

“promoted to be chief representative” (of the Company); “but with no little imperturbability he kept on saying: ‘How can I avail to assist you, disgraced by so many charges, riddled ‘and put out of the way by so much’ ” (false) “ ‘evidence, as I am, deported, a prisoner, ‘that you ask my advice? It seems to me that one thing remains—either (being not to ‘blame, it is permissible) you pay in cash, or (which God forbid) you pay corporally ‘inside the prison, unless you have recourse to the English Resident: *he* has influence, ‘and will in no wise allow you to be saddled’ ” (with this impost).

“As he was not in a position to rebut them, Mynheer Vanderoust bore with the requisite ‘equanimity the strictures of his chief, whom he had betrayed, and again breaking out into ‘entreaties did not weary of asking him the more earnestly to be so kind and courteous as ‘to come to his rescue in his trouble with advice and support. Herod and Pilate having ‘thus been made friends on that day, he (Mynheer Vanderoust) began the task by burning ‘the letters which he had previously composed for Batavia against Baron Kniphausen at ‘the malicious instigation of the Turks and of the English Resident, his” (Baron K’s) ‘enemies.

“Hence the aggressiveness of the Mutasallim having resulted in a common accord ‘between the principal and second-in-charge of the Dutch Company, letters putting forth ‘their case were hammered and forged by one and the same pen to Batavia: and it was not ‘in the least difficult for Baron Kniphausen to demonstrate in Batavia, by the money got ‘by trickery on the part of the Mutasallim out of both the Hindu cashier of the Company ‘and Mynheer Vanderoust himself, that the Mutasallim had plunged into these hostile ‘actions in no wise on the very different ground of his own mode of living, but from a ‘grasping greed for money. On that day when the Dutch ship was ready to sail out of port ‘Baron Kniphausen sent for the second-in-charge, the clerks, the doctor, the cashier, and ‘all the employees of the Company there were, to go to him, with the intention of giving ‘Basra its discharge, and decamping without saying good-bye; but scarcely had the ship ‘hoisted sail than, by a stroke of ill luck, it stuck in the mud, and was unable to proceed ‘any farther. This being observed, Ibrahim” (? *sic*, for Hiahim, presumably the Captain Pasha of the Imperial galleys) “Pasha then staying at Minawi gave warning to the Muta- ‘sallim, and by common accord they obliged all the Dutch to leave the ship . . . Baron ‘Kniphausen being without any delay sent off on a small boat out of the river” (i.e. down over the bar of the estuary of the Shatt-ul-’Arab).

“He (Baron Kniphausen) reached Bandar Rig not far distant, where he was very kindly ‘received by the Arab-Persian governor of that village named Mir Nasir, and awaited his ‘ship on which to proceed to Batavia. He did not neglect to procure evidence (which he ‘had in advance had prepared at Basra) contrary to the assertions of the Muslims and ‘favourable to himself . . . and, having related the insults done to himself and to the” (Dutch) “nation, sent letters thence to the Dutch Envoy in Constantinople, so that the ‘latter . . . might make a claim to the Porte and demand satisfaction for the breach of ‘treaty; and he sought for the cession of the island of Kharg without payment from the ‘said Mir Nasir,” (saying) “that the Dutch Company would grant him asylum there, and ‘he might flee there when troubled by the intestine strife in Persia.

“. . . Then he repaired to Bushire, where at that time the Dutch Company had a ‘trading establishment, and thence wrote to Mynheer Vanderoust to leave Basra at once ‘and come to take charge of that house” (i.e. Bushire), “and to the remaining members ‘of the staff of the Company to say farewell to Basra at the first opportunity and also ‘betake themselves thither (to Bushire): and so from Bushire he sailed to Batavia.

“Mynheer Vanderoust, therefore, boldly presenting himself before the Mutasallim, asked ‘permission to depart, asserting that he had been promoted to the management of the ‘establishment at Bushire of the Company, whose instructions, coming from the highest ‘authority, he was quite unable to resist without being put down as disobedient, and that ‘he was leaving in his stead here Mynheer Chus [? *sic*] the senior clerk together with the ‘others: and, having successfully overcome some objections of the Mutasallim, he removed