No 114

U. S. Consulate at
Jerusalem Sept: 24th 1881

Hon. Robert R. Hitt
Assistant Secretary of State
Washington

Sir,

On the 22nd inst: I received by telegram from Consul General Heap, the sad intelligence of the death of the President General James A. Garfield, on the evening of the 19th of September.

I immediately communicated the news of the event to the Governor of Palestine, to the Foreign Consuls, to the Patriarches and Bishops of Jerusalem, and to the Consular Agency at Jaffa, and the American Citizens residing at Jerusalem.

The flag of the United States was floated at half mast for three days, and also the Flags of the Consulates of the European Powers represented at Jerusalem.

An Official reception was held at the Consulate, for the Consuls and Official Bodies on the 23rd and for the American Citizens on the 24th, and from all classes expressions of Sympathy and of great sorrow have been received, and especially, from the French Consul, who as the Representative of the Great European Republic immediately on reception of the Circular addressed to him, sent a letter of condolence and regard expressive of the intensest grief excited by the sad event, and no where more as he says assured than in his own beloved country, France.

In corresponding terms, the Consuls of England Russia, Germany, and other Powers have promptly and earnestly expressed themselves. The event is felt to be a bereavement and a calamity not only for the United States but for the world.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your obedient Servant
W. Wilson
Consul

No 115

U. S. Consulate at
Jerusalem Sept 27th 1881

Hon Robert R. Hitt
Assistant Secretary of State
Washington

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Circular, of date August 13th in regard to immediate transportation of merchandise with enclosure Copy of the Regulations, and Circular dated August 17th in respect to the payment of Clerk hire.

Also your despatch No 58 dated the 2nd inst: is received, and I beg to report that I shall take the first opportunity to express to the Governor and to other officials, and resident at Jerusalem the sentiments you have been pleased to express. I have also to report, that I received from the Consul General Mr Heap of Constantinople, on the evening of the 23rd inst. a telegram announcing the accession of Mr Arthur to the Presidency.

In my last despatch No 114, I have reported the ceremonies which took place at this Consulate on the 23rd and 24th of this month on the occasion of the sad event of the death of our late President James A. Garfield.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
W. Wilson
Consul

No 116

U. S. Consulate at
Jerusalem Oct. 1st 1881

Hon. Robert R. Hitt
Assistant Secretary of State
Washington

Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith my returns and accounts, with the necessary inclosures and vouchers, for the third quarter ending September 30th 1881 amounting respectively to Viz: $ 89 23/100 for Rent and miscellaneous expense account, and $ 100 00/100 for Salary of Interpreter Guards etc; and to advise my drafts for the same at fifteen days sight in favor of Messrs Mellill Berghein & Son, Bankers at