

Reference code: GB165-0416

Title: Alexandro Bucciante Collection

Name of creator: Bucciante, Alexandro (b.c1772)

Dates of creation of material: c1847

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 2 boxes

Biographical history: Alexandro, Bucciante (b.c1772)

Alexandro Bucciante arrived in Egypt on 27 Jan 1795 to stay with his uncle George F. Bucciante 'who enjoyed a comfortable fortune, and honourable posts' and who was later (in 1798) acting British Consul when George Baldwin left Egypt owing to ill health. In the preface to his journal Alexandro Bucciante explains that from the arrival of Napoleon's Army onwards he kept 'precise note of all which took place' and 'in the various journeys which I undertook into the interior of the country...the collection of such material was facilitated and considerably augmented.' According to the preface Alexandro Bucciante was provoked into writing this account due to an erroneous reverence and celebration of 'Mohamet Ali' caused by accounts written from 'inexact sources, impure basis, from party spirit; which departed far from the historical exactness and truth which the Public had a right to expect'. Thus 'seeing the growth in honour of the so-called "Regenerator of Egypt", of huge tomes, and observing how public opinion was thus being outraged and deceived, I threw aside every restraining influence, and decided to give to the world this present work...'

Scope and content: Journal, in Italian, recording the invasion of Egypt by Napoleon covering the period 1796-1801 written by Alexandro Bucciante in c1847 with an English translation of the journal made by Alfred Hall in 1901. The journal is written as an eye witness account although it is likely that Alexandro Bucciante supplemented the account from other sources as well. Also includes a newspaper article on Bonaparte in Egypt by P.G. Elgood written in 1935.

Access conditions: Open

Language of material: Italian, English and French

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Custodial history: In the possession of the Buccianti family and their descendents

Immediate source of acquisition: Received as a loan from Mr Griffiths Lawson-Hall on 17 Jul 2007

Finding aids: In Guide; Handlist

Archivist's note: Fonds level description created by Debbie Usher 4 Jan 2008 and revised 21 Feb 2014. Biographical history created from information provided by Mr Griffiths Lawson-Hall and his daughter Claire Bolton and details gleaned from the English translation of the journal.

**ITEM LEVEL DESCRIPTION OF THE ALEXANDRO BUCCIANTI
COLLECTION**

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| <u>1</u> | <u>Buccianti Journal</u> | | |
| | 1/1 <u>Journal Italian Manuscript</u> | c1847 | 1 file

(400 sheets) |
| | Journal recording the invasion of Egypt by Napoleon covering the period 1796-1801 written by Alexandro Buccianti in c1847. The manuscript is divided into three parts.
Copies: The Italian manuscript has been digitised, so a digital copy is available.
Language: In Italian | | |
| | 1/2 <u>Journal English Translation</u> | 1901 | 1 volume |
| | TS English translation of the Italian manuscript journal made by Alfred Hall in 1901.
Physical condition: The volume is large and heavy and has a very fragile binding. | | |
| <u>2</u> | <u>Newspaper article: Bonaparte in Egypt</u> | 5 May 1935 | 2 sheets |
| | Newspaper article 'L'expedition de Bonaparte en Egypt' by Lieutenant Colonel P.G. Elgood published in the newspaper <i>La Bourse Egyptienne</i>
Language: In French | | |