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U. S. Consulate at Jerusalem, &c.
July 19th. 1860.

Hon. Lewis Cass
Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.
U. S. of America.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that the serious intelligence of the uprising in the Lebanon, and within a few days of the horrible massacre in Damascus (see enclosed copy) causes great alarm among all classes of Christians in this place. The Mohamedans are becoming quite insolent — and it is to be feared that the same things may take place here in Palestine as in Damascus. Under these circumstances it is very important that the lives and property of American Citizens be more effectually protected than they are at present.

In great haste and consideration
I remain, Sir,

Your Obt Servant
Simeon F. Murad
U. S. Vice Consul.

Enclosure with despatch No. (3.) 7. Lent.

(Copy)

Beirout, July 12th, 1860.

The Prussian Consul here has received a despatch from the Consul at Damascus which says that the whole of the Christian quarter is burned; that the greater part of the Christian population is saved by well disposed Mohammedans; but that several hundreds have been massacred. The English and Prussian Consulates have not been touched.—

The following is from Mr Robson to Mr Brandt, on the afternoon of the Massacre: "Many thanks for the kind remembrance of me in such a fearful time. For the last 2½ hours the street past my house has presented a terrible scene — first the rush and running of men armed, and boys and women shouting imprecations on the infidel Christians, and cries of kill them, butcher them, plunder, burn, leave not one, not a house, not any thing, fear not the soldiers, fear nothing, the soldiers will not meddle with you. They were right, no body has interfered. Then women, boys, soldiers for more than two hours have been carrying every sort of thing past my house like fiends from hell! I cannot go to your house. Could I go with my wife and servants into the midst of armed Ruffians crying and thirsting for blood? To open the door is as much as my life is worth. I must remain, where I am, and leave the event to God.

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Where is your Pasha now? Fifty men could have put the insurrection down. Has any attempt been made to preserve the lives and property of the Sultan's subjects on the faith of the Powers? Perhaps at your quarter you see nothing of this most shameful as well as most horrible business. Had not the poor native Christians reason to fear? I know not the moment, when some of these plunderers and murderers, who are passing my door without ceasing, will recollect that this is the house of a Frank and a Christian to stop to rob it and murder us. I have no hope that this will end to day. Perhaps till plunder becomes scarce in the Christian quarter I may escape." —

July 14th. News from Damascus to the 12th p.m. Reports the massacres and burnings still continue. One of the Missionaries, Mr Graham of the Irish Church, lost his life in all probability. Mr Frazin's house burned and plundered. Mr Frazin and family and Dr Hattie happily came over to Beirout last Saturday. Mr Robson and wife safe at the English Consulate; upwards of 2000, if not many more persons massacred. A Turkish frigate and French Brig of War at Sidon, and heavy firing in that quarter; it is reported the Druzes attacked the place, and the firing is in consequence. —

(Signed) George C. Hurter.

Department of State,
Washington, July 2d 1860.

To

S. S. Murad, Esq.
United States Consulate,
Jerusalem.

Sir,

The President having appointed Wm R. Page Esq. of Portsmouth, Virginia, Consul of the United States at Jerusalem, I will thank you to deliver to him the records and archives of the Consulate, the seal, press, flag, and arms, together with the Statutes at Large, Wheaton's Digest, & all other books and property in your possession belonging to the U.S.

I am, sir,

Your obedient servant,
Wm Henry Trescot
Acting Secretary.

Received August 2d 1860.

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United States Consulate at Jerusalem
August 2d 1860.

Hon. Wm Henry Trescot
Acting Secretary of State
Washington D. C.
U. S. of America.

Sir;

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch dated July 2d 1860. Having learned that the President has appointed Wm R. Page Esq. Consul of the United States at Jerusalem, I will respectfully deliver to him, when he arrives here, the records & archives of the Consulate, and all other property in my possession belonging to the U. States. With great consideration

Your humble & obedient servant
Simon S. Murad
U. S. Vice Consul.