

This day are published, elegantly printed in quarto, and illustrated by Engravings, price 10s. 6d. each, the third and fourth Numbers (which complete the first volume) of

THE ORIENTAL COLLECTIONS:—

Consisting of Original Essays and Dissertations, Translations and Miscellaneous Papers; illustrating the History and Antiquities, the Arts, Sciences, and Literature of Asia.

Printed for Cadell and Davies, Strand. Of whom may be had the first and second Numbers, price 10s. 6d. each.

The second volume will be published in the course of the approaching Summer, and the third volume at the close of the present year, after which the work will be regularly continued in four annual Numbers, published quarterly, at 10s. 6d. each.

May^r Osuleys Compts. to Mess^{rs} Cadell & Davies -
would have called on them this day had not a violent
Cold obliged him to return home - As he wishes
to accommodate them in every pecuniary transaction
he is sorry they did not propose the time most con-
venient, themselves - but as he hopes ^{the sale of} the Persian
Miscellanies will nearly enable them to pay the
200 Guineas within a year. he hopes they will
find it convenient to make one payment of 100 Guineas
in four months from this time and the other
100 in seven months from the present time.
he mentions these periods as some money which
he must then pay himself will become due -

According to the terms before proposed & which Mess^{rs}
Cadell & Davies acceded to the payment of the
first & second N^{os} of Oriental Collections is not to take
place till the publication of the third & fourth -
these N^{os} are now so nearly finished that the printers
say it may be advertised for Monday next - but

Would advise the advertisement rather to mention
Wednesday - to allow full time for plates &c &c
but he thinks no time should be lost in
advertising as great numbers of people are now
preparing for India -

In expectation of receiv-
ing next week (on the publishing of the 3^o & 4th N^{os})
the 90^l for the two first (viz 35^s each) Major Ousley
has made some arrangements with his Banker, Mr
Rich^d Johnson 18. Stratford Place - but should even
this be inconvenient to Mess^{rs} Cadell & Davis, he
will endeavour to put off some demand - and
accommodate them as much as possible - tho' just
now it is much less in his power than will be
hereafter, as he is obliged to expend three or four
hundred pounds in the furnishing a small house
(N^o 48. Upper Norton St^r) to which he will remove
in about ten days -

The 3^o & 4th N^{os}
are not to be paid for until the publication of
the two first N^{os} of the 2^d Volume - in the course of
the summer - and as 22 Copies ^{of the 3^o & 4th N^{os}} must be sent to Subscribers
Major Ousley charges but 50^l for each N^o instead of
60 - This will include the first Volume -

Major Ousley has particular reasons for
wishing that Mess^{rs} Cadell & Davis should, in
the next advertisements, add, "That ~~the~~ all the
remaining Copies of the Persian Miscellanies
are to be had of them" - and it may be
no harm to add after his Name "Honorary
Member of the Royal Society of Sciences at
Gottingen" - as the late mails brought
him letters from the heads & Professors
of that learned body with a most
flattering Diploma, conferred
in such a manner as to make
the honor doubly acceptable, from
the first literary institution in Germany.

The advertisement may conclude thus
"To be had also of Mess^{rs} C. and D. all the
remaining Copies of the
Persian Miscellanies, &c

by W.O. Honorary Member &c &c

+ Lady Chambers being all day at Thornton & having the key
of the room where the Persian Miscellanies lie, has prevented
his sending them this day.
20 High St. Marybone - Tuesday

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Messrs Cadell & Davies

58 Oxford
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Bookellers

Strand

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Major Ouseley

Lady Chambers, Feb. 13. 1799
56. Queen Anne St. East

After suspending for a year & a half the continuation of the Oriental Collections, Major Ouseley was induced about three months ago, to resume the publication of that work, in consequence of the very flattering terms in which the few Copies that had been sent (as presents) to India & Germany, were spoken of - & particularly by the letters of three German professors, whose assistance is offered to M^r Ouseley - & who wait for the publication of the two last Numbers (of the 1st Vol.) to undertake a translation of it - By advice of many learned friends in this Country, he has, therefore set about the continuation of this work - & having the voluntary assistance of some of the first Orientalists, Antiquaries & Naturalists in England, he is resolved to prosecute it in a manner as to render it the Asiatick Researches of Europe - There not being any work of the kind now going on in any other Country - altho' one cannot well form an opinion from an incomplet work, as many wait to purchase the four N^{os} altogether - & others are deterred from purchasing the two first, conceiving that no more would ever be printed - yet Maj^r Ouseley finds that the Number even of the first & second parts that have been sold, (about 116) considerably over pay the expenses of paper, printing & plates - & this arises from the more sale in this Country, as none have yet been sent to India (except four or five copies as presents) - But in future, (as a Merchant now in Bengal recommends) 50 Copies may be regularly sent to that Establishment & 50 to Bombay - & then they sell for at least double - Finding that the sale of 114 or even 100 Copies immediately on publication have payed all expenses & leave a profit of about 40^l. Major

Ouseley was advised by friend^{man} consent in business
than himself to offer the copyright of the work
altogether to a bookseller - who, if he could afford
to wait one year for the return from India might
naturally expect considerable profit - & his friend
thus calculated - that the bookseller should make
the sale of 230 Copies (or thereabouts) pay all the expenses
of printing, paper &c. & also a quarterly allowance
to Maj. Ouseley - then out of 500 Copies, or 750
if thought proper all, after 230, would be clear profit -
for the sale of about 85 or 90 Copies pays the expenses
of the work - and the sale of 150 or 155 Copies would
enable the bookseller to allow the Dictor. 75. per
Quarter or per Number -

The bookseller to whom
this was first proposed after consultation with others - (all
of whom Maj. O. can mention to Messrs. Cadell & Davin) sent
him an answer thro' a Gentleman (who will confirm
what Maj. O. says) that not having any great funds
which might enable him to wait a year or 15 months
for the profits from India, he thought a certainty
of 60. per Number or Quarter or much or he will
could afford - agreeing however, that if the sale answered
his ~~own~~ expectations, at the end of a year or of two
years to augment the allowance perhaps to more than
the 75. per Number - Another friend, whose letter,
or indeed, himself I can be produced advised that however
to prefer even 60. per Number from a more established
house - than 75. from a new one - & the well-known
liberality & necessity of Messrs. Cadell & Davin, have
induced Maj. Ouseley to state this circumstance
at length to them - To them, as to him, the
difference of 10. or 15. per Quarter is but a small
dijit - & he is willing to begin on the terms last
mentioned of 60. per Quarter or per Number, & leave

it entirely to them to raise, in case of prosper-
-ous success, his allowance -

- Of the first Volume Two N^{os} printed in 1797 are
his own property - but will of course, become the
property of Messrs. Cadell & Davin, if they agree to
the above terms, & pay the original & present
of printing & paper - the plates Maj. Ouseley
engraved (except two) himself - & therefore will
not mention such a trifle - they of course will
only have to pay for the remaining copies (~~of the~~
~~of the~~) about 384

- of the 3^d & 4th N^{os} now nearly printed (completing
the first Volume) 25 Copies must be sent to those
who paid the full subscription of 2 Guineas for the
4 N^{os} - so that an adequate deduction from
the allowance to Major Ouseley must be made
on this account - or he has been already paid for
these 25 Copies -

As to the mode of payment
Maj. Ouseley's opinion of Messrs. Cadell & Davin
is such that he is willing to adopt whatever may
be most convenient to them - & he is willing to
wait for the payment for one Number till another
be published - this to be always three months
in advance - The hopes which he entertains

of rendering the Oriental Collection a national
work of the first Importance are not founded on
any absurd vanity or opinion of his own abilities -
but on the number & excellence of the materials
now by him, sent from various parts of the world,
& the essays of some of the first men in Europe
& in India now preparing for insertion in
his work - The letters, essays, & materials, he is

really to show to Messrs. Cadell & Davies & will
leave their merit to the judgement of any
orientalist & Scholar in Europe -

altho' the house of Messrs. Cadell & Davies
wants not any additional reputation, yet if it were
the Depot for Oriental publications, Gentlemen
going to India three or four times a year, would
know at once where to find the Books necessary
for them - & many ingenious works now in
contemplation (of which Messrs. Cadell know three
or four) would certainly be first offered to Messrs.
Cadell & Davies -

Thro' his connections in
India he can also facilitate the exportation of a
large quantity of Books every year - & thro' his brother
(a merchant in Bengal) make such arrangements
as will considerably promote the sale of the Works.
This intant he will export for his publisher as
much as if the Work were printed on his own
account - he will also arrange with a learned
German now in London, the most advantageous
manner of disposing of the German translation
that is, to receive some equivalent in books
or money for giving the proof-sheets as printed
& the use of the plates to some one German
at Leipzig or elsewhere - otherwise it will get
into their hands without any advantage to the
original proprietor -

Dr. William Gore Ouseley
1767-1842
Author, Orientalist
Diplomat

W.G.O.