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The "Royal" Collection of Egypt

with rare and unique items

THURSDAY, 5th NOVEMBER, 1981

at 11.00 hrs. and 14.30 hrs.



Also the Collection of Ottoman Empire

formed by the late Dr. F. P. N. Parsons
at 15.30 hrs.

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The Ex William Byam
A. S. Mackenzie-Low
King Fuad of Egypt
Collection of Classic Egypt
with many unique items

Provenance:

The bulk of this fine collection came from the following sources. The unique collection formed by the late Dr. William Byam which was sold at 50 Pall Mall in October 1961.

The collection formed by A. S. Mackenzie-Low which was acquired by the late King Fuad of Egypt about 1926. The latter was a keen philatelist and was able to add many items that had only existed in official archives. After his death the collection passed into the possession of his son, King Farouk, who kept it until his abdication in July 1952, after which it was sold by auction on behalf of the Republic in 1954.

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Variations on spelling follow that used by the writer of a letter or the lettering in a handstamp.

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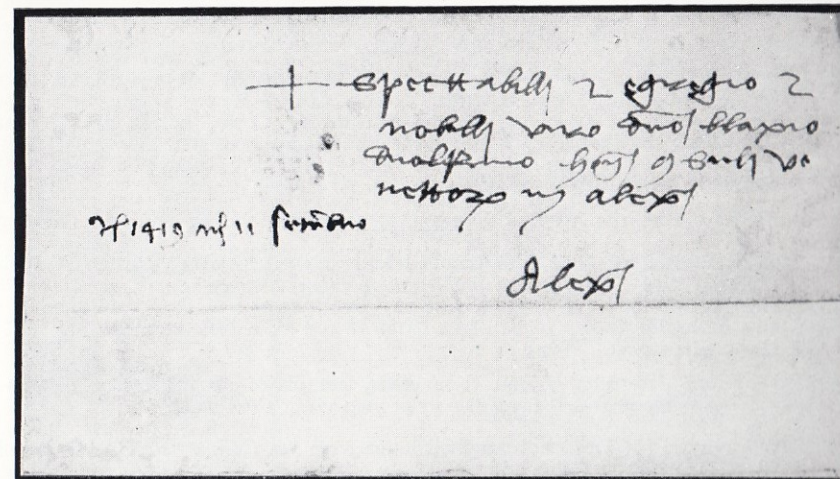
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First Session at 11.00 hrs.

Early Letters

Lot	Description	Valuation
1001	✉ 1419 entire letter in Latin from Cairo signed Danzollo Mirgrol to Blaxro Malpino in Aleppo, damp stained on reverse but fine for such an early letter. Photo	S.F. 500
1002	✉ 1754 (10 March) entire letter in French from Alexandria written by a ship's captain Brunet to the owners, Pierre Monniere Rouse at Marseille, disinfected with vinegar, endorsed "Pr Capt. André"	S.F. 225

Note: the writer is concerned with business at Damiata, Smirna and Salonique, letters from Marseilles to Alexandria take 15 days and mentions "une Rupture avec Les Algeriens"



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The French Occupation

Napoleon left Toulon on 19th May 1798 and with an army of 40,000 in 400 transports evaded Nelson, captured Malta en route and reached Egypt on 1 July, storming Alexandria on the following day. The Mameluks were defeated on the 21st but four days later Nelson annihilated Brueys squadron at Aboukir Bay. Later in the year Napoleon led an army into Syria, soundly beating the Turkish army in several battles. Held up at Acre and beset by plague, he brought what was left of his army back to Egypt where he defeated a force of 18,000 Turks who had landed at Aboukir on 25 July 1799. He returned to France on 22 August.

After the assassination of the C. in C. Kléber on 20 March 1800 he was succeeded by General Manou who was defeated by the British at Alexandria on 21 March 1801. Cairo surrendered in July and Alexandria in August and the French were sent back to France.

A short resumé of the leading characters in the following letters is needed.

General Dugua with his cavalry captured Trieste arsenal in April 1797.

Generals Dumas, Menou and Reynier landed in Egypt with Napoleon. Dumas, the leader of the cavalry gained later distinction in the Peninsular War. Menou stormed the Triangular Fort at Alexandria on 2 July; later he married a local barber's daughter and became a Moslem; as C. in C. he surrendered the French Army in 1801.

Reynier occupied Gozo and Valetta when Malta was captured. He led the French Army into Syria, distinguished himself at the battle of El Arish and in the subsequent rearguard actions during the retreat. His finest work was during the retreat from Russia in 1812.



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