

SAMUEL CRAWLEY (1705–62): BRITISH CONSUL AT SMYRNA

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This is a short piece of original research about British trade with Turkey in the mid 18th century, focussing on the career of one man. Samuel Crawley grew up in London, went to Sicily as a young man to work as a merchant, and then spent his final twenty years employed by the Levant Company as the British Consul in Smyrna in Turkey (now Izmir).

The text is aimed at academic and lay people with an interest in 18th-century foreign trade and in Turkey in the Ottoman period, but also at Samuel Crawley's many descendants, who may not be familiar with the background. It is therefore written in an accessible style.

The text is 12,000 words (not counting the footnotes, which do not need to be indexed). It is suggested that you aim at an index of between 250 and 300 lines. There is a great deal of indexable material here and you will need to be selective to keep within this limit. The majority of entries will be for personal and place names, but there are also important subjects to be indexed.

Please note that the text, complete with index, is on the website of the Levantine Heritage Foundation at <https://www.levantineheritage.com/pdf/Samuel-Crawley-British-Consul-at-Smyrna.pdf>