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Passage to Bussorah in H.M. ship Alligator - Capt. Alexander had the
ceremonial.

Also HIS HIGHNESS FUTTEH ALI KHAN - a eunuch in service of
Abbas Meerza the Prince Royal of Persia who married his sister.

Arthur had been aide de camp to the Marquis of Hastings, the then
Governor General of India

Principal persons of the Prince's establishment - a Persian synd -
Keppel explained to him the properties of a steam boat - reply of Synd.

P. 6 "When arts were in their infancy, it was natural to give the
Devil credit for any new invention; but now, so advanced are the
English in every kind of improvement, that they are more than a match
for the Devil himself." - - - - -

P. 7 "The Mahometans believe ^{na} that we never pray at all; and, to say the
truth, the general conduct of our countrymen in the East rather
favours the supposition."

Feb. 14th. anchored in the bay of Muscat, the seat of govt. of a sovereign Arab Prince, whose title is that of Imam.

Mr. Hunter, a lieutenant in the navy, and Guloub, a native of India, agent to our Government, came on board to see if they could be of any service.

P. 21. 7th slave market

P. 25 - Flavors of beef, mutton and fish of Muscat - 'are fed on dates, fish, and the seed of the cotton plant'

Feb. 7th. sailed - number increased by LEWISIANI & Mrs TAYLOR. going to visit his bro - CAPT. TAYLOR - Political Agent at Bussorah - MR. HARRISON of the Bombay Marine - going to join one of the company's cruises.

Harrack - called Jearus by Alexander the Gr. - ship engaged a pilot to Bussorah

Morning of 17th. Feb. came in sight of the once famed land of Mesopotamia.

A few days before arrival, the brother of the Pasha of Bagdad, had been appointed Governor of Bussorah - He was encamped in the Desert, outside the walls, and was shortly to make his public entrance into the town.

Feb. 22nd. (P. 49) "The Pasha made his public entrance this morning. We saw the whole procession from the windows of a Persian's house ----- (P. 52).

P. 53. Feb. 26th. Captain Taylor returned the Pasha's visit.

v. B. "The ceremony of carrying the great man into the Divan is an ancient custom, & is mentioned in the Arabian nights.

P. 53. "In this manner, both, according to established etiquette, entered the apartment together: for, as in Turkey the inferior rises to receive the superior, and as both here considered themselves equal, the one rising for the other would have been a concession that neither would have made."

P. 55 "During this visit, we wore our hats, in conformity to the Eastern custom of always keeping the head covered; and agreeably to an exclusive privilege granted to Eng. men, we did not take off our shoes. Without entering into the merits of that John Bull policy, which expects from the natives of the country in which we are residing a conformity to our customs, instead of our adopting theirs, the privilege we

by men claim both at Baghdad and at this place, of keeping
on our shoes in the presence of the Pasha, certainly does appear an
useless acquisition of privilege on our parts, and one that
cannot but be highly offensive to their Asiatic feelings. ---

--- P. 57. Would any of us be pleased, if a foreigner
were to claim the right of coming from the streets, in his dirty
feet, and of dancing up and down our dinner-table?

March 1st. - horse race into the Desert "on amusement, of which
the natives of Bussorah are as fond as our own country-men"

March 3rd. (P. 60.) Mr. Taylor, the officers of the Allegato, and
our travelling party, went this afternoon to the house of an Armenian,
named Passigh (the head dragoman to the Brit. factory), for the purpose
of being present at the ceremony of his betrothment to an Armenian lady,
whom he had never seen, now resident at Bushire."

Description of ceremony to P. 65.

Description of Zebair & Basmah P. 66 - 74.

P. 74. March 6th. "The ordinary mode of proceeding to Bagdad by water, is to secure a passage on board one of a fleet of boats which start at this season of the year, whenever their numbers are sufficient to enable them to resist the attacks of the lawless tribes of wandering Arabs, which infest the banks of the river."

P. 74 Description of boat. - of company - a guard of 20 Zobeir Arabs, captain of the boat, commander of the guard, - and Abou Nasir "a good-natured, drunken vagabond, whose gratitude for a life, thro' spared by British influence from the sentence of 3 successive Pashas, we deemed a sufficient guarantee for his fidelity to us, and in no instance did we find our confidence misplaced. This man was a stout, tall, elderly Arab, on whose face the sun & strong liquors seemed for many a year to have been contending which could give it the strongest tinge of scarlet." - - -

Servants, an Indian Syce who had been with on the Allegator to Feltah Ali Khan, - a Persian & a half-starved Ethiopian.

May 7th. P. 77. Entertainment on the Allegator by Captain Alexander to Captain Taylor & some Armenian ladies.

March 9th. P. 83. "We passed this morning a Turkish three-decker at anchor, commanded by the Captain Pasha. It was a rotten hulk, seventy years old, with seven men on board, though the gun. was charged with the expense of the full equipment."

Arrived off the town of Kocima P. 84. "We saw here several boats, waiting to be joined by others from Bussorah, as the navigation beyond is unsafe for single vessels, owing to the lawless tribes that infest the banks."

P. 86. El Jezzerah (The Island) "It is curious to contrast the present barren appearance of this country with the description given of it by ancient authors."

P. 86-87 Description of a village of wandering Arabs - mat huts.

P. 90 Description of Bedouin women. - village of GOORUK-

"P. 91) its inhabitants, who are notorious robbers, are subject to the sketch of Montezuma; they are accustomed to exact a stipulated tribute from every boat that passes" -- we paid

"a boat having much better luck than a boat we left here, with horses for the Pasha of Bussorah, which, not being strong enough to resist the demand, was detained for an additional exaction."

P. 95. "The behaviour of these females (Bedouins) formed a striking contrast with the manners of the Indian women, & still more with those of the veiled dames of Bussorah ---"

P. 100. March 10th - eight P.M. off Akushe - ". At this place, some time ago, a Mr. Low & another Englishman were taken by the Arab horde, and obliged to pay a stipulated sum for their release ---"

P. 104 - a kin sleeping under a bush.

March 14th. (P. 107.) We visited the remains of an ancient building on the right bank of the Tigris - called Zilfulah from a lady of rank and beauty, who, they said, flourished in the reign of King Nasra - a similar mound Soorod, so named from a handsome young husband man who lived on the opposite bank - a causeway built to facilitate his visits.

March 15th. P. 110 - the remains of an encampment, where one of the great Nasra caravans was plundered a hundred and thirty years ago - called "Mudduk - il - Hijarji" -

Kote - considered half-way between Bussorah and Bagdad.

P. 111 "At this place, horses in any number are always ready for the traveller who may wish to perform the rest of the journey to

Bagdad by land. The distance is 120 miles, through a barren desert. In the dry season, the journey is performed in 36 hrs, when it is necessary to carry provisions & water, both for riders & horses; but at this time of the year, abundance of water is found in the desert, as also numerous encampments of Arabs, so that the traveller may proceed at his leisure.

March 16th. (P. 112) Hote is a small, square, and wretched mud-built village, surrounded by a wall, not more than six feet high, & is the first permanent establishment we have seen since we left Beerra.

March 20th. P. 132 "We found a servant of Aga Saubis, the brit. agent at Bagdad, waiting on board, with a letter from Mr. Hamlin - informing us, that apartments were preparing in the agut's house, & that horses shld. be sent to this place to take us on to B'dad.

S. Pank - Patron saint of the barbers, who come from B'dad in annual procession to visit his tomb.

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This gentleman had been sent out by the Fr. sect, & as it is
supposed, will shortly be appointed Consul for that nation.

- Details for 7 men - Aleppo by caravan to B'cland.

P. 172. NIEBUHR - 2,000 dead & 5,000 living annually

go to Meshed Ali.

March 21st. p. 140. - As we approached the suburbs, the novelty of our dress attracted numbers of people on the bank. There were several women in the crowd, who did not scruple to lift their veils, the better to indulge their curiosity. --- They have tolerably good features, but their pale pink complexion strongly marks their state of habitual sedation. Their robes being open as far as the waist, leave the person considerably exposed.

p. 141.
Two of the agents' Tahanases - avant couriers came to meet us - One of them, a mounted Tahanas, went before us with his Baton of office, a silver stick, surmounted with a gilt ball of filigree work. Our horses' bridles were very handsomely ornamented, & the furniture of our saddles, which covered nearly the whole body of the horse, consisted of velvet studded with gilt & silver rods. In short, we entered this city with a state that would have better befitted ambassadors than private travellers.

P. 145. In the evening we went to the Hammam
 with the same retinue as in the morning. If I might
 Hammam has been so often described, that it will be
 sufficient to mention our having undergone the whole process of
 kneading, cracking joints, & changing. After the bath, we were,
 by the civility of Agca Barber, regaled with iced water, pipes,
 coffee, & sherbet; we were then sprinkled with some rose water;
 & frankincense was brought us to perfume our mustaches.

P. 146. March 2nd. - " We received a visit next morning
 from the chief of the artillery to the Bashaw of B'clad. He was a
 tall thin man, about 60 yrs. of age; his weather-beaten face
 had been bronzed by a long exposure to an Eastern sun; formidable
 white mustaches graced his upper lip; and over his eyes were a
 pair of ferocious bushy eye-brows, the peculiar elevation of which
 infallibly stamped him a Fr. man. The cavity observable in his
 dress marked the true Soldado: the buttons of his coat were
 adorned with the imperial crown & initial of Napoleon; from
 the button-hole was suspended a cross of Louis the Desired;
 & a flaming pair of rapacious Turkish trousers bespoken his

present service. The top of this gourd figure was crowned with a small hat, which rested on his left ear?

P. 148. March 22. Pasha's garden - eight or 10 acres

enclosed within a mud wall, contained a confused assemblage of shrubs & fruit trees. A summer-house on the banks of the Dignis, well worthy of the garden, was a wretched little building, whose dirt, decay and neglect, had obliterated nearly every trace of the former clambing of flowers, with which the walls had once been decorated.

P. 150. Asa Saikis' reasons for not wishing to introduce them to the Pasha - Capt. Taylor - hauled down Port. flag

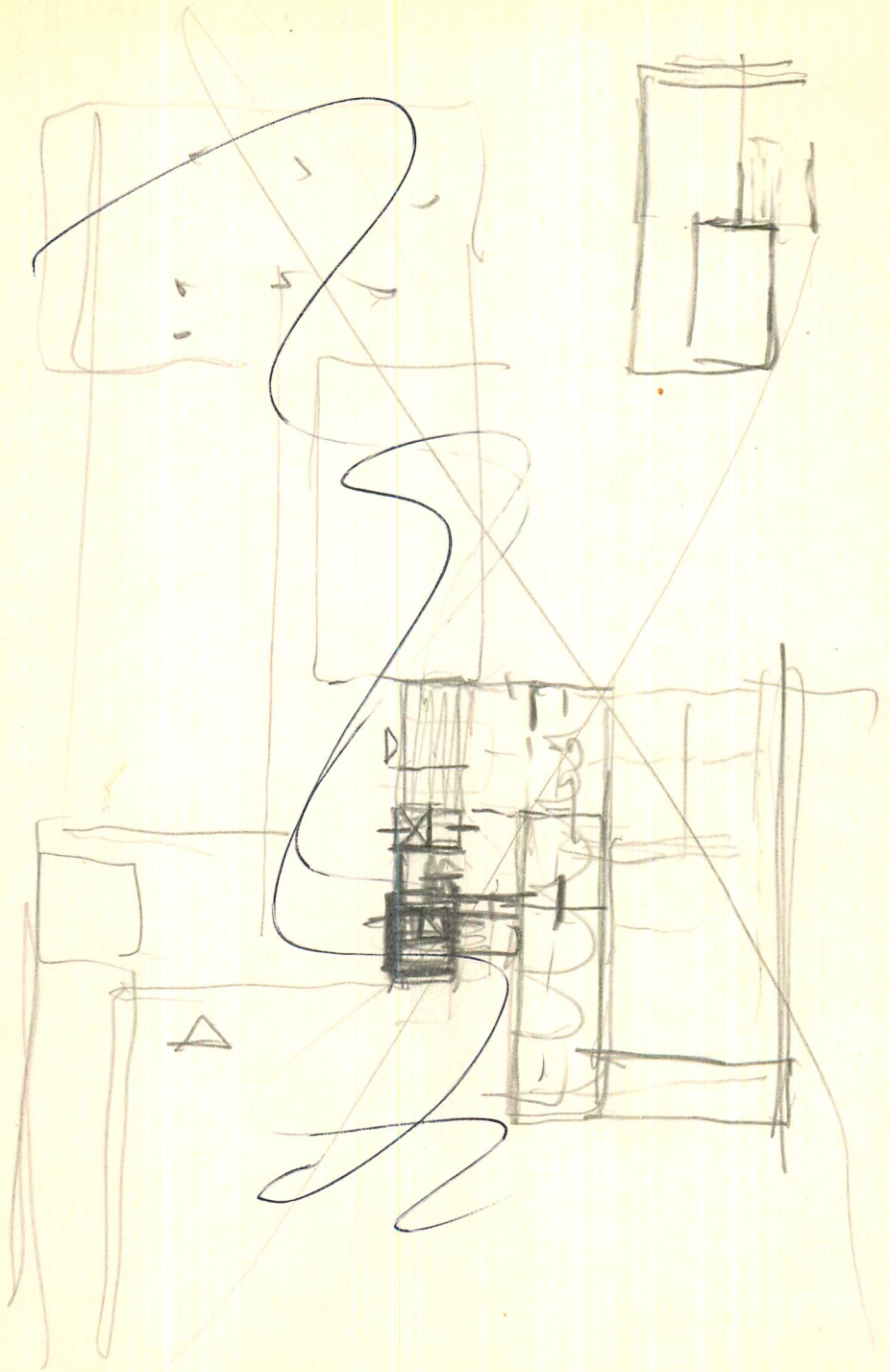
for some infraction of the treaty on the part of the Pasha - Allgeles had arrived at Bussorah - Pasha's bro. taken charge of govt.

Asa Saikis wished to keep the Pasha's fears alive.

March 23rd. P. 153. Visit to the monastery of the Palendars (deviskas)

P. 159 - accidental visit to the house of the Catholic Bishop of Baghdad.

- P. 148. Garden of a 'three-tailed basha'.
- P. 150. Aga Basha's reluctance to introduce the party to the Pasha. - Hoisting of a Brit. flag by Capt. Taylor the Brit. agent. - Intent to show the party as 'pseudo-diplomatists'.
- P. 152. Visit to monastery of wandering dervishes - called kalenders - description of badge of coats.
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- Journey to Bagdad.
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- P. 184 - Wild beasts at Bagdad -
- P. 186. Akhal - Syppel - Musard. the governor of Akhal.



P. 187. - "Hillah is under the subjection of the Pasha of B'ed-- who lets it out to one of his own officers for the sum of 260,000 piastres --- Besides this rent, the governor has to pay a stipulated sum to the *Shi-hyer*, (lieutenant-governor) & to the principal officers of the Pashalik, all of which demands are wrong from the unlettered inhabitants. The office of *bach* - a circumstance uncommon in a Turkish govt. is here hereditary --- If anything could identify the modern inhabitants of Hillah as the descendants of the ancient Babylonians, it would be their extreme profligacy, for which they are notorious even amongst their nominal neighbors."

P. 194. "Visit to Towers of Babel" "A just idea may be formed of the state of the country, by our being obliged to have a party of 20 armed horsemen to go a

distance of 6 miles, tho. we had nothing except
our arms to attract the cupidity of robbers. :

P. 194. Desert Arabs - game of blunt jessed.

P. 201. wild beasts. Tower of Babel.

P. 213. Illustration of Akhele tree.

P. 224. Returned to B'ahed - hands & faces completely
blackened.

P. 225. Returning visits of the European gentlemen who had

March 31st. called on us - they all received us in the Turkish
style, with pipes & coffee. The Chief of the Artillery
introduced us to his wife, an Armenian, & his family,
consisting of 3 daughters & one son - who were dressed in
the costume of their country.

Action on Mosul road - loss of gun carriage -
example of suggested disposition of the Pasha -
by. charred - presented by the Brit. agent -
Only observation was whether the wheels could be taken off -

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P. 231. April 4th. Offer to Mr Lamb to remain
as physician to Pasha. - Chief of the
Janizaries, the secretary, & the Mussul Effendi.

P. 232. Pasha's despotic will and power. - In bagdad
the Pasha had depreciated the coin at one-half the
current price.

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April 5th. Returned the calls of Turkish acquaintances -

Spinitchery Assy (chief of the Janizaries) "This officer enjoys
a high reputation in Bagdad, & has always proved himself friendly
to the Brit. interests, - in gratitude (as he told us) for his life having
been once saved by the intercession of our agent, Mr Rich, after he
had been condemned to death by Syzed Pasha.

P. 236. April 6th - Justice of Pasha - Mussul Effendi.

[7 measures] - a man deservedly celebrated for every

species of expediency - payment of troops with tobacco

P. 239. Description of B'lad -

P. 245 - Dress of the B'lad females - blue checked

Robe - thick horse-hair veil - yellow boots -

lifting of veil - ----- chance for assassinations -

P. 248. -- "From these circumstances, it will appear.

that Turkish women have more liberty than is usually
supposed. - - - -

P. 250. Moments of Hasan Al Rashid.

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2. Mosque.

3. Comments on Eastern attitude to conjugal

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Missionary arrived from Aleppo after desert crossing

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abjured Papist - mission from London Belle Secret - to
enquire into the rel. state of the Jews in the East. }

P. 262. visitors - during the day, the conversation was
conducted in no less than 10 languages.

P. 263. Barker's explanation of high charges because "the
Eng. name was so great in B'dod".

P. 269. Forewell to Abbe Nostris

P. 302 Their chief inducement to attack us, was the
intelligence they had received from B'dod - that
our party consisted of an ambassador & his suite,
travelling with a large treasure. The danger we
were led into by this honour, is another of the
obligations we owe to Asa Saikhe's.

