No 18

U. S. Consulate at
Jerusalem Nov. 6th 1874.

Hon. W. Hunter
Second Assistant Sec. of State.

Sir

I have the honor to inform the Department that the Sloop of War "Alaska" Capt. S. P. Carter anchored off Jaffa on Oct. 23d and sailed for Port Said on Oct. 30th. The officers and Crew in the mean time visiting the "Holy City".

All were well. None of the Crew deserted or were left behind much to our relief.

I am Sir
Your obedient servant
(Signed) F. J. de Haass
Consul

No 19.

U.S. Consulate Jerusalem Nov. 20th 1874.

Hon. W. Hunter, Second Asst. Sec. State.

Sir.-

I had the honor to inform the Department by last post, (Dep No 18) of the arrival & departure of the U.S. Sloop of War "Alaska".

Since then a Claim for £ 6. 02. 5d. U.S. Currency has been presented in this Consulate by a Turkish Subject for a donkey killed by a party of American sailors on the road between this & Jaffa. Am I authorized to pay this bill? If a Turkish Subject killed a mule belonging to an American Subject he would make him pay for it. This case is a clear one.

I have also to report that one of the Crew, a Young man from Lowell Mass, was robbed & beggared in the most revolting manner by three Turks on the Ramleh road. We have had the guilty parties arrested & they are now in prison, until the Grand Seraglio decides the offence committed with the arrest, trial & punishment of these wretches.

I am, Sir, Your obt. Serv.
F. J. de Haass.



No 20.

U. S. Consulate at
Jerusalem Dec: 4th 1874.

Hon. W. Hunter
Second Assistant Sec. of State.

Sir

It becomes my painful duty to inform the Dept. of the death of Rev. Amory Gale of Minneapolis Minn. a Citizen of the U. S. who died in Jaffa Syria on Wednesday Nov. 25th 1874. Mr Gale was a Baptist Minister about sixty years of age, travelling through Palestine at the time of his death.

We have taken charge of his personal effects, & notified his friends of the event. He was buried in the American Cemetery near Jaffa on Thursday Nov. 26th

I am Sir
Your obd. serv.
(Signed) F. J. de Haass

No 21.

U. S. Consulate at
Jerusalem Dec: 19th 1874.

Hon. W. Hunter
Second Assistant Sec. of State.

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Despatch No 17 bearing date Nov: 20th Enclosing the Presidents Proclamation touching the right of Americans to hold real estate in the Ottoman Empire.

I am Sir
Your obd. servant
(Signed) F. J. de Haass