No 41

U. S. Consulate
Jerusalem Nov 12th 1878

Hon: Chas Payson
Third Assistant Secretary of State
Washington D. C.

Sir

In adverence to my despatch No 32 of August 1st 1878, acknowledged in your despatch No 24. I have further to report, as follows;

The crazy man named Brinton was arrested in the Turkish Court, and I was inquired of whether he was an American Subject – In answer I requested the Court, to wait until I should have an answer from the Department of State.

On sunday night, November 3d Brinton was shot, cut with a knife or dagger, beaten and robbed. His house keeper also was wounded with a dagger – Fortunately, the wounds were not dangerous. Brinton however was sick at the time.

I at once gave notice to the Pacha – A number of suspicious characters were arrested and imprisoned. The Pacha requested that he be sent to the Court, to give his testimony – He refused – His acquaintances urged him to go – He refused still – I have no acquaintance with him.

He refused to ask for the interferance of the Consulate in his behalf.

He denies Turkish Authority over him.

He scorns American Authority.

Officially, he is not known at the Consulate; yet we all know that he is an American born citizen.

He is crazy – slightly so – how if I use force, or constraint, if for instance I send him to the Court he will in all probability become a raving madman – and then, what shall I do with him:

I await instructions. The primary question is this. Is unofficial evidence, to be taken as a basis of recognition as a citizen?

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient Servant
(Signed) J G Wilson
Consul

No 42

U. S. Consulate at
Jerusalem Nov 15 1878

Hon: Chas Payson
Third Assistant Secretary of State
Washington D. C.

Sir

I have the honor to inform you, that the U. S. Gettysburg, Comd. Lieut. Henry H. Goringe, arrived at Jaffa from Port Said on the evening of the 23d day of Oct. 1878. Six officers – eight Petty officers and forty two men arrived for a visit to Jerusalem.

The Steamer left Jaffa for Beirut Via Haifa, on the 31st day of October.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient Servant
(Signed) J G Wilson
Consul

No 43

U. S. Consulate at
Jerusalem Dec. 5 1878

Hon: Chas Payson
Third Assistant Secretary of State
Washington D. C.

Sir

The object of this despatch will be to present a brief outline of the educational facilities, at Jerusalem.

I

Mohamedan Schools
Schools 11. Pupils 570

II

Greek Church Schools
Schools 4. Pupils 80

III

Armenian church Schools
Schools 3. Pupils 75

IV

Jewish Schools
Schools 11. Pupils 370

V