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AUGUST 1874 - APRIL 1875

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16th

- P. 2. Sheel at boat opposite the Governor's house, the lady of London here since yesterday again, but she is getting splot.
- P. 4. Pasha sent an order to the Governor of Basrah to stop the running of the steam launch brought out of the Jamma to run between B. & Mchamerech with passengers - 17. - foreign port, Turks no right & Cd. has telegraphed to Const.
- P. 4. 24th. Yesterday evening the Turkish Govt. have hanged 5 men a Turkish mt. officer & 4 others - for murder of a mother in law & sister of the officer - for having found them practicing a v. dishonest use - they strangled them at night time & put them in a large pot a Bellua in the house - the decision came from Const.
- P. 7. A Chaldean Bishop & priest in 1st. C. Chini - going to the Malabar feast to Calicut.
- P. 7. R. Yezhi - has presented petition signed of 40 about eliminating streets & putting watchmen.
- P. 8. A. zijel - the quantity of magazines & lead enough to kill me.
- P. 9. Grounded below Shehel Saad between many islands v. intricate place.
- P. 10. Below Azee 5 birds seen where we shot the 4 -  
One shot a few days ago - killed a man - <sup>sons</sup> said to have come from Hawyer.

- P.11. Ahmed Pasha - Commodore of Turkish Squadron going up with us - appointed admiral of the Med. fleet.
- P.12. All the Turkish officers, merchants & governors of Basrah called to see him on board.
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P.13. Amara - soldiers presented arms at door of every gent. office in honour of the Turkish flag - flying for Commodore Ahmed Pasha.
- P.15. Above Asyeh - - inside thick jungle - whose ship grounded & out to shoot - braced out of head & throat.
- P.17. Bd. wished to see him about Asyeh Bro. boats seized at Amara of the Gent - Capt. Holland asked S. to write a letter to the Governor in Arabi - loss of the copy of the letter.
- P.19. Quisquippira rd. well - when called on Meclula.
- P.20. Mr. & Mrs. Westmann going down to Basrah - their house between the Residency & Asyeh Sudds has been let to Tom Blacky for 115 leva for 2 years.
- P.26. Mada Kutha Persian Consul Agent going up in the Lander - flying the Persian flag for him.
- P.26. S. Phati - passed - Nassar Pasha - Sheik of Morbitig going up to B'dad in her, also Omar Pasha Director of the Turkish Steamers - full with soldiers.
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P.27. Comet with Bd. Herbet coming down - 'i' ground betw. Sheik Jaber of Mchammerah & his people & the Sheik Poffa of the Arab tribe of Dalaba - who marched agst. Sh. Jaber with about 8000 men -

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Jaber collected his men & forced Gafit to pay taxes due to hisian gent - Dispute settled without need of help of lord.

P. 28 20th. Lord left & dem river with lord Hektel to visit Shabit Jaber of Matoverah.

P. 30. Extensive cultivation of millet on both banks from Jeroia to above Abonella - along the bank, also watermills have been so abundant - taking them in meadows to Amara for sale.

P. 30 Futalla coming up to bid to settle accounts of millet - told so by Amer Pasha.

P. 31. 25th. Gent in bid had hanged 3 thieves among whom Rogoth, the son of Isaac the famous thief.

P. 33 Futalla's travels with the Turkish direction about pay of Jeloen is dearer - here of his home - His house at Amara in mortgage at Amer Pasha until his affairs with Hektel settled.

P. 34 Futalla coming up - Mahmud Naga in his place - claims for expenses.

OCTOBER.

P. 36. V.1. A sonful evening with E. M. gave Shya some genuine smelling salts, & some of Jergic & a bottle of Best wine in case of need to be used.

- P. 39. Above bed took on board Kerchiri el Mandoul for Boorik from Fohad Pasha, encamped in the E. bank by the order of the Pasha of B'dad at suggestion of Masser Pasha on plea that Fohad is interfering - Ulysses Arich like Fohad rather than Masser, this latter is a v. tyrant unjust & debauched person.
- P. 42. Capt. Holland discharged 17 d. Grain on 2nd rate for not keeping watch & leaving the ship at night in B'dad - Capt. Holland had written officially to Blockey.
- P. 43. Arab women carrying dates in small boxes for sheep milk to fender of the Mesopotamia.
- P. 44. Delayed to take up mail cargo - have to discharge 20 tons of coal taken extra - v. useless.
- P. 46. 600 cases candles from the Mesopotamia destroyed.
- P. 50. Fattalla in B'dad - lots of items with the Adari.
- P. 51. Passed in his fanas - S. Has to express his feelings in Italian.
- P. 55. Many people walking about in the pyjamas - 9th day of Ramadan.
- P. 58. Seriy Effendi - governor of Amasia has got out - the Lynch Bros. of S. Mesopotamia, a cotton cleaning machine & rice machine, for Amasia - he is encouraging ag. v. extensively here.
- P. 60. At Bustam House saw Johnston - & his today a Painter & a Petreus - he got out from by one of Mesopotamia & one by ship to leave -

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wants to sell them with a breech loading gun. they are v. fine dogs.

P. 60 17th. Fellah fell down Saturday - Turkish Doctor [Gonen] came from the hospital - dressed the wound - put some Icton & castolic acid.

P. 62 Capt. Powell on board ship of London came down from B. I. with poor Fitzgerald who is v. weak & sick, he is going home in the Mesopotamia.

P. 63 I never saw such a slow man as Faltalla - in my life.

~~NOVEMBER.~~

P. 67. Yacoub Saefai our Servant came & took my 1507. I was to put with Yacoub Shent Ghela on interest for 3 mos. from today at 1% per month.

P. 70. Passed the S. Meshereh alongside at Sheikl Sood with Redif Pasha on board, he was looking at some horses wh. the Arabs were bringing to him.

P. 71. Jelcon' - account with the Adora finished - he has to pay about 7,500 G.S.P. for difference of charges wh. Omar Pasha add. not pass it in account & insists in having it as Faltalla will be put in prison - unjustly established - items are on record here - 7. paid 10. G.S.P. per 7 angles quood carried on board vessels at Amara - Turks only want to charge to Pasha - no house rent - &

Jelcon's pay as Store-keeper.

- P. 73. Nigam from Heron to Bay Blacky has a son  
Bought a fine goat for milking for Shyia
- P. 75. Took from Yusuf a young boy - father a Bell Dy of 17. Later  
called Bell & the mother Yusuf has called fathera.
- P. 77. Arrived - S. Masul - troops taking down to Basrah. thence to  
Khatf where they say there is a disturbance.
- P. 77. came to at Hampton took on board, Capt. Powell, Mr. Davis,  
the son of Col. Herbert (a young boy about 20 who arrived overland  
to India on saddle in the Army) & Alfred Holland,  
they came down in the Jordan to shoot - shot about  
120 partridges betw. them.
- P. 78. F. finished his account with the Akbari & paid them the money  
A thick headed fellow does not listen at anything.
- P. 79. Blacky's boy christened Allert Joseph after Blacky's bro's name  
& more - christened in the Latin Church.
- P. 79. Blacky went to take a walk to Bel at Shyia & back -  
two servants carrying lanterns & walk quick outside along the  
wall of the town to near the by. cemetery & back & reached  
Blacky's house at 10.
- P. 84. S. Mesherch - at Abov Jelast - has about 300 soldiers,  
& cargo & ammunition

P. 85. At Amara - Jebouri To superintend bldg. of coal store.

P. 88. Dargibi & Marreana & Sister of Anthony [Agent of Paul Giez at Safaba] came up in the Calcutta of Beshere - had gone to her bro. overland to res. exp. She was the superior nun of the Latin church - turned out when the Fr. Bishop Zaccari came to B'ded last year for some scandalous cause having been going on between her & the Prefect Pere Joseph.

Had that Jewess Hanna former prostitute turned Christian.

P. 88 Two rifles sent thro' medium of Mr. Robinson from Darlag Gerd as a present to Sheik Jaber of Mehemmet - splendid. Express Sporting Rifle of Martin Henry's principle.

P. 91 At Meidi - near a shoal, the rudder touched the sand - shaft of the rudder broke in half.

DECEMBER.

P. 95 Saw E's ruby ring to a jeweller to have cleaned.

P. 95 Canot went down to Alepba with the Residency's Tents to be pitched - Col. Hodart & family going down to spend a fortnight.

P. 97 Zido [captained, pants] behaved better than I thought of him, he used to scold with us for the last birds.

P. 99 Zido missing - must have dropped in road from fatigue & thirst. Told the Arab Negmi at Danta to look out for him & bring him to us.

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- P. 100. Shot in all 110 partridges with the 18 last.
- P. 101. Lelji is a splendid shooting place this year & the partridges are large, fat & delicious. } SHOOTING EXPEDITION tents etc.
- P. 101 news of telegram of Fitzgerald's death before the Mesopotamia had arrived to Port Said.
- P. 103. 9th. Telegram from Bombay from Basil - Col. Herbert received from B'dad & a tel. NIXON appeared.
- P. 106. 14th. Monday - The Mail Steamer Buena Vista arrived yesterday. The new Resident & Consul General - Col. Wescott arrived in her. Col. Herbert to go to Bagdad under Col. Pelly. Formerly Brit. Resident at Bushire. Col. Wescott - has his wife, a young woman of 24, her sister of about 20, & a young girl & male servant.
- P. 107 15th. Col. Wescott going up with us to meet the Consul.
- P. 109. Col. Wescott his wife, her sister, his daughter about 4 years - a Fr. male servant, 3 Portuguese servants & an Eng. valet.
- P. 110. Seriy Effendi received from Mutarem of Amara.
- P. 113 21st. Monday. The Resident is receiving visits today of all the B'dad people from 11 - 3pm. - my father went.
- P. 114 Bought two gold watches. E. v. sorry for leaving before Xmas - so am I.

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P.116. We are passing our Christmas alongside the bank at- last  
working.

P.118. Haji Effendi had collected of books at Basrah about  
10 days ago by order from land-

P.119. Fakhata - tells me Saïm Effendi accounts examined of  
the new Mutasarrif, Bekjet Bey & has found lots of  
sundries - on account of the Rice grounds wh- the Govt. was  
measuring & selling to the people - Jussem Salacemhi's  
[meaning] & Saïm Effendi - big cheating, not <sup>one</sup>/<sub>6th</sub> gain to  
govt.

JANUARY

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P.122. Sunday 31. The gov't is a letter of all sorts of presents  
for the occasion of New Year Day, as it was promised  
before I left A'd-ah.

P.124. Went to Blochay to speak about increase of pay.  
Settled payment of gold watch to Hussein - 67 liras,

P.128. A. Marini had been asked by Eliza to get for her Dog. &  
Table Jewelry bundle from Basrah - v. good.

P.130. v. cold - Our steersman Mohamed fell down on deck  
again the cold while he was at the wheel.

- P.131 Our decks are covered with peat thick & white
- P.133. 18th. Dr. B'dad people never seen add take it  
Quonah - Eliza was nearly fainting - hands & feet got paralysed  
pain serious & wept much.
- P.134. Eliza Sajegh at E. Marnes - out with Mubad &  
Rafael at Sheikh Omar - beaten by a young soldier  
in the Mil. School - Reason Rafael used to walk  
with that young boy who now saw him walking with others.
- P.135 Turned out at 3 am - walked back Donkeys - rode for  
subject next gate v. steep old road - Gonnayrol.  
Water Pump for irrigating the country existed & the T. gate - not  
in working order.
- P.136 Mariam Sajegh - Eliza - Lucia & Feltonia - to  
see Mariam's clothes put in the big box - Jelaog,  
walked the streets - accompanying Mariam's kid.
- P.137 Eliza vexed '∴' Sajegh's asked her to accompany the  
Jelaog
- " Powell's gang down with us - appointed at Akbar to  
command a gun. boat for one year.
- P.137-8. talked on bd. Marnes - new house of the Naval -  
The house is nice & clean, but for pain being equal to the  
residence left.
- P.139 Eliza passing to Sajegh's home - dressed up most superbly.

P. 140. Welby a bad fall pig sticking - fractured his nose & face.

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P. 144 Passengers clothes caught in the steering chain under a block caused ship to get back - wheel wd. not answer - jammed.

P. 145 A Turkish man of war coming along from Lond. - a fine large steamer with 60 young Turkish cadets aboard - they are all respectable boys, sons of Pashas etc - taught by Eng. officers.

P. 147. Dr. Paris is going to get married with Mary daughter of Hamud Pasha, sister of Adas Pasha's daughter.

148. Zetkin is arranging everything for Paris in his house - all the cooking & packing -

P. 151. Settlement of Hector's claim for Fallallo -

Johnston has agreed for 6,000 liras payable in 3 yrs in 3 instalments.

15th. 152

H.M.S. Gun boat 'High Rise' came up from Mehemmed - Masul & Bassorah - being off here.

The Turkish Man of war Bressah & Iskenderah - with the transport St. W yed - have arrived from Kutah bringing back the Turkish troops & Messer Pasha - after having defeated plundered & killed the poor Arabs of Hesse. - a Nassar has put his son Mezzed Pasha as governor at Kutah with some troops.

Nassar Pasha went up in the 13 week to his place at Namsuzet to settle his affairs & go up to B'ded - to Lond. sent for by the Sultan.

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P. 155. The ship v. slow ' new boats which gives us after & cannot give much steam to the cylinders - a gr. loss to the Co.

P. 156. Mr. Raitt acting lands of forest assigned to Miss Bevan Mrs. Niscom's debt - marriage on the 25th.

Feb. 22nd. 156. D. of Yusuf son of Jelai Asfur - eldest bro.

P. 157. 24. called on Jelai Asfur - all the Christians of B' d' ad.

~~MARCH~~

P. 164. 7th. came to at Boston house - current v. strong  
Klyai - water - 3 daughters married - a gr. deal in B' d' ad.

P. 165. Hector sent order for him to seal the office & books -  
remove Jelostin - appointing David [formerly H's. man of business]  
& Maledon, son-in-law of Mr. Richard Francis as Agent.  
The order was taken to call Niscom.

P. 166. March 10th. Baid el Ajcoz.

P. 167. At Amisai Nives has over-flowed the embankments.

P. 168. Jeloori at Amara still not been able to sell his 400 sheeps.  
Folatta sitting idle.

P. 169. H. P's. Junlorst Philomel arrived from the Gulf -

" Mr. Falatti brought me the case wh. my bro. Alessandro  
has sent from Paris to Stefan Androce - leather shoes  
& a dress for Emilia & some more for Alice.

P. 173. Messoudi Maysi - Abdelrahman Barchali - President of  
Maysi.

APR 178. Mostafa Effendi - Director of Quarantine - Gen. M. C. A.

179. Shot a wild rat.

P. 180 From 1st. Jan. 1875 I began to draw my pay at  
the rate of 250 Beshlis per month exclusive of 7 B. per  
day for Tolla Maysi.