

DIARY NO. 13.

JANUARY 1874 - AUGUST 1874

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~~JANUARY~~

- P. 1. Present of silver cigarette case from Serrif Effendi's wife.
- P. 6. 11th. Rain continued since 10.0 pm. - last night. - streets full
One of longest rains we have yet had.
- P. 6. A little of Shergish fell & lots of other mixed leaves fell.
- P. 7. feet. ordered demolition of old parts of bazaars.
- P. 7. The Naval giving a party.
- P. 8. 14th. Lily of London coming up - 71. flag - new 71. consul
Mrs. Darlie.
- P. 9. Serrif Effendi has gone down to Nasreyeh to Names Pasha to
assist with about 2000 men Arabs from Amasia in
making the Sudd along the banks of the Euphrates.
- P. 12 Mr. Shafford Engineer for the new Turkish steamer.
12. 20th. H. Pasha's Riflemen - came down from Bagdad
- ordered to proceed at once to Muscat - some
disturbance - taking 50 tons of coal from the boats'
depot.
12. Tremendous lot of pigs on E. bank. after Amasia -
like flocks of sheep.
- P. 15 Went to Hyder Bath to get rid of my cold.
- P. 16 Bessafal steamed up to take in the Pasha [Redif Pasha]

going down to Nassar Post at Nassah with the decision
for best. for him

P. 17. Nuohem Daniel - son of Salih Daniel going down to forest
to Nassar Post & his wife & family - going to
Azem only.

P. 19. News had so much S. winds nearly whole of January -
Extraordinary year - great quantity of rain everywhere
between Basrah & Dyarbehri - streets of B'had do not
get dry - Houses & houses rebuilt & some old
pavements fall down.

FEBRUARY

P. 19 Saw boiler brought out by Mesopotamia for the Dyah -
we are going to change our boilers - put in large 14' in diameter
wt. about 14 tons - Give us much more steam.

P. 20 best Philips - his watch given madam London -
had to pay 2 £

" Abdulla Samhira will soon marry after arrival of his
17th & his. from Mosul - left 9 days ago on a raft.

P. 22 boat coming down best & Mrs. Powell going to by the
Mesopotamia - also Mr. Regis, the late Blanchella

P. 23 6th Feb. exceptional rain - river level will be
very rapid

- P. 24 Lost my little dog - must have fallen overboard,
one of Mr. Robertson's bull terrier pups.
- P. 25 Jessie d. of Petroch - married to an employee in
Telegraph - effort £40 to marry she is 37
- P. 27 New rules about weighing baggage etc. S. interprets them
as lack of confidence in him.
- P. 30 Pigs
- P. 35 Spoke to Eliza of my affairs & intention
, to pay the ship in Capt. Holland's presence.
- P. 36 Wanted to resign - Co. discharging me instead of
raising me.
- P. 38 River full of hail-stones.
- MARCH.
- P. 40 All country from Azeis as far down as Jerna
under water.
- P. 40 S. Buornak in Bared. Men. 17. Ellis his mother &
sister & 3 Am. gentlemen from Eng. - to B'dad in
the Pandan.
- P. 40 Mr. Robertson & Carter - going to Shuster to check
A. Morris can not come to B'dad.
- " 170 cases of Indigo arrived - first time in the year.
- P. 42 Half of the Judd on the Tuzraton between Sakh el Shuykh &
Jerna wh. Nasser Pasha got shut this year - has broken
& water passed into the desert.

- P. 42. Nassir Pascha gone to Katif to place his wife's tomb. as favour of
Hassa - . Tomb have taken from Ibn Saud & Sheikh of Nejd.
- P. 44. Yusuf says many Hassani left stops & towns: ' Turkish fact. taking
their grown up sons to make soldiers of Rasch - gone to 17th century
- P. 46. Mosque in old Basrah - Ruin -
Zabir - inhabitants poor & miserable with exception of a few
Najdi merchants, mostly Dohay keepers -
Hill of Sencam.
- P. 47. Kassim Zheir's nephew's house - Haji Hoshim - coffee pots -
one large tray.
- P. 48 Hill of Sencam - stones - valleys where rain runs down.
- P. 52. 15th. River is rising & fast making a Sudd all round the
walls of B'elad & gathering 2 Bushels from every house.
- P. 53. Meza Mhd. Ali. old post master of Basrah - referring from Krocchi.
to succeed Seyid Ali
- P. 54. The S.V. Rasul now commanded by Capt. Benissi a Frenchman
formerly in the "Duc"
- P. 56 4 lions shot below Azeir - continued to P. 57.
- P. 58 Real African lion
- P. 62. Family part down to Ummayyid in the Jordan - will
ride back on Dohays.

P. 64 On return - goes to cross Diata - Rain - state of women & children - falling down altho. only rain for 15 min.

P. 65. 29th. Sunday - Lotin Church - Palm Sunday - distributed olive branches.

P. 66. Zinner not satisfactory with his skin
 Still made him - I am sorry it did not come out to its former shape with the exception of the head, the rest of the body + legs took another shape - came too thin & raw.

APRIL

P. 67. Selected a mid officer making a good school. Arsenal well & Nephew's gardens

P. 68. Col. Herbert sent for Y. - wanted me to translate a Report sent to him of the Inspector of Quarantine, Mr. Pedorani, a lawyer in Istanbul since 1865 -

P. 71. Khademan in Zannoy, visited Nour Ibrahim al Dillah

P. 72. Mr. Sycopi the Dr. Charrelis - a native of Beyrut.

P. 74. The river at Amasia so high - land looks below it - have made Sudds along the banks, all along the river. back from Ali Shergis to Amasia have been inundated further inland it looks like a large sea.

P. 75. Seriz Effendi has gone to Hammer to shut the Sudd of the Jezair.

P. 82. 25th. The rise of the river has broken the embankments above B'ded - town like an island. Pasha gone to make the Sudd with the S.V. Arsenal & soldiers in and -

P. 83 Lots of water in the desert below. Dials & S'dad - Gaffers are
navigating - At Custom House S'dad found the 12 coal
shipping hoops but found no fuel for the Suet
Streets v. muddy.

P. 85 Blecky so many applications to take screens in office

P. 86. 28th. People of S'dad still at work making the Suet -
Money payments if no work.

P. 87. Preparations for picnic - by each to make some pies & puddings
" Went to the Kadi bath to take off my flannel.

~~MAY~~

~~89.~~ Went to Latin church on top of wall with the glass to see
the town and water outside the middle gate.

90 News of a supposed plague at Dezhnev in the Humberg -
19 died in 1 day - attacked by Bula. Pasha is sending
Mr. Pashani -

P. 91 Jerry spoiled 40 negatives.

P. 92 Attempts to reconcile Fetichi [husband of sister Eliza?]

P. 94. Nawab sitting in the Messenger on the roof - ate
fresh strawberries sent from M-hamed Beg's garden.

P. 95 Peace with Fetichi.

P. 97. Paved Market - cultivation destroyed.

P. 103 Eliza sister - her eldest d. Giuseppina engaged to Science
son of Aziz Elia's father who married the sister of Fetichi
[J's father]

- P. 107 22nd. Col. Fogg an American, First class
- P. 108 Abdulkadir Effendi the Bush Kahlit [the old man formerly
governor at Amara in 1864] gave his land as security,
Interest at 30% per annum. That is why Yusuf had asked
for money.
- P. 109. Robertson promised to write to the Colonel about increase of pay.
- P. 111. 26th. All the wives & family of the Soldier's garrison of Amara are
going up with an awful suspicion - their husbands bringing them on
board. The troops are to be relieved by another regiment from
Katif & now at Basrah.
- P. 112. 28th. Some came down from B'dad with Col. Herbert - the
Resident & his family - apparently to get rid of the Queen's birthday.
- P. 113. E. Marine heard that Hester's people are going to bring Fattalla
up from Amara to make account of the road for last 6 or 7 yrs.
- Hester himself had written from Am.

JUNE.

- P. 115. Papers of the Residency - Papers from the President of the
Majlis Tajarik thro' Brit. Resident.
- P. 116. Took some of S. Marine's personal jewellery to keep on board in
iron safe.
- P. 116. Went to Mr. Michael Munn about affair of Amg -
- P. 118. Fattalla Sayigh says his house at Amara mortgaged to

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John Aspin 4 yrs ago - nothing else to give to Hector.

- P.119. Our ship is so dirty with coal dust, I cannot enter my cabin & bed is unuse.
- P.119. Indian House labelled explained of stopping at Nagpur & not coming straight down to Benrol.
- P.120 Reply from Col. Herbert about A. Mann - cannot ask Indian Govt. for increase of pay because of distress on account of late famine in Bengal. - A.M. still does not say he has got the offer from Blakey in Syrel's office in place of Alfred Holland.
- P.123. ? To send lion skin to Stephen Syrel - Blakey's but from Eng. - all London's letters, notes etc.
- P.125 Assyrian Bishop had heard news of Antae II. leaving Robertson - did not like it, news spread v. fast all over B'dcol.
- P.126. German steamer. - ^{Suez} being ^{gone} man of 19 to be
- P.125 - employed of Robertson - knows little Eng.
- P.135. At port - taking in wood and Shea & coal - we filled every place with wood piled up on the House aft - loads, spars, & Beddle boxes.
- P.136. H. got a daughter.
- P.137. 27th. Giuseppe married - secured himself from attending wedding & marriage breakfast.

JULY

- P.139. Eliza wanted Refect in Jewish school - Isack Lusin - Manager
Built by David Sassoon of Bombay.
- P.142 I am trying to buy a piece of ground here below Anaja & above
Abu Jedin - for 4,000 G.S.P. also Capt Holland a larger
piece - Hassan Bey is the Mudir of the here to sell all govt.
waste lands, & I have asked Daltalla to get it for me, it is v. cheap
& could be leased to the Arabs for a good profit.
- P.143 Comet -
144 "
- P.145 There is in the Marie Desbouché -
- P.146 Indian watchman from Sheikh Abdul Kader mosque.
- P.147 I am carrying a small pocket watch as there is going irregular.
- P.147 Lanterns & watchmen to be posted in the street in our quarters - to
make an application for the Beldut Majlis - collection from
houses in vicinity.
- P.148 13th Monday - Invitation of a dinner party given by the Nawab
for Col. Herbert for honor of his marriage of 21 years
- P.151. Bessel - Mr. Wilson & I taking in of cargo - never had such a work & so
quick - landed 1165 packages & took in over 15-30 in about
24 hours time working night and day.
- P.153. The Indian watchman discharged after 7 days - used to sleep at night
& did not look to be faithful - another a Masuli one -

P.154. Called on Stefan Andra in his plan to see what they have done with Refed Gyechi about the illuminating of the streets & putting watchmen in all the Christian quarters thro' the assistance of the Turkish Govt.

P.157 Passed Orulch - came to a school at Hornseyat - close to Woi bank - loaded passengers for post line -
Quarrel betw. our passengers & Arabs - Capt. Halled & self on shore.

August.

P.160 Mr. Keun the Dutch consul of Bushon going up with us - he has an ice machine & we had some made for dinner here.

P.160 Hydor Effendi - Kedi at Amara bidding us Capt. Holland's piece of ground at Ulyed Lidar Amara -
Mr. Wotmann coming up with us.

P.162. A warm 6th. August - 7th. day of this weather - Baharia heat -

P.164 Jewish school - 1700 of the 75. day. - native of P. Had Mr. Jank who has studied his French in Paris - cost 100 bags -

P.167 The Jinnah arrived - small steam launch for Lynch Bros. service to work betw. Basrah & Meharech carrying passengers. Capt. Smith of the Jinnah v. ill - brought up in the steam launch -

16th 167. - I never saw or suffered such heat before - in my cabin it is impossible to go in and stop for half a minute