

July 1st. 1893.

Dr. Malakis and Mr. Taylor both have telegraphed to Baghdad about our making 10 days quarantine at Coot and then proceed to Baghdad. Capt Cowley tells me that Mr. Taylor has received a telegram in answer to his with regard to our making a 10 day quarantine at Coot, and Lynch agent Mr. Bottomley says that the quarantine people say that under no circumstances can the Mejidieh make her 10 days quarantine at Coot and proceed up unless her cargo is discharged at fumigated and reshipped again, that is an awful injustice and contrary to the rules as no Turkish steamer is doing so, but simply stay 10 days with their cargo on board and then proceed.

Our second mate Mr. Thompson left the service this morning and went on board the Tigris leaving tomorrow morning----- our other officer Mr. Buffery who has only been out here two months and is a young man of 23 years and he also wants to leave and go away in the Tigris Mr. Taylor prevented him from going, he is a foolish young boy and tried to run away from the ship, but Cowley had to watch him Basreh to Coot.

At 9.30 got under weigh No passengers allowed.

July 2nd. At 0.25 am passed Ali Gherbi, they sang ou to us that the quarantine has been shifted from Coot or rather taken away, they said they heard the news two hours ago by telegraph. Probably the cholera is broken out in Baghdad too.

July 4th. At 0.35 am anchored opposite the quarantine huts in our former place, no change whatever has taken place ---- the cholera is dying out in Basreh, it is now forty days since it broke out and there is no cases whatever on the river up to Coot and none at all in this latter place. We ought to have made 5 days quarantine here

and proceed to Baghdad and let the Khalifah pass down to Basreh to catch the mail steamer. This will be the third mail we have lost of the downward ones. But we have no one to see after our interest and demand by right that it should be done so.

July 5th. I took two pills and a dose of salts last night as I am very bilious and do not feel well for the last month ---- Very strong hot wind Mr. Follettt our Chief Engineer is now down with strong fever and nearly delirious.

July 7th. I paid the ship's company their wages for June, Lynch have sent me 800 Mejidiehs a 75 R.Piast, the Rupees are rising in Baghdad they were 28 p and now is  $30\frac{1}{4}$ . I worked hard the whole day in squaring up accounts and the cash book for the quarter to be sent up to Baghdad.

July 9th. Last night a telegram came from Baghdad to the quarantine Doctor Economos here tellin g him that the S.S.Mejidieh's cargo should in future be landed on the bank and not in Barges and the Khalifah does the same and the steamers can then ship it from the bank after its being fumigated.

July 10th Artin at Amara sung out to us that we can come alongside and ship in the wool as there is an order or permission come from the Waly of Basreh to the Motaserrif here. ---- The Jews of Azair are all here getting very impatient, some are starving from hunger.

At 8.30 arrived at Basreh Mr. Taylor came on board and when he heard that we stopped and shipped wool at Amara he was in an awful way and said no orders were sent to the Motserrif to allow us to stop, he is afraid that we shall get into a scrape--- they say that the cholera has recommenced here and yesterday and today about 8 cases took place in town and outside of ti.

July 11th. There are lots of typhus fever at Basreh--- I went to the quarantine to see Dr Malakis and Mishail Yagchi, they say that the

cholera cases they got yesterday's bulletin were 4 attacks two of them died, they are a Turkish officer a Negro and girl and an other servant in Basreh and so he had to report them to Baghdad but although the Doctor says there are still some cases they are isolated or sporadic as the disease is disappearing, there are still some cases at Hammar on the Euphrates

July 12th. Called on Jeboory Asfar and spoke regarding the shares to be taken in this new company of their two steamers called the Anglo Arabian and Persian S.N.Copy; as my wife Eliza has taken 6 shares a 50£ Stlg . each, he will send up the necessary papers to Baghdad and the money to be remitted in London by Bill to Strick & Co.

--- Yesterday there were again about 10 or 15 cases of cholera in town and out among the Arab huts. --- Michail Yagchi came to me, he says there has been no case of cholera yesterday and he brought me a list of all the cases since it broke out on the 26 of May to the 11 Instant but this cannot be depended on, as the quarantine do not get half the number of cases and even less as a rule among the Mahomedans they never say the truth.

Basreh to Coot Mejidieh Voy. 259.

--- We intend to make 10 days quarantine at Coot and go up to Baghdad should Lynch's agent (Mr. Bottomly) allow it since we have to discharge the cargo on the bank this time to be fumigated as we were told last time; Mr Taylor is willing to let us make 10 days quarantine but says it all depends on Baghdad.

July 14th. At 7.45 pm passed Coot and came to the quarantine ground and anchored off the bank at our place but little further up between the two cordons that of Coot and Baghdad. --- Telegram received

What an absurd answer, it appears that Mr. Bottomley does not care or think of our going to Baghdad and making 10 days quarantine and relieve our people from this hard work of transshipping cargo

July 15th. Capt Cowley and I went on shore and saw Dr. Malakis he said that we can discharge our cargo in the Barge as he received a counter order since we left last time to do the same as before. Our Deckmen when they were told to discharge cargo this morning they all refused and struck work they say they cannot do the work without assistance, they were told by the captain that as no coolies could be got to assist, they must do the best they can and even if it takes them several days, still they refused, so he telegraphed to Lynch to send 14 men crew by the Khalifah and these will be discharged. So we are doing nothing today.

July 17th. The Khalifah arrived down at midnight, has brought us no crew down Our tindal Meekha triumphed and knew that the captain will be obliged now to ask our men to work he begun to explain that he had nothing to do with the strike of the crew and all sorts of excuses etc. So he went and turned the crew to discharge. I went out to see Henry he says Lynch's had not received our telegram about sending crew down before the Khalifah left. I came back and read my letters-- Eliza sends me a copy of the Paper or Decree that Monseigneur Altmayer the Delegate sends her from Mossul with regard to her transfer of her creed from the Assyrian to the Latin as I am and he has sent the original to Pere Marie Joseph in Baghdad to be registered in the church--- In turning the cargo from our quarter deck into the Barge two large snakes were found concealed beneath and killed, they must have come from the river, as they are so numerous in this time of the season. -- the place here looks to be infested with snakes-- specie for us no one would carry aboard. that is the consequence of the dis-organisation we have on board, every one is his own master here.

July 19th. Coot to Basreh.

At 9 am. we got under weigh and proceeded. Awfully hot no breeze whatever

At 3.45 pm passed Ali Gherbi, it became boiling hot, this afternoon I was

nearly fainting it got calm the therm in my cabin at 6 pm. was 107.  
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suppose they count the day of our arrival here as one day.

August 2nd. Two men of the quarantine who have been ordered here about 4 days ago began to fumigate the cargo in the Barge and our men shipping it on board, this cargo is not the half of what we have got down in the holds, they just tamper them with a date branch from a solution made out of sulphate of Iron and water.

At 3 pm the S.S. Phrtae and Barge came up --- full of passengers from Basreh Amara and other places, she has a lot of our Azair Jews, they were all landed and went to occupy the Huts. Dr. Economos is here mixing with them as well as the other quarantine people he told me that there has been only one cholera case in Basreh on the 24th, - We hauled the ship up above the rope that separates Baghdad from the quarantine as our time will be finished tomorrow. at 2 p.m.

August 3rd. At 6 am Capt. Cowlet received a telegram from Lynch Baghdad saying "Khalifah left Baghd- Basreh on Wednesday await her arrival and bring up her mails" Dr. Economos wrote a letter to the Capt. saying that our quarantine days will be finished today at 2 pm. and after having paid the quarantine dues on the ship amounting to G.S.P.? 600 and 75 on our passenger Alfred Holland we can leave at liberty for Baghdad. I sent the amount on shore with my servant Hamad and received a receipt for it.

August 4th. At 4 pm the S.S. Khalifah came up from Basreh landed the mails, Henry also came, --- we have been 2½ months from Baghdad. Coot to Baghdad. Voy. 260.

At 5. 45 pm we got under weigh - River is very low and sandbanks and Islands are above the water

August 6th. At 9.30 am Alfred Holland and I landed at Gherrarah and walked in but the heat had begun so much that we could not bear it, the sun and the wind were burning and the wind was very strong with thick dust flying I reached home just at 11 and found my wife Eliza

and son Alexander waiting for me also Antone Marine was there, I was so knocked up and tired and the heat made me so weak. Lots of people called on us all day.--- No news of the quarantine here whether it is going to be lowered to 5 days, as all the people are talking of it. --- Lots of murders are taking place in town since one month over 100 persons have been murdered and the government have taken no severe steps against the murderers.

August 11th. Baghdad to Basreh.

We have two steersmen short, Ali Alewy and Selman Jewad and 3 firemen, our steersmen launched a complaint against the firemen for having assaulted and abused their Prophet while in quarantine last voyage and the firemen were put in prison without justice and they have nobody to back them, the steersmen and Pilot all in one accord have assumed a very independent manner and seeing the captain takes no steps against their misbehaviour are doing all what they like and caring for no one on board and so they have got intolerable and disorganised, the steersmen left by their accord, knowing that the captain will be compelled to retake them back, this thing has been done very often before.

August 14th. !!---- There are news here that the wife and other women of Seyhood who is still at large somewhere near Howeza have come to Amara secretly and implored the Motserrif to pardon Seyhood and they brought with them large sums of money to bribe the Motserrif Rafat Bey, Kassem and the Waly of Basreh and that the Motserrif promised them to do his best

August 15th. At 5.30 pm arrived at Basreh -- Mr. Milne (Effie Blockey's husband ) came on board with the manifests and mail sent by Mr. Taylor he says that we are to make the 10 days quarantine as before and go up. the cholera has not ceased yet at Basreh and all around the districts there are two or three cases daily, lots of fever, and small pox among the children, the cholera is very bad

in the Gulf at Bahrein and Katif. Graet many pilgrims came from the Haj, the cholera was very bad at Mecca nad Jedda the number of deaths amounted to 1000 daily, and many cases occurred among the pilgrims on their way out. Many of them came off to us wanting to go poto Baghdad, we are thinking of not taking them, Basreh has got worse noe wh than before all sorts of sickness are now taking place, but the quarantine is not taking much notice of it

----A new Doctor called Simmons who came out for Basreh about 10 days ago in place of Dr. Jagomadow for the Residency and the English community has comitted suicide yesterday by jumping in the river from his bellem and got drowned

August 16th. We have refused the pilgrims coming from Jedda

August 17th. The S.S.Malamir arrived yesterday afternoon from Ahwaz She reports the cholera was working at Shuster very bad lots of people are dying. The Shahzada Hissam al Saltana has run out of twon, and shut up himself in a house in the desert, Mr. Richards of Lynch Brothers who had gone to Shuster in place of Alfred Holland has also run away and came back here in the Malamir

We have only 2 in Ist class Mr. Danon and his wife coming as schoolmaster for the Jewish school of Baghdad, they are both Jews but he is from Smyrna, Mr. Taylor has given them Ist class but paying Deck fare.

#### Basreh to Baghdad.

At 7 pm left Basreh.

August 24th. (Coot quarantine ) Dr. Woods who was snt down to Nasryeh i in May last to look after the cholera there , came back this evening down the Hye river in a Belm, he was here in quarantine with Dr. Economos, but I could not learn why he came back, heard that Dr. Blau went to replace him from Hye.

----- Henry writes to me The Imperial Bank of Persia has ceased working in Baghdad, they gave over charge of their business to the

Imperial Ottoman Bank. The Persian Bank has not been doing well on account of the Ottoman Bank to which they could not compete with Aug. 25th. River keeps falling the Islands here all along in the Middle of the River is getting manured and cultivated with melons cucumbers and other vegetables --- Dr. Wood says that he is going to Constantinople having received a telegram to be employed as Doctor with the german staff now extending the railway from Eski Sheher to Konia in Asia Minor.

Aug. 26th.----- At 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  pm there was confusion and yells and cries among the passengers on shore and the quarantine people, where we heard them saying that the quarantine is taken off we could not believe such a sudden news, but soon after Dr. Economos came from Coot to the Hut of his office and the news spread and it was true, but I cannot make out the cause unless the cholera must have broken out in Baghdad----- The telegram simply says 'Take off quarantine and proceed to Baghdad with all the staff up-~~fers~~ by first steamer.'

Aug. 27th. Dr. Woods who came on board this morning to go up with us took a 1st Class cabin, tells me that he heard yesterday evening at Coot, from the telegraph office that there have been 35 cases of cholera and 20 deaths in Baghdad yesterday,----- I am very restless with regard the cholera breaking out in Baghdad spoken of by everyone but no accurate news have arrived, and I am astonished how my wife does not telegraph to me the news

August 28th. at 5.15 stopped at Azizieh and sent the boat for my telegram which I expect to be sent back to me from Coot after we left yesterday ~~mornin~~ it is dated yesterday, she says "Cholera has appeared we are all well." We heard from the people of Azizieh that there were 25 cases the day before and 28 yesterday, the disease has spread as far as Tikrit upwards

Aug. 29th. At 5.10 am landed 3 passengers at Sivera village and

went on at 5.20. At about 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  we found the ship's cook Thabtyeh Shamquo missing they search everywhere but no trace of him, we therefore concluded that he must have fallen overboard a short time ago, as they saw him after sunrise, we landed a deckman just below Jubeil to go down in search of him or his body as far as Severah and we went on, a few minutes after an Arab came galloping on horseback after us and hailing us to stop for our man was found, he swam to the bank and is coming behind him with the deckman. We anchored at 7.15 At 7.45 we proceeded after getting the cook on board, he says he fell overboard as he was drawing water from the gangway just below the Paddle Box and the chain across the railing parted. --- At 6.15 just in passing the Bridge of Gherrara h we picked on board Mr. Cohen the Jewish schoolmaster out of a goffa coming to meet Mr. Danon and from him we learnt that there is no cholera to speak of in town, the only cases have been 5 soldiers and 4 out of them died supposed from the cholera----- the soldiers have all been ordered to encamp out of the town norward; there have been no cases among the Jews or Christians. Eliza intends encamping at Gherrara, but I do not like the place at all.

Aug. 30th. --- my sisters called on me--- all the topics is mostly about the cholera, everyone is talking something, but there is more talk than facts.

Aug 31st. Today being the coronation day of the Sultan Abdulhamid, all ships are dressed and the officials making calls on the Waly --- I heard that one Christian boy at Babel Agha has had the cholera but not dead; also some few Mahomedans at the Fadel and Babel Sheikh quarters; --- I called on sister Eliza and on Gzesiski and Medula , I heard that there have been few more cases, but the Christian boy at Babel Agha is alright, but another woman the wife of Yousef Shayoon got tit this morning and died this evening, called on Henry to see him they are also preparing to go out and encamp wherever I go.

All the river is illuminated and the government offices and large fireworks and Rockets are taking place all over the river until midnight

SEPTEMBER 1st. at 5 am Eliza, Alexander and I with Nessoory Andrea and Yousef Yagchi and Johny my nephew rode out to look for a place at last year's encampment which was already prepared for us but we found lots of Christians had gone there also to mark out a place for them, we rode on to the Nawab's garden on the bank of the river, I found the place good it only wants cleaning, but Nessoory does not like it because it is too far. We returned back to Gherrarah there are many Christians out looking for places. Eliza thinks of going to Basreh if no one goes out to encamp with us. We returned to Baghdad at 8½ --- The Bulletin of the quarantine was 37 deaths since yesterday, there must have been many more others.

Sept 2nd. At 3½ am I went over to Henry and then we rode out also Johny followed us afterwards, went to look for another place above the garden of Gherrara near the Poplar Grove, but we could not find a suitable place--- we were decided after a long time to encamp at the Nawab's garden on the river and so we ordered the arabs to clean the place and appointed a watchman. We returned to town by 9¼ am All the Christians are already encamped out at Gherrara, as Abduljebbar the lawyer, Naom Abood, Kespar Kasperkhan, Suleiman Durian, Nassoory Andrea, Mr. Abdulla Malcolm Toma Jeboory, Mr. Johnston etc. I heard that one Christian woman the wife of Makoosh was attacked last night and died this morning; all 4 others Mahomedans--- Yesterday cholera deaths were 18.

Sept. 3rd. At 5½ am we went to church to hear mass came home and prepared to start to the nawab's garden The daughter of Artin Andrea died this morning- at 7½ we left we found nothing done the boat had only arrived two hours ago and were landing kit on the sandbank there is a long distance to our encamping place, had to engage

arabs to carry also to clear the ground from the Bush build kitchens etc. Henry his wife and sister Emilia also came soon after, the kit of Antone also arrived to encamp near us; It got warm during the day I was so knocked up from fatigue and exhaustion all the day working. It cooled down in the evening and became very pleasant. Many English people have gone to encamp on the opposite side below the town near the Gawryeh garden and the "Comet" is also dropping down there. Many more Christians are also leaving Baghdad

Sept. 4th. At 6 am I rode into town. I met lots of Jews going out with their kit also some more Christians arrived to my house at 7. I have only got one Indian watchman and will get some more Telkeflies Yesterday's bulletin of the day before was 28, among them one Christian the son of Yousef the lame of about 20 years old. At 7½ I came on board We have no one to take cargo --- At 4 pm I left the ship to go out to Gherrara , I called on my way to Mons Achille. I learnt that the bulletin of yesterday up til noon today was 39 deaths, great many people are going out. Nearly all the Christians have left and the Jews too continue to leave the town to all the directions . I rode out at 4¾ on a very bad donkey he wont go and fell down several times and I suffered very much till I got to our tents at 6½

Sept 5th. I hear that many many Christians mostly Mossullies got the attack last night and died this morning four of them Talkeflies, the wife of our mate's servant Rufa the cholera is increasing fast, a Tilkefly watchman in my brother's house they had left there with two women has got the cholera since midnight and is now dying.

All the people are in a great funk today the bazaars are not so crowded as it used to be but it is not so bad as it was in 1889.

-- We are getting plenty of passengers and mostly are Jews they are all running away from the cholera. Today's Bulletin of the quarantine is 52 deaths but I should think if the double is added will be the

number approximately correct

Sept. 6th. Baghdad to Basreh.

Left Baghdad at 5 am and the Mejidieh grounded above Gherrarah till 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  when she came down below the bridge and shipped 6 Horses, I also embarked there.

Sept 7th. A Jewess woman got the cholera last night on deck among the other Jews. --- The Jewess woman died at 12 she turned black, another Deckman now has got the attack---- buried the Jewess on the bank close to the river opposite Cherd Dowd , her sister and mother being on board, they won't have anything to do with her and kept aloof, the other Jews took the body on shore and the Deckmen dug out the grave At 3.45 passed Azizieh. Poor Jejo Petros Merdy fied at about 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  although his skin was cold but he swetted good deal and his bowels had stopped as well as vomiting, this is a curious symptoms of cholera and quite a different form from what we know. ; the other one Petrozi is still lingering, I think he has had a bilious attack as all what he vomited was green and also his bowels worked.

At 6.10 we grounded at Shesteif took an anchor out and hove off and floated at 7 and we remained at anchor for the night. Our carpenter is m making the box for Jejo-- the passengers are all in an awful fright. It reminds me of 1886 when we had four fatal cases on board after we had left Baghdad amongst them was our Pilot Mahomed ibn Jewad Sebahy. ---- Our crew all took the body of Jejo Merdy on the east bank of Shedeif reach at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  and buried it with solemnity and were singing hymns and returned at about 10.

Sept. 8th.

Sept. 9th. --- At 0.15 pm arrived at Coot landed 55 passengers, mostly running away Jews--- They have had no cases of cholera here at all

Sept 10th. At 5 pm arrived at Amara--- Artin says that the cases of deaths in Baghdad reported on Wednesday's bulletin of the quarantine

were 60 deaths on Thursday 40 and on Friday 40. There is no cholera in Amara itself but it is still out among the Arabs down below Amara Sept. 11th. At 4.30 am left Amara Took 17 passengers including Rafta Beyn the Motserref in 1st class -- arrived at Basreh at 7 . Lots of people came crowded the ship to take their friends I was so very uneasy about my telegram from Henry which I had told him to send me on Saturday, but it was not among Lynch's papers -- There has been no cases of cholera here for the last 13 days they say but still Basreh is not clean yet Sept. 13th. -- I feel very unwell having got cold at night. Rufail made a telegram out for Antone Marine asking him state of health and sickness and to wire the same to me at Coot on Thursday (tomorrow) At 9 I received a telegram from my wife dated yesterday 2 pm" All well cholera decreasing"

Basreh to Baghdad.

At 7.30 pm left ship drawing 4 feet.

Sept. 14th. Met the Khalifah, I received a letter from Henry and one from my wife, Henry says that the cholera was about the same, the mortality ranging at its maximum daily deaths 60 and the minimum 30 so that after I left it rose to 57 and 60, and then fell to 33 and 30 some more Christians and Tilkeflies died but none yet of the respectable people There were two cases among the Jews on the opposite side of Gherrara, the Khalifah had no case of cholera on her way down--- Our family at the Nawab's garden under Tents are all well but Eliza says that they are very much afraid of the sickness, Henry says that at Seyd Hassan ibn Seyd Baker our friend and neighbour also Meer Gorgi have died from cholera. --- At 5.30 pm arrived at Amara, Artin came to me and I heard from him the very sad news of the death of Farjalla son of Naoom Abood at Gherrarah this morning, this news was communicated to Sasson Effendi, the employe of the Telegraph here by Mr. Julietti the Inspector of Telegraph--- What my family must have felt being also encamped close outside in the Nawab's garden; about 20

minutes walk further down, this is the first case that has taken place among the respectable Christian community--- I am so very sorry and grieved at the loss of Farjallah the son of Naoom Abood at Gharara in what state the father and mother must be for their only beloved son who they were nearly adoring and at that age so young and on the eve of getting him married and so he was cut off in the ~~pm~~ prime of life. In what state of excitement must be my wife and son and other relations encamped further down. I am at a loss to think of all these misfortunes and moreover our house in the town is left at the mercy of an Indian watchman and the thieves have all been set free from prison by the government that they are swarming the streets at night as I have been told.

Sept. 15th. At 6.40 pm arrived at Coot -- I expected two telegrams here one from Alexander and one from Antone but none came, I was very restless --- At 7.15 we left Coot At 11 we grounded at Nefashieh we worked in heaving over for two or three hours and knocked off

Sept. 16th --- At 11.15 passed Baghdadieh- Azizieh we sung out if there is a telegram for me but no one answered they were all asleep

Sept 17th. ---- In passing Ledje at 4½ pm I saw some Jews living with the Menassir Arabs in their Tents on the sand bank they have run out of Baghdad on account of the cholera.

Sept 18th. At 7 am passed Diala, I am in such an awful way of excitement and fright as I have not heard any news since teusday last wee telegram I do not know whether any of our family are missing, on approaching the tents I saw Alexander in the distance coming to the bank and all the rest of our family standing. At 8 I landed below the bridge and walked to out tents and saw everybody alright and nothing has happened, except the loss of poor Farjallah son of Naoom Abood in their tents with the other Christians up above Gherrara garden, the wife of Yousef Eassay also had an attack there but she recovered, Naoom Abood decamped and went into town, Farjalla had the attack since Saturday evening and on Sunday they sent for

Dr. Baker of the Residency who came out of town for 5£ sterling and he tryed all he could, and Farjallah was taken up to town in his steam launch on th ursday morning and he expired soon after being landed at Rezook Abood's house on the bank of the river; The cholera is ~~d~~creasing slowly, but it has gone to Bakuba, Hwedir, Kadimain and Hil Hilla and also as far as Kerkook some more Christians died mostly Musullies since we have been away- Antone came out in the evening he says that the mortality was I4 the day before and I2 yesterday that is the quarantine report

Sept 23rd At I.20 am the Khalifah came up from Basreh, Henry landed at the bridge, and came to the Tents.

Sept 24th. Baghdad to Basreh

At 8 am Mejidieh came down passed the Bridge and I embarked

Sept. 25th At 5.10 pm arrived at Coot stayed for the night. There are few cases of cholera here taking place but it is kept secretly and few sporadic cases still at Nasryeh

Sept 27th. At I am arrived at Amara At 4.10 am left Amara. At II passed Azair. We saw a dead body on the bank near Abdulla ibn Ali with great many people gathered around who died from cholera apparently a Sheikh of a tribe called Nasrallah

At 7.10 arrived at Basreh, the SS Renown is here waiting here with dates for America is waiting for Dr. Sundberg to clear her on account of the cholera here which made the people in America to reject the importation of dates from the-"Shat-el-Arab" here. As sson as we dropped anchor we were prevented from communication with the shore or allowed boats to come alongside by order given to us in Baghdad until Dr. Malakis of the quarantine came on board and went up to examine the passengers if there is any sick person on board so as to be isolated and taken to some other place, but having found none-----  
The cholera is still working here but not in town, it is out on the river down below and in the cherdaks among the arabs working in

the dates.

Sept. 28th. At 1 pm the SS Renown left for New York laden with dates Dr. Sundberg had gone on board of her and settled every thing with regard to her sanitary condition but it remains to be seen if the authorities in America will accept the dates

Sept. 29th. The cholera is working very bad among the crew of the Bugalows down the river great many people are attacked as well as in the cherdaks where they are packing dates, but there are no cases in the town of Basreh--- Mr. Buffery our officer left the service today to go to England via Bombay in the Mail steamer "Mecca" leaving tomorrow, he has only been here about 8 months and during this time he has done no work at all only drawing his 9£ per month. We have a new officer called Reynolds who arrived in the 'Bowa'? and has joined the Mejidieh yesterday.

#### Basreh to Baghdad.

At 6.30 pm got underweigh Capt Beville the English consul is going up with us to be landed at Maher Amar to shoot partridges Our 1st Class are Dr and Mrs Sundberg returning with us Bedry Bey of the Turkish Museum and Mr. Perry the Clerk for Lynch Co.

October 1st. At 8.10 pm arrived at Coot, I received a telegram from my wife dated yesterday in which she says they are all well and cholera is diminishing and she gives me the sad news of the death of Guiseppina wife of my nephew Johny Kasperkhan on childbirth at Gherrara where she had gone to her mother to spend few days when I was in Baghdad last voyage. I am very sorry for Johny but since his marriage he has never spent a happy life with her, she had a very bad temper and her manner and behaviour to my sister Eliza was most unbecoming for a young person like her to use such a foolish language, there was no mistake about her being touched up, and her mind was not sane as it is the case with her other members of the

family, being inherited from their father Antony Hanna Andrea and who died from that effect, Johny has one son by her, Antone who is about 6 years old now, she had a miscarriage once and this is the third time which ended fatally, I do not know yet the cause, she is about 24 years old.

October 2nd. At 10. 35 am met the SS Khalifah coming down, she sent her boat off with Dr Sundberg's letters, received one from Henry and one from Eliza my wife, we went on; Henry writes to me about the death of Guiseppina on Thursday last in the afternoon on childbirth at her 7th months and the hemorrhage which followed that put an end to her life from the loss of blood, the child a daughter is still alive, Johny was in town and they sent in from Gherrara to tell him to bring out a Doctor and a midwife he went to fetch Dr. Sutton but he either won't go or did not find him so he brought out a midwife but it was of no use, the quantity of blood that flew out has killed her, she must have given a cause to it either in the riding out or the constant walking and working there which had hastened on the delivery. There is very little cholera in Baghdad and people are not even talking of it. -- The Khalifah is light and has 11 horses and 157 passengers, Ibrahim Elias Jejo and his wife are on board with free passage and returning to France-- At 6.50 pm passed Azizieh At 8 we passed the Tents of Colonel Mockler pitched on the high bank above Khenaseeh about 10 tents I saw among them my little green tent which was pitched at the Nawab's garden among ours, but Colonel Mockler and his family have not come out yet---- At 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  Dr. Sundberg Mr. Perry and I with a deckman landed at Step to walk in to Ctesiphon I had my gun and walked in through thick jungle of liquorice and thorn for a long distance but not a partridge flew

Oct. 4th. The cases of cholera from yesterday till noon today have been only two deaths.

Oct. 8th. Eliza Antone and Terrooza went to hear Mass at the Tents of Catherina Yagchi.

Oct. 11th.--- Baghdad to Basreh.

--- Today being my anniversary of my marriage with Eliza being on the 11th of October 1877, just 16 years.

14th. Arrived Basreh-- Yousef Marine still under his Huts.

15th. Basreh to Baghdad

Left 10.15 pm.-----

17th. Detained an hour at Aboo Roba in shoal water-- I have not yet got the cargo books from the officers, Mr. Holdway made his but Mr. Reynolds has not and he slept till 12 am when he went up for his watch on the Bridge by telling Metty he will make it tomorrow, I told Capt Cowley but did not say anything to him simply told me that there is lots of time for it , so I am waiting and doing nothing , that is the way our officers get so spoiled and independent.

Oct 18th. Besides the 43½ passengers from Amara we have H. Abdulrezak K Khdery in 1st class and after upper deck and his servant, and H. Abdulghany Khdery and his son, also 3 Jews and servant all these free by S. Lynch

Oct. 20th. At 1 am arrived at the encampment of Colonel Mockler above Khumasseh to give him his mails, all his Tents are down and him, his family and Dr. and Mrs. Sutton are on board the Comet ready to leave in the morning for Baghdad he sent to ask us to stop and take up his Tents and baggage. We anchored and sent the boat, which made five trips in bringing his Tents etc till 4 am when we finished and at 5 proceeded. --- At 11.30 landed below the Bridge of Gherarah and walked down to our Tents at the Nawab's garden, found all well, except Henry who is in town having been unwell with fever and his liver out of order and had the diarrhea. Dr. Baker had been to see him and recommended him to stay behind this trip and wrote to Lynch

telling them so, so Mr. Bottomley did not send another one in his place but the young assist. clerk Faraj to do all the work, but Henry is better now his wife Menusha is also in town with him as their young child Mary has the fever.

Oct. 21st-- I put on the woollen flannel as the weather is getting cold  
 " 22nd. People are decamping from Gherrara there are very few  
 Tents left

Oct. 25th. All the Christians that were encamped outside at Gherrara and other places have come in there remain only Catherina Yagchi and her brother in law Nessoory Andrea and Rezooki Sayegh at Gherrara they will come in tomorrow or the day after

Oct 26th. We worked very hard and shipped a tremendous amount of cargo, so that the ship went down to 4 feet, and when Capt Cowley came on board at 4½ pm found the ship too deep, I had finished all my work and shut up cargo there were few more shippers but he refused shipping their cargo, I was ready to leave and ride out by 5 pm but he told me to wait now as he has written to Mr. Bottomly proposing to reject the shipment of the 42 horses which freight has been paid, and their Barley and straw being already on board. Bottomley answered that the horses cannot be refused, and we ought not to have shipped so much local cargo, but who was here to prevent the officers shipping as fast as it was coming, so at 5½ pm just at sunset I left the ship, hastened to my house, and rode out to our tents it got quite dark just as I arrived to the garden of the Gherrara I reached our Tents at 6.40 and found them all well at their place. Henry's boat had arrived and the kit was partly put in it.

Oct. 27th. At 9.30 we left Gherarah after taking the 42 horses  
 Baghdad to Basfeh.

Mejidieh left Baghdad at 6 and arrived below Gherrarah at 7¼ shipped  
 42 horses and left at 9.30 at 10.15 passed Diala river  
 anchored

Oct.30th. At 9.20 landed at Maghil so as to land the horses in the  
 morning.

Oct. 31st. I heard yesterday at Amara that the S. Mossul on her voyage down this time she has about 300 soldiers newly enrolled, taken from Baghdad and the villages in the vicinity, they were to be sent down to Hassa as recruits in place of those who have been massacred by the Arabs there last year; these new soldiers landed at Amara while the steamer had stopped for a short time, and they were very disorderly, they went about the streets and bazaars robbing and even laid hold of Arab women passing in the streets and were ravished by them, among these were two young Sabrian girls, the shopkeepers had to close their shops from being plundered, the commandant of the little garrison here was powerless they say and won't interfere, he closed the door of his house and remained in. In Baghdad too they have done something similar before leaving, they plundered people in the streets out of their caps abbas Turbans, and clothes. There is no Motserrif now at Amara since Rafat Bey left about one month ago; they say that Mehdi Pasha was some five years ago as agent of the Sultan's property at Amara and was then only called Mehdy Effendi, he is an Arab-----

Arrived at Basreh at 8.55

November 1st. Basreh to Baghdad.

At 5.30 pm got on underweigh.

At 11.15 anchored off Gorna and took on board 15 persons the family of Mehdi Pasha the Motserrif of Nasryeh, now being appointed at Amara  
Nov. 2nd. Amara -- we were detained here in repairing the starboard wheel and strengthening the segments and arms

Nov. 4th. At 2.45 pm passed the Khalifah going down on the top of Sheresh reach, but Henry was not on board, it shows that he has still the fever

Nov. 5th. At 2.40 passed Ctesiphon, at 5 passed Diala river At 6 landed about 30 blackguard Saises of horses above the bridge of Gherrarah and went on, there are no tents left here at all they

have all gone into town. We went in on Teusday last from the Nawab's garden as per telegram I got from my wife at Amara

At 9 pm landed the mails at the Residency I landed there also and went home found there Eliza and Alexander well----- Henry has still the fever and Dr. Baker says it is a touch of typhoid, , and his liver is out of order and pains him. ----- Cholera has not quite disappeared there are still some isolated cases every now and then

Nov. 7th. At 1½ pm called on the Assyrian Priest Aghnatius who came up from Basreh in the Khalifah this time, but was not at church. I called on Mons Pognon the french consul I had not been to see him since his return from Europe in June; he tells me that he received news from Basreh that cholera has returned in town and there have been 5 cases yesterday and 4 the day before. I left at 3 and called on Capt. and Mrs. Cowley to see his new buildings he made on the southern side. While there Mr. and Mrs. Danon the Director of the Jewish school who had come up with us came there I left at 4 and came home and Mr. and Mrs. Danon called on me also Mr. Cohen the school-master with them, and Pere Pierrs, at 5½ Eliza Alexander and I called on Henry and spent an hour and came home . Light N.W and fine but not cold at all, the weather is not settled yet and as there has been no rain yet and no cold weather, there are all sorts of sickness and fever among the people

Nov. 9th. ----- About 1 am it rained a little with thunder and lightning At 6 again rained for about 10 minutes

Nov. 10th. Baghdad to Basreh.

At 6 am got under way --- We have altogether 170 passengers(Dr and Mrs Sutton and their two children in two cabins they have lost their son about 5 years old from Diptheria about 15 days ago and they are going down to Bushire for a change

Nov 12th. At 3½ am an Arab thief swam to the ship and got on the

rudder and after sponsoon trying to come on board , but the watchman saw him and drove him away--- At 5.40 pm arrived at Amara, Mehdi Pasha whose family and kit we brought up last voyage from Gorna has arrived here in the S. Phrat few days ago. There has been one case of cholera here here fatally

Nov 13th. At 7.45 pm anchored off Basreh. --- Charley the son of Capt. Cowley has come out in the S<sup>S</sup> Tigris of Darby Andrews, (just arrived few minutes before us) he is employed in our company as 2nd. mate he is 22 years old he had gone in 1879 to school and come out for a short time of about 6 months in 1884 and went back, he was then sent to sea as 3rd mate.

Nov 14th. Capt. Cowley went on board the Tigriss to see his son Charley and bring him on board. I saw Charley, he has grown tall but looks thin he recognised every one of us --- We heard just now from Mr. Taylor our agent here that Capt. Beville the consul has received a telegram from Baghdad from Colonel Mockler informing him that all steamers coming from Basreh shall have to make ten days quarantine this must be on account of the cholera here having increased and there have been several cases lately in town and out of it, but this is very curious as Baghdad is still infected and there are still some cases every few days and so everywhere in the villages. At 1 pm went up to Rufail and Tookyeh calling on my way to Jeboory and delivered to him a Box of Dates which I am sending to my brother Alexander he is at Chio ( an island near Smyrna) it is to go by the 'Arabistan' leaving this on the 24th and the box is to be delivered to Mr. Bazin the agent for Asfar & Co at Port Said and Alexander will send for it.

Nov. 15th. -- We have heard no other news from other quarters neither the quarantine office nor the government have any information regarding the quarantine imposed on the steamers going up, besides what

the Consul got a telegram from Colonel Mockler

Nov 15 th. Basreh to Baghdad.

At 6.40 p m got under weigh -- At 3. 20 pm arrived at Amara-- there are no news hereabout the quarantine. Cholera is still working here and outside among the arabs but few cases, Sasson Effendi (telegraph clerk) told me that the wire is interrupted between Ali Gherbi and Coot and he had no news

Nov. 17th. @ $\frac{1}{2}$  4. 15 am Ali Gherbi took in 15 $\frac{1}{2}$  Jews and Mahommedans running away from the cholera they say they have one or two cases every day, all the people have left Ali Gherbi to the mountains and other places. Khedeir who came from Ali Gherbi says there were altogether about 20 deaths , there was no cholera there this year when it was working in Basreh and Baghdad, so it has begun now about 10 days ago---- At 3.20 pm. arrived at Coot, no news here about the quarantine not even in the Telegraph Office.

Nov 18th $\frac{1}{2}$  At 8.20 passed Azizieh the Khalifah hove in sight there is no quarantine at Diala.

Nov. 19th. At 1 45 am passed Diala at 2.45 anchored below the bridge at 6 proceeded at 6.35 I landed just above the bridge and walked in to Baghdad. --- The telegram which Col Mockler has sent to Beville the consula t Basreh was sent by mistake, it ment for the seaward steamers leaving Basreh are to make 10 days quarantine at Cameron in the Red Sea.

Nov 22nd. I red Capt. Clement s letter to my sister Emilia received today it is from Paris dated the 28th they had left London on the 26th and reached Paris that day at 7 pm they have visited the Tower of Eiffel the Tuillerie, the Hypodrome, Louvre, and Palais de Luxemburg, also the Aqqarium and Palais Royale and some other places they only stayed two days in Paris and left on the 28th for Lourdes and then to Marseilles, Genoa and Rome and thence to Brindisi Keaving the latter

place on the I2th and arriving in Bombay on the 27th Nov.

Nov. 23rd. The SS Comet left yesterday morning for Basreh to be put on the bank and clean her bottom

Nov. 24th. Baghdad to Basreh.

At 6.15 am got underweigh.

Nov. 27th. At Ali Gherbi They say here that since we left this place last voyage there has not been any case of cholera they lost altogether 28 persons (' children) Ali Gherbi had not been visited by the cholera this year until lately when some arabs brought it they were further down opposite Ali Shergi and it was working among them during the season. --- At 5 pm arrived at Amara landed 118 packages and 82 passengers Among these there are Arabi son of Wady the two sons of Seyhood Faleh and Hathem, and Arebi's clerk, Moolla Rubat, these were sent to exile 16 months ago to Scutary in Albania they had left Basreh in the steamer Abdul Kader and now have been allowed to return to their place they came by way of Aleppo; a large number of their people and their families had gone to Baghdad to meet them about 30 persons and now are returning with them among whom are Seyhood's wife Fayhin and her 4 daughters viz; Fitneh the wife of Yesser, Zachieh wife of Areby, Aatyeh wife of Solagh and Mohah the youngest still unmarried, also the mother of Areby Zennoobah. Hathem's mother is called Hookoom who is not with them, him and Faleh his brother are from two different mothers.

There was such a crowd of people on the bank, all the town people and others from outside, people of the Elbumohamed has surrounded the banks and top of houses to meet Areby and the sons of Seyhood, many women of Elbumohamed beating the drums; we could not go alongside but sent the Arab Sheikhs in the boat and then went alongside the bank. We remained at anchor for the night.

Nov. 28th. At 8.30 arrived at Basreh just as the fog had begun to come

Nov. 29th. The S.S. Comet has gone to Mahommerah yesterday soon

after her arrival from Baghdad to ship some guns or rather change hers into others, the Turkish authorities were rather alarmed and sent officials down to see what she was doing. There is an English gunboat here anchored close to us she is called the Lapwing, she is coaling.--- At 8½ am. the Comet came up from Mahomerah, the Turkish authorities here have been informed that the Comet went down to receive arms and ammunition from the S.S. Lawrence the Government steamer of the English Residency at Bushire and have sent out Police detectives and Zaptiyehs to watch the movement even the Waly came out from his house in the Bellem and pulled right round the Comet and went in, the Zaptiyehs and officers kept surveying about and even some went on board the Comet which is quite against the rules to visit a government steamer; but Capt. Beville seems not to understand how to act firmly and uphold the name of his government.

Nov. 30th. I sent to Jeboory Asfar the bond for 550 T.Lirsa falling due on the 7 Jawad Thany (about the 15 of Dec. next month) he received it for another year and sent me 50 T.Liras the interest of the past year @10% and sent me another bond for 550 T.Liras for one year more.----- Dr and Mrs Sutton and their two children came on board this evening from the Simla also Mrs. Sutton's sister Miss Christleib, also Mr. and Mrs. Oxley the agent of the Imperial Bank of Persia are going up with us, Effie my niece and Mr. Milne, Mr. Taylor and others came on board to see them  
DECEMBER 1st. Basreh to Baghdad.

At 0.10 am after midnight got underweigh

Dec. 2nd. At about 7½ pm it begun to rain lightly but continuous and steady, this is the first rain we have yet had in the season.

Dec 3rd. At 8.30 the steering chain parted at Shedeif we anchored to repair it and sent to sound the channel at the same time

Dec 5th. At 0.45 am landed the mail at the Residency .At 6 landed

There is much sickness in Baghdad Rheumatism Influenza and fever lots of people are down with it -- I called on sister Eliza , Medula and Emilia, the latter is in bed, she has received a telegram from Capt. Clements from Bombay they have left on the 2nd for Basreh they will be there on the 16th.

Dec. 8th At 6 $\frac{1}{2}$  am Eliza and I went to the Latin Church to hear Mass being Holyday of the Immaculate, at 8 came on board to copy cargo, There is a large quantity piled on Deck and Mr. Reynolds was asleep he got up at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$  to take the cargo, and mostly did not come on board till 11 o'clock, he was at church

Dec. 10th. Baghdad to Basreh.

At 6.15 am got underweigh, the river is getting very low, there is no rise, steamer is drawing 4 ft 3Inches-- At 8.20 arrived at Gherrarah below the Bridge and shipped 10 horses, my wife, Alexander, Artin and Shekoory landed also and walked down to the Nawab's garden

Dec. 12th. At 9 it began to rain steadily and continued with some lightning it kept on all the night, it is a general rain it must be everywhere between Baghdad and NBasreh.

Dec. 13th. Raining continued all the night till this morning, it ceases for few minutes and recommences.

Grounded after Sheikh Saad -- we kept heaving back, changing anchors We hove about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile back and changing anchors-- we remained at anchor for the night.

Dec. 15th.16th. At 7.45 arrived at Basreh

Dec. 17th. the Mail St. Kilwa had just arrived to the quarantine station, and Capt. Clements and Alice have come up in her from Bombay. ---- We are shipping cargo, also a large boiler of Lynch Bros. for Amara, for a Rice machine and the wool press, it is about 5 tons weight. Basreh to Baghdad. At 6.20 got underweigh. ship drawing 4 ft. 2 ". We have Mr. Taylor and Mr. Wilson going up to Swab

(below Gorna) to shoot. They have sent Lynch's steam Launch forward so as to sleep in her and return to Basreh the day after tomorrow.

Dec. 21st. At 10.10.p.m. landed Mails at the Residency and went home It has rained here too lastweek and 3 days ago when we had the rain at Amara.

Dec.24 th. Edward Lurian who has come from Vienna last Wednesday with the Post by the desert from Damascus called on me he wants to get merchants to correspond with him at Vienna and asked me to assist him in getting him some people.--- After dinner I accompanied Eliza and Alexander to Catterina Yagchi they were all to go to church at midnight.

Dec. 25th. At 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  am Eliza and Alexander came At 7 am the Khalifah arrived Capt. Clements and Alice came up in her- I went to church at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ am and then I called on the french priests, raining drizzly, called on the Chaldean Bishop, Armenian and Assyrian priests, and the nuns and also on Fathulla Abood, Henry, sisters Medula and Eliza and came home in the rain; after breakfast I called on Yousef Hannosh Tessy and Polus Sarkis and then went in the rain which was getting thicker and called on Blockey and Capt. Clements he was asleep but I saw Alice and sister Emilia.

Dec. 27th. Baghdad to Basreh.

At 6 am proceeded ship is drawing 4 feet 4 inches

Dec. 30th. At 4 am left Amara, We have two Turks came from Amara one is in Ist class the Mufettish Adlyeh and another one with him in 2nd. class.

Dec. 31st At 7.30 arrived at Basreh