

Mehémet-Ali, vice-roi d'Égypte

Consigne : en analysant les documents, en les confrontant et en vous appuyant sur vos connaissances et recherches, vous montrerez que d'une part l'État ottoman est en train de perdre sa plus riche province, d'autre part que cette dernière est alors un enjeu entre les puissances de l'Europe occidentale.



Interview with the Viceroy of Egypt at his Palace at Alexandria, May 12, 1839, lithographie de 34,6 × 48,6 cm par Louis Haghe d'après une aquarelle de David Roberts, publiée dans *The Holy land, Syria, Idumea, Arabia, Egypt and Nubia*, volume 6, Londres, F.G. Moon, décembre 1849, n° 213, p. 144. → <https://www.clevelandart.org/art/2012.163>

"Whilst in Alexandria, May 12, 1839", says Mr. Roberts, "I received from Colonel Campbell an invitation to breakfast and afterwards to accompany him to an interview with the Pasha, which had been arranged for that day. Our party started for the Arsenal, where Mehemet Ali was ready to receive us. After passing through numerous guards we were ushered into the presence-chamber, which, from the window, commanded a magnificent view of the harbour. The fleet, consisting of about twenty sail of the line fully equipped, the Arsenal, the dockyards, and numerous batteries – displaying a power created by his own forethought and energies – lay before us, a glorious scene. The room was spacious and lofty, and crowded with officers in rich uniforms, many of them wearing the decorations. The Pasha was in simple costume, without any mark of distinction upon him which Nature had not stamped, and which was acknowledged by the respect paid to him by all present. His reception of Colonel Campbell seemed to be most cordial, and a unpretending as the reception of an old friend. Having received us and taken his seat on the divan, he beckoned his visitors to be seated. Coffee was then served to us by attendants in rich costumes. The Pasha alone smoked. Only officers of the very highest rank are invited to this enjoyment in his presence."

The scene represents the Pasha seated, whilst Colonel (now General) Patrick Campbell explained to him the proposed route across the Desert. Artem Bey interpreted to His Highness in Turkish the conversation, which was carried on in Italian. There were present, Bogos Bey, his oldest friend and first minister; the Pasha's grandson, Abbas Pasha, the present Viceroy of Egypt; Linant Bey, the French engineer, and others. Among those with Colonel Campbell were Lieutenant Waghorn, the projector of the Overland route to India, and who has since been so indefatigable in its accomplishment; Mr. Tatum, the distinguished Coptic scholar; Mr. Roberts; Mr. Pell, and other English gentlemen. The interview was partly to congratulate His Highness on his recent safe return from Upper Egypt, and partly in connexion with the projected plans for improving the transit of passengers and merchandise across the Isthmus of Suez.

Georges Croly et William Brockedon (ill. Louis Haghe, d'après David Roberts), *The Holy land, Syria, Idumea, Arabia, Egypt and Nubia*, volume 6, Londres, F.G. Moon, décembre 1849, p. 149-150.
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