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NUNNARI, A, CONSTANTINOPLE

1914

54 n W. St

19 May 1914.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 13th inst, duly to hand enclosing the postal order for 11/8 (70 piastres). I should be glad if you would buy the sign of the chair for me at 60 piastres and also the sign of the sailing vessel at one and a half Turkish Lire, and have them carefully packed for me in either one or two boxes and send them to me by parcel post if possible. If you will then let me know the cost of the same with postage, I will send you a bank draft for that amount.

I am afraid I am unable to judge of the MSS. on medicine unless I have the names of them translated into English, and the date when they were written, so I shall have to leave these until I come again to Constantinople.

Thank you for letting me know about the man with the instruments. I think the ones you referred to were the Roman instruments belonging to the dealer in the Grand Bazaar. If so, he wants too much money for them; 400 francs is a great deal more than they are worth, but keep your eyes open for anything that you may see, and let me know when you find anything of interest.

Mr. Amoroso wishes to be remembered to you.

I hope you are having a busy and successful season, and thank you for the trouble you have taken in

Faithfully yours,

Mr. A. Nunnari.

E. T.

1 Enclosure

Constantinople, 13th May 1914

Co. C. J. S. Thompson Esq^r
Curator of the Historical Medical Museum
54 Wigmore Street
London. W

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of your estimate letter dated 2nd May, in answer to yours I have the pleasure to enclose herewith a postal Order to cover the sum of 20 piastres which I had equal to £ 0.11.8.

About the box missing I made the search but could not find it.

I have received the photographs, I gave them to the Hodjas and I kept one for me.

I went to the Egyptian bazaars and I found, the Chair ^{plus} 60, the selling vessel

for 12 1/2 Turkish lira, the crescent
and star for 85 piastres.

As far for the Persian and Arabic books
on medicine, I have found three,
but without figures, and the prices
are as follows:—

1 for Fes 150

1 " " 200

1 " " 120 old of about 400
years written by hand (manuscript)

About the instruments I could not
find any, but the once which you
saw the man has them still, with
the head he wants Fes 400, and
without the head he wants Fes 250.

For present I have nothing more
to say and expect an answer from you

I remain Sir

Yours truly

Angelo Rummari

A. R. O.

Please don't forget to
give my kindest regards to Mr
Amoruso.

A.H.

P.S. As soon as I will be
able to get the wasset you saw
I will let you know

54a Wipure 15

2 May 1914.

Dear Sir,

The cases containing the contents of the Turkish drug shop have just come to hand, and they correspond with your list sent with the exception of one box which apparently is missing. It is not important, but if it has been left out by the packers, you could send it by parcel post. Please let me know as soon as possible if you have purchased the other pots for which you have the money. If not you had better remit the money to me back again as I think I can do without them.

I am sending you under separate cover three photographs of the interior of one of the mosque libraries (you will remember which). Will you please give them to the kojas who have asked for them.

I hope you will still keep a look-out when you are passing through the Egyptian bazaar for any other old charms or signs should they want to sell them, also old Persian or Arabic MSS. on medicine or anatomy.

I hope you will have a good season.

Faithfully yours,

C. T.

Sig. A. Hunnary,
C/O Messrs. T. Cook & Son,
Pera.

Constantinople
15th April 1914

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

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter dated 30th March, only yesterday in hand with enclosed Cheque for of £ 4.10.5, which sum I thank you very much.

About the item, of 85 piastres which you are asking me, is, as the man was obliged to leave his shop, he sold some of the goods, which he was going to give them to you, to the other man, and when I went to buy and pay for the goods, I have been

Obliged to give him a profit of 85 piastres to be able, to repurchase the goods and send them to you, and before paying those 85 piastres to the man I have asked M^r Ryan's about it.

About the 40 piasters balance in hand of the man of the vases, in case he want give me the vases I will send you a postal order for said sum.

About the other things you are asking me in your letter, being now very busy, soon as I will be free I will make enquiries about the prices and will let you know.

Please do me the favour and send me the 2 photograph's taken inside the library, while the priests are

asking me their photos

Nothing more for present
to say, and hope soon to have
news from you

I remain Sir

Your most obedient servant
Angelo Durini

Nunavuy Sent Mr. Ryan in all. £30

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£ 2.16.0 = 331 pinte
 1.10 for his time

 £ 4.6.0

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To sent.

Constantinople 22nd March 1914

Co C. J. S. Thompson Esq
Curator of the Medical Museum
54th Wigmore Street
London. W

Dear Sir,

Soon I had received your letter
I saw Mr. Heyn, which he hand me £ 30.0.0 so
I went at once to buy the said goods as per your
letter, the total amount paid by me for said
goods amount to Piastres 3170.

Plus I bought one egg
covered for piastres . . . " 80.
Siminante asked by you " 15
Blue glasses two qualities " 10.
1 Egg with a special sugar " 32.

for said egg & sugar at
the end of this letter I will explain
to you how to use it

Expenses to carry the lantern
to Mr. Heyn's house & for my
own expenses

plus the amount of piastres

22	
85	XX
<u>3414</u>	

Forw. 8 Piastres	3414.
So expenses to carry all those things to the expedition house	80
Total amount "	<u>3494</u>

The way how to use the egg with the sugar
is as follows:-

You take the egg and sugar put it inside the
mortar till the egg and sugar become like powder, then
passed through a linen which is very thin like gaze,
you have to double the piece of gaze in 2 and
put the powder of said egg & sugar at the top part
of said gaze and whatever comes out under the
gaze, they use it in Conspite for the eyes when
there is blud in it.

Now Sir, I have a balance of Piastres 20 to your
credit out of the £30.0.0. which money I left
it as a deposit for the purchase of 8 Coloured
waxes yielded, if you remember asking me, about
those in a closed shop, on a/c of proceeding with the
proprietor, I saw the man & left with him the 20 ptes
soon that the things will be sold by the Municipality
I will try to buy them for you & send them to you,
otherwise I will send you the said 20 piastres back.

Now I must tell you that I have lost 4 days'

to finish up everything, as for the rest you know as agreed that I have to get from you 10% on the purchases, I hope by return to receive a cheque from you, thanking you in advance.

I remain Sir,

Your most obedient servant
Angelo Nunari

P.S. All the things have been sent to you on the 19th March by M^r Spadaro through the Messageries Maritimes Steamer Co and insured for the sum of F^{cs} 1000.—

A.N.

54a Wignore St.

30 March 1914.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 22nd inst. duly to hand enclosing your accounts. I have received the freight notes of the despatch of the cases from Mr. Spadaro, and trust they will arrive safely before very long.

There is one item in your account which I do not quite understand. After you record the expense of taking the lantern to Mr. Ryan's house, 22 piastres, there is an item "plus the amount of piastres 85". Will you kindly let me know what this means, and what it was expended for as you do not say. I notice that you have a balance of 70 piastres in hand out of the £30, which you have left as a deposit for the purchase of the vases. If you are not able to obtain these, when they are sold will you kindly return me a money order for the amount.

Thanks for obtaining the egg with the sugar and the account of it. I hope you will keep a look out for any old objects of medicine or surgery or charms that you may see in the bazaars, and will let me know of them and the price asked. Will you try and obtain

for me the hanging sign of the little wooden ship that was suspended from the front of one of the drug shops in the Egyptian bazaar, if you can get it for a reasonable price, say 50 or 60 piastres. I should also like to have, if you can buy it, another sign that we saw hanging outside another shop of a crescent and a star. Did you get the sign of the little wooden chair that was hanging from the front of the shop where you bought the counters? This sign is important, and I should like to have any of the others that you can get as they would be useful. If you would let me know how much these would cost, I would remit you the money direct.

I enclose herewith a draft for you for 10% commission on the amount you have expended in purchase. This amounts to 331 piastres, also a sum of 169 piastres to pay for your time, making 500 piastres in all which I trust will be satisfactory to you. Please sign the enclosed receipt and return it to me at your early convenience. I thank you very much for the trouble you have taken and for having obtained the things which I hope to see here very soon.

Faithfully yours,

Mr. A. Rannaril

C. T.

54a Wipmore St.

2 March 1914.

Dear Sir,

I have just arrived back in London, and have received your two letters.

First with respect to the medical instruments I bought from Mr. Levy in Pera; they were handed to Mr. Amoruso by the hotel porter, and I was under the impression that I had sent Mr. Amoruso with the money to pay him, and had marked it up, but I have no receipt from him, and I cannot say positively that he was paid. As there is a doubt on the matter, I am enclosing you a cheque for £1. English sterling, payable to Mr. Isaac Levy for the instruments, and should be glad if you would please hand it to him and get a receipt from him for the same, and forward it to me.

With reference to your second letter, I have by this post forwarded to Mr. Ryan at the British Embassy a further amount of £10. from which he will pay you the amount you expend on my account, including the transport to the ship, and the packing and insurance. I can pay the freight on their arrival here.

The list of the things you have bought is all right with the exception of the four big ostrich eggs at 400 piastres. I do not want these, as I already have some like them, and they are very dear at 400 piastres, so if you have not actually paid for them, please make the owner take them back.

I am sorry the proprietor cannot sell the cornices, but if you can find me some which are just as good at a reasonable price, say 600 or 700 piastres, please buy them and send them with the other objects.

When you have finished all the buying and have got the objects packed and sent off, please let me know, and I will remit you a commission for the trouble you have had. There are several other things I shall want you to buy for me in Constantinople. I want about six more of the large blue glass eye charms for the evil eye, you will remember there were plenty of them in the bazaar, and I paid about a piastre each for them. Also do not forget to try and get me some of the clay bowls of tinkamatoum from Lemnos. There ought to be some of these in the native drug shops in Stamboul. I trust you will be able to get everything packed up soon and that we shall receive them safely. Please inform me of the steam-ship company by which you forward the cases, and send the freight notes direct to me.

Faithfully yours,

C. J. T.

Sic. Angelo Munnary
c/o Messrs. Thomas Cook & Sons,
Pera, Constantinople.

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P.S.

Please deliver to Mr. Ryan one of the lanterns which I am giving to him.

Constantinople 18th Feb^y 1914

Mr. C. J. S. Thompson Esq^r
Curator of the Historical Medical Museum
54th Wigmore Street
London, W

Dear Sir,

Having been to see Mr. Thine
at the British Embassy, when he told me
about the following purchases you left
only twenty five pounds.

Today being obliged to buy the two desks
for Gen Turkish hiras, reason for it, is
that the proprietor of said desks is changing
his shop, and on his promising me about
the other things wanted he can sell them
to me later, without the corniches which
don't belong to him, and the proprietor
want sell them (about the corniches a

2 lanterns	1330.-
1 Mortar	216.
1 pair Horns with the had	40.
6 big wooden Boxes	324.
1 fish gilded	150.
4 big Eggs	540.
6 Shillingitch drums	400.
	<u>3330</u>
plus 48 Wooden Boxes	240
⁴⁷ Total Piastres	<u>3570</u>

equal to British pounds 33 and 6 piastres

On awaiting your answer
I remain Sir

Yours truly
Angelo Munnary

c/o of Messrs. Ches Cook & Son
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1 1/2
6 1/2

2 1/2
5
10
4 1/2

20
20

6 Pans
10 Pans
Home " Reading 19 days

few pieces, he thinks but he is not sure to be able to find them in an old Conak (Turkish house).

The sum of money which you left with M^r. Hine does not cover the amount wanted as you will see by the list following herewith, please take notice too, that out of the account which I enclosed herewith, comes to your charge more, the transport, Emballage, Insurance, and freight up to your destination.

Please by return, to give order to M^r. Hine, to deliver me the necessary sum of money to buy those things, and in same time for said expenses.

List of prices are as follows: -

108 Boxes 2 Baskets	Lit ^{res} 1080.
12 different glass vases	90
8 Coloured vases (porcelain)	160
Total Piastres	<u>1330</u>