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The sender, the writer and the addresses of this letter were prosperous Jewish Indiatraders, who are known to us also from other decuments. The sender knew, of course, to write - the University Library, Cambridge preserves an autograph letter of his, in which he says "I am writing these lines a few hours before embarking (from Aden) to India -. obviously he/let his friend copy out the Hebrew copy, while he himself wrote the letter in Arabic characters, referred to in line 2 of the backside; for letters were often sent in two copies in case one would be rendered shifts illegible, e.g. by waterdamage. The addressee had the misforme that his ship was captured by pirates a fact reported by the man of "the bark of the ship", obviously the military conveyes protectors of the marchantman who made off when the pirates made their appearance. The letter is a goo illustration of the cooperative spirit of these traders, as well as of the international atmosphere of the big business of the time. The sender say that he is connected byth inseparable bonds of friendship and brotherhood with Tinbo (or: Tinbu), obviously an Indian, while he speaks respect fully of Abul-Qasim, who is of ownres a Muslim.

The letter is sent from Manjarur, which is the Arabic equivalent of Mangalore, on the Malabarecast to Breach, north of Bombay, while Tana, new a suburb of Bumbay, is also frequently mentioned . Kanbayat , Kanbaya , is also well known. I was, however, unable, with the books at my disposal. To the Malibarat and Lakiyaknorm mentioned in line 36.

an allusion to the Pirates. 2) Skeikh is the title given to a mor respectively.
3/1) The writer uses cometimes "the plural of medesty" Skeikh is the title given to a mer respectable merchant. , alongeide with singular in the same sentence, just as he addresses the receiver indiscriminately with "you" and "he" shipmaster in the sense of proprietor of a ship. "vehicles" in Arabic "riding beast" but no doubt oven driven carriage are intended. the great Buhar measures comprises 300 rotl or pounds; the quantity of peopler aquired for the "remainder" of silk is very considerable.