



# Einstein, Eddington and the 1919 total solar eclipse

## Two memorable expeditions prepared in times of pandemic

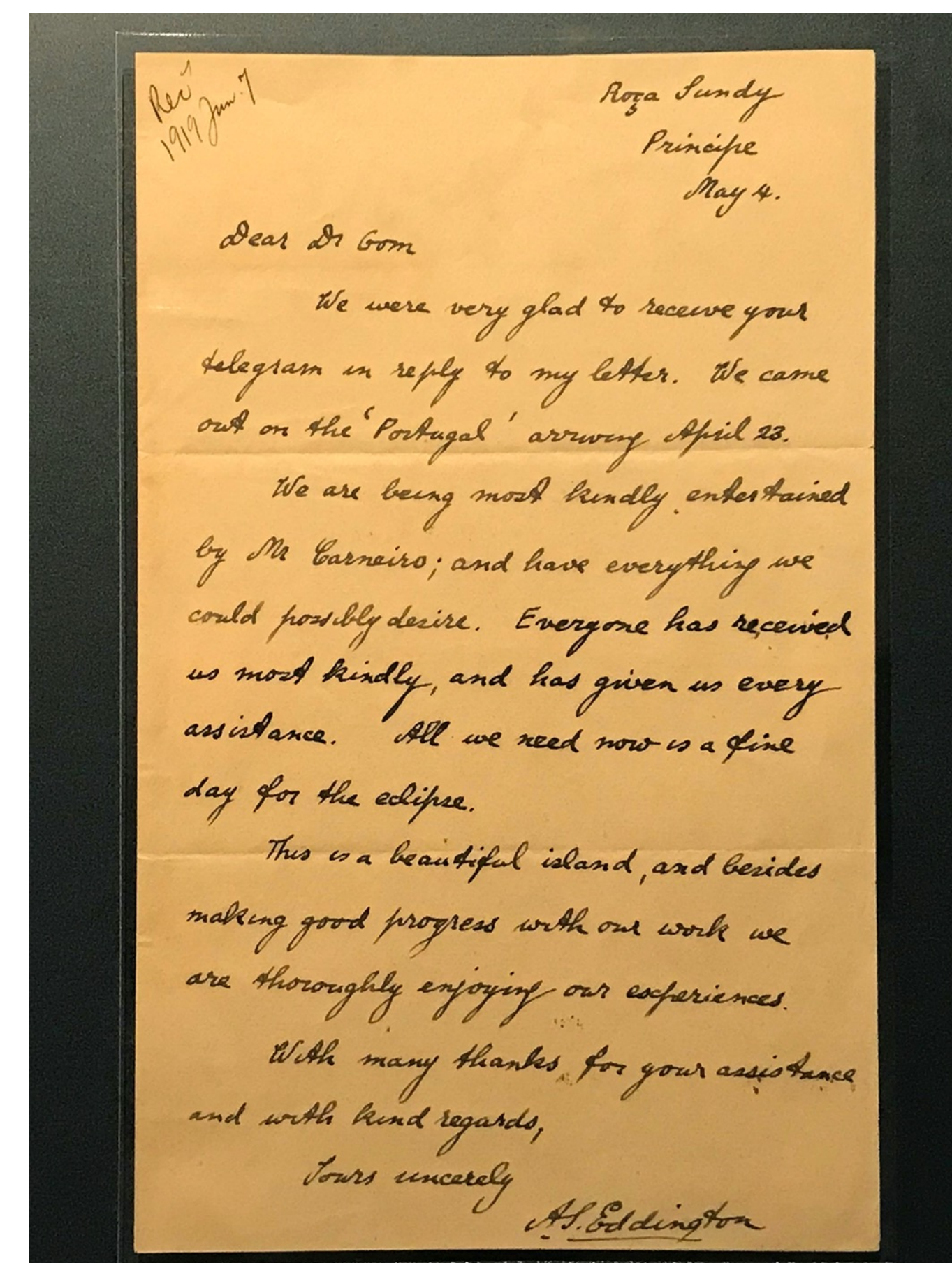
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Although prepared during the Great War, to which accrued the devastating effects of the Spanish flu, there are no echoes of the pandemic in the extant reports of the expeditions that took the 4 English astronomers led by AS Eddington to the equatorial regions of Sobral and Príncipe, to observe the 1919 total solar eclipse and test Albert Einstein's prediction of the bending of light.

In an exhibition that took place at MUHNAC (May-Sep 2019), and later moved to the FCT NOVA Library (Sep-Oct 2019) and is presently at the C6 lobby of FCUL, and also in an essay/graphic novel, a joint analysis of the two expeditions in their scientific, social, political and religious aspects is provided. The graphic novel takes excerpts from A.S. Eddington's correspondence as a starting point for an experimental and impressionistic exercise.



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