Consulate of the United States
Jerusalem, Aug. 21st 1895

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

Sir

I have the honor to enclose herewith, in compliance with your circular of July 25th ult., the list of officers in the employ of this Consulate and the Jaffa Consular Agency.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant
(Signed) Edwin S. Wallace
Consul

1, Enclosure as above

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U. S. Consulate
Jerusalem Sep. 13th 1895

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Sir

I have the honor to report to you a practice recently begun, but now freely indulged in, by the Turkish Consul General at New York City, namely the writing on the back of American passports of a limit, saying how long the bearer shall be permitted to remain in the Turkish Empire. This time limit is written in Turkish characters

immediately after the Visa of the Consul-General.

For example, the passport of Mr. Abraham Berg (№ 22245) issued July 18th 1895 bears a visa of the Consul-General (Ottoman) of New York, and immediately after the Visa is written the following in Turkish:—

"The bearer is not allowed to remain, at the said place, (Jerusalem) more than three months, according to regulations" (Signed) Ismaïl Assim
Le Gérant et Vice Consul

Now it happens that said Abraham Berg is and has been for years a resident of Jerusalem, that on a visit to the United States he had his passport renewed. His intention is to remain here with his family, his home being in Jerusalem.

Frequently the Turkish officials at Jaffa write a time limit on the passports. Such cases we can manage here and prevent the carrying out of the regulation, which regulation, so far as I can learn, has been entered into by the Turks themselves without any consultation as to the wishes or opinions of the State Department at Washington.

I desire to be informed by the Department just what course to pursue in the event of an attempt on the part of the Turkish officials to enforce this time limit against American citizens until so informed I shall insist upon the right of an American to remain here as long as he wishes providing his behavior is proper.

I am, Sir
Your Obedient Servant
E. S. W.
Consul