

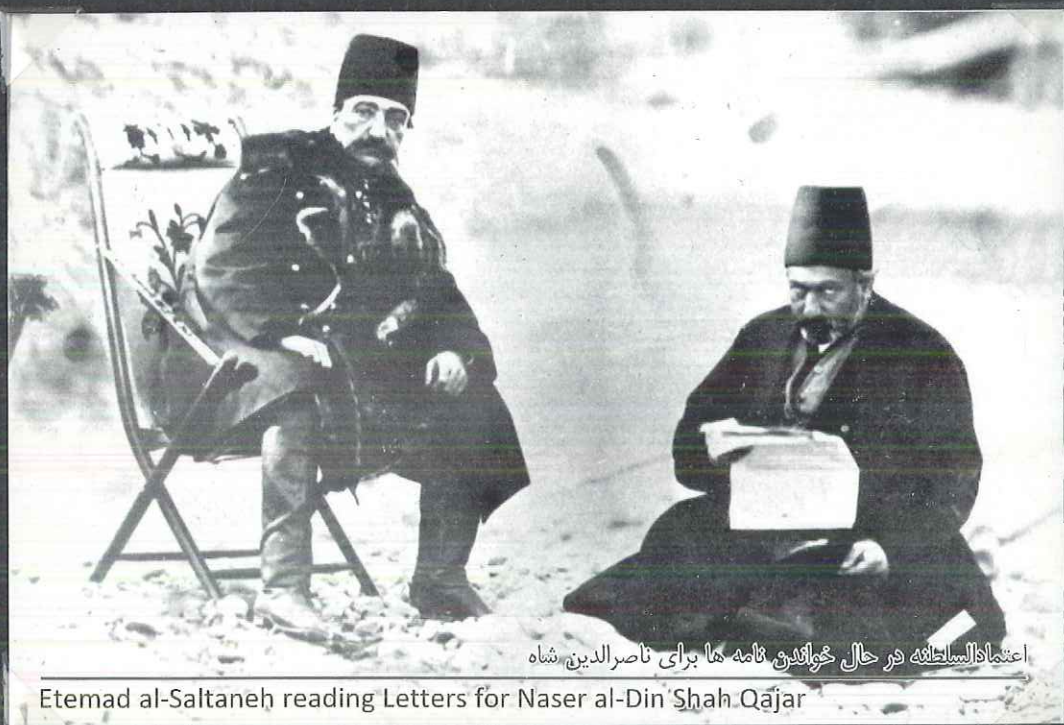
'The wagons are of the most primitive description, much like an English farm wagon without springs. It has no covering against the heat of the sun by day or the intense cold of the higher altitudes by night, and in it are indiscriminately mixed up mail bags, parcels, luggage, and passengers, the last named being usually Persians of the lower class, and therefore by no means scrupulously clean. The jolting is like the jolting of a tumbril, and the driving of the charioteer is like the driving of Jehu, the son of Nimshi, whenever the much-enduring horses can be flogged to so much energy.'

*Description of a Persian Post Wagon by F.B.Bradley-Birt, 1906.*

Brigand attack on Postal Caravan

حمله راهسزنان به کاروان اداره پست





اعتمادالسلطنه در حال خواندن نامه ها برای ناصرالدین شاه

Etemad al-Saltaneh reading Letters for Naser al-Din Shah Qajar



Sealing the Postal items in post office

معمور کردن مراسلات پستی در اداره پست



نیشابور

در سراسر درخت لایحه بنام



1882 5 Shahi (the re-cut version of Type 5) on letter postmarked Ispahan (Isfahan). Small negative personal seal. Nice flourish to typical ascending address.



Internal letter bearing 1894 Ultramarine 5 Chahis tied with Ispahan (Isfahan) cancel. A further Isfarhan cancel is joined with a fine Teheran cancel (evidently the destination). Marvellous penmanship on front and reverse in Farsi. Negative personal seal on flap.



Internal letter from Chiraz to Teheran, beautifully addressed in copperplate hand to a company called Messrs Aratoon Malcolm & Sons. James Aratoon Malcolm was of Armenian descent, born in Bushire in 1866 and read engineering at Oxford. This letter, dated 1898 would have him aged 33. In any event, even if he was not the addressee, they were obviously an important Armenian trading company. The letter was re-directed from Teheran to Bushire. Interesting in philatelic terms for the pair of rare-on-cover 1898 yellow 5 Chahis stamps with the type C control mark in violet. There is also a fine intact wax seal. Whatever bill was being calculated on the cover (total £2,800) it was a very great amount of money in 1898!