No. 18

United States Consulate
Jerusalem Syria
July 24, 1894.

Honble Edwin F. Uhl
Assistant Secretary of State
Washington, D.C.

Sir

In reply to your circular dated April 28, 1894, requesting information about "Seeds" of Grasses and Forage Plants in this Consular district. I beg leave to say that after a diligent inquiry I have been unable to discover any grasses or plants in the Jerusalem district that are not known in the United States.

I am, Sir

Your obedient Servant

No. 19

United States Consulate
Jerusalem, Syria
July 25, 1894.

Honble Edwin F. Uhl
Assistant Secretary of State
Washington D.C.

Sir

Desiring to be absent from this Consulate for a period of ~~forty~~ days, the leave to commence in early ~~beginning~~ the month of November next I respectfully request that permission be granted me by the Dep^t. My object in making this request is that I can take advantage of my proximity of residence to visit Egypt & the Nile. The business of the Consulate is light at this time of year and can be conducted satisfactorily under the superintendence of the Vice Consul.

Hoping for a favorable reply
I remain, Sir,

Your obedient servant

No. 20

U. S. Consulate
Jerusalem, Syria
September 3, 1894.

Honble Edwin F. Uhl
Assistant Secretary of State
Washington

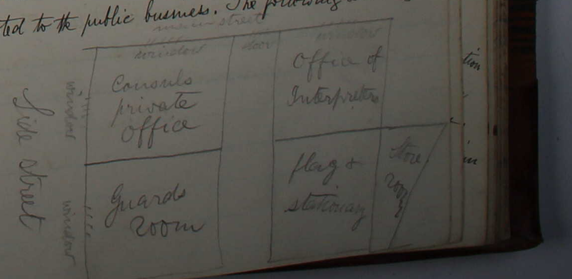
Sir

With reference to your despatch No. 11 of July 19, 1894 and in conformity to the requirements of Art. 106 of Consular Regulations the following report relating to the new Consular Office in Jerusalem is hereby offered.

Owing to the frail condition of the building in which the former offices were located and the unhealthful locality it became necessary to seek new quarters. All rental contracts here are made for one Turkish year, which is about ten days shorter than our year. Our contract for the old offices ceased on July 3rd last. A new contract was then made for a building owned by the Bishop of the Syrian Church and located in the immediate neighborhood of the Consulates of the other Powers. Jerusalem is peculiar in that that its streets are not named nor its houses numbered. Consequently only a general idea of the location of the new offices can be given. They are located outside the old city walls and about half a mile north of the north wall. The situation is high & healthfull, in a conspicuous part of the best residence portion. The house was intended as a residence for two families. The lower or general floor, is used for Consular purposes and the second floor for the residence of the Consul's family. This enables the offices to be "separate and self contained" and used for no other than strictly Consular purposes.

The actual rental paid is $280. This is paid to the Bishop of the Syrian Church at Jerusalem and must be paid in advance before the Contract is completed.

Five rooms are devoted to the public business. The following is a rough sketch of the arrangement.



When not open for business the offices are protected by a Consular Kawass Guard. The Consular residence being just above the offices a general oversight is continually kept. The Guard has a comfortably sized though poorly furnished room.

The furnishings of the Consular offices are meagre and poor. Desks and chairs are very much needed, the present ones being wretchedly inadequate and in condition beyond further repair. Hoping that the Department will see fit to supply the office with needed furnishings as per my request in despatch No 10 of May 19, 1894. I remain

Sir

Your obedient Servant

No. 21.

United States Consulate.
Jerusalem Sept. 18. 1894.

Hon.ble Edwin F. Uhl.
Assistant Secretary of State.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith the marriage certificate of Michael Cohen dated Sept. 11. 1894.

I am &c.

Consul

Inclosure.
1. Marriage certificate.

No 22

U. S. Consulate
Jerusalem, Oct. 1, 1894

Hon.ble Edwin F. Uhl
Assistant Secretary of State
Washington, D.C.

Sir

Referring to despatch No. 55 of August 16, 1893 from this office relative to the death of some American Citizens here, among them Meyer Nachtigal; I beg to inclose herewith a copy of the general account of his estate. The settlement was completed August 30, 1894. The estate amounted to a total of fr. 37043, the Government fee amounted to fr. 1515.40 = to $292.47 on the net amount of the estate exclusive of the expenses of fr. 30308,10 a 5 % as shown in said account, Therefore the government is debited of the sum of $292.47 which I have settled in my salary account of the quarter ending September 30, 1894, with the Treasury Department.

I am Sir

Your obedient Servant

Consul

Inclosure:
Copy of the general account of the estate of Meyer Nachtigal

No 23

U. S. Consulate
Jerusalem, October 1, 1894

Hon.ble Edwin F. Uhl
Assistant Secretary of State
Washington D.C.

Sir

I have the honor to inclose herewith the accounts & returns of this Office, with the necessary vouchers for the quarter ending Sept. 30, 1894

I am Sir

Your obedient Servant

Consul

List of Inclosures:
1 Contingent Expenses
2 Salaries of Interpreters & Guards
3 Record of Notarial Service