will probably be considered sufficient.

I am, Sir,
your obedient Servant,

Consul.

No. 39.

Consulate of the United States,
Jerusalem, February 10, 1888.

Hon George L. Rives
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch no. 19, dated December 28, 1887, and enclosing the original papers in the Leighton will case.

In this connection it may be proper for me to explain that the original papers in this case were forwarded to the Consular Agent at Jaffa by order of the Department. See despatch No 59, dated September 14th 1886, addressed to my predecessor, Mr Selah Merrill. This orders the Consul to take the receipt of the Consular Agent for the said papers, and seems to transfer the case to the Jaffa Agency.

I am prepared to proceed to hear and decide the questions which may be brought before me by the parties interested in this litigation, following the instructions you have therein given.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant

Consul.

No. 40.

Consulate of the United States,
Jerusalem, February 10, 1888.

Honorable George L. Rives,
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that the local authorities in Jerusalem and Palestine recently have begun to enforce the passport regulations with severity. All travellers, including Americans, are obliged to provide themselves with a Tiskirah, or local passport; and those having passports from their Governments which have not the visa of a Turkish Minister or Consul, are fined, as are those who are unprovided with passports.

This state of things has prevailed since October, 1886, in Syria (the Consulate of Beirut); but in this Consulate (including Palestine) we have had no trouble from this cause till since January, 1888.

My representations to the Governor of Palestine, only have resulted in his assurances of his inability to mitigate the evil complained of. On my assuring him that a Turk might travel from one end to the other of the United States, without receiving hindrance, or being once asked to show a passport, he was greatly impressed, and suggested that proper representations be made by our Legation at Constantinople, so that American travellers should be made an exception to the stringent rules now enforced, or, at least, such Americans as are provided with the passport of their Government.

To this end, I have laid the matter before the Consulate General, requesting that it be brought before the Legation at Constantinople.

I am, Sir,
your obedient Servant

Consul.