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Narsit to Usbek in Paris

Roxane and Zelis have desired to go to the country ; I did not think I should refuse them. Fortunate Usbek, you have faithful wives and vigilant slaves. I command in halls where virtue seems to have chosen a haven : be sure that nothing will take place here that your eyes could not bear.

There has been a misfortune that puts me in great difficulty. Some Armenian merchants [\[1\]](#) newly arrived in Isfahan had brought one of your letters for me ; I sent a slave to fetch it : he was robbed on his way back, so the letter has been lost. [\[2\]](#) So write to me quickly, for I imagine that in this changeover you must have things of consequence to tell me.

The Fatmé seraglio this 6th day of the moon of Rebiab I, 1719

[\[1\]](#) Letter 25 had already indicated the role played by Armenian traders in the communications network.

[\[2\]](#) This concerns letter 142.