

BURNES, Sir Alexander, *burns*, a Scotch officer, who served with distinction in India, and surveyed the mouths of the Indus and mapped the lower parts of its course. He made a journey by Balk and Bokhara across central India, full of peril, for which he received the gold medal of the Royal Geographical Society, and the royal premium of fifty guineas. The French Geographical Society also awarded him their silver medal. These honours were conferred during a visit to this country in 1833-4. In 1835 he again embarked for India, and having been engaged in several missions of importance, was knighted in 1838. In 1839 he was appointed political resident at Cabul, which office he held until the breaking out of the insurrection in that city, when, with his brother Charles and some others, he was slain. B. at Montrose, 1805; murdered at Cabul, 1841.

My dear Princeps

Captain Gundry

wishes much to have a copy
of the Journal of the Asiatic
Society for his great emporium
for Indians in London - I
give him this note through
to introduce him to you -
You perhaps know that
Captain G. is engaged in
a most extensive Indian
Agency in this country &

I can recommend him as a
channel by which you
may bring all Indians
worthy to notice in this
country

I say no more I shall
write you soon

Ever believe me,

Yours truly yours

Wm. B. Lewis

London 21st May 1834

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James Prinsep Esq
to be by
Calcutta

Calcutta
to him

Sir Alex Burnes
1806 - 1841
Ind. Polit Officer
shedded native languages
with the army at Cabul
massacred. 1839/41