

FROM: Mūsā b. Abū Al-Ḥayy Khalīla (Alexandria)

TO: Nahray b. Nissīm (Fustat)

DATE: Ca. 1060-1075

- 1) In Your Name
- 2) My lord and master, may God lengthen your life, preserve your well-being and happiness and,
- 3) in His mercy, ward off evil from you. I am writing to you from Alexandria, with 14 days remaining in Tammūz. I am well,
- 4) and long to see you, may God facilitate our meeting soon in the best of circumstances.
- 5) I must tell you that I would not have delayed writing to during this entire period
- 6) were it not for the fact that I was away in the Buḥayra province in order to acquire *wheat* sufficient for my provision. I arrived here
- 7) only on the evening before writing this letter. I encountered my master, Abū-l-Faraj Yeshū'a in Fuṣṣa about
- 8) twelve days ago. He was on his way to the Eastern province (ash-sharq) carrying with him silk and candles (?), and he was travelling in order to sell them.
- 9) I asked him whether he had brought with him any of the silk belonging to you in order to sell it on your behalf. He replied:
- 10) "The elder, Abū Ishāq did not give (entrust)