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Dear Dr. Lisker:

May I trouble you again with questions concerning my India papers from the Cairo Geniza?

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They repeatedly refer to one PDYAR, whose name is also prefaced by the article, which indicates that it was a title or office rather than a personal name. The man was a shipowner, possessing several ships and a kind of representative of the merchants. Now yār, I understand, must have been a quite frequent ending (in which language and in what meaning? I refer to A. Appadorai, Economic conditions in Southern India, Madras 1936). One of his ships, travelling to Aden was commanded by a Muslim. You remember of course, that Hebrew does not indicate short vowels. Thus the first element in the word could be read Padi, Pada etc. Also Fada, but I understand there was no F in the southern Indian languages at that time. Has the word a meaning?

Another question. An Indian valuable fabric extremely often sent as a present was lalas or lālis or lāna(i)s, described in the Persian dictionaries as a very fine red silken material. In Persian, lāl is one of the words for red, and I understand the same is the case in Hindustani. I should like to know (a) whether the fabric as such is known from literature or inscriptions and if any details about it are to be found; (b) the best pronunciation; I suppose lalas is nearer the original than lanas, or is perhaps lalis preferable?

With many thanks in advance,

Sincerely yours,

S.D. Goitein

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convento di Dabra Dāmnā pp. 249-54
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