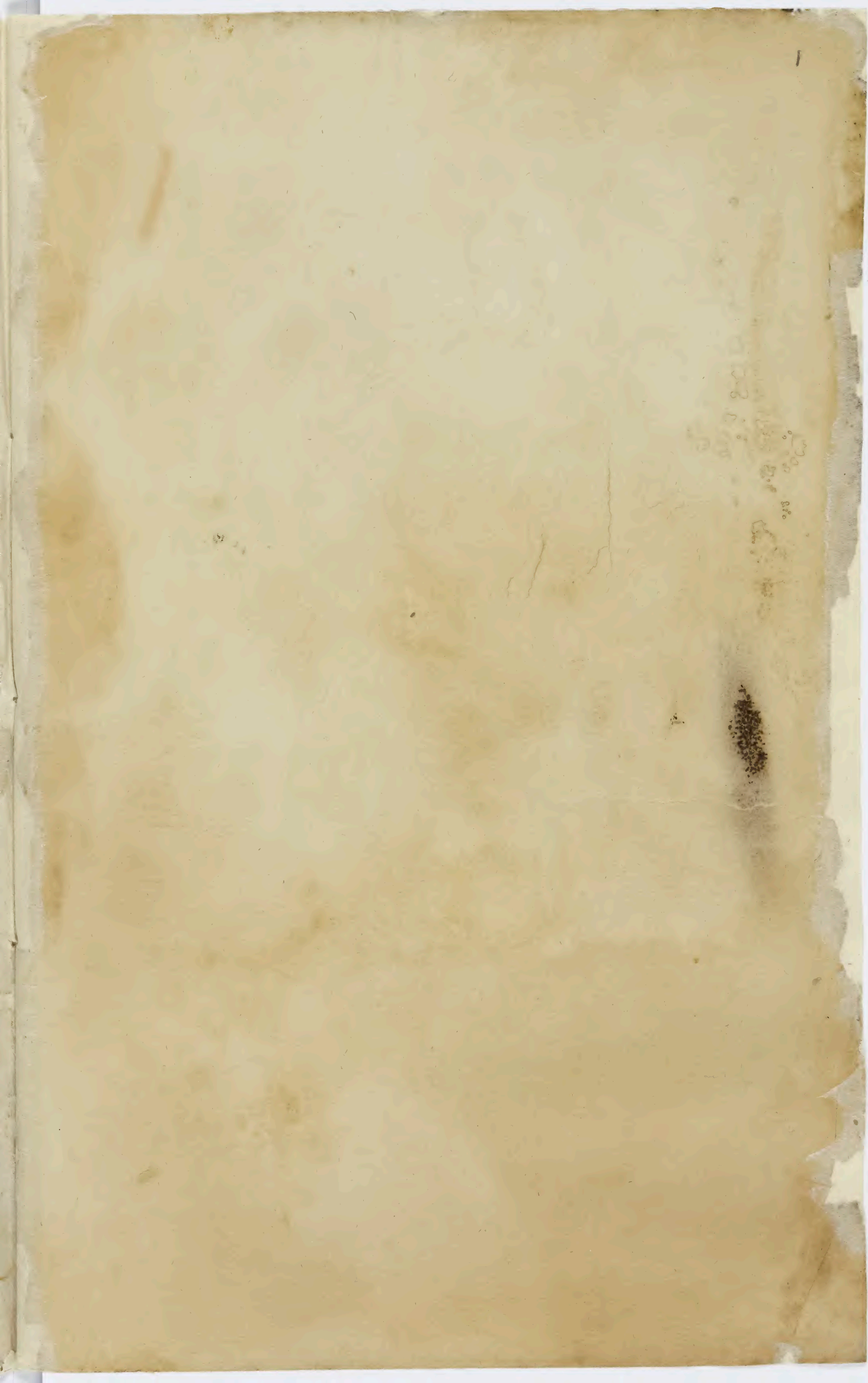


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After much delay on the part of the Ottoman Government, & this considerably augmented by the ^{or fact} ~~Prætorian~~ (when Mahometans do no business) Sir Robert a few days ago took his leave of the Grand Vizier, Mies Effendi, & other great officers of the Porte, - having, as well as please himself as the Sultan, - declined asking an Audience of the Sovereign, (a thing always troublesome & expensive to both Parties,) upon this occasion. - The Ministers agreed to his last request which was, - consenting to a Treaty of Commerce with the King of Sardinia, a point wished by the ^{British} English Government, & personally desired by Sir Robert, - & having consented, they did the thing handsomely, - stating it as a compliment to the King of Great Britain, - to the King of Sardinia, & a personal compliment to the Ambassador Sistori, - as they remind them - Before our departure the Sultan sent Sir Robert a box handsomely set with diamonds, & 10 or 12 very fine & superbe Shards of Cashmere, - as a mark, - ^{in proof} - the Message by the Dragoman, - of the Turkish Government's approbation of my Husband's conduct during his Embassy. -

The Frigate, Méridionale - commanded by the Hon^{ble} Captain Selt-wood Pellen, waits for us at the Dardanelles, & we hope to set out this evening - in a small English Brig to meet it. - Capt. Pellen's Wife was three weeks with us, & we had hoped to accompany them to the Frigate, but it was impossible for Sir Robert to accomplish his business. - Indeed, our last preparations are retarded even

at this moment by the vicissitudes of mistaken kindness of our friends
the pleasure, naturally ^{caused} by our approaching departure from this country,
^{ought to be} afforded is damp'd from various circumstances. - Floating reports of disturbances
in France - probably not true, but it appears evident that the French
Nation is not prepared for the present happiness of their situation,
Those born to those, particularly brought ^{up}, during the Revolution
have their minds ^{so} distorted & depraved, that the mild liberal system
of government, adopted by Louis the eighteenth, - irritates instead of
calming their obstinate minds. - It is difficult to say what may
ultimately be the result. - The affairs of Spain also, wear rather
a formidable aspect, & the contagion of example has not been lost, even
upon our happy Country of Great Britain; - The English pretend
not to have enough of liberty; & the Domestic unhappiness of our
own King, must increase the general agitation of European minds.

^{On board}
^{the revolutionnaire}
15th of July
I am ^{at length} ^{difficultly} made ready to quit our handsome Palace at Pera,
(which we had inhabited eight years - with the interruption of
the twenty one Months we were absent on leave) & at the
last moment we were hurried even by business, particularly
that of satisfying our numerous Dependents & Domesticities.

We were accompanied to the shore, of the never to be forgotten
Beautiful Bosporus, - Not only by our own family, & the Members
of the British Factory, but by almost all our friends & acquaintances
there at Pera. The House had for some days been filled with
our Diplomatic friends, & there were ^{many} ~~some~~ we regretted to quit

Sir Robert & I were sensibly affected at parting with our private
 Secretary Robert Elliot, our favourite Hamilton Campbell & his
 though I unhappily failed in prevailing with ^{Campbell} them to quit Turkey.
 also Mr. Cartwright the Consul General. Mr. Perce had every
 probability of seeing as he only waits the arrival of the ~~Genoa~~ ^{Genoa} ~~Embassy~~
 But alas! for the others it must be chance alone that can prevent
 them, ever again, to our eyes & kindness. The House, the Garden,
 were local objects in & around our dwelling became interesting
 by the painful idea of seeing them for the last time.

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in the
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Capt Murray

We had a pleasant though rather long passage to the Paradise,
 & were not within eight of the Brigate till Monday at ten o'clock.
 Since coming on board the Wind has been less favourable -
 than we had hoped for at this season; It is a fine Ship & the
 Inhabitants are all pleasant, I now still hope to reach Genoa
 ere the fortnight is over: though we fear calms from our slowness.

July 21.
off Genoa

Almost continued calms, or at least very light winds, retarded
 our arrival in this Bay till yesterday morning the 20th when,
 after a passage of three weeks, we entered the Gulf of Genoa, &
 had a fine view of this Noble City. I am not however struck
 with it as at all equalling the Bay of Naples. The handsome
 buildings of Naples ascend the eminence in more regularity
 & elegance; - while the striking feature of Mount Vesuvius, & the
 Islands on each side of the Bay of Naples, give a splendour
 superior even to the never ceasing Magnificent Palaces of Genoa.