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BAROODY, MURAD

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54A, WIGMORE ST.

LONDON, W.

12 MAR 1915

Received of the Wellcome Historical
Medical Museum the box ~~of~~ containing the whole of the
Antiquities sent by Mr. Baroudy. M. B. per.
~~Baroudy~~ ~~to Baroudy~~

8 pieces glass. Two double Balsamaries.. Two glass rods,
one funnel, one tube supposed for use as a urinal, two glass
bottles probably for shop fittings.

A lot of Bronze surgical tools, etc.

A lot of Bronze weights.

A lot of Terracotta objects.

4 Alabaster and stone mortars and one alabaster large Balsamary.

3 Icons.

1 Wood Box.

Barody.

H.M.M.

Copy of postcard to B. Baroody,
70. Camberwell Grove,
Denmark Hill, S.E.

2 March 1915.

Thanks for your letter. If you can call here at 1.45.
on Thursday next, I shall be pleased to see you.

C.J.S.T.

London S.E. 28/2/915
To Camberwell Grove.
Denmark Hill.

C. J. S. Thompson Esq.
Welcome Medical Museum
54 A. Wigmore Street

Dear Sir;

According to further instructions
I received lately from my father, regarding
the M. S. S. & other antique objects, I
am in position of reviewing once more
the matter with you, & bringing it to
a satisfactory end if possible.

Kindly let me know when about
the time suiting you the most for the
purpose.

Sincerely Yours
Baker & Parody

London S. E. 9/2/915
To Camberwell Grove
Denmark Hill.

Dr. C. Thompson
54 A. Wigmore Street
London W.

Dear Sir;

As I have received a letter
from my father, Saturday last, I
should like to see you sometime
this week; Saturday if it be convenient
to you or any other week day,
from between 12.30 - 2 p. m.

Yours sincerely
Babepur Baroo

Barody.

MURAD BAROODY

DEPARTMENT OF
ORIENTAL MANUSCRIPTS
&
CURIOSITIES

October 6, 1914

Beyrout, Syria.

C. J. S. Thompson Esq.
54^A, Wigmore Street
London.

Dear Sir,

I beg to thank you for
your favour of the 18th ult., received
this day, & note contents.

Regarding your offer of thirty
pounds for the Arabic MSS. &
the whole collection of Antiquities
which you hold for me, I am
sorry I cannot accept it, there-
fore I beg you to keep the objects
& MSS. until another information from me.

The credit note for £30. which
you kindly sent me, enclosed

in your mentioned letter
I return enclosed herein.

Yours faithfully,
Mura & Barody

9 September 1914.

Dear Sir,

The case containing the antiquities and MSS. which we returned to you as being unsuitable for us has now been duly received by us back from Beyrout.

Dr. Malouf will no doubt by this time have seen you, and reported the result of our interviews on the matter. While he was here we carefully considered the subject from every point of view, and I told Dr. Malouf that we could make no definite offer until the objects and books were received back here, and we had again examined them. Since then, as you know, a great European war has broken out, and all business in antiquities is at an absolute standstill. Such objects are practically valueless in London, or even in Europe just now, and no one is buying them at all. The only material at present in which business can be done is in explosives and ammunition.

I have consulted Messrs. Burroughs Wellcome & Co. on the subject, and they have seen the whole collection of antiquities sent by you, and owing to your long association as a customer with the firm, they have kindly suggested that they will be willing to credit you with the amount of Thirty Pounds for the entire collection of objects and MSS. sent, for which amount

you could receive the value in goods as you may require.
No remittances in money can be sent at the present time.

In the present condition of affairs, this is the only thing we can suggest, and we shall be glad to hear of your acceptance of the same, or to have your instructions as to how to deal with the objects.

Awaiting your reply,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C. J. S. T.

Mr. Murad Baroody,

Pharmacy,

Beyrout.

Extract from letter sent to Murad Baroody, Beyrout, on 9. 9. 14.

"Messrs. Burroughs Wellcome & Co. will be willing to credit you with the amount of Thirty Pounds for the entire collection of objects and MSS. sent, for which amount you could receive the value in goods as you may require."

Baroody





Beyrouth, the 17th June 1914.

G. J. S. Thompson Esq.

54 A Wigmore Street,

London W.

Dear Sir,

I confirm my last letter of the 25th ult. and beg now to enclose you herein B/L for the two cases MSS. and other ancient objects which were lately the subject of communication between us.

The said cases are shipped per s.s. "CREOLE PRINCE"
LONDON VIA
to Hull, and I hope they will arrive safely.

Yours faithfully.

Murad Baroudy

Baroody

Yours faithfully,

Wm. Baroody

to this, and I hope they will arrive safely.

The seal cases are shipped per S.S. "Cecile Prince".

objects which were lately the subject of communication between me

enclose you herein N.Y. for the two cases and other important

I continuing last letter of the 25th ult. and beg now to

Wm. Baroody

London W.

24 A. Aldgate Road,

G. J. & Thompson Ltd.

the 14th June 1914.

MURAD BAROODY

DEPARTMENT OF
ORIENTAL MANUSCRIPTS

&
CURIOSITIES

Beyrout, Syria.

25/5/14.

C.J.S. Thompson Esq.
54A Wigmore Street,
London, W.

Dear Sir,
Confirming my last of the
5th inst. I am in receipt of your
letter of May 13th and am sorry to
refer again to my fault in sending
you the MSS. and other objects, &
your fault in returning a portion
of the same without consulting me
first. The said portion has not yet
arrived and I have already communica-
ted with the steamer's Agency here
to reship the goods after they had
arrived, to London, because as I men-
tioned in my letter of April 23rd, it
will be most difficult and perhaps

impossible for me to take possession of such goods which are prohibited by Customs regulations.

I am thankful to you for your proposal to buy the entire collection but the offer you make namely £25. makes me more inclined to endure a total loss of the goods than to accept that very poor offer. I need not say that the prices I charged in my invoice are easily obtainable here. I shall await the result of Dr. Malouf's communications with you on the subject and he is authorized by me to do what he would think convenient.

Yours faithfully.

Murad Barootz

54A Wigmore St.

13 May 1914.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 30th ult. just to hand, I am sorry that we had to return the greater part of the objects and books that you sent to us on approval. You will realise I am sure that it is quite impossible for us to place any value upon, or to purchase such antiquities without first seeing them. There are only two ways in which we can deal with the matter if you cannot sell the part of the goods for which we have made an offer. Either we can return those objects which we have retained, or we can purchase the entire lot which we should not care to do as the majority of the objects are absolutely useless to us.

In all probability by the time you receive this, the case we returned on which we paid carriage has been delivered to you. If you have received it, will you please give the matter consideration, and if you cannot accept the offer made in my letter for the portion I have retained, I will either return the MSS. and objects to you at once, or make you an offer of £25. for the entire collection. I should be glad if you would kindly let me know your decision on the matter as early as possible.

Faithfully yours,
C. I.

Mr. Murad Baroody.

MURAD BAROODY

DEPARTMENT OF
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&
CURIOSITIES

Beyrout, Syria.
5 May 1914.

Mr. C. J.S. Thompson,
Curator of the Wellcome H. M. Mus.
54A Wigmore St.
London, W.

Dear Sir,

Confirming my last of the
30th ult. & in case that you do not
find your way to buy all the M.S.S.
& other objects you hold for me, at
a fair reduction as stated therein I
beg you to hand over the said goods
and invoice to bearer of this, my
friend Dr. Nicola K. Malouf; medical
Department Soudan Government and
much oblige

Yours faithfully.

Murad Baroody



Department of
Oriental Manuscripts
&
Curiosities

Beyrouth, April 30 1914.

C. J. S. Thompson Esq.

Curator of the Wellcome Historical Medical Museum

54 A. Wigmore Street
London W.

Dear Sir,

I am in due receipt of your letter of the 15th. inst. and much regret having not been prudent enough in forwarding to you the Arabic Medical Mss. & other ancient objects having more or less relation to Medicine & Pharmacy. It never struck me that the mentioned goods will not prove satisfactory to you, whether in regard to their nature or the low prices I charged for them.

I see now that I am put to a very awkward position, firstly because I cannot sell you one part only of the goods, even at the prices I demand & leave the other unsold; secondly it will be ~~very~~ quite impossible for me (in case the goods are returned here) to take possession of the antique pieces & very troublesome & expensive of that of the MSS.

The quick step you have taken, in returning here what you have refused, proves to be an unnecessary one. In this view I am obliged to ask you to reclaim the goods & reconsider this affair which was also hastily accomplished & imprudent on my part. At same time I hope that the long & steady relations which I still

have with the firm of Messrs. Burroughs & Wellcome will make me hope that you will kindly settle this affair in a way that will save me heavy loss

I need not say that if the matter is not fairly settled between us I shall not be able to know what I can do with the goods in your market.

For future transactions I shall be very careful to avoid the recurrence of such an embarrassment.

Yours faithfully

Murat Barooty

ALFRED HANBURY

LTD

LONDON

15 April 1914.

Dear Sir,

I desire to thank you for your letter of March 30th, and for the objects and MSS. which you have so kindly sent for inspection. I am sorry to say that one of the alabaster bowls was found broken on arrival. I do not know whether the box was insured, or by what carrier you sent it, so have been unable to make a claim, but you will no doubt be able to do that at your end.

I have examined the objects sent very carefully, and have selected the following which are alone of interest to us.

MSS.

No.	1.	No.	13.
"	4.	"	14.
"	5.	"	21.
"	7.	"	22.
"	9.		
"	10.		
"	12.		

Glass funnel, beaker and tube.
Two Weights.
Bronze ladle.
One wood box.
Two Spatulae.

For these the highest offer I can make you will be £20. sterling. If this is acceptable to you, kindly let me know,

and I will remit you a draft at once for that amount, or if not, I will return the objects to you. Meanwhile I am sending to you the other objects and MSS. carefully packed, carriage paid, and trust you will receive them safely.

The value of the MSS. you have sent is greatly deteriorated owing to their bad condition. Many of them are badly stained and wormed, and the value at which I have placed them is, I think, a very good one. The MSS. most likely to be useful to us are those containing drawings or miniatures. Without illustrations of this kind, they are of very little value to us here. Should you meet with any of these, I should be glad if you would submit them to us.

With respect to the objects you send, the Syrian glass is of very little interest to us, neither are the terra cotta objects and bronze weights. Stibian vases, balsamarics and icons we have plenty of. The objects we most require are bronze surgical instruments if good and unusual in shape, pharmaceutical containers if curious, and apparatus that may have been used by early chemists.

Thanking you for sending the objects.

Faithfully yours,

C. H. T.

Mr. Murad Baroodi,
Beyrout, Syria.

MURAD BAROODY

30 March 1914.

DEPARTMENT OF
ORIENTAL MANUSCRIPTS

&

CURIOSITIES

Beyrout, Syria.

C.J.S. Thompson Esq.

Curator of

The Wellcome Historical Medi-
cal Museum,

54A Wigmore St. London

Dear Sir,

I am in due receipt of your es-
teemed letter of the 4th inst., & beg now
to inform you that I have on the 21st
inst. forwarded to your address, per
parcel-post, two cases containing the
Medical & Pharmaceutical M.S.S. & other
objects mentioned in the enclosed in-
voice amounting to £103.0.6 & I hope the
same in arriving safely you will find
quite interesting for the Wellcome His-
torical Medical Museum.

I should be also much pleased

to meet your wishes in supplying you
with any antique objects I may meet with,
referring to the sciences you mention in
your letter. I may in a near time for-
ward you some other objects, mostly a
collection of glass in varied shape &
size which I am sure will show the dif-
ferent uses of glass in ancient times
specially Medical & Pharmaceutical.

Please find numbers of the M.S.S
on the left inside of the binding of each M.S.

Yours faithfully.

Murad Baroozy

*Mr
£20*

Miss: (11)

(4)

(5)

(7)

(9)

(10)

(12)

(13)

(14)

(21)

(22)

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Performed
work not done.

2 weights

Label

Box

2 specimens

Barody.

4 March 1914.

Dear Sir,

I have just received your letter of the 3rd ult. kindly offering us some early Arab manuscripts.

If these manuscripts are on medicine, pharmacy, or botany, I should be glad if you would forward them to me here stating the price required for each, when I will give the matter early consideration.

I should also be pleased to consider the purchase of any antique objects you may meet with referring to medicine or pharmacy and the allied sciences, such as surgical instruments and appliances, mortars, pharmacy jars, midwifery chairs or objects relating to nursing.

Faithfully yours,

ET

Mr. Murad Baroody,
Pharmacy,
Beyrout, Syria.

16 February 1914.

Dear Sir,

I have received per Messrs. Burroughs Wellcome & Co. your letter offering Arabic and medical Manuscripts. As the Curator of the Museum is on the Continent, I must ask you kindly to wait until his return for an answer to your letter.

Yours faithfully,

H. C. S.

Secretary.

M^r. Harad Baroody,
Pharmacy,
Beyroul.



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In reply please refer to

M.A.U.

LONDON, E.C. 14th February 1914

Dear Sir,

The enclosed letter, received from one of the principal customers of my firm in Beyrouth, is forwarded to you for attention.

Yours truly,

H. S. Wellcome,
per

The Curator,
The Wellcome Historical Medical Museum,
54a, Wigmore Street,

MBG. W.

Bar

MSG.

144, Wilmers Street,
The Wellington Historical Museum,
The Garrison.

per
H. J. Wellington,
Notre Dame.

Enclosure of my letter in Wellington is forwarded to you for attention.
The enclosed letter, received from one of the principals.
Best Sir.

London E. 14th February 1910

M.A.N.



Beyrouth, February 3, 1914.

Messrs Burroughs Wellcome & Co.
Snow Hill Buildings,
London.

Dear Sirs,

I am told, by a friend of mine, who lately visited the different departments of your esteemed firm, that your "medical & Museum" may be interested in Oriental Manuscripts & like to acquire such MSS. and as I have on hand a collection containing about 15 works of the same in the Arabic language which I want to dispose of. I take this opportunity to communicate with you & await your reply. All the mentioned MSS are more or less of an ancient colophon, some exceeding 700 years.

Moreover I must sometimes with different antique objects having relation to medicinal uses, in various periods & beg to know whether your Museum requires such objects?

Yours faithfully
Murad Baroud



body -

