

Chapter 1

Newbook Digital Texts in the Humanities: Svoboda Diaries: Joseph Mathia Svoboda

[Diary 49 records the events of the period February 1899 until October 1899 comprising thirty (30) complete journeys. It starts with the continuation of Journey V048_27_S of Friday, February 24, 1899. It ends with Journey V049_31_N of Thursday, October 5, 1899 in progress. February 28, 1899-October 11, 1899: seven (7) months and fourteen (14) days (including end date), 226 days, or thirty-two (32) weeks and two (2) days.]

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Chapter 2

From Diary No. 48 [28 FEB 1899 — V049_00_S](//)

We finished Cargo at 3 P.M.; having loaded very deep;

The Waly of Basreh Enis Pasha *and* the Commander of the Troops Mohsen Pasha came to see the Shahzada the cousin of the present Shah of Persia, his name is Abdulhussein Mirza Farman Farman, also the English Consul Mr. Wratishlaw, Mr. Hamilton the Agent of Hotz *and* Co. *and* is also the American Consular Agent; Mr. Richards of Lynch Brothers *and* a wole lot of Persians *and* other people; he has [page torn]two cabins for [page torn]1st Class [p. 3] [ripped off]on Deck [ripped off]came to me, [ripped off]going to Gorna tomorrow to see his property for about 10 days absence, and then he promised me if his mother has really decided to go to Paris to bring Alexander, he will accompany her;

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Chapter 3

Basreh to Baghdad [1 MAR 1899 — V049_01_N](//)

| <i>Passengers</i> | <i>Okkas</i> | GSP. Local | Draft | |
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| 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 247336 | 27,126 $\frac{1}{4}$ | 4,,10 | |

At 4,,20 P.M. We left Basreh, flood tide is running up;~ The Persian Shahzada with his Doctor *and* Interpreter in 1st *Class* Cabins are messing by themselves

At 10 P.M. landed 8 passengers at Gorna they are Nasser el Sagur, Abdulla Rawandoozi the Lawyer *and* Mr. Misakyan [p. 4] the Civil Engineer *and* followers going to measure the date properties so as to levy a tax in future at so much per Jerib; Ali Beg Mudir of the Tapo *and* Rufail are also coming to Gorna tomorrow;

Light air *and* rather warm weather; At 2,,50 *A.M.* passed Azair~ at 4 anchored, *and* at 5,,30 We left;~ Weather very mild I finished with the passengers tickets we have in all 143 $\frac{1}{2}$ (5 in 1st Class, the Shahzada, Abdulhussein Mirza Farman Farman whose sister the Shah of Persia Muzaffar el Mulk has married, and a German Mr. W. Grieger [p. 5] and Yousif Shamoon Nazo, but the two cabins of the Shahzada are also used by his attendants going in *and* out, and 2 in 2nd class Nassoory son of Georgis Ilo and sister)~

At 10 *A.M.* landed 4 passengers at Kalat Saleh *and* Went on at 10,,5, the guard turned out *and* saluted the Persian Shahzada; We are flying the Persian flag for him~

S. *Easterly* Wind *and* Weather Getting Cloudy~

At 4 P.M. arrived at Amara, a guard of soldiers saluting the Persian Shahzada, and the whole population [p. 6] was on the bank, the Crowd was

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Abdulhussein
Mirza Farman
Farman

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very thick *and* all hurried on board, the Motserrif *and* all the functionaries, the Persian Consular Agent in his uniform *and* the milè was so thick on board that I had to go in my cabin from the crash *and* confusion;~ We landed 12 passengers and 7 Bales of cloth;

We could not Coal ship on Account of the Crowd *and* so We left at 4,,50 P.M. ; Took 32 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers~

Wind shifted to N. *Westerly* *and* fine Weather;

The Shahzada *and* his Doctor dined with us this evening I was interpreting between him *and* Capt. Cowley [p. 7] *and* the others in Persian and french~

Moderate N.W. *and* fine cold Weather, sharp wind and the river is rising;

2 Thursday
Therm @ 6. 46
[A49_009.21:007]

At 7,,5 A.M. passed Ali Gherbi [symbol] At 2 P.M. passed the

SS Baghdad going down

Very sharp Cold Wind is blowing~

At 0,,20 P.M. passed the S.S. Mossul *and* Barge going up at AbooDood [symbol]

At 8,,5 P.M. arrived at Coot landed 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ passeng. *and* 8 Bales of P. Goods; We took 12 Tons from our Coal boat which had not been landed yet, so we did not go alongside some people came to visit the Shahzada the Kaimakam Jaffer Bey *and* the Persian Agent, [p. 8]

At 10,,30 We left Coot, fine *and* cold Weather;

Light N.W. *and* cloudy Weather~

At 6,,30 A.M. passed Memlah; gave tickets to 411 $\frac{1}{2}$ Coot passengers;~

3 Friday Therm
@ 6. 47
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I paid the Ship's Company their wages for *February*;

At 3,,15 P.M. passed Azizieh Village;

At 3,,30 met the SS. Khalifah coming down, We stopped *and* sent Mr. Taylor's letters, him *and* his wife are on board going back, I got a few lines from Henry he says that my Wife has no news at all from Alexander, Michail Yaghchi is also on board going down to Basreh, the [p. 9] Khalifah has 47,000 *Okkas and* 228 passengers

We went on at 3,,40 N. *Easterly* wind *and* cloudy all over~

At 7,,10 passed Baghdadiéh Weather getting fine;

Light N.W. *and* little cloudy on the East~

4 Saturday
Therm @ 6. 48
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[A49_015.08:013]

At 6,,5 *A.M.* we came to alongside the bank at Ctesiphon to let the Persian Shahzada Abdulhussein Mirza to Visit the Tomb of Selman *and* the Arch; but he did not land till 7 *A.M.* after having made his prayers *and* took his tea;

At 8,,30 the Persian Shah- zada came *and* We left Ctesiphon~ He sent for me telling me that he wishes to give the Crew *and* servants some present of few [p. 10] Kerans *and* wants to Know how many the crew are, I told him 26 Mossullees *and* the Tindal etc.; he sent me 120 Kerans to be distributed that is 3 K. to each of the crew *and* 10 K. to Meekha Tuidal, *and* 4 K to each servant etc.; What a mean *and* stingy man he is, he has given to *Capt.* Cowley a small carpet worth about 25 Beshlics; He also gave me 7 Envelopes to be given to the Chief, 2d *and* 3rd Engineers *and* the Chief *and* 2d Mates, to Metty *and* to myself to keep as a remembrance from his part, every one I found Contains $5\frac{1}{4}$ Toomans in Gold, which amounts to about 10 Beshlics, the Engineers *and* Officers have refused taking them, but Metty *and* Myself Kept it; as it Will not be nice to return them to the Man [p. 11]

I told *Capt.* Cowley of it, *and* he told Metty to take them *and* give them to the poors through the Nuns or Priests; they all took it back afterward;

River is rising, *and* wind blowing sharp from N.W.

At 0,,5 P.M. passed Diala River~ Ship is going very slow on account of the river;

At 2,,10 P.M. landed a Deckman at Gherrara with letters *and* went on;

At 5,,10 P.M. landed the mails at the Residency We went up to the Custum House, Great many people Crowded the banks, the Custum House *and* the Bridge, The head Constable Mukhlus Effendi *and* the Aide de Camp of Kadem Pasha came the former from the part [p. 12] of the Waly *and* the latter from that of Kadem Pasha to greet the Shahzada also the Persian Consul Without uniform but in a dirty clothes, they took the Shahzada to Persian Consulate on the other side of the river~

I went home saw Eliza also Antone Marine was there;

I found letters from Ibrahim Gejou from Paris dated the 3 *February*, he sends me back my letter of the 15 *December* which I had written to Alexander after the receipt of his last letter to me of the 13 *November and* Ibrahim says that he could not send Alexander in Paris *and* so he sends the [p. 13] letter back; an other letter from Mr. J. Böhm from Paris where he had gone for business and says that he had received from me my telegram in which I had told him that Alexander had wired to me from *Constantinople* that he was going to Port Said *and* coming here *and* he hopes that he has now arrived~ an other letter from Yousif Serpos dated the 9 *February*, in which he acknowledges the receipt of my telegram to him of the 6 *February* asking him if Alexander had come to Egypt, he says that he had received a letter from him of the 18 *January* from Paris *and* [p. 14] he answered him and sends the copy of the letter

Eliza tells me that Mr. Richarz the German Consul told my sister Medula that the Austrian Consul at Paris writes in Answer to my complaint made on the 15 Decr, that the Police have not found Alexander in Paris and that he must have gone to England *and* so he wants to know what he is to do with the 300 *francs* I sent to him for Alexanders expenses~ No other news we have of Alexanders whereabouts;

5' *Sunday*
Therm @ 6 38
 1899 *March*
 [A49_017_10:014]

Light N. *Easterly and* little Cloudy *and* Cold Weather I did not go to Church, but I called on Henry's [p. 15]

Wife, *and* on Sister Medula *and* came home at 11~ Some Visitors called~ At 1 P.M. I went to see Antone Marine *and* then called on Mina Abood, Went to call on Mr. Richarz but met him in the road *and* I told him that I will call on him in two hours more; I went to Sister Eliza, *and* on Edward Blockey but he was not at home, I then called on Mr. Richarz but he had gone out, I called on *Capt. and* Mrs. Cowley *and* on Moseigneur Altmayer he is getting better with his rheumatism, his holyday of St Henry was on Thursday the 2d Mch, I came home at 6 P.M~ [p. 16]

Weather getting fine *and* clouds disappearing;

6' *Monday*
Therm @ 6. 42
 1899 *March*
 [A49_019_16:015]

Light N.W. *and* fine cold morning; at 8 *A.M.* I came on board, the Mejidieh is inside since yesterday discharging

The river is falling; at 10 *A.M.* I went to see Mr. Richarz, also Dr. Hesse who showed me a letter from the Consul General of Beyrout dated the 6 *February* in which he says that the Consul General of Austria of Paris writes that after having searched for Alexander at No. 124 Rue de Rennes he was not there, *and* was informed that he was in the Hotel de Bon Marché No. 22 Rue Placide, there [p. 17] he was told that Alexander had left *and* probably gone to England so the money of 300 *francs* is left with the Consul and wants to know what he is to do with it; I asked Mr. Richarz to write again to let the money remain for the present until probably Alexander may wire for money *and* then I can refer him to the Austrian Consul to get it from him, so Mr. Richarz is going to do so, I left *and* came to the office for some Gold sovereigns to pay the Officers~

Sister Medula called also Eliza *and* Adoola my cousins~ [p. 18] The SS. Mossul arrived at 10 Am~

I took a hot bath~ Fine cold weather;

7' *Tuesday*
 1899 *March*

Light N.W. *and* fine Weather cold~ Sister Eliza called on us also Madm. Saccazan~ At 9 *A.M.* I came on board~

The SS. Ressafah left this morning at 5 Am; River Keeps falling;

At 11 I went home; At 2 P.M. called on Catterina Yaghchi *and* Louisa my niece; Antone Marine called on us, him *and* Major Melville had been at

Kadumain Visiting the Shahzada Abdulhussein Mirza he is going to stay here for about 4 months more,

Light N.W. *and* fine Weather *and* mild; [p. 19]

8' *Wednesday*

Light N.W. *and* fine weather at 8 A.M. called on Sister Medula *and* at 9 came on board; the Mossul went inside to discharge; We are shipping some cargo, at 11 went to breakfast *and* returned at 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ P.M.; We shipped galls *and* wool;

At 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ I went home *and* at 6 Eliza *and* I went over to Sister Medula *and* spent the evening Johny *and* Artin also came there We left at 8 *and* came home,

9' *Thursday*
Therm @ 6. 50

Light air from S.W. *and* cloudy all over~ At 8 A.M. I came on board;~ River is falling

At 11 I went to breakfast *and* came on board at 12;

I sent two letters to the Damascus Post one for Mr. A Schweiger *and* one to Mr. Böhm Vienna *and* told the latter every thing about Alexander; [p. 20]

At 2 P.M. the SS. Phrat arrived from Basreh;

Weather keeps cloudy, with a light S. *Easterly* breeze,

At 5 P.M. we finished loading, handed off the bank;~ I went home, Sister Medula *and* Grzesiki called on us to spend the evening; they left at 8 P.M.

S. *Easterly* light air *and* cloudy a little ~

10 *Friday*
1899

Light S. Ely, *and* cloudy All over, Raining slightly at 5 A.M. I came on board, rain ceased after few minutes, but just to wet the ground, it keeps cloudy; [p. 21]

Chapter 4

Baghdad to Basreh [10 MAR 1899 — V049_02_S](//)

March
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March

| <i>Passengers</i> | <i>Okkas</i> | GS Piast | Draft | |
|-------------------|--------------|---------------------|-------|--|
| 253 | 97,178 | 19875 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 3,,9 | |

At 6 *A.M.* we proceeded, Weather very cloudy and gloomy;~ It began to rain drizzly at 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ after passing Gherrarah Bridge

At 7.45 passed Diala river; ~

At 8,,45 passed the S.S. Khalifah at Menary going up, I saw Père Pièrre *and* P. Jèan onboard going up;~

At 9.5 passed Ctesiphon At 1,,10 P.M. landed the son of Elias Serkis, Rezooki at Swera on the opposite side of the village *and* went on at 1,,15;

We have altogether 233, Passengers (7 [p. 22] in 1st class; 2 Mahomedan Pilgrims in one cabin, Eassa Khdery, Abdulrezak Khdery to Amara free with Return Ticket; Edward Blockey going to London for 9 months, paying Deck *and* Mr. Faragher with him in the big cabin free going to be reemployed at Mahomerah by Mr. Taylor free; and Naoom Loca to Basreh; also 2 females of Eassa Khdery in 2d C. Cabin to Basreh three other men with free passage by S.Lynch *and* Co,

At 2,,15 P.M. passed Baghdadie; still very Cloudy all over; ~

At 4.20 passed Azizie; ~

At 7,,10 we rounded [p. 23] and anchored at Um Sneyem little cloudy *and* light S. *Easterly* wind ~ Wind Shifted to a fresh N.W. and clouds cleared off *and* became fine,

11 *Saturday*
Therm @6.52

Light N.W. *and* fine clear weather ~ At 5,,15 am left Um Sneyem;

At 7,,30 passed Memlah The SS. Baghdad *and* Barge, passed up this morning at 5 am; ~

At 11,,45 A.M. arrived at Coot landed 19 *Passengers and* 3 Packages;

I received Henry's letter, the Khalifah had 242000 *Okkas* of Cargo *and* about 120 passengers;

At 0,,45 P.M. we left Coot, took 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers ~

At 4.30 P.M. passed [p. 24] Sheikh Saad;

At 7,15 we rounded and Came to for the night at Maghessil Grove; Fine Clear weather *and moderate* N.W. wind;

12 *Sunday*
Therm @6.42
1899
March

Modte; N.W. *and* fine cold weather ~ At 5,30 A.M. we left Maghessil, at 5,,40 passed Ali Gherbi;

At 1 P.M. arrived at Amara landed 22 Passengs (Abdulrezack Khdery in 1st Class Cabin) and 52 Packages; ~Took 5 Tons of Coal~

At 2,,20 P.M. left Amara took 8 Passengers ~

At 5,,30 passed Kalat Saleh

At 6.10 anchored at the Canal of Abdulla ibn Ali for the night; [p. 25]

Light S.W. *and* cloudy

At 5,,30 A.M. proceeded from Abdulla ibn Ali,

13 *Monday*
Therm @6.57
1899

At 7,,55 passed Azair Wind shifted to N.W. *and* became fine; ~

At 10,,40 landed one Basreh passenger at Gorna I saw Rufail Sayegh here, he came up after we had left Basreh last trip *and* will return tomorrow or the day after, ~

At 10,,50 we went on;

At 2,,50 P.M. arrived at Basreh; Flood tide made an hour ago, todays moon is 3 days old

The Mail Str Kilwa is the only boat in quarantine, the Persian St. Hussein has just left as we arrived she goes to [p. 26] Jedda with Pilgrims, The SS. Abdulkadur is at Fao bound for Jedda, also taking Pilgrims ~

Rezooki came to me for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour *and* went away,

The Malamir is also in quarantine she will leave on Thursday for Mahomerah *and* Mr. *and* Mrs. Taylor will go in her *and* up the Karoon to Ahwaz *and* Shushter;

At 5 *P.M.* I went up to Rezooki Sayegh only himself there Rufail being at Gorna; I dined *and* slept there; very strong N.W. wind blew for 2 hours at about 7 *P.M.* *and* then died away

Fine Cold Weather [p. 27]

14 *Tuesday*

Moderate cool N.W. wind At 7 *A.M.* I came on board; we discharging and loading cargo,

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[A49_029_01:016]

Edward Blockey went yesterday to put up with Mr. Hiles of Muir Tweedie *and* will go down in the Kilwa either to Karachi or Bombay thence to England ~

Rezooki Sayegh called on me, also Nassoory Andrea Michail Yaghchi who came down in the Khalifah to sell his Liquorice from the Euphrates, also Yousif Metchich etc'

We finished loading at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ *P.M.* *and* got the mail on board; Flood tide is running up since 3 *P.M.* ~

We are awaiting for the flood tide to ebb [p. 28]

Chapter 5

Basreh to Baghdad [15 MAR 1899 – V049_03_N](//)

| Passeng | <i>Okkas</i> | <i>G. S. Piasters</i> Local | Draft | |
|-------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|----------|--|
| 310 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 238,030 | 26,511 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 4, 10/11 | |

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[A49_030.16:017]
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At 6.35 P.M. flood tide slacked, we got underway Light N.W. *and* fine weather,

We have 10 Horses, one mule *and* one donkey belonging to the Shahzada Abdulhussein Mirza Farman Farman whom we took up last time, they came up from Shiraz charging the Horses at 14 Mejidies each, the mule 11 *and* the donkey 8, with 7 persons, 4 are allowed free as Saises for the 12 animals,

I wrote a letter to Yousif Serpos to Cairo by this mail Via Bombay dated the 10 *Instante*; all about Alexander a copy I have kept; [p. 29]

At 7.50 passed the S.S. Mossul *and* Barge going down; ~

15 *Wednesday*
Therm @6.55

At 1 A.M. passed Gorna~

Light N.W. *and* very mild weather *and* fine~

At 6.15 passed Azair, At 11.15 landed 7 passengers at Kalat Saleh and went on at 11.,20 ~ Took one passenger~

We have altogether from Basreh 162 $\frac{1}{2}$ (6 being free by *Lynch Brothersers*) (2 in 1st Class Mr. Zerlendi a Greek trader in Baghdad and Miss Martin an English woman of the missionary society of Baghdad)

Weather getting cloudy [p. 30] in the afternoon ~

At 4,,35 P.M. arrived at Amara landed 17 passengers *and* 5 Bales of P. Goods;
Took 8 Tons of Coal *and* 10 Bales of Hides

At 6 P.M. left Amara Weather cloudy a little

Moderate S. Easterly wind and cloudy weather ~

At 6,,35 A.M. landed 2 passengers at Ali Gherbi *and* took one, went on at
6,,40 ~

Gave tickets to 55, Amara passengers, (one Turkish Officer Noory Effendi in
2nd Class)

We passed the SS. Phrat *and* Barge going down last night at 11 P.M;

At 11,,30 landed one Passenger at Sheikh Saad

Strong wind from S. *East* [p. 31]

Winds keeps blowing strong S. *Easterly and* weather cloudy

At 6,,20 P.M. arrived at Coot landed 14 *passengers and* 5 Bales of P. Goods;
an awful confusion and a rush of passengers was made for about an hour we
were unable to Coal, so many passengers from Coot, Shatra Hai etc. etc, came
pouring, as it is the time for the pilgrimage to Kerbella etc.; we took 6 tons of
coal;

At 8,,50 we left Coot, strong S. *Easterly* wind *and* cloudy ~

S. *Easterly* wind *and* it became very cloudy gloomy weather

At 5,,15 A.M. passed Memlah ~ [p. 32]

Gave tickets to 91 Coot passengers;

Wind blowing Strong S. *Easterly* and opened the clouds without raining; all
the country is dry *and* have not had rain for more than a month; people are
fearing the scarcity *and* bad Crop *and* the price of every thing will again
commence to rise;

At 1,,45 P.M. passed Azizieh ~ Strong S. *Easterly* wind still blowing

At 3,,30 passed the S.S. Khalifah going down at Rmelat ~

At 5,,15 passed Baghdadiéh Fort; very strong wind *and* heavy swell still;
cloudy weather;

At 5,,35 passed the S.S. Baghdad *and* Barge [p. 33] going down at Thaji;

At 12 P.M. being very dark and cloudy, we anchored at Bostan ~

16 *Thursday*
Therm @6.54
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17 *Friday*
Therm @6.56
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18 *Saturday*
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[A49_035_20:021]

S. *Easterly* wind *and* cloudy

At 5,,30 *A.M.* we proceeded very light drizzly rain came last night for few minutes,

At 8,,15 passed Ctesiphon, At 10,,40 passed Diala river ~

At 11,,50 went alongside the bank just below the Bridge of Gherrarah *and* landed the 10 horses one mule *and* one donkey; ~

I landed at 12 *and* walked in to Baghdad there has been some slight fall of rain here last night; reached home at 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. the Mejdieh arrived at 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ~ I saw Eliza [p. 34] she is well; I found a letter from Rezooki Metchich from London for me dated the 15 *Ultimo*, he tells me that Alexander is in London, but he cannot tell me all about him *and* what he is doing because he is afraid of him getting angry etc. etc,

It begun to rain drizzly for about 2 hours *and* made the streets muddy weather keeps very cloudy It rained at night too

Holy day of St. Joseph

S. *Easterly* wind *and* cloudy at 8 *A.M.* I went to church a high mass with music *and* organ; we visited the priests, Pere Pierre (who is now the prefect superior in place of the late Père Marie Joseph) I then [p. 35] called on Asfar, Antone Marine, Habib Chiha, Yaghchi, Sister Medula *and* came home, many people called on us to wish me the holy day of my patron St Joseph; ~ I called on Yousif Tessy, Pehlewan *and* at 3 P.M. with Antone Marine on Yousif Korkis *and* Sister Eliza *and* came home at 5 ~ It rained in the daytime too, *and* weather keeps cloudy;

Light N.W. *and* cloudy weather, at 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ *A.M.* I called on Menusha *and* then came on board, no steamers are here,

The Mejdieh is alongside discharging cargo

I sent money to the office *and* went home at 10; Menusha was there; I took a warm [p. 36] bath ~ Louisa (Henry's daughter the wife of Yousif Yaghchi) *and* others called on us; ~ I called on Mily widow of Naoom Serkis,

Antone, Johny *and* Artin *and* Johny Pehlewan called on us in the evening; they looked at my new Bicycle which I got out for Alexander lately, and Johny *and* Joory Antone's son rode it round the court yard ~

Light N.W. *and* fine weather but is getting warm;

Light N.W. *and* fine weather Called on Sister Medula *and* came on board at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ We are discharging; The river is rising a little

At 11 went home found Terooza wife of Antone *and* Philomena Chiha there, Eliza *and* Adoola my cousins [p. 37] called in the afternoon Also Mr. Richarz,

19' *Sunday*
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20 *Monday*
Therm @6.56
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21' *Tuesday*
Therm @6.56
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the German Consul; he tells me that he wrote by last Post about my son Alexander to the Austrian Consul of Paris to keep the money now standing, I requested him to write again *and* to say that Alexander is in London *and* to let the Consul write to London to the Austrian Consul

At 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ Eliza *and* I went over to Sister Eliza *and* spent the evening till 8 P.M. *and* came home;

22' *Wednesday*
[A49_039_11:024]

Light N.W. *and* fine weather ~ at 10 A.M. I came on board, We are shipping cargo;

River keeps rising much since the day before; It rose about 12 feet altogether

The Bridge was cut [p. 38] open today, the rush is strong *and* keeps still rising,

At 11 I went to breakfast *and* came on board at 2 P.M. ~ Some boats of the brige got swamped *and* sunk; ~ Others also were carried away on the opposite side;

At 5 P.M. I went home;

Fetoohi Dowd Maghak our opposite door neighbour has opened a shop near the door of his house and cleaned *and* repaired the road, and called it Bon Marché he has spent a large sum lavishly in this enterprise

23' *Thursday*
1899
March

Light N.W. breeze and fine ~ At 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ A.M. I called on Sister Medula for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour *and* came on board; the river is still [p. 39] rising, it rose 8 bricks since yesterday evening, it must have risen about 14 feet;

I wrote a letter to Edward Blockey by todays Post to Cheshnut (London) *and* told him all about Alexander *and* to look for him in London,

At 11 I went home to breakfast and returned at 12 $\frac{1}{2}$; Weather getting cloudy; the River is stand still,

We shipped cargo about 87,000 *Okkas*;

At 5 P.M. I went home Johny *and* Artin called on us till 8 ~ Weather fine *and* light N.W. breeze;

24 *Friday*
[A49_041_21:025]

Light N.W. *and* fine weather ~ At 5 A.M. I came on board ~

The river has fallen one foot since yesterday [p. 40]

Chapter 6

Baghdad to Basreh [24 MAR 1899 — V049_04_S](//)

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| Pass | <i>Okkas</i> | GSP | Draft | |
| [N/A] | [N/A] | {N/A} | [N/A] | |

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1899 *March*

We kept working in heaving the anchor getting buried

At 6 *A.M.* hove up and proceeded; All the gardens *and* property have been well irrigated through their Canals; ~

At 7,,30 passed Diala river, this had also risen considerably *and* nearly overflowing the embankments

At 8,,25 passed Ctesiphon The river here about is nearly in a level with the bank;

At 0,,25 P.M. passed Baghdadie Fort;

Finished with the Passengers tickets, we have altogether 138 $\frac{1}{2}$ (5 in 1st class, Yousif Georgi Asfar with free Return ticket by S Lynch, Ali Beg son of Kassim [p. 41] Pasha Zheir, Mr.W. Grieger the German Zoologist with 37 Gazelles bought for Hamburg, charged 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ G.S Piasters each, and the wife of Abdulrezack Khdery with her brother Seyd Mahomed to Basreh, this latter paying deck *and* *Capt.* Cowley invited him in the cabin with his sister to occupy, and 2 Afghans in 2d Class) ~ Besides we have Polus Bahoshy with 4 Tilkeflies to Amara to the wool Press of S Lynch

At 2 P.M. passed Azizieh;

At 4,,50 passed the S.S. Khalifah going up at Sheresh, Naoom Loca
[strikethrough]was on board ~ [p. 42]

At 5,,40 passed Memlah,

At 5,,55 passed the S.S. Mossul *and* Barge at Anchor above the village of
Bughela apparently on account of the strong current; Artin Apikyan on board
of her going from Bughela to Baghdad; Also Sleman Durion from Basreh;

At 9,,10 P.M. arrived at Coot landed 39 *passengers* and 229 Packages (150
Poles for Lynch's wool Press) I received Henry's letter *and* my papers, the
Khalifah has 204480 *Okkas* of cargo *and* about 260 Passengers

The river is high here reaching nearly to the top of the banks ~ [p. 43]

Light nw. *and* fine ~ At 5,, A.M. left Coot; Took one passenger;

At 10,,35 landed 9 Packages at Ali Gherbi took 6:30 passengers and went on at
11,,00 ~ Light clouds *and* S. *Easterly* breeze;

At 1,,25 P.M. passed the S.S Ressaiah *and* Barge going up above Ali Sherghi,

At 5,,40 P.M. arrived at Amara landed 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers *and* 23 Packages, the
river here is about one foot below the bank; We shipped 4 cases of the Pellican
feathers; ~

At 7 P.M. we left Amara full noon today ~

Weather warm *and* Calm; [p. 44] with some clouds ; [x symbol]

At 8 we anchored above Aboo Sedra, Fine moonlight night, *and* the river is
high with the banks ;

Light, N.W. *and* fine calm weather ~ At 5,,15 A.M. we proceeded ~ at 7
passed Kalat Saleh;

At 9,,45 passed Azair the country is not flooded here but the river is high
within few inches below the banks;

At 0,,35 P.M. landed 2 of the Basreh passengers at Gorna, took 9 passengers
the family of Neshat Effendi Kaimakam of Gorna (now just appointed here
instead of Akif Effendi who went up to Baghdad 15 days ago) We went on at
0,,40 [p. 45] Flood tide made up at 2 P.M. ~

At 4,,10 P.M. passed the S.S. Baghdad *and* Barge going up at the Island
above Maghil;

At 4,,45 arrived at Basreh There is only the mail Str Pemba in quarantine

Rezooki Sayegh came off to me *and* then we went up I landed at Jeboory
Asfar for an hour *and* then went to Rufail where I dined with him *and*
Rezooki *and* slept there;

25 Saturday

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[x symbol]took
9 passengers (1
in 1st Class the
wife of Kassim
Khdery)

26 Sunday

1899 March

27 Monday

Fireman Shabo
Franso drowned
1899 March

Light S.W. breeze *and* warm weather, since 1 *A.M.* I awoke *and* could not sleep at all; at 7 I came on board, we are discharging *and* shipping cargo;

Our Fireman Shabo ibn Franso while he [p. 46] was working in the starboard wheel fell in the river *and* struggled *and* cried until he got to opposite my cabin under the sponsoon and sunk *and* disappeared not knowing how to swim *and* the Barge being close alongside the steamer so no help could be rendered immediately expecting him to drift down to the ship's stern but he got drowned the whole crew were gathered to his rescue but they failed; he was an old servant in the service for about 15 years ~

We have a lot of passengers coming mostly Arabs of Hassa *and* the river here *and* from Basreh going [p. 47] to the pilgrimage of the Moharrem festival next Lunar month; I have let all the Cabins, the weather is very calm *and* unusually warm it is 82 at noon in my Cabin

Rezooki Sayegh, Rezooki Angoorly his brother Toni, Nessoory Andrea etc. came off to me; I have been giving tickets all the day ~ we finished shipping cargo by 5 *P.M.* *and* received the mails; [p. 48]

Chapter 7

Basreh to Baghdad [27
MAR 1899 —
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[A49_049_16:031]

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|--|----------------|--|
| <i>Passengers</i> 416 | <i>Okkas</i> 192,562 | <i>G. S. Piasters</i> Local 27,808, | Draft 4,,9; | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|--|----------------|--|

At 6,15 *P.M.* we got underway *and* proceeded, very calm *and* warm weather I cannot support the woolen clothes; the ship is deep; we are going slow;

28 *Tuesday*
Therm @ 5,68
1899 *March*

At 1,,10 A.m. passed Gorna [strikethrough], Fine weather and light *N.W.* air;

At 6,,15 passed Azair, wether warm ~

Finished with the Passengers tickets we have Altogether 273 (4 $\frac{1}{2}$ in 1st Class, they are, H. Hmood el Mellak, Gool Hayat the widow of Sheikh Jaber *and* Sheikh Mezel of Mahomerah; Michail Yaghchi, *and* Rezooki Besboori [p. 49] Tessi with his nephew the son of Tanton Eassayi, *and* two Jews in 2d Class one of them is free by S. Lynch *and* Co. a relative of Abdulla Eliahoo) ;

At 11,,5 landed 6 passengers at Kalat Saleh *and* went on at 11,,10 ~

At 5,,5 *P.M.* arrived at Amara landed 16 *Passengers and* the 10 Zptyehs guards, We shipped 10 Bales of Lamb Skins *and* took 10 Tons of Coal ~

At 6,,35 left Amara S. *Easterly* light breeze *and* warm,

18: 29 *Wednes-*
day

At 2,,30 am we passed the S.S. Baghdad *and* Barge going up near Ali Sherghi

[A49_051_06:032]

N. *Easterly* wind *and* cloudy all over [p. 50]

Major Melville
left Baghdad
1899 *March*

Gave tickets to 80 Amara passengers;

At 8,,55 am landed 2 passengers at Ali Gherbi, *and* went on at 9; very cloudy,
S. *Easterly* breeze *and* some drops of rain ~

At 2,,30 *P.M.* passed Sheikh Saad; S. *Easterly* wind *and* cloudy;

At 2,,45 met the Comet coming down with major Melville the Acting Resident
of Baghdad going away *and* the Comet will bring Colonel Loch who will be in
Basreh today to take his post in Baghdad after his leave of absence,

At 3 we went on; The river has fallen about one foot below its higher rise ~
rise ~

Wind shifted to a Strong [p. 51] N. *Westerly* *and* became cool ~

At 10,,20 *P.M.* arrived at Coot landed 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ Passengers *and* 6 packages cargo,
Lost of passengers came most of them had to remain on the lower deck We
took 8 tons of coal,

At 12 *P.M.* left Coot light N.W. *and* fine weather

Light N.W. *and* fine cool weather, the river fell about 3 feet ~

Gave tickets to 62 Coot passengers;

At 8,,45 *A.M.* passed Memlah; The river has fallen here about 4 feet;

I paid the Ships crew *and* officers their wages for this month ~ [p. 52]

At 6,,30 *P.M.* passed Azizieh village;

At 10,,45 passed Baghdadiieh Fort; Fine clear weather;

Light N.W. *and* cloudy a little ~ At 7 *A.M.* passed Bostani Kesreh; The S.S.
Ressafah is in sight ahead of us going up we had met her on Saturday last at
1:30 *P.M.* ~

At 8,,25 we caught the Ressafah *and* passed her at the turn of Semreh reach
and just at this time the Khalifah is coming down also and we passed her after
two minutes ~

At 10 passed Ctesiphon Strong n.w.wind blowing

At 0,,50 *P.M.* passed Diala river ~

At 2,,15 I landed at Gherrarah *and* walked [p. 53] to town, Michail Yaghchi,
Metty, Yousif Metchich Rezooki Bashoory and 3 Jews also landed,

I reached home at 3:30 having walked slow on account of Michail Yaghchi who
could not walk having pain on his knees; ~ Eliza is suffering from stomach ache
like me for the last 10 days; no letters or news from Alexander whatever,

30 *Thursday*
Ther @ 5,49
noon 60

5: 31 *Friday*
Ther @ 5,59
1899 April

This is Good friday I went to the Chaldean Cathedral, immense people were their *and* the Patriarch was preaching I started home *and* Eliza came too,
[p. 54]

The Mejidieh arrived at 4,,50 ~

Light *N.W. and* fine cool night ;

1' *Saturday*
Ther @ 5,50

Light *N.W. and* fine cool weather at 8 *A.M.* I came on board, The Mossul *and* Phrat are here the former leaves tomorrow ~ The S.S. Ressafah arrived this morning at 4,,20 am; I went home at 10, I took a warm bath;

Johnny called in the evening. The river is rising a little.

: 2' *Sunday*
Ther @ 5,52

Easter Sunday ~ Light *N.W. and* fine weather at 8 *A.M.* we went to Church *and* then I called on many people the French priests, Patriarch, Bishop *and* other Priests; and visited many Christians [p. 55] came home at 12, many people visited us, I again made visits until sunset, I called on 33 houses, *and* came very tired *and* knocked up ~

1899 April
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[A49_056_16:034]

The river rose about 4 feet~

Light *N.W. and* fine weather;

3 *Monday* Ther
@ 5,52

Light *Easterly* breeze and fine ~ I called at 4:30 am on Père Pierre to ask him to give me his account of the money he has advanced to Alexander *and* he showed me all his letters which he wrote to him begging him to advance the money and all the receipts which I took note of, since the 4 of *November* [p. 56] up to the 11 *January* he has paid him 1,350 *francs* exclusive the 220 *francs* which I had sent on the 27 *October* through the Ottoman Bank ~ I paid P. Pierre 20 Turkish Liras on account, all what I had saved *and* asked him to await for the rest in about one or two months hence;

1899 April
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I called on Iskender Aziz, *and* on Fetoohi Loca *and* came on board at 9:30 the Mejidieh went inside to discharge ~

The S.S. Mossul left for Basreh yesterday morning

I went home at 10; called on some more Christians for the Holyday; After breakfast I also called on Antone [p. 57] Marine, on our Tindal Meekha saw his wife; on Yousif Metchich etc., came home at 4 *P.M.* some more Visitors called,

Weather became very cloudy with some slight drops of rain; It kept blowing *and* thundering during the night; and at about midnight it rained hard with strong lightning *and* thunder;

4 *Tuesday*
1899 April
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S. *Easterly* breeze *and* fine weather; Terrooza wife of Antone Marine *and* daughter also Antone came

At 10 am I came on board; The Phrat left this

The Phrat left this morning at 5 *A.M.* The wife of Ezra Daniel the apothecary went down [p. 58] in her to go to Vienna in the Goolistan; The river is falling ;

The SS. Baghdad *and* Barge arrived yesterday morning at 3 *A.M.* ~ I went to see Mr. Kritchly of the Ottoman Bank, to ask him if he can allow Rufail Sayegh to draw the 1000 Date Boxes *and* give a bond payable after 5 months, during the date season, but he said that he cannot do it until he writes to Alois Schweiger at Vienna meanwhile the cases will have to be kept in the charge of his agent Daverzica in Basreh ~

I went home; Fetoohi Magho came to see my samples *and* he will give orders for some goods~

Eliza went out driving with Antone Marine [p. 59] *and* his wife in his dog carriage at 4 *P.M.* I called on sister Eliza *and* came home ~ At 6 *P.M.* Eliza *and* I went over *and* passed the evening at sister Medula, Mr. Guilietti *and* his son Antoine came there, also Artin my nephew, We came home at 8 *P.M.*

Light N. W. *and* fine weather

5' *Wednesday*

Moderate N.W. fine cool weather; called on Menusha at 8 *A.M.* *and* thence came on board ~ Took no cargo *and* there is none but very little I suppose tomorrow,

River keeps falling ; At 11 went home, sister Medula is here, we then went to call on Madme Danon who is going down with us for Paris in the SS Goolistan, her husband [p. 60] will follow in about 6 or 7 months hence; ~

At 2 *P.M.* I came on board no cargo is taken, I went home at 4 *P.M.* ~

Light *N.W.* *and* fine weather, rather warm in the room

6' *Thursday*

1899 April

Ely breeze *and* fine ~ at 4:30 am I came on board; The river has fallen still lower; ~ we are shipping some cargo ~ at 11 went to breakfast *and* returned at 1 *P.M.* ~

We finished shipping cargo by 5 *P.M.* we have only about 27,000 *Okkas and* few passengers on deck;

At 5:30 *P.M.* I went home, Artin my nephew called,

The Damascus Post has just arrived; I only received a letter [p. 61] from my sister in law Blanche from Constanple dated the 12 March; she answers my letter of the 9th *February* ~

Light *N.W.* *and* fine weather

7 *Friday*

Light air *and* fine weather,

At 4:30 am I came on board ~ River is low *and* keeps falling;

Chapter 8

Baghdad to Basreh [7 APR 1899 — V049_06_S](//)

| Passeng | <i>Okkas</i> | G.S. Piast | Draft | |
|-------------------|--------------|----------------------|-------|--|
| 134 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 2,8711 | 10,899 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 3,, | |

At 5,,20 am we got underway *and* proceeded,

At 7 passed Diala river~

Gave tickets to the Passeng,, we have in all 110 (5 $\frac{1}{2}$ in 1st Class, they are [p. 62] Mr. *and* Mrs. Hurner *and* their two sons both boys for half passage; Mr. Hurner is accompanying his wife to Basreh *and* will return with us; also Madme. Danon *and* her 3 young children as her husband is shifted to Alexandria in 6 months hence, she is going to Paris for the present, to see her friends; also the Assyrian Bishop Agnathios going to Basreh for two or three weeks, and a Mr. Rigo an Inspector of the Public Debt to Basreh; and one in 2nd class Ferida the mother of Hannosh Kass Hanna the Clerk of Lynch Brothers;) We have three Priests to Basreh on the Lower Deck our [p. 63] Assyrian *and* two Chaldeans also Iskander Aziz on Lower Deck to Coot, There is no cabin for him he messes with us as well as the Bishop also

At 8,,5 we rounded and came to at Ctesiphon to repair our steering chain, S. *Easterly* breeze *and* fine,

At 8,,35 proceeded,

At 11,,50 passed the SS. Khalifah going up at Swera; she is very deep *and* full of passengers even on the lower deck and aft; I saw Yousif Asfar on board~

Weather getting cloudy At 9,,55 *P.M.* passed Bagdadieh Fort;

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[A49_063_19:038]

[A49_063_21:039]

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[A49_064_16:040]

[A49_065_11:041]

[A49_065_17:042]

1899

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[A49_066_13:043]

At 2,,30 passed [p. 64] Azizieh;~

At 6,,45 P.M. passed Memlah~ Clouds clearing off; *and* getting fine;~

At 10,,30 P.M. we arrived at Coot landed 32 passengers *and* 32 Packages we remained for the night,

I received Henry's letter *and* Papers; the Khalifah had 190,000 *Okkas and* over 520 passengers besides what she took from Coot, all Arab pilgrims going for the Moharrem festival, A 1st Class passenger Mohamed ibn Omer one of the respectable *and* wealthy handed proprietor of Basreh going up to meet the New Waly for Basreh Hamdi Pasha, died on board suddenly [p. 65] the night before, I believe from apopleptic attack *and* was landed at Coot, the Plague in Bombay keeps increasing alarmingly about 280 deaths per day;~

8 *Saturday*
[A49_067_06:044]

Light S. *Easterly and* cloudy At 4,,45 am we left Coot, took 6 Passengers

At 7,,20 passed Sheikh Saad

At 11 landed a young Jew employé of the telegraph to remain here *and* transmit the foreign telegrams to Basreh by steamers as the line is cut *and* plundered by the Benî Sudd Arabs followers of Hassan el Khayoon on both rivers

At 11,10 we went on weather cloudy *and* light [p. 66] S. *Easterly* breeze~

At 6,,50 P.M. arrived at Amara landed 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers *and* 69 Packages; The river is very high here;

I heard that Hamdi Pasha the Waly for Basreh left Baghdad yesterday noon in the Ressafah coming from Constantinople;

We hauled out *and* remained for the night;

Strong S. *Easterly* wind *and* Cloudy weather;

At 5 A.M. left Amara Took 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers (3 $\frac{1}{2}$ for Azair paying Return passage Cloudy all over *and* fresh S. *Easterly* wind warm and disagreeable weather; we have 9 Zapties ~

At 8,,15 passed Kalat Salih; Clouds clearing [p. 67] off, but weather very hazy

Detained at the Elbow the wind drove the steamer toward the west bank, and again below the reach *and* further down too, from 9,,40 till 11;~

At 0,,15 P.M. landed 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ Jews at Azair from Amara *and* went on at 0,,20 P.M. warm sultry cloudy weather *and* fresh S. *Easterly*;

At 3,,20 P.M. passed Gorna, Flood made up;

Wind shifted to a strong N. Easter *and* hazy weather; it cooled the atmosphere it was very warm at 4 P.M. Therm was 90°;~

9 *Sunday*
Therm @ 5,,74
noon 85 4 P.m
1899
April
[A49_069_05:045]
1899
April
[A49_070_03:046]
Dismissal of
Anis Pasha
[A49_070_22:047]
Waly of Basreh
and arrival of
Hamdi Pasha
1899
April
[A49_072_03:048]
[A49_072_19:049]

At 7,,40 *P.M.* arrived at Basreh, *Moderate* N.W. wind blowing *and* dark
[p. 68]

The S.S. Goolistan is here arrived about 11 days ago *and* is leaving tomorrow, also the S.S. Comet is here with Colonel Loch the Resident for Baghdad is out of quarantine,

Mr. *and* Mrs. Livingstone have also arrived in the Goolistan *and* are going up in the "Comet" by invitation by Colonel Loch, as well as the superintendent of Post Offices;

The mail Str. Pachumba is in quarantine~

We did no work at night as *Capt.* Cowley wants to leave on Tuesday~

The SS. Comet left at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ for Baghdad with Colonel Loch the Consul of Baghdad; [p. 69]

The S.S. Goolistan left at 0,,30 *P.M.* *and* passed down, she takes Mrs. Hurner *and* their two boys, Mrs. Danon *and* 3 children Mrs. Egra Daniel the Viennese woman, Mr. *and* Mrs. Lanfield clerk of Lynch Brothers who leaves for good, *and* Mrs. Parry the Agent of Lynch Brothers at Ahwaz,

All our Cabins are let Mr. Hrner returning with us the Cadi of Basreh Ibrahim Ferid Effendi; H. Ali Abootaleb a Mousully horse dealer, *and* Mr. Nicoli Greek merchant, *and* now the Waly of Basreh who being dismissed Enis [p. 70] Pasha who has only been here about 11 months (see 2nd May 1898 in my Diary) his dismissal is attributed to some English policy; has sent to ask us when the Mejidieh was going to start as he intends going up with us; I said that all the cabins are let

Hamdi Pasha his successor (who was here some 3 years ago) is now expected down today in the Ressafah

At 3 *P.M.* the Mossul went to the other side of the river alongside the Turkish Hospital *and* took on board a detachment of Troops to be landed at Medina up above Gorna to [p. 71] punish the tribes of Beni Sudd which have been committing plunder *and* cutting the telegraph Lines *and* thence she will go up to Baghdad; she left at 4 *P.M.* ~

The S.S. Brooksid arrived at 4 *P.M.* from the Bar where she had been aground there since 7 days;~

At 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ I went with Rezooki Sayegh up *and* landed at Jeboory Asfar; I did not want to go to Rufail as he has some Turkish Officials since yesterday awaiting the arrival of Hamdy Pasha,

The whole functionaries *and* Officials of Basreh are out, *and* many went up river in steam [p. 72] Launches to meet the Ressafah, Troops and Horse artillery are also awaiting on the bank above the Ashar Creek, by they were all

disappointed for the Ressafah came *and* passed down at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ *P.M.* ~ Rezooki had come for an hour *and* went away;

Mr. Hurner came to dine at Asfar being invited *and* he went away at 10 $\frac{3}{4}$;

I slept as Asfars~

11 *Tuesday*

Light N.W. *and* fine cool weather; I had a very bad stomach ache *and* heart burn all the night from the heavy dinner we had~ At 6 *A.M.* came down to the ship,

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Lots of Bahranies *and* Hassawis passengers coming on board [p. 73] The deck is getting full;

Rufail came to me, also Rezooki, Ali Beg the mudir of Tapo etc., We took little cargo today, we could have left yesterday very easy; The ship is getting very crowded, passengers are obliged to stop on lower Deck;~ Lots of Turks *and* Officials came to see the Kadi of Basreh off~ Flood tide made *and* we had to await until it ebbs~ [p. 74]

Chapter 9

Basreh to Baghdad [11
APR 1899 —
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[A49_075_17:050]
[A49_075_19:051]
[A49_075_21:052]

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|-------------------|--------------|------------------------------|--------|--|
| <i>Passengers</i> | <i>Okkas</i> | <i>G. S. Piasters</i> Local. | Draft | |
| 511 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 169138 | 40102 $\frac{3}{4}$ | 4,,8,; | |

At 5,,20 *P.M.* we got underway *and* proceeded, New moon today of Moharrem
Very calm *and* warm weather;

At 11,,30 *P.M.* landed one passenger at Gorna *and* went on at 11,,35; very
light *and* calm weather;

Light N.W. *and* fine~ At 5 *A.M.* took the 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ Return Jews for Amara from
Azair *and* went on at 5,,5;

Finished with the passengers tickets; we have in all 409 (4 in 1st Class,
Mr. Hurner returning with us, the Kadi of Basreh, Ibrahim Effendi Ferid,
Mr. Nicoli Giocalas a Greek trader in Basreh *and* H. Ali Aboo Taleb a
Mousulli horse dealer)~ [p. 75]

Our passengers are all Arabs of Bahrein and Hassa *and* they pack very thick
and close and very little baggage, had there been any Persians or Basreh *and*
Baghdad people, the Deck would not have sufficed to such people, there are
only about 30 or 40 persons below *and* the rest are on the upper Deck; we
have also 10 Zaptyes with us as usual,

At 10 landed 3 Passengers at Kalat Saleh *and* took 3~

We passed the S.S. Mossul at Anchor this morning at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ on her way up;~

12 *Wednesday*
Therm @ 5,,65
1899
April
x at 11,,30 *P.M.*
passed the SS.
Baghdad bound
down,

Weather getting cloudy sultry *and* warm;

At 3,,30 *P.M.* arrived [p. 76] at Amara landed 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers *and* the 10 Zapties; Took 8 Tons of Coal, the telegraph line is interrupted *and* broken *and* so we could not wire,

At 5 *P.M.* left Amara weather warm *and* cloudy, x

Very light air *and* cloudy, Sultry *and* the ship full with flies~

At 6,,30 *A.M.* landed 7 passengers at Ali Gherbi *and* a packet of Telegrams took 2 *and* went on at 6,,35;

We took 61,, Passengers from Amara in all;

The river looks to have again risen since we left Baghdad, it is in a level with the bank; Fresh N.W. [p. 77] wind blowing;~

At 11,,40 passed Sheikh Saad;

At 7,,10 *P.M.* arrived at Coot, landed 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers; Took in 6 Tons of Coal; Crowd of passengers came *and* they put up any where down on the lower deck an awful confusion; No head or tale we are full everywhere; there is no limit as rule on board, passengers can come *and* do what they like, there is no discipline, money making is the order of the day~

At 8,,30 we left Coot fine weather *and* Moderate N.W. breeze; the river has only risen [p. 78] about $\frac{1}{2}$ foot~

Moderate N.W. *and* fine cool weather;

At 5 *A.M.* passed Memlah~

Gave tickets to 33 Coot Passengers; Aslo Polus the wool Press Engineer of Lynch and 5 men with him free (himself in the 2nd Class Cabin)~

I have the stomach ache again Came back since that night I dined *and* slept at Jeboory Asfar, I suffered all the night from pain *and* heartburn, *and* since it begun to pain new fearfully especially in the afternoon *and* after midnight;

At 2,,15 *P.M.* we passed the S.S. Khalifah going down just at the Village of Azizieh [p. 79] She has some Jews for Azair their first trip down;~

At 6,,20 *P.M.* passed Baghdadieh Fort, weather became very calm and rather warm in the Cabin,

River keeps low about 6 feet below the bank, it is a singular occurrence at this time of the year, it appears that there will be no high rise coming;

Light N.W. *and* fine, some Clouds on the East *and* South;

At 4,,45 *A.M.* went alongside at Ctesiphon to land all the passengers, the Bahrein Arabs had offered 100 *Rupees* to visit the Tomb of Selman, after

13 *Thursday*
Therm @ 5.66
1899
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14 *Friday*
1899
April

15 *Saturday*
1899
April
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having landed them *and* the 100 *Rupees* brought to [p. 80] me, *Capt.* Cowley did not want to wait *and* hauled out *and* weighed, half of the passengers were on shore, he again went alongside *and* landed them *and* had to wait for them At 6,,30 we proceeded

At 9,,10 passed Diala river;~

At 10,,30 I landed *and* walked in to Baghdad, I went straight to Lynch's office arrived at 12, I had to enter some freight on cargo of Mr. Hurner in the manifest, which in Basreh *Lynch Brothers* referred us to Baghdad for the rate to be charged *and* I left after $\frac{1}{2}$ hour *and* came home, saw my wife, there are no letters or news at all about [p. 81] Alexander *and* his whereabouts

Eliza has shifted our sitting from the room to the veranda, it is getting warm;

The Mejidieh arrived at 1 *P.M.* ;

Light N.W. *and* fine, it is too warm to sleep in the room;

Light N. *Easterly and* rather warm;

16' *Sunday*
Therm @ 5.62
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At 8 *A.M.* we went to Church; I called on Antone Marine, his son Gabriel is getting prepared to start for Beyrout to school, in about 10 days more with Yousif Metchich via Aleppo; he is to go to school for 2 as three years We then went to call on Monseigneur Altmayer [p. 82] I called on Yaghchi, Sister Medula, Menusha *and* came home at noon, At 3 *P.M.* called on Sister Eliza *and* came home;

Light air *and* warm;

Light N. *Easterly and* fine At 8 *A.M.* I came on board sent money to the office *and* left at 10;

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At 11 I went to call on Colonel Loch the British Resident who had gone on leave last year, he received me very well *and* we had a long talk I left at 12 came home

At sunset Eliza *and* I went over to Antone Marine *Capt.* Cooper of the Comet was there also; Joory (Gabriel) Antone's son [p. 83] is starting in about 10 days to Beyrouth with Yousif Metchich;

Light air *and* rather warm at 8 we came home; It is too warm in the room;

Light N.W. *and* warm at 8 *A.M.* I come on board; the river is very low, about 8 feet below its highest rise;

18 *Tuesday*
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At 11 went on shore called on Sister Medula~

Weather warm *and* Clouds hanging about, No rain at all since the last trip I was here it had rained a little, this year has been one of an exceptional occurrence for want of rain and high rises of the river

Sister Medula *and* [p. 84] Adoola called on us ~

Bedri Bey the employè at the museum of Antiquities at *Constantinople* has come down via Aleppo Urfa, Nessibin *and* Mossul With the new Wali for Mossul; he called on me this evening, he is going to Hilla to join the German Mission who went there a month ago to excavate in Babylonia for the Govermt of Germany *and* the Museum of Berlin;

Artin *and* his Sister Terrooza called in the evening *and* left at 8 P.M.;

Light Air *and* rather warm

19th *Wednesday*

Light Air N. *Easterly and* clouds are hanging about;

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[A49_087_04:057]

At 8 A.M. I came [p. 85] on board; found the SS. Mossul arrived last night at about 11 P.M.;

At 11 I went home *and* returned at 1:30 P.M.;

The SS Phrat *and* Barge arrived at 1., 15 She brings the dismissed Waly of Basreh Anis Pasha, who is to leave for *Constantinople* in a few days~

We shipped a lot of through cargo, as Galls Skins, Abbass, Carpets et,

Weather very warm, sultry *and* cloudy with a light S. *Easterly* breeze,

At 5 P.M. I went home, Antone Marine *and* his son Gabriel came to see us as his son is going to [p. 86] Beyrout in a week's time, also Yousif Metchich *and* [striketrough]Mr. Benford the Gunner of the Comet who has married Yousif's niece Mina, also Fetoohi Dowd Maghak to whom I am giving some patterns of Alois Schweiger of Vienna to get goods out for him *and* he pays me 1 % commission etc.;

Light N. *Easterly and* Cloudy Sultry *and* warm weather,

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Very Cloudy Sultry *and* warm; at 6 A.M. it rained for $\frac{1}{4}$ hour and remained cloudy *and* warm

@ 5.74

1899 April

[A49_088_14:058]

At 7:30 I came on board there is no cargo to be shipped today it was all shipped yesterday, we are getting a lot of [p. 87] Jews for Azair, some went in the Khalifah last time;

At 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ I went home and returned at 12, weather very warm *and* disagreeable The Thermotr. at noon stood at 95° such warm weather in April has never occurred yet;

At 5 P.M. I went home, I went to see Gabriel. (Joory) son of Antone Marine to bid him good bye as he leaves for Aleppo *and* Beyrout before I return, but he was not at home, I asked his father *and* mother to let him come *and* dine with us, I came home Père Emmanuel called on us for an hour [p. 88]

Joory came *and* dined with us *and* went at 9 P.M.

Weather still bad the air an Easterly *and* clouds

Easterly breeze with some clouds~ At 3:30 *A.M.* I came on board;

Chapter 10

Baghdad to Basreh [21

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| <i>Passengers</i> 275 | <i>Okkas</i> 49,541 | G.S. Piast 22,350 | Draft 3,,4 | |
| At 4,,45 <i>A.M.</i> we left, Very cloudy calm <i>and</i> warm weather; | | | | |
| At 6,,30 passed Diala river; | | | | |
| At 7,,45 passed Ctesiphon At 8,,30 passed the SS. Mejidieh going up at Semra, I saw the Assyrian Bishop Agnatios, on board returning; | | | | |
| At 0,,35 P.M. passed [p. 89] Baghdadieh Fort; | | | | |
| We have altogether 248 passengers, (5 in 1st Class, they are Ahmed Pasha son of Kassim Pasha Zheir who comes from <i>Constantinople</i> by way of Aleppo after having been there 15 years detained by order of the Sultan <i>and</i> now only allowed about 3 months leave to see his parents being escorted by a Turkish Officer as Aid de camp under Surveylance a man named Noori Beg, also in 1st Class, and the mektoobchi of the Waly of Basreh Assim Bey a Secretary to Hamdi Pasha, <i>and</i> the fourth one is also [p. 90] a Turk called Izzet Beg an aide de camp of Kadem Pasha going to see his brother Sherif Beg the Halai Beghi of Basreh, all these 4 persons mess with us at the Table; <i>and</i> the fifth one is Rezooki son of Elias Serkis is going to Basreh for the Liquorice business with G. Asfar; and there are 3 Jews in the 2nd class going to Bombay (2 women <i>and</i> a man). We have 128 Jews with Return Ticket for Azair for the first trip, of the season (the Khalifah took last time 39 $\frac{1}{2}$), At 4 Mejidies a person besides 6 with free tickets. [p. 91] | | | | |

21 *Friday*

1899 April

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1899 April

At 1,,45 *P.M.* passed the SS. Baghdad *and* Barge going up~

Weather cloudy all over and S. *Easterly* wind, very warm *and* disgusting weather

At 2,,5 *P.M.* passed Azizieh;

At 5:30 a very hard Shower of rain came down for about 15 minutes, it also thundered *and* weather remained cloudy all over;

At 6,,20 passed Memlah;

At 6,, 35 we rounded at Bughela *and* landed specie, and went on at 6,,50,~ Thermomter in my Cabin is 84°- is sill warm, the wind has shifted to a [p. 92] N. *East*;

At 10,,30 *P.M.* arrived at Coot landed 34 passengers and 32 packages, I received Henry's letter *and* my papers; the Khalifah had 214,000 *Okkas and* about 300 passengers; We hauled out *and* remained for the night;

S. *Easterly* breeze *and* Cloudy all over warm *and* disagreeable weather; Took 8 passengers from Coot;

At 9,,45 *A.M.* passed the SS. Ressafah *and* Barge bound up;

At 10,,50 landed 2 *Passengers and* 15 packges at Ali Gherbi took one passenger and went on at 11,10;

At 6,,20 *P.M.* arrived [p. 93] at Amara landed 32 *Passengers* and 43 packages;~ The brothers of Ahmed Pasha Zheir, Abdulmohsen and Abdulaziz as well as Eassa Cheleby Zheir his Cousin *and* others came here to meet him; *and* a great many people came, the Motserrif of Amara Ahmed Anwary Pasha etc.;

S. *Easterly* breeze cloudy wind very warm, moon 12 days old;

Yesterday was the first day of the Moharrem festival, it should have been on Thursday~

At 7,,30 we left Amara A strong S. *Easterly* wind blew in a Squall with lightening [p. 94] *and* some rain so that we were obliged to anchor At 7,,50; the wind then died away *and* remained cloudy;

At 9.15 we proceeded~ At 10 anchored for the night, S. *Easterly* breeze *and* warm;

Light S. *Easterly* breeze and Cloudy all over ~

At 4.15 *A.M.* we proceeded Gave tickets to 24 Amara passengers (6 for Azair) we have Abdulmohsen *and* Abdulaziz brothers of Ahmed Pasha Zheir also Eassa Son of Abdulla Zheir and the son of Salem Bedur these are all aft on the

22 Saturday,
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quarter Deck I charged them double deck fare Viz 2 Mejidies each;

Detained at the Elbow [p. 95] from 7.45 till 8 am;

At 9,,15 went alongside at Azair and landed the Jews, 128 with *Return* Tickets 6 also free, *and* 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ from Amara and Coot;

At 10 we left Azair. At 11 we landed Izzet Beg our 1st *Class* passenger the Aide de Camp of Kadem Pasha at Sareifah where some soldiers are encamped, *and* his brother Sherif Beg the Halai Beghi of Basreh is here;~

At 0.50 P.M. we met the [striketrough Lynch]Steam Launch of Gray Mackenzie with a lot of people coming to meet Ahmed Pasha Zheir just above Gorna we stopped *and* Ali Beg [p. 96] Zheir *and* Abdulwahab the nephew of Eassa Kartas *and* others came on board *and* we went on, passing Gorna at 1 P.M. ~

Weather Cloudy Sultry *and* warm; Therm 85 at noon;

The wind Shifted to a N.W. at about 2 P.M. and the sky cleared off *and* became fine~

Flood tide made up against us~

At 5,,5 P.M. arrived at Basreh; the SS. Brookside for G. Mackenzie is only here; there is the S.S. Arabistan in quarantine Arrived 5 days ago, the Mail Str. Khandalla has left Basreh about 2 days ago~ I did not go up [p. 97] to Rufail's house as I found there were Tookyeh *and* her children *and* other women, there; ~ we are discharging cargo *and* taking 45 Tons of Coal at night; It is very warm in the Cabin, there is a light N.W. breeze,

24 Monday
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April

Light N.W. *and* fine weather we are discharging and loading~

Nessoory Andrea, Rezooki Angoorly *and* Rezooki Sayegh came off to me from Rufail's house; they are there with their family

Jeboory Asfar wrote to me, asking me to join them to a breakfast party in his date garden in the Hakimyeh up the Rubat Canal as all the family of Angoorly *and* Nessoory Andrea etc. are also invited I excused myself as I thought we [p. 98] were leaving today unless we are to wait to take up the machinery of the wool Press to Coot of Lynchs which is being discharged from the Arabistan;

The S.S. Brookside left Basreh for London at 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ AM; Naoomy son of Elias Kroomi went in her to Marseilles to find business there~

We are going to leave tomorrow so as to ship the Wool Press: Passengers came on board about 70 or 80 thinking we were going today~

At 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. Rezooki came to me *and* I went with him up to Rufail's house, found there Tookyeh her husband Rezooki *and* her two sons, Nessoory Andrea

his wife *and* children etc. come back [p. 99] from Asfar's Picnic party and then they went in to Basreh;

The SS. Muristan for Asfar arrived up to Basreh she comes right up without making quarantine, as she did not touch at any Ports~

I hear that cases of Plague broke out at Muscat~

They forced me to remain to dine *and* sleep at Rufail *and* so I did; weather not so cool *and* pleasant,

25 Tuesday

Very light N.W. breeze, with some clouds on the East; at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ A.M. I dressed *and* came down to the ship, living all the rest asleep yet;

[A49_101_03:072]

[A49_101_18:073]

1899 April

Weather getting warm *and* air changing to West [p. 100] *and* S West;

I hear we are not to leave Basreh until we get the wood Press of Lynch shipped for Coot, whether it will be out of the Arabistan, tomorrow or the day after;

Breeze shifted to S. *East and* became very warm; at 3 wind again shifted to North~ We received the mail at 5 P.M.~ We are not going wait for the wood Press, it will not be out before Thursday they say, so Lynch Brothers Agent Mr Richards is going to let us go~

Rezooki Angoorly and Rezooki Sayegh called on me~ [p. 101]

Chapter 11

Basreh to Baghdad [25

APR 1899 —

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| Passeng | <i>Okkas</i> | G.S.P. Local | Draft | |
| 246 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 227,582 | 22,388 $\frac{1}{4}$ | 4,,10 | |

At 5,,15 P.M. we got underway *and* proceeded *Moderate* Northerly breeze,

It is too warm in the cabin,

At 12 passed Gorna,

Light N.W. but warm and sultry weather, I could not sleep from the heat in the cabin~

At 5,,10 *A.M.* arrived at Azair boarded 10 Jews and took 13 others with return ticket and left at 5,,40; (and 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ without R.T.)

At 10.45 landed 3 *Passengers* at Kalat Saleh *and* went on at 10.45;

We have altogether 172 passengers from Basreh (2 in the 1st *Class* Cabins, [p. 102] Ezra Daniel the Apothecary, *and* Kass Petros the Chaldean Priest, who paid 2nd Class fare *and* occupied a 1st Class by Captain's permission, and one woman Tooza Nazo the mother of Hannosh Lynch's clerk paying *and* her two daughters paying deck *and* staying with her,

We took from Azair 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ Jews 4 are for Amara, *and* 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ for Baghdad (13 are with Ret. Ticket 4 of the Mejidieh *and* 9 of the Khalifah)

Weather very warm *and* sultry; It is getting cloudy too;

26th *Wednes-*
day, Therm @
5.81
[A49_103_05:074]
1899
April

At about 3 P.M. the wind shifted to fresh N. *Westerly* and became cloudy all over;

At 4,,20 P.M. arrived at Amara landed 43 [p. 103] passengers *and* the 9 Zptyeh guard;~ We took 8 Tons of Coal~ The river keeps high here within the bank, *and* even they say there is a little rise;

At 5,,20 left Amara Took 30 $\frac{1}{2}$ Passengers;~

Moderate N.W. *and* fine weather It became a little cooler; Moon 16 days old;

Light N.W. *and* cloudy all over but it is cooler than the days before;

At 7,,30 A.M. landed 2 passengers at Ali Gherbi *and* took 3,, Jews and went on at 7,,40~ The river is rising it rose about 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ foot at Ali Gherbi *and* is still rising~

At 1 P.M. passed Shekh Saad~ [p. 104]

River keeps rising, *and* is nearly in a level with the banks, Cloudy still;

At 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. it blew strong N.W. with slight squall *and* dust *and* is cloudy all over; but it has refreshed the atmosphere;

We passed the S.S. Mossul and Barge going down at 0,,30 P.M.; ~

Weather very cloudy *and* dark;

At 8,30 P.M. arrived at Coot landed 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers Took 7 Tons of coal, River is still rising;

I did not live my letter *and* Paper for Henry, as the Khalifah will leave on Sunday, our departure having been altered now instead of fridays~

At 10 P.M. left Coot [p. 105]

Light S. *Easterly* *and* Cloudy At 6,,40 we passed Memlah, Took 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ Passengers from Coot~

Weather very troubled cloudy dusty *and* fresh S. *Easterly* wind *and* warm

At 4 P.M. passed Azizieh ruined village;

At 4,,5 passed the S.S. Phrat *and* Barge going down;~ River is falling a little;

The weather keeps very unsettled, Cloudy misty variable winds *and* warm, this month has been one of the worst we have yet seen; my cabin is so warm, it is 90° at sunset [p. 106]

At 8.5 P.M. passed Baghdadieh; Strong S. *Easterly* wind *and* dark Cloudy nights;~

S. *Easterly* breeze *and* hazy warm weather;

27 Thursday,
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28 Friday,
Therm @ 5.73
April

29 Saturday
Therm @ 5.74
1899
April

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[A49_109_01:077]

Antone Ma-
rine's son
Gabriel left on
27 for Beyrout
~

[A49_109_22:078]

At 6.,35 *A.M.* passed Ctesiphon~ River has fallen about one foot; I paid the Ship's Company their wages for this month as they wanted it very badly;

At 9.10 passed Diala river;

At 10.35 I landed at Gherrarah *and* walked in to town; I felt the heat very excessive especially when I got between the Gardens where the S. *Easterly* wind behind me ceased *and* got so calm [p. 107] I could not go on *and* had to sit on a Saky *and* washed *and* took a rest; I then walked in to town, arrived at 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ saw my wife she is well but, there is no news or letters from Alexander at all he does not write *and* we do not know where he is;~ we are in such an awful way about him, Rezooki Korkis has written to his brother saying that he has been searching for Alexander in London but, could not find him, he was told that he had gone to America; Eliza asked Yousif Korkis to wire to Rezooki and inquire 5 days ago [p. 108] but he has not yet got the answer;~

We slept in the big room, it is very warm;~

Light N. *Easterly* or variable breeze cloudy *and* sultry, at 8 *A.M.* I called to see P. Pi  re *and* went to hear mass; I then called on the Bishop Agnatus, on Antone Marine, his son Gabriel (Joory) has left for Beyrout in company with Yousif Metchich via Aleppo on thursday morning the 27th a large Caravan *and* many people had gone, Harems of some Turks *and* Pashas also Napoleon the son of Michel Jesuit, *and* Kass Yousif Kasha the Chaldean priest etc. etc. [p. 109]

I called on Sister Medula *and* on Menusha where I saw Alice, I came home at noon, Some visitors called;~ at 2 P.M: I called on my niece Guiseppina daughter of Sister Eliza *and* on Sister Eliza, I then called to visit the Nakib of Basreh Reheb Effendi son of Seyd Mahdi Said Effendi my old friend, but he was not at home, he came up in the Ressafah *and* is living in the house of H. Mahmood Pachachi next door to Sister Eliza's house; Johnny came with me, we then called on Mons Rouet the [p. 110] french Consul *and* he was not at home left our cards; we then called on Mr. *and* Mrs. Livingstone *and* they were not at home *and* we left our cards~ I came home, found Sister Medula *and* Artin there, then came Captain *and* Mr. Cowley *and* Antone Marine *and* Abduljebbar Effendi; weather became very cloudy squally *and* dusty, but it passed off without rain; weather keeps cloudy *and* warm very disagreeable *and* plenty mosquitoes in the rooms;~ [p. 111]

Light N. *Easterly* breeze and sultry some clouds *and* warm; at 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ *A.M.* called on Sister Medula then came on board, we are discharging cargo;

The Khalifah left yesterday morning, Henry had come to see me on Saturday evening for an hour; The S.S. Baghdad also left together with the Khalifah; I went to the office *and* got some pounds Sterling to pay the officers

The son of Mr. Hall, S. Lynch's clerk about 10 years died last night from an attack of Typhoid fever

30' Sunday
1899
April
[A49_110_09:079]
1899

1st Monday
May

I came home, had a warm bath; in the evening Eliza *and* I went over to Sister Medula [p. 112] for an hour, we prepared to go down in a Goffa tomorrow morning to visit the Yaghchis who are encamped in the Garden of Farhat, next to Asfar's *and* also to visit the Tantons, Asfar *and* Regina my niece who is living in the Garden of Baher;

Light N.W. *and* fine

2' Tuesday

1899 May

[A49_114.18:080]

1899 May

[A49_116.14:081]

Light N.W. *and* fine, but getting cloudy; at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ am Sister Medula, my wife *and* myself went down in the Goffa to Farhat's Garden to Yousif Yaghchi his wife Louisa, my niece *and* Catherina Sayegh his mother~ while there the SS. Comet came [p. 113] down with a large party on board invited by her Captain Cooper, to take Tea on board; there were all the Europeans as well as Yousif Asfar *and* his sisters, Antone Marine *and* family, *Capt. and* Mrs. Cowley, the Bottomleys etc. etc The Comet went down as far as the Kher *and* came up at about 2 P.M. *and* went alongside the beach below Asfar's Garden *and* all the party landed to Asfar's Garden where they took Tiffin, We visited the Tanton's family; their mother Medool is ill with leaver disease of dropsy; we also visited Regina [p. 114] my niece; but we breakfasted at Yaghchis *and* spent the day the wind got up *and* blew very strong by 3 P.M. *and* clouds of dust rising, it blew a regular squall *and* the dust was blinding. the donkeys came for Medula *and* Eliza but they were afraid of the wind *and* dust *and* they won't let them go, so I left myself *and* rode in the dust was so thick that I could not see my way I arrived at 5., 40 P.M. in 20 minutes

Had dinner by myself *and* turned in, the wind kept up *and* gradually fell *and* at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ it begun to rain drizzly for [p. 115] an hour; It then cleared up;

3 Wednesday

[A49_117.06:082]

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Light N.W. *and* fine weather rather dampy from last nights rain;

At 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ am I went over to Abduljebbar Effendi *and* then we rode on horse back *and* went to pay a visit to Mahomed Pasha the Daghestani the General of the Cavallery division I saw his wild animals 2 lions, 2 wild donkeys, a Bear, 2 wild goats *and* a Leopard, at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ we left *and* I came on board

1899 May,

The SS. Ressafah left this morning~

At 10 went home, [p. 116] I called on Menusha *and* then on Antone Marine, saw his wife, they have received a letter from their son Gabriel from Fellooja, they have had great difficulty in crossing the Euphrates which has risen much *and* broken the Sudds flooded the Country, they had to ferry across in Shakhtoors and all their Kit got wet *and* damaged, Yousif Metchich suffered more with his goods etc.; ~

Eliza *and* I both feel unwell, we have caught cold yesterday out in the Garden, my bones etc. are aching, I had to sleep in the room;

Light N.W. *and* fine, [p. 117]

4 Thursday

Light Erly *and* fine weather at 8 *A.M.* I came on board we are shipping little Cargo; The river rose about 6 Inches last night; at 11 went home and returned at 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. Very little cargo coming;

At 4 P.M. I went on Shore called on Sister Medula *and* came home, Jhony Artin called, on us also Antone Marine,

I heard the Armenian Catholic Patriark Azaryan died in *Constantinople* ,

5 *Friday* Ther
5.68

Light N.W. *and* fine weather;

[A49_119_13:084]

Moderate N.W. *and* fine cool weather; at 7 *A.M.* I called on sister Eliza *and* then came on board at 9, no Custum House [p. 118] I went home at 10, I got carpenters today to make the rest of the railings on top of the house;

1899 May

At 3 P.M. called Menusha *and* Sister Medula *and* came home; Mons Rouet the french Vice Consul called and left his card, as I was not at home;

The Assyrian Bishop called in the evening;

I hear that Anis Pasha the dismissed Waly of Basreh who came up about 15 days ago, has gone to Hussein *and* Meshed and is still there; and is disgraced, *and* will not be appointed Waly anywhere it must be on account of the massacre of [p. 119] the Armenians at Dyarbekir three years ago, where he was then the Waly *and* he took very important part in encouraging it, *and* the Powers must have pressed their influence on the Sultan to have him dismissed from his functions

The Damascus Post Arrived at 4 P.M. I only received one letter from Alois Schweiger Vienna, and nothing about my son *and* where he is or what has happened to him~ his mother *and* I are loosing our senses, and do not know what to do *and* how long is he going to keep us [p. 120] in this state of mind,

6 *Saturday*
therm@ 5.66
1899 May

Light N.W. breeze and fine cool weather;

At 7 *A.M.* I came on board; There are some Jews going down to Azair

At 11 I went on Shore, called to see Yousif Korkis in his Khan if he has any writing by last nights post from his brother about my sow; he has none, but has just received a Telegram from him dated the 3d *Instante*; in which he says among other business off ours;

"trouvamme pas

"Svoboda, entendous

"partit Amerique;

I went home and [p. 121] breakfasted and came on board at 12;

We have very little Cargo Shipped, about 30,000 *Okkas* besides 80 Bags of Juss, *and* many Bundles of Hoop Iron, one Blacksmith from the E. *and* T. Copy in 2d class *and* 10 Mossulli workmen free to Coot for the Wool Press of S Lynch *and* Co which the Khalifah brought up this time from Basreh;

We finished work at 2, P.M. the Jews are crowding the ship. Women *and* boys

At 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. I went on shore;

We are very sorry and disappointed at Alexander's behavior with us; he never writes or let us [p. 122] Know where he is, he is showing great savageness *and* ungreatfulness toward his father *and* mother;

Light N.W. *and* fine Cool weather

7th *Sunday*

I was up at 3 am, *and* at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ came on board

Chapter 12

Baghdad to Basreh [7 MAY 1899 — V049_10_S](//)

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May
[A49_124_08:085]
1899 May
[A49_126_16:086]

At 4,,25 A.M. We proceeded; Ship very light,
At 6,5 passed Diala, river, very nice *and* Cool weather~
At 7,,19 passed Ctesiphon, Gave nickels to the Passengers,
At 11,,45 passed, Baghdadieh~
At 1,,15 P.M. passed Azizieh~ [p. 123]

We have altogether 251 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers (Two in 1st Class, they are Americans one a young man Mr. Fisher a taveller who came up in the Khalifah some time ago, *and* the other a Mr. Greer belongs to the mission who are excavating at Nuffar under Mr. Heyns, this latter has a ticket from Mr. Bottomley to charge him deck fare *and* put him in a 1st Class he only goes to Basreh *and* back for the benefit of his health as he was ill in Baghdad) We have 87- Jews to Azair with *return* Tickets *and* 4 besides with free tickets, And we have a Blacksmith of S Lynch *and* Co in a [p. 124] 2d C. Cabin *and* 10 Mossully workmen to Coot free to work at the wood Press ~

At 5,30 P.M. passed Khalifah going up , she is full of passengers mostly Jews from Azair *and* she is very deep;
At 5,35 passed Memlah,

At 9,30 P.M. arrived, at Coot landed 57 Packages and 40 $\frac{1}{2}$ Passengers, also the men for S Lynch's wool Press (10 Tilkeflies *and* a Blacksmith, *and* the 80

Bags Juss and other materials, I received Henry's letter *and* my Papers, The Khalifah had 210,000 *Okkas and* about 350 passengers (74 $\frac{1}{2}$ Returned Jews from Azair) We remained at Coot for the night; [p. 125]

Fine cool night;

8 *Monday*

Light N.W. *and* fine ~ at 5,,20 am left Coot; It became cloudy, ~ Took 7 Passengers from Coot ~

At 9,40 *A.M.* landed 8 packages *and* 2 passengers at Ali Gherbi *and* took one *and* went on at 10;

At 11,30 passed the S.S. Phrat *and* Barge going up *Moderate* N.W. *and* fine weather,

At 5 P.M. arrived at, Amara landed 50 passengers and 56 Packages ~

At 6,5 left Amara took 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ Passengers (one in 1st Class the Motserrif of Amara Anwary Pasha) We flew the flag for [p. 126] him without his asking for it~

At 7,20 we passed *and* came to Above Aboo Sedra for the night; Very light N.W. breeze; The Motserrif of Amara dined with

us at the table;

9th *Tuesday*
Ther @ 5.73
1899 May

At 1 *A.M.* the SS. Baghdad *and* Barge passed up ~

At 4,15 we proceeded Very light N.W. air and Cloudy all over;

At 9,15 arrived at Azair, landed 97 $\frac{1}{2}$ Jews (87 are with *return* Tickets) also, 4 free *return* Tickets ~ There are now nearly 300 Jews altogether left; ~

At 10 we left Azair took 9 passengers ~ Cloudy all over and light N.W. breeze [p. 127]

At 0,,40 P.M. landed one passenger at Gorna and went on at 9,,45

Cloudy all over *and* light

N.W. breeze;

At 5,,10 P.M. arrived at Basreh, The SS. Muristan for Asfar is only here, There is no mail boat in quarantine she is due tomorrow but no news of her from Bushire;

All the Cabins are already engaged, *and* others want to have but we have none,

I did not go to Rufail, We coaled ship at night discharged *and* took some cargo till midnight,

Light N.W. *and* cool weather but Cloudy, I am sleeping in my Cabin *and* have my windseel put up [p. 128] this time in Baghdad, it is cooling my cabin a little;

10 *Wednesday*
Therm @ 5.74
1899 May

N.W. breeze *and* Cloudy all over with a mist, but the weather is cool,

The SS. Muristan for Asfar *and* Co left at 10,45 A.M. ~ The Arabistan has left yesterday from here ~

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Rezooki Sayegh came to me *and* he took me to their place at 1 P.M. I saw Rufail also Yousif Marine had come down from Shaebiyeh whom I had not seen for the last 3 months; he went up to his house at 5 P.M. ~ I took Rezooki *and* went to call on Asfar, saw Jeboory *and* his wife, also there were Nassoory Andria *and* his wife [p. 129] We returned at 6, where I dined *and* slept outside the room; a light N.W. breeze but is still very Cloudy *and* misty like fog on the river;

11 *Thursday*

Light N.W. *and* Cloudy partly ~ at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ am I came on board, also Rezooki came with me,

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We have loaded the Ship *and* are ready, but the mail Str. has not arrived yet;

[A49_132_13:089]
[A49_133_16:090]

There is a New Order came from the Turkish Government to levy a tax of 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ *G. S. Piasters* per annum on all the Crew of our Steamers of Turkish Nationality serving afloat, and the Harbour master [p. 130] Came on board, I gave him the names of the Crew 40 in no., which his Clerk wrote down *and* he begun collecting;

Lynch Brothers wrote to the Captain on the Subject *and* asked him to assist them in the matter;

At 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. the SS. Ressafah left for Baghdad ~

We have great confusion *and* crowds of people coming to see the Cabin *and* other passengers off; The Motserrif of Amara also came to go back;

The mail *Steamer* Simla Arrived to the quarantine at 6 P.M. ~ We sent for the mails; as Mr. Wratislaw the English Consul is also going up with us [p. 131] We are not to leave before 8 P.M.; Weather very calm *and* warm, there is no place aft, we have Dr. Macri his wife *and* son, his wife has a 1st *Class* Cabin *and* themselves are on the upper skylight deck the wife *and* mother of Kassim Khderiy and Izzet Bey the Aide de Camp of Kadem Pasha with a female on the upper skylight deck *and* a confusion aft of no head or tale *and* no one seems to care how to put in order every one to his post; Cowley does not interfere *and* lets them do what [p. 132] they like;

We received the mail at 7 $\frac{1}{2}$;

Chapter 13

Basreh to Baghdad [11 MAY 1899 — V049_11_N](//)

| <i>Passengers</i> | <i>Okkas</i> | <i>G. S. Piasters</i> Local | Draft | |
|-------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|-------|--|
| 284 | 239,324 | 19,884 $\frac{1}{4}$ | 5,, | |

At 8,50 P.M. We proceeded, very Calm *and* warm weather; It is very warm in the Cabin I could not sleep;

Very light westerly breeze *and* warm ~ At 5 *A.M.* we passed Gorna going very slow; ~ We passed the Ressafah going up at Sweb at 4 AM;

Finished with the *Passengers* tickets we have in all 184 (4 in 1st Class, Mr. A.C. Wratislaw the English Consul of Basreh *and* his Servt free *return* Ticket, [p. 133] Madm. Dr. Macri, and 2 women wife *and* her sister of Kassim Khdery, *and* 2 Christians in 2nd Class Dr. Macri *and* his son are on the after deck and paying 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ deck fare, also Izzet Beg *and* a woman with him on the after deck @ 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ fare, and the Motserrif of Amara Ahmed Anwary Pasha *and* 4 servants on the after deck paying deck passage; also Mr. Greer the American who came down with us is in the Saloon *and* quarter deck he having paid as deck but allowed to occupy a [p. 134] Cabin; It was arranged the day before by Capt. Cowley that Mr. Wratislaw *and* Mr. Greer were to occupy the double Cabin; but last night he got their kit turned out *and* put Kassim Khdery's women in it; *and* they are always out on the quarter deck under curtains rigged up for them;

At 10 *A.M.* arrived at Azair landed 34 $\frac{1}{2}$ Jews from Basreh;

At 10,30 left Azair, very Calm *and* warm weather, no clouds at all;

12 *Friday*

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[A49_134_15:092]

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We took 54 $\frac{1}{2}$ Jews from Azair (46 $\frac{1}{2}$ with Retrn. Tickets 28 of Mejidieh and 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ of Khalifah ~ [p. 135]

At 3,,50 P.M. landed 8 passengers at Kalat Saleh *and* took one *and* went on, at 3,,55 ~ Breeze shifted to S.W. S Calm ~

At 10 P.M. arrived at Amara landed 43 $\frac{1}{2}$ Passengers *and* 20 Bales of P. Goods; Took 8 Tons of Coal; I had to leave Henry's letter *and* papers here as I heard that the Khalifah was to leave today on account of taking Jews down to Azair to get down in time for their Holy day falling on Monday next;

At 12 We left Amara, weather got cooler and bearable in Cabin [p. 136]

13 *Saturday*

Light S. *Westerly* with some clouds; ~ Gave tickets to 20 Amara passengers (H. Abdulrezak Khdery in 1st class free returning)

Wind shifted to N. W. at about 1 P. M;

At 2,,20 P. M. landed 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ passenger at Ali Gherbi *and* went on at 2,,30 took one passenger

Weather very warm Light S. *Easterly* breeze ~

14 *Sunday*

Light S. *Easterly and* very warm I could not sleep last night from the mosquitoes got into my cabin and the excessive heat, I had to rig up a Curtain at 12 but the heat is unbearable; [p. 137]

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At 3,,50 *A.M.* arrived At Coot, landed 15 Bales of P. Goods *and* 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers Took 5 Tons of Coal

At 6,,5 *A.M.* left Coot, took 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ Passengers, also one with Return Ticket a Jew from Azair having come up *and* landed from the Khalifah but the Captain let him off,

At 2,,15 P.M. passed Memlah; ~

At about 3 a moderate warm *and* dry *N.W.* wind blowing sent the temperature up to 98°~

At 4,,14 touched a shoal at Sheresh *and* worked with the Engines, she wont move *and* so had to take out an anchor ahead *and* heave her off; At 5 proceeded

At 5,,30 passed the Khalifah bound down ~ [p. 138] toward sunset it became Very Calm *and* warm ~

At 8,,45 we picked on board Monsr. Chavenise a Civil french Engineer in the Turkish employ Shedeif, he had started from Baghdad about 4 days ago by the desert across Diala to trace the old Naherwan Canal *and* to dig it out so as to get the water of the Tigris run into it during the high rise from somewhere near Imam Durr near Samarra *and* continue it down until it debauches itself

again into the Tigris at Debooni, M. Chavenise having got ill *and* could not stand the heat had to come on board to go back to Baghdad *and* left Rezooki the son of Eassayi also a Civil Engineer in the [p. 139] Govern't Service to continue the work, he stopped up on the after deck *and* paid deck fare of 2 Mejidees

At 0,,40 am we passed Azizieh~ Light S. *Easterly* and calm warm weather,

At 5 A.M. passed Baghdadieh Fort;

Wind is *Easterly and moderate* Clouds are hanging about loaded with heat; the Thermtr. was 96° at noon;

At 3,,15 P.M. passed Ctesiphon Very calm *and* warm day;

Detained at Jaffar in shoal water from 5,,20 till 6 P.M. ~ The river is falling fast, ~

At 6,,25 passed Diala river, very calm *and* clouds on the four quarters of [p. 140] the horyzon ~

At 7,,45 we passed the Bridge of Gherrara opened for us; very warm and Calm weather; we are going awfully slow~

At 10,,45 P.M. landed the mails at the Residency also Mr. Wratislaw the Consul *and* we went up to the Custum House, the SS. Phrat of Baghdad are here ~ I went home found Eliza on top of the house She went up to sleep about four days ago, it has been very warm all the time;

I found no letters for me or news from Alexander whatever, not even Rezooki Korkis has written, any thing to his brother;

A strong Wind is blowing [p. 141] *and* became Cloudy all over; I could not sleep all the night well;

Moderate N. W. Wind *and* Cloudy very disagreeable weather ~ at 8 A.M. I came on board; ~ The SS. Baghdad *and* Barge left at 4 AM; we are alongside the Custum House; ~ I sent money to the Office *and* came home at 10~ I had a warm bath; Johny *and* Artin came in the evening, Artin is going to get married he has asked the hand of the daughter of Dr. Cazassian an Armenian doctor in the Turkish Military Service, he will be betrothed next Tuesday the 23d~

Light N. W. *and* fine Cool night on top of the house [p. 142]

Light breeze but variable *and* sultry some clouds~ at 7 A.M. I called on Sister Eliza, *and* then called on the Nakib of Basreh Seyd Rejeb Effendi's son Seyd Mahd; Said living next door of Sister Eliza's house, took Artin with me, we then called on Monseigneur Altmayer; On the 15 of this month he had a jubilee of his 25th anniversary since he came to Turkey from France, the French Sisters gave a representation a play of Esther *and* Aheshwerosh *and*

15 Mon
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[A49_142_15:095]

16 Tuesday
[A49_143_12:096]

17 Wednesday
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[A49_145_03:097]
New Wali of
Baghdad Namik
Pasha arrived

invited all the Europeans *and* foreign Consuls, also my wife *and* myself, but my wife went as I was absent; Some people have sent him some token of Souvenirs, as my sisters Eliza *and* Medula [p. 143] Alice, Asfars, Antone Marine, Mina Abood *and* Chiha etc.; ~

The dismissed Waly of Basreh Enis Pasha has left Baghdad by Deir, *and* Aleppo road about Six days ago, on the 11th.

The new Waly for Baghdad will arrive tomorrow a man named Namik Pasha *and* the old Waly Atta Allah Pasha will start on Saturday, by way of Deir *and* Aleppo ~

Eliza *and* I called on Sister Medula at 2 P.M. *and* came home, a very hard squall came on with thick dust it became dark *and* the dust falling everywhere, it lasted about an hour

Antone Marine *and* Shekoory Sayegh called in the [p. 144] evening; Antone has received a telegram from his son Gabriel (Joory) from Deir dated Saturday last they arrived there safe;

Moderate *and* cool N. W. breeze,

Moderate N.W. *and* fine cool morning; it was very cool last night *and* cool last night; At 7 A.M. I came on board, We are discharging~

The Phrat left at 4 A.M. up to Kadumein to bring down the new Waly Namik Pasha; on board

At 9,,15 the Phrat came down with the new Wali Namik Pasha on board *and* a great many people who had gone out to meet him a salute was fired *and* troops *and* Band played he landed at the Serai; [p. 145]

I sent three letters to the Post today via Damascus, one the Direction of Handle's museum Vienna one to Alois Scheiwger Vienna, *and* one to Edward Blockey London the latter all about Alexander to look out for him *and* as we heard he had gone to America,

I went to breakfast at 11

I called on Père Pierre and paid him 20 *Turkish* Liras more part of my debt to him which he had advanced Alexander- making 40 *Turkish* Liras I have paid him equal to 920 *francs* there still remained 430 *francs* to pay,

At 2 P.M. I came on board we are shipping Some cargo;

I received a card of invitation from *Colonel* Loch for my wife *and* myself for the Queen's birthday on [p. 146] Wednesday next, at 9½ P.M. as a presentation visit, he gives a dinner to the English leading Community *and* their wives at 8 P. M. about 20 persons, *and* then the others who are invited at 9½ are to come *and* spend the night; about 50 persons including all the

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consuls, the french Assyrian *and* Chaldean Patriarchs *and* Bishops *and* other people; Antone Marine *and* his wife are invited to dinner, as well as the Bottomleys', Livingstones, *and* many others ~

At 5 P.M. I went home called on Antone Marine *and* learned from him the above news about the invitation, but only [p. 147] my wife will go, I shall be absent, Henry and his wife are also invited, Monseigneur Altmayer or came at Antones, he is also invited ~ at 6 I came home~

Light N. W. *and* fine cool weather~

19th Friday

Light N. *Easterly and* fine cool morning, at 7 A.M. I came on board; at 8 went home found there Monsgr. Altmayer calling on us~ I went then to see Eliza *and* Adoola my cousins, there came Mr. Guilietti *and* his son Antoine *and* we went to Sister Medula, I came home, Père Pièrre called on us; ~ at 4 P.M. called on the Bishop Agnatios ~ [p. 148]

The Damascus Post arrived today, I received no letters at all;

In the evening Sister Medula *and* Antonin Guilietti, called also Artin my nephew *and* Père Emmanuel on top of the house; they left at 8~

Light N. W *and* fine Cool Weather ~

20 Sat

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Light N. *Easterly and* fine Cool Weather ~ at 7 A.M. I came on board; ~

May

The SS. Ressafah *and* Barge arrived last night at 7 P.M.~ P.M.~

Atta Allah

Pasha Waly

Today the Shias are mourning the 10th of Moharrem at Kadumein *and* the other shrines, the shops are all closed, *and* also the Jews being Saturday [p. 149] so that very few shops are opened *and* few people are seen in the bazaars,

of Baghdad left

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May

Colonel Loch went yesterday *and* took Alfred Holland to Kadumein to take Photographic views of the processions of mourners in the open spaces out of town of town;

At 11 I went to breakfast *and* returned at 12½;

The SS. Phrat hauled up alongside the Turkish Adara *and* there the Old Waly of Baghdad Atta Allah Pasha came on board a guard *and* the Band played *and* all the military *and* Civil dignitaries were on board to receive him *and* bade him farewell, they accompanied him [p. 150] in the steamer up to Kadumein as well as the New Waly Namik Pasha, that Mushir Ahmed Fezi Pasha, Kadim Pasha etc.. The Phrat started @ 1:30 P.M. *and* passed through the Bridge~

We shipped a good deal of Cargo over 5,000 *Okkas* mostly all local,

At 6 P.M. I went home, Eliza suffers the stomach ache *and* myself too; it is from the sorrow about Alexander not knowing where he is ~

Light N.W. *and* fine cool weather; moonlight night 11 days old, [p. 151]

Light *N.W. and* fine cool weather~

21 Sun

At 3:30 *A.M.* I came on board the Mejidieh;

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Baghdad to Basreh [21

MAY 1899 —

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|-------|--------------|----------------------|-------|--|
| Pass9 | <i>Okkas</i> | G.S.Piast | Draft | |
| 177 | 116,171 | 16,109 $\frac{1}{4}$ | 3,,10 | |

At 4,,20 A.M. we proceeded S. *Easterly* breeze but fine; River Keeps falling a little,

At 6,,10 passed Diala river~

At 7,,15 passed Ctesiphon, At 8,,15 passed the SS. Khalifah going up at Semreh reach, she is full of the Return Jews from Azair, Yacoob Eassayi *and* Mr. Mackey of Strick *and* Co, are on board

We have altogether 144 $\frac{1}{2}$ Passengers (one woman the wife of Hussein Omery Effendi of Basreh) and Vartan [p. 152] Lynch's clerk to Coot to the wool Press free in 2nd Class, Monsr. Chavenise is returning with us to Swera he is on the After deck paying double Coot passage P. 52 $\frac{1}{2}$ he is going to join his Caravan at Rwebyeh where Rezooki Eassayi is waiting for him to make Charts of the Naherwan Canal.

At 10,,45 landed Monsr. Chavenise at Mahomed Pasha's property at Rwebyeh and went on at 10,,55;

S. *Easterly* wind but fine;

At 12,,0 passed Baghdadieh Fort~

At 1,,45 P.M. passed Azizieh Village; the wind is blowing hot;

At 6,,10 passed Memlah

At 10,,10 *P.M.* arrived at [p. 153] Coot landed $42\frac{1}{2}$ Passengers and 8 packages;~ received Henry's letter *and* Papers~ The Khalifah had 206,500 *Okkas*; and nearly 400 passengers in all (229 Jews from Azair with *Return* Tickets $133\frac{1}{2}$ of the Mejidieh *and* $95\frac{1}{2}$ of the Khalifah)

We hauled out and remained for the night;

Light N. *Easterly and fine*~ At 3,,10 *A.M.* left Coot, Took 8 Passengers;

At 7 passed Sheikh Saad;

At 9,, 45 landed 2 passengers at Ali Gherbi *and* took 3 *and* went on at 11~

At 5,,5 *P.M.* arrived at Amara landed $30\frac{1}{2}$ [p. 154] Passengers *and* 30 Packages,

At 6 left Amara took 17 Passengers~

Ghadban the young Sheikh of the Beni Laam the son of Booneyeh the son of Mezban, encamped in the vicinity of Ali Gherbi, would not cease from his depredation, plunder *and* infatuation,

He a few days ago, plundered a large caravan coming from the Hills of Lohristan toward Ali Gherbi with Goods *and* mostly ghee from the Koordish hills belonging to the traders of Ali Gherbi to the Value of 30,000 Kerans,

The Motserrif of Amara went up to him in a Belem but they say he denyed of having done so or caused his [p. 155] Arabs to plunder *and* so the Motserrif returned, I dare say having obtained his share from Ghadban of a few hundreds of Liras, *and* the merchants are left to their fate *and* lose their goods in that caravan they say which composed of 250 mule load;

At 8,,55 *P.M.* anchored above Kalat Saleh; weather very calm, *and* light S. *Easterly*, it is very warm in the cabin, I could not sleep for some hours~

Very light air *and* warm, at 4,,15 *A.M.* proceeded; at 6 anchored at the Elbow about 15 Danags in the bite[?], had to await until all came further up, [p. 156] *and* at 6,,45 proceeded,

At 8 *A.M.* passed Azair, The Troops about 60 soldiers are still here encamped as well some further up *and* below at Surreyfeh; The Zptyeh guards are dispensed off from accompanying our steamers to Amara since last trip up; S. *Easterly* breeze *and* warm muggy weather;

At 9,,45 passed the S.S. Baghdad *and* Barge going up at Zechyeh reach;

At 10,,50 landed 3 *Passengers* at Gorna *and* went on at 10,,55,

Light N.W. *and* cooler a little~

22 *Monday*
Therm @ 5.76
Ghadban
Sheikh of Beni
Laam
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23 *Tuesday*
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1899 May
[A49_158.08:104]

At 3,,10 P.M. arrived at Basreh; [strikethrough]The S.S. Turkistan of Strick and Co. in quarantine arrived [p. 157] on the 17th *Instante*, having left about 2 days ago for Kurachi to load there, and there is only the S.S. Alagonia for Gray Mackenzie and Co~ There is no news of the Mail Boat~ Rezooki Sayegh came to me (he is in charge of the Consulate during Mr. Wratisslaw's absence in Baghdad; I went up with him to Rufail, where I dined, and in turning to sleep outside a very strong N.W. wind began to blow and shook my curtain and had to change place to near the wall but still it blew very strong and could not Sleep at all till day break~ [p. 158]

24th *Wednes-*
day
1899 May

Moderate N.W. and fine; I slept about $\frac{1}{4}$ of an hour at sunrise and so feel very weak for want of sleep;

Today is the Queen Victoria of England's Birthday; there is no reception at the Consulate as Mr. Wratisslaw is absent; The Queen is just 80 years old~

At 7 A.M. I left with Rezooki and I came on board~

We are discharging and shipping cargo~

The SS. Phrat and Barge arrived at about 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ am this morning, she brought troops from Baghdad~

At 11 Rufail came down to me and I went with him into Basreh, we called on Angoorly and [p. 159] saw Tookyeh, also on Nassoorly Andrea saw his wife, been to the shop of Angoorly, and to the Ottoman Bank and inspected the 1000 empty cases for dates sent out by Alois Schweiger of Vienna they are dirty and some damaged, broken and short etc.; Came to Tookyeh had tea and left at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ Came on board;

At 5 P.M. Rufail and I went up to Shaebyeh to Yousif Marine, he wrote to me to come and pass the night, but I feel so weak and unwell, We got there in one hour, and spent the evening dined and slept with Yousif, I slept in a room with all the windows open, there [p. 160] was a fresh N.W. wind blowing, but at about midnight the wind fell, there are plenty of mosquitoes it is impossible to sleep without a curtain;~

25 *Thursday*
1899 May

Light westly breeze and fine; We took our tea at Yousif and left at 6 am, at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ dropped Rufail at his house and I came down to the Mejidieh; We are loading deep

At 5 P.M. the mail steamer Khandalla arrived; at 6 the SS Malamir arrived from the Karoon to the Quarantine We sent the Mail and specie, Rezooki Sayegh came to me also Nassoorly Andrea,

Wind fell toward sunset;~ [p. 161]

Chapter 15

Basreh to Baghdad [25 MAY 1899 — V049_13_N](//)

| <i>Passengers</i> | <i>Okkas</i> | G.S. Piast | Draft | |
|-------------------|--------------|------------|-------|--|
| 236 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 261,266,, | [N/A] | 5,,1 | |

We received the mails, and at 7,,30 P.M. proceeded Light N.W. air *and* fine, moon rose at 7,,15 P.M; I slept in the Cabin, it is not so warm, it became cooler later at night;

Light N.W. *and* fine Weather

At 4 A.M. landed 3 *Passengers.* at Gorna *and* took one~

At 9,,25 stopped at Azair *and* took 2 Jewesses (2 halves one girl *and* 1 Boy With Return ticket) Went on at 9,,30

We have 131 $\frac{1}{2}$ Passengers from Basreh (5 in 1st Class the Wife of Tanton Elias Eassa his son *and* Wife's sister in one Cabin; a Jewess *and* a Mahomedan Abdulhamid Effendi, *and* one in [p. 162] 2nd Class the Chaldean Priest Kass Joobrayil)

At 2,,45 P.M. the S.S. Ressafah *and* Barge passed down at Nafikh, detained 10 minutes for her~

At 3,,30 landed 9 *Passengers* at Kalat Saleh *and* went on at 3,,35~ *Moderate* N.W. *and* fine;

At 9,,30 P.M. arrived at Amara landed 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ Passengers and 6 Packges of through Bombay Cargo; Took 8 Tons of Coal;

26 *Friday*
Therm @ 5,,80
[A49_163_01:105]
[A49_163_16:106]

At 11,,15 left Amara, Light N.W. *and* fine cool Weather;

Light N.W. *and* fine Cool Weather; Gave tickets to 71 Amara passengers; (one in 1st Class Mr. Rigo Inspector of Public Debt) [p. 163] *and* the Bimbashi of the Senyeh property, on the after part of the upper deck, paying 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ deck passage,

At 7,,20 A.M. passed Ali Sherghi grove;~

At 2,,5 P.M. landed 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers at Ali Gherbi *and* took 2 *and* went on at 2,,10~ Ghadban the Sheikh of Beni Laam is here I saw him on the bank *and* he saluted me, Abdulkadur Khderi was sent up here from Amara to talk *and* persuade him to return the plunder of the Caravan which I mentioned here on the 22d also the Taboor Aghassi, but Ghadban is denying having done it, sometimes [p. 164] he promises to pay for the loss, etc., but the Taboor Aghassi is threatening him that he will meet a forced demand etc.;

At 8,,5 P.M. landed 3 passengers at Sheikh Saad booked for Coot *and* went on, *Moderate* N.W. *and* fine Weather;

Light N.W. *and* fine Cool Weather~

At 4,,15 A.M. arrived at Coot, landed 25 *Passengers* Took 4 Tons Coal; left Henry's letter *and* papers at Coot;

At 5,,40 left Coot, took 27 *Passengers*~ also Polus of Lynch's Wool Press in the 2nd Class Cabin free;

The N. Westerly or Shemal, wind has sat [p. 165] in since the 25th *Instante*, *and* has cleared the atmosphere *and* made the weather Cool, especially at night,

At 2,,30 P.M. passed Memlah~

At 5,,35 met the Khalifah coming down at Deboony reach, we sent the letters of Mr. Wratishaw the English Consul of Basreh being on board returning I received a letter from Henry, they left this morning at 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ A.M. having 64,000 *Okkas and* 236 $\frac{1}{2}$ *Passengers and* 17 Workmen for the Wool Press of Lynch at Amara free besides~

Artin Kasperkhan my Nephew was engaged *and* betrothed on Tuesday [p. 166] last the 23rd *Instante* with Sirpohy the daughter of Dr. Cazassian in the Turkish army; no news of Alexander, but that Alice has received a letter from Edward Blockey from London, saying that he could not find him in Paris *and* was told that he had gone to London, and at this place he was told by Rezooki Korkis that he had heard that Alexander had gone to America with the girl;

Light N.W. *and* fine cool Weather~

Light N.W. *and* fine Cool weather

27 *Saturday*
Ther @ 5. 73
1899 May
[A49_164_10:107]

28 *Sunday* Ther
@ 5. 75
1899 May
[A49_166_10:108]
[A49_166_21:109]
[A49_167_07:110]

29 *Monday*
Ther @ 4. 74
1899 May
[A49_169_04:111]
1899 May
[A49_171_13:112]
[A49_171_19:113]

At 0,,45 *A.M.* passed [strikethrough]; Azizieh Village [p. 167]

At 4,,50 passed Baghdadiéh Fort;

I paid the Ship's crew their wages for this month,

At 3,,10 *P.M.* passed Ctesiphon~ Light N.W. breeze, ship going very Slow;

At 6,, passed Diala river, At 7,,20 passed through the Bridge of Gherrara,

At 10,,15 *P.M.* landed the mails at the Residency *and* went up to the Custum House the S.S. Baghdad is here arrived today at noon~

I went home, saw Eliza she related to me a very sad news which befell to Artin my nephew [p. 168] after his betrothal~

They had a servant [strikethrough]Tilkefly girl about 16 years old called Zekky employed at Johny to look after his little daughter *and* having left the service about 2 months ago; she has brought a complaint a few days ago against Artin for having violated her on promising that he will marry her and so she gave herself to him, *and* she aborted some time ago, now she claims him as her husband and being instigated by other women of bad repute to insist on *and* claim her right through the Turkish Government; and [p. 169] so she went to the Serai accompanied by a woman called Eliza bint Abdulmadi a bad woman, *and* there she cried out *and* in the most courageous manner *and* face she complained of Artin having outraged her etc.; and so Artin was sent for and put in prison without being questioned or tried, a thing against the rule Abduljebbar the Lawyer tried very much to let him out until his case will be investigated, but they wont allow it; I have not learnt the affair yet how it [p. 170] occurred , as Eliza cannot understand it herself yet; I could not sleep at all till the morning from the sorrow on account of Artin;

30 Tuesday

1899

Light N.W. *and* fine; I went downstairs *and* found the two letters one from Tom Blockey dated 4 May in answer to mine, he tells me that he hears that Alexander has gone to America with his girl *and* his son Edward arrived on the 19 of April from Baghdad via Bombay *and* Trieste; The next letter I opened *and* found it from Rezooki Metchich from London, *and* enclosed in it an open letter [p. 171] sheet of few words written by Alexander from Chicago dated the 15 of April with his Card in it printed as Traveller Explorer, *and* reporter to many news papers and magazines, he writes on it as being a Member of the Geographical Society; Rezooki Metchich Writes to me to say that he received this from Alexander to be sent to me but does not know his address as he is not fixed in one place;

[A49_172_06:114]

[A49_173_03:115]

1899 May

[A49_174_18:116]

[A49_175_12:117]

Eliza *and* I went over to Sister Eliza, many people came there to [p. 172] see what to be done about Artin's imprisonment; Johny had spoken with Abduljebbar the Lawyer but this man seems not so inclined to defend Artin, there are many witnesses in favor of him; and they were to go today to the Serai; My Sister Eliza is very grieved *and* sorry at this matter;

I called on Mr. Richarz at 9 *A.M.* and asked him to write to the Austrian Consul General to remit my 300 *francs* which I had sent him for Alexander for his expences to the Banker of Monseigneur Altmayer in Paris and gave him his name and address~ [p. 173]

I then called on the Delegate Mons. Altmayer and told him that I had done so and requested him to write to his Banker to apply for the Money,

I went to Lynch's Office for business and for some £ *Sterling*; and returned to Sister Eliza, took my wife and came home~

At 4 P.M. called again on Sister Eliza; Johny came from the Serai and says that they took the evidence of many persons they were all in favor of Artin, and also the Bishop came and as it got late to finish the evidence [p. 174] so it is left for tomorrow and so Artin will have to remain in prison tonight too etc. etc;

I came home at 6 P.M.; Light N.W. and fine

31 *Wednesday*

1899 June

Light air and sultry; at 7 *A.M.* I called on Menusha and then came on board Paid the Officers' wages and Others; At 9 I went to the prison in the Serai and saw Artin my nephew he is in a room upstairs with two or three other Mahomedans prisoners, Johny was there and says that it will be settled today and Artin will be let out; I left at 10 and came home [p. 175]

[A49_176_12:118]

[A49_177_10:119]

As I was taking a warm bath, Johny and Abduljebbar Effendi the Lawyer sent for me to come quick, as it requires my visit to Hamdi Beg the Mufettish Adlyeh to talk to him as he is my friend, and the matter will be settled so I hurried on, and Alexander Duncan the husband of Regina came with me to see Artin; but on arriving to the Serai, they told me that it was finished and my visit to Ahmed Beg is not required, so they let Artin out on bail and Abduljebbar stood as security and gave a paper I saw the deposition [p. 176] given by the bitch of the servant Zekki, a most horrible way~ At 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. Artin was let out and we all walked out to his house, poor Sister Eliza was rejoiced and weeping;~ This incident will cost Artin about 50 TLiras, for charges, presents and bribery etc. etc;

I came home and then called on Antone Marine came at 6, Antone then called on us for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour;

Light Air and warm

1st *Thursday*

1899 Jun

Light S. *Easterly* and Variable warm; at 6 *A.M.* we went to church a high mass by the Delagate Altmayer and procession [p. 177]

[A49_178_15:120]

I slept at 7 and called on Sister Medula and thence came on board we are shipping some Cargo, At 10 I left and went over to Sister Eliza, my wife was there and we returned home at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ~ Hot Weather and Very light breeze from N.W. with few clouds

At 3 P.M. came on board shipping cargo;

At 5 I left *and* called on Colonel Loch the Resident, he is having an Auction sale tomorrow of his Kit, I left *and* came home; Shekoory Sayegh called on us; Very warm sultry *and* calm weather, With some clouds; [p. 178]

2 Friday

Light *and* variable breeze Warm Weather~ At 7 A.M. I came on board, *and* then went over to the Residency to see the auction sale; I bought only a Bookshelve for 12 12 *Rupees and* 1 anna; Came home It is very warm *and* sultry, light S. *Easterly* air with some clouds;~

At 4 P.M. I called on Eliza *and* Adoola my cousins;

Johny *and* Artin called in the evening; Very calm *and* warm weather;

The SS. Baghdad *and* Barge left this morning at 4 A.M.

3' Saturday

Therm @ 4. 80

1899 June

Very light S. *Easterly* and Calm sultry weather

Hannah Nakkar

died aged about

95

At 7 A.M. called on Shekoory Sayegh *and* came on board~ The Damascus [p. 179] Post arrived yesterday, no letters about Alexander from anybody~

[A49_181.02:121]

It is getting very hot toward noon; at 11 I went to breakfast *and* came on board at 1 P.M.; Very hot, the breeze shifted to N.W. but is too hot; At 6 P.M. I left the steamer *and* came home;

[A49_181.04:122]

[A49_181.05:123]

I wrote a short letter to Alexander my son and enclosed it in a letter for Rezooki Metchich in London to be sent on by him to wherever he is *and* dated them the 8th *Instante* by the Damascus Post to be sent by my wife I kept copies of the letters,

The Mejidieh will drop down tomorrow early to alongside the wool [p. 180] Press of Eassayi Brothers just near the Nawab's house at the Sheria of Morrabbaa to ship 500 Bales of Liquorice root of Yousif Korkis at 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ G. S. *Piasters* each~

Calm *and* sultry Weather,

4 Sunday

Therm @ 4 78

Noon 107 4

P.M. 107

1899 June

Light N. *Easterly* breeze and sultry~ At 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ A.M. I left *and* came down to the wool Press of Eassayi where the Mejidieh is shipping the 500 Bales of Liquorice root;; [p. 181]

Chapter 16

Baghdad to Basreh [4 JUN 1899 — V049_14_S](//)

| | | | | |
|-------------------|--------------|-----------|-------|--|
| <i>Passengers</i> | <i>Okkas</i> | GS. Piast | Draft | |
| 296 | 98,366 | 21,380,, | 3,,8 | |

[A49_182_03:124]
[A49_182_19:125]
1899 June

At 7am finished loading 500 Bales of Liquorice roots We proceeded, S.
Easterly breeze *and* warm weather,

At 8,,45 passes Diala river;

At 10 passed Ctesiphon I let off 4 carrier pigeons of my nephew Johny from Menari at 9,,50 *and* wrote slips of paper *and* tyed them on their wings;

At 10,,50 passed the SS. Phrat *and* Barge going up at Semrah reach~

Gave tickets to the Passengers We have Altogether 276 $\frac{1}{2}$ (2 in 1st Class, Izzet Beg the Mooddai Umoom for Basreh, and [p. 182] Jejo son of Moorad going to Press Wool for Lynch at Amara free, *and* 2 in 2nd Class Armenians;)

At 2,,45 P.M. passed Baghdadieh~ Very warm weather *and* light variable breeze~

At 4 P.M. passed the S.S. Khalifah bound up at Sened~ Light N.W. breeze;
The Thermometer was today 107 in my cabin and at sunset it was still at 104°
Very calm and Sultry~

At 4,,30 passed Azizieh Very calm *and* sultry warm;

At 9,,5 P.M. passed Memlah;

I went up on the After Deck to sleep for the first time, as it is impossible to sleep in the cabin, so hot [p. 183]

5 Mond. *Therm*
@ 4. 80 Noon
106 4 P.M. 109
[A49_185_15:126]
1899 June

At 1,,30 *A.M.* arrived at Coot, landed 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers *and* 46 Packages,
~~[strikethrough]~~~~[strikethrough]~~shipped 49 Bales of Pressed Wool for Basreh~ I
 received Henry's letter *and* my papers; The Khalifah had left Basreh on
 Thursday afternoon, having 221,000 *Okkas and* about 100 passengers,

At 4 *A.M.* we left Coot Light N.W. *and* fine weather, Took 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers;

At 6,,25 passed the SS. Ressafah *and* Barge bound up~ Breeze shifted at 9 to
 a hot S. *Easterly* *and* very disagreeable, thing We have not seen in this month~
 [p. 184]

At 10,,30 landed 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ Passengers at Ali Gherbi, took 2 *and* went on at 10,,40,

It became very calm at 2 P.M. *and* very hot indeed

At 6,,5 P.M. Arrived at Amara landed 35 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers *and* 34 Packages Light
 S. *Easterly* breeze *and* Very warm; No wool Pressed here yet to be shipped
 The heat is most fearful a light dampy S. E. Air *and* suffocating~

The Mutseriff of Amara Ahmed Anwary Pasha is dismissed *and* going up with
 us~

At 7 we left Amara Awfully warm *and* dampy, with light S. *Easterly* breeze

At 8,,10 We anchored [p. 185] Above Aboo Sedrah~ Very warm in bed
 upstairs,

Light *Easterly* breeze *and* warm weather;

6 *Tuesday*
Therm @ 4. 86
 [A49_187_11:127]

At 3,,45 *A.M.* we proceeded At 5,,45 landed specie at Kalat Saleh *and* went
 on, Gave tickets to 13 Amara passengers (one in 1st Class the Bimbashi of the
 Senyeh Omar Sherif Beg)

At 8,,50 passed Azair it became Very Calm *and* warm, a light N.W. but is so
 warm *and* dampy;

At 11,,40 landed specie at Gorna *and* went on at 11,,45~

At 1 P.M. breeze Shifted to N.W. but it is so warm *and* moisty; We feel it very
 much;~ [p. 186]

At 4 P.M. arrived at Basreh; no steamers here or in Quarantine;

Rufail came to me *and* I went up with him to his house, Tookyeh is there with
 her 2 children *and* husband Rezooki spending some days; The Wind is blowing
 a N.W. but it is not cool or refreshing; this must be the Bareh wind just
 commenced as on the 6th (today) the Constellation Playades appears in the
 morning on the East; It became cooler *and* dryer later on at night, but the
 wind blew fresh

7 *Wednesday*
 1899
 June

Light N.W., the wind fell toward morning but is cooler than before,

At 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ A.M. I came [p. 187] on board, We are discharging *and* loading. No news of the mail Steamer ~

Wind got up at 10 blowing fresh with dusty sky *and* hot, thermr. at noon 103 in My cabin; At 1 P.M. I went over with Rezooki to their house, had tea and at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ we all went to see the Asfars, Yousif Marine came also down from Shaebyeh *and* at 7 we all returned back, Tookyeh, her husband, Rufail Rezook Yousif Marine *and* myself we dined together, the wind fell *and* became light but hot *and* disagreeable;

Very light westerly breeze *and* warm, at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ am I came on board, we have finished loading down [p. 188] to 4.8 Inches. Very calm *and* warm weather; It became so moisty the air, that I could not stay in the cabin for a minute, The air shifted to N.W. but is loaded with moisture *and* not at all cool ~

At 4 P.M. the mail *Steamer* Assyria arrived to the quarantine;

We sent our mail *and* got her mails after 2 hours detention of fumigation etc. ~

The weather is most awfully warm *and* calm, I am nearly fainting from it, we received the mails at 7 P.M.; ~

The SS. Baghdad *and* Barge left at 6 P.M. ;

Very warm *and* suffocating [p. 189]

8 *Thursday*
Colonel Loch
left Baghdad on
6 *Instante and*
Major Melville
arrived again in
the SS. Assyria
1899 June

Chapter 17

Basreh to Baghdad [8 JUN 1899 — V049_15_N](//)

[A49_190.02:128]
[A49_191.17:129]

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|---------|--------------|---------------------|-------|--|
| Passeng | <i>Okkas</i> | G.S.P. Local | Draft | |
| 174 | 234350 | 15451 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 4,,10 | |

At 7,,20 P.M. we left Basreh, very warm and calm weather;

At 7,,50 we met the S.S. Comet coming down with Colonel Loch the British Consul General on board going down being transferred to Nepaul in India to our great regret as he is very much liked by all the Europeans in Baghdad, we delivered to him his letters *and* went on at 7,,55; Breeze very light from East; It is very moisty on deck; [p. 190]

9 Friday
[A49_191.21:130]
1899
June
[A49_193.05:131]

At 2,,30 am passed Gorna; Very disagreeable weather, dampy warm *and* light variable breeze;

We passed the Baghdad *and* Barge going up at 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. below Gorna ~

At 7,,45 passed Azair, A light N.W. breeze and Cooler weather which made the atmosphere dryer;

Finished with the Passengers we have in all 93 ~ (5 in 1st Class, they are the wife of Michail Raffi his mother *and* his Sister all 3 in 2 Cabins; Mr. Bolanachi a young Greek who was employed at Nicoli Giacoli; and Omar Sherif Beg the Bim- Bashy of Sennyeh of Amara returning with his [p. 191] and 2 free in the 2nd Class the Tally Clerk of Lynch Brothers Jemil *and* his mother free;)

At 1. P.M. landed 2 *Passengers* at Kalat Saleh *and* went on at 2,,5 ~ A light N.W. breeze prevails ~

At 6,,40 P.M. arrived at Amara landed 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers (1 in 1st Class Omar Sherif Beg) and 2 Bales cloth; Took 6 tons of Coal *and* some Cargo also a mule of Abdulkadur Khdery for 8 mejidees to Baghdad ~

At 8,,20 left Amara Light N.W. *and* fine weather [p. 192]

Light N.W. *and* fine weather,

Gave tickets to 52 Amara passengers, (one in 1st Class the Reis of the Sennyeh Mahd. Rafik Beg) also one mule of Abdulkadur Khdery for 8 Mejidies,

At 9,,50 landed 5 passengers at Ali Gherbi *and* went on at 10; wind getting up fresh;

At 3,,50 P.M. passed the S.S. Phrat *and* Barge going down having troops on board; just below Sheikh Saad Village; ~

Light N.W. *and* fine cool night

At 11,,10 P.M. arrived at Coot landed 23 passengers Took 4 Tons of Coal; I Slept in the cabin, the weather being very cool although the breeze is very light from the N. West; I paid money to Vartan for [p. 193] the wool Press also to Nacodas[?]of Coal Boats

At 0,,50 am left Coot Very nice *and* cool weather,

Took 29 Passengers from Coot;

At 8,,30 passed Memlah, weather very calm;

At 3,,20 P.M. passed the S.S. Khalifah going down at Sherhan (below Humenyeh) Michail Yaghchi was on board going to sell his liquorice which he is collecting at Hilla from Menahem Daniels property;

At 5 P.M. passed Azizieh Light N.W. breeze *and* fine,

The river has fallen a good deal *and* begun to get shoal in many places, sand bank are appearing ~ [p. 194]

At 8,,45 P.M. passed Baghdadieh Fort ~ Fine cool night ~

Light N.W. breeze *and* very cool morning, I felt it quite cool on the upper deck *and* the water is as cold as ice ~

At 6,,15 A.M. passed Ctesiphon, It became calm ~

At 8,,40 passed Diala river, Light N.W. *and* fine;

At 10 passed Gherrarah without landing a man with Lynch's letters, as it is too hot for him the Captain thinks;

At 0,,30 P.M. landed the mails at the Residency *and* went up to the Custum House, The Ressafah is only here leaving tomorrow, I went home saw Eliza,

10 *Saturday*
Therm@4.79
1899
June
[A49_194_11:132]

11 *Sunday*
Therm@4.72
[A49_194_14:133]

12 *Monday*
Therm@4.72
1899
June
[A49_196_03:134]
[A49_196_16:135]

there are no news or letters at all by last mail; Weather had been warm here too, [p. 195]

Antone Marine called, he has received a letter from his son Gabriel by yesterday's Post from Aleppo he arrived there on the 21 May, having left Baghdad on the 27 April; ~

Very light N.W. *and* fine ~

13 *Tuesday*
Therm@4.78
reported plague
at Bushire

Light N.W. but not so cool, At 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ A.M. called on Sister Medula *and* then came on board, we are discharging cargo ~

The SS. Ressafah left this morning at 4 A.M. The Nakib of Basreh Seyd Rujub Effendi *and* his suit *and* family left in her, At 11 went home; I took a cold water bath; ~ at 4 P.M. I called on Catherina Yaghchi *and* Louisa, my [p. 196] niece, they have come in from the Garden of Farhat, I also called on Dr. Macri *and* his wife *and* came home,

The Chaldean Patriarch called on us today;

Johny *and* Artin called in the evening;

The news reported here from the Basreh Sanitary Officer that Plague had appeared at Bushire, I had heard this at Basreh last time but was not sure how many were attaked, but they say here that 8 deaths had taken place, *and* the Persian Government have now established a quarantine in Bushire,

Light N.W. *and* fine weather

14' *Wednesday*
1899
[A49_198.08:136]

Light N.W. air *and* cool morning at 7 A.M. I called on Sister Eliza *and* then on [p. 197] Menusha *and* came home at 11 ~ At 4 P.M. Eliza *and* I called on Antone Marine, and in the evening called on Sister Medula till 9 P.M.

I heard that Ibrahim Gejou arrived this afternoon from Paris coming via Beyrout, Damascus *and* Deir, he had left Paris about 45 days ago, the Armenian son of Thadeus Awannes who had gone to Paris to study the fisique also came with him as a doctor now

Light N.W. *and* fine cool weather; ~

15' *Thursday*
Therm@4.72
[A49_199.02:137]
[A49_199.10:138]
[A49_199.12:139]
1899
June

Light N.W. *and* fine cool weather ~ at 7 A.M. I called on Antone Marine [p. 198] *and* then went to call on Ibrahim Gejou at his fathers house but did not find him at home, I sat with his mother *and* the two sisters Sarah *and* Looloo; at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ I came on board; we are shipping cargo;

I wrote a long letter to Alexander at Chicago *and* enclosed it in a letter to Rezooki Metchich in London asking him to be sent on to him I kept copies of them, *and* sent the letter with todays Damascus Post;

Went home at 10, found Mina Aboud *and* Terrooza wife of Antone Marine *and* her daughter Rosa came to visit us,

At 12 $\frac{1}{4}$ am the SS. Baghdad arrived with her Barge~ At 2 P.M. [p. 199]

I came on board; We shipped cargo; about 600 Bales of wool, and some other cargo through and local ~ at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. went home ~

Moderate N.W. and fine cool weather; very pleasant;

Light N.W. and very fine cool weather, we are covering ourselves with the Lahaf (a thick quilt) ;

I have got a carpenter to make some reparation in the house ~

At 7 A.M. I came on board and went home at 8; Artin my Nephew came to me and I went with him to call on Doctor Kazassyan whose only daughter Serpohy he has been engaged to, about a [p. 200] month ago, I saw her and her Mother, they are Armenians from *Constantinople* they have come here about four years ago, the father is a Doctor in the Turkish Army, I found the girl (1) intelligent, jolly, but not so handsome she is about 18 years old; speaks French, Armenian, Turkish and Arabic, she learnt french here at the French nuns school; and plays Piano;

We then called on Hanosh Kroomy of Basreh and his wife are living here they have given up Basreh since last year ~ I called on Eliza and Adoola my cousins and coming home I met Ibrahim Gejou in the Street, [p. 201]

I reproached him for not coming to see us before anybody else, he promised to come after breakfast, at 2 P.M. he came and We had a long talk with him about Alexander my son; he assures me that he has not gone to America and that he is still in London, and he is only humbugging us, all his letters to us he says were not true what he wrote, he never was ill or had sore eyes and never went to Belfort and returned on account of his eyes; the Girl had gone with him to Vienna and soon as he obtained from me the 90 £Stg [p. 202] he left Vienna and came to Paris and spent it very lavishly paying about 30 francs a day for Carriage hire etc. etc ~

At 5 P.M. I went to the Office to see Mr. Bottomley for some business and thence went to Sister Eliza where my wife came also and we returned home at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$

Light N.W. and fine cool night;

Light N.W. and fine weather Cool night it was ~

At 7 A.M. I came on board ~ We shipped little cargo; ~ The river is falling every day, Ibrahim Gejou came on board he wants to leave this in a month taking his Sister with him Sarah(1) to Paris; ~

At 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ I went home [p. 203] to breakfast;

16' Friday
Therm@4.70
[A49_201.07:140]
1899
June
[A49_202.09:141]
[A49_203.18:142]
[A49_203.23:143]

17 Saturday
Therm@4.76
1899
June
[A49_204.04:144]

Bedry Beg, who is with the German Mission at Babylon where they are excavating, Called on me with AbdulKerim Toma he came here for a few days *and* will return after a week or so;

At 2 P.M. I came on board At 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ we finished work I went home; Artin my Nephew called in the evening

Weather is calm and not so pleasant *and* cool, *and* it appears as if the air is from the S. *East*; ~

18' *Sunday*

At 3 A.M. I was up Weather seems to be getting changed; there are few clouds hanging on *and* the air is very light [p. 204] S. *Easterly*

At 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ I came on board

Chapter 18

Baghdad to Basreh [18 JUN 1899 — V049_16_S](//)

| <i>Passengers</i> | <i>Okkas</i> | G.S.P. | Draft | |
|-------------------|--------------|----------------------|--------|--|
| 111 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 131,274,, | 16,099 $\frac{1}{2}$ | [N/A?] | |

At 4 *A.M.* we proceeded a light S. *Easterly* breeze with some clouds from the N. *and* N.W. *and* very curious *and* sudden change in this time of the month ~ Clouds disappeared soon after sun rise ~

At 6 passed the S.S. Comet going up just at Diala river; Major Melville on board of her going to take charge of the Consulate General in place of Colonel Loch who left Baghdad in the Comet on the 6th *Instante*, being transferred [p. 205] to Nepaul in Central India; Major Melville did not stay to make his quarantine in Basreh but obtained order to be allowed to make it on the way up *and* so she has left Basreh on Sunday last with a quarantine guard so as not to touch anywhere *and* having the quarantine Yellow flag hoisted on the mast head,

At 7,,20 passed Ctesiphon,

Finished with the passengers tickets, we have 92 $\frac{1}{2}$ (one in 1st class, Mr. Ludvi Meyer, the German who is attached to the Mission now excavating in Babylon, he is going to Berlin; *and* one in 2nd Class, Pere Emmanuel [p. 206] of the Carmelite fathers, going to Bushire on account of the Plague having broken out there, *and* the Christians are in want of a priest, he is messing in his Cabin)

At 0,,30 P.M. passed Baghdadieh; the S. *Easterly* breeze increased moderately but not so hot;

At 2,,30 P.M. passed Azizieh; wind fell *and* Shifted to a light westerly, it was warm during the day;

Colonel Loch
left *and* Major
Melvill's
1899
June
arrival see 8th
Instante
[A49_206.18:145]
[A49_207.01:146]
Towing Barges
1899
June
[A49_208.03:147]

At 7,,20 passed Memlah Westerly breeze *and fine and* I slept in my Cabin, but it is rather warm;

At 9,,40 P.M. passed the S.S. Khalifah and towing a Barge up, as the Lynchs in England have obtained the permission for us to tow Barges [p. 207] in future *and* the Turkish *Government* at Constantinople informed the Authorities in Basreh *and* Baghdad that we can do so, but for the present there are no cargo in Basreh being accumulated, *and* the Barge towed by the Khalifah was empty;

At 12 P.M. arrived at Coot landed 23 Passengers *and* 41 packages and Shipped 143 Bales of wool from Lynch's Press for Asfar's Steamers; I received Henry's letter *and* my papers dated from London *and* Paris up to the 19th *Ultimo*; The Khalifah had 194,770 *Okkas* of Cargo *and* about 250 passengers [p. 208] mostly Pilgrims returning from Mecca; The news of the Plague in Bushire is not confirmed yet in Basreh some say there were 3 or 4 cases, others say that it was imported the Pilgrims returning from Jedda in the Persian Str. Haidery about 500 were landed there but there is a Strict quarantine at Bushire;

19 *Monday*
Therm 4.74
1899 June

Light *N.W.* *and* fine weather At 5 *A.M.* left Coot, took 9 passengers;

At 11,,55 landed one passenger at Ali Gherbi took two *and* went on at 12 *Moderate N.W.* *and* fine weather

At 7,35 *P.M.* arrived at Amara landed 31 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers and 46 Packg, Shipped 112 Bales of wool, from Lynch's Press ~ [p. 209]

At 9,,30 left Amara Light *N.W.* *and* fine cool night At 10,,35 anchored above Abou Sedra ~

20 *Tuesday*
Therm @ 4,79

Light *N.W.* *and* fine cool morning ~ At 4 *A.M.* proceeded, Took 4 Passengers from Amara;

At 9,,5 passed Azair *Moderate N.W.* breeze *and* fine;

At 0,,5 *P.M.* passed Gorna At 4 *P.M.* met the Ressafah *and* Barge going up on near Asfar's house ~

At 4,10 arrived at Basreh, no Steamers here at all except the Phrat; no accurate news could be obtained regarding the Plague in Bushire some say 8 cases took place in all others say it is [p. 210] working, others say it is not the Plague but other sickness, we shall hear from the mail Str due day after tomorrow; Rezooki Sayegh Michail Yaghchi who came here in the Khalifah to sell his Liquorice to Hotz, also Rezooki Angoorly came on board; at 6 I went with Rezooki Sayegh to their house, Tookyeh is still there *and* Rufail has sore eye since 8 days caused by a cold he took on top of the house; I dined *and* slept there ~ Fine *N.W.* wind *and* pleasant night, I slept in the Veranda,

21 *Wednesday*
1899 June
[A49_213_20:148]

Moderate N.W. *and* fine weather The S.S. Shahristan for Asfar arrived this morning,

At 7 *A.M.* I came on board, we are discharging *and* loading cargo; [p. 211]
there is only one Steamer's cargo left here the Simla's of last week;

At 11 I hired Bellem for one Keran *and* went in to Basreh called on Angoorlies
and then on Nessoory Andrea and on Ali Beg the Mudir of Tapo *and* to the
shop of Rezooki *and* returned to Tookyeh had tea *and* then we left at 4 *P.M.*
and came out with Tookyeh, Rezooki her husband *and* Medool sister of Yousif
John they landed at Mackenzies wharf to visit Toomas Wahayeb's family *and*
I came on board; at 5:30 I went to fetch them *and* we went up I landed at
Asfar's; saw Jeboory *and* his wife also Père Emmanuel [p. 212] staying there,
he is going down to Bushire by the next mail leaving on Saturday; I spoke with
Jeboory regarding my money 1000 *Turkish* Liras he has on interest @ 7 % will
be due on the 9 of July, he is going to keep it for an other year; his wife *and*
children are going up in the Khalifah next trip; at 7 I *and* Rezooki Sayegh went
to Rufails where I dined *and* slept; a fresh *N.W.* blew at night *and* fine cool;

22 *Thursday*

1899 June

[A49_214.20:149]

Light *N.W.* *and* fine cool morning; at 6:30 *A.M.* I came on board ~ There is no
news of the mails

I wrote a long letter to Blockey in London *and* posted it here via Bombay I
told him of Alexander is supposed to be still in London *and* to look out for
him; We are loaded *and* finished [p. 213] all the cargo that was here ~ We got
the Barge up from the Quarantine from alongside the Shahrstan with her
cargo part of it and Shipped it ~ The mail Steamer Pemba passed Fao at 9
A.M. ~

There is plenty of wind but it is not refreshing, the weather is dusty *and* the
atmosphere is heavy close *and* dampy like yesterday, but it cools down toward
sunset *and* the night gets cool;

At 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ *P.M.* the S.S. Pemba arrived in quarantine;

Lots of people came on some to see the Mektoobchi (secretary of Hamdi Pasha
Waly of Basreh) going up to act as Motserrif at [p. 214] Amara called Assim
Beg, Ali Beg Saib my friend called on me also Michail Yaghchi, Rezooki
Sayegh *and* Rezooki *and* Toni Angoorly *and* others; wind fell *and* became
warm *and* very disagreeable weather;

We received the mails at 7:30 ~

Chapter 19

Basreh to Baghdad [22 JUN
1899 — V049_17_N](//)

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| <i>Passengers</i> 165 | <i>Okkas</i> 209,450 | G.S.P. Local 12270 $\frac{1}{4}$ | Draft 4,,8, | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|--|

At 8,,5 *P.M.* we got under- weigh *and* proceeded, there is a light *N.W.* breeze but the ship is awfully hot, I cannot stop in my cabin for a minute; Thermr. is 98 The Steamer is loaded down to 4,,8 Inshes ~ A fresh breeze blowing during the night ;

Moderate N.W. and fine at 3,,50 am passed [p. 215] Gorna, Finished with the Passengers tickets;

We have in all 54 $\frac{1}{2}$ (2 in 1st Class, the Mektoobchi of the Waly Hamdi Pasha, Assim Beg, who had come down with us about three months ago in Company with Ahmed Pasha Zheir, going to Amara to act as Motserrif; and Jemil Beg Kaima Kam of Hai going to Coot) ~

At 8,,25 passed Azair wind freshning up;

Detained at Nafikh in shoal water about $\frac{1}{2}$ hour

At 2,,35 *P.M.* landed 7 passengers at Kalat Saleh *and* took one *and* went on at 2,,40 ~ *Moderate N.W.* wind *and* fine cool weather [p. 216]

At 8 *P.M.* arrived at Amara landed 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ Passengers (one in 1st Class Assim Beg the Mektoobchi) and 294 *bundles* of Hoop Iron for Lynch's wool Press;

The S.S. Baghdad is here bound down ~ We took 8 Tons of Coal; ~

At 10,,15 left Amara fresh *N.W.* wind blowing; I slept in the Cabin; The mosquitoes troubled me very much *and* could not Sleep;

23 *Friday*
Therm @ 4.81
1899 June
[A49_216_05:150]
[A49_216_10:151]

24 *Saturday*
Therm @ 4.78
Noon 107 4
P.M. 108
1899 June
[A49_218_20:152]

Moderate N.W. and fine weather

Gave tickets to 58 Amara passengers (3 in 2d Class Selim Dowd Birjony his mother and Sister) ;

Wind getting very hot, it is the Saam I believe ~

At 10,,30 am landed 5 passengers at Ali Gherbi took 2 and went on at 10,,40 [p. 217]

At 3,,30 P.M. landed 5 passengers at Sheikh Saad and went on ; Hot wind and Therm went up to 108 ~

At 6,,10 passed the Ressafah and Barge going up, both very much loaded and going very slow; ~

At 10 P.M. arrived at Coot landed 16 passengers (one in 1st Class Jemil Beg) Took 2 Tons of Coal, and landed some date branches (900 Okkas, 5000 sticks) for Lynch's Press free of freight;

At 12 we left Coot, Very light N.W. I could not sleep from the noise on deck and the Arabs coming to see Yousif Hyeem the Jew whom Capt. Cowley has placed near us on the after deck [p. 218]

Light N.W. and fine weather Gave tickets to 44 Coot passengers; ~

At 7 A.M. picked 5:30 Passengers from Bughela from a Goffa

At 7,,40 passed Memlah Detained at the bottom of Um Sneyem from 11,,15 till 12 am in Shoal water; Hot wind blowing; River Keeps falling fast;

At 4,,45 P.M. passed Azizieh village;

At 5,,5 passed the S.S. Khalifah going down at Raddat with an empty Barge in tow ~ Strong hot wind;

At 8 P.M. passed Baghdadieh Very Calm weather, but it has cooled down; We touched at Dowar and went on ~ [p. 219]

Moderate N.W. Wind and fine weather ~

At 6. A.M. passed Ctesiphon, We took about $\frac{1}{2}$ hour this morning in Shoal water at Bostan going from one side to the other;

Wind getting fresh ;

At 8,40 passed Diala river ~

At 10,,5 landed a Deckman with letters at Gherrarah and went on at 10,,10;

At 0,,45 P.M. landed the mails at the Residency I went up to the Custum House no steamers are here, The Police officers are treating the passengers

25 Sunday
Therm @ 4 78
Noon 103 4
P.M. 110
1899 June

26 Monday
Therm @ 4 80
[A49_221.20:153]

with much Severity with regard to Passports, they wont let any Goffa approach the ship until the passengers are examined and make out as much [p. 220] as they can from them taking from one Keran *and* upward *and* letting them off ~ I went home saw Eliza, she is well, I found two letters for me from Blanche widow of brother Alexander from *Constantinople* *and* from Alois Schweiger Vienna, no news from Alexander,

Ibrahim Gejou called on us, he is buying Antiques *and* sending to Paris for sale! Antone Marine *and* Père Pièrre called in the evening

Light *N.W.* *and* fine weather

27' *Tuesday*
1899 June

Light *N.W.* air *and* fine, at 7 *A.M.* called on Sister Medula, Artin my Nephew called there, his business with at that bitch of Tilkefly Servant Zeky is not finished yet, he is to be tryed on Thursday again, *and* judgement will [p. 221] then be given, his case has caused great talk and scandal in town *and* especially among the Christians who are all against him as it is generally the case with such brutes *and* only seek to break one another's neck;

I came on board, we are discharging Cargo;

At 10 went home ~ I called on Sister Eliza at 4 *P.M.* ~

Light *N.W.* *and* fine cool weather ~ Catherina Yaghchi with her son Yousif *and* his wife Louisa (my niece) called on us *and* spent the evening also Johnny my Nephew they went away at 9 *P.M.*

28 *Wednesday*
Therm @ 4,76
[A49_223.18:154]

Light *N.W.* *and* fine cool weather ~ at 7 *A.M.* my wife *and* I called on Antone Marine *and* then on Mina Abood, came home at [p. 222] 11 *A.M.* ~ I took a cold bath, Eliza *and* Adoola my cousins called on us ~ I went to Sister Medula at 5 ~ at 6:30 Eliza *and* I called on the Yaghchies on top of their house *and* spent the evening till 9:30 *and* came home,

The S.S. Ressafah *and* Barge arrived at 7:30 *P.M.* ;

Light *N.W.* *and* fine ~

29' *Thursday*
Therm @ 4,82
1899 June
[A49_224.18:155]

Light *N.W.* *and* fine, but not so cool; at 7 *A.M.* I called on Menusha *and* saw there Sister Emilia It being the holiday of St. Peter *and* Paul, *and* so it is that of brother Henry being here the day before, Viz 28 June 1847; I came on board at 8:30 we are shipping cargo; at 11 I went to Lynch's Office *and* got 70 £ from Mr. Bottomley [p. 223] for Officers wages etc., went home had breakfast at 2:30 *P.M.* I came on board ~

I wrote two letters to Edward Blockey London, *and* to Alois Schweiger Vienna by today's Damascus Post;

At 6 *P.M.* went home ~ Dr. Kazassian with Artin my Nephew called on us;

Light *N.W.* *and* fine weather

30 *Friday*
Therm 4,80
[A49_225.02:156]
[A49_225.15:157]
1899 July
[A49_226.14:158]
[A49_226.17:159]

Light N.W. *and* fine ~ At 6:30 am I came on board *and* paid the Ship's crew their wages for this month; Finsihed at 9, went on shore I called on the Eassayies, to see the son of Nessoory Toma Khayat called on Behjet who was at school in Beyrout [p. 224] where we saw him studying medicines in May 1897, he arrived here about a month ago via Aleppo, for a Change of climate as he is Consumptive I also called on Shekoory, Risha Andrea; came home at 11; at 3 P.M. called on Ibrahim Elias Gejou, he is buying Antiques of all Kinds to sell in Paris; he will leave in about 2 months hence; I also called on Sister Eliza, she is in a Great way about Artin's Affair, as tomorrow there is going to be a tryal *and* judgement given and that bitch of Telkefli servant Zekky would not give up the claim she wont take money but a large sum she wants; as Abduljebbar wanted to give her, [p. 225]

Anton Marine called in the evening ~ Light N.W. *and* fine cool weather;

1 *Saturday*
Therm 4.76

Light N.W. *and* fine cool morning ~ At 7 A.M. I called on Sister Medula *and* then came on board; The Ressafah is inside discharging;

At 11 went home to breakfast, returned at 2 P.M. ~

Artin my nephew called on board, he had been to the Serai *and* his case tried by the Reys el Jeza *and* his two members Abdulla Effendi Farhat *and* Rashid Effendi also the Moawen was present *and* Abduljebbar Artin's Lawyer; After deliberation the Reys *and* his two members they acquitted Artin [p. 226] *and* gave judgement in his favor; ~

At 6 P.M. I went home, I found Antone Marine, he brought me an illustrated Paper "The Sketch" where there is again his photo, which was taken by Colonel Mockler *and* Alexander my son had printed them, also there is a bird eye view of the town of Baghdad but very badly taken; *and* it speaks about Baghdad etc. I am sure that it is Alexander who is giving these views *and* report, to the editor of this Paper *and* the latter is giving him some thing in return ;

Light N.W. *and* fine weather;

2d *Sunday*
Therm 4.73
1899 July

Moderate N.W. wind, at 3 A.M. I came on board, wind blowing fresh all the night; [p. 227]

Chapter 20

Baghdad to Basreh [2 JUL 1899 – V049_18_S](//)

[A49_228_19:160]

[A49_229_04:161]

| Passeg | Okkas | G.S. Piast | Draft | |
|-------------------|---------|------------|-------|--|
| 121 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 101,378 | 15833 | [N/A] | |

At 4,,15 *A.M.* we got underway *and* proceeded, Ship is drawing 3,,5, *Moderate* N.W. breeze *and* nice *and* Cool weather ~

At 6,,15 passed Diala, At 7,,45 passed Ctesiphon,

Finished with the Passengers tickets we have in all 92 $\frac{1}{2}$ (2 in 1st Class Naomy Loca and Abkar the son of Artin Apikyan about 21 years old going to Basreh to Jeboory Asfar to settle about the Liquorice root which they have been buying for him, and one in 2d Class Yousif son of Hannosh Tessy going to Coot to buy wool) [p. 228]

At 1,,10 *P.M.* passed Baghdadieh Fort;

At 1,,20 passed the S S. Khalifah going up; I saw Sedi wife of Jeboory Asfar *and* her two children, also Terooza wife of Nessoory Andrea *and* children going up to pass the summer in Baghdad;~

At 3,,10 *P.M.* passed Azizieh village~ Light N.W. *and* fine weather;

At 8,,30 *P.M.* passed the S.S. Baghdad *and* Barge going up at Memlah;~

At 8,,50 we anchored for the night at Hamrayah;

Light N.W. *and* fine weather

At 4 *A.M.* we proceeded The river is getting low, but we are light;

3 *Monday*
Therm @ 4,,80
1899
July

At 8,,20 arrived at Coot landed 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ Passengers [p. 229] (one 2d C. Yousif Hannosh Tessy) and 108 Packages, I received Henry's letter *and* Papers;~ we shipped 200 Cases of Ghee of Shekoory anchored Andrea through for Port Said @ 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ Paras per Oke to Basreh; and at 11 we dropped down to the Wool Press *and* shipped 128 Bales of Wool through for the S S. Goolestan of G. Asfar *and* Co;

At 0,,35 P.M. left Coot took 7 Passengers~

The Khalifah had 176,000 *Okkas and* about 100 Passengers the wife of Jeboory Asfar *and* his two children *and* 4 servants *and* Medoola Sister of Yousif John, also Terooza wife of Nassoory Andrea *and* her 4 children *and* a servant all free; Only Medoola [p. 230] paying deck passage;

At 7,,55 P.M. landed 3 passengers at Ali Gherbi *and* took 9 *and* went on at 8,,10; Strong hot wind, It blew very hot wind today;~

I slept in the cabin, there is a fresh breeze blowing *and* not so warm

4 Tuesday
Therm @ 4,,78
1899
July

Light N.W. *and* fine cool morning, at 4,,20 A.M. arrived at Amara, landed 31 passengers and 46 Packages; there is no wool pressed by Lynch's Press this time;

At 5,,45 left Amara took 13 Passengers; (one in 1st Class Abdul Mohsen Beg son of Kassim Pasha Zheir)

At 9,30 stopped at Nafikh near Abdulla ibn Ali the place is getting [p. 231] Shoal 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ draaz, we sent the Pilot to sound

At 11 proceeded easy; At 1,,20 P.M. passed Azair Light N.W. wind but misty

At 4,,20 landed a passenger at Gorna booked for Basreh *and* went on; weather hazy, moisty *and* disagreeable,

At 6 we met the Barge which the Khalifah in towing her down this trip had casted her off at Nafikh to go down herself *and* they were only able to get down as far, being empty *and* only 4 men in her, we anchored *and* took her in tow down to Basreh, at 6,,35 proceeded from Deir;~

At 9,,50 P.M. arrived at Basreh ~ No steamers [p. 232] are here; wind got up *and* blew fresh during the night

5 Wednesday
Therm @ 4.80
1899
July

Very light N.W. breeze *and* fine, but little hazy; We discharged *and* landed, The S.S. Shahrstan for Asfar *and* Co is up here~

At 10 Rufail came to me *and* then at 11 we went up to his house, saw Tukkyeh his sister there, she has given up her idea of going to Baghdad, she says the hot weather is nearly half over *and* it not worth going now etc., etc.,

[A49_234_11:162]
[A49_234_12:163][A49_234_13:164]
[A49_235_17:165]

At 2 P.M. the S.S. Phrat left for Baghdad with the Barge she has been here about one month undergoing repair;~

At 4 Rufail, Rezooki, *and* Myself went up to Jeboory Asfar; I spoke to him [p. 233] about my money with him 1000 Liras it will be up in the 9th *Instante*, and he is going to renew the bond for an other year as usual @ 7% Interest; he told me to send him the old bond tomorrow *and* he will send me the Interest *and* the new bond

Naoom Loca *and* Abkar Apikyan *and* Jemil son of Elias Serkis etc. are living with him they all came to settle *and* deliver their Liquorice to him;

We left at 7 *and* went to Rufails place *and* dined *and* slept there, on the top of the house, no breeze *and* calm but not so warm *and* disagreeable; [p. 234]

6 *Thursday*
1899
July

Light breeze or Calm weather *and* warm, it appears as if the Bareh wind is dying away;

At 7 A.M. I came on board; the mail *Steamer* Kilwa arrived last night at about [strikeout]P.M. at the Quarantine;

I sent my servant Hamadi to G. Asfar who brought me the 70 *Turkish* Liras also $\frac{1}{2}$ Lira for the stamps *and* the bond renewed for an other year beginning from 1st Rabi Awal or 9 July this month;

At 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ the S. Shahristan for Asfar *and* Co left, Ahmed Pasha son of Kassim Zheir *and* the Aide de Camp who accompanied him left in her for Constantinople after his 3 months leave allowed him [p. 235] by the Turkish Government, he had come down with us on the 21 April; At about 1 P.M. the weather became very warm *and* calm *and* a light breeze shifted to the S. East, it then became unbearable, the Ship was burning hot, Lots of people came on board friends *and* others, it became so suffocating *and* warm the perspiration was so much that I was wet all through; what a change of weather, it like a warm bath;~ we received the mails at 4 P.M; [p. 236]

Chapter 21

Basreh to Baghdad [6 JUL 1899 – V049_19_N](//)

| <i>Passengers</i> | <i>Okkas</i> | G.S.P. Local | Draft | |
|-------------------|--------------|---------------------|-------|--|
| 159 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 193,309 | 20483 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 4,,5 | |

At 5,,15 P.M. we got underway *and* proceeded, it became worse, the heat, light S. *East.* and Calm, impossible to stop in the Cabin; It was impossible to sleep in bed from the suffocation, we have 4 1st Class passengers also sleeping up with us;

At 11,,50 landed 2 passengers at Gorna *and* went on at 11,55 Weather still very calm *and* the direction of the breeze is N. *East and East~*

Very light S. *Easterly* breeze *and* warm~ At 4,,10 am passed Azair; disgusting weather swetting awfully,

Today being the birth day of my son Alexander born in 1878, he has [p. 237] now finished his 21st year *and* entered in his majority he is still at large and we do not know where he is but most likely is still in London, his foolish behaviour toward us causes great grief *and* sorrow, *and* we do not know when he is going to come to his senses *and* return to his father *and* mother;

I finished with the passengers tickets we have in all 75 $\frac{1}{2}$ (4 in 1st Class 2 young Europeans one is called Herbert Nathan a Jew English merchant *and* coming to try his luck in Baghdad for a year, he belongs to the house of Mr. Rickie who was here last year [p. 238] for a few months;~ The other one is a french man belonging to the Persian Imperial Bank coming from Bushire *and* going to Tabriz, the 2 others are Turks the Moodai el Umum, Izzet Effendi who went down with us in the [strikeout]beginning of last month, *and* the other is the accountant of the Public Debts called Hussein Ferid *and* is Messing with us)

7th Friday
1899
July
Birth day of my
son Alexander
[A49_238_21:166]
[A49_239_08:167]
1899
July
1899
July

At 8,,50 am we came to the Shoal at Nafikh only 3 draaz water, The S.S. Phrat *and* Barge are here she damaged her rudder in backing *and* she is now repairing it, ahead of us. We took anchors ahead *and* kept heaving over close along the Eastern bank; very warm [p. 239] sultry *and* light S. *Easterly* breeze

At 12 am the S.S. Ressafah came down *and* anchored up above *and* sent to sound; We kept heaving over Breeze shifted to westward,

At 2 P.M. we hove over *and* proceeded passing the Phrat *and* Ressafah both at anchor;

At 2,,55 P.M. passed Kalat Saleh; westerly breeze but very hot *and* sultry;~

At 7,,35 P.M. arrived at Amara landed 10 passengers, *and* 9 packages *and* Date branches for Lynch's Wool Press; Light S. *Easterly and* warm weather; We took no Coal, *and* shipped 7 Bales; they have had it very warm here too~

At 8,,50 left Amara [p. 240] Light S. *Easterly* breeze *and* very hot;~

At 9,,30 a Native Boat laden with grain sailing down to our Port Sides, run us down striking the Ship's Kitchen on the Port side *and* smashing the whole wood work *and* bending about 3 angle iron of the frame in a fearful manner our new 2nd mate Mr. Smart *and* the Steerman Selman (brother of Mahmood our Pilot a stupid *and* ignorant man who the Captain tolerate for his brothers sake) were on the Bridge at the time, we anchored *and* our Boat went with the Captain etc. to the Boat they found she has had no damage to herself but her Nacodah *and* some of the Crew had run away on seeing the Boat coming to them [p. 241]

At 10,,5 we weighed *and* proceeded;

Wind shifted to N. West at about 9 P.M. *and* we felt better a little, the wind is not cool, but we are glad to get it coming against us, the moisture *and* great heat disappeared

8 *Saturday*
Therm @ 4,,86

Light N.W. *and* fine~ Weather not so refreshing but there is great difference in the atmosphere~

Gave tickets to 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ Amara passengers~

At 8,,35 landed 6 Passengers at Ali Gherbi *and* took 6 *and* went on at 8,,45; Wind freshning up *and* blowing hot;

At 2 P.M. landed 1 passenger below Sheikh Saad, *and* then picked [p. 242] 4 passengers from the Goffa at Sheikh Saad;

At 8,,50 P.M. arrived at Coot landed 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ *Passengers* *and* 3 Bales, took in 5 Tons of Coal;~

At 11,,10 Proceeded form Coot after having been detained about $\frac{1}{2}$ hour just opposite the village in finding out the Channel,

9 *Sunday*

Moderate N.W. *and* fine weather Detained at Um el Ajaj; from 4,,45 am till 5 in shoal water~

1899

July

Gave tickets to 47 $\frac{1}{2}$ Coot Passengers; (one in 2nd Class Yousif Hannosh Tessey who came down with us this voyage to buy wool at Coot)

Detained at Mehdi in finding Channel from [p. 243] 6,,30 till 7 am~

At 8,,0 passed Memlah, wind got up blowing Strong N.W. *and* dusty in the afternoon and hot wind;

At 5 P.M. passed Azizieh;~ Detained at Sened in Shoal water $\frac{1}{2}$ hour ~ Light N.W. *and* fine weather;

At 8,,50 P.M. passed Baghdadieh Fort; detained 10 minutes near the Fort *and* went on; Strong N.W. wind, I could not Sleep on the upper deck from the Strong wind *and* went into my Cabin at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$;

Monday 10

1899

July

At 1,,30 am we had to anchor at Nahar Shehail (Bottom of Ledge) [p. 244] the place here has got bad *and* shoal, the Khalifah is aground further up; Sand banks in the middle of the river~ at 5 A.M. sent to sound, found no water 2 *and* 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ draaz, At 6 we weighed *and* Steamed up to west bank just below the Khalifah she is on the East Bank at Ledge; we went alongside the bank *and* commenced discharging Cargo~ received a letter from Henry he says that they arrived here yesterday at 10 am *and* found no water except the one in midstream between two islands where there are only 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ draaz (3 feet 4) we are drawing 4 feet 5~ the Khalifah has only [p. 245] about 76000 *Okkas* they worked but could not get over; Henry tells me that Medool wife of Tanton Kasperkhan *and* sister of Hannosh Asfar died on Sunday night the 2nd *Instante* from her illness having had the dropsy *and* inflamed Liver, she had turned quite black, she is about 75 years old her two sons Gabriel *and* Rafail *and* four daughters unmarried survive~

Medool widow
of Tanton
Kasperkhan
died on 2nd
July ~

[A49_247_11:168]

1899

July

[A49_248_07:169]

Some of our passengers crossed over *and* went to Baghdad also a Tilkefli Tindal of the S. Shushan *and* Capt. Cowley sent letters with, I am sorry, I did not send one to Eliza;~ [p. 246]

We discharged Cargo the whole day on the bank *and* lightned the ship to 3,,6;~ The SS. Khalifah after having discharged in her boat to the west bank, at 6 P.M. She steamed down *and* rubbed over the shoal *and* came down alright, she went alongside the bank astern of us to take in her cargo;~

Our two European Passengers Mr. Nathan *and* Mr. Lecoffre started to Baghdad they engaged two horses from the Bení Ajil tribe *and* crossed them over both horses for 3 Mejdies *and* they then crossed over at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. to go on all the night; I sent a letter with Mr. Lecoffre to [p. 247] my wife, he is going to put up in the Hotel of Stifan Awannessian;

Henry came to see me for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour, also Omar Sherif Effendi the Bimbashy of the Sennyeh at Amara going down in the Khalifah, we remained alongside the bank until tomorrow morning;~

Light N.W. breeze *and* very Cool night, I slept in my Cabin *and* found it very nice *and* cool, the breeze being on my side ~

Light N.W. breeze and fine cool weather~

11 *Tuesday*
Therm @ 4,,75
1899 July

The Khalifah left at about 4 A.M. after shipping her Cargo~ We sent to Sound the Channel *and* found it [p. 248] getting better *and* deeper, the strong current running down between the two sand banks is carrying away the sand; we took in few packages from the bank; At 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ we steamed up toward the Shoal after having marked it; We worked over with the Engines *and* got over the Shoal at 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ am~ Wind increasing and blowing fresh;

At 2,,20 P.M. the S Baghdad and Barge came down and anchored up, she sent to sound *and* at 4,,15 she came *and* passed through the Channel without sticking over 3 draaz, it is getting better now,

An empty boat came down *and* we wanted her to bring us the cargo from the Other ride, they [p. 249] 60 Beshlics for two trips, and when we greed to pay them that sum they changed mind and asked 80 *and* then went away by sunset we had *and* only got on board about 450 packages out of 1112 landed; our men kept bringing the Cargo in the Launch all the night, it takes about 2 hours to bring one boat load,

Very light N.W. Air, but not so cool as yesterday, I could not sleep well in the Cabin last night ~ At 6 A.M. a Sakka on his donkey came from Baghdad with a letter from Mr. Bottomley for *Capt.* Cowley; he asks him to send all the [p. 250] papers *and* manifests so as to get ready every thing for us to discharge etc.; I wrote a letter to my wife also *and* the Sakka started at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$; he had left Baghdad yesterday at 2 P.M. *and* slept the night on the way; ~

12 *Wednesday*
Therm. @ 4.78,
Noon 102, 4
P.M. 108
1899 July

We have about 300 Packges to bring yet to the Ship;

At 1,,30 P.M. the S.S. Phrat arrived from Basreh she made fast alongside the bank below where our Cargo is landed and Sent to sound, Today is a hot day with *moderate* hot breeze;

At 2,,45 the Phrat Steamed *and* passed up close along side of us there are now 3 *and* 3:30 draaz of Water; [p. 251]

It became very hot in the afternoon, the wind died away, the Cabin is like a furnace; a light S. Westerly breeze *and* very hot at 6 P.M.~ We are still getting the Cargo from the Other side about a mile distant by our Launch towed up by a rope made fast to the Ship and worked by the Steam winch,

At 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ P.M. we got the last Boat load of cargo from the bank; very light- air *and* warm; ~

At 8,,35 P.M. We Got underway *and* proceeded from Ledje~ Weather warm with light N.W. breeze [p. 252]

At 12 P.M. we grounded at Semreh reach the current being very strong *and* narrow *and* the ship turned broad side on, Took out an anchor right ahead *and* remained for the night without heaving on, so see perhaps the current might shift her position,

The S.S. Phrat is aground just ahead of us

Light N.W. *and* fine, We Kept heaving but she wont move, the current running under her bottom very strong,

The Phrat left at 6 *and* steamed up~

At 9 P.M. we hove off and proceeded, wind freshning up;

At 10,,30 passed Ctesiphon; fresh dusty [p. 253] and hot wind;~

At 12 we came up to the S.S. Phrat aground *and* sounding at Jaffer, we touched *and* backed and then went on at 0,,45 P.M.;~

At 1,,25 P.M. passed Diala river;

At 2,,34 passed Gherrarah after opening the Bridge for us~

At 4,,50 P.M. landed the mails at the Residency *and* steamed up to the Custum House; no steamers are here; the Police detained communication prevented people from coming on board for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour until they overhauled the passengers for their Passports [p. 254]

I went home saw Eliza, also Catterina Yaghchi was there; they have had it very hot here too last week, Pere Pièrre called on us;

On our arrival here we saw all the flagstuffs of the foreign Consulates half mast; they say that the brother of the Emperor Nicholas of Russia Grand Duke Georges died on Monday last;

At 9 P.M. the S.S. Phrat *and* Barge arrived ~ Artin my Nephew also called *and* left at 8 P.M.

Light N.W. *and* fine weather I have a very bad tooth ache since 4 days *and* now it is worse *and* cannot sleep at all; ~ [p. 255]

Light N.W. *and* fine weather at 7 A.M. I called on Sister [strikethrough]Medoola *and* then came on board; We are not discharging in the Barge; I sent money to the Office *and* went on Shore, at 10 called on Menusha *and* on the Tanton's family to Condole then on the death of their Mother Medool who died on the 2d *Instante*; I went home;~ I took a bathe cold water, *and* at 3 P.M. called on Sédi the wife of Jeboory Asfar who came up in the Khalifah last time, they are living in the house of Naoom Serkis close

13 Thursday,
Therm. @ 4.81
1899 July
1899

14' Friday
July
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to my house, I then called on Antone [p. 256] Marine, saw his wife *and* children; I also called on my sister Eliza *and* came home at 6:30 P.M.

Light N.W. *and* fine cool weather;~

15' *Saturday*,
Therm. @ 4.76
1899 July

Light N.W. *and* fine cool morning, it was very nice *and* cool last night, *and* had to cover myself;

At 7 A.M. came all board, We are discharging cargo, *and* will leave tomorrow morning, I went to breakfast *and* came back at 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ on the way I met Yousif Korkis; he said to me that his brother Rezooky sends him a letter from My son Alexander, *and* it is in his office; I sent [p. 257] for it *and* got it, it is an Arabic letter written to his mother, he puts no place where it is written from nor date, he complains to us of our misbehaviour to him *and* he is very angry why I accused him to the Austrian Consulate in Paris, he says he is in America *and* he is making his livelihood *and* gaining about 500 Beshlic per month, *and* he hopes of seeing us one day; etc. etc, he has received 200 *francs* from Rezooki Korkis which his mother sent him; in *January* this year~ [p. 258]

At 6 P.M. I went home took the letter of Alexander *and* read it to Eliza;~

Calm *and* warm weather;

16 *Sunday*,
Therm. @ 4.78,
Noon 100, 4
P.M. 110

Light N.W. *and* fine; It got Cool during the night

At 4 A.M. I came on board;

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Baghdad to Basreh [16 JUL
1899 — V049_20_S](//)

1899 July
[A49_260_02:172]

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|-------------------|--------------|----------------------|-------|--|
| <i>Passengers</i> | <i>Okkas</i> | G. S. Piast | Draft | |
| 133 | 87,213 | 15,088 $\frac{1}{4}$ | 3,,5 | |

At 4,,30 *A.M.* we got under way *and* proceeded, ship is light we have only 66,500 *Okkas* of cargo; ~

At 6,,45 passed Diala river;

At 8 passed Ctesiphon Finished with the passengers tickets, we have 106, (one in 1st Class the Reys of the Sennyeh Mahomed Rafik Beg going back to his place at Amara [p. 259] Also 4 free (3 Tilkeflies by Captain order) ~

At 9,,50 landed a Jew Eliahoo Somekh at Safy where he has Liquorice root *and* went on; we passed our grounding place at Ledge at 11 without grounding but just rubbed a little;

At 1,,40 P.M. passed Baghdadieh Fort ~ *Moderate* N.W. breeze but hot;

At 3,,50 P.M. passed Azizieh Village, Very hot day,~ It cooled a little down toward evening.

At 9,,10 P.M. anchored at Menlah~

Very light N.W. breeze; ~ At 4 *A.M.* proceeded from Menlah~ The S.S. Ressafah and Barge passed up at 2 am; [p. 260]

At 4,,30 We grounded opposite Bughela took an anchor out *and* hove off,

At 5,,30 proceeded~ Very light air from N.W. and some clouds on the East part;

17th *Monday*,
Therm @ 4.79,
Noon 107, 4
P.M. 110
1899 July
[A49_262_02:173]
[A49_262_21:174]
1899

At 8,,40 passed the Khalifah at Umel Boonny going up;

Weather changing for the worst, the breeze is shifting to N.Est *and East*, sultry *and* hot;

At 10 A.M. arrived at Coot landed 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ Passengs *and* 41 Packages shipped 200 Cases of Ghee for Port Said land 22 Bales of Wool from the Press, they are little wool this year for Shipment, [p. 261] and the produce is not half of last year,

The Press of Eassayi is also working in opposition to Lynch's, they are reducing the charges, it was 6 Beshlic per Bales, Eassayi made it 5~

I received Henry's letter and my papers the St. Khalifah had 122,400 *Okkas* Cargo *and* about 100 passengers, Michail Yaghchi went up in her;

At 11,,55 left Coot and 12 grounded below the village worked with anchors in heaving;~

We took 22 Passengers from Coot (2 in 1st Class Khorshid Effendi the [p. 262] Kaimakam of Hai to Basreh, and Zeky Effendi Engineer of the Senyeh to Amara)

At 1,,30 got off and proceeded; Very warm day Breeze turned to N.W.

At 5,,40 landed 2 passengs at Sheikh Saad (the son of Hassan el Jendel *and* his man) Went on at 5,,45;

It became Very Calm *and* warm by sunset, a very light breeze from N.Est;

At 6,,50 P.M. We rounded *and* came to for the night at above Seyd Abbass; a broad daylight yet; Pilot went to sound Seyd Abbass~ Weather rather warm *and* a light *Easterly* breeze, the Great heat, it appears approaching [p. 263]

Light *Easterly* breeze and Sultry weather; Clouds on the *East and South*~

At 4,,30 A.M. proceeded from Seyd Abbass;~

At 6,,15 passed Ali Gherbi; ~At 10 passed Ali Sherghi~

At 2,,20 P.M. arrived at Amara landed 55 Packages *and* 33 passengers (2 of the 1st Class)~ We shipped 88 Bales of wool from the Press, No body is pressing at Lynch's, they have have gone to Eassay's, Press here as they have also lowered the charge;

A hot N.W. Wind is blowing;~

At 4,,30 P.M. left Amara took 5 passengers~ [p. 264] wind died away and became very calm and misty with some clouds on the southern parts;

At 7,,40 anchored above Kalat Saleh~

18 *Tuesday*,
Therm @ 4.80,
Noon 104, 4
P.M. 111
July

Light N.W. air *and* fine,

Light N.W. air *and* clouds on the East *and* South;

At 4,,20 A.M. proceeded, *and* 15 anchored at Nafikh *and* sounded, there are 3 draaz We steamed on *and* grounded took out a stern anchor *and* hove off,~ At 6,,35 got off and proceeded~

Detained about 10 minutes above and at the Elbow~

At 9,,5 passed Azair, A fine thick dust came on *and* the whole sky is covered no sun can be seen

At 12 passed Gorna [p. 265]

The dates here have just commenced to become yellow;

At 4,,15 P.M. passed the SS. Baghdad *and* Barge going up~

At 4,,30 arrived at Basreh; There is only one steamer in Quarantine of the Bombay *and* Persian Gulf, S. N. Copy, the Mahomed's coming from Jedda with some Pilgrims~ The Mail boat will be here tomorrow~

Rufail *and* Rezooki came to me, I was going with them, but when I saw they had a Christian friend of Rezooki Angoorly with them invited [p. 266] their place, I did not go *and* so they went away,

Jeboory Asfar called on me on his way up in his Bellem for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour;

There is a light N.W. breeze but not refreshing, the dust is settling down;

We coaled ship and discharged cargo; ~

The heat remains at 100° in my cabin at 7 P.M;

Light N.W. *and* clouds on the East; The night was not cool *and* refreshing; We are loading Cargo, Weather again getting dusty, *and* warm wind;

We finished cargo by 5 P.M. No sign of the mail steamer,

Rufail *and* Rezooki came to me *and* remained till [p. 267] sunset; we have very few passengers; but the Ship got crowded with the Christian Young people coming to see Naoom Loca *and* Abkar Apikyan going up with us;~

The dust is so thick that we cannot see the bank *and* the heat is intense; I cannot stay in the Cabin

We are awaiting the arrival of the mailboat;

Weather very hazy and dusty~

No sign of the mail steamer so we are to leave without it; [p. 268]

19th Wednesday
Therm @ 4.82
1899 July

20 Thursday,
Therm @ 4.86
1899 July
[A49_268_07:175]

Chapter 23

Basreh to Baghdad [20 JUL
1899 — V049_21_N](//)

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|-------------------|--------------|---------------------|-------|--|
| <i>Passengers</i> | <i>Okkas</i> | G. S. Piast | Draft | |
| 148 | 152138 | 14013 $\frac{3}{4}$ | 4,,2 | |

At 9,,5 P.M. we got under way *and* proceeded~ *Moderate* N.W. Wind and dust disappearing; We are loaded down to 4,,2 Inches; Wind increased at night;

At 3,,30 *A.M.* landed 3 passengers at Gorna, *and* went on~

Fresh N.W. Wind but not cool; some Clouds again on the East;

At 7,,50 passed Azair Finished with the Passengers We have only 69 $\frac{1}{2}$ (3 are in 1st Class, Naoom Loca *and* Abkar son of Artin Apikyan in one double Cabin, and [p. 269] Mr. Mayle Clerke of Muir Tweedi *and* Co with a free Return passage by M. Richards the Acting Agent of Lynch Brothers; and Artin son of Naoom Hanna Andrea in 2d Class)

At 11,15 detained at Aboo Roba Shoal water *and* could not pass, had to take anchors out *and* heave over; Fresh N.W. Wind;

At 3 P.M. we got over by heaving up and proceeded

At 5,,45 landed one passenger at Kalat Saleh

Light N.W. *and* fine

At 10,,35 P.M. arrived at Amara, landed 8:30 passengers *and* 18 Bales [p. 270] through *and* Local Cargo~ We took 5 Tons of Coal;

Fresh N.W. wind *and* fine

21 *Friday*,
Therm. @ 4.86
1899 July
[A49_271.12:176]

22 *Saturday*
Therm @ 4.85
Noon 108 4
P.M. 110
1899
July

At 0.10 A.M. left Amara

I had not slept yet from the noise *and* strong wind had to come down to my Cabin;

At 6.15 A.M. passed Ali Sherghi~

Gave tickets to $42 \frac{1}{2}$ *Passengers* from Amara (one in 1st Class Cabin Nejib Beg a Young person who had married the daughter of Mostapha Pasha late motserrif of Amara last year); Wind got up *and* blowing hot;

At 11,, 40 A.M. landed 6:30 passengers at Ali Gherbi took one *and* went on at 11,,45~ Strong hot wind blowing~ [p. 271] At 1,, 15 P.M. we anchored on account of strong wind *and* clouds of dust came; we furled all awnings~

At 2,, 35 Proceeded, wind blowing strong *and* hot;

At 4.15 anchored at Seyd Abbass *and* sent to sound, The S.S. Baghdad upward bound *and* some Boats are here aground ahead; Wind falling; at $6 \frac{1}{4}$ we steamed up to the shoal there are 3 draaz, the Baghdad is aground on our right side; a Boat loaded with Liquorice root has sunk close to the West bank, her people have left her, *and* the Arabs are taking away the liquorice [p. 272] to their Camp for fuel to burn;~ we took out an Anchor ahead, hove on *and* took an other one, The Baghdad got off and proceeded at 9;

At 9,, 15 we got over and proceeded *and* passed the Str. Baghdad~

Light N.W. *and* fine cool weather;

Light N.W. breeze and fine weather; we had 3 passengers for Sheikh Saad, but they landed at Seyd Abbass yesterday while we were aground;

At 6,,35 A.M. anchored below Coot reach and sent to sound; ~ Found no water enough, marked the place *and* took anchors out *and* hove, two Boats [p. 273] also aground here, they say at Coot is also bad there are 2 draaz *and* they had to discharge their Liquorice Bales; we are again laden too deep having nearly 200 Tons of cargo and drawing 4 feet 2;

Wind blowing strong N.W. *and* get hot;

they worked on heaving all the time over the shade,

At 1,,15 P.M. got over and proceeded to Coot, when we arrived at 1,,20 landed $9 \frac{1}{2}$ passengers

The S.S. Phrat is up above coming down *and* has sent to sound opposite Coot,

I saw Shekoory Sayegh here, he came in the [p. 274] Phrat about 3 hours ago, he has been sent down to overhaul a Boat loaded with Sugar for Berk Puttman *and* having got damaged, they have paid him 6 Liras for his trouble

23 *Sunday*
Therm @ 4.87
1899
July
1899
July

he says that Semrah reach is bad they were 30 hours aground there having left Baghdad on Thursday morning,

We took no coal; sounded opposite Coot, the place is bad, we left at 2,, 30 *and* steamed on to the Shoal and touched; took anchors ahead *and* hove on, two anchors were taken on the Starboard *and* Port *and* kept taking them further ahead *and* hove she went up, [p. 275] gradually *and* slow;~

The islands have appeared *and* the water is dispersed among so many of them

At 8,,30 we hove over and had hardly steamed up passed the Islands to the opposite side when we again touched a Shoal and could not pass, took an anchor ahead *and* hove and by 10 P.M. they knocked off and all went to Sleep;

The Baghdad came up to the shoal below Coot

Light N.W. breeze and fine with some clouds on the East; At 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ A.M. they begun to work , she floated *and* rounded *and* again struck, the steering chain broke aft, the block parted, they repaired it~ [p. 276]

The S.S. Phrat is still up above us;~

At 7. A.M. we finished *and* proceeded from opposite Coot; wind freshening up, no awnings for the passengers since three days most of them below;

We took 35 $\frac{1}{2}$ Passengers from Coot, (one in 1st Class Haje Selman H. Dowd)

Very strong wind, hot *and* dusty blowing;

At 0,,15 P.M. met the S.S. Khalifah coming down at top of Um el Ajaj reach, stopped and sent our through specie to her to give it to the Mail steamer; sent Henry letter and papers; he wrote to me to say they have about 6200 *Okkas and 80 passengers* [p. 277] none in Cabins, they left yesterday morning *and* grounded only at Semreh about 3 hours~

We went on at 0,, 25 P.M. Very strong wind *and* dusty;

At 2,, 10 P.M. Stopped *and* picked on board a passenger at Mehdi coming from Coot on horse back; very strong wind *and* dust flying; it begun to fall a little at 4 P.M.;

Detained 10 minutes in Shoal water at Bughela;

At 4,, 10 passed Memlah Detained at Sheresh 10 minutes in shoal water; Wind died away *and* a light N.W. breeze~ [p. 278]

At 0,,25 A.M. passed Azizieh~ at 1 A.M. touched at Raddat, sent to sound and at about 2,, 30 we went on~ Light N.W. breeze *and* fine~

At 5,, 5 A.M. passed Baghdadieh Port;~

24 *Monday*
Therm @ 4.82
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1899
July

25 *Tuesday*
Therm @ 4.83
Noon 4 P.M.
1899
July

A Mahomedan woman passenger, yet confined on board last night of a son, near the door of my Cabin; I was asleep on the upper deck~

At 10, passed the Shoal at Ledje where we were detained last voyage, lost 5 minutes on rubbing over three draaz water,

Wind not so strong today, we spread the awnings, ~

At 1 P.M. we arrived at Seyafyeh opposite [p. 279] Semreh reach, where the Shoal place is, we went alongside the high West bank and sent to sound; Pilot found a Channel on the East bank along the shoal sand bank of Semreh of $2\frac{3}{4}$ and 3 draaz and marked it; we dropped down and steamed on to it at $3\frac{1}{2}$; They kept working, in taking out anchors ahead and heaving over, she moved up very slow, and they took and shifted anchors until 9 P.M. and knocked off, and went to Sleep; I remained to Sleep in my Cabin; thinking we were going to get off and proceed The breeze only coming [p. 280] through my wind(?) it being on the Port side, so that I got very little of it, and felt it very warm and could not sleep, I sweated much;

26 Wednesday
Therm @ 4.78
1899
July

Light N.W. and cool morning at 5 A.M. they began to heave and she got over~

At 6 we proceeded from Seyafyeh;

At 6,, 45 passed Ctesiphon At 8 passed the S.S. Ressafah and Barge going down at Zumbaranyeh Island;

At 9,, 20 passed Diala river; ~

At 10,, 30 I landed at Gherrarah and walked to town; the weather not being so hot at the beginning, but it became so at 11 and heat from the [p. 281] ground was great, there is a moderate winds and clouds of dust coming against me in the road, I took rest and washed my face on the way home, I arrived home at 12 saw Eliza she is well, no letters at all for me

The Mejidieh arrived at 1 P.M.;~ Antone Marine, Shekoory Andrea, Johny, and Artin called on us in the evening~

Light N.W. and fine, I took a cold bath;

Thursday 27
[A49_283.03:178]
[A49_283.11:179]
1899
July
[A49_284.03:180]

Light N.W. and fine weather at 7 A.M. called on Sister Medula and then came on board; [p. 282]

The Mejidieh is discharging cargo~ at 10 I went on shore, called on Monseigneur Altmayer but he is unwell and could not be seen. I saw Père Augustin, he told me that the banker of Monsgr. Altmayer in Paris has received the 300 francs from the Austrian Consul which I had sent through the German Consul here to get Alexander my son sent from Paris to Baghdad and he has got the money here which he will send me this amount to day,

I called on my Sister Eliza for an hour and came home Hot weather but windy

At 3 P.M. called on Antone Marine at the Residency [p. 283] for a letter which he asked me to write for him to the Jesuite father Chekho at the university of Beyrouth as a recommendation for his son Gabriel who is now in that College studying~ I went to Lynch's Office but Mr. Bottomley had not come yet *and* so I came on board, we are shipping *and* discharging cargo;

At 6 I went home~ Pere Augustin sent me the 300 *francs* in Mejidies 70 $\frac{1}{4}$ which Monsgr. Altmayer got from Paris~

The Damascus Post arrived, I only received [p. 284] a letter from Schweiger *and* one form the Handelsmuseum

Light air *and* rather warm~

Light Northerly air *and* warm~

The SS. Baghdad arrived at about 2 AM;

28 Friday

1899

July

[A49_286_05:181]

At 7 I came on board, and left at 9 called on Menusha for one hour *and* then went to Lynch's Office for some pounds from Mr. Bottomley; I left at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$, called on the Assyrian Bishop Agnathius *and* on Catherina Yaghchi *and* Louisa my niece~ at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ I called on Père Pierre the Superior father and paid him the balance [p. 285] of my debt to him on account of my son Alexander to whom he had advanced against my will *francs* 1,350 I had paid him before 40 *Turkish* Liras @ 23 *francs* = 920 *and* now I gave him 19 Liras equal to 437 for total 1357 I took from all the receipts of Alexander 6 in number~

It became very warm today, No wind *and* hot; Sister Medula called at 3 P.M., I called on Antone Marine at 5 *and* came home, Calm *and* sultry warm weather~ all the night was warm [p. 286]

29' Saturday

1899

July

Light air *and* Sultry warm, a light Easterly breeze came on at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$;~

At 7 I came on board; we are discharging and shipping cargo; It is very calm *and* warm weather we are not taking more than 89 tons cargo or about 65000 *Okkas*;

At 11 went home *and* came back at 2 P.M. the Custum of the hot weather; House is closed from 12 till 2 P.M. on account of the hot weather;

We finished at 5 P.M. and hauled off, having 85,000 *Okkas* Cargo on board;

At 6 I went home; Artin my Nephew called for an hour;

Light N.W. *and* rather warm at night; [p. 287]

Light N.W. air, it was warm all the night;

30 Sunday

Therm @ 4.80

At 4 A.M. I came on board;

Chapter 24

Baghdad to Basreh [30 JUL
1899 — V049_22_S](//)

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|-------------------|--------------|---------------------|-------|--|
| <i>Passengers</i> | <i>Okkas</i> | G.S. Piast | Draft | |
| 133 | 111,040 | 18655 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 3,,6 | |

At 4,,25 *A.M.* we proceeded Light N.W. *and* fine; At 6 passed through the Bridge of Gherrarah~

At 6,,35 passed Diala river;

At 8 passed Ctesiphon, At 8,,30 anchored to sound at Seyafyeh; at 9,,35 proceeded over the shoal, we touched *and* worked her with the Engines *and* went on at 10,,15, the Steamer is light, drawing 3,,6 Inches, [p. 288]

Light N.W. wind~

At 3,, 20 P.M. passed Baghdadiieh Fort, we steamed between the west bank *and* the wreck of the Dijleh Steamer, her Iron Paddle box frame *and* casing on the Boiler are out of the water;

We have in all 150 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers (5 in 1st Class, Mr.Mayle of the Persian Gulf Trading returning free, Haroon Gareh *and* his wife,Abdulrezack son of Sleman Zheir coming from *Constantinople* and a Nejidy woman the daughter of Assafy; *and* 2 in 2nd Class the mother *and* Sister of Dowd Birjony to Amara *and* his brother Selim on Lower Deck) [p. 289]

Detained 15 minutes above Azizieh in shoal water;

At 5,,55 P.M. passed the S.S. Khalifah going up just at Azizieh village,

At 8,,10 we anchored for the night at the top of Shedeif reach~ Light N.W. breeze~

[A49_289.05:182]
[A49_289.16:183]
[A49_289.19:184]
[A49_289.21:185]
1899
July

31 *Monday*
Therm @ 4.86
Noon 109 4
P.M. 118
1899
August

Erly wind *and* clouds are spreading on the East and South; Today is the first of the Bahooora heat,

At 4,,15 A.M. proceeded At 6 grounded at Deboony sounded *and* took an anchor out astern *and* hove off;

wind freshening up from the East *and* blowing strong, we took anchor ahead *and* got her in deep water [p. 290] *and* the Chain could not reach the ship had to send a rope *and* worked in picking the Stern anchor,~

At 10,,15 we proceeded from Deboony; Hot wind blowing it is 108°~

At 11,,45 passed Memlah, hot wind *and* very disagreeable weather;

Wind coming as hot as a furnace, the Therm went up to 118° on the quarter deck under double awnings at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. it is so scorching the wind coming from the hot desert;~

At 5 P.M. anchored above Coot *and* sent to sound, between two sand banks above the village found 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ *and* 4 Draaz weighed *and* steamed through it but on emerging out [p. 291] to the East bank, she touched *and* went against the bank *and* her Stern inside, took out an anchor astern *and* hove her out; at 6 got off *and* proceeded *and*

At 6,,00 anchored along Side at Coot, landed 46 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers and 53 packages; I received Henry's letter 7 my Papers, The Khalifah had shipped only 99,000 *Okkas* of cargo, and had few passengers about 80; ~ Shekoory Sayegh is still here he came to me, saying that he had not yet finished with the Boat load of Asfar's Sugar which some had turned out damaged, he is going up with us ~ [p. 292]

We shipped only 66 Bales of wool from the Press, out of 120 there are ready, We remained for the night, Very light N. *Easterly* breeze, but the night was not so unpleasant;

Light N. *Easterly* breeze *and* Clouds on the East and coming over Northward, sent to sound of below Coot, at 5,,15 am we proceeded, touched the Shoal and got off; Gave tickets to 14 Coot passengers

Breeze shifted to S. *Easterly* *and* became very hot *and* unpleasant,

At 11,,20 anchored to sound at Seyd Abbass *and* left at 0,,5 P.M.

At 2,,15 P.M. sent the Boat at Ali Gherbi to get the Certifyed Paper [p. 293] from Khdeir *and* his brother Jebara, about the Boat which run into us last two voyages, took 4 passengers and went on at 2,,20;

It became very hot, the breeze fell *and* a light S. *Easterly* breeze, every thing is as hot as fire in my Cabin, the Therm. was 108 at sunset in my Cabin; ~

1st Tuesday
Therm@ 4.83
Noon 107
1899 August

At 9.50 P.M. arrived at Amara landed 44 *Passengers* and 47 packages;
Shipped only 133 Bales of wool out of 233 ready pressed, Took 3 Tons of Coal,
Weather warm I could not sleep, the air being very light S. *Easterly* and not
refreshing at all, [p. 294]

2 *Wednesday*
Therm@ 4.78
1899 *August*

Very light air from N. *East*,

At 4,,30 A.M. we left Amara, It became very Calm *and* oppressive, Breeze
from East sprung up, Took 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers from Amara ; A light S. *Easterly*
breeze set in but moisty;

At 8,,35 anchored at Nafikh *and* sent to sound, found 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ draaz; at 9,,10 we
proceeded, but grounded in the Channel, across the river; Took an anchor
hove over into deep water

At 10,,10 proceeded ~ Breeze shifted to North West at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ but is very hot
and moist

At 0,,50 P.M. landed 5 Passengers at Azair (2 with *return* Ticket from Coot)
went on at 0,,55 P.M. [p. 295]

At 4 P.M. landed a passenger at Gorna (booked for Basreh) ~

Very hot the ship is burning, *and* the heat so moist, the N.W. air being behind
us;

At 6,,30 P.M. passed the SS. Phrat *and* Barge going up at top of Kteban
reach, Breeze Northerly, but the ship is boiling hot, it is impossible to stay in
the Cabin for a minute; thick Clouds on the Eastern horizon;

At 8,,15 arrived at Basreh, Light South *Easterly* breeze, It has been very hot
here too they say, but today was [p. 296] worse; I sent Rufail's letter *and* Kit
to him, and I remained on board, a light S. *Easterly* breeze and very
unpleasant *and* dampy weather ~

3 *Thursday*
Therm@ 4.86
Noon 106 4
P.M. 112
1899 *August*
1899 *August*

Very light S. *Easterly*, dampy *and* warm, clouds are covering the sky ~ at 5 $\frac{1}{2}$
A.M. I went to see Rufail in his Belem sent for me I had tea there, I saw
Tookyeh *and* her husband, Yousif Marine *and* Rezooki etc.;

I received from Rufail the interest on my money due on the 6 of R. Thani
(about 11 August) it is 75 TL. Rufail would not pay it to me until it is due
and as I shall be away, I forfeited 5 TL. in order to pay it to me now, [p. 297]
he paid me the 75 Liras but I returned to him 5 *and* Kept 70 only ~ at 7 I
came back to the Ship with Rezooki Sayegh;

The S.S. Goolistan for Asfar *and* the S.S. Julia Park for G. Mackenzie are here
in Quarantine; we are going to tow a Barge up laden with Cargo; Very hot *and*
oppressive Breeze dropping down to a dead calm *and* shifting to North *and*
N.W. but very warm *and* oppressive; ~

The Mail Str Pemba has passed Fao at 8 am;

We are lightening the Barge which we are to tow down to 2 feet 6 Inches we shipped also cargo [p. 298] *and* loaded her down to 3,8 Cowley is in a great funk about towing the Barge in this low season;

Rezooki Sayegh *and* Rezooki Angoorly came to me,

The heat is most intense, at 5 P.M. the Mail Str Pemba arrived to quarantine we sent for the mails, *and* are preparing ropes *and* Gears to tow the Barge,

Very light air from N.W. *and* S. *East and* calm; a most unpleasant *and* warm weather, the worst I have seen yet

We received the mail at 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. ~ [p. 299]

Chapter 25

Basreh to Baghdad [3 AUG 1899 — V049_23_N](//) With Barge in tow(//)

[A49_300.05:186]

| Passeg | Okkas | G. S. Piasters Local | Draft / Barge | |
|-------------------|---------|----------------------|---------------|--|
| 118 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 165,040 | 12,372 $\frac{1}{4}$ | 3,7 / 2,,6 | |

At 8,,30 we hove up *and* proceeded, Light S. *Westerly* breeze; the Barge is drawing 2,,6, *and* the Steamer 3,,7 ~ we are going Slow

Light S.W. *and* warm, it became cooler later at night;

Light N.W. *and* clouds again came on on the East,

At 4,,30 am passed Gorna ~

We have altogether only 35 passengers (one in 1st Class Meneshi Mathalon a Jew *and* is messing at the table with us, *and* one are 2d Class, Rezooki son of Yousif [p. 300] Naman a clerk at Berk Puttman),

Very light N.W. breeze and getting very hot,

At 9,,50 took the 2 Return Jews from Azair for Coot *and* went on at 9,,55,

up till 3 P.M. we arrived to the Elbow, 5 hours from Azair we have been going very slow, although the Engines going full power but the speed is slow on account of the narrow= ness of the river and both Steamer *and* Barge are sucking in the water,

Detained 45 minutes in going round the Elbow;

4 *Friday*
Therm@ 4.84
[A49_301.01:187]
1899 *August*

It took us from 4 to 6 P.M. to get to Aboo Roba, going slow *and* the river being so narrow for both Steamer *and* Barge; The heat [p. 301] is most intense, no air at all *and* so warm, the perspiration running down profiously ~

At 7 P.M. we anchored just above Aboo Roba Tomb; Very Calm and as warm as a hot bath; I found myself up till midnight when it became a little dryer ~

Very calm Sultry and Cloudy most disagreeable weather;

At 4,,30 A.M. we proceeded from Aboo Roba; going easy *and* stopping it etc.

At 7 we passed over the Shoal of Nafikh without grounding; our Pilot Mahmood has not been on the water since we [p. 302] left Basreh, he has sore mouth *and* Capt. Cowley has been on the Bridge nearly the whole time;

Very light S. *Easterly* *and* warm

At 8,,15 A.M. landed 3 passengers at Kalat Saleh *and* went on at 8,,20;

At 9 Breeze shifted to N. *Westerly*light *and* gradually it became more bearable I could enter my cabin; *and* write for a some time;

At 2,,40 P.M. arrived at Amara landed 7 Passengs and 18 packges (8 Bales through Cargo; ~ Very hot as fire; a great crowd rushed on board and many passengers; we took in 10 Tons of Coal,

At 4,,30 P.M. left Amara still very hot, scorching [p. 303]

Gave tickets to 71 $\frac{1}{2}$ Amara passengers (one in 1st Class the Reis Sennyeh Mahd Rafik Bey and his family are on Deck 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ persons)

Light N.W. but not refreshing it became a little cooler later at night;

Very light air from N.W. and thick clouds all over the East *and* South parts, no sun to be seen, the weather is warm *and* Sultry,

At 6,,35 A.M. landed 7 passengers at Ali Gherbi and went on at 6,,40; Very warm calm cloudy sultry weather; A S. *Easterly* breeze sprung up at 7 *and* came very hot ~

I paid the Ship's Company [p. 304] their wages for this month,

the S. Westerly wind increased *and* blew very hot, everything was as hot as fire; The Thermr. went up to 110° at 10 AM, at 4 PM. Wind died away *and* became very calm or rather a N.W. breeze but still very hot; Thermr. at 7 was 106° in my Cabin;

At 7,,50 P.M. we anchored for the night at Gardyeh (two reaches below Coot) Very light N.W. air and a little Cooler; a light N.W. breeze but not cool,

A *moderate* N.W. wind is blowing but warm, Cloudy all over

5 *Saturday*
Therm@ 4.81
Noon 109 4
P.M.
1899 *August*

6 *Sunday*
Therm@ 4.86

7 *Monday*
Therm@ 4.96
Noon 114 4P.M.
116
1899 *August*
1899 *August*

At 4,,15 *A.M.* We [p. 305] proceeded, wind blowing fresh, the temperature is warm 96° before sunrise, clouds are scattered all over ~

At 6,,40 *A.M.* arrived at Cool, landed 12 passengers and 11 Bales Through Cargo; Took in 10 Tons of Coal; ~

At 9,,15 left Coot, Took 12 Passengers ~ N.W. wind but it is blowing warm though there is great difference than the former days, I can stay in the Cabin *and* work; I think the Bahoora heat of one weeks' duration. ~ Clouds are vanishing away but the sky is sultry and unsettled ~ Shekoory [p. 306] Sayegh is still here he is awaiting the empty boat coming down to ship the Sugar of Asfar; ~

At 11,,35 passed the SS. Baghdad *and* Barge going down,

At 0 5 P.M. We came to the shoal place at Um el Boonni, sounded, we then grounded, took an anchor out *and* hove off at 1,,5 proceeded; Very hot wind like fire; everything is very hot in my cabin; but a *moderate* N.W. Wind is blowing,

At 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. We saw the Phrat ahead of us at Mehdi; she must have been grounded at Umel Boony,

At 7,,30 We passed the, Phrat *and* Barge going up at Hamrayah ~

Moderate N.W. Wind [p. 307] *and* fine weather ~

Moderate N.W. *and* fine cool weather ~

At 0,,30 *A.M.* anchored for the night at Deboony shoal place before us; The Phrat came up at day break also anchored *and* sent to sound; we also sent to sound; the S.S. Khalifah is at anchor farther up the reach bound down, she has left Baghdad on Sunday;

8 *Tuesday*
Therm@ 4.82
Noo. 101 4
P.M. 104
1899 *August*
[A49_310_04:188]

Very nice *and* cool weather, No clouds at all to be seen; The Bahoora was out yesterday the water was very cool this morning like iced water ~

At 6 we steamed on to the shoal, less than 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ draaz [p. 308] we stuck, worked the Engines, Took out an anchor ahead *and* hove over, We are close alongside the West bank opposite Deboony; The Phrat also steamed up astern of us made fast *and* begun to discharge some cargo in her Launch *and* taken up above, The Khalifah is still up at anchor about one Mile above us; ~

I sent Henry's letter and Manifests (as Cowley had told me that he was going to stop with the Khalifah to take a Steersman to sound in place of Mahmood our Pilot) Henry sent me a letter, he says that they have 77,000 *Okkas* and have been aground in many places, they have 233 passengers, (Mrs. [p. 309] Cooper (who is in Basreh in the Persian Tobacco régie and is to remain there per- manently) is going down with 3 children to join her husband ~

At 8,,10 We got over the place and went on; Passed the Khalifah at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ She will have to await until the Phrat gets over the shoal as the place is very narrow between islands;

The air is pure *and* Cool today ~

At 3,,45 P.M. passed Azizieh Village ~

At 8,,30 passed the Fort of Baghdadieh; Light N.W. S fine cool weather; Detained about 10 minutes at Swera in [p. 310] shoal water

At 2,,10 A.M. touched the shoal at Oweyn *and* then dropped anchor for the night;

At 4,,15 proceeded, Light N.W. S fine Weather,

Detained at Steh (Semreh reach below it) from 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ till 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ in Shoal water ~

At 0,,15 P.M. passed Ctesiphon ~ Detained at Jaffer from 2,,45 till 4 P.M. in shoal water in finding the channel, again detained at Aboo hmar further up from 4,,5 till 4,,30 ~

At 5,,5 P.M. passed Diala river ~ At 6,30 We [p. 311] passed through the Bridge of Gherrarah, *Capt.* Cowley sent to ask me if I was going to land, but as, the time is late *and* being just sunset, I did not like to do it, for the sake of gaining an hour and getting dark ;

Wind fell *and* became, Very calm but fine weather;

At 9,,45 P.M. landed the Mails at the Residency I landed in a Goffa also *and* went home, saw Eliza on top of the house, she is well, they have had it very hot here too this last week, it was the Bahoora

I could not sleep at all *and* lost my sleep [p. 312] A very light N.W. breeze,

Light N.W. fine, at sunrise while still in bed, the Post man came *and* brought me two letters, one from the Schweiger Vienna and the other from Rezooki Metchich London enclosed a letter from Alexander from New York dated the 6 of July written to me *and* to his mother, he has received my letter of the 8 of June sent though Rezooki Metchich, he is well *and* assuring us of soon coming to see us etc. etc;

I came on board at 8 A.M. sent money to the office *and* went on shore at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ called on Menusha *and* then came home found Sister Medula there; I have [p. 313] had an awful pain on my spine I have been strained while washing so bad it is that I cannot walk but with great difficulty have used every thing, *and* all the friction to no use; at 3 P.M. I came on board, we are shipping cargo, I wrote a short letter to my son Alexander just told him about the receipt of his letter *and* to hasten to come back quick as we are both ill *and* wish to see him etc., I also wrote a short letter to Rezooki Metchich *and*

9 Wednesday
Therm@ 4.81
Noon 94 4 P.M.
1899 August
[A49-313.07:189]
[A49-313.08:190]

10 Thursday
1899
August
[A49-314.11:191]

enclosed Alexander's letter in it to be sent to New York to him *and* sent [p. 314] it by today's post of Damascus; At 5 P.M. I went home but could hardly walk from the pain on the spine, I laid up *and* need other frictions as Apodeldoe etc.. but the pain is as bad as ever

Johny *and* Artin my nephews called on us till 8 P.M.

I feel relieved from the pain while I am lying down, *and* so I could sleep well;

Light N. W. air *and* fine

I could not walk to come on board, so I sent Hamady my Servant to give the Cargo Book *and* B of Ladings to Metty to write out the Cargo; I used friction of different things, [p. 315]

I went over at 10 to Sister Medula, *and* obtained from Grzesiki some other sort of friction *and* came home,

I took a warm bath; but did not feel better, Antone Marine called in the evening ~

Light n. W. *and* fine but warm ~

The SS. Phrat arrived today at 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ am;

Very light N.W. air *and* fine at 7 A.M. I came on board We are discharging and loading and are taking down the Barge one of the two that are now here;~ My pain on the back is still the same as before I cannot walk or rise up, been rubbing it with [p. 316] some thing like Opodeldoe, We are shipping about 600 Bales of wool in the steamer *and* Barge; at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ I went home to breakfast; Eliahoo Dennoos and Antoine Giulietti called;

I feel the pain of my back a little better~

At 2 P.M. came on board *and* we shipped wool 614 Bales in both Steamer *and* Barge; Finished at 5 P.M. *and* hauled out; ~ Very hot weather today~

At 6 I went home ~ Light N.W. breeze but hot; Antone Marine called for half hour,~ Light N.W. *and* fine~ [p. 317]

Light N.W. *and* fine~ at 4:30 am I came on board the Mejidieh~

11' *Friday*
Therm @ 4.84
1899
August

12 *Saturday*
Therm @ 4.83
Noon 110 4
P.M. 108
1899

13 *Sunday*
Therm @ 4.82
Noon 104 4
P.M. 113
August

Chapter 26

Baghdad to Basreh [13
AUG 1899 —
V049_24_S](//) Barge in
tow(//)

| | | | | |
|-------------------|--------------|---------------------|-------|--|
| <i>Passengers</i> | <i>Okkas</i> | G. S. Piast | Draft | |
| 130 | 135,818 | 17577 $\frac{3}{4}$ | 3,,4 | |

1899
August
[A49_320_12:192]
[A49_320_13:193]

At 4.45 *A.M.* we got under= way, taking a Barge down the one that was in Baghdad with some Bales of wool in her;~ At 7,,25 passed Diala river~ At 8,, We grounded at Jaffer took out an anchor astern *and* hove off; At 8,,30 proceeded;

At 9,,35 passed Ctesiphon; We have altogether Passengers; none are in the cabins ~

At 10,,5 grounded at Joorf el Batta, took an [p. 318] anchor out ahead *and* hove off;~

The pain on my back is still troubling me, it does not go away, I am rubbing it *and* put a flannel on~

Took more anchors out *and* hove; At 1,,30 P.M. we got off *and* dropped down along the East bank *and* turned round and steamed down,

At 1,,45 anchored to sound at Seyafyeh;

Very hot N.W. wind is blowing;~ In getting underway we grounded, hove off *and* proceeded at 3,,40 P.M.~

At 4,,45 grounded at Steh (below Semreh reach); Took an anchor out astern *and* hove off;~

At 5,,20 proceeded, Light N.W. wind *and* fine, [p. 319]

At 7,,10 we anchored at Ledje for the night, Very light N.W. breeze,
Light N.W. *and* fine weather, At daybreak sent to sound the Channel at
Ledje, It is good with sufficient water

At 5,,5 proceeded and grounded, took an anchor ahead *and* hove her off and
then kept dropping down by her stern along Ledje reach as far as Oweyn *and*
then turned round and went on at 6,,20~

I took a dose of Castor Oil this morning, being very billious, *and* perhaps it
may do me good for my pain in the back which is still on, but [p. 320] not so
much as before;

At 9,,50 passed Baghdadieh Fort; *Moderate* N.W. Wind becoming hot;
Detained below Baghdadieh from 10 till 10,,15 in shoal water, Wind blowing
strong *and* dusty;

At 0,,45 P.M. passed Azizieh;~ At 4,,30 anchored at Um Sneyem *and* Sounded,
At 5,,10 proceeded on ~

At 5,,50 came to at Deboony near the West bank to sound the Channel,

The SS. Ressafah *and* Barge bound up aground further down in the Channel
close along the West bank *and* has landed her passengers just where we
grounded last trip up *and* the Khalifah was here~ [p. 321]

We sounded *and* remained for the night~

Moderate and cool N.W. wind all throughout the night;

Moderate N.W. *and* fine;

At 3 A.M. the Ressafah passed up~

At daybreak we cast the Barge *and* sent her down to pass the narrow channel
she only draws 1 foot,

At 5:30 A.M. we steamed down *and* passed the channel then anchored *and*
made the Barge fast *and* left at 6;

At 8 passed Memlah, At 9,,30 came to at Mehdi the SS. Khalifah is down
below aground *and* heaving; We sent to sound, I sent a letter to Henry with
our Pilot; *and* he writes [p. 322] to me to say that they had left Basreh on
Friday evening with 112,000 *Okkas and* 100 passengers; Seyd Talub Effendi
(now Pasha) the son of Seyd Rejeb the Nakib on board going to Constanple
taking with him Haji Eassa their Clerk, and the Khalifah is flying the Turkish

14 *Monday*
Therm @ 4.84
Noon 109 4
P.M.
[A49_321_11:194]
1899
August

15 *Tuesday*
Therm @ 4.84
Noon 101 4
P.M. 108
[A49_323_04:195]
1899
August
[A49_324_04:196]
[A49_324_11:197]

flag for him, also Mr. Mayle going back for the benefit of his health; the Khalifah was aground at Um el Boonni *and* had to discharge cargo;~

Wind blowing Very strong

At 11,,20 the Khalifah got off *and* steamed on passed us, I saw Shekoory Sayegh on [striketrough]board [p. 323] returning from Coot ; a Mahaylah laden with Bales of Liquorice is aground in the Channel, *and* the strong wind washing against her nearly sinking her We sent our Launch to assist her~

At 0,,5 P.M. We proceeded through the shoal place without touching;

Detained at Algaya, waiting for 2 Boats to pass up the narrow passage between the Island *and* the East bank from 3,,10 to 3,,45;

At 4,,20 anchored to sound at the bottom of Um el Boonny reach; while heaving up the stern anchor to proceed it broke off *and* we passed the bad place *and* anchored *and* [p. 324] sent to fish it;

At 6,,55 P.M. we proceeded from Um el Boonny after getting our anchor fished *and* brought on board~

Light N.W. *and* fine cool Weather;

At 8,,15 we anchored for the night above Coot Village, very fine and Cool weather at night~

Light N.W. *and* fine cool weather; Early in the morning, We sent the Barge down to Coot; and at 4,,35 am we proceeded to pass between two islands but grounded, Took an anchor ahead *and* hover her round up stream,

At 7,,15 got off *and* steamed down through the same upper Channel *and* came to alongside at Coot [p. 325] Custum House at 8,,40 Landed 25 passengers and 19 Packages;~ Our Barge was sent down last night to opposite our Coal *and* Wool Press Depot *and* shipped 122 Bales of Wool;~ I received Henry's letter *and* my Papers;

At 8,,45 we finished and dropped down below Coot to await for the Barge to come down to us;

It was 10,,20 when we left after making fast the Barge alongside the steamer,

Fresh N.W. wind, Took 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ Passengers from Coot (1 in 1st Class a Bim-Bashy Ismail Beg to Amara) [p. 326]

At 3,,45 P.M. passed Sheikh Saad; A detachment of Turkish Troops encamped here on account of some disturbance between Ghadban Sheikh of the Beni Laam *and* the Jendeels Tribe;~

At 5 P.M. we rounded *and* anchored at Messamlak reach, *and* sent to sound, Pilot returned at 6, there are 3 *and* 3:30 draaz;

16 Wednesday
Therm @ 4.79
1899
August
[A49_327_04:198]
1899

At 6,,15 proceeded; At 6,,40 came to for the night above Seyd Abbass

Light N.W. *and* fine cool weather, moon 10 day old,

The pain on my back is much better, there is very little pain left, I am rubbing it with the Cajaput Oil twice a day; but feel still billious~ [p. 327]

Light N.W. wind and very fine and cool weather,

I could not sleep up on top of the house, on account of the noise the passengers are making, *and* being too cool, I came down to my cabin at 11, *and* found it very cool, a very pleasant weather

Sent the Pilot to sound at 4 AM~

At 5 we proceeded, At 7,,30 passed Ali Gherbi

At 5,,50 P.M. arrived at Amara landed 32 $\frac{1}{2}$ Passengers *and* 45 Packages

Light N.W. *and* fine Weather, We shipped in the Mejidieh 167 Bales of wool from the Wool Press, and took in 6 Tons of Coal, and remained here for the night, [p. 328]

Capt Cowley intends going to Basreh in two days from here~

Light N.W. *and* fine cool night;

Light N.W. breeze *and* fine cool weather~

At 4,,10 A.M. left Amara gave tickets to 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ Passengers,

At 8,,30 passed Kalat Saleh; at 8,,45 dropped anchor in a bend *and* left at 9~

At 9,,20 anchored at Nafikh *and* sent to sound the Channel some 4 or 5 Boats are down there in the Channel; sent our Launch *and* cleared one Boat stuck in the Channel;

At 12 steamed down to it there are 3 *and* 3:30 draaz, but we touched *and* swung round, the Channel is intricate; hove her stern up river, and at 1,,50 P.M. [p. 329] proceeded~ Strong wind is blowing~

The pain on my back is much better today it is nearly gone;

At 3,,5 P.M. stopped at Aboo Roba, a narrow passage in the bite; we dropped down through it *and* went on at 4; Passed through the Elbow bite in dropping down with the Barge *and* succeeded very well;

At 5,,20 anchored alongside the bank above Ghumeyjeh shoal 2:30 *and* 3 draaz, about 10 Boats laden bound up are here alongside the bank and the SS. Baghdad *and* Barge are coming up; she stopped waiting for us to pass, but we remained *and* she stopped also; *and* [p. 330] so neither of us passed first, We at last made fast alongside the East bank, *and* so it became late after sunset;

17 *Thursday*
Therm @ 4.75
Noon 96 4 P.M.
99
August

18 *Friday*
Therm @ 4.78
1899
August

At 7,,10 the SS. Baghdad *and* Barge came up *and* steamed passed us; we remained at Anchor for the night; Very Light N.W. breeze *and* fine cool weather;~

Light N.W. breeze *and* very cool weather; it blew a fresh breeze during the night, it became very cool up on top of the house, that I just felt it cold *and* could not keep myself warm with the cotton blanket,

At 5 *A.M.* we dropped down the shoal at Ghumeyjeh, lots of water here, but we [p. 331] dropped an anchor astern *and* kept dragging *and* stopping, *and* picking up the anchor;

At 6,,10 proceeded from Ghumeyjeh; at 6,,30 again dropped anchor round the reach; We awaited our boat to come with the anchor and at 7,,10 proceeded;

At 8,,5 passed Azair wind getting up Strong, a Cloud of dust rising high *and* coming over envelopped all the sky like an overcast weather;

At 11,50 landed a passenger at Gorna, Sent a telegram to Lynch informing of passing Gorna at noon~ at 12 went on;

At 5,,30 P.M. arrived at Basreh;~ The SS. Brookside for Gray Mackenzie is up [p. 332] here *and* the Mail S. Kilwa in quarantine waiting for us to take the mail and start, also the SS. Arabistan is in quarantine arrived yesterday, Tom Tartt the Chief Engineer of the Khalifah who was in London on a six month leave (but he is more than 8 or 9 months away) came out in her;~ Rezooki Sayegh *and* Nassoory Andria *and* Rezooki Angoorly came to me, They tell me that Artin Apikyan died in Baghdad suddenly yesterday, it must be from appopleptic attack, he was subject to that *and* being very fat &; with a short neck; he is about 60 or 61 years old; [p. 333]

our Barges are all loaded *and* we are also going to tow a Barge up; I went with Rezooki Sayegh *and* Nessoory Andria up to Rufail's house, (calling on my way to Jeboory Asfar for few minutes, he is going up with us) I Saw Yousif Marine there, we dined *and* slept there, a fresh N.W. wind blowing all the night, I slept below in the Verandah~

Moderate N.W. *and* fine cool morning, at 7 *A.M.* I came on board;

I had written two letters for Schweiger Vienna *and* for Rezooki Metchich London, dated 19th, in which I enclosed a letter for Alexander [p. 334] dated 18th ; but Metchich letter I could not send as I wanted to enclose for him 2 Shillings Postal order for Stamps he is putting on Alexanders letters to America; *and* the Post office is closed, so I gave it to Rezooki Sayegh to send it by next week's mail;

At 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ *A.M.* the SS. Brookside left for London; ~ It blew fresh with some fine dust but the day was cool throughout ;

19 *Saturday*
Therm @ 4.70
1899
August
[A49_333_06:199]
Artin Apikyan
died on 16th~
(see 24th)
1899
August

20 *Sunday*
Therm @ 4.73
Noon 91 4 P.M.
96
[A49_335_03:200]
1899 *August*
Draft 2,,6
Barge 181,644

We shipped some cargo from the Barges *and* got the Barge alongside to be towed up; ~ Very Light N.W. air but not warm,

Yousif Marine, Rufail, Rezooki *and* the Angoorlies *and* many others came [p. 335] onboard to see Jeboory Asfar going up with us, ~

We took them up in tow to Rufail's house;

Chapter 27

Basreh to Baghdad [20 AUG 1899 — V049_25_N](//) Barge in tow,(//)

| | | | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------|---|---------------|--|
| <i>Passengers</i> 186 | <i>Okkas</i> 69,027 | <i>G. S. Piasters</i> Local 8810 $\frac{1}{2}$ | Draft 3,,6 | |
|--------------------------|------------------------|---|---------------|--|

At 6,,50 P.M. We got underway taking a Barge loaded with Cargo, Ship drawing 3,,6, *and* the Barge 2,,6 ~ Light N.W. *and* fine cool night; we have only Jeboory Asfar in 1st Class with his servant return free passage ;

Light N.W. breeze *and* very Cool night ~

At 3 A.M. landed 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers at Gorna and went on at 3,,5 ~ [p. 336]

At 8, A.M. passed Azair Finished with the passengers tickets ;

We have in all 69 Passengs (only Mr. G. Asfar in 1st Class Return free passage)

We passed Ghumeyjeh without sticking at 10 A.M. but have been going easy *and* slow *and* rubbing over, till 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. when we got to below the Elbow, where about 7 Boats were coming down *and* had to wait till 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ until they dropped down passed us, we then went on but so slow we were advancing that, we were scarcely moving up stream; ~

Very light N.W. breeze or rather calm; At 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ we passed round the Elbow but with difficulty and very [p. 337] Slow, no place to move round and so shoal,

21 *Monday*
Therm@ 4.69
Noon 90 4 P.M.
98
1899 *August*

but we had the Barge always along side of the steamer; ~ Very Calm *and* warm, no air at all; ~

At 6,,55 We anchored above the Elbow; Very calm *and* warm weather, moisty also, a great change came on comparing yesterday's weather; The air is from the S. West; but the night was cool ~

Very light air from S.W. but cool ~

22 *Tuesday*
Therm@ 4.74
1899 *August*

At 4,,25 *A.M.* we proceeded going very slow, it took us from 4,,25 till 6,,25 to get to the mud fort of Aboo Roba about 1000 yards distance ~ as soon as we passed the fort *and* gardens at Aboo Roba [p. 338] and got into good water We anchored alongside the bank *and* remained without any purpose; The S.S. Phrat appears up in the distance about 2 miles away bound down, She is not moving probably waiting for us to pass the turnings;

At 8,30 the SS. Phrat *and* Barge came *and* passed down; At 8,,40 We proceeded; At 11 detained at Nafikh in shoal water Boats are In the Channel, sounded *and* steamed over ~

At 0,,15 P.M. proceeded At 1.50 P.M. landed four passengers at Kalat Saleh *and* went on at 1.55;

Weather became warm *and* the breeze shifted from S.W. to S. East, very light *and* not refreshing ~ [p. 339]

At 7,45 P.M. arrived at Amara landed 23 passengers *and* 10 Bales of P. Goods; we took 19 Tons of Coal *and* 2 Bales; The Khalifah passed Coot today at 11 *A.M.* so I am living the letters here,

At 9,55 P.M. left Amara Light S.W. breeze but cool night;

[~~strikethrough~~: Gave tickets to 67 Amara]

Light N.W. S fine cool Morning; At 5 *A.M.* passed Ali Sherghi,

23 *Wednesday*
Therm@ 4.77
[A49_341.05:201]

Gave tickets to 67 Amara passengers, we have also besides 15 men of the wool Press of Lynch free (2 in 2nd Class Georgis Moorad *and* Rezooki the Blacksmith) [p. 340] they have finished with the wool pressing for this year,

At 8,,50 just as we touched the shoal above Flefeh the Khalifah came down *and* passed us; We got inside a blind bank along the Eastern bank, *and* kept working in trying to cross over it until 10,30 when we got clear of it and proceeded ~ Strong wind *and* not cool;

At 1 P.M. landed 11 passengers at Ali Gherbi and took 6 *and* went on at 1,,5 ~

At 8,,30 P.M. passed Sheikh Saad; ~ Light N.W. S fine weather ;

Light N.W. breeze *and* fine ~

24 *Thursday*
Therm@ 4.78
1899 *August*
Artin Apikyan
died on 16 *August*,
1899 *August*

At 5,,10 *A.M.* arrived at Coot, landed 19 *passengers* [p. 341] and 9 Bales of Through Cargo; Took in 10 Tons of Coal brought up to us near the Custum House, I received a letter here from Henry, the Khalifah had 66,000 *Okkas* and 140 passengers Meneshi Mathalon in 1st Class only; Henry says that Artin Apikyan died on Wednesday the 16' *Instante* very suddenly while he was in his office writing at his desk and fell at once *and* died;

We finished coaling at 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ and cast off *and* had to drop down to the end of the village so as to go up between two Islands a new Channel being formed there ~

At 8,,5 steamed [p. 342] up passing Coot;

Gave tickets to 44 Coot passengers ~ also besides these we took all the workmen of Lynch's wool Press 11 persons (10 Tilkefies *and* Vartan whom we put in a 1st Class Cabin all free)

Detained at Aboo Dukar in shoal water from 9.45 till 10,,30 ~ Detained 10 m. in shoal water at above Bughela

At 8 P.M. passed Memlah, Light N.W. breeze *and* cool night;

At 11 anchored at Deboony *and* sent to sound found only 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ draaz along the west bank (Same place as last Voyage) We remained at anchor [p. 343] for the night;

25 *Friday*
Therm@ 4.76

Moderate N.W. *and* fine cool morning ~ at 4 *A.M.* steamed up to the shoal *and* grounded, took out anchors ahead *and* hove, cast the Barge astern as the Channel is narrow close along the west bank;

At 9,30 got over *and* proceeded after taking the Barge *and* made her fast alongside;

At 1,20 P.M. passed the SS. Ressafah *and* Barge bound down at Shedeif

Detained $\frac{1}{2}$ hour below Azizieh the forward bit of the Barge carried away as she touched the shoal,

At 6,20 P.M. passed Azizieh ~ And after 5 minutes grounded [p. 344]

At 6,,35 went on Very Light N.W. and fine weather;

At 11,30 passed Baghdadieh Fort; went easy in passing between the wreck of the Dijleh *and* the West bank;

26 *Saturday*
Therm@ 4.74
1899 *August*
Louisa daughter of brother Henry delivered a son yesterday to be

Moderate N.W. *and* fine cool weather ~ Passed Ledje at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ *A.M.* went easy over the shoals;

At 8,,20 passed Bostan; At 0,,15 P.M. passed Ctesiphon

At 3,,30 P.M. passed Diala river;

At 5,,10 I landed at Gherrarah *and* walked in to Baghdad Jeboory Asfar also landed with me *and* many other passengers; at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ arrived at home; found my wife well; No letters arrived for the last two Posts [p. 345]

The Mejidieh arrived at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. ; Very fine *and* cool weather;

Moderate N.W. *and* fine weather, at 8 A.M. went to church with my wife; I called on Yaghchi; as Louisa daughter of brother Henry *and* wife of Yousif Yaghchi has been confined of a son, Yesterday at 2 P.M. I saw her *and* Catterina, the child is doing very well he is a big boy *and* healthy, I called on Jeboory Asfar the Assyrian Bishop, Sister Medula and Henry's wife *and* came home at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ~

27' *Sunday*
Called Rufail
Henry; was
Christened on
3 Setr died 6
September

We are leaving on Tuesday morning [p. 346]

I was going on board to work but as there was no cargo shipped, although Lynch's Office was open from 9 till noon,

I called on Sister Eliza at 2 P.M. *and* then at 4 called on Mr. Richarz but he was asleep, I called on Moseigneur Altmayer but was not at home; ~ I came home *and* had a bathe; many people called on us;

Light N.W. *and* fine, Johny *and* Artin called in the evening~

Light N.W. breeze *and* fine cool weather

At 7 A.M. I came on board, we are discharging *and* [p. 347] loading; ~

I heard that an Order Again came from *Constantinople* from the minister of marine to the Governor of Basreh to stop the towing of Barges by our Steamers, it has been telegraphed here, also Mr. Bottomley told me of it that it is here; I went to the Office for some pounds sterling, and came home at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ to breakfast; at 1 P.M. I came on board; We shipped a great deal of cargo in the steamer *and* Barge *and* worked hard till after sunset; at 7 I went home; ~ Light air from N.W. *and* fine pleasant weather ~ [p. 348]

28' *Monday*
Therm@ 4.78
1899 *August*
[A49.348.04:202]
Draft of Barge
1,,9

Light N.W. air *and* cool,

At 4 A.M. I came on board ~

29' *Tuesday*
Therm@ 4.78

Chapter 28

Baghdad to Basreh [29 AUG 1899 — V049_26_S](//) Barge in tow(//)

1899 *August*

| <i>Passengers</i> | <i>Okkas</i> | G. S. Piast | Draft / Draft of Barge | |
|-------------------|--------------|----------------------|------------------------|--|
| 190 | 150,772 | 27,395 $\frac{1}{4}$ | 3,,5 / 1,9 | |

[A49_350_04:203]

[A49_350_08:204]

[A49_350_10:205]

[A49_350_12:206]

At 5 A.M. got underway and proceeded ~ Light N.W. *and* fine weather ~

At 7,55 passed Diala We heave the Barge in tow, We have loaded her. with cargo; We dropped anchor at Diala to turn round the bite as it is narrow *and* shoal *and* left at 8,,10;

At 10,,5 passed Ctesiphon, Detained in shoal water at Seyafyeh from 10,,45 till 11,15 ~

Finished with the Passengers [p. 349] tickets We have altogether 151 (4 in 1st Class, The Nadir of the Baghdad Custum House, H. Hassan Beg also Debono the man of Hotz. *and* Co in the Liquorice work *and* his brother in law Solon Calothi going to Basreh to work in the dates for Hotz, also Nejib Beg the Clerk in the Sennyeh to Amara and Mr. Nicola Calothi the father of Solon in 2nd Class; The Nadir has a free return passage and messing too *and* eats with us at the table;) We also 7 men free by Lynch *and* Capt. Cowley;

At 4,35 P.M. the ship touched a Shoal at below Shaebyeh (Dawar [p. 350] reach) the steering chain of the Steamer broke, We made fast alongside the East bank *and* repaired the bracket which was, carried away ~

At 5,,45 proceeded ; Very light N.W. but cool air;

At 7,,10 We rounded *and* came to above Baghdadiéh Fort; Light N.W. breeze *and* cool night; ~

Light N.W. air *and* fine cool morning; At 5 *A.M.* We proceeded, at 5,,15 passed Baghdadiéh Fort

At 8,,10 passed Azizieh At 8,,30 grounded below Azizieh ~ Took an Anchor out astern *and* hove off, ~ At 9,,50 Proceeded; At 11,,10 passed the SS. Khalifah *and* Barge in [p. 351] tow going up at Sherhan below Humenyeh;

At 2,,35 P.M. anchored at Deboony *and* sent to Sound, at 4,,10 proceeded having found an other channel in the middle of the river between two Islands;

At 6,,35 P.M. passed Memlah; ~

At 7 grounded just above Bughela Village, hove off into deep water *and* remained for the night; *Moderate* N.W. wind *and* fine, I slept in my cabin, as it is nice *and* cool *and* having a bad cold in my head since this morning,

Light N.W. *and* fine cool weather ~

at 5,,30 *A.M.* proceeded At 8,45 grounded at Um el Ajaj close to the West bank a very narrow [p. 352] passage, took out an anchor ahead *and* hove her head up stream *and* dropped through her stern;

At 9,20 the SS. Phrat *and* Barge arrived up *and* anchored; she then sounded *and* went on outside of us through a fine broad river, while we are still dropping down through a very narrow place; At 10,,50 we got through *and* proceeded ~ Strong N.W. wind *and* hot;

at 12 stopped at Um el Boonni *and* sounded ; at 1,30 P.M. proceeded; ~

At 3,20 P.M. arrived at Coot, passed through a good Channel below the Islands between sand banks, Landed 22 passengers *and* 21 Packages; We went Alongside the bank below [p. 353] the village near our Dépôt,

I received a letter from Henry he has left all the papers *and* manifests at Amara thinking of meeting us below Coot, the Khalifah had only 184,000 *Okkas* in steamer *and* Barge (125,000 in the Barge *and* with 2 feet 3 Inches draft only)

At 4,45 We left Coot, took 15 Passengers; after 5 minutes we grounded below Coot; hove off with a stern anchor

At 6,5 proceeded ~

At 7,,10 anchored for the night; Very light air and not so cool;

Light *Easterly* breeze *and* fine

30 *Wednesday*
Therm@ 4.73
1899 *August*

31 *Thursday*
Therm@ 4.78
1899 *September*
“ “

1st *Friday*
Therm@ 4.76
Noon 103 4
P.M.

at 4,,45 *A.M.* proceeded, At 9,15 passed Sheikh Saad, The Soldiers are still in encamped [p. 354] here, on account of the quarrel between different tribes of arabs the Jendil and Megassis etc.;

At 10,40 anchored at Seyd Abbass *and* sounded, Boats in the channel ~

At 11,35 proceeded ~ warm weather; *and* disagreeable,

Wind shifted to a fresh N.W. *and* blowing hot;

At 2,,15 P.M. passed Ali Gherbi;

At 7,10 P.M. passed Ali Sherghi; *Moderate* N.W. breeze *and* fine weather;

At 1 *A.M.* arrived at Amara landed 44 Passengers (one in 1st Class Nejib Beg) *and* 92 packages; Shipped 152 Bales of Pressed Wool (6 Bales from Eassay's Press)

I slept in my cabin but felt it warm till midnight [p. 355] then it got cooler, but I did not sleep well from the noise at Amara;~ I received Henry's letter *and* my news papers etc.~

At 4,,40 *A.M.* we left Amara, Very light N. *Easterly* breeze *and* not pleasant at all; Took 24 Passengers,

Weather getting calm *and* warm;

At 10 grounded at Nafikh *and* took a stern anchor out, the place is so in and out *and* narrow blind sand banks *and* Boats alongside, It became very calm *and* Sultry warm day;~ At 12 got off *and* proceeded from Nafikh;

From 1,,45 P.M. till 2,,30 were detained in passing the Elbow etc.~ and from 2,,30 to 4 *P.M.* it took get to Ghumeyjeh, thence [p. 356] we went on alright;

Breeze very light N.W. *and* awfully hot;

At 4,,55 P.M. passed Azair; After sunset it became very calm *and* warm, it is 103° in my cabin; Swetting very much;

At 8,,30 landed one Passenger at Gorna *and* went on, Very warm *and* calm weather,

At 10 met the SS. Rusafah *and* Barge going up and a steam Launch in which the Agent of the Turkish steamers Hassan Effendi came off to us to see the Nadir of the Custum House, we towed her for about an hour *and* then they went away:

At 3,,15 *A.M.* we arrived at Basreh, weather very unpleasant, there is a light N.W. breeze but [p. 357] it is not refreshing;~

There are many steamers the "Arabistan", Westburn for Kassim Khdery to load Barley as well as the "Norge and the "Pollonce" for him too, the latter is

2d *Saturday*
Therm@ 5.76
Noon 102 4
P.M. 112
1899
September
[A49_357_13:207]

3 *Sunday*
Therm @ 5,84
1899
September

in quarantine yet, there is also the SS. Hussein of the B. and P. S N. Copy in quarantine, The mail steamer has left yesterday having waited one day for us;

We are leaving tomorrow, Rufail and Rezooki came down they went in to Basreh and wanted me also to go, but I did not like, it being very warm and I do not feel well having also a tooth ache

As an Order had been wired from *Constantinople* to prevent us towing up Barges [p. 358] and the Lynch's Agent and Consul also wired, there is no answer up till now, So we are to tow one this time and stand the consequence; we have a great deal of Cargo here is accumulating;

At 4 P.M. I went with Rufail and Rezooki to their house, they are packing dates, Rufail is making about 15,000 Boxes, the dates are plentiful this year, the Crop is very good;

A light N.W. breeze and a little cool;

At night the breeze changed to S.Est and again to N.West;

Very light N.W. breeze, and fine, at 7 A.M. I came on board;~ There is an Other Steamer for the P. and P. [p. 359] gulf S.N. Copy called the Ningchow of about 6000 Tons;

4 Monday
1899
September
[A49_360.08:208]

At 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ A.M. the SS Arabistan left for London, she will fill up at Fao some more cargo; at 11.45 the SS. Westburn also left;~

The Turkish man of war the small Brigantine called Sayad; has left for Constantinople at 5 P.M. She is very small and unsea worthy and besides being so badly manned, I doubt if she will ever reach safe her destination~ We are waiting for the Barge, being loaded at Lynch's wharf~ Mr. Wratislaw the Consul came on board to see if we are going to [p. 360] tow her, as he has no news or received an Answer from *Constantinople* although the Minister of Marine has only wired to the Commodore here to stop towing, it is not from the Sublime Port;

We received the mails

Chapter 29

Basreh to Baghdad [4 SEP 1899 — V049_ 27_N](//)

Barge in tow(//)

1899
 September
 [A49_362_03:209]

| | | | | |
|--------------------------|--|---|------------------------------------|--|
| <i>Passengers</i> 177 | <i>Okkas / Barge Okkas</i> 61,504 / 116,260 | <i>GS. P. Local</i> 11,760 $\frac{1}{2}$ | <i>Draft / Barge</i> 3,,6 / 2,3 | |
|--------------------------|--|---|------------------------------------|--|

Very calm *and* warm weather At 6 P.M. got underway *and* proceeded took the Barge in tow, she is drawing 2 feet 4 *and* the Steamer 3,,5 Inches~ Very calm *and* warm weather *and* Light S. *Easterly* breeze~

No one came from the part of the Turkish authorities to say anything about [p. 361] the towing of the Barge~ We have only Khorshid Effendi the Ex. Kaimakam of Shatra in 1st Class to Baghdad~

5th *Tuesday*
 Therm @ 5.72
 [A49_363_05:210]

At 2,,5 A.M. we passed Gorna~ Light S.Ely breeze and dampy~

At 7,,15 passed Azair; At 8:30 A.M. we got to Ghumeyjeh *and* here begun our difficulty in steaming up, the place is shoal narrow *and* current Strong, We kept steaming ahead but scarcely moving, took a rope on shore *and* hove up to it~

1899
 September

The S.S. Ressafah *and* Barge is ahead of us about 2 Miles, above the Elbow, she has had the same thing here for she is two days ahead of us;~ at 3 P.M. we got up to the [p. 362] bite *and* begun to go a little quickly~

We have Altogether 61 Passengers (Khorshid Effendi Kaimakam of Shatra only in 1st Class to Baghdad)

At 5 P.M. we reached the Elbow; going very slow;

Very light air *and* warm Weather *and* we managed with difficulty in passing the Elbow by 4:30 P.M. and at 6:30 we stopped below Aboo Roba *and* had to take an anchor ahead *and* heave up, the Ressaiah is at Aboo Roba also trying to get up;~ Very warm *and* dampy Weather; it is so moisty *and* no air or rather a light S.Ely but very moisty *and* disagreeable [p. 363]

I cannot go into my Cabin it is so warm *and* moisty; We remained at anchor below Aboo Roba for the night; The Ressaiah went on later at night from above Aboo Roba; Weather warm *and* moisty; It cooled a little later at night;

Very light air *and* a little Cool We took out an anchor *and* hove up~ At 5,,45 A.M. steamed up Slowly; Detained at Aboo Roba in the narrow *and* shoal bend *and* had to heave up~

At 7,,25 proceeded Light S.Ely breeze, at 8,,20 detained at Nafikh in shoal water *and* going easy; The Ressaiah is at Kalat Saleh, At 10,,40 we went on

At 1,,50 landed 3 passengers at Kalat Saleh [p. 364] *and* went on, The S.S. Ressaiah *and* Barge are still here she had lightened herself into a boat *and* took the Cargo in here~

Very light N.W. *and* hot weather, We took one passenger from Kalat Saleh; The Ressaiah is following us~

Breeze shifted to a light N.W.~

At 6 P.M. arrived at Amara landed 10 *Passengers and* 24 Bales of through Cargo, At 6,,30 the SS. Khalifah *and* Barge came down from Baghdad; she went alongside ahead of us, I went on board of her with *Capt.* Cowley in the Launch we took the Bombay Specie back to her; I saw [p. 365] Henry, he says he left every body well, they left on Sunday with the Barge in tow; Shekoory Sayegh is on board going to work dates for Rufail Sayegh; She has 100,000 OKes *and* 122 passengers, besides some free of Lynch people going to work for dates, (Georgis Moorad *and* Naomy Bahoshy etc.)

We came on board at 7 P.M~ We took 10 tons of Coal~

At 7,,40 P.M. left Amara fine weather *and* light N.W. breeze~

Moderate NW. wind and fine weather~ [p. 366]

Gave tickets to 58 Amara passengers; (Abdulkadur Khdery in 1st Class going to see his father Abdulrezak being very ill, he goes free as well as a Servant with him)

At 9,,10 A.M. landed 8 passengers at Ali Gherbi and went on at 9,,20; took 2 passengers~

I paid the Ship's Company their wages for August; Hot wind *and moderate* N.W.

6 *Wednesday*
Therm @ 5.73
1899
September
[A49-366-06:211]

7 *Thursday*
Therm @ 5.76
Noon 103 4
P.M. 104
1899
September
[A49-368-12:212]
[A49-368-13:213]

At 4,,55 P.M. picked on board 4 passengers from Sheikh Saad for Coot;

Wind fell down but it is nice *and* cool; The Moon is 2 days old;~

I slept in my cabin it being cool with a light N.W. breeze [p. 367]

Light N.W. *and* fine;~ Detained about $\frac{1}{2}$ hour below Coot;

At 2 A.M. arrived at Coot, went alongside below our Dépôt, landed 20 *Passengers* and took in 10 Tons of Coal,

At 5,,20 A.M. we left Coot, weather getting cloudy, it is on the East *and* South, Gave tickets to Coot Passengers We have 51 (3 in 1st Class, the wife of Khorshid Effendi with him in one Cabin the Kadi of Haî Rafat Effendi Sinaly, *and* Izzet Effendi an employé in the Sennyeh with their families *and* servants on Deck) Besides the Hamalbashi of Coot free by *Capt.* Cowley;

At 8,,50 we stopped at Um el Boonny the bracket [p. 368] of the rudder carried away,

At 10,,45 proceeded from Umel Boonny, after passing through the shoal of 2:30 draaz; Wind is blowing hot *and* clouds still hang about; It became very calm and hot in the afternoon, the clouds which means heat, are fading away;

At 5,,10 P.M. came to the shoal at Bughela just above the village, Boats of Liquorice aground there, We sent to sound; *and* took out an anchor ahead *and* hove off from where we touched *and* drifted back *and* steamed up through the marked Channel,

At 6,,45 proceeded through the sounded Channel; Very light N.W. breeze, *and* very few clouds~ [p. 369]

At 7,,10 passed Memlah, Very light N.W. breeze~

At 12 Came to Um Sneyem *and* tryed to pass but touched several times *and* after an hour we anchored for the night; I slept in the Cabin, it being nice *and* cool;

Moderate and Cool N.W. breeze at 5 A.M. proceeded;

At 10,,15 Grounded at Brenij above Humenyeh took out an anchor *and* hove off, at 11 we got off, but on going on, the arms of the starboard wheel broke *and* had to come to for repairs,

I made up my mind to land here *and* walk across to Abdulla to shoot; there is a fresh wind but the sun is [p. 370] still hot;~

At 1:30 P.M. I dressed *and* took the Deckman Shansoka *and* went out; walked across the desert to the bank *and* mound below Abdulla reach *and* walked up the bank, no partridges are to be seen, the Cover is good, but it looks desolate *and* dry; lots of pigs started about 15 from beneath the cover; I went twice to

8 *Friday* Therm
@ 5.77
1899
September
[A49_370_11:214]

9 *Saturday*
1899
September
[A49_372_05:215]
[A49_373_06:216]
[A49_373_11:217]
1899
September

the bank to have a drink the wind blowing strong *and* hot; we put up about 6 or 7 partridges at a distance *and* I shot only one which put up before me, after I had got far up the reach, flashed 3 or 4 hares at a distance *and* by 5 P.M. [p. 371] I had to come to the bank *and* sit down to await for the Mejidieh near the place used to be called Cherd Dowd el Farman, I was very tired *and* been so very disgusted in not finding any partridges; Besides I could not walk any more, having got the pain on my right Knee, a muscle or the bone commenced to ache fearfully so that I could not possibly walk or move on, the Weather became Cooler as the sun went down, *and* I saw the smoke of the Mejidieh at Raddat coming up

At 6,,15 I embarked *and* we went on; The Mejidieh had left Brenij at 2,,10 [p. 372] P.M~ At 4 she stopped at Azizieh *and* the Boat went on shore with Abdul Kadur Khdery he expected a telegram from Baghdad about his father's health, but as he had received none, so he landed to go overland to Baghdad~ Abdulrezack Khdery his father must have died before this;

Tom Dexter the 2nd Engineer of the Comet was at Azizieh he has been sent down to explore the best shooting grounds by Major Melville the British Consul as he is coming down in the Comet *and* wants to shoot on his way down [p. 373] Very light N.W. breeze and fine weather;

At 8,,20 PM we grounded below the Dijleh's wreck, took an anchor out *and* hove off, at 10,,45 proceeded easy~

At 11,,15 P.M. passed Baghdadieh Fort; Light N.W. breeze *and* fine weather, I slept in the Cabin; my feet are sore *and* feel very tired, I see that I cannot walk so much as I used to do a few years ago, especially this pain in my right Knee

Light N.W. *and* fine cool weather; a proper Autumn morning; We passed Oweyn at 5 AM~ Detained at Bostan 15 M in Shoal water~ also at Semra about 10 M~ [p. 374]

At 0,,20 P.M. passed Ctesiphon; Fine cool Weather; Detained 10 minut at Jaffer~

At 4 P.M. passed Diala river;~

At 5,,40 P.M. I landed at Gherrara to walk in, there are many tents pitched out here on the bank; Elias Jejo's family; Antone Maghak *and* many others, Also Antone Marine, and Jeboory Asfar's family but they are not out yet, they only have their Tents; on reaching the Gardens I got a Donkey of a Sakka returning from Gherrarah *and* I rode in~ I arrived home at 7, saw Eliza on top of the house, she is alright;

I found a letter from [p. 375] Edward Blockey from London dated the 19 Augst he tells me that he went twice to see Rezoooki Metchich but could not see him, *and* his landlord told him that Alexander had come to Rezoooki about

10 *Sunday*
Therm @ 5.73
Noon 94
[A49_375_13:218]
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[A49_376_04:219]

3 weeks ago on a Sunday, So it appears that Alexander has not gone to America,

Light N. W. *and* fine cool night;

Variable air *and* calm;

The SS. Phrat left this morning at 5 am; at 7 I called on Sister Medula *and* came on board we went alongside the wharf to discharge~ We are leaving the day after tomorrow~ [p. 376]

The little child of Yousif Yaghchi who was born on 26 Augst, suddenly took ill *and* died on Wednesday last the 6th the mother Louisa *and* the father were very much grieved *and* sorry; ~

H. Abdulrezack Khdery died on Thursday night the 7th *Instante*; from an other abcess or cancer he got on his side, he was over 70 years, his son AbdulKadur whom we landed at Azizieh arrived yesterday morning too late to see him;

I went on shore at 9 A.M. called on Menusha for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour *and* came home, I took a bath, *and* breakfasted

At 3 P.M. came on board to work, we shipped Cargo, at 6 P.M. I [p. 377] went home; what a fine life this is, we arrived last night, *and* today am working on board *and* tomorrow also the whole day *and* we leave the day after, I am so disgusted from seeing such a work;

I found Antone Marine at home he came for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour he is going out to Gherrarah with his family, *and* wife *and* children of Jeboory Asfar after we leave ~

Johny *and* Artin called on top of the house ~ The Monseigneur Altmayer had called on us during the day, but I was on board the steamer,

Very light *and* changeable air, but cool night [p. 378]

Very light *and* variable air,

At 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ A.M. I came on board; we shipped cargo *and* many bales of wool,

At 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ I went home to breakfast, returned at 2 P.M.; ~ Weather is warm *and* sultry no wind, all the Cabins are let,

We finished at 5 P.M. *and* hauled out; I went home found there Sister Medula, Antone Marine, Adoola my cousin *and* Shekoory Andrea; they left at 6;

Mr. Duncan Alexander the clerk of the Comet and husband of Regina my Niece called on us on top of the house till 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ~

Moderate N.W. *and* fine [p. 379]

11' *Monday*
Yousif
Yaghchi's
10. child died
H. Abdulrezak
Khdery died
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12' *Tuesday*
Therm@5.76
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Moderate N.W. wind *and* fine ~

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At 4,30 *A.M.* I came on board ~

Chapter 30

Baghdad to Basreh [13 SEP 1899 — V049_28_S](//) Barge in tow;(//)

| <i>Passengerss</i> | <i>Okkas</i> | G.S. Piast | Draft | |
|--------------------|--------------|---------------------|-------|--|
| 168 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 115,665 | 21948 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 3.3 | |

[A49_381.04:220]

[A49_381.08:221]

[A49_381.13:222]

[A49_381.17:223]

At 5,,30 A.M. We got underway and proceeded; Fair weather *and* light N.W. breeze;

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At 7 passed Gherrarah there are great many Tents pitched out above and below the garden, also on the opposite side ~

At 8,,15 passed Diala detained 10 M. in turning round;

Finished with the passenger tickets we have altogether 120 $\frac{1}{2}$ (6 in 1st class cabins, Jeboory Asfar returning with a [p. 380] servant free; the wife of the Custum House Mudir of Basreh *and* servant free, the Kadi of Montefik Halim Effendi; the wife of Nessoory Toma Khayat *and* her son Behjet who is going back to Beyrout to finish his Medical study at the university, and a Russian traveler Dr. Shaniavsky, coming from Persia *and* going to Bushire, (Probably a Russian spy for the Persian Gulf Affair) and 2 in 2nd Class the Chaldean Priest Gabriel and Faraj the son of Elias Serkis)

At 8,,40 anchored at Aboo Hmar *and* sounded, at 9.15 proceeded; [p. 381]

At 10,,45 passed Ctesiphon, *Moderate and* cool N.W. breeze,

At 6 P.M. passed Baghdadieh ~ Light N.W. *and* fine;

At 7.35 P.M. we anchored at Remlat ~

At 7,,50 the S.S. Ressafah *and* Barge passed up; ~

I slept in my cabin, it is not so warm *and* got cooler at night;

Light N.W. *and* fine cool weather;

At 5 A.M. we proceeded At 6,45 passed Azizieh Fine N.W. breeze *and* cool;

At 7,,15 landed 2 Passengers booked for Azizieh *and* 4 Bundle gunnies at Zwyet el Zereh to some grain Boats and went on at 7,,30 ~ [p. 382]

At 9.20 A.M. passed the SS Khalifah *and* Barge in tow going up at Toweel; ~

The S. Phrat is ahead of us on her way down;

At 0,45 P.M. we passed the Phrat at Sheresh where she had anchored to sound
~

At 2,,25 passed Memlah;

At 2,30 passed the SS. Baghdad *and* Barge going up above Bughela ~

At 2,,45 grounded above Bughela, took an anchor out *and* hove off; at 3,,55 proceeded; at 4 landed 2 passengers at Bughela

At 5,,10 we anchored at Mehdi *and* sounded

At 5,,35 proceeded, Fine *Moderate* N.W. breeze ~ [p. 383]

At 7,,25 anchored for the night; Fine cool weather, I slept in Cabin ~

Light N.W. breeze *and* fine Very Cool weather ~

At 5 A.M. proceeded, it is very cool *and* pleasant weather ~

At 6,,10 anchored at Umel Boonny *and* sounded, found an other channel on the west side between two sand banks; *and* we had to withdraw up stream with a stern anchor on heaving up *and* stopping *and* loosing such a long time in this sort of work; We then steamed up *and* turned round *and* steamed through the two sand banks *and* went on at 8,,45 AM; ~

At 8,,55 Grounded further down ~ Took an anchor [p. 384] out ahead *and* hove off

At 9,,45 proceeded; Strong wind blowing;

At 11,30 arrived at Coot landed 15 passengers and 33 Packges; I received here Henry's letter *and* papers, the Khalifah had 233,000 *Okkas* including 10 Tons Coal for Baghdad, *and* about 60 *Passengers* the Nadir of the Custum House went back in her; ~ Our Coal in the Depôt here has taken fire since 3 days, there are 200 Tons in the room, *and* they have not made sufficiently large windows or winsels in it for ventilation; We have employed Coolies to shift it, @ $\frac{1}{2}$ Besh per ton;

14 *Thursday*
Therm@5.73
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15 *Friday*
Therm@5.69
1899
September

At 1 P.M. we left Coot took 16 Passengers, [p. 385]

At 6,,30 P.M. landed 2 passengers at Sheikh Saad and went on at 6,,35 ~

Light N.W. breeze *and* fine weather; It is Hassan el Jendil whom we landed at Sheikh Saad; there are still some troops encamped here, on account of the quarrel they had the tribes of Jendil with the Megassis ~

At 6,,55 we rounded *and* came to at Aboo Dood;

Light N.W. *and* fine cool night, I slept in the cabin;

Light N.W. *and* fine cool morning ~

At 5 A.M. proceeded from Aboo Dood ~

At 9 Passed Ali Gherbi, At 10,,45 grounded [strikethrough]above Flefle reach, [p. 386] Took an anchor out Astern *and* hove off; ~ At 11,,45 proceeded;

At 3 P.M. passed Ali Sherghi weather became very Calm by sunset, *and* warm in the Cabin;

At 8,,45 P.M. arrived at Amara landed 38 Passengs and 93 Packages; (the Chaldean Priest Jubrail landed here); Took 5 Shipped two tons of Coal; ~ Shipped two Boxes of Pelican Feathers;

At 11 left Amara, Light N.W. *and* fine

At 0.45 A.M. we anchored above Aboo Sedra ~

At 5 A.M. proceeded Light N.W. *and* fine cool weather

Took 28 Passengers from Amara; ~

At 8,,30 we grounded [p. 387] at Nafikh on the west bank at 9.50 went on and passed through the shoal place; Detained in several places going easy *and* stopping

At 1,,5 P.M. passed Azair, At 5,,10 landed 11 passengers at Gorna (one of Basreh) Went on at 5,,20; weather calm *and* not so cool;

At 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. arrived at Basreh ~

Light N.W. *and* fine; ~ We discharged cargo; there are here the S.S. Turkistan for Asfar *and* Co, *and* the S.S. Norge for G. Mackenzie *and* Co, no steamers in quarantine,

The S.S. [strikethrough]Afghanistan for G. [strikethrough]Asfar *and* Co arrived in quarantine at 7 AM:

Mr. Daw (one of our [p. 388] former officers in the Service of about 24 years ago, has come up from Bombay with his wife *and* goes up with us he married

16 *Saturday*
Therm@5.72;
Noon 94; 4 PM
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17 *Sunday*
Therm@5.70
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18 *Monday*
Therm@5.74
[A49_389.02:224]
[A49_389.18:225]
[A49_389.22:226]
1899
September
[A49_390.03:227]

Blaney's daughter in Baghdad, he was up here the last time about 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ years ago; ~ We were ready to go up today; but the Agent of Lynch here Mr. Richards postponed our departure till tomorrow as had already notified so;

At 1 P.M. I went up with Rezooki Sayegh to their house, saw there Tookyeh, also Shekoory Sayegh employed by Rufail to superintend the packing of his date Boxes about 10 or 11,000 The price of dates has been fixe at 260 Shamies (10 *G. S. Piasters* per Shami) the Hellowy *and* Khadrawi per big [p. 389] Kara of 40 Baskets *and* the Saîr at 120, it is the cheapest price that they have seen for many years as the the crop this year has been one of the most extraordinary abundant But now the price went down so low as 220 *and* even 210, *and* the Saîr too in proportion; The exporter of dates will make a good profit in England, as it is selling in London at 14 Shillings *and* now came down to 13 *and* 12 per one hundred weight;

Rezooki Angoody came there *and* we all dined together, then Yousif Marine came from Shaebiyeh he went to see Jeboory [p. 390] Asfar *and* thence went back to Shaebiyeh,

The SS. Phrat came down at about 10 P.M.

I slept in the room with windows open *and* was not warm, every body is sleeping down ~

19 *Tuesday*
1899

Light N.W. *and* fine cool morning; at 7 A.M. I came on board with Rezooki Angoorly ~

An English Gunboat arrived up to the quarantine station, at 11 the Lapwing We finished cargo at 2 P.M. got the Barge alongside,

Nessoory Andrea *and* Rezooki Angoorly came to me *and* went away; Wind falling down, [p. 391]

Chapter 31

Basreh to Baghdad [19 SEP
1899 — V049_29_N](//)
Barge in tow ~ (//)

September
[A49_392.20:228]

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| <i>Passengers</i> 248 $\frac{1}{2}$ | <i>Okkas / Barge Okkas</i> 77799 / 113,010 | G.S.P. Local 18932 $\frac{1}{4}$ | Draft / Barge 3.6 / 2.5 | |
|--|---|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|

At 5,,20 P.M. got under= way *and* proceeded ~ Light N.W. *and* rather warm in Cabin; Ship is drawing 3,,6 and the Barge 2.6 Inches; Mr. Daw his wife, *and* Mr. G.S. Fisher of the American excavating mission at Nuffar are messing with us ~

Weather became cooler later on, I slept in the Cabin, Fine clear weather and ful moon today ~

20 *Wednesday*
Therm@5.68
[A49_393.01:229]
[A49_393.13:230]
[A49_393.18:231]
1899
September

At 1.30 *A.M.* anchored at Gorna landed [strikethrough]two passenger and took on board the Motserrif of Nasryeh Towfik Pasha and [p. 392] his family *and* servants and a great quantity of Kit, they all went up on deck, On our way down he sent to tell us that he wanted two 1st Class passage *and* I left two Cabins for him, he has a lot of Kit which was all weighed, 1450 *Okkas*,

At 2 *A.M.* left Gorna, Light N.W. *and* fine cool morning ~

[A49_394.03:232]
[A49_394.08:233]

At 7 passed Azair, Finished with the passengers tickets;

We have altogether 149 from Basreh *and* 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ from Gorna (3 in 1st Class Cabins Mr. C.S. Fisher of the Americans excavating at Nuffar who went down with us on 7 May, *and* Mr. *and* Mrs. Daw our former mate in the [p. 393] Dijleh coming to stay about 18 months in Baghdad *and* his wife is the daughter of Blaney the old carpenter of the Comet his widow is in Baghdad

and was married to Mr. Cole who was the chief Engineer in the Khalifah *and* is now in Baghdad;

From 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ after passing the Canal of Ghumeyjeh we commenced to go slow the current became strong *and* narrow; we kept steaming *and* advancing gradually *and* then took a rope on shore *and* also an anchor *and* hove *and* steamed; at 2 P.M. the foremost Capstan of the Barge broke off *and* rolled overboard, We are not moving at all;

They worked in heaving [p. 394] *and* steaming till 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. and knocked off ~ The weather is Calm but cool, in my Cabin the mosquitoes and sandflies are very troublesom I could not sleep, until I put the curtain at 11 P.M.,

21 Thursday
Therm@5.70
1899
September

Very light N.W. air and fine; At 5 A.M. begun to steam on going very slow, at 6,,40 we got over the place *and* went on slow the current being very strong; we detained above the Elbow in Shoal water *and* heaving till 2 P.M. It was 3 P.M. when we passed Aboo Roba a distance of about 3 miles we went since this morning, Weather very Calm *and* warm a little ~ A light Southerly breeze but so calm *and* warm it became *and* very unplaisant; [p. 395] From 6 till 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. We were detained at Nafikh in steaming over the shoal between an island *and* the West bank; Very Calm *and* warm in the Cabin;

At 7,,55 P.M. landed 9 passengers at Kalat Saleh and took 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ *and* went on at 8, very light Southerly breeze *and* Calm weather; It is warm in cabin *and* there are mosquitoes ~

22 Friday
Therm@5.72
[A49_397_14:234]
[A49_397_15:235]
[A49_397_16:236]
1899
September
Regina my niece
delivered a son
on 18th

At 2 A.M. arrived at Amara, landed 21 *Passengers and* 15 Bales of P. Goods through Cargo by Arabistan ~ We took 10 Tons of Coal *and* some 12 packages of cargo ~

At 4.45 A.M. left Amara ~ Southerly breeze [p. 396] *and* dampy;

We took [striketrough]50 passengers from Amara ~

At 11.30 passed Ali Sherghi Alle 1.45 P.M. met the S. Khalifah coming down, we stopped, *and* sent her the through Indian Specie for the Mail Steamer, *and* my letter *and* Papers to Henry, she has the Barge in tow empty; she has 104,000 *Okkas* of Cargo *and* 80 passengers, Mr. Mayle the wife Michail Raffy, Mr. Rigo of the Public Debts an other Mohamedan are in 1st Class; Henry tells me that Eliza my wife is out encamped with Yousif Korkis etc. at Gherrara but it is curious how I did not receive a telegram from her ~ At 1,,55 We went on ~ [p. 397]

Weather Very Calm, Hazy *and* even some clouds are hanging on;~

At 5,,40 P.M. landed 9 passengers at Ali Gherbi, took 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ *and* went on at 5,,50~ Very calm *and* hazy, but it is cooling down a little, the sky is dim and foggy like;~

At 6,,50 touched a Shoal above Maghessil sent to sound; Moon rose at $7\frac{1}{2}$, Pilot came back at this time too; Very light Westerly breeze but Cool Weather~

At 8,,30 we dropped down to opposite Maghessil Grove *and* then steamed up the East bank~

Weather became very cool but dampy, with a light S. *Westerly* breeze~
[p. 398]

Light S. *Westerly*, *and* very cool weather~ At 3 A.M. passed Sheikh Saad;

At 1,,10 P.M. arrived at Coot near our Depôt, landed 16 passengers *and* 13 Bales of P. Goods through cargo, Took 10 Tons of Coal;

I received an other letter here from Henry, he tells me that Regina my niece *and* daughter of Sister Eliza Wife of Mr. Duncan Alexander the Clerk of the Comet has delivered a son on Monday the 18th *Instante* at 9 am;

I here received a telegram from Yousif Korkis telling me that Eliza my Wife is encamped out with them~

At 3,,40 P.M. we left [p. 399] Coot; Very Calm Weather a very light S. *Easterly* air,

Took 23 Passengers from Coot (one in 1st Class Abdulwahab son of Abdulrezak Effendi Agent of the Turkish Steamers) also Skander Aziz on the upper after deck as there are no cabins on paying extra half deck Viz 3 Mejidies~

An other Sad news I heard from Skander Aziz of the death of Rezooki Yousif Serkis on the 16th *Instante*, I don't know from what cause, but poor man he was always delicate in health *and* miserable, he leaves his wife Catherina daughter of Reesha Andrea *and* about 7 children all [p. 400] grown up *and* the daughters not married yet; he was ill for 3 days only;

We passed the S.S. Ressafah *and* Barge going down at about 1 P.M. at Mahomed Abool Hassan;

At 7 P.M. We anchored at the top of Umel Boonni at Algaya *and* sent to sound, found $2\frac{3}{4}$ draaz, Pilot came back at 8;~ Moon rose at $8\frac{1}{2}$; We remained at anchor for the night; Fine clear moonlight night~

Very light N.W. breeze, and clouds are hanging on At 5 A.M. steamed to the shoal grounded, took an anchor ahead *and* hove off

At 6,,40 proceeded from the top of Umel Boonny reach~

Detained 15 M. in shoal water on the top of Umel Ajaj~ [p. 401]

Hot N.W. breeze is blowing with clouds around us;

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[A49_399_21:237]
1899
September
Rezooki Yousif
Serkis died on
16th

24 Sunday Thr
@ 5. 70
1899
September

At 1,,30 P.M. landed 2 passengers at Bughela and took 3~ At 1,,35 came to the Shoal above the Village, sent to Sound,

At 2,,40 we steamed over *and* went on;

At 3 passed Memlah; Detained at Sheresh from 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ till 6 in shoal water; Clouds disappeared, a very light N.W. breeze~

Clouds still hanging on the N. *and* W. horyzon *and* not so cool, We eased *and* stopped at many places~

At 0,,45 A.M. anchored at Zeljeh, weather became hazy *and* a little foggy;

At 5 proceeded; Very light air *and* clouds spreading every where~ [p. 402]

At 7,,40 am passed Azizieh Village~

I paid the Ship's people their wages today for this month, as our two day's stay in Baghdad every time, would not give me time to do so;~

At 1 P.M. passed Baghdadieh, Clouds still *and* hot day; x Southerly breeze and warm disagreeable Weather;

After sunset it became dark *and* weather very unsettled with a light S. *Easterly* breeze we got to Aweyn by 7 P.M.~ We touched here *and* then anchored, sent to sound, *and* remained for the night at anchor, the channel is very good and weather fine~

Light S. *Easterly* breeze, with some clouds on the East *and* southern parts;

At 5 A.M. proceeded [p. 403] from Oweyn;

Detained in Shoal water at Bostan from 8,,10 till 9 Am~

At 0,,30 P.M. passed Ctesiphon~

At 3,35 passed Diala river; Still cloudy *and* breeze from West;~

At 5,10 I landed just above the Bridge of Gherrarah *and* walked back crossed over the bridge to Yousif Korkis' Tents where my wife Eliza is encamped with 2 Tents *and* 2 the Very small ones; there are also Yousif Korkis *and* his family *and* mother, Georgis Segman, *and* Rezooki Tussy;~ and on the other side at Gherrarah are over 50 Tents lots of Christians *and* among them Antone Marine *and* Sedy Wife [p. 404] of Jeboory Asfar~

Eliza is well; she has some letters arrived for me two from Shweiger one from Joory son of Antone Marine from Beyrout, and one from my sister in law Blanche from Eplissier par Poix Somme, France where she had gone to see her sons being unwell, and she sends me the correspondence she has had with my son Alexander in London she wrote to him [strikethrough] *and* he answered her on the 17 *August* a very long letter which she sent me to read a tremendous

25 *Monday*
Ther @5. 75
Noon 98 4 P.M.
100
x At 1,,20 P.M.
passed the SS.
Baghdad bound
down

26 *Tuesday*
Ther @ 5. 74
1899
September
[A49_404.11:238]
[A49_404.18:239]
[A49_404.21:240]
[A49_404.23:241]
[A49_405.08:242]
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September

long letter telling her all what happened to him and how I behaved to him in an ungrateful [p. 405] manner etc. etc, it took me about an hour to read *and* translate to Eliza which made us feel quite sick *and* sorry to see him still insisting in his former pretentions *and* telling all sorts of fibs *and* lyes; so much that I could not eat or sleep the whole night *and* there were plenty of Sandflies

27 Wednesday
[A49_407.13:243]
1899
September

Light N.W. *and* fine or Calm, at 6 A.M. after I took my tea I left Eliza Walked over the bridge *and* there found the donkey waiting for me I rode to town, arrived home at 7 Am, there are a Mossully *and* his Wife sleeping *and* looking after the house [p. 406] I washed *and* called on sister [strikethrough]Medula *and* then came on board at 8, worked *and* at 9 left *and* went to see Sister Eliza, *and* then to Regina her daughter who is confined of a son on the 18th~ I called in Office took 60 £ from Mr. Bottomley, also called on the Assyrian Bishop *and* on poor Catterina Wife of Rezooki Serkis who died on the 16th Aged about 63 years old; at 12 I went *and* breakfasted with sister Medula *and* came home at 1 P.M. had a cold bath *and* at 3 P.M. came on board, worked in shipping cargo, at 5 went home, [p. 407]

Weather became very cloudy all over *and* a few drops of rain fell; Artin came *and* we both went to Sister Medula *and* dined with them on top of the house; At 9 P.M. we left I came home, I slept below in the big room, It blew a Very strong wind squally *and* dusty *and* cloudy;

28 Thursday
[A49_409.05:244]
[A49_409.09:245]
1899

N. Easterly Wind *and* cloudy [strikethrough]Weather not cool *and* fresh

At 8 A.M. I came on board having waited for Eliza my wife but she had not come till 9 Am;

We are shipping cargo a good deal; Weather got cloudy all over *and* hot~ At 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ went home saw Eliza came in from Gherrara, We breakfasted *and* I came on board at 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ P.M. [p. 408] We are shipping cargo, it is very warm *and* cloudy a curious Weather now The Thermotr. was 98 in my cabin this afternoon;

At 5 P.M. I finished and Went home, Johny *and* Artin called in the evening

A son of Azoori Chanteduc about 4 years old died yesterday evening from having been burnt while playing with his brother; Azoori or Lazar Chanteduc is the brother of Menusha Henry's Wife, he is employed at Lynch as clerk;

We slept in the big room but it is awfully warm no air *and* suffocating Weather is cloudy too; [p. 409]

29' Friday
September
[A49_410.09:246]

Light air *and* warm~ At 4 A.M. Eliza *and* the Watchman Muttar came with me to the steamer to land them at Gherrarah; I asked Capt. Cowley Yesterday to land them; also to Allow the Khoory Toma Bahi to let him land with her as he wants to see the Assyrian Bishop Aghnatius off, as this latter is going to Calcutta for 6 month's leave for business *and* the Khoory Toma is acting for him; But this morning when Capt. Cowley came on board he sent to say that he cannot take Khoory Toma to Gherrarah as Mr. Bottomley Objects [p. 410]

to landing any people, I offered to pay the Coot passage, *and* even that he objected, so he went back on shore, I am awfully sorry, for it, as my wife had invited him to stay *and* breakfast with her; I am so very sorry *and* disappointed at such a disgusting way of treatment~

Chapter 32

Baghdad to Basreh [29 SEP
1899 — V049_30_S](//)
with Barge(//)

1899
September

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At 5,,45 *A.M.* Got under- way *and* proceeded~ Barge in tow, At 6,10 went too close to the East bank at Cherd el Pasha near a Sunken Boat *and* she touched *and* grounded had to take out a stern [p. 411] anchor *and* heave her stern off~ At 6,,30 we went on,

At 8,,10 landed my Wife Eliza *and* Muttar the Watchman below the Bridge of Gerrara, below their Tents on the West bank; Went on at 8,,15; Kass Toma Bahi was out *and* came down the bank to Meet Eliza;~

At 9 passed Diala river, At 10,,55 passed Ctesiphon,

Gave tickets to the *Passengers* We have altogether 183, (3 $\frac{1}{2}$ in 1st Class, the Assyrian Bishop Aghnacios; Abdulkadur Khdery free to Amara, and the Wife of Artin Malcon son of Abdulla Malcon, *and* her daughter to Basreh, and [p. 412] 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in 2nd class the daughter of Abdulla Malcom *and* a girl with her)

Weather is very unpleasant, Cloudy, dusty, S. *Easterly* wind and very hot *and* oppressive,

At 7,5 we anchored above the Fort of Baghdadieh~ Light Southerly breeze, It became cooler at night, I slept in the cabin;

Light Southerly breeze *and* Cool weather~

30 *Saturday*
Therm @5. 72
1899
September
unusually warm
weather

At 5,,15 *A.M.* proceeded, At 5,,50 met the Khalifah coming up, below Baghdadieh she stopped *and* sent us back the through specie, hers *and* ours of last trip not having met the mail steamer, she arrived in Basreh on Sunday morning and left on Monday evening [p. 413] Henry sent me the letters *and* Papers, the Khalifah *and* Barge having about 190,000 *Okkas*; and no Passengs in cabins, *and* about 120 Deck;~

At 6 *A.M.* we went on; Breeze shifted to N. West at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ *and* became nice *and* cool; again it shifted to South,

At 8,,30 passed Azizieh, Detained at Zwyet el Zere from 9 till 9,,15 in shoal water

At 9,,25 passed the S Phrat *and* Barge bound up~

At 4 P.M. passed Memlah At 4,,15 grounded above the Village of Bughela, took an anchor out, sounded *and* hove off *and* left at 5,,15;

At 5,,30 landed one *Passengers* at Bughela *and* went on, at 5,,35~ [p. 414]

At 6,,30 anchored for the night at Hamrayah~

Very light N.W. breeze but not cool;

At 5,,15 *A.M.* Proceeded from Hamraya~ Light N.W. *and* fine~

Grounded at Umel Boonni from 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ till 9,15 *and* got off by an anchor;

Wind shifted to a fresh S. *Easterly*

At 11,15 Arrived at Coot landed 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers *and* 19 Packges; It became Very calm *and* hot with some clouds *and* very nasty *and* oppressive weather, a remarcable thing for this time of the weather since the 21 *Ultimo* it has not changed for the better;

At 0,,50 P.M. We dropped [p. 415] down *and* left Coot; Took 5 passengers~

At 6,,45 P.M. we rounded *and* came to for the night at Aboo Dood;~ Breeze Very light from N. *Westerlyand* dark;~

Light S. *Easterly* breeze *and* cloudy

At 5,,15 *A.M.* proceeded from Aboo Dood~

At 6,,45 grounded at the bottom of Seyd Abbass, took anchors out *and* sent to sound~

It became very cloudy all over *and* Wintry look, and looks like rain falling in the distance;~

We got off at 9,,30 *and* steamed to the shoal *and* grounded took out anchors ahead *and* kept heaving;

October 1st
Sunday Ther @
5. 73 Noon 99 4
P.M.
1899
October

2 Monday
Therm @ 5, 78
Noon 89 4 P.M.
98

At 11,,40 got off *and* proceeded [p. 416]

At 1,,55 P.M. passed Ali Gherbi; still cloudy *and* light S. *Easterly* breeze;
Clouds still are some hanging on, The breeze fell down by sun set *and* became
Calm and warm,~

At 1,5 A.M. arrived at Amara landed 43 $\frac{1}{2}$ passeng. and 41 Packages (and
Abdulkadur Khdery in 1st Class free without ticket)

The SS. [striketthrough]Ressafah *and* Barge came up at about 2 A.M. from
Basreh; We shipped 4 cases of feathers;

At 5 A.M. left Amara S. *Easterly* breeze dampy *and* cloudy Took 22
Passengers;

It took us from 11 A.M. from Nafikh till 2 P.M. when We passed the Elbow;

At 4 P.M. passed Azair, They are demolishing the [p. 417] Dome which had
fallen down 2 Years ago to rebuild it;~ Clouds all over and Very light S.
Easterly and Warm,

At 8,,5 P.M. landed 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers at Gorna and went on at 8,,10, dark
Cloudy *and* Light S. *Easterly* warm weather~ I could not sleep from the heat
and dampness in the cabin, so warm and disagreeable~

At 2 A.M. dropped Anchor below Maghil *and* left at 5 for Basreh, arrived at 5
 $\frac{1}{2}$ landed the passengers *and* were told to go up along- side the Blossie Lynch
and load cargo from her;

Very nasty warm weather, cloudy all over dampy *and* a very light N. *Easterly*;

There are here the S.S. [p. 418] Turkistan, Kurdistan and Afghanistan for
Asfar and the Norge *and* Treasury for Gray Mackenzie and the English
Gunboat Lapwing and in quarantine., there are the "Muristan" for Kaideri
Asfar, the B&P Gulf Str the SS. Wingrove for G. Mackenzie the Malamir, *and*
about 50 Bugalows;~

We went up alongside the Blossie Lynch at 7 AM;~ Breeze shifted to S.
Easterly and Clouds still remain, it is very warm *and* muggy; Yousif Marine
came to me for few minutes;

I have just heard from M. Cooper the Agent here of the Persian Tombac
Society, *and* from others that there is rumour of Cholera here, at Aboul
Khassib about 6 Arabs got attacked [p. 419] With disentry *and* vomiting
while working in packing dates, also the son of Teophile Toniatti's wife a
young boy of about 18 years died the other day, but it is not sure yet whether
it is the Cholera;

At 11 the "Norge" left *and* at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ the Turkistan left for New York direct;

3 Tuesday
Therm @ 5, 77
Noon 91 4 P.M.
96
1899
October

4 Wednesday
[A49_419_16:247]
Rumour
1899 October
of Cholera at
Basreh
1899
October
[A49_422_09:248]
Okkas: 158,460

Rezooki Sayegh came to me at 1 P.M. *and* I went with him to their house, saw there Tookyeh *and* Roofail; The Assyrian Bishop Aghnatios called on them; he has put up at Jeboory Asfar

At 5 P.M. Rufail Rezooki *and* I went to call on Jeboory but could not see him, he is too busy in his office. We sat with the Bishop *and* came back at 6, I saw Shekoory Sayeh [p. 420] who is working at the dates of Rufail up at Ghubai (above Shaebiyeh) Rezooki Angoorly also came We all dined together, They say that all these Arabs *and* the son of Toma Kroomy, Antone whom they said that they had the Cholera is false, they died from other causes, from the way they have been living in those date Chardaks very dirty *and* they eat much dates *and* Salt *and* dead fish; ~

The weather is still very disagreeable, light S. *Easterly* air *and* dampy warm,

I slept in the big room with all windows open, But it got cooler at night *and* there were plenty of mosquitoes; [p. 421]

Very light N.W. air and fine weather, no clouds but very little on East,

5 Thursday

At 7 A.M. I came on board The mail Str. Assyria has arrived last night in quarantine;

The Captain of the Lapwing accompanied by M. Wratishaw the English Counsel had visited the Waly Hamdi Pasha and this morning he returned the visit on board the Lapwing,

Today is the first new moon *and* I think the weather as it looks is changing for the better;

At 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ the S.S. Treasury left, at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ the Afghanistan also and $\frac{1}{2}$ hour later was followed by the Koordistan;

At 1,,30 P.M. the SS. Baghdad *and* Barge left for Baghdad;

Rezooki Angoorly *and* Nessoory Andrea came to me~ [p. 422]

At 5 A.M. we finished loading the Barge from the Blossie Lynch *and* an other Barge;

At 6 we got the mails, we have two mails to take up;

Chapter 33

Basreh to Baghdad [5 OCT
1899 — V049_31_N](//)
Barge in tow(//)

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| Passegs: 129 | Okkas / Barge 100,921 / 158,460 | GSP Local 11,348 | Draft / Draft of Barge 3,6 / 2,,6 | |
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At 6,,15 P.M. we cast off from the Blossie Lynch *and* proceeded; Very calm and warm weather;~. I could not sleep in the Cabin from the great heat *and* moisture, It got cooler after midnight, and weather is fine, there are no clouds, a very Curious weather in this time;

At 3 A.M. landed 3 *passengers* at Gorna *and* went on

Light N.W. *and* fine weather, At 8,,5 passed Azair [p. 423]

We have altogether 68 Passengers, (only one in 2nd C Cabin a Greek Orthodox Priest called Khariton Nicolaides, coming from *Constantinople* Zanzibar etc.)

From 10 A.M. been going very slow from Ghumeyjeh, the Baghdad is ahead of us about one mile;

We kept working in steaming *and* heaving on with ropes on Shore all the day until 6 P.M. We had only got up to the Elbow~ I worked very hard with Metty in Copying the Cargo in my book from 2 P.M. till 6 *and* still we had not finished the work;

Light N.W. *and* cool weather;

Very light N.W. *and* fine cool morning~

6 *Friday* Therm
@ 5.70
1899 *October*.
[A49_424.03:249]

7 *Saturday*
Therm @ 5.68
1899
October

At 5,,30 *A.M.* we begun to steam up from the Elbow [p. 424] going very slow *and* touching, very shoal all the way

At 9:30 *A.M.* We got over the shoals *and* passed Aboo Roba,

Detained in Shoal water at Nafikh from 11 till 12, Very calm water;

At 1,,50 P.M. landed 4 passengers at Kalat Saleh *and* went on at 1,,55,

A very light S. *Westerly* breeze *and* warm~ New Moon two days old;

At 9,,15 P.M. arrived at Amara landed 12 passengers and 20 Bales of through cargo, Took 10 Tons of Coal;

We got detained from 7:30 till 8:30 in shoal water below Amara Gardens;

We shipped about 32 Packges of Drugs *and* Copper etc.. ~

At 11,,30 P.M. left Amara, the Baghdad had left this [p. 425] morning at Sunrise ~

Light S. *Easterly* breeze~;

8 *Sunday*
Therm @ 5. 72

Light S. *Easterly* breeze *and* fine; some clouds on the East *and* South horyzon;

At 6,,40 passed Ali Sherghi, Gave tickets to 43 $\frac{1}{2}$ Amara passengers;~

At 11,,35 *A.M.* passed the S.S. Khalifah *and* Barge going down below Ali Gherbi;

At 1,,10 P.M. landed 8 passengers at Ali Gherbi *and* took 3 *and* went on at 1,,20;

Weather is very warm *and* calm with some thick clouds

Detained at the bottom of Seyd Abbass in shoal water, 6 Boats in the Channel, sent to sound, from 4,,45 P.M. then steamed to the sounded place *and* touched, backed off,

At 6,,20 we passed and went on~ Very light breeze [p. 426] from N. Wester, *and* clouds faded away;

At 10,,10 P.M. landed three passengers at Sheikh Saad *and* went on;

At 11,45 dropped anchor for the night it became cloudy~

Light S. *Easterly*, *and* cloudy all over, overcast *and* Gloomy,

9 *Monday*,
Therm @ 5.78,
Noon 88, 4 P.M.
85
1899 *October*

At 5,,30 *A.M.* proceeded, Very cloudy all over; Some drops of rain falling at 7 $\frac{1}{2}$; dampy *and* warm;

At 1 P.M. arrived at Coot landed 7 passengers *and* 5 Bales of Goods though Cargo; Took 10 Tons of Coal,

I received a letter here from Henry; they left Baghdad on Wednesday having arrived there on Sunday morning, the Khalifah had 136,000 *Okkas*, and 150 passengers [p. 427] more in the Cabins~

Wind shifted suddenly to N.W. with dust *and* remained very cloudy all over one patch; They say that at Bughela it rained heavily,

At 2,,40 P.M. left Coot, took 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ passengers~.

Very strong N.W. wind is blowing *and* dusty; Wind fell at sunset, but remains very cloudy all over, a regular Wintry weather, this atmosphere is cool;~

Detained at Um el Boonny half an hour in Shoal water, Weather very cloudy and dark,~

At 11 we grounded at Umel- Ajaj; worked with anchors in heaving off *and* we remained for the night; Very cloudy all over *and* cool weather, rather dampy~ [p. 428]

Light N.W. Breeze *and* cloudy Overcast weather~

At 6 A.M. left Umel Ajaj; At 6:30 detained on a shoal at the top of reach until 7,,15; It rained last night just a few drops;

At 10,,5 passed the S.S. Phrat *and* Barge going down at Hamraya~ Clouds breaking up *and* sunshine;

At 10,,50 detained above Bughela in shoal water, the Baghdad is in sight just passed Memlah, she was aground here;~ At 11,,20 we passed on~

At 11,,40 passed Memlah Clouds cleared off *and* became very clear *and* fine weather, The Baghdad keeps going ahead of us~ At 6,,5 We passed her at the bottom of Shedeif very fine *and* clear weather [p. 429]

At 0,,5 A.M. I awoke by the noise at Azizieh, of some zaptiehs singing out to anchor *and* not to go further, *and* to send the boat for a telegram there is from Lynch; We anchored *and* sent our Boat, and received the following telegram dated 28 *September* Greek Style (10 *October*).

10 *Tuesday*,
Therm @ 5.72,
Noon 80, 4
P.M. 85
1899

11 *Wednesday*,
Therm @ 6. 70
October
Detention at

..عزيزيه كولي محيديه

..لسبب شايعة ظهور الكويله في البصره

..المواصله مع بغداد ممنوعه اقضو في العزيزيه

..الى ان تأخذوا اوامر جديده منا

و هذا التعريف طلبوه من الاستانه

.. بواسطة القنصل الانكليز

.. لنج

We expected something like this may happen as when leaving Basreh on

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The zaptiyeh on watch at the bank wont take the telegram [page is cut off][p. 431]

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| 59 $\frac{1}{2}$ 28 May 2 | 307 $\frac{1}{2}$ 59 $\frac{1}{2}$ Total 36 $\frac{1}{2}$ 369 | |
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Passage there *and* back 4 M. (partial) or 75 G. S. Pias. [p. 432] 1st *June* 1899

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| 1,000 1,000 500 300 at home 2,800, | G. Asfar, R Sayegh, Nawab Agha Mahomed | due 1st Rabi Awal due 6 Rabi Thani due 20 R. Than | |
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1st October 99

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| 1000 1000 500 500 at home Cash 3,000~ | G. Asfar R. Sayegh Nawab Mahd Agha | |
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