

MURQUS AL-MASHRIQI AL-MALLAWANI

An [eighteenth-century](#) Copt. Three letters are associated with this name. A [Jirjis](#) al- Qibti (George the Copt) who had taken up the [Roman Catholic faith](#) sent two letters to Murqus with arguments for the [Roman Catholic doctrine](#), a [refutation](#) of the Monophysite errors, and an invitation to conversion.

Murqus' letter in reply declined the invitation, and its polemical message apparently had the effect that [Jirjis](#) returned to the Coptic [faith](#) and accepted the [penance](#) that the bishop of ABU TIJ, Christodoulus, laid on him. The extant [manuscript](#) of the letters dates to 1795-1796.

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