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H. M. M.

6 April 1914.

The Under-Secretary of State,
The Foreign Office,
London.

Dear Sir,

I desire to acknowledge the receipt of the three packages containing the catalogues of the Mosque Libraries in Constantinople which have been so kindly presented to us by the Ottoman Minister of Public Instruction. I have written to him to thank him for his kind gift.

I am,

Faithfully yours,

C. J. S.

Under- Sec. of State.

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24 January 1914.

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The Under-Secretary of State,
Foreign Office,
London.

Dear Sir,

I desire to acknowledge the receipt of your kind letter of the 23rd inst. I have noted its contents and will call at His Majesty's Embassy on my arrival in Constantinople.

Thanking you for your kindness and the trouble you have taken in the matter,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

E.T.

Under Secretary of State

W H Hume

19 January 1914.

The Under-Secretary of State,
Foreign Office.

Ref. No. 1647/14.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 17th inst. just to hand, I enclose a copy of a letter of introduction that I have just received from Sir Frederic G. Kenyon, the present Director of the British Museum. I trust the enclosed letter which I was about to forward you will answer Sir E. Grey's requirements.

As I propose leaving for Constantinople in about a week's time, I should be glad if I could hear from you on the matter before the end of the week.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

W H Hume

W H M

29 December 1913.

Rt. Hon. Sir Arthur Nicolson, Bart., G.C.B., G.C.M.G., etc.,
Permanent Under Secretary,
Foreign Office,
Downing Street, S.W.

Sir,

I purpose visiting Constantinople on behalf of the Historical Medical Museum in February next with the object of making a reasearch into the Arab and early Turkish medical Manuscripts in the Imperial Library and other collections. I shall be taking with me a letter of introduction from Sir Edward Maunde Thompson O.M., late director of the British Museum, and should be glad to know if you would favour me with an introduction to the Keeper of the Manuscripts in the Imperial Museum, or give me any assistance with the authorities in connection with my work.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

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and address—

The Under-Secretary of State,
Foreign Office,
London.

FOREIGN OFFICE

January 17, 1914.

Sir:-

With reference to your letter of the 29th ultimo requesting an introduction to certain authorities in Constantinople in connexion with your proposed research on behalf of the Historical Medical Museum, I am directed by Secretary Sir E. Grey to inform you that he understands that the letter of introduction which you are taking with you to Constantinople is an open letter of introduction to Librarians and Curators generally, given to you several years ago by Sir E.M. Thompson when he was Director of the British Museum.

Before instructions can be sent to His Majesty's Ambassador at Constantinople to use his good offices on your behalf, I am to request that you will furnish Sir E. Grey with a letter of recommendation of more recent date and more specific character either from Sir E.M. Thompson

or

C.J.S. Thompson, Esq.,

The Wellcome Historical Medical Museum,

54a, Wignore Street,

London, W.

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or from some other responsible person known to the
Secretary of State either personally or by repute.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

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