misinterpretation of the Treaty, so as to contravene the 4th Article of the Treaty, of 1850.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient Servant
J. G. Wilson
Consul.

Signed

Two Enclosures

1 Copy of despatch to the Pacha
2 Copy of Cipher Telegram to the Legation

No. 24

U. S. Consulate at
Jerusalem April 4th 1878

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

Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith my return for first quarter of 1878 Viz:

13/24 List of Official letters received and sent during the quarter, as per Enclosures nos 1 & 2.

3/24 Rent & Miscellaneous Expenses $105:11 cts per Enclosure No. 3.

4/24 Salary of Interpreter and Guards $137:50, as per Enclosure No. 4.

And to advise my draft for the above accounts in favor of Mr Melville P. Bergheim Banker of this City.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient Servant
J. G. Wilson
Consul.

(Signed)

Four Enclosures

1 & 2 Letters received & sent
3 Rent & Miscellaneous Expenses
4 Salary of Interpreter & Guards

No. 25

U. S. Consulate
Jerusalem April 25 1878

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

Sir:

I write acknowledge the receipt of your despatches nos 15 & 16.

In reference to the subject of despatch No 16 viz: the protégés, I have said to them, that their provisional protection papers expired by Limitation with the close of the war; and that if they had not, done so they could have had no permanent value, having been issued without authority.

In my despatch No 23, of March 28, I gave you the history of the arrest & imprisonment of two American Citizens by the local authorities.

The Pacha of Palestine, has released the prisoners on my demand, but protests against the claim of jurisdiction by the United States, through the Consulate and refers the matter to his superiors. I do not suppose that the local authorities will venture to re arrest the men.

It is a question of jurisdiction, fair and square, of the United States over her own Citizens; or of the British Government.

I have referred the whole matter to the Legation at Constantinople.

The Pacha claims jurisdiction over all foreign residents in criminal cases, under special instructions from the Sublime Porte.

The English Consul has been in the habit of yielding to this claim; the German Consul has not.

The Treaty is very explicit; so are the instructions of the Legation to the Consulate of 1877.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient Servant
J. G. Wilson
Consul

(Signed)