



(TRANSLATION)

To the Reverend Mr. Cole, peace and blessings in our Lord Jesus Christ.

The poem which you composed concerning the antiquity of our Church, our See and our Nation reached us. It was read and translated to us in the Syriac language, and pleased us much. We are gratified and thank you for the trouble you have taken and for your expression of kindness, which we will not forget. We ask God that He may bless you and grant you success in all you work and that it may be pleasing to His Holy Will.

May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

By the Grace of God

Benyamin Shimun

Patriarch of the East

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