Heads of Mission in the Gulf Posts

**IRAN**

1799  Special mission to Shah by Mahdi Ali Khan, acting East India Company (EIC) Resident in Bushire
1800–1  Special mission by Captain John Malcolm,* Envoy from the EIC
1808  Special mission by Brigadier-General John Malcolm, Envoy from the EIC
1809–11  Sir Harford Jones, Bt. (later Jones Brydges), Envoy
1810  Brigadier-General John Malcolm, Envoy from the EIC, not received by the Shah
1811–14  Sir Gore Ouseley, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
1814–15  James Morier, Minister Plenipotentiary ad interim (FO)
1814  Henry Ellis,* special mission with Ouseley and Morier
1815–26  Major Henry Willock,* Chargé d’Affaires
1826–30  Colonel John Kinneir Macdonald,* Envoy from the EIC
1830–35  Captain John Cambell,* Chargé d’Affaires 1830–4, Consul General and Plenipotentiary 1834–35
1835–6  Rt. Hon. Henry Ellis, Ambassador on special mission
1836–42  Dr John McNeill,* Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary
1842–53  Col. Justin Sheil,* Chargé d’Affaires 1842–44, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary 1844–53 (after which date until 1944 all British envoys were accredited as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary)
1854–59  Hon. C.A. Murray*
[1855–57 Breach in relations; Herat war 1856–57]
1859–60  Major-General Sir Henry Rawlinson
1860–72  Charles Alison
1872–79  W. Taylour Thomson*
1879–87  Ronald F. Thomson*
1887–90  Rt. Hon. Sir Henry Drummond Wolff
1891–94  Sir Frank Lascelles
1894–1900  Sir Mortimer Durand
1900–05  Sir Arthur Hardinge
1903  Viscount Downe Special envoy to invest Shah with Order of the Garter
1906–08  Sir Cecil Spring-Rice
1908–12  Sir George Barclay
1912–15 Sir Walter Townley
1915–18 Charles Marling* 
1918–20 Sir Percy Cox
1920–21 Herman Norman
1921–26 Sir Percy Loraine
1926–31 Robert Clive*
1931–34 Reginald Hoare*
1934–36 Hughe Knatchbull-Hugessen*
1936–46 Sir Reader Bullard. (In 1944 and thereafter, the Legation became an Embassy and the Head of Mission was an Ambassador.)
1946–50 John le Rougetel*
1950–52 Sir Francis Shepherd
1952 (January to October) George Middleton, Chargé d’Affaires
[October 1952–December 1953 Breach of relations]
1953–54 Denis Wright* Chargé d’Affaires
1954–58 Sir Roger Stevens
1958–63 Sir Geoffrey Harrison
1963–71 Sir Denis Wright
1971–74 Hon Peter Ramsbotham*
1974–79 Anthony Parsons*
1980 John Graham*
[June 1980, breach of relations. September 1980 British interests under the protection of Sweden. The following were Head of the British Interests Section of the Swedish Embassy:]
1982–83 Nicholas Barrington*
1984–86 Michael Simpson-Orlebar*
1987 Christopher MacRae*
[The Embassy reopened in December 1988].
1988 Gordon Pirie, Chargé d’Affaires ad interim (a.i.)
1989 Nicholas Browne, Charge d’Affaires a.i.
[Iran severed diplomatic relations with the UK from 7 March 1989 to 28 October 1990]
1990–93 David Reddaway, Charge d’Affaires a.i.
1993–97 Jeffrey James, Charge d’Affaires a.i.
1997–99 Nicholas Browne,* Charge d’Affaires a.i. 13 November then ambassador from May 1999
[Britain and Iran upgraded relationship to ambassadorial status in 1999.]
1999–2002 Sir Nicholas Browne, Ambassador
2002– Sir Richard Dalton

* later knighted

IRAQ
Residents:
Mr James Morley 1766
(From 1766 to 1798 the Residency was in abeyance but from 1781 there was a Native Agent in Baghdad.)
Mr Harford Jones
(afterwards Sir Harford Jones Brydges) 1798–1806