* We Went on at 9,,5~

At 10 we passed the SS., Ressafah *and* Barge going [p. 234] up just below the bridge of Gherrarah, We had met her at Amara on our way down;

At 10,,20 landed a Deckman at Gherrarah, I did not land, as I feel rather weak from the Castor Oil I took yesterday *and* besides I find the sun too not;

At 0 45 P.M. landed the Mail at the Residency *and* steamed to the Custum House, I landed near the Residency *and* Called on Sister Eliza for few minutes *and* came home saw Eliza, I got Alexander's letter dated 31 *March* of last weeks Post, he says that he is leaving his lodging *and* with Ibrahim Gejou on the 1st *Instante* *and* going to live in the Hotel of Pas de Calais in no. 59 Rue des St Pères where we were living *and* he is very well; I also received a letter from R. Korkis *and* [p. 235] one from Mr. J. Böhm from Vienna he has received the Copies of My

27 Wednesday
1898 April

28 Thursday Therm @ 5.64
Noon 84
[A47_235_21:159]
1898 April

Passport legalized *and* Rezoooki Korkis has sent the 20 £
Sterling to Alexander;~

I called on Alice *and* Sister Emilia for one hour~

The SS. Ressafah arrived at 3 P.M.~

S. *Easterly* Wind blew during the night strong~

S. *Easterly* breeze *and* warm weather, at 7 A.M. called on Menusha *and* then came on board, I went to the Office for some pounds sterling for wages, but I could not see Mr. Bottomley he was at *Colonel Loch*~ We are not leaving until Friday next, at 11 came home~ I took a warm bath; weather unsettled blowing S.W. *and* then shifted to N.W. with a Squall [p. 236] *and* dust; Antone Marine *and* Artin my nephew called on us; Johny my nephew has obtained 15 days leave of Absence on account of his suffering from weakness and has gone out for a change to Aboo Ghureib Felloojeh *and* then down to Hilla~

The Chaldean Patriarch Abed Yshoh has arrived here on Monday last from Mossul in a Kelek to stay about 6 months to finish the building of the Church which was begun since 4 or 5 years *and* remained unfinished for want of fund, he is an Old Man of 75 *and* Very clever, speaking several European languages he has the decoration [p. 237] of the Mejidieh Class, and the Christians here made a great pomp *and* show when he came into town from the Kellek at Moaddem The Government sent an escort of few Zptyeh's to accompany him, He called on the Waly *and* Mushir *and* they returned him the visit, he leaves in the house of Demarki which belonged formerly;~

Moderate N.W. *and* fine weather at 8 A.M. I came on board the Blossie is discharging Cargo, The river is rising; I went on shore called on Sister Eliza *and* came home,

Weather getting very warm, unable to sleep in the room *and* bear warm clothing; I called on Grzesky but he was going out to Madem where my sister Medula [p. 238] *and* Juliatti's family are leaving in a Garden for a few days;~

Light N.W. *and* fine clear weather; at 7:30 A.M. Eliza *and* I went to church, but our church's mass was getting late, so Artin [crossed out]my nephew *and* myself went to the Chaldean Church *and* heard mass, I then called on the Chaldean Patriarch Abed Yshoa I found him a nice person very talkative *and* amusing, I called on the Assyrian Bishop his brother Elias has arrived from Deir two days ago; I called on Antone, Yacoob Oossy, Dowd Khalaf, the Eassayis as Yacoob *and* his wife are going to start for Europe Via Aleppo; on thursday; called on Yousif Hannosh Tessy and Yousif Korkis; at 2 P.M. I [p. 239] went to Sister Eliza *and* took Artin *and* went to call on the Mushir Rejeb Pasha in the Garden of Moolla Hamadi but he was not there having gone out to near Moaddem in the morning *and* will be back at sunset We left our carols; we called on Monsr. Ronèt the french Consul *and* was not at home, left our cards~ Called on Alice *and* Sister Emilia *and* then came home~

29 Friday

Chaldean Patriarch Aleed
Yshoa arrived on 25th
1898 April

30' Saturday

[A47.239.10:160]

[A47.239.16:161]

May 1' Sunday

1898 May

[A47.240.04:162]

2' *Monday*

New Waly for Basreh, Anis Pasha

1898 May

Seyd Selman Effendi

Nakib of Baghdad died

Light N.W. *and* fine;

S. *Easterly* breeze *and* warm morning~ at 7 A.M. I came on board paid the Ships company their wages for April~

The new Waly for Basreh Anis Pasha, arrived yesterday down in Kelek from Mossul [p. 240] he comes from Constanple Via Aleppo, Urfa, Diarbekir *and* Mossul; This is the same Anis Pasha who was Governor of Diarbekir 2 years Ago, during the Armenian Massacre there, encouraged by him *and* he remained inactive, *and* the french Consul there wired to the french Ambassador Mons Cambon, the latter went immediately to the Sultan *and* complained very strongly *and* demanded the immediate dismissal of Anis Pasha *and* to stop the massacre, which he did, *and* there was no further bloodshed; Now he has been appointed to Basreh, but the English *and* french Governments are opposed to it; The English Ambassador Sir Philip Currie protested strongly to the Sultan regarding his being appointed Wali at Basreh~ This afternoon Mr. Bottomley sent to tell me [p. 241] that the Wali is going down with us, *and* the Halai Beg *and* Ali Beg son of Kassem Pasha who came from Basreh to meet him, had gone to the office to engage Cabins and wants me to reserve 5 Cabins for him *and* his family *and* *servant* *and* to let him know the amount of passage as per List he sent me, I wrote down the passage, they will be about 20 persons~

At 2 P.M. called on Henry's wife *and* came back at 4

The Nakib of Baghdad Seyd Selman Effendi son of Seyd Ali Effendi died this morning at 6 A.M. in his Garden outside the town at Kerradah, *and* his body brought in to town *and* buried in the Mosque of Sheikh Abdulkadur el Ghelany, where his family are buried, his illness is through his habit of a Sedentary [p. 242] life he spent *and* did nothing but eat *and* sleep, he was so fat, *and* his heart failed to act; he was about 61 or 62 years Old; Great pomp *and* ceremony took place during his funeral in bringing him from the Garden to town, the desert was crammed with people *and* all the Turkish Pashas *and* Officials *and* Nobility were out with some guards escorting *and* number of carriages,

It is expected that his brother Seyd Abdulrahman Effendi will be appointed Nakib here~

At 5 P.M. Eliza *and* I went to see Sister Medula *and* Grzeski who came in from the Moaddam Garden today, Menusha *and* Louisa also were there, at 8 we came home~

3' *Tuesday*

1898 May

[A47.244.04:163]

Light N.W. *and* fine Weather

Light N.W. *and* fine cool morning; at 7:30 am I called on Eliza Eram *and* Adoola my cousins~ [p. 243]

I also called on Antone Marine for an hour *and* came home~ The Chaldean Patriarch Aleed Yshoa called on us, he has been to Europe *and* speaks french *and* Italian but I think not so well;~

Light N.W. *and* fine, but warm during the day~

The Wali of Basreh Anis Pasha is not going down with us; he is going in the Ressafah, *and* they are going to allow her to discharge her cargo tomorrow in the Custum House so as to leave on Friday morning;

4 *Wednesday*

Light N.W. *and* fine~ This is the fourth *and* last day of the Holyday of Moharrem

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At 7 A.M. I came on board, The Ressafah got alongside the wharf *and* begun discharging her Cargo~ River is falling,

At 10 I left *and* went to the Telegraph *and* Post Office called on Mr. Julieti the chief [p. 244] Inspector, and saw Naoomi Dimitry the Postmaster for foreign posts to enquire the cause why I did not receive any letter but this last Post, he said that most of the letters had not arrived;~ I left *and* came home~ The Assyrian Bishop Called on us~ At 4 P.M. Eliza *and* I called on Sister Eliza, there came Emilia and Alice *and* we remained till 8:30 *and* came home;

Light N.W. *and* fine Weather;

5 *Thursday*

Moderate N.W. *and* fine; it was cloudy during the night;

1898 May

At 7 A.M. I came on board,

[A47_246.12:166]

[A47_246.15:167]

I finished *and* closed Alexander's letter to Vienna to be registered by todays Damascus Post also Effie's letter to Cairo dated the 21 April which I had not sent until I got Asfar's receipt for the Carpet I sent her per S.S. Afghanistan~ I sent a small parcel of 6 Arabic reed pens to Yacoob Eassayi to take them to Alexander to Vienna as he intends [p. 245] passing through with his wife, they leave on Saturday, via Aleppo~

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[A47_247.05:169]

At 10 I went home to breakfast, I received 2 letters from Alexander by the arrival of the Damascus Mail this morning, of the 8 *and* 15 April, also a packet of news papers; Alexander had gone to live in the Hotel at Rue des St Pères where we were living, and took a room at 60 *francs* per month, the one which Ibrahim Gejou had; but he has left it after few days as they wanted to charge him $\frac{1}{2}$ *francs* on each candle *and* he took a room at no 7 Boulevard Strasbourg; Rezooki Korkis had come to Paris to spend Easter Sunday;

At 11 I came on board~ I wrote a short letter to Alexander just telling him of the receipt of his two letters~

We hauled out at 3, and received the Mail *and* letters, [p. 246] The ship is very light and we have about 13,000 *Okkas*;

Weather Cloudy *and* Moderate N.W. Wind;

Baghdad to Basreh [5 MAY 1898 — V047_27_S]

Passengers	<i>Okkas</i>	G. S. Piasters	Draft	
161	17,062	12,436	3,6	

1898 May

At 3,,45 P.M. left Baghdad At 5,,5 passed the S.S. Baghdad *and* Barge below Gherrara,

At 5,,30 passed Diala River~

At 6,,30 passed Ctesiphon, Finished with the passengers tickets; Weather very warm in the Cabin~ At 7 passed the Mossul going up.

We have an American Missionary Mr. John Ainslie his wife *and* 2 children and the nun Miss Maclain who came down from Mossul *and* going to America, also Madm. Paduani *and* her daughter *and* a Jewess to Azair all these in 1st Class, also Yousif [p. 247] Yaghchi going down free to meet his mother Catterina *and* his sister Terrooza coming up in the Khalifah, we have Altogether 137 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers,

At 10,,50 passed Baghdadieh Fort~ Fine moonlight night

Light N.W. *and* fine~

6 Friday

At 0,,25 A.M. passed Azizieh~

At 4,,30 passed Memlah, At 5,,45 met the Khalifah coming up at Mehd; We stopped *and* sent Yousif Yaghchi to her who came down to meet his mother *and* sister, we went on at 5,,50~

At 8,,25 A.M. arrived at Coot landed 24 passengers and 30 Packages; Received Henry's letters *and* papers, *and* a packet of french papers from Alexander; the Khalifah had 205,000 *Okkas* *and* over 150 passengers~ [p. 248]

At 9,,5 left Coot took 14 passengers~

At 0,,50 P.M. passed Sheikh Saad;

At 3,,20 P.M. anchored off Ali Gherbi *and* landed 1 Passenger and 22 Packages~

7 Saturday

1898 May

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1898 May

New Waly

At 4,,5 left Ali Gherbi took one passenger;~

At 11 arrived at Amara landed 28 passengers and 13 packages; shipped 21 Bales Pressed Hides through to Marseilles for the SS. Kurdistan for Asfar *and* Co;~ We hauled out *and* remained for the night

At 3,,15 A.M. left Amara took 8 passengers~ Light N.W. breeze *and* fine,

Detained at the Elbow ship swung across the bite *and* jammed her stern *and* bow on each bank from 7,,45 to 8,,15~

At 9,,25 went Alongside at Azair and landed 52 $\frac{1}{2}$ Jews (50 with *return* Ticket)

The Soldiers about 100 of [p. 249] them, are encamped farther up the Tomb under 11 Tents pitched,

At 10,,10 we left, weather became calm, *and* few clouds on South *and* West;

At 0,,55 P.M. landed 4 passengers at Gorna (2 booked for Basreh) went on at 1;

At 4,,45 landed Stores for the Mejidieh at Maghil and went on at 5; Very Warm sultry *and* clouds~

At 5,,20 P.M. arrived at Basreh, the Mail S. Assyria and the SS. Brookside for Hotz *and* Co are in Quarantine having both arrived on Tuesday Mr. Taylor arrived in the Brookside *and* landed at Mahomerah to finish his quarantine *and* go up to Ahwaz; but I heard that he came up in the Malamir to as far as the quarantine *and* went back this morning to Ahwaz *and* thence up to Shushter *and* as far [p. 250] as Ispahan *and* Teheran, to construct the road for the caravan *and* eventually a railroad will be opened; The Lynchs have appointed him as head of their firm in Basreh *and* Baghdad, and a joint partner, with the power of Authorization, which he got registered in the English Consulate;

As the Mail is closed, I sent my letter to Alexander of tomorrow's date with Vartan *and* Capt. Cowley who went down to the Mail *Steamer* Assyria with our mail *and* specie,

Yousif Marine who was in Basreh came to me, *and* I went with him in the Belem, I landed at Asfar *and* he went up to Shadeyeh, I found Rufail *and* Rezooki there, we spent about 2 hours *and* then went to Rufails house where we dined *and* I slept in the room, but Rufail *and* Rezooki are sleeping on the top of the house; Weather very [p. 251] Sultry warm *and* light breeze

8 Sunday

S. *Easterly* wind cloudy Sultry *and* warm~ The mail Steamer Assyria left early this morning

At 7 A.M. I came down to the Blossie Lynch, we are shipping cargo, *and* have to leave tomorrow~

At 11 Rezooki *and* I went in to Basreh called on Tookyeh *and* her husband Rezooki *and* at 2 P.M. came out to the steamer;~
 At 4 we then went up to Rufails house, and at 6 we all came to Jeboory Asfar where we dined *and* returned at 10 P.M.; A fine *Moderate* N.W. wind is blowing, but there are a lot of sandflies *and* some mosquitoes~

Moderate N.W. *and* fine Weather, The steam Launches passed up at 6 A.M. with all the Basreh officials *and* nobility to Meet the Waly Enis Pasha coming down in the Ressafah, but soon after they met her at Maghil coming down [p. 252] *and* they all returned in the Ressafah which arrived at 6:30 A.M. I came on board by this time all the Troops turned out to salute on this side of the river *and* on the opposite side where some are encamped;

We have finished loading since Yesterday; No news of the Mail *Steamer* from Bushire, *and* so we have no mail to take up as the Khalifah had taken ours too,~

A lot of people came on board mostly all Christians it appears that they are all leaving Basreh, being afraid of the fever, last time with us *and* the time before, *and* by the Khalifah The families of the Clerks of Lynch Brothers going with us all in Cabins Aft *and* free, With their servants children etc. etc~

Rufail Rezooki *and* R. Angoorly *and* Ali Beg came on board this latter has shipped [p. 253] a Mare *and* Sais with us free, through Mahd Pachiachi who obtained a free passage for them~

9 Monday

Enis Pasha arrived at Basreh

1898 May

Basreh to Baghdad [9 MAY 1898 — V047_28_N]

Passengers 266	<i>Okkas</i> 160,386	G. S. Piasters 19,864	Draft 5,,1	
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At 4,,45 P.M. We proceeded from Basreh~ Ship is deeply laden, Flood tide high but slack; At Maghil landed Mr. Richards the Acting Agent for Lynch Brothers *and* others;

Very warm in my cabin the heat from the Engineroom is coming like a furnace, My cabin being so close to the Engineroom is the worst in the ship; I am swetting in my bed~

At 10,,50 landed 3 passengers at Gorna *and* went on at 10,,55,

Light N.W. *and* breeze, but in my cabin it is very warm, I could not sleep Well;

At 3,,30 A.M. landed 3 passengers at Azair [p. 254] *and* went on at 3,,35 , took 3 Jews with *return* Ticket (one for Amara~

At 9 stopped for letters at Kalat Saleh sent to Amara by the Motserrif Mostapha Pasha who came down here, *and* we went on;

We have altogether 192 passengers from Basreh (6 are in the 1st Class, one Jew Shamoon Daniel paying *and* the 5 are free they are the Wife of Rezooki Abdulahad Clerk of Lynch *Brothers*, two Sisters *and* 2 servants Deck; and the wife of Yousif Mossully Clerk of *Lynch Brothers* and his father both in Cabin free, *and* 5 after Deck free) We have 2 in 2nd Class, Naoomy Nemo and his wife~

At 11,,30 ship went against the East bank driven by the wind, had to get an Anchor out *and* hove her off *and* went on at 0,,15 P.M. Very Strong N.W. Wind is blowing; [p. 255]

At 3,,25 P.M. arrived at Amara landed 27 passengers, took in 6 tons coal and shipped a lot of Cargo~

At 5,,45 We left Amara having shipped 332 packages or 14445 *Okkas*~ Gave tickets to 34 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers, *Moderate* N.W. *and* fine cool night~

10 *Tuesday*

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[A47_255_14:172]

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1898 May

11 *Wednesday Therm @ 5.*
72 Noon 94

Light N.W. *and* fine Weather,

At 7,,50 A.M. landed 4 passengers at Ali Gherbi *and* went on at 7,,55 took 4 passengers;~ Wind got up again a strong N.W. but hot~

At 2 P.M. passed Sheikh Saad Light breeze *and* fine cool weather

At 9,,15 P.M. arrived at Coot landed 13 passengers took no coal~

12 Thursday Therm @ 5.68

At 10 we left Coot; Fine night *and* Moderate N.W. breeze;

Moderate N.W. *and* fine cool morning~ Detained at Shady in Shoal water [p. 256] from 5 to 5,,15~

At 6 landed a passenger woman at Bughela that had no passage from Coot *and* went on at 6,,10

Gave tickets to 32 $\frac{1}{2}$ Coot passengers;

At 6,,40 passed Memlah; We passed the SS. Baghdad and Barge going down at 3:30 A.M. at Umel Ajaj~ At 7,,15 landed a passenger above Memlah who had no money to pay his passage from Coot~ Wind getting up *and* blowing fresh~

At 4,,15 P.M. passed Azizieh Village which is now getting fast eaten by the river *and* the Mud houses are melting away, The Wind has fallen a little~

At 8 P.M. passed the Fort of Baghdadiéh; Light N.W. *and* fine Cool weather;

Light N.W. breeze *and* fine Weather quite cool this morning.

At 5,,25 A.M. passed [p. 257] Ctesiphon; The Khalifah Could not have left yesterday,

At 6.30 A.M. passed the S.S. Khalifah going down at Zumbaranyeh Island At 8,,20 passed Diala river~

At 9,,50 went alongside at Gherrarah landed a mare from Ali Beg Saib Mudir of Tapo free, to his brother Hamdy Beg the Mufettish Adlyeh in Baghdad, I landed *and* walked in to town; there is a nice cool breeze but the sun became warm toward noon, at 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ I arrived home found Eliza well, I found a letter from Alexander dated the 22 April *and* arrived yesterday, also two telegrams from him, one dated the 3rd May *and* had arrived here on the 6th in which he says

"Svoboda Baghdad,

Partirai 9 Voie Venice,

[p. 258]

The second one dated the 9th *and* arrived here on the 11th the day before he says,

25: 13 Friday Ther @ 5.67

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[A47_259_05:175]

[A47_259_08:176]

1898 May

[A47_260_07:177]

[A47_261_12:178]

"Svoboda Baghdad

Parterai 15 telegrafiez Korkis

me versér 500, Soyez tranquille,

I suppose he wants the money for the Bycicle which he must have bought; I had written to him not to buy one now, as I had arranged with Johny, my nephew to get two out from London one for himself, I did not know what to do, and not having money, just now to advance him so I had to satisfy his wishes, *and* I wrote to Yousif Korkis to let me have a telegram to his brother Rezooki to advance Alexander 20 £ He sent me the following telegram which I sent it at once to be wired;

"Razkallah London

Pay Svoboda 20 pounds

(7 words paid 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ *francs* or G.S.P. 25) Korkis

[p. 259]

The Blossie Lynch arrived at 9,45 P.M.~The S.S. Mossul is here alongside the *Custom* House

Antone called in the evening he told us the sad news of the death of Mrs. Loch the present Consul General, She died in England from an abcess in the liver soon after she arrived or about a month after her arrival there from Baghdad, he received a telegram this morning, *and* he is awfully cut up *and* sorry, she had gone to see her two sons at school *and* was returning in September~

There is lots of fever in Baghdad, every house has got some body with it, Anton's children *and* Henry's children are also down with us; it is the change of weather~ [p. 260] Light N.W. *and* fine cool night, we are sleeping in the big room yet ~

14 *Saturday*

Light N.W. *and* fine weather at 7 A.M. I came on board, The Cargo of the Khalifah having been put into the Barge is now getting discharged

I sent money to the office *and* left the ship, Called on Menusha Henry's wife *and* then went to Naoomy Lasso the Dentist, to make me two front teeth he took the cast of them, I came home; I took a warm bath; weather getting warm; no body has yet gone to sleep on the top of the house, on account of the sickness, fever *and* some sort of influenza~

15 *Sunday*

1898 May

Light *Easterly* breeze *and* calm weather ~ at 8 A.M. Eliza *and* I went to church, I then called on the Assyrian Bishop [p. 261] on Polus Serkis, Shekoory Andrea, Sister Medula Menusha etc.

Antone Marine Hannosh Asfar *and* Habib Chiha called on us also Johnny *and* Arlin *and* Chekoory Sayegh;

At 2 P.M. I called on Antone Marine *and* then we went *and* called on Sister Eliza *and* on Alice *and* Emilia, I left Anton at Alice *and* went to call on Dr. Rozen the German Consul but he was not at home, I left my card, *and* came back to Alice *and* we left at 6 ~

Light N.W. *and* fine weather, At 1:30 am I came on board the Blossie Lynch, she is alongside the wharf to discharge;

The SS Mossul left at about 3:30 am this morning;

At 9 I went home found Sister Medula there; ~ There are such a lot of fever in Baghdad every house [p. 262] is down with it; I feel so very unwell with bones broken *and* aching, head ache, drowsiness *and* always inclining to lay down *and* sleep; I feel so feverish too, this is now more than a week since I have felt so ~

Eliza *and* I called on Catherina Yaghchi; her daughter Terrooza who came up with her from Basreh in the Khalifah has the fever; I called on Eliza *and* Adoola my cousins the latter is very unwell with fever *and* diarrhea;

Artin called in the evening, Light breeze *and* warm;

Colonel Loch sent me his card *and* thanking for my sympathy for his grief ~

Light or calm weather At 4:30 am I came on board we are discharging cargo, [p. 263]

I went home at 11; Weather got very warm *and* calm with light S. *Easterly* breeze;.

My sisters Eliza *and* Emilia also Alice *and* Terrooza called on us this afternoon;

Weather kept very warm through the night;

Light S. *Easterly* breeze *and* warm at 7 A.M. I came on board,

I finished Alexander's letter to Vienna for tomorrow's post of Damascus *and* told him every thing since I left Basreh on the 9th; I also wrote to R. Korkis to London telling him about the 500 *francs* telegram sent by his brother to pay Alexander

At 11 went to breakfast *and* returned at 12;

I have carpenters at home for the last 30 days working in making me a new railings on the top of the House made Jawi wood; [p. 264]

The Damascus Post has just arrived when Hamadi had taken my letters to be posted *and* he brings me only a Postal Card from Alexander written by him from the top of the Eiffel Tower on Sunday the 24 April, where he had gone to visit it for the last time, *and* he sent me a list of the Lottery in an Envelop,

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18 Wednesday Therm @
5.73
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and no letter from him, it must have again been left behind some where;

At 3 P.M. I received a telegram from Alexander from Vienna dated yesterday he says

"Svoboda Baghdad

Arrived 17 Safely."

He must have left Paris on the 10th via Milan, Turin *and* Venice *and* arrived at Vienna yesterday; a few minutes after the Postman came with Alexander's letter a registered one [p. 265] from Paris dated the 29 *Ultimo*; he encloses letters for Henry *and* Louisa, also for Johny *and* Nassoory Bahoshy

At 5 P.M. we finished loading; I went home red the letters to Eliza of Alexander, Johny called on us *and* gave him his letter, *and* we red them also~

Light S. *Easterly* breeze and warm~

Light S. *Easterly and* fine; we are still sleeping in the big room, but Eliza is going to the top of the house today People have not yet gone up, they are afraid of the sickness *and* fever there is so much now in town,

At 3 A.M. I came on board [p. 266]

19 *Thursday*

[A47_267_01:179]

at 5 *A.M.* passed the Ressafah going up

Baghdad to Basrah [19 MAY 1898 — V047_29_S]

Passengers 311	<i>Okkas</i> 45,875	G. S. Piasters 19,893	Draft 3.10	
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1898 May
[A47_268_08:180]

At 4 A.M. we got under way *and* proceeded~

At 5,,50 passed Diala, At 7 passed Ctesiphon ~ Very calm *and* warm weather,

Gave tickets to the passengers We have altogether 261~ (2 in 1st Class only they are travellers from Damascus *and* going to Persia through the Karoon *and* up to Shushter a Mr. John Worne an Englishman *and* a Monsier Maurice Franchant, and one in 2nd Class a Jew Haroon Gareh). We have 48 Jews to Azair with *Return* Ticket besides 2 free Ret passage by S Lynch *and* Co the family of Yacoob Soofair the banker ~ At 11,,35 passed Baghdadieh [p. 267]

Very Sultry hazy weather with S. *Easterly* breeze *and* warm,

At 1,,30 P.M. passed Azizieh; Cloudy hazy weather

At 1,,45 passed the S.S. Khalifah going up deeply laden *and* with many passengers Jeboory Asfar's wife and children are on board going up to Baghdad to pass the summer;

Wind blowing very strong S. *Easterly* with large swell in the river;

At 6,,15 P.M. passed Memlah, still blowing strong *and* hazy,

At 10,,30 P.M. arrived at Coot landing 37 passengers *and* 43 Packages; I received Henry's letter *and* my papers, also a packet of french papers from Alexander The Khalifah had about 250 passengers. Asfar's family 7 persons all free; *and* 215548 *Okkas* of cargo she has two mails, [p. 268]

20 Friday

Light S. *Easterly* *and* hazy Sultry weather *and* warm~

At 4,5 A.M. we left Coot took 10 passengers~

The wind again got up blowing strong S. *Easterly*, with clouds and warm;

At 10,,45 passed Ali Gherbi; blowing strong *and* cloudy hazy weather~

At 6,,10 P.M. arrived at Amara landed 90 passengers and 107 Packages~ We shipped 5 Bales Twist~ A few drops of rain came down on arrival *and* the weather Keeps hazy with a light S. *Easterly* breeze,

At 7,,30 We left Amara; 5 zaptyes came only with us this time;
At 7,,55 We Anchored it being dark *and* misty with fresh S. *Easterly* Wind

At 3,,10 A.M. We proceeded Weather got Cool with S.W. breeze~ Gave tickets [p. 269] to 37 Amara passengers (22 for Azair Jews)~

At 8,,50 arrived at Azair landed 70 passengers (48 with *Return* Tickets)

At 9,,35 We left Azair light N.W. breeze *and* fine;

At 10,,15 passed the SS. Mossul *and* Barge going up at Hmeyan~

At 0,,25 P.M. landed 10 passengers at Gorna *and* went on at 0,,35~

At 4,,10 landed stores for the Mejidieh at Maghil and went on at 4,,20;

At 4,,45 Arrived at Basreh I closed Alexanders letter of tomorrows date as the mail leaves in the morning, I sent it with Vartan to the Mail Str Pachumba, which is going away this evening I believe~

I went up to Rufail *and* Rezooki *and* then we went Jeboory [p. 270] Asfar they played Tennis *and* we spent a couple of hours, he is by himself as his family have gone to Baghdad~

Light air, but I slept in the room below as I have a bad cold today on my head *and* nose~

Light Westerly air *and* fine weather but is getting warm At 7:30 A.M. Rezooki *and* I came on board, *and* 8:30 we went in to Basreh to Tookyeh, and breakfasted with her and the Angoorlies went out to the shop of Rezooki Angoorly *and* got some shoes etc.~

At 2:30 P.M. we came out to the ship had tea *and* then went up to Roofail's place, We then went to Jeboory Asfar there came also Nassoory Andrea we played Tennis *and* dined there at 9:30 Rufail Rezooki *and* I came to Rufails house *and* slept; Light N.W. breeze *and* warm in the room~ [p. 271]

Light westerly breeze and cloudy weather~ at 6:30 A.M. I came on board,

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22 *Sunday*
1898 May

23 *Monday*

Weather became very warm *and* cloudy all over one mass *and* so sultry, The *Thermal* at noon is 90°

Rufail, Rezooki, Rezooki Angoorly Nessoory Andrea *and* Artin Eassayi called on board, We finished loading at about 3 P.M°

At 5 we got the Basreh Mail only, No Indian Mail this time too, there is no News of the Mail Str. from Bushire°

Basreh to Baghdad [23 MAY 1898 — V047_30_N]

Passengers	<i>Okkas</i>	G. S. Piasters	Draft	
245 $\frac{1}{2}$	174,529	9,749 $\frac{1}{2}$		

[A47_273_25:181]

At 5,,15 P.M. We left Basreh ship drawing 4,,10 Inches, Very Cloudy sultry, Cabin *and* warm weather, very disagreeable~ The clouds [p. 272]

keep on *and* the breeze is so warm it fell down *and* became calm;

At 8,,5 we anchored it being so dark *and* dusty by some wind got up, I slept in my cabin but the heat was great~

At 12 it cleared up a little we proceeded~

24 *Tuesday*

At 3,,50 A.M. landed 4 passengers at Gorna *and* took one *and* went on; Cloudy sultry *and* warm, with a light S. *Easterly* breeze~

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[A47_275_05:182]

Very hard Squall at Amara
1898 May

Finished with the passengers tickets;~

At 8,,30 arrived at Azair landed 32 $\frac{1}{2}$ Jew passengers and took some Return ones, at 9 left Azair, Light N.W. breeze *and* clouds getting blown toward the South~

We took 57 Return Jews (27 $\frac{1}{2}$ of Blossie Lynch *and* 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ of Khalifah) also Semha widow of Menahem [p. 273] son of Selman Daniel in 1st Class paying, and 17 for Amara We have altogether from Basreh 123 Passengers (1 in 1st *Class* cabin paying deck fare by S Lynch's the Clerk of Blockey Hotz *and* co Mr. Broomhead for a change being unwell who had gone down in the Khalifah, and one Jewess in 2nd Class)

At 2 P.M. landed 8 passengers at K. Saleh *and* went on at 2,,5~

Wind shifted again to S. Ely, *and* became warm *and* sultry;

At 7 P.M. arrived at Amara landed 30 $\frac{1}{2}$ Passengers *and* 3 Bales, weather Cloudy all over *and* light S. *Easterly* breeze with some Lightning down the river on the Southern horyzon~

We are shipping some [p. 274] Tins of Ghee~

The Lightning kept Working up *and* stretching to the West *and* north with a thick black clouds like a range of high mountains *and* the Lightning behind it, the breeze also shifting at the same time from East to South *and* to West *and* freshened up, bringing the clouds over us, it gave us no time to furl the awnings when it begun to blow a terrific squall such as I never witnessed; With thick dust *and* rain *and* the strong lightning, the Wind is blowing from the opposite side *and* played havoc with the upper deck riggings, all the awnings [p. 275] Were torn away, stretchers broke *and* stanchions bent *and* were rattling on the deck like so many sounds of cannons, the passengers Kit flew on shore *and* most of it were picked away by Arabs; the passengers came down yelling *and* crying; the thick dust blinded us, the incessant lightning *and* thunder was a sight like a hurricane at sea, it lasted from 7:30 till 8 P.M. *and* kept cloudy with thunder *and* Lightning but the Wind fell a little~ The rain *and* dust made an awful mess on board, it penetrated into the cabins *and* some part of the decks leaking~

We then took in 6 Tons of coal *and* about 150 Tins of [p. 276] ghee *and* finished at 10 *and* hauled out *and* remained, it being cloudy~

25 Wednesday Therm @ 5,70

At 1,,55 A.M. We left Amara clouds clearing off, but breeze Again shifted to S. East

We have 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers; from Amara (one in 1st Class Abdulrezack Kudery with free passage);

At 9 A.M. passed Ali Sherghi, wind shifted to N.W. became fine;

At 3 P.M. landed specie at Ali Gherbi *and* went on at 3,,5, Here too they have been Visited by the squall of last night;

At 10 P.M. passed the S.S. Ressafah *and* Barge going down; It is very warm in my cabin on account of the Boiler being so close to me~

26 Thursday Term @ 5,70
1898 May

At 3,,5 A.M. arrived at Coot landed 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers *and* 3 bundles Copper, Took in 6 Tons of Coal; Here too [p. 277] they have had the squal *and* rain it came at about the same time as we had it at Amara,

At 430 we left Coot, Took 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers, The weather became cool just before sunrise~ Light N.W. breeze *and* fine, We also shipped 23 Tins of Ghee~

At 1130 landed a passenger at Bughela *and* went on at 1135

At 12 passed Memlah At 415 P.M. passed the Khalfah going down at Shedeif (bottom of the reach)~

At 8,,10 passed Azzieh, Light N.W. Cool Weather;

At 1130 passed Baghdadieh

27 Friday
Monseigneur Altmayer arrived from Mossul 23d
1898 May
[A47.280.04:183]

Light N.W. air *and* fine cool morning At 5 A.M. passed Khenasseh At 6 passed Bostani Kesreh, River is getting low, about 10 feet below the bank~

At 8,15 passed Ctesphon, breeze shifted to S. *East*, with some clouds hanging about [p. 278] At 1030 passed Diala river; getting warm *and* sultry;

At 1145 landed a Deckman with letters *and* some Jews at Gherrarah *and* went on; The Bridge of Gherrarah is Cut open *and* looks damaged by the late squall we had at Amara;

At 2 P.M. landed Mails at the Residency *and* steamed to the Custum House, The Mossul is here arrived last night at 12~ I went home found Eliza in bed with fever and influenza the same as every body has got it~

The Monseigneur Altmayer with Père Augustine have arrived from Mossul in Keleks last Monday Morning the Christians *and* Priests went out to meet him *and* the school boys met him in the streets With Music etc., He is staying in his new house [p. 279] which he had bought 3 years ago the one alongside of *Capt.* Cowley's house now occupied by Mons Rouet the french consul and the piece of ground behind it is also his which he wants to build;

The *Capt.* of the SS. Comet Beaumont died few days ago from excessive drink they say, he had the Delirium Tremors, he was very young about 32 years *and* has only been here about 6 or 8 months;

Here they have had a very hard rain *and* blow of strong wind, on Tuesday evening the streets were all flooded, Antone Marine *and* Artin called on us~

28 Saturday

[A47.281.25:184]

Variable airs *and* cloudy Weather~ at 7 A.M. I called on Alice *and* sent to see if the Mons. Altmayer was at home, but he was [p. 280] out riding at Gherrarah to see the Ma Mère encamped there for the benefit of her health; At 8 I came on board~ I At 9:30 I went again on shore *and* called on Monseigneur Altmayer *and* Père Augustine they were very glad to see me, We talked about my visiting Europe etc.; *and* left them *and* came to the Office took 53 [illegible] from Mr. Bottomley while in Office it came on to rain heavily with thunder for about $\frac{1}{4}$ hour, at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ came to the house, Eliza *and* I are both suffering from this influenza *and* do not feel well at all~ I took a warm bath *and* felt a better Light air *and* weather not settled

29 Sunday

1898 May

Light air *and* fine; at 7 A.M. we went to church, The Delegate Monsr. Altmayer celebrated high mass with the Brass band, the french Consul also was there in Uniform, [p. 281] At 8:30 we left I called on Catterina Yaghchi, on Sister Medula, Menusha on Asfars where Sedy Jeboory's wife *and* children are living for the present, then on Antone Marine *and* then we went to call on Monsr. Altmayer Antone, Yousif Asfar, Johny my Nephew, *and* I went to Cowley's house *and* took him to call also on the Delagate as he wished me to do so, I then called with Antone

and Yousif Asfar on Mons Rouet the french Consul in the same house, and then came home at 12,

At 2 P.M. I called on Sister Eliza *and* on Alice *and* My sister Emilia *and* came home at 5

The Monseigneur Altmayer *and* Père Augustine called on us at 6, he has brought with him his 3 Horses and a carriage in one Kellek, [p. 282] also a Great quantity of stores *and* provisions etc. etc; he intends staying here till October *and* perhaps spends the winter here till spring,

30th *Monday*

Light N.W. *and* fine, We are sleeping down below yet in the Verandah;

Light N.W. Wind and fine weather, at 7 A.M. I came on board *and* paid the Ship's Company their wages for May *and* finished at 10 Went home~ Weather got very warm with a S. *Easterly* breeze; Adoola my cousin called on us;

31' *Tuesday*
1898 June

We went up this evening to sleep on the top of the house for the first time; the breeze is from the S. *East* but fine *and* cool.

Light N.W. *and* fine; Today is the 10th of Moharrem being the mourning day for the Hassan *and* Hussein among the Shia sect~ at 7:30 A.M. I [p. 283] came on board~ The Blossie is alongside discharging cargo~ The Mossul is also loading a great deal of cargo *and* Bales of wool~ at 4:30 I went home~ Light N.W. *and* fine Weather,

1st *Wednesday*

Light N.W. *and* fine weather, The SS. Mossul *and* Barge left at 4 A.M.~ Sister Emilia called in the morning, I left her at home *and* came on board at 7 A.M. We are discharging Cargo;

I finished Alexander's letter to Vienna dated the 2nd for tomorrows Post *and* took it to Eliza to send it tomorrow, I also wrote a letter to Mr. Böhm *and* enclosed it in Alexander's, I went home to breakfast *and* returned at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$;~ Weather very warm *and* light N.W.

We shipped over 350 Bales wool, also Tanned skins, Galls etc. *and* finished at 5, Weather became Cloudy *and* very [p. 284] warm *and* calm~

At 5:30 P.M. I went home; Johny *and* Artin called on us on the top of the house till 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ P.M.~ Weather very unsettled cloudy, hot *and* disagreeable

2nd *Thursday*

Few drops of rain fell at 1 about midnight;

Light air *and* little cloudy, at 3:30 A.M. I came on board; *Easterly* breeze with clouds,~

Baghdad to Basreh [2 JUN 1898 — V047_31_S]

Passengers 176	<i>Okkas</i> 100,680	G. S. Piasters 15,052 2/4	Draft	
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1898 June
Mr. Gladstone died on 19th
May.

At 4 *A.M.* got underway *and* proceeded~ The Bridge of Gherrerah has been put across the river~

At 5,55 passed Diala At 7,,5 passed Ctesiphon; breeze shifted to N. Wester,

Finished with the passengers tickets We have altogether 136 $\frac{1}{2}$ (2 in 1st Class an Indian and the mother of Akif Effendi [p. 285] KaimaKam of Gorna, and one in 2nd Class Artin son of Awanessian an Armenian) also 2 caulkers free going down to caulk the Mejidieh's deck~

At 11,,45 Passed Baghdadiéh, At 0,,25 P.M. passed the S.S. Khalifah going up at the bottom of Gutnyeh reach~

At 1,,30 P.M. passed Azizieh, weather is getting cloudy all over~

At 5,,50 passed Memlah it is getting very cloudy;

At 9,,50 P.M. arrived at Coot landed 50 passengers *and* 23 Packages, I received Henry's letter *and* my English Papers; Also a letter from Savon Bazin from Port Said enclosing a B of Lading for a case containing the oil painting sent to me by my niece Effie Boucherot from Cairo [p. 286] the freight comes to *francs* 8,,50 from Cairo to *Port Said*, *and* £1,,12,,5 freight

3rd Friday
1898 June

At 4 *A.M.* We left Coot, took 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ Passengers; The Khalifah had 215,000 *Okkas and* over 220 passengers (127 $\frac{1}{2}$ Return Jews from Azair all that remained there~

The SS. Ressafah had just left Coot last night bound up when we got there; N. *Easterly* wind blowing fresh

At 10,,30 *A.M.* passed Ali Gherbi~

Henry writes to me that Mr. Gladstone the Ex Premier *and* Minister for foreign Affairs has died on the 19th of May,

At 5.,30 P.M. arrived at Amara landed 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers *and* 48 packages

We began to Ship Pressed Bales of Wool from Lynch's wool Press, Finished shipping of the wool of 274 Bales all for Basreh to Asfar *and* Kassim Khdery~ [p. 287] At 9 P.M. we left Amara, Light N.W. *and* fine Cool weather. I sleep still in my cabin~

4 *Saturday* Therm @ 5.70
1898 June

At 10., We dropped Anchor above Aboo Sedra~

Light N.W. *and* very fine *and* Cool Weather~

At 4 A.M. proceeded, Took 20 passengers from Amara~ at 6 landed 4 passengers at Kalat Saleh *and* went on~

At 9 passed Azair, there are no Jews left here; only the soldiers about 50 of them encamped above the Tomb;

At 11.,45 landed 13 passengers *and* 2 zaptyes free from Amara at Gorna *and* Went on at 12;

At 4 P.M. arrived at Basreh, the Mail *Steamer* Ambra which arrived on Tuesday (the day after the Khalifah had left) is leaving just [p. 288] now from the Quarantine,

I sent a short letter to my son Alexander dated the 5th with Vartan to the Mail steamer as the Post was closed, The S.S. Koordistan is also in Quarantine having arrived on Saturday evening the 28 *Ultimo* *and* will have to come up here on the 7th~

I went over to Rufail *and* Rezooki, saw there Tookyeh *and* her husband Rezooki *and* their child Yousif they are spending some days there, Tony Angoorly *and* his Wife *and* children also came there, I took Rezooki *and* Went over to Jeboory Asfar where we stayed *and* dined with him,

I showed Bazin's letter to Jeboory *and* the *Bill* of Lading for the little case sent to me by my niece Effie, he said he cannot do any [p. 289] thing with regard to the freight charged as it must have been entered *and* passed in account with London, *and* the case must be lying among the cargo for the Turkish steamers, *and* will send to look for it tomorrow;

We came back at 9:30 I slept below in a room with windows opened *and* there is a nice cool breeze, all the rest slept on the top of the house~

5 *Sunday*
[A47.291.24:185]

Light N.W. *and* fine Weather, at 6:30 A.M. I came on board; We are discharging cargo *and* shipping too;

The N.W. Wind of Bareh has now set in since yesterday *and* the time is better *and* cooler

At 2 P.M. I went up to Jeboory to see about my [p. 290] Case from Cairo he told one of his clerks to look for it tomorrow *and* get it taken, I had spoken to Nessoory Andrea to clear it for me in the Custum House~ I then went up to Rufail, had Tea with

Tookyeh *and* Rezooki, Roofail was up at Shaebiyeh at Yousif Marine~

At sunset Rezooki *and* I went up to Jeboory Asfar, we stayed to dine, Rezooki went away at 9, but I stayed *and* slept there in the Verandah, nice cool weather~

Moderate N.W. *and* fine Cool Weather, at 7 A.M. Rezooki came down in his boat *and* we then came to the Steamer, *Capt.* Cowley Rezooki and I went up to the house of Darby Andrewes, where all their house Kit, furniture crockery etc. are put up for sale to liquidate [p. 291] their debts, they are under the Charge of the British Consul, as Darby had left since last year *and* Andrewes also left a month ago *and* are indebted large sums We picked some things *and* Rezooky noted them down as there will be an auction on Friday next; We then came on board~

Hamady came back from the *Custom* House *and* brought me the Painting in a large frame which Effie sent me also a small water colour picture for Henry, No duty has been taken on them they were passed as old pictures by Nessoory Andrea,

Roofail, Rezooki, Rezooki Angoorly etc. called on board;

We received the Mails at 4 P.M~ [p. 292]

6 *Monday*

1898 June

[A47_292_03:186]

[A47_292_05:187]

[A47_292_14:188]

Basreh to Baghdad [6 JUN 1898 — V047_32_N]

Passengers	<i>Okkas</i>	G. S. Piasters	Draft	
196 $\frac{1}{2}$	159,214	12,079 $\frac{3}{4}$	4,,9	

At 4,,45 P.M. We left Basreh, Ship is drawing 4 feet 9 Inches;~
At 5,,15 stopped at Maghil landed people *and* stores *and* went
on at 5,,30~ *Moderate* N.W. but my Cabin is as hot as a furnace
from the heat of the Boiler;~ I gave tickets to all the passengers~

I could not possibly stay in my cabin or sleep for the heat was
awful and the wind had fallen down, I went to sleep up on the
upper deck which I found nice *and* cool for the first time I slept
up~

At 11,,10 passed Gorna

7 *Tuesday*
1898 June

At 2 P.M. we anchored, plenty of mosquitoes are on board~

At 4,,5 we proceeded Light N.W. air *and* fine

At 5,,25 passed Azair [p. 293]

I sent to Jeboory Asfar yesterday the little case containing Jams
(orange blossom *and* Citron) my wife had made for Alexander
to be sent to Vienna by Mr. N. Homsy at Marseilles, it will go
by the Koordistan leaving on about the *20th Instante*; I got a
receipt from Jeboory which I will send to Homsy~

We have Altogether 106 $\frac{1}{2}$ Passengers, none are in the cabins~

At 10,,30 landed 4 Passengers at K. Saleh *and* took 4 *and* went
on at 10,,35;

Blowing fresh N.W. Wind but not cool, Therm @ noon 92 *and*
96 at 4 P.M~

At 4,,5 *P.M.* Arrived at Amara landed 23 passengers *and* the 10
zapyeh's, *and* 3 Cases rivets for Lynch's Wool Press~ We took
6 Tons [p. 294] of Coal, *and* shipped 230 Tins of Ghee *and* 26
Bales Lamb Skins (about 5145 *Okkas*)

At 6 P.M. left Amara Took 43 Passengers~ Weather nice *and* cool, with moderate N.W. Wind~

It blew fresh throughout the night, *and* I felt it quite cool towards morning on the upper deck; The wind fell at sunrise but remained cool *and* pleasant;

At 6,,55 A.M. landed 3 passengers and took 2 from Ali Gherbi *and* went on at 7~

Wind got up blowing strong at 10 am and hot, it is the proper Bareh as they call it in Basreh, (the strong N.W. Wind)

At 6,,50 P.M. arrived at Coot landed $37\frac{1}{2}$ passengers and 2 Bales; took 4 Bales skins *and* a lot of passengers

At 7,,30 left Coot, Very light air from N.W. *and* fine, [p. 295]

It is nice *and* cool on the top of the house~

Light N.W. *and* fine cool weather~

At 2,,50 A.M. passed Memlah, River is getting low; We took 41 Passengers from Coot~ (one in 2nd C Cabin)

There is no wind today, a light N.W. breeze only~

At 10,,50 A.M. passed Azizieh~

At 2,,15 P.M. passed Baghdadiéh Fort;

At 5 P.M. we met the Khalifah coming down at Jubeil (Dawar reach) she has Colonel Loch the Resident on board going down to go by the mail via Kurachi to England on a 6 months leave, We both anchored, *Colonel* Loch *Capt.* Hanslow *and* Henry *and* Charley *and* the Engineer Weber came on board [p. 296] Coll. Loch red his letters *and* Telegrams; the Khalifah left at 11 A.M. they were waiting for the Damascus mail until it arrived; Henry tells me that Eliza has the letter of Alexander in which he says that he has had a very bad sore eyes on leaving Paris *and* after 4 hours had to return to Paris *and* go to a doctor who took out a piece of wood from his eye *and* he returned on his journey to Vienna I shall see that in Baghdad~

At 5,,55 We left and proceeded~

At 11,, passed Ctesiphon

At 1,,10 A.M. passed Diala, Light N.W. *and* fine weather,

At 4,,10 passed the S.S. Ressafah *and* Barge bound down at the Kher~ Wind getting up fresh~

At 4,,55 A.M. landed [p. 297] the mails at the Residency *and* steamed to the Custum House, No steamer here

I went home *and* saw Eliza she is well, I saw Alexanders letters here one of last week from Paris of the 13 May one from Zurich *and* one from Innsbrck, and two from Vienna of the 20 May he is very well in Vienna *and* has seen Mr. Böhm~

8 *Wednesday* Therm@ 5 74

Noon 102

1898 June

[A47.296.16:189]

9th *Thursday* Therm @ 5,
75

10 *Friday*

1898 June

[A47.299.15:190]

Elias Jejo came to me to ask about the 3 cases we brought up this time with the cargo of the Kurdistan, sent to them by Ibrahim from Paris, in one of them there are some things sent to us by Alexander few little objects etc.~ In the after noon the wife of Elias Jejo *and* her two daughters called *and* remained till sunset, [p. 298] Antone Marine called also Johny *and* Artin my Nephews,

Moderate N.W. Wind *and* fine cool Weather;~

11 *Saturday* Therm @ 5, 74

Moderate N.W. *and* fine cool Morning, at 7 A.M. I came on board, the Blossie is alongside the wharf; discharging cargo,

At 10 went home~ I took a warm bath; The weather is hot during the day a warm breeze blowing ; The nights are very cool~ The wife *and* children of Jeboory Asfar have hired the house of Joojoo the Goldsmith close to my house where Mr. Nelson *and* DeMello were living, at 50 [illegible]per year~

12' *Sunday* Therm @ 5 72

1898 June

[A47-300.21:191]

[A47-301.02:192]

Moderate N.W. *and* fine cool Weather~ at 7:30 A.M. I called on Terrooza *and* Catherina her Mother *and* saw there Père Augustine (Elias Sayegh [p. 299] I then went to church and with Johny *and* Artin called on the Assyrian Bishop, Habib Chiha, Sedy wife of Jeboory Asfar, Eliza *and* Adooly my cousins, Terrooza wife of Nessoory Andrea, Sister Medula, Menusha *and* Shekoory Sayegh,

At 2:30 P.M. I called on Sister Eliza, on Alice *and* Emilia; *and* with Johny went to Visit the Monseigneur Altmayer but was not at home, we then called on Mr. Bottomley then came Mrs. Hall (the Clerk at Lynch's Office) also Mr. *and* Mrs. Livingstone *and* his wife's sister; I then called on Dr. *and* Mrs. Hess the German Chancellor in their new little house opposite Abdulrahman Pachachi's house, [p. 300] he told me that Dr. Rosen the Consul is coming back from Mendeli where he had gone a month ago; I came home at 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ ~ Light N.W. *and* fine weather;

13' *Monday*

1898 June

Light N.W. *and* fine Cool weather~ at 7 A.M. I came on board; Ibrahim Gejou has sent 3 Cases containing shoes *and* perfumery etc. to his Brother Isak for sale, *and* Alexander has also sent some little things also his portrait in them, *and* I have to get them cleared from the Custum House

Isak Gejou also Johny came *and* we went to the Custum House to clear the shoes *and* Perfumery of Isak, *and* I was astonished not to find any of Alexanders articles sent to me nor his [p. 301] likeness, I do not know what became of them *and* Ibrahim wrote to his brother that they were amongst his Kit~ I went home at 2:30 P.M. Eliza *and* I called on Sedy wife of Jeboory Asfar *and* on Mina Widow of Naoom Abood, also on Antone Marine but they were not at home, We came home at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$; *Moderate* N.W. *and* fine Weather,

14' *Tuesday* Therm @ 5, 79

Moderate N.W. Wind but not cool~ The S.S. Mossul *and* Barge arrived at about 3:30 A.M. at 7 I called on Menusha *and* then Came on board~ The Mossul is inside discharging~ At 9 I went on shore called on Mahd Said Shahbenders Office *and* told him

that I have sent by the Koordistan leaving on the 20 *Instante*, a little box [p. 302] of Marmalade for my son Alexander at Vienna to the care of Mrs. N. Homsy at Marseilles *and* I have written to them to pay the freight *and* expences to Vienna *and* I will pay it to him here;

I went home; the Monseigneur Altmayer *and* Pere Augustine called on us~

Hot wind blowing; the thermer. went up in the Verandah to 108~ At 3 P.M. I came on board; We are shipping Cargo; at 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ P.M. I went home *and* then went to Catherina Yaghchi to fetch Eliza *and* go to Antone Marine, but Captn *and* Mrs. Cowley called on us *and* so we had to go home, they left at 7~

15th Wednesday Therm @
5. 80
1898 June

Moderate N.W. *and* fine weather

Moderate N.W. but not refreshing

At 7 A.M. I came on board; I finished Alexanders letter for tomorrow's Post [p. 303] also a letter for Effie my niece at Cairo, also a letter for Mr. N. Homsy,

At 11 went to breakfast, *and* returned at 1 P.M.~ We shipped a good deal of cargo about 96,000 *Okkas* Weather Very warm in the Cabin~

At 6 P.M. Went home; Eliza is unwell with Diarrhea *and* colic in stomach since this morning~ Johny *and* Artin called on us till 8:30

16: 16 Thursday Therm
@5, 74

Weather fine *and* cool

Light N.W. *and* fine Cool Morning~ At 3:30 A.M. I came on board~ [p. 304]

Baghdad to Basreh [16 JUN 1898 — V047_33_S]

Passengers 152	<i>Okkas</i> 126,455	G. S. Piasters 20,413 $\frac{1}{2}$	Draft 4,,5	
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[A47_305.19:193]

[A47_305.20:194]

1898 June

[A47_306.03:195]

[A47_306.11:196]

[A47_306.14:197]

[A47_307.21:198]

At 4 A.M. got underway *and* proceeded~

At 6 passed Diala river; At 6,,40 passed the S.S. Phrat *and*
Barge going up at Gusseiba

At 7,,10 passed Ctesiphon; We have Altogether 127 passengers,
(5 in 1st Class, Mr. *and* Mrs. A.W. Livingstone *and* Miss
Coulman his wife's sister *and* the Servant all paying Deck fare
by Mr. Bottomley's Order; Hamdy Beg the Mufettish Adlyeh
brother of Ali Beg Saib of Basreh, Going to Coot *and* with him
Abdul Kadur Zheir *and* 2 of his Attendants in 2nd Class Also
to Coot) *and* one Jewess free by *Steven Lynch and Co*;

At 11,,50 passed Baghdadieh

At 0,,45 P.M. met the SS Khalifah coming up at the top of
[illegible]we stopped *and* she also, as Mr. Livingstone [p. 305]
wanted to see the new Agent Mr. Langridge coming out to take
his place Mr. Richards the acting Agent of Lynch Brothers also
on board they all came off also Capt. Hanslow, Charley Cowley
and Henry; Henry has left my papers *and* letter at Coot; The
wife of Padmani *and* her two daughters are on board going up
(one is the widow of Dr. Malakis who comitted suicide at
Constantinople by Cutting his throat with a razor) she has 143
passengers *and* 205,000 *Okkas*~

At 1,,50 P.M. We left *and* proceeded~

At 2,,45 passed Azizieh; fresh N.W. wind~

The river is getting low *and* the steamer bumped today on two
or three places~

At 7,,20 passed Memlah [p. 306] Light N.W. *and* fine Weather

At 11,,30 P.M. arrived at Coot landed 38 packages *and* 33
passengers (4 cabin passengers Hamdi Beg *and* his followers)
Received my papers *and* Henry's letter~

17 Friday

1898 June

[A47_308.12:199]

Light N.W. *and* fine Cool Morning; At 4 A.M. we left Coot;
Took 15 Passenges (one in 2nd *Class* Michail Raffi of Jeboory
Asfar to Basreh)

Detained aground at Aboo Dood for the first time in the season
from 8,,35 to 8,,50~

At 10,,55 A.M. landed 7 passengers at Ali Gherbi, took 2 *and*
Went on at 11,,10~

About a month ago, a Great quarrel had taken place between
the tribes of Hassan ibn Jendeel of the Beni Laam tribe *and*
Magasis located from Coot and [p. 307] downward on the West
bank and both lost about 20 or 30 Men Killed; and now all the
Governors of the surrounding districts have gathered at S. Saad
to arrange the Matter and collected the Sheikhs to oblige them
to give a Guarantee for their future Good behaviour, there were
Mostapha Pasha Motserrif of Amara who came up in the
Khalifah, the Motserrif of Nasryeh, Kaimakam of Coot Jaffer
Beg, of Hai, Shetra etc. *and* a Company of troops encamped
there;

At 4,,40 P.M. passed the SS. Ressafah *and* Barge going up;

At 6,,15 P.M. arrived at Amara landed 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers *and* 334
Packges (300 Bundles of Hoop Iron for the [p. 308] wool press
of S. Lynch *and* Co,

We shipped 182 Bales of Wool *and* 7 Tons of Ghee, It is Awfully
hot in my Cabin; the Livingstones are sleeping on the top of the
house; I slept in my Cabin last night, it was very warm in the
first part of the night, but as the steamer was going it became
cooler;

At 9 P.M. We left Amara, At 10,,15 anchored above Aboo
Sedra, I slept in the cabin there was a nice breeze as long as the
steamer was going but when she turned round *and* anchored I
awoke *and* fet it very warm with some mosquitoes which
troubled me all the night~

At 4 A.M. We proceeded very light N.W. breeze~

We took 9 Passengers *and* 10 zapties from Amara~ [p. 309]

I wrote a letter to Alexander dated tomorrow, for this mail
leaving tomorrow morning Via Bombay~

At 9,,15 passed Azair; very light air *and* is getting warm

At 0,,10 P.M. passed Gorna it became very hot *and* Sultry,

At 3,,55 Arrived at Basreh there is no Mail steamer, the
Khandalla is coming up *and* she was at Fo yesterday, The SS.
Koordistan is here loaded *and* ready to leave;

At 5:30 P.M. the Mail Str. Khandalla arrived to the quarantine
station;~ Rezooki Sayegh Came down to me, he says that Rufail
is gone up to Gorna to his property about 4 days ago; to collect
some Arrears of revenue due by the Arab farmers;~

23: 18 *Saturday Therm @*

5. 79

1898 June

[A47_310_19:200]

[A47_311_02:201]

Mr. De Sarzec, his wife *and* son have returned from [p. 310] Tello by way of Nasryeh about 6 days ago *and* are living at G. Asfar they are going away by next mail boat via Bombay At 6 Rezooki and I went up to his house where I dined with him *and* slept on top of the house, light N.W. breeze *and* cool night~.

19 *Sunday*

1898 June

[A47.312.13:202]

[A47.312.18:203]

Light N.W. *and* fine but not so refreshing, at 6:30 A.M. I came on board, I sent for my papers *and* got my [illegible] *and* a packet of french papers *and* pamphlets sent by Alexander, the last date of the 15 May, ~ I have had a little diarrhea last night from eating some melons, I do not feel well to go in to Basrah, Rezooki came to take me but I would not go, so we went up to his place *and* spent the day at 11 A.M. I laid in *and* red the papers ~ [p. 311]

At about 3:30 P.M. Roofail came down from Neshwa where he had gone about some claim~ At 3 Rezooki *and* I went over to Jeboory Asfar, he is not going to send the box of marmalade we made for Alexander by the Koordistan as she is not going to touch at Marseilles *and* wants to send it by the Godistan chartered for Yousif Korkis *and* the other merchants *and* will be leaving Basreh by the end of July ~ I saw Mons. De Sarzec, he is going to leave by next weeks mail steamer via Bombay

We returned to Rufail at 7 P.M. very calm weather ~

20 *Monday*

1898 June

Very calm *and* sultry weather The S.S. Koordistan left [p. 312] at about 3:30 A.M. also the mail *Steamer* Khandalla left at the same time; The S.S. Mossul arrived at about 4 A.M.;

At 6 I came on board weather is very warm *and* calm but at 10 a *moderate* N.W. breeze began to blow, but my cabin is very warm, especially when they lit the fire in the engineroom it became like an oven *and* felt myself very weak;

Rezooki *and* Roofail came *and* Rezooki Angoorly etc., We have been doing nothing today the ship is loaded, at last least we took every thing that was left in the Barge~ [p. 313]

Basreh to Baghdad [20 JUN 1898 — V047_34_N]

Passengers	<i>Okkas</i>	G. S. Piasters	Draft	
289	101,995	19,519 $\frac{1}{2}$		

Draft

At 5 *P.M.* P.M. we got under way, *and* proceeded; fearfully warm in my cabin from the Engine room, I could not give tickets, *and* had to go up on deck and do it~ The weather is cool with a *moderate* N.W. wind I slept on the top of the house ~ At 10,,50 passed Gorna

21 *Tuesday*

At 0,,5 A.M. 0,,5 we dropped anchor near Zechyeh ~

[A47_315_16:204]

1898 June

At 3,,30 proceeded, very calm weather, a light N.W. breeze springing up;

At 6,,10 passed Azair finished with the passengers tickets ~ We have altogether 207 $\frac{1}{2}$ (4 in 1st Class, Mr. Ovsinkoff the Chancelier for the [p. 314] Russian Consul, he speaks french not so well, also little Turkish *and* Russian; Yousif Abdulahad nephew of Aboo Shooker, our fireman with his wife, and Seyd Ahmed Effendi a clerk in the quarantine of Baghdad, and one in 2nd Class Artin [illegible]and 9 workmen from the Dock of Mejidieh, our passengers are mostly pilgrims returning from Mecca Persians *and* some Arabs~ Detained at the Elbow from 8:30 till 9 *A.M.* in going round~

At 11,,50 landed 2 passengers at Kalat Saleh *and* took 2 *and* went on at 12 ~

At 2 P.M. the new anchor Launch which was built at Basreh by our carpenter *and* Blacksmith taking it in tow astern of our anchor Launch got filled with [p. 315] water, we anchored to bale her out *and* to collect the planks which had floated away ~ At 3,,10 we got under way *and* went on ;

At 6,, P.M. arrived at Amara landed 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers *and* 14 packages *and* a Quantity of date branches for Lynch's wool Press;

We took 5 tons of Coal *and* 70 packages hides *and* Ghee *and* Copper~

22 *Wednesday* Ther @ 5.74
5 $\frac{1}{4}$ Noon 100 4 P.M. 100

At 7,,50 P.M. left Amara, light N.W. air *and* fine; It is very nice and cool on the top of the house;

Light N.W. *and* fine cool morning~ Gave tickets to 36 $\frac{1}{2}$ Amara passengers;

At 7,,20 A.M. landed 8 passengers at Ali Gherbi~ weather calm *and* getting warm *and* went on at 7,,30 took 5 passengers;~ weather calm *and* getting warm [p. 316] At 6,,30 P.M. P.M. arrived at Coot landed 6 passengers, Took in 5 tons of coal, *Moderate* N.W. wind ~

23 *Thursday* Therm @ 5.72
Noon 89
1898 June
[A47.318.05:205]

At 7,,55 left Coot~ very light air *and* fine ~ a fresh wind get up *and* blew all the night, took 29 Passengers

At 1,,15 A.M. met the S.S. Phrat *and* Barge bound down at Anchor at Hamraya, her boat came off to us with 6 passengers coming to meet a friend of them Seyd Ahmed Effendi Mutwelly of the Tekyeh of Ras Gherayeh who was at Mecca; we took them and went on at 1,,20 ~

At 2,,50 picked 3 passengers from Bughela came off in a Goffa~

At 3,,20 A.M. passed Memlah moderate cool N.W. wind, an exceptionally cool weather the wind is so fresh *and* pleasant ~
At 11.15 passed Azizieh [p. 317]

At 1,,10 P.M. passed the S.S. Khalifah going down at the top of Rmelat reach near the new house now being built at the bottom of Gutnyeh reach belonging to Mahomed Pasha Daghestany and Abduljebbar the lawyer, *and* just at the same place where we met her as we were going down~ Strong N.W. wind blowing and cool~

At 2,,45 P.M. passed Baghdadiéh Fort; At 4,,45 went alongside the bank above Swera (opposite Dawer) *and* landed 78 young date trees of H. Abdulghany Khderi on freight, for his property there *and* went on at 4,,55 ~ The day kept exceptionally cool today; the water is very cool all the day; [p. 318] Wind fell before sunset *and* is very cool *and* pleasant; moon is 4 days old;~ I slept in my cabin *and* found it very nice *and* cool, ~At 11 passed Ctesiphon

24 *Friday* Therm @ 5.70
1898 June
[A47.320.09:206]
1898 June

Moderate N.W. *and* very cool weather

At 1,,45 A.M. passed the Diala, at 2,,30 stopped below the Bridge of [illegible] waiting for the bridge to be opened, while here a Goffa came with about 10 persons coming from Baghdad to meet Seyd Ahmed of the Tekyeh *Capt.* Cowley remained here till day light; at 4 A.M. I landed *and* walked to town Artin Awaness also walked with me, it is very nice *and* exceptionally cool weather for this time of the season, I arrived home at 5:30 saw Eliza alright but little weak from last week's diarrhea she had ~ The Blossie Lynch arrived at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ~ I found [p. 319] two letters from Alexander from Vienna of last week's post *and* yesterday dated the of May *and* of this month, also a Postal Card of the 30 *Ultimo* sent from the top of the Khahlenberg hill where he had gone by himself he is very well, taking his German

lesson from Dr. Bayer, and goes to a large merchants office, a very extensive export firm he is very glad of this place *and* the Director is very satisfied with him, he was recommended to this large house by Mr. Böhm, who also writes to me a very nice letter *and* telling me how he is looking after Alexander~ found also a telegram from Alexander dated the 20th which arrived on the 21st asking us for money [p. 320] he requires he says

Eliza Svoboda

Baghdad

Require hastly 500 advise

Korkis

His expenses for May has been very large 648 *francs*, for his travelling from Paris and his attendance by the Doctor to cure his eye etc.; So I could not possibly avoid sending him as he may be in great need; I went to Yousif Korkis *and* asked him to give me a telegram to his brother Rezooki for 20 £ *Sterling* which he did as follows,

RazKallah London

[illegible] Svoboda Vingt Sterlin

Korkis

7 words which I sent to the telegraph Office at 1 P.M. *and* I paid *francs* 5,,20~

At 3 P.M. I called on Alice *and* Sister Emilia I *and* left at 6 came home; Johny *and* Artin called on us [p. 321] in the evening~

very cool weather, we feel it quite cold on the top of the house *and* the water is as cold as ice~

25 *Saturday* Therm@ 5,64

Moderate Very Cool N.W. breeze, quite cold in bed,

At 7 A.M. I called on Menusha Henry's Wife *and* then came on board; The S.S. Ressafah is inside discharging cargo; I went home at 10~ Had a warm bath~

Light N.W. air *and* not so cool Moon 6 days old~

26' *Sunday* Therm@ 5,72

Light N.W. *and* fine~ at 7:30 A.M. I called on Antone Marine *and* then we went to church, I then called on Nessoory Andrea who has come up from Basreh for 15 days leave *and* is going down with us; Called on the Assyrian Bishop, on the Chaldean Patriarch Abed Ysho, Catterina Yaghchi, Sister [p. 322]

Medula, Menusha *and* came home at 12; at 2:30 P.M. called on Eassayee brothers; Shemoony *and* her sons of Korkis, on Sister Eliza *and* Alice, came home at 6~ Light air and not so cool but pleasant,

27' *Monday* Therm @ 5, 74
1898 June

Very light air or Calm, at 4:30 A.M. We were up Eliza *and* I went to Sister Eliza there took Alice, Terrooza Regina *and* Bella daughter of Terrooza and We got a Goffa *and* dropped down to Asfar's Garden where all the Asfars *and* family are now out also Sedy Wife of Jeboory Asfar, there were the Monseigneur Altmayer *and* Père Augustin but they rode in to town Eliza *and* I went to Asfar's *and* the rest of my nieces [p. 323] went to Tanton's family, I also went then for few minutes; they wont let them return with me, so I dispensed with the Goffa, *and* I walked into town with Yousif Asfar left at 7 *and* arrived at home at 7 $\frac{3}{4}$, at 8:30 I came on board; We are discharging Cargo~

At 10 I went to the Office to Mr. Bottomley *and* took 52£ for wages~ At 11 came home;

At 3 P.M. called on Menusha, at 6:30 Went over to Sister Eliza *and* spent the evening on top of the house, my wife *and* the daughter of Eliza, Terrooza *and* Regina came back from Asfar's Garden at 7, We then went home at 9, light N.W. *and* fine~

28' *Tuesday* Therm @ 5, 76
[A47_325_13:207]
1898 June

Light N.W. *and* fine weather at 7 A.M. I came on board to pay the ship's company [p. 324] their wages;~

The S.S. Mossul arrived at 2 AM; The Ressafah is loading to leave tomorrow,

At 10 went home, Sister Medula called on us~

At 3 P.M. I came on board, We are shipping some cargo, but most of it went to the Ressafah, as Yousif Korkis *and* two or three other merchants here are getting a steamer out for their cargo the Goolistan chartered by Rezooki Korkis from Bucknal, @ 25 Shilling the ton, whereas Asfar *and* Strick are asking 35, *and* so they have got a steamer and are collecting all the cargo they can, their agent in Basreh is Kassim Khderi,

At 5:30 P.M. I went home, took Eliza *and* went over to Antone Marine *and* spent the evening on the top of the house we [p. 325] returned at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ~ Light N.W. *and* cool a little~

29' *Wednesday*

Light N.W. *and* fine~ at 7 A.M. Called on Menusha being Henry's holyday today of St Peter *and* St Paul~ I then came on board, the Ressafah left this morning at 3:30 A.M.~ The Mossul went in to discharge cargo,

I finished Alexander's letter for tomorrow's Post, I also wrote to Mr. J. Böhm, and to Blockey at Cheshnut;

We are shipping very little cargo~

At 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ I went home, Kass Philippus the Armenian called on us;

Wind blowing fresh and hot with dust; At 1 P.M. came on board;~ We shipped some cargo through *and* Local It is very hot on my cabin the wind being so hot too,

At 6:30 P.M. I went [p. 326] home~

30 *Thursday*

Moderate N.W. Wind~ at 3:30 *A.M.* I came on board,

Baghdad to Basreh [30 JUN 1898 — V047_35_S]

Passengers	<i>Okkas</i>	G. S. Piasters	Draft	
103 $\frac{1}{2}$	91,635	14,603 $\frac{1}{2}$		

1898 July

At 4 A.M. got underway *and* proceeded~

At 6,, passed Diala river At 7,,10 passes Ctesiphon

We have altogether 91 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers (2 in 1st Class Nessoory Andrea the Shahbender of Basreh with free Return ticket by Lynch Brothers and a Turkish lady the daughter of Said Pasha Motserrif of Hassa)~

At 11,,50 passed the S.S. Khalifah going up at Thaji just above Baghdadiéh Fort, Toni Angoorly on board; Fresh N.W. wind hot,

At 0,,5 P.M. passed Baghdadiéh Fort;

At 2 P.M. passed [p. 327] Azizieh, hot wind blowing this will soon evaporate the river;

At 6,,35 passed Memlah; Light N.W. *and* air is cooling down;

At 11,,5 P.M. arrived at Coot landed 18 passengers and 71 packages; Received Henry's letters *and* my papers, we remained here for the night~

1 *Friday* Therm @ 5. 81
Noon 108 4 P.M. 104

Light N.W. *and* fine weather, At 4 A.M. we left Coot, Took 2 passengers; The S.S. Khalifah had little cargo 69400 *Okkas* including 30 Tons of Coal for Baghdad, there is no cargo left at Basreh for us to be shipped~

At 10,,50 anchored above Ali Gherbi *and* landed 31 packages *and* 2 passengers, Blowing a strong hot wind

At 11,,20 left *and* proceeded

At 6,,45 P.M. arrived at Amara, landed 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ [p. 328] passengers *and* 69 Packges; we shipped Bales of Wool from Lynch Press *and* finished at 9 *and* remained for the night; Light N.W. *and* fine cool night

2 *Saturday* Therm @ 5,75
1898 July

Light N.W. *and* cool morning *and* very pleasant~

At 2,,30 A.M. left Amara, At 4,,15 passed the S.S. Phrat *and* Barge going up~

At 5,,45 landed 2 passengers at Kalat Saleh; Went on at 5,,50~ We took 10 passengers from Amara~

At 8,,45 passed Azair; At 11, passed the S.S. Ressafah *and* Barge going down, she had left on Tuesday Morning from Baghdad~

At 11,,35 landed 13 Packges at Gorna *and* went on at 11,,45~ Light N.W. air but heavy *and* not refreshing;

At 4 P.M. arrived at Basreh, The SS. Arabistan is here arrived 3 days ago; [p. 329] also the Mail *Steamer* Amra bringing the Mail of the SS. Pemba which she met in the Persian Gulf, *and* she leaves tomorrow;

I wrote a letter to Alexander Vienna Via Bombay dated tomorrow *and* told him all about his return Journey *and* a list of the Stations from Alexandretta to Deir etc. etc~

Rezooki Came to me, we then went up to Jeboory Asfar to look for Alexander's case which he had given to Ibrahim Gejou to send in his boxes of last trip which I took up *and* was not found; I found it in the Baghdad Manifest for the Turkish Steamers a box Marked JJK *and* it is in the Custum House, I obtained a delivery order to take it here tomorrow; as Jeboory [p. 330] was very busy in Office with lots of people calling, so we left *and* went to Roofails house, but he is up at his Ground at Hedda since yesterday; Rezooki *and* I dined alone *and* slept on top of the house; Very light breeze *and* dampy,

3 Sunday
1898 July

The Ressafah came down at 6:30 P.M.

Very light N.W. dampy *and* disagreeable Weather,

At 7 A.M. I came on board, very warm in my cabin, the sun just striking at it;

The mail *Steamer* Amra left this morning~

I sent Hamadi to the Custum House to get me my case of Alexander, he brought it after having opened there *and* examined *and* Nessoory Andrea the Shahbender sent only 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ GSP duty [p. 331] on it, it contains the Photo in colour full plate size in a nice gilt frame of Alexander standing a very well taken likeness he looks bigger and many small objects he has sent which he did not require, also 10 Tubes of Secotine Glue (5 for Captain Cowley, some perfumery for Johny my Nephew, as Pomade *and* scent etc. about $\frac{1}{2}$ dozn pots *and* bottles *and* some envelopes *and* note paper for Alexander;~

At 11 Rufail came to me *and* also Rezooki and we went in to Basreh to Tookyeh *and* also called on Ali Beg Mudir of Tapo, We returned to Tookyeh *and* had tea *and* we left at 3:30 P.M. Came to the Steamer *and* at 5 Went up to Rufails at 6 We all

went over [p. 332] to Jeboory Asfar *and* dined there, there was Nessoory Andrea also who slept there, at 10 we came to our place, a very light N.W. *and* rather dampy weather The Mail *Steamer* Pemba arrived she had given the mail to the Amra in the Gulf which we have~

4 Monday

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Light N.W. *and* fine~ at 7 A.M. came on board~ We are very light *and* having no cargo to ship except the Arabistans which was very little;

Capt Cowley Went up to Maghil to see the Mejidieh in Dock; The Pemba has only brought us 22 packages which we took~ It became very warm and wind fell~

Rezooki *and* Rufail came also Ali Beg, Rezooki Angoorly etc.
[p. 333]

Basreh to Baghdad [4 JUL 1898 — V047_36_N]

Passengers 150	<i>Okkas</i> 31,677	G. S. Piasters 10,930 $\frac{1}{2}$	Draft	
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At 5,,10 P.M. We left Basreh *and* proceeded~ It is very warm and became dead calm and very disagreeable; I am mad with my cabin so hot as fire near the boiler I cannot stop a minute in it; *and* we have these Christian women Aft the Wife of Andrawoos Dinha the 2nd Engineer of the Persian *Steamer* Persepolis in Bushire, she is the daughter of Isak Ferrany called Mina, and her two children, *and* Katta the sister of Isak Ferrany she paid Lower Deck *and* Mina in 1st Class; *and* they have two servants~

At 11,, P.M. landed a passenger at Gorna *and* went on, Moon 16 days old, a light N.W. breeze sprung up~

Light N.W. *and* fine~ At 3,,5 A.M. passed Azair [p. 334]

The weather is cooler, I finished with the passengers tickets~

At 8,,15 landed 4 passengers at Kalat Saleh (Nejim Effendi a New Kaimakam for this place among them) Took 6 passengers *and* went on at 8,,20~ A *Moderate* N.W. Wind is blowing

We have altogether from Basreh 76 Passengers one in 1st Class (Mina wife of Andrawus Dinha from Bushire *and* one in 2nd class the Man of Hotz called De Bono going to Coot *and* a Belem of Basreh with him on which we charged 35 Rupees)~

wind freshened up toward 10 A.M.~

At 1 P.M. arrived at Amara landed 24 passengers~ shipped some Hides *and* Tins of Ghee~

At 2 P.M. left Amara Took 26 passengers~ [p. 335] Strong hot wind blowing At 7,,55 P.M. passed Ali Sherghi~

Moderate N.W. Wind *and* fine At 0,,55 A.M. arrived at Ali Gherbi went alongside *and* shipped 86 Bales of Wool of a Jew Yacoob Saleh~ We remained for the rest of the night at anchor~

5 *Tuesday*

[A47_335_13:208]

[A47_335_14:209]

1898 July

6 *Wednesday* Therm @ 5,
82 Noon 102

At 4,,5 A.M. left Ali Gherbi, Wind freshening up, took one passenger;

Detained 10 minutes below Coot in shoal water;

At 3,,40 P.M. arrived at Coot landed 8 passengers *and* the Belem of De Bono himself *and* followers *and* also landed 2 Bales P. goods shipped 31 Bales of Wool

At 5 P.M. left Coot, Took 41 Passengers; [p. 336]

Detained $\frac{1}{2}$ hour on a shoal place at Um el Ajaj~

Moderate N.W. *and* fine cool night

At 0,,40 A.M. passed Memlah Wind freshening up;

At 8,,25 A.M. passed Azizieh, wind moderate *and* Cool;

At 11,,35 passed Baghdadieh Fort~ At 0,,15 P.M. passed the S.S. Khalifah going down at Rwebyeh reach

At 5,45 P.M. passed Bostan the wind has been hot today

At 8,,5 passed Ctesiphon Very Calm Weather;

The S.S. Mossul passed down this morning at 1 A.M. at Summer~

At 10,,30 passed Diala river, fine moonlight night *and* pleasant weather

At 1,,30 A.M. we landed the mails at the Residency *and* went up to the [p. 337] Custum House, The S.S. Phrat is alongside here;

I went home at 3 A.M. went on top of the house saw Eliza *and* sat talking with her about Alexander, there are two letters here arrived one on the day of my leaving this last Thursday dated the 10 June *and* the second one arrived yesterday dated the 7th; I red them all; he has sent me his Turkish Passport (Murur Teskereh) asking me to get him a new one for this year to come on with it, because he says that Böhm told him he cannot get him an Austrian Passport as the Authority will then know that he is in Vienna, and in *September* there will take place the Conscription for the Soldiers, *and* he will be asked to serve his time in the military so he must leave Vienna by the end of August to come to Constantinople [p. 338] I received a letter from Blockey from Cheshnut the same place he is living in~ I took a Cold bath~ At 3 P.M. I called on Antone Marine in the Residency;~

I hear that the Mushire Rejeb Pasha is to be shifted from here to Tripoli in Algeria by an Order from Constantple it is to the regret of every body here Christians, Mahomedans *and* Jews because he is one of the best man in the Turkish service, a very honest streight forward man, a just and wise administrator, he belongs to the New School *and* a liberal *and* open hearted; The present Waly here Atta- Allah Pasha who is a very Old Man,

7th *Thursday* Therm @ 5,
76 Noon 98 4 P.M. 104

8 *Friday*
1898 July
[A47_339_05:210]
The Mushir Pasha's desti-
tution; leaving Baghdad on
the 17th Instant
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Very fanatic *and* lazy, *and* does no good to the Welfare of the people and the Country, hated by every body, but a has a great influence *and* being a relative of the Sheikh ul Islam [p. 339] and hates the Mushir in his internal feelings, being jealous of him because every body likes the latter, has been undermining him and, the Sultan hates every person in his service who has such influence *and* liberality with the nation; *and* frightened by false rumour being represented to him, that if the Mushire is allowed to be left in Baghdad where his popularity is gaining ground, he might eventually gain his independence by having all the Army Corps siding with him as well as the population, and it might end by the dismemberment of Irak Arabia from the Turkish Dominion, The population here had telegraphed to *Constantinople* in begging *and* praying the Porte to let him remain here [p. 340] as he has done no end of good to the country; but this step it appears has made things worse, and the Mushire even did not like it at all, for this act will confirm the Waly's report against him; The Mushir of Yemen also has been changed *and* is appointed here to replace Rejeb Pasha, other Mushir's have been also changed for equal reasons, The Sultan gets so alarmed now at the slightest news he hears, though untrue and false, at any person in Authority taking a liberal view in advancing Civilization in his dominion;

I called on Sister Eliza where Emilia *and* Alice also were *and* came home at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$, found Antone Marine there~

Light N.W. *and* fine but not so cool *and* refreshing; [p. 341]

Yesterday being my Son Alexander's birthday born on the 7 July 1878 so he has just finished his 20 years I sent him today before noon this telegram;

"Svoboda

Handelsmuseum

Berggasse

Vienna

Happy Birthday love

Svoboda"

I would have sent it before only I was on the way from Basreh~

9' Saturday Therm @ 5, 80

Light N.W. *and* fine weather at 6:30 A.M. I came on board, The Phrat is inside discharging,

At 10 went home, had a cold bath, the warm water is unsupportable *and* it is so hot to be able to resist the warm water~

At Noon as we were at breakfast, a telegram came to me from Alexander [p. 342] dated yesterday, it says

Svoboda Baghdad

Turquie Asie

Advantageous Affaire In

hand, require thousand florins

instruct Korkis

We knew it from his letters that he was buying some goods to be sold here, *and* they were offered to him so very cheap, I therefore went at once to Yousif Korkis *and* asked him to give me a telegram to his brother Rezooki in London for 90 £ *Sterling* which is little over 1000 florins *and* he gave me this telegram

Korkis London

Payèz Svoboda Nonante

Sterling: Korkis

I sent it at once *and* was wired off ~

1898 July, 10' *Sunday*
Therm@ 5,80 soon Noon
1104 P.M. P.M. 112
[A47.345.11:211]

Moderate hot wind *and* dusty it is very hot at noon, [p. 343]

Moderate N.W. *and* fine ~ At 8 A.M. went to Church *and* then called on Katerina Yaghchi the Assyrian Bishop, to Sedy wife of Jeboory Asfar, on Chekoory Andrea, Polus Serkis, [illegible] Magho, Abood, Sister Medoola, Menusha *and* came home, found Mr. *and* Mrs. Bottomley there had come to visit us for the first time since we arrived from Europe;

At noon Eliza *and* I went over to Antone Marine to breakfast there by invitation there were Sedy wife of Jeboory *and* children, *and* the Asfars family ~

At 2 P.M. P.M. We left *and* I called on the Delegate Monsgr. Altmayer, on Alice *and* Sister Eliza *and* came home at 6 P.M. [p. 344] Light N.W. *and* fine weather a strong nasty wind blew throughout the night;

11 *Monday* Therm@ 5,81
Noon 111 4 P.M. 112
1898 July
[A47.347.21:212]

Fresh N.W. wind blowing but warm; at 4 A.M. we were up; we took our tea, as proposed before, we are going to Kadumain to visit my friend the British Agent Nawab Agha Mahomed, who has had an accident last month by falling down from the top of his house to the street a great height *and* fractured his arm etc.;

Alice came to go with us also Eliahoo [illegible] the Jew Residency Banker, I hired a carriage a sort of Landeau for one Mejidie *and* we started from the Ras Gheryeh to [illegible] at 5

A.M. at 5:30 we alighted at the bridge [p. 345] of Moaddem *and* walked across to Kadumain went to Agha Mahomed's house a fine building, we sat in the Serdab *and* he came to us, he is getting on well, we had Tea ate etc., My wife *and* Alice went to see his family, after an hour at 8 A.M. we left *and* came to the train Carr *and* started back to Baghdad it took $\frac{3}{4}$ hour to get to the town the horses are going so very slow; we took a Goffa *and* dropped down to Sister Eliza's house where we stayed an hour *and* left At 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ *and* came on board for an hour *and* then went home~ the Bishop Aghnatius called on us;

Very hot day the wind [p. 346] is so burning hot the same wind has sat in for the last few days;

Moderate N.W. wind, but not so cool *and* refreshing At 7 A.M. called on Menusha *and* then came on board, the Phrat is loading, *and* we are also but there is very little cargo for us; I went home at 10~ It is getting very warm *and* hot~

At 3 P.M. I came on board it is fearfully warm in the my Cabin it cannot be resisted, We shipped some cargo, A very light *and* S.Ely breeze sprung this afternoon and became very warm and oppressive~ At 5 I left the Ship went home found Eliza *and* Adoola my Cousins at 6 I went to call on the Mushir Rejeb Pasha to bid him good bye fetched Artin my Nephew [p. 347] who wanted to go with me, but as we got to the garden of Moolla Hamadi where he spends the day, we saw him leaving it to go to the harem, (the house of Rezooki Abood close by) so we walked back with him to the door *and* he excused himself as having some business in the harem we then wished him good bye *and* came back to my house; Johny also was here, It is very warm sultry *and* calm, everything is hot even after sunset~

Very warm, light variable Air from East *and* N. *East*, a thick mist on the horyzon, So sweting in bed even in the morning;~

At 7 A.M. I came on board *and* I wrote *and* finished Alexander's letter 6 sheets *and* told him everything, enclosing his [p. 348] old Turkish passport, also a letter of recommendation from Georgis Antone to his friend at *Constantinople* . Nazaret Kasbaryan, at Mostapha Pasha Han, to advance him about 30 L Liras should he require, *and* other papers, also wrote a letter to Mr. J Böhm *and* enclosed it in that of Alexander *and* told him all about the passport for Alexander *and* to facilitate his departure, I sent a packet of samples of silk pieces, Toulis, Shales cigarette papers *and* other ordinary paper etc. *and* gave it to Yacoob Nearo to be Posted via Damascus; my letter is registered and so is the parcel too; The S.S. Phrat left at 4 A.M. for Basreh with Barge, There are still lots of fever at Baghdad *and* great mortality [p. 349] amongst the children dying from sudden fits mostly amongst the Jews,

At 11 am I went home, It is very warm *and* sultry, breeze again shifted to S. *East*; At 2 P.M. came on board We shipped some more cargo; The heat is most intense a light S. *Easterly* air *and* very close weather;

12 Tuesday Therm@ 5,84

Noon 106 4 P.M. 113

1898 July

[A47_348.03:213]

[A47_348.05:214]

13 Wednesday Therm@

5.88 Noon 110 4 P.M. 115

1898 July

[A47_351.07:215]

A 5:30 P.M. I went home, My servant H. Hamadi is not coming down with us this time, he has got the fever *and* has stayed in his house, I engaged H. Mahomed brother of Ferj to go down with me~ The weather keeps very calm *and* so hot misty like a vapor with a light S. *Easterly* breeze but as hot as fire~ [p. 350]

14 *Thursday* Therm @ 5.91
Noon 104 4 *P.M.* P.M. 109

It kept warm till about 2 A.M. when the moon rose *and* a *moderate* N.Ely wind came on~ At 3:30 A.M. I came on board~

Baghdad to Basreh [14 JUL 1898 — V047_37_S]

Passengers 90	<i>Okkas</i> 82,548	G. S. Piasters 13,732	Draft	
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1989 July

At 4,,15 A.M. Got underway *and* proceeded~ *moderate* N.W.
wind but warm~

At 5 passed the S.S. Ressafah *and* Barge going up, Mohsen
Pasha on board coming from Basreh to act as Commander in
Chief temporarily in place of the Mushir Rejeb Pasha until the
Mushir of Yemen Fezi Pasha comes who has been appointed in
his place,

At 6,,15 passed Diala; At 7,,15 passed Ctesiphon At 8,, we
grounded at Seyafyeh above Temreh reach~ [p. 351]

Sent the pilot to sound and mark the channel;

At 8,,55 weighed *and* proceeded wind blowing hot~

At 9,,5 P.M. met the S.S. Khalifah at the bottom of
Dawar reach she stopped *and* sent her boat off with the through
specie she did not catch the Bombay mail boat, I got letters *and*
papers sent by Henry also a letter from Alexander from Vienna
dated the 5 of June *and* a Packet of French Papers~ We went
On at 0,,10 P.M.;

At 1,,35 P.M. passed Baghdadieh Fort~ very hot weather; the
wind fell in the afternoon *and* became so hot *and* oppressive; At
3,,30 P.M. passed Azizieh;

We have altogether 76 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers (one only in 2nd class a
Mahomedan [p. 352]

Thabet Effendi with through ticket for Bahrein~

Light S.Ely breeze or calm *and* hot as a furnace~

Detained at [illegible] in shoal water from 6,,15 P.M. to 6,,30;
very calm *and* warm weather Ther. in my Cabin 108°~

15 *Friday* Therm@ 5.90
 Noon 106 4 *P.M.* 114
 1989 July

At 9 P.M. we anchored for the night at Memlah; very light air *and* warm weather;

Light N.W. breeze, *and* not cool at all; at 4 *A.M.* We left Memlah;

At 8,,20 am, arrived at Coot landed 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers and 48 packages~ It is has been very hot here too for the last 5 days, people are complaining of it~

At 9,,45 left Coot, the islands have all come out of the water *and* the channel is getting intricate~

Took 4 passengers from Coot, wind N. *Easterly* and [p. 353] hot;

At 3 P.M. we passed the S.S Phrat with Barge bound down having left one day before us; .Very hot N.W. wind blowing, it is 114° degrees outside of my Cabin;

At 4,,40 P.M. anchored off Ali Gherbi *and* landed 21 Packages

At 5,,10 left Ali Gherbi *Moderate* but very hot N.W. wind, *Capt.* Cowley is always down in the Saloon with the Punka over his head *and* wet towels on his head *and* has brought a large box of Ice about 40 *Okkas* *and* is using it always;

It was very hot in the first part of the night, the bed was as hot as fire, but it became cooler toward midnight,

16 *Saturday* Therm@ 5.83
 Noon 102 4 PM 108
 [A47_355_13:216]
 [A47_355_15:217]
 [A47_355_25:218]
 1989 July
 1898 July

At 1 *A.M.* arrived at Amara landed 17 passengers *and* 66 packages~ Light N.W. *and* cool weather; we shipped [p. 354] 199 Bales of wool from Lynch's Press~

At 3,,45 *A.M.* left Amara, Light N. *Easterly* breeze *and* cool, there are clouds on the Eastern Horyzon, the first time appearing, from the great heat~ Took 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers from Amara,

At 7 passed Kalat Saleh there troops encamped here on the opposite side, there has been a disturbance lately caused by the Motserrif of Amara Mostapha Pasha who came here to fill his pocket from Sheikh Seyhood (the runaway brigand who had attacked the Khalifah, *and* now made Sheikh and reinstated by the Turks *and* farmed lands here and the Motserrif wanted to exact more money from him and his sons Faleh, Kathem etc., the Motserrif having taken one of the [p. 355] sons *and* put him in prison, and the father Seyhood came and attacked the village and fired shots from the opposite side on the telegraph office where the Motserrif was sitting; he sent for some troops, *and* the Khalifah had been given 28 zptyeh guards instead of 10 as usual, but we have only 11 this time from Amara,

At 8,,45 stopped to repair the steering chain got broken At 9,,40 left; weather became very calm and fearfully warm, hazy *and* sultry~

At 10,,50 passed Azair, We passed the S.S. Mossul *and* Barge going up last night At 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ P.M.~

At 1,,35 P.M. passed Gorna~ [p. 356]

At 5,,45 P.M. arrived at Basreh, we suffered the heat so moisty most awfully as the breeze was behind us,~

The Arabistan is up here from the quarantine; The Mail Str has left yesterday, wha a bad arrangement the B.I Steamers are making they are always changing their time; There is a steamer the "Chatam" in quarantine with Paraffin for the Maymerry;

The ship is burning hot; it is impossible to get in my cabin; I would not go to Rufails place, because they have all the Angoorlies living there Tookyeh *and* her husband and Tonie's wife *and* children etc.; but I suffered the heat most awfully, even in bed on the upper deck I could not breath, Although there is a light *N.W.* breeze but it is so [p. 357]

Nasty, warm *and* moisty, we discharged cargo at night~

17 *Sunday* The 5 A.M. 90
Noon 98 4 P.M. 99

Light *N.W.* *and* sultry with Some clouds on the Eastern quarter; weather not cool at all;

The S.S. Phrat came down early this morning~ We are discharging *and* loading,

My letter for Alexander of today's date will have to remain for next mail;

As G.R. Sayegh came to me *and* would take me to go and breakfast with him to Rufails place saw Tookey *and* her husband only remaining there, but soon after I got there some visitors came to them, Yousif John his wife *and* sister *and* the mother of the Assyrian Priest, etc. *and* so I left immediately *and* went to G. Asfar, he [p. 358] was in Basreh *and* came out at 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ we breakfasted together *and* I remained spending the day, a fresh *N.W.* wind is blowing all the day *and* it blew through strong too; at 5 P.M. Rufail *and* Rezooki came they played tennis *and* then we went on top of the house, Meneshi Gareh came there too~ at 8 I went to Rufail's where I dined *and* slept, a light *N.W.* *and* cool night~

18 *Monday* Therm. 82
Noon 95 4 P.M.
1898 July

Light *N.W.* breeze *and* nice cool morning, but rather dampy; I had tea with them *and* left at 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ am *and* passed on my way to Jeboory Asfar. I took from him 70 *Turkish* Liras being the interest of my money 1000 *Turkish* Liras left with him for an other year commencing from the 1st Rabi Awal or 20th *Instante*, the bond is in [p. 359] Baghdad, which I will bring down next trip, he deducted what I owed him for the freight on the box of painting which Effie my niece sent me from Cairo, and Sawon Bazin of Port Said had charged me £ 1,,18,,9 which came to 2 *Turkish* Liras I paid him, I then came on board~ I closed the letter for Alexander the mail will leave Basreh on the 23rd *Instante*; she is due here tomorrow~

The S.S. Pemba arrived this Morning at 7 A.M. but she did not bring the mail she is an extra boat; *and* an hour after one of the Persian Steamers also arrived I suppose the Henry Bolckow;

There is a *Moderate* N.W. wind today *and* is a pleasant day
except my cabin where not a breath of air is in it [p. 360] and I
cannot stay in; We have very few passengers coming;

Rufail *and* Rezooki Sayegh came to me at P.M.~ wind falling
down a little~

Basreh to Baghdad [18 JUL 1898 — V047_38_N]

Passengers	<i>Okkas</i>	G. S. Piasters	Draft	
105	61,638	9,781 $\frac{3}{4}$	4,,	

At 5,,15 P.M. we left Basreh; Light N.W. but my cabin is hot *and* I am saturated with perspiration It cooled at night *and* became very nice *and* pleasant;

At 11,,30 we landed 4 passengers at Gorna and went on at 11,,40~ Light *N.W. and* cool night;

At 0,50 *A.M.* we anchored at Zachyeh ~

At 4 proceeded, light N.W. *and* cool weather ~

Finished the passenger's tickets yesterday, we have only 48 $\frac{1}{2}$ in all (3 in [p. 361] 1st class Cabins, Hyder Beg son of the Defterdar of Basreh *and* his mother, and Rezooki son Beshoory Tessy in Hotz's employ)

At 6,,30 anchored below Azair to repair the Tiller's cracked been carried away, At 7. Proceeded ~

At 7.10 passed Azair, Detained few minutes in some places shoal by easying and *and* stopping~ wind blowing warm~

At 9,,15 P.M. landed one passenger at Kalat Saleh, Some Troops are still here encamped; The Defterdar of Basreh (father of Hyder Beg who is going up with us now with his mother to Baghdad) also Sherif Beg the Taboor Aghassy *and* other Turkish Officials *and* Arabs in [p. 362] all 7 persons came on board to go up with us to the Canal Mejar (above Aboo Sedra) for investigation of the late disturbance with Seyhood *and* his sons not paying the debts etc., *Capt.* Cowley took them all free At 0,,25 we went on;

At 1,35 the Aboo party landed on the West bank, where the Arabs are digging a new canal for irrigation~

At 5 *P.M.* arrived at Amara landed 5 passengers took 5 *bundles* skins ~

19th *Tuesday* Therm @ 5,
80

1898 July

[A47_362.03:219]

[A47_362.23:220]

[A47_363.05:221]

20 *Thursday*
1898 July

At 6 left Amara took 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers~ *Moderate* N.W. wind blowing and nice cool weather;

Moderate NW. but not cool; At 4,,30 *A.M.* went alongside at Ali Gherbi , landed 7 passengers; and shipped 132 bales of wool, at 8 Paras per *Okkas*;

At 7.15 left Ali Gherbi [p. 363] Very hot and scorching wind blew throughout the day The Therm at 4 was 109°

At 5,,50 P.M. Arrived at Coot landed 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers We did not go alongside, but lots of passengers came off in Goffas; we were told that the channel here is blocked up, *and* we have to drop down below the village *and* steam up on the other side of the islands along the West bank, at 6,,45 we dropped down~ The Therm in my cabin at 7 P.M. is 106°

22: 21st *Thursday*
1898 July
[A47_366.08:222]

At 7,,30 we rounded and passed Coot along the West bank~ *Moderate* N.W. *and* fine cool weather;

Fresh N.W. wind blowing all the night~ At 2 *A.M.* we grounded at Hamraya [p. 364] Worked wind anchors fore *and* aft~ At 5,,40 we proceeded, strong wind still blowing, I had to come down to my cabin at 3 A.M. from the wind but it is not cool~

At 5,,50 passed Memlah Gave tickets to 29 Coot passengers;~ The river is getting very low, and every where are sand banks appearing~

We were detained at Han Seniyeh from 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ till 10 in shoal water by this time the S.S. Ressafah *and* Barge came to pass down.~ Very strong wind blowing;

At 2,,10 P.M. passed Azizieh Village which is falling in ruins, being eaten by the river~ Very hot wind blowing 113° in my cabin;

At 2,55 P.M. passed the S.S Khalifah at Reddat going down, the wind is awfully hot as fire [p. 365]

At 5,,35 *P.M.* passed Baghdadieh Fort;

I have asked Hyder Beg The son of the Defterdar to give me a letter of recommendation for Alexander at *Constantinople and* he gave me one to his friend Saleh-id-Din Beg in the Ministère de Finance at Place Bayazid, which I shall send to Alexander to Vienna by the next post of the 28 *Instante*~

At 12 P.M. grounded just at Bostan in turning round the reach, took anchor out *and* hove off *and* remained at anchor for the night; the wind was just first fresh *and* hot, I slept in one of the cabins in the saloon, but it was hot in the first part *and* could not sleep;

22 *Friday* Therm @ 5.83
1898 July

Light *N.W.* *and* fine cool morning~

At 4.30 *A.M.* We proceeded [p. 366] from Bostan~

At 6, 45 am passed Ctesiphon At 9 passed Diala river, wind began to blow hot, but not so strong *and* hot as yesterday~

At 9,,40 the steering chain been carried away, we anchored for [r]epairs;

At 10,,40 proceeded, But a stool fell overboard, *and* people were sent on shore to pick it *and* bring on board and at 11 we went on;

At 11.45 landed a deckman at Gherrana *and* went on blowing hot strong wind dusty *and* hot;

At 2 P.M. landed mails at the Residency *and* went up to the Custom house, the S.S. Mossul is here alongside

I went home saw Eliza she is well; I found two letters from Alexander one of last week dated the 25 June of *and* the other [p. 367] of yesterday's post dated the 1st *Instante*, he is very well but is annoyed in Vienna being so stranger *and* says that Mr. Böhm left on the 1st *Instante* for his summer country stay for about 2 months; Alexander counts leaving Vienna on the 30 of August he has received the 500 *francs* I sent him through R. Korkis he has bought some shoes about 100 pairs for that sum; I also received a letter from R. Korkis dated 1 July; Père Augustin (Sayegh) called on us also Antone Marine~

It is very hot here too; the terrace is also very hot *and* the bed like a furnace [p. 368]

23' *Saturday*

Moderate N.W. and fine, but warm weather;

At 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ A.M. I came on board but could not stay in my cabin; the heat of the sun making it as hot as fire I went back, called on Menusha; I went home It is fearfully hot as fire I took a cold bath; It is so very warm all the day *and* the night too;

24' *Sunday*

1898 July

Moderate N.W. and fine but warm *and* disagreeable; I went to call on Catterina Yaghchi, *and* then went to Church, I called on the Bishop, on Habib Chiha, Abduljebbar Antone Marine, Sister Medula etc.. I came home at 11~

Very hot day, Strong wind *and* dusty~ Monseigneur Altmayer called on us; in the evening Johny called for an hour; [p. 369]

25' *Monday* Therm @ 5.87

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1898 July

Light *N.W. and fine* with some clouds on the Eastern Horyzon~ At 7 A.M. I called on Sister Eliza *and* at 10 I went to the office to Mr. Bottomley about money *and* pay etc.~ Came on board at 11; we are discharging cargo; I went home at 12, Hot wind blowing.

At 3 P.M. I called on Alice *and* Sister Emilia *and* then called on Eliza *and* Adoola my cousins *and* came home at 6. P.M. I found a telegram just arrived from Alexander from Paris sent on the 22 *Instante*; which made [me]startle *and* astonished at his sudden departure from Vienna for Paris.

Svoboda Baghdad

Suis Paris raison Majeur

lettre suit

[p. 370]

We are very anxious to know the cause of his return to Paris *and* cannot make it out, unless it be the cause of the Military Service that the authorities have heard of his being there through somebody, I suspect the sons of Isak Lurion either Faust or Edward, they saw that he was in the office of Olloi Schweizer the General export merchant *and* did this out of spite, in fact we were mad for having such a telegram I then at once sent this telegram to Ibrahim Gejou (after having asked his brother here to give me his address) and wrote out this and sent it at 7 P.M. to the telegraph Office [p. 371]

Gejon

3 Place Cambronne

Paris

Inquiét cause retour

Alexandre informèz

Svoboda

As Alexander had written to me on the 1st *Instante*, that Mr. Böhm had gone out of the country for a month or so *and* also Mr. Schweiger, *and* he was left alone *and* lonely in town not knowing any body *and* perhaps the Police there had enquired about him *and* Alexander was frightened *and* left Vienna for Paris;~

26 Tuesday

Light N.W. *and* fine weather I went at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ am to Mr. Julietti, *and* explained to him all *and* asked him [p. 372] that should the answer of my telegram come after my leaving this place to forward it on to me at Amara~ I called on Sister Medula *and* came home wrote Alexanders letter *and* came on board at 8; The S.S Mossul left this morning at 4 A.M.

At 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ am the S.S Phrat arrived;

I went home at 11, a very hot wind still blowing, ~ Alice *and* Terrooza my nieces called on us at 3 P.M. also Sedy wife of Jeboory Asfar *and* Terrooza wife of Antone *and* himself also called in the evening;

27 Wednesday Therm @

5.82

1898 July

Light N.W. air *and* fine Light N.W. *and* fine cool breeze At 7 A.M. I came on board we shipped some cargo, [p. 373] The river is getting very low

I finished Alexander's letter I have not much *and* cannot write to him any more except about his return to Paris *and* advised him to return soon homeward this letter I am sending to Paris to the care of Ibrahim Gejon; I also wrote a letter to Böhm Vienna expressing my most great Astonishment at Alexander's return to Paris *and* asking him whether it is on account of the Military Service, I also wrote to Mr. J. Kouri at Port Saïd; Alexander's letter is registered~

At 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ went home and returned at 2 P.M. Weather very hot, the wind is still burning;

We shipped about 74,00 *Okkas* Cargo (363 Bales wool [**p. 374**] *and* about 50 Bales Skins etc.)

At 6 P.M. went home~ Catterina Yaghchi was there; Johny *and* Artin called in the evening~

Light breeze *and* nice cool weather; weather;

28 *Thursday* Therm @ 5.88
Noon 112 4 *P.M.* 110

Light *N.W.* *and* fine cool morning~ at 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ A.M. I came on board~

Baghdad to Basreh [28 JUL 1898 — V047_39_S]

Passengers	<i>Okkas</i>	G. S. Piasters	Draft	
151 $\frac{1}{2}$	94,955	15,455 2/4	4,,0	

1898 July

At 4,,20 *A.M.* got underway *and* proceeded;

At 6,,25 passed Diala river~

At 7,,50 passed Ctesiphon Gave tickets *and* finished with the passengers; We have altogether 130 $\frac{1}{2}$ (one in 1st class Jewad Effendi of the Senyeh to Amara).

At 9,, 45 landed a passenger at Khemasseh, Eliahoo Somekh, having liquorice [p. 375] collecting there~

At 1,,10 P.M. met the S.S. Khalifah coming up just at Bagdadieh Fort, she stopped *and* sent us her through specie (not having met the Mail Steamer) I received Henry's letter *and* my papers and a letter from Alexander from Vienna dated the 19 of June; We went on at 1,,15; Very Hot day Thermr. @ 112° at noon;

At 3,,15 P/m P.M. passed Azizieh Village; wind fell *and* became calm,

At 7,,20 P.M. we grounded at Sheresh, took an anchor out *and* hove off, sent to sound; We kept heaving on fore *and* aft all the night, she wont move until about midnight when she floated *and* we remained at Anchor~

Light *N.W.* breeze *and* very cool *and* pleasant night [p. 376]

29 *Friday* Therm @ 5.79

Light *N.W.* *and* very cool morning

1898 July

At 4,,20 *A.M.* we proceeded, At 5,,35 passed Memlah;

At 10,,10 anchored opposite Coot on the Western bank *and* sent down the Pilot to sound; At 10,,50 proceeded but her Stern touched the shoal and she swang *and* grounded just at the mouth of the Hye Canal, took an Anchor out astern *and* hove her off; Very Calm and warm day;

At 11,30 we weighed and proceeded down after having sounded; rounded the islands below Coot *and* steamed up *and* went alongside the Custom House at 1,,5 P.M. landed 44 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers *and* 127 packages, Calm weather *and* light N. *Easterly* breeze;

At 2,,55 we left Coot took 5 passengers; S. *Easterly* light breeze *and* very hot;

At 7,,15 Anchored at Aboo= Dood, a shoal place ahead [p. 377] of us *and* Boats are aground weather very calm and warm sultry close; But later at night it became cooler on the top of the house,

At day break we weighed *and* having sounded the place we proceeded to it but grounded, hove off and again grounded, hove back but sent to sound~

Slight N.W. breeze sprung up;~

At 7,,10 after having finished sounding we proceeded form Aboo Dood~

Breeze shifted to S. Ely, warm and sultry~

At 10,,5 landed some vegetables *and* watermelons at Ali Gherbi From *Capt.* Cowley to Khdeir *and* went on at 10,,10~

At 1,,45 P.M. passed Ali Sherghi Very hot *and* light S. *Easterly* breeze, At 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. breeze shifting round to West *and* N. West, but is rather calm; again it shifted to Southerly hot [p. 378] breeze~

At 6 P.M. arrived at Amara landed 25 passengers (1 in 1st class Jwad Effendi) and 49 Packages~ We shipped 156 Bales of Pressed wool, the weather is awfully warm with a light S. *Easterly* breeze; this is the Bahoora which has set in today *and* will last about a week,

At 8.20 we left Amara At 9,,50 anchored for the night; the weather got a little cooler~

Light *Easterly* breeze *and* cool morning At 4 A.M. A.M. We proceeded At 5 passed the S.S Ressafah *and* Barge full of Troops they are returning from Basreh; Gave tickets to 16 Amara passengers~

It became so calm and warm by 7 O clock that I could no longer write *and* was getting mad and [p. 379] feel so weak that I do not know what to do and where to go, my heart fails me and I am so sorry *and* out of temper on account of Alexander since he telegraphed to me from Paris on last Monday, and I did not get the answer at Amara last night as Julietti had promised to do so; I have to knock off work for my cabin is getting like a furnace;

At 10,,5 passed Azair, Very calm *and* hot day's;

At 1 A.M. P.M. landed one passenger at Gorna *and* went on~ Breeze from S.W. very hot, with few clouds on the west horyzon~

30 Saturday Therm @ 4.80
Noon 105 4 P.M. 115

31 Sunday The@ 4.84
1898
[A47_381_16:224]
1898 August

At 5.30 P.M. arrived at Basreh~ the S.S. Chatam for Hotz is up here; the S.S Goolistan got out by Korkis Brothers is in [p. 380] quarantine *and* the mail steamer Khandalla

Fearfully hot *and* calm as or light S. *Easterly* breeze; Rezooki came to take me to them;

I received soon after we arrived these telegrams all in one cover the first is from Ibrahim Gejon in answer to mine which came to Baghdad *and* was forwarded on to here dated from Paris 30th

Svoboda Basreh,

Alexandre ici question

Mariage

The second from my wife dated today~

Svoboda Basreh

Presence Alexandre

Paris question mariage,

Telegraphiez Consul

Baghdad, informez Ambassadeur

[p. 381]

Paris arretèr mariage

repondèz

Elise

The third is also from my wife dated today, two hours later.

Svoboda Basreh

Altmayer telegraphed

Paris needfull; wiring

Ambassador risky.

Eliza,

This is a fine thing Alexander is doing if what Ibrahim says is true; I am at a loss to find out the reality of this news; but if it is true Alexander must have been doing a great fault and foolishness; unless Ibrahim has been working at it all the time before he went to Vienna I went with Rezooki called on Jeboory conferred with him [p. 382] We made out telegrams but left them to consider, he came to Rufail to dine there, I went also, where I saw Tookyeh *and* her husband Rezooki we talked over the matter, I am mad from the sorrow *and* grief on Alexanders doings, had no sleep the whole night thinking about the matter;

1st *Monday*

1898 *August*

^Son père disapprouve

1898 *August*

Very light air from South *and* S. West warm *and* sultry, After tea I went over to Jeboory, talked over the matter, *and* Jeboory proposed to wire to his friend Monsr Sevelinge *and* also a friend of Ibrahim Gejon to enquire from him *and* reply, so we made out these following telegrams;

Sevelinge

7 Place Pèreire

Paris

[p. 383]

Gejon télégraphia Svoboda

intention mariage son

filis informez vous réalité

Prière insister départ

Bagdad télégraphièz

Asfar

I then made this telegram

Svoboda

3 Place Cambronne

Paris

Quittèr six Août pour

Marseille, Attendèz lettres

aussi instruction telegraphique

ulterieur relativement

itineraire

Svoboda

I also wrote this telegram to my wife.

Svoboda Baghdad

Telegraphiani Alexandre

Necessaire

Svoboda

[p. 384]

The whole 3 telegrams will be sent on by Jeboory today to be wired; I Came on board; this news has stunned me *and* made me quite sick pulled down as it is a thing that I never expected it to come from my only son that I hold so dear *and* precious on earth, my affection to him has no limit *and* I have been expecting to see him soon *and* am sacrificing every thing for him even my health *and* existence

Roofail came to me during the day but the heat so intense in the cabin *and* every where a light S. *Easterly* moist warm *and* disagreeable~

We were told to await for the mail boat which left Bushire yesterday until 10 *P.M.* [p. 385] We are getting many passengers mostly family of Turkish Officers as the Troops are going up in the Mossul;

We finished loading at 4 P.M.~ Very warm night *and* light S. Ely.

Basreh to Baghdad [1 AUG 1898 — V047_40_N]

Passengers	<i>Okkas</i>	G. S. Piasters	Draft	
247 $\frac{1}{2}$	84,457	13,334 $\frac{1}{2}$	4,,4	

The mail Steamer not having arrived; At 10,,15 P.M. we proceeded~ It got cooler during the night;

2 *Tuesday Therm @ 4.79*
1898 Aug

Light S. *Easterly* breeze~ At 4,,25 am landed two passengers at Gorna and went on at 4,,30~ It got very warm *and* sultry as soon as the sun rose;

At 8,20 passed Azair, I finished with the passengers tickets~
[p. 386]

We have in all 152 passengers, none in the cabins~ also 9 zaptyes

Detained 30 minutes at Ghumeijeh in shoal, also $\frac{1}{2}$ hour at Elbow, fearfully warm calm *and* steamy, I never saw like it, I am expecting every now *and* then to get a stroke of appoplexy, I can do nothing no writing or any thing else;

At 12 grounded above the Elbow, took Anchor ahead *and* hove off and went on at 0.50 P.M.;

At 3,,50 P.M. landed 5 Passengers *and* 4 Bales of the down trip at K. Saleh and took 3 passengers *and* went on at 4; Very calm *and* hot weather;

It became very oppressive in the afternoon so calm *and* one is fainting~ I passed [p. 387] all the day sitting on the chair aft *and* nearly fainting from the heat, a very light Southerly breeze scarcely put;

At 8.20 P.M. arrived at Amara landed 41 $\frac{1}{2}$ Passengers *and* the 9 zaptyes *and* 2 Bales, Took in 8 tons of coal,

At 10,25 left Amara, It is still warm with very light air, but about midnight air shifted to *N.W.*

3 *Wednesday Therm @ 4.85*

Light *N.W.* air but Sultry *and* not refreshing, gave tickets to 39 $\frac{1}{2}$ Amara passengers; It became very calm again;

At 1 A.M. the S.S Comet passed down, she sent her boat off for letters, she is going to bring up Major Melville who comes up to act as Resident in *Colonel* Loch's place who had gone on leave
[p. 388]

See Diary No. 48

of 1898; [p. 389] Jew Pilgrims to Azair Ret Tickets

Blosse Lynch		Kalifah		
Embarked				
1898		1898		
5 May	-50	28 April	25,,	
19"	-48	13 May	96,,	
	-98	- of B. Lynch	-98	
			—	
		Total of B. Lynch / S. Khalifah}	219	
Returned				
10 May	—2	17 May	—28	
24 ,,	—57	31,,	—124 $\frac{1}{2}$	
	—		—	
	59		166 $\frac{1}{2}$	
			58	
			—	
			214 $\frac{1}{2}$	

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[mdash]

31 Dec 1897

800	Eliahoo Dennoos	-	-	
1000	G. Asfar	-	-	
500	Nawab Agha Mahomed	-	-	
100	R. Sayegh	-	-	
350	Cash with me,	-	-	
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2,750		-	-	

31 March 98

1000	G. Asfar	-	-	
1500	Nawab Agha Mahomed	-	-	
100	Rufail Sayegh	-	-	
1150	at home	-	-	
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2750		-	-	
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100	£ Sent to Alexander Vienna on 9 July 98, for Kit	-	-	
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2,650		-	-	

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