

a better place than the bank opposite the Island but it is sandy & having been rendered all wet & watery we therefore brought our Tent down to the bank & left the Servants to Cook our dinner the partridges we had shot in the morning were to be Cooked, as they were getting bad from the heat, Antoine, myself with two Arab shooters walked down river to shoot, Yousif would not come* fearing the heat & tiredness we walked to the Menary it is the bank planted with peas opposite the place where the Dijleh was put in Quarantine last year during the Cholera & went further down nearly as far as the Mounds of Seleucia in this place the Arabs say a Lion was seen three days ago. We certainly were taken aback & feeling rather uncomfortable walking in the place where it was a short time ago visited by a Lion. However we walked & walked until sunset we were completely done up, we sat on the bank & refreshed ourselves with water but the river was not cool at all, we got up & turned back towards Zoombaraniyeh walking outside the jungle to cut short the road arrived to our tent about 7.30 p.m. had a bade in the river & sat to our dinner which we enjoyed remarkably well, having shot only 4 partridges & Antoine 3 we determined to send them to Baghdad having given them to an Arab with a letter to my father he started at night with his donkey loads of brushwood. We were told by the Arabs that the best* shooting ground would be the Seyafieh a little below the Barooda opposite the Semrah bite, but it is too far to walk there & back being the distance of about I should say more

8th

Came on board this morning cleared out my cabin from the kit to have it painted afresh.* Been on board the "City of London" she is taking Cargo, took 180 Bales of Webers Wool & other Cargo besides, but is light and very few Passengers. Been in the Bazaars with J. Marini, in the afternoon crossed to the opposite side, & had a swim with Yousif & Toni Marini. Constanple. Post arrived today. Cholera in Mossul is decreasing & better than before.

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"City of London" left at about 4 am. for Basreh. Came on board the ship in the morning. Got up a party to go down to Zoombaranyieh on a shooting excursion with Yousif Marini Antoine Apikian & myself we therefore prepared ourselves & got every thing ready as provision ammonition etc* At 6 p.m. we embarked in a Goffa belonging to Eassa Aboo Koch, taking with me my servant Hamadi & Shibib also a servant in the House being an Arab from the Beni Ajib with whom we are going to encamp having left the beach in the Goffa we proceeded easy down stream at opposite the Gawrieh garden we grounded just at dark, we shoved her off & at 7.30 p.m. we landed on the shoal bank of the Mortada Garden to take our dinner & to allow the servants to spread our bedding in the Goffa. We had taken our dinner with us ready cooked. Having done dinner we embarked again* at about 8 p.m. & proceeded down stream; we were very uncomfortable not being able to stretch our legs for there was very little space for all of us & the Goffachi getting tired to paddle Chebeb however stood at it & paddled the whole blessed night it

was dark & no current scarcely we passed the Diala long after midnight. However we slept for about two hours until morning appeared as day light.

10th

We were just between the Island & Zoombaraniyeh Canal, at 5 or sunrise we dressed our shooting costumes & got us* landed on the Island while the Goffa crossed to the opposite Bank a little below the Canal to land the Kit & erect the little tent close to where Shebib's Arabs are. Having overrun the Island & crossed & recrossed it through thick bushes & high jungle we found nothing at all except we discovered two Arab thieves who were hidden in the jungle Antoine followed them & they run away towards me but did not see me they left their Agal in the ground which we picked up; we came to the bank & got the Goffa to take us into the Mainland; on landing we walked northward* by the bank & I Shot 4 Partridges & Yousif one & Antoine one. We came back to the Tent, it was pitched close to the Arabs in the desert about 200 yards from the river we breakfasted & laid down at midday it begun to be very hot & the wind blowing all the dust at us, it was not pleasant at all, we ordered for some camel thorn & the mat which the Arabs put around their tents as screen, having laid it over & put it up against the wind one felt it a little better but it required much water the river being rather far from where we are. However, we* suffered the heat much than in town anyhow at 3 p.m. I took a walk down by the bank to fetch another cooler place where we can encamp not having found

than 10 miles we made our mind to start to that place early tomorrow, Yousif again refused to join us, we therefore obtained two Arabs with their musket one named Ashoor & the other Sleman the former having shot two Lions in his lifetime at near Ctesiphon, & having ordered two donkeys from* the Arabs to take us as far as the Barooda, we slept & got two Arabs to keep watch at night in case we shall not be robbed by the thieves we saw this morning on the opposite Island.

11th

Got up early at 4 am. took our Tea & dressed for our shooting excursion; got our donkeys from the Arabs & mounted accompanied with the two above-named shooters, the donkeys gave us great bother & troubles for they were awfully miserable & walking very slow, we however* at last arrived to Barooda just at sunrise, dismounted & proceeded walking down river having left the donkeys @ Baroda we continued our walk few Partridges flew about we fired at on our walk down river I lost 5 Partridges which fell dead in the thick jungle & was not able to find them, when walking in jungle I sometimes used to smell something like a Lion's mouth when it stinks & thought perhaps this ground has been visited by a Lion previously.* At about 9.30 Antoine & I got awfully thirsty & tired & was very desirous to walk down to the Bank & quinch our thirst we had by this time reached to the further extremity of the Seyafieh reach & the jungle getting lighter

a partridge had flown towards me from Antoine & put down further inland amongst the brush wood, I followed but perceiving ahead of me an animal which struck to me to be like a cow I took no notice & feeling very tired & unable to pursue the partridge further* I turned myself towards the River, Antoine coming behind me did the same, but stood for a short time gazing at the animal before us, & found it to be a great big Lion, he turned back & came to the River informing me of the affair & had I walked a little further on I would have been brought over to the very Lion standing before me, - We drunk our half bottle wine with water, and now determined to turn back & go to our*Tents, the two Arabs with us also came to us and the shooter Ashoor relating to us of having followed a very young little Lion in the bush just now but could not catch it, it at last disappeared. We continued walking up River & we now saw more partridges than before & shot much more. But the intense heat, fatigue hunger & thirst had totally knocked us down & were unable to walk or speak to each other after two hours walk*we again came to the bank of the River & threw ourselves & drunk like Horses but the water of the River at this time of the day was not cool & we did not enjoy it much. We however rose & continued our walk through thick brush until we arrived to the Baroda at 12 am. but were sinking down from want of strength & refreshment, came to the entrance of factory we saw two three Turkish officers sitting under the roof of the Gate we threw ourselves* opposite them, they welcomed us

& received us with a friendly manner they were astonished at us & seeing us changed & so done up & coming from a distance place they pitied us. We therefore asked for water immediately they brought us a large jug with sower milk & filled up with water which we enjoyed most awfully well & felt it quite cool & nice, while the fresh air blowing through the gate we recovered a little our strength we wanted to ask for a little piece of* bread but were ashamed at last Antoine demanded for a little piece which was immediately complied with & two Loave or Slabjacks were offered to us with a Large Onion & a little Salt which they said it will protect us from the heat of the sun we ate a little & after which another large pot of sower milk was brought to us & we drunk it. Having recovered our fatigue & rest* we thought now of starting to our tent at Zoombaraniyeh. We therefore got our donkeys & rode. We now feel much stronger & hurried on, but the heat becoming much insupportable being 1 o'clock p.m. so that the two Arabs could not walk over the burning ground barefooted & the donkeys giving us tremendous trouble & uneasiness, walking very slow & every now & then they want to lay down, we however arrived to the Tent at 1.30 p.m. changed & took a rest & then had our breakfast & laid down to* have a little nap, at 5 oclock we had a Bade in the River, with Y. Marini. We now recommended the Arabs to get us 4 good donkeys to ride to town this evening. Took our dinner at 7 p.m. & collected all our

kit & put it in the Goffa to be pulled up River, we mounted our Black Asses & took the road by the desert @ 9 p.m. the party were Antoine, Yousif, myself my servant Hamadi & two Arabs one is owner of the donkeys, it was a dark night with* no moon light at all & we went on the whole night, our donkeys certainly not going fast but were much better than those formerly rode at 12 p.m. we dismounted & had a little piece of bread & cheeze & a glass of wine & water & rode again.

12th

At 2 am. arrived to opposite Grarra Garden & crossed the river in a Goffa with our donkeys & mounted on, arrived to the Southern Gate at 3.30 a.m. the Turkish garrison over the Gate would not open the gate for us, but pointed a passage to us from a hole up in the wall of the Town, about* 40 yards on the left side of the Gate, we having paid the donkeys keeper his hire for the 4 donkeys we paid him 60 piastres & climbed the wall about 20 feet high, I was the first who landed on the Bastian & we walked on, our Partridge to the number of 25 mostly mine we carried by my servant & a carpet & sadle Bag, we went to the Beach at the Garrayeh Cherdack laid on the couches until daylight then took our bade & walked home. I dressed & went to the Armenian Church but could not stay awake every now & then I felt* awfully sleepy. Having taken my breakfast I took a good nap, called on Yousif Marini.

13th

Went on board the ship had no work to do except shifting my kit into my cabin after being painted fresh green colour.

Called on Y. Marini, in the evening called on J. Saigh, had a swim in the opposite side.

14th

Came on board & went home. Called on Y. Marini on Antoine in his shop, crossed to the opposite side & had a swim with Y. Marini, Antoine & other chaps.

15th

Holyday to the Christians & to Louis Napoleons the third. Been to the Armenian Church, called on J. Saigh, on Mr. Habib, on* Roofall Yaghchi & on my sister Elisa, went to the Armenian & Chaldaean Church to the latter I attended the Ceremony on the death of Y. Marini's grand mother who died last night at the advanced age of 80 years or thereabout. Received today a Telegram from Basreh from Henry asking me to bring down with me a servant for him as Kadem is discharged, I also received a letter with our Pilot Ali who had gone in the City to see the sunken Boat of Mr. Michael; it is from Goobba.

16th

Came on board this morning, the ship came alongside to* receive Cargo & tooke Weber's wool on board & wood. Took also 35 Bales of Hector's wool.

17th

Came on board the ship being Friday no Custom House today. Took in Passengers. Sami Effendi is going down with us as a Collector of Customs for Basreh. Our departure has been postponed until Monday morning the 20th Inst. as Blockey is to go down with us & not having finished his accounts yet, Mr. Lynch delayed the ship on this account.

18th

Been on board & out in the Bazaars & called on J. Saigh. Had a Swim in the opposite side* with J. Marini & Antoine Marini

& J. Saigh.

19th

Sunday. Been to the Armenian Church & came on board the ship. Called on Mr. Holland with Emilia, Madalena & Carolina then I called myself on Mr. Lynch & with J. Saigh at Mr. Ashille. Been in the evening in the Armenian & Chaldean Church. Dined at home & went on board at 8.30 p.m. found great many passengers there.

20th

Baghdad to Basreh

Steaming hours

Baghdad	2.30
Diala	
Diala	1.40
Ctesiphon	
Ctesiphon	5.40
Baghdd.	
Baghdd.	2.50
Goobb.	
Goobb.	6.40
Meml.	
Meml.	5.15
Coot	
	<u>24.35</u>

Coot	8.20
Magh.	
Magh.	8.25
Deff.	
	<u>41.20</u>

Def.	6.20
Azeir	
Azeir	3.10
Garua	
Garua	4.5
Basreh or Margil	
	<u>54.55</u>

Got under Weigh from Baghdad at 4.45 am. Passed the Diala River at 7.15 am. at 8 we grounded near*Zoombaraniyeh on Eastern side, got an anchor out & hove to, left @ 8.45 am. At 9.40 anchored at Seleucia & sounded the water below it. Landed all the Passengers at Baroda, sent Hamadi my servant with 2 Watermelons to the Turk keeper of the Baroda as mark of his friendship he rendered to Antoine & myself when out shooting on the 11th Inst. Hove & steamed down to the shoal place, grounded, found a very unsufficient water to float her being only 2 Dras (about 3 feet) took anchors out & hove very hard emptied one Boiler, I went in shore shooting with Blockey who is going down with us to Basreh, walked down river, but it was terribly hot, I shot* 7 Partridges been only as far as the Canal opposite Hudeitha where there is a little lake with water in it & there were great many Partridges, I had never seen so many flying out, from one place about 40 we could go no more further on account of the heat & thirst were obliged to turn back to the ship, & took our tiffin & beer at about 2.30 p.m. After many trials it was

found impossible to get her over, we therefore commenced Discharging the Bales of Wool to the shore. At 4.30 p.m. I went out shooting for the next time and* walked further down the River & shot 6 more Partridges, came back at sun set, had a Bade & dined; Sami Effendi is with us messing at the Capt's table he is going to Basreh as Collector of Customs We have all together 130 Passengers.

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Therm.@ 5 75
Noon 103
4 pm. 112

Have been working last night very hard in landing the Bales of Wool, our Launch was found leaking. We hired a Wood Boat for 20 kr. to land more Bales of Wool. Hired another larger boat for 20 kr. & loaded her with more Bales of Wool & worked in heaving over until 5 p.m. when she floated & begun to take in the Bales until late at night, I wrote a letter to my father & sent it with people from Baroda*

22nd

Therm.@ 5 74
Noon 100
4 pm. 107

Finished taking in the Bales of Wool on board at 7 am. but few of them got Damaged with water in landing them with our Launch. The Turkish steamer is in sight coming up, she had left Basreh last Thursday I believe. Got under Weigh after taking all the Anchors & Chains on board at 9 am. At 0.5 p.m. met with the "City of London" below Ledje we anchored & she did not, Henry came off to us, she had left on Sunday Morning, the 19th with the Mail arrived on 17th, she has 60 Passeng. & about 40,000 okes, the "Baghdad" had left 36 hours before her, and passed her at Um el ----- aground. We remained at anchor at sound* a Shallow Channel before us & she went on. Sounded the Channel found little more than 2 Dras, landed the Passenger & blew one Boiler out. Proceed

down & forced the way through until 3 p.m. we were off. steamed down after taking in the Passengers. At 3.35 anchored to fill up the Boiler & get steam up at 4.35 le At 6.40 p.m. we passed Baghdadieh Fort. Came to at Goobba at 9.15 landed 4 Passengers Turk with females & left @ 9.45 at 10 came to our wooding station & took in wood.

23rd

Finished Wooding this morning & left Goobba at 5.30 am. At 7.45 passed the "Baghdad" steaming up. At 0.10 p.m. passed Memlah*. At 0.45 p.m. came to & sounded found very little water emptied one Boiler & landed the Passengers. I have weighed the Passengers Luggage today & finished just as we came to here; steamed to the bad place & forced her over it & passed all night went alongside & took the Passengers & started at 3.45 p.m. At 6.50 anchored at Um el Boormi & sent the Pilot to sound the Channel, as it became dark we remained at anchor for the morrow.

24th

Landed all the Passengers & emptied one Boiler & steamed on but grounded & worked the engines this did no good at last they got out an anchor ahead & hove her over which succeeded* in getting her off. Came alongside & commenced to take the wood we had left here last trip up. Went out shooting with Blockey & I shot 7 Partridges. At 12 am. left, but nearly all the Passengers have walked down to Coot. At 0.15 p.m. grounded again at 1.15 were off @ 1.30 came to to pick on board the Passengers found them waiting under Arab tents. Left @ 2 p.m. At 3.5 came to at Coot landed 5 Passengers

& 4 Bales Cloth & left @ 4.15. At 5.5 grounded got a stern anchor out & hove to at 5.30 proceeded. At 6.55 came to an anchor at Aboo Nakhal.

25th

Got under Weigh at 5 am. At 7.45 landed a Bale at Sheikh Sad & left @ 7.55. At 8.15 came to sounded a Channel* and left @ 8.50 am. At 10 came to a shoal place again & sent to sound, left at 10.40 am. At 9.30 p.m. came to at Maghesil & took in wood. Left at 4.20 p.m.

26th

Arrived to Defass at 0.45 am. gave Cargo to the people and took in wood. Left Defass at 6 am. At 9.30 landed a Passenger @ Kalat Sheikh Saleh. At 11 came to sounded the Channel & at 0.25 p.m. left. At 1.45 p.m. landed a Jew Passenger @ Azeir. At 4.55 we came to at Garua landed 10 Passeng. & 23 Packages. Left Garua at 6.20 p.m. At 10.25 came to at Margil landed the Packet. Left for Basreh at about 11 p.m.

27th

Landed the Passengers. I went to Basreh, the Dijleh went to Margil to Coal.