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11th Jan. 1674 - Brother Agathangelus

P. 347. July 1676 - three Eng. ships put into port -

3 Eng. youths in a brawl - taken to prison - Eng. captain
retired to his ship, refused to do business until they were
released.

P. 354 Murders of an Indian catholic carpenter by an Eng.
captain - murder of French surgeon Antoine Petit
who had protected - at birthday party of a Dutch
ship's captain.

P. 379. End of July 1679. - death of Mr. Adams an Eng.
merchant - dispute over London cloth given as a present.

P. 444 1702 last day of Sept. - an Eng. ship named
Albion Murray. put in at this port from Surat.
Its captain was Dominus Buis (Buis) an Eng. man,

and with him was *nommes* Joseph b. Kuterica, a merchant of
the society who both put up at our *casaravasserai*. They had
letters from Suset to the *pasha*, and for me from
Mr. Nicholas White (?) *directeur-général*. In these they asked
the *pasha* that in future all the Eng. should pay
for this *usage* only 3% ¹, whereas before they paid
5 or 6% ²; they also asked me to undertake the duty
of pleading with the governor on their behalf.

P. 445. On 20th. Oct. — one of the Eng. soldiers
had some dispute with the officials on the ship
and therefore fled into the city — *Amir Portugese*
& a Port. *apostate* took him to the house of
a certain *Hassan Agha*, commander-in-chief of the
forces, and said to him that the young Eng. man
deserved to become a *Mehommedan*. — delivered
to the church — returned on board —

P. 447. 26th. Nov. 1702 — a little vessel from
Bandar Abbas — commander a Fr. *Jullien*.

With him came Mr. Daniel Littenber, an Eng. man, with merchandise of Mr. Bruce, agent of the Eng. society in Bandar Abbas, who hired part of our coravanassari. - Ali pasha kept the agreement established two months ago because it was a small matter.

Sept.

P. 405. 1703 - Eng. ship from Bandar Abbas - not to land or carry away wares for sale unless he (captain) allowed the father to come with him.

8th. Sept. - Arrival of Eng. ship - captain Henry Willem

P. 478. 5th. Dec. 1703. a Moonsik ship from Persia named Salamobias put in here. Its captain was an Eng. man named John Semikinos (? Simpkins), who died on the same night, and was buried by me in our cemetery near other Eng. & Americans.

P. 547. 29th. July 1713 Arrived at Minicroi - an Eng. ship named the Blankin; its captain was Mr. Porahel, a most melancholy man, & all the

other English, with the exception of one who was secretly a
Fetich, were most infamous persons, who had entirely abandoned
the Eng. characteristics. The capt. was ill, and his physician
had given him an emetic; by chance on the morning of
the 11th. of August father Paul went there, & asked the captain
what his illness was. When he heard that it was dysentery
& that he had taken an emetic as a remedy, he was gthly.

suspected. He told everybody & was told by the physicians
several times that it would kill the captain, the reason
being that vomiting had brought on a violent fever, as the
result of which on the following day, at two o'clock after
midnight, he rendered up his soul to the devil -

----- small boat to come to Bocarà ---

five guns - ship ablaze; as many lives were lost as there
were days in the month, the only difference being that the
captain had died a natural death. - - - -

P. 556. "On the 18th. April 1718, William Kettle, commander
of the ship Joseph & Co., in company with Mr.
James Newell". (written in English)

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P. 559. -- Mr. W. K. & Mr. J. N. -- in whom we admired and experienced the courteous and generous qualities with which they were endowed, and which they showed in abundance & generosity to our advantage and their own honour. --

Among the gifts with which they enriched our home & church I cannot omit to mention 3 sundials, which were not so much an ornament, as articles which were stly. wanted as being necessary for the more punctual observance of our regulations.

P. 561. Capt. Leble had a young Georgian servant --- desiring to carry her away to the Indies; he had purchased her for a considerable sum of money & had made her go on board just when the ship was about to spread sail. -- Mr. K. himself had gone on board - but Mr. N. had not yet left the city & had with him a large sum of money. - - - - -

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P. 3. Convent on side of the Anti-Sebanus.

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P. 565. 1st. May 1720 - another Eng. ship, the Margold, put in here from Bengal; its merchant was Mr. Michael Emerson, & its captain Mr. W. Gill. At first, after their arrival they were moderately polite, but at the end, & indeed during their stay they showed open hostility to us --- Indeed their friendliness lasted as long as they needed our help and assistance, which was nearly two months; that is, up to the time when they had sold nearly all their wares, in which they needed the advice & attention of our R. P. the vicar, as well as the appointment of some trustworthy agent (dallal) & other assistants, to serve them and carry out the sale of their wares advantageously, & without delay, in wh. respect the said father had shown himself very obliging.

- Death of Mr. Oakes - said no prayers - same for Mr. Emerson - discrepancy in accounts, circulated.

slanders
P. 567. 27th. June 1720 --- another Eng. ship had arrived from Surat; its owner & merchant was Mr. Moring an

Eng. Arabian, & its captain M. Ragony - a 71. Catholic -

The first of these, after friendly intercourse with us for two months, when a misunderstanding arose between us owing to our manner of speech, took the part of the genl. jail, & sucking common cause with him both in opinions & words, raved agst. us with impious insults. Another Eng. man, Mr. Street, the capt. of a third Eng. ship that came from Calcutta & put in here on the 21st. of August, also went over to their side; & although he was more humane & moderate than the other two, yet since he enjoyed their society he also associated himself with their clamour against us and ours.

These three malignants met every day - used to meet for dinner & supper, and as they were long together, as their festivities were cemented by drinking.

And the wine-bibbers sang psalms against us.

P. 568. Young P. Aust. Catholic - Mustafa Pasha - who had been commander of fortress of Belgrade - when Prince Eugene of Savoy had recaptured it - prisoner - went on one of

Eng. ships, transferred to another - went to Indian shores.

"And indeed this is the most excellent harvest & occupation

worthy to be cultivated by the men of the gospel, to watch over the escape of Christian prisoners among the Turks and to assist it in every way, and, even though they themselves are unwilling or do not contemplate escape, either owing to indolence or fear, to rouse, animate, and stimulate them to it:

P. 574. 24th. July 1720. Peter - Syrian Catholic -
native of Russia - wishing to marry a girl of the Armenian
religion - (preparation for marriage)

P. 574ⁿ since from childhood he had lived and grown up among
the heathen for several years in Persia & the Indies -

P. 580. 17th. Sept. 1722. Mr. Thomas Belange, Capt. Titus
Oates & Paul Lonswood (?) surgeons - Capt. & crew of the
ship Margold received the living of the Boshan.

*ⁿ It must not be left out of account that Europeans attracted
to these shores & districts either by their business as merchants,
or by the desire for travel in search of novelties or to study
foreign countries, or whom a curious passion for

roaming brings here by land and sea, may cause all
kinds of annoyances to our missionaries. For it often
happens that either they have not received such an
education as would make their life worthy of respect, or,
having forgotten a pious & Christian training, have
abandoned themselves to a vicious and licentious manner of
life, or at any rate, without rel. feeling, greedy lovers of
idle pleasures, and coveting money, they lead lives here
which show little or no traces of Christian fervour
or the observance of the Gospel.

P. 584 - Quite as much caution is required in dealing with
certain travellers and strangers, whether Catholics or Protestants, who
travel over the world by land & sea in order to collect
information about different countries, nations, varieties, events,
climates, the size of lands and seas, the nature of mountains
and rivers, animals, flowers, & fruits, which they may take
with them to Europe, & publish to the world in the form
of printed books [Itineraries] -----

In order to make the work more agreeable for curious
readers, and more acceptable to lovers of novelties, they

busy themselves with adorning & filling it with accounts
of particular incidents & remarkable facts, in which there is
generally nothing agreeable, nothing pleasing, nothing acceptable,
nothing but certain sarcastic attacks upon men neighbours,

& especially the religious - - - - -

P. 586. If it happens, as in fact happened to our fathers out
Shiraz, that the missionaries prepare a frugal meal such as
poverty dictates - - they will be accused by them of avarice -
if - - - they will be accused of extravagance &
perhaps of drunkenness. - - -

P. 596 28th Aug. 1721. an Eng. ship from Bandar
Abbas - capt. Alexander Hamilton, a Scot and a non-Catholic.
- Five young Portuguese - decided to secure their freedom.
- 6th. September -
? to turn Moslem. - collected money from M. Amellin -
the Fr. man. - put them on the way to Bengal.

- Capt's anger and hints of revenge upon our religious
living in the island of Bombay. - - -

In this matter we were very sorry to have displeas'd this
most honourable & liberal Capt. Hamilton, who had

bestowed many favours & alms upon us - - -

P. 606. 17th. Sept. 1722. - there arrived here from Bengal some Eng. gentlemen, named Mr. Bellis (merchant), Mr. Woods (captain), & Mr. Lanwood. (?) (clerk). They were nearly all weak and ill owing to their long stay at Bender Abbas, & because they did not abstain from what they should have abstained from, their own life paid the penalty. The chief of them, who did not fear death, was deprived of life by it, & he who replied to call who warned him that he would return to Bengal or meet his end, was overcome by death, so that he should never see life; his body was buried on the following day, the 4th. of October, in our cemetery without any coffin. His ship left the port on the 14th. of January 1723.

P. 614. 10th. Dec. 1722. - there arrived here from Bender Abbas a large ship of European build, belonging to the Eng. society, loaded with Bengalee wares. Its captain and also its merchant was Mr. Pitt. He deceived the merchants, saying that he had brought little or no merchandise

but had only come here by order of the highest authorities to convey the merchants & their money, because to transport them by Turkish ships was dangerous owing to the number of pirates who he declared infested the route. In order to prevent his merchandise being seen, he left his ship in Afar and by this means sold many of his wares at a high price and transported a few merchants, but because he had an excessive number of goods, he himself departed about the 10th. Dec. leaving here an Eng. gentleman, Mr. Horne, who after a whole year and more completed the business.

I must not omit to mention that the above Capt. Pitt was very indignant with us because I had informed the governor that a French ship would arrive here very shortly - he was indignant, I say, because for a week after this announcement no one bought anything from him, since he and other foreign European merchants do not know that it is a custom of the Turks, when they cannot come to an agreement with a European merchant, to say that a ship will arrive suddenly - . . . they put off buying for several days.

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20th. Sept. 1727 -

Ill with fever etc.

Scarcely by gentlemen, Mr. French, Mr. Oms, & father Ingram, kindly visited us - I suggested to him (I who knew something about medicine) that he should apply a blistering plaster to my neck. He approved and did so, and on the following day he made an incision and a great quantity of green-coloured water came out (a favourable sign) Similarly, I suggested that he should bleed me, which he did on the 22nd. Sept, & after these two remedies; by the help of God, I found my head free from the feeling of oppression & the fever almost gone.

P. 644. The sufferings of Bazobod during the siege of Tamasp Khuli Khan - relieved by Tofal Osman.