No 95. US. Consulate at Jerusalem
January 10 - 1873.

Hon W. Hunter
Second Assist: Secretary of State
Washington.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Circular 28 & 29, with their respective dates, both coming to hand on the 1st instant.

I have the honor to report that a railway from Jaffa to Jerusalem will be built by a French Company called "Entreprise Générale du Chemin de fer de Jaffa à Jerusalem", which Company obtained a Concession for 51 years from the Ottoman Government.

Part of the personel with Mr. Edgard Farny as Constructing engineer coming from Constpl. are already at work marking out and surveying the line.

The Company promises to do the whole in 18 months.

One of the 1st tasks of the Company will be the construction of a jetty at Jaffa projecting about 200 metres into the sea.

It is easy to pragnosticate that this enterprise will prove of immense benefit to parthless Palestine but unprofitable to the entrepreneurs at least for the beginning.

I am Sir &c

E Hardegg
US. Vice Consul

No 96. US. Consulate at
Jerusalem, January 25. 1873.

Hon W. Hunter
Second Assistant Secretary of State
Washington.

Sir:

In conformity with the purport of Circular 27. dated Oct. 28. 1872 received on the 9. inst. I have the honor to transmit you Enclosure No 1 Aggregate return of Fees received at this Consulate in 1872.

Enclosure No 2
Commercial report of last year

I am Sir
Your obedient servant
E. Hardegg
US. Vice-Consul.

No 97. US. Consulate at
Jerusalem Feb: 10 1873.

Hon W. Hunter
Second Assistant Secretary of State
Washington D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Dispatch No 72 & 73 with their respective dates of Jan: 4 & 15

I am Sir
Your obedient servt,
E. Hardegg
US. Vice Consul.