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Mahomed Kheir is back & I gave him the threaders & bodkins & he was delighted, he had never had such wonderful ones before. he sends you many thanks

I have received the transfers, there are a lovely lot & I think will be enough for now. also calenders^{sic}. thanks so much

I am afraid I cannot tell you where to find M^{rs} Thomas's amber, as the beads are all mixed up together, I will have to select a nice string when I return & take them over to her. they are a present from me –

> Lots of love to you & Father Your affectionate daughter Myrtle –