

Dover 8. May
1814

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After passing four or five Months at Hillbunt-Town -
happily & pleasantly we quitted our Cottage early in Dec.
last with infinite regret & uncertainty when we should
return to it. We went our course to Glasgow where I had
pass'd the early part of my life & there notwithstanding
the various changes that had happened since I quitted it
still retained some kind friends - on our way we paid
two short visits one to our old friend the good Wife Titchborne
near ten miles of the City & to Mr. Stephens's family
still nearer to Town - our stay in Glasgow was shorter
than we could have wish'd & the weather was bad -
having fixed for our journey the road by Dumfries
which enabled us to pass a day & night with my Brother
Mr. A. Darlow & Mrs. Darlow & so we about the same
time visit'd Mr. & Mrs. Crockett in the vicinity of Paisley
It was Christmas as we when we reached London
much fatigued by bad weather & bad roads we had
pass'd through frost & snow till within forty miles
but in it all by reach the metropolis we found the climate
much more soft & mild than the mind of its in-
habitants - So to the Peace which never fails after
a long war to injure commerce was added a sort of

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a very bad harvest in consequence of the cold & damps Summer we
had experienced the Publick mind appeared perturbed - The
Vigilance of the Government it is true prevented serious evils &
the liberality of the English Nation mitigated the miseries
of the Poor - He awarded annuities of the 50th of the Season
of our Idleness (previous to the World coming to London) &
paid a visit in Devonshire to the Widow of our friend Mr.
Johnes of Haver - The Secretary for Foreign Affairs
Lord Castlereagh seemed purposely to delay replying to
the request of Sir Roberts offer till the middle of
February when he acquainted him that it was thought
best he should resume his situation at the Indine Post.
The ostensible reason was - the arrangement of the affairs
of Parga with the Turks & an apprehension that the
Emperors began to see a threatening aspect toward
Turkey - that the Turkish Ministry wished his
return - but other reasons perhaps aided these.
The Opposition is ever disposed to find fault with
everything done by the Ministry & the clamour
was considerable - Senecus & Pensions were the
subjects of the day, & it would have afforded another
to the many causes of reproach - had the Ministry at
such a moment given an appointment to a new

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Ambassador & a Pension to the old. The Ministers I mean
told were also rather surprised by the several applications
for the Pension not exactly letting any or wishing to afford
any - nor could Sir Robert have refused on any ground
but those of bad health, which thank God, did not exist.
The Prince Regent & the Minister had cordially joined
in offering them the Red ribbon Grand Cross of the
Order, which is a subject, was created by the death
of Sir Robert Lynning & this was done soon after our
arrival in London in to hand over a manner as to
enhance the favor very much - he therefore consented
to return & though I could have wished it otherwise
it was not my part to object - & after taking leave
of the Queen on the day set for to celebrate her
Majesty's Birth Day - we prepared for departure
& are thus far on our way - The journey will
afford some variety - from Paris we shall proceed
to Marseilles where a Brigate will wait to convey
us to the Pantanelles (probably taking Malta in
our way) from whence we must do the best we
can as there is no chance that the Grand Signor
has changed any thing of his determination as to Ships
of War -

Malta

20th June
1819

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We had a very pleasant & quick passage from Marseilles to Malta - precisely a week - except one day of a high sea the weather was fine & no sickness but my French Maid which served to prove how useless if not troublesome a servant is on board a Ship if subject to sea-sickness - We came within sight of this Island early yesterday - having the first contrary wind which afforded us the pleasure of viewing again & again with infinite delight - the beautiful Mass of buildings which compose the City of Valletta in the evening we found ourselves once more in the superb Palace - now inhabited by the new Governor Sir Thomas Maitland who received us with much kindness Sir Thomas having the command of the Ionian Islands as well as of Malta wished to converse with Sir Robert on various subjects - General Maitland had a letter for him from Aliy Pasha at Yarmina - sent by a vessel expressly to invite Sir Robert & the General to visit him this messenger appeared much disappointed that the invitation was refused I rather regretted not seeing a Man who has rendered himself remarkable ^{to} his invitation to me was added, that he would send me
as the Wife

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Call the Ambassadors Karim in his Carriages to Constantinople

Monday June 1817 We are to quit Malta this evening for the Pardanelles.

The Gen: with our fellow Passengers Gen: Adam & the
embarking at the same time for Cosn. - During a weeks
residence on this strange Island I saw rather more of it
than on our former visit. The Gen: carried us one day
to his principal Country residence St. Antonio, - a very
pleasant House & handsome garden - indeed to an English
eye curiously beautiful - but the cultivation of this
Island is in general very coarse - the inequality of the
ground & the high winds to which it is liable, oblige
them to enclose everything with stone walls - roughly
enough executed, & which often appear like the very
coarse terraces. But within these the cultivation is
very rich - three Crops yearly is common - of Cotton
& grain & green crops or potatoes. & their Orange
Trees though apparently small bear the finest fruit
in the World. ^{There is however} a great many of Trees to mix with
the beautiful picturesque Buildings - the Stone
is a fine shade of yellow, easily worked & was once
profitable. We stayed a day on board the Melampus
with our friend Admiral Perouse & his family

Archeipelago
on board the
Saguo 2. July
1814.

On Thursday evening 29th of June - we took leave of our
Military & Naval friends & all embarked the General
on board a Sloop of War for Corfu & We returned to the
to proceed to the Dardanelles - the wind was favourable
and not much against them - We got on with fine
to the Island of Melo by Monday the 30th & procured a Pro
from him we learned that our scientific & excellent friend
Maron Haller (whom we had hoped to find there) had de-
quitted the Island in order to procure materials for
a discovery recently made of an ancient Amphitheatre
as a contrary wind detained us two days within sight
of Melo we were much mortified by our disappointment
in the departure of Maron Haller, & the work was not
enough advanced to inspect it without the permission of
his company & a Swallow having formerly detained us
five days we were glad to get away with the first
 breeze - Sir Robert being very impatient to reach
Constantinople where he finds there will be work
enough to employ him - The resignation of Parga
by the British Government to the Turks will
occupy both his time & that of Sir Thomas Maitland
as the Pasha is to become the immediate Defensor
of the city will very unwillingly pay the large compensation
demanded for the inhabitants

We are a little anxious to make the Island of ^{D. 51} Tenedos where
we hope to meet some Merchant Ships & to procure a good
one to carry us up the Dardanelles - the Grand Signor being
as obstinate as ever against the approach of a Ship of War
nedos 10^h. We anchored at this Island some days ago & met an
July 1694 English Brig which we think may anchor on purpose
but hitherto the wind - when we had any - was against us
This is a most delicious climate in a fine Frigate at anchor
nothing can be more agreeable - yet the comfort of our voy-
age up the Dardanelles & through the Sea of Marmora
depends so much upon expedition that I am impatient
to set out - We went on shore one day & viewed a new Castle
erected since our former voyage & which will be defended
with the guns - lost by the blowing up of the Ajax Ship
of War during Sir John Drenth's unfortunate ill-
executed Expedition - they have been all taken up &
with care will be useful to the Turks who of course
claim them for their trouble - Near to this Castle is
one of those stony perched & wretched cooking Villages
usual in these Greek Islands - few of them invite the
passing traveller to enter they are silly & apparently
barren yet between the Hills the cultivation is general
particularly their Vines - the Wine of Tenedos has always
been remarkable

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immediately on our casting anchor Sir Robert Bont
requests to our Consul at the Dardanelles to be furnished
M. S. here at Constantinople setting our arrival. The
promises to make further up with the first breeze
anchor at or near Caps Janjano where the itrogo was
stationed on our former voyage which being near the
Dardanelles gives us a better chance of running up with
the first fine breeze - but we are unfortunately near
the season when the Lesbian winds ^{prevail} set in & look for

ward to a long stay or a tedious voyage equally bad -
on board the
brig. ^{15 July} 1817
Capt Dundas was kind enough to advance with his
frigate for our convenience pretty near to the spot
he proposed a close by our little brig - the current
was so strong that while the wind continued North East
it was impossible to anchor. We had proposed the Capt.
& M. Dundas - who was on board to accompany us to
Constantinople but the journey was so inconvenient
that they wisely declined it & the wind appearing to
shift yesterday - but the change of the Moon we may
encourage - to relieve the impatience of our men
to change our quarters & with some difficulty we
gained the brig - our Capt. had never been in the
Levant before

We therefore availed ourselves of Capt. Pindas's offer of assistance

making
bread & butter
as well as
Milk &c

& took one of his two Pilots - ostensibly to buy provisions
for us but really to assist in our navigation - We then tried

to make ourselves comfortable - We had good provisions
& after some good tea with a milk goat from the Frigate
which was to us with lemons & good water everything

The Cabin though small is rendered cool by openings
& we have it to ourselves - The wind is still against us

After reaching the Defensive Castles of the Turks we
have been obliged to anchor by advice of our Pilot close

to the Island of Imbros & hope the first good breeze may
carry us to the Dardanelles - The Turkish Forti-

fications is rather a handsome object while the Muslim
calling to Prayers from the Mosque has recalled the

almost forgotten forms of Mahomedanism The Ramadan
commenced last night at the first appearance of the

Turkish
fast

new Moon & Sir Robert is rather pleased to reach
Constantinople during this fast which lasts a month

as the Turks dislike business at that time & he may
be a little vexed before his labours begin -

Thursday
17th July
1801

Yesterday was a complete calm - the good humour
of our Capt was kept up by our sitting down contentedly
under his awning on the deck reading the voyage

of discovery which his little library afforded. my French has
turned out a tolerable Coach - with the assistance of the Pilot
to enterpret for her Greek into Italian & she is no longer sick
indeed. The ^{motion} was very little & about ten o'clock as the
Pilot had foretold the wind became favourable that it was
with difficulty we could take in the provisions which
the Com^{de} - da ringa visit the had paid us the preceding
Evening had been requested to send us - The Dardanelles
is a beautiful scene & the two Castles - of Tyrone & Soria
add considerably to it - There is a gay ^{in the whole} & quite charming

Datum
19. July
1814

at last we are within sight of Constantinople - the
Capt. has agreeably to Sir Roberts engagement with Mr
More hoisted his flag at the fore - The wind having
greatly varied We are obliged to work our way into the harbor
with a flutle of vessels amongst them a very pretty one
belonging to Lord Melmore, with his family on board
Nothing could be more favourable than the view - or
rather the variety of views in which this beautiful
City appeared from our being obliged to work our
way by frequent tacking - from St. Stephens to
the Deer towers thence to the Golden Horn was
one continued scene of enchantment in such weather
on casting anchor our Barge appeared with some
of our friends & one of our Sedan Chairs waited on
shore - our family consisted only of Mr. Gore & Mr.
Jerrick Hamilton the oriental Secretary

Constantinople
July 22.

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We have had much reason to be flattered by the kind
reception we have met with from our friends & indeed
from every one - yet I feel a depression of spirits much
augmented per'haps by the heat - our Palace appeared
beautiful & M. Broer's attention had much beautified the
Garden - Nor is the Society lessened - on the contrary
the Diplomatic Corps though a little changed is
considerably increased - Chev. de Malinski is gone &
his place of Russian Minister is filled by Baron
de Brogand - The Marquis de Crivelli his family
are here he is the Ambassador from France - The
Count Suddel is gone but his place as Neapolitan
Minister is supplied by his son't an amiable
young Woman his Countess - our old & valued
friends the Sabat remain - Spanish Minister
our old friend Baron Strozzi & family as
Austrian - I may add to this an inunda-
tion of Travellers - the Mania which infects the
English is as strong as ever & the numbers
greater than when the Continent was shut
to the Sevants alone open to them -

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