

It will be the reward of the compiler if they and their grand Order, as a whole, will accept this production, this *opusculum*, as a grateful homage to lives of their brethren of past centuries, nobly spent and spilled (not only in the ink and forgotten mass of papers—more than 7,000 baptisms of moribunds into the Christian Faith and promise of eternal life as registered at Isfahan by 1699 already were ample return alone to show) by one who was edified for many long years by association with a recent generation of Discalced Carmelites on those distant Eastern shores, and profited by their ministrations. To the authorities at the India Office, London, acknowledgment is here appropriately made for permission to inspect and make notes from records of the East India Company, to those of the British Museum, and to Mr. A. Chester Beatty for permission to reproduce miniatures of the Shahs, the series of which is perhaps thus brought together and published for the first time.

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