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United States Consulate
Jerusalem August 3rd 1871

Hon. Second Asst Secretary of State
Washington D.C.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of circular No. 11. of June 16th authorizing the diplomatic and Consular Officers of the United States to extend their Official protection to Swiss Citizens who may be residing or sojurning at places where there are no Diplomatic or Consular representatives of that Republic.

In case I should extend my Consular protection to Swiss Citizens at Jerusalem I will, according to the circular now before me, accept the function as an Agent of the Swiss Government and become responsible to that Government for the discharge of my duties; I therefore have the honor to ask whether I shall in that case place myself in correspondence with the Swiss Republic and act accordingly to her instructions, or whether such action is unnecessary.

I have the honor

Sgd R Beardsley
US Consul

No. 49

United States Consulate at
Jerusalem August 4th 1871

Hon. Second Asst Secretary of State
Washington D.C.

Sir

I have the honor to report the arrival at Jaffa on the 19th instant of the U.S. Ship "Shenandoah" Commander C. H. Wells Commanding. All of her officers and about thirty men came up to Jerusalem. She sailed from Jaffa on the 26th ultimo for Alexandria, Messina & Nice.

The presence of our men of war in these waters is a great comfort and satisfaction to our citizens residing in the Levant and tends greatly to encourage and increase the respect and admiration with which our Navy has always been regarded by Turkey and all Oriental Powers.

I have the honor to remain Sir
very respectfully your obedient servant
Sgd R Beardsley
US Consul