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Dear Russell-Cobbell,

Your letter reached me this morning and I reply at once. To what
hope you will excuse these hasty suggestions: It is high time to spreading the
knowledge of Catalan contributions to the progress of cartography and travel
literature, particularly in the Later Middle Ages. There are several subjects, all
of great interest to English students: -

Jaume Ferrer and the discovery of West Africa (1375)

The Cresques school of map makers: the portolano maps
at the Ajuntament, Plaça de Catalunya, the Estense Library
in Modena.

Catalan cartographers at large: their influence on Henry the
Navigator's and later fifteenth century maritime under-
takings.

"Joan Cabotus, Venetus": was he a Catalan?



I am very ignorant of Arabic contributions in later periods. But I would suggest the travels of the adventurer romance Badi' al-Kabli (Ali Bey al-'Abbasi) in the early years of the XIX century should be an admirable subject for a lecture.

Please let me know if I can be of any further help.

Yours sincerely,