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Biographical Note
Edward Wortley Montagu (1713-1776), was the only son of the celebrated letter-writer Lady Mary Wortley Montagu, His career was notorious throughout Europe: he had contracted two bigamous marriages, fought at Fontenoy, was one of two represented Britain at Aix-la-Chapelle, sat as Member of Parliament for Huntingdon, acquired a remarkable proficiency in Arabic and other tongues, appeared in London salons dressed in a wig of iron, and then turned Turk. In Egypt from 1762, he met the Danish Consul, John Feroe. and his wife and being attracted to the latter, persuaded Feroe to go to Europe, told Caroline Feroe that her husband had been drowned and married her himself. However, Feroe returned to Egypt and Montagu had to reassure the Roman Catholic Mrs. Feroe that he would adopt her persuasion, which would invalidate her marriage to the Protestant Consul.

Then, pursued by the Dane and accompanied by his secretary, Nathaniel Davison, the couple set off on an enforced honeymoon, following the supposed route of the Exodus to Mt. Sinai and thence to Jerusalem, where Montagu was received
into the Church of Rome. Assisted by Davison, he later published an account of this journey for the Royal Society. Davison later became British Consul at Nice and Tangiers, although he still kept up a correspondence with Montagu; while the latter remained some time in Egypt where it is said he married a Nubian girl called Ayesha, by whom he had a son. He ended his days living as a Turk in Padua, declaring to the priest at his deathbed that he died a good Mussulman and repeating to his son, Fortunatus, in Arabic: Elhamduillah - May God be Praised.

**Scope and Content**
Correspondence, primarily between Montagu and his secretary, Nathaniel Davison (1764-1779), journals and notebooks, and miscellaneous documents and letters.

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16. N.D.ALS. to Lord Sandwich. [enclosure to #15].
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17. 1766, June 5.ALS.
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18. 1766, June.ALS. Pisa.
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20. 1766, Sept. 27.ALS. Venice.
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22. 1767, Feb. 8.ALS. Ragusa [Dubrovnik].
   Physical Description: 3 sides.

23. 1767, Apr. 15.ALS. Zante.
   Physical Description: 2 sides.

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25. 1773, June 21.ALS. Leghorn. [Livorno].
   Physical Description: 4 sides.

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27. 1773, Dec. 8.ALS. Venice.
   Physical Description: 4 sides.

28. 1774, Feb. 27.ALS. Venice.
   Physical Description: 2 sides.

29. 1774, Aug. 13.ALS. Venice.
   Physical Description: 2 sides.

30. 1774, Sept. 23.ALS. Venice.
   Physical Description: 3 sides.

31. 1774, Oct. 20.ALS. Venice.
   Physical Description: 1 side.

Folder 2

   E.W. MONTAGU TO NATHANIEL DAVISON (undated)
   Physical Description: (9 items)

   1. Thursday night. ALS. Pisa.
      Physical Description: 3 sides.
2. Wednesday evening. ALS.
   Physical Description: 3 sides.

3. Monkey night. ALS. Pisa.
   Physical Description: 3 sides.

4. Saturday night. ALS. Pisa.
   Physical Description: 2 sides.

5. Monday night. ALS. Pisa.
   Physical Description: 2 sides.

6. ALS.
   Physical Description: 4 sides.

7. Friday night. ALS. Pisa.
   Physical Description: 4 sides.

8. ALS.
   Physical Description: 7 sides.

9. Thursday night. ALS. Pisa.
   Physical Description: 4 sides.

Folder 3

E.W. MONTAGU, OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE
   Physical Description: (1 item)

   Physical Description: 2 sides.

Folder 4

CORRESPONDENCE TO E.W. MONTAGU (1764-66)
   Physical Description: (5 items)

1. Grenville, H. [British Amb. to Ottoman Empire]. ALS. Dec. 22, 1764.[enclosure #2].
   Physical Description: 4 sides.

2. Feroe, Jens. [Danish Consul to Egypt]. LS. [copy per H.G.]. Dec. 20, 1764.[encl. to #7].
   Physical Description: 4 sides.

   Physical Description: 4 sides.

   Physical Description: 1 side.

5. Marsand, Gerolamo. [Venetian Consul in Cairo]. DS. Oct. 13, 1764.[ re marriage?].
   Physical Description: 3 sides.

Folder 5

NATHANIEL DAVISON TO E.W. MONTAGU (1764-65)
   Physical Description: (5 items)

   Physical Description: 4 sides.
Folder 6

N. DAVIDSON, OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE (1764-79)

1. Davison, Mary. ALS. April 26, 1763. Port Mahon, Minorca.
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5. Varsy, William. ALS. Sept. 16, 1764. Cairo. [In French].
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6. [Varsy, William.] Partial A. Draft of #5. [In French.]
   Physical Description: 3 sides.

   Physical Description: 11 sides.

8. Varsy, William. ALS. Nov. 19, 1764. Cairo. [In French].
   Physical Description: 10 sides.

9. [White, William.] (Professor, Wadham College). AL fragment. [N.D.]
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11. [Adressee unknown - possibly Varsy]. ALS. N.D.
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Folder 7

CORRESPONDENCE to N. DAVIDSON (1764-66)

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3. Feroe, John. [Danish Consul in Egypt]. ALS. April 24, 1765. [Saida?]. Seyda.
   Physical Description: 4 sides.

4. Feroe, John. [Danish Consul in Egypt]. ALS. June 21, 1765. Seyde [sic - Saida?].
   Physical Description: 7 sides.

5. Turnbull, Wm. ALS. May 10, 1764. Malta. [encl. #5].
   Physical Description: 7 sides

6. [Enclosure to #5. Greek inscription].

   Physical Description: 4 sides.

Folder 8
JOURNALS & NOTEBOOKS
   Physical Description: (5 items)

1. 1764, June 1_. E.W.M. [Sinai, Giza].
   Physical Description: 21 pp. illus. 8vo.

2. 1763, August 1_. 1764. August. N.D.Egypt.
   Physical Description: 116 sides. 8vo. (+4 loose sides).

3. 1764. August. N.D. w/portrait of E.W.N.
4. [1764]. N.D.w/drawing of date palm.
5. 1764. N.D.w/description of Great Pyramid
   Physical Description: [2 loose sheets].

Folder 9
JOURNALS, NOTES AND NOTEBOOKS
   Physical Description: (7 items)

1. 1763, Sept. 30. [Fred. Christ.]. Von Haven. [Lohich eu Arabie H?]. Suez. [In French, to M. Napollon, Cairo?].
   Physical Description: 20 sides.

2. 1763, Jan. 20. Fr. Christ. Von Haven [Lohich eu Arabie H?].
3. Inscriptions copied at Gebel el Mocatib or the Written Written Mountains in the Road to Mt. Sinai.
   Physical Description: 4 sides.

   Physical Description: 20 sides.

5. Draft account of Departure from Mount Sinai.
   Physical Description: 24 sides.
6. Clean copy of #5. w/additional loose inscriptions.
   Physical Description: 25 sides.

7. Account, presumably to Royal Society of Davison's Egyptian experiences.
   Physical Description: 8 sides - folio.

Folder 10

MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS RE N.D. 's MEDICAL CAREER, ETC.
Physical Description: (5 items)

1. 1809, June 16. Last will & testament of N. Davison. 2 sides & codicil dated Nov. 3, 1810.
   Physical Description: (copy).

2. 1729, June 25. London. DS. [Admission to doctoral standing at London School of Medicine?].
3. 1733, Sept. -. London. DS. [Doctoral degree?].
4. 1729, May 27. DS. [William Frederick, Duke of Gloucester, grants medical license?].
5. 1732, July 3. D. [Wm. Frederick, Duke of Gloucester - similar to above #4].

Folder 11

MISCELLANY
Physical Description: (9 items)

1. 1787, Feb. 7. ALS. Sophia of Nieubourg. [Addressee unknown].
   Physical Description: 1 side.

2. N.D. Copy of note attached to copy sent to Dr. Yelleroky of letter to Duc de Caulnes - fm. the words 'delicate Nature too' - p. 220 of the series of papers sent to Dr. Y.
   Physical Description: 2 sides.

   Physical Description: 4 sides & cover.

4. AD. English historical royal chronology from AD 827-1199.
   Physical Description: 1 side. folio.

5. A Poem. La Pastorella. [Italian].
   Physical Description: 13 sides.

6. A Fragment of Play: Comedia Famosa.
   Physical Description: 4 sides.

7. A translation from Latin inscription in Kirk [Church] of our blest lady of Laureto. c. 1635.
   Physical Description: 1 side.

8. A. Epilogue of the Phornoro spoken at Westminster School.
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