No 105 U.S. Consulate at
Jerusalem July 20. 1873.

Hon. W. Hunter
Sec. Ass. Secretary of State
Washington D.C.

Sir, I have the honor to inform you that the American Citizen Shaul Benjamin Cohen guilty of Contempt & other delinquencies, as summarily reported in my dispatch No 99 of March 25 has been released on the 11 inst to his Competent Consulate and undergoes the punishment assignate to his Crimes.

The question of said Shaul's nationality who denied to be an American and claimed Turkish protection has been for some months the subject of vivid litigation between this Consulate and the local authorities both parties appealing matters to Constantinople.

Owing to the energetic support of the U.S. Legation this case important by its bearing on the fundamental principles of the treaties between the two Governments and complicated by the rights of same unworthy Turkish officers has been amicably settled now to the honor of the U. States Government and the satisfaction of this Consulate

I am Sir
Your obedient servt
E. Yardley
Sec. Consul.

No 106 U.S. Consulate at Jerusalem
August 15. 1873

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

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of dispatch 79 dated June 25. the receipt of Circular 39 dated May 3. concerning the laws in force in the several States and territories of the United States in relation to births and marriages, & Circular 42 concerning abuses which may be committed by Consular officers unnecessarily delaying to reach to or to return from their posts.

Referring to the report in dispatch 102 about the riots which took place at Bethlehem in April last I have the honor to inform you that the special commissioners delegated by the French & Ottoman Governments to investigate and settle matters on the spot have agreed on the following arrangement

1, The superiors and two monks of both the Greek and Latin monasteries in Bethlehem being regarded as equally blamable for the late disturbances shall be replaced

2, The tapestries between the Holy Cradle and the South Gate in dispute between the Greeks and the Latins shall be manufactured by the latter and placed on the wall by the Ottoman Government. The tapestry destroyed during the disturbances shall be provisionally replaced by satin hangings until the Ottoman Government has come to a definitive decision on the subject

3, the niche in the Gate formerly claimed by the Armenians shall belong to the Latins.

4 the Latin altar demolished during the riots shall be rebuilt at the expense of the Ottoman Government.
5, The Church of Columns (the nave) shall belong to the Greeks as formerly the Latins will have the right of passing through it but not to sing litanies nor have processions in it.
Moreover the Jeff mat Sh telegraph line from Jaffa to Bethlehem and keeps a caps.ce guard in permanency upon the church of Holy
Have the honor to be
Sir
Your obedient servant
E. Hardegg

No 107. U. S. Consulate Sept 10. 1873.

Hon. W. Hunter
2d Ass Secretary of State
Washington D. C.

Sir
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Dispatch 70 and 81 dated July 24. & Aug. 1 respectively. of Circular 33 dated March 15 allowing some classes of Consular officers the actual expenses of office and not exceeding 20 % of their annual compensation
of Circular 43 of July 11th modifying S 331 of the Consular regulations.
The Drum of Railway Company whose pompous scheme I mentioned in my dispatch No 95 dated January 10, has finished its surveys in Mlarch last. The engineers left. also to day no one knows whether their project will be carried out or not. Meanwhile I am endeavouring to induce the local Government to repair the dilapidated road from Jaffa to Jerusalem. The Pasha promised to put it in practicable condition before winter
E. Hardegg

No 108 U. S. Consulate at Jerusalem
Sept 23. 1873.

Hon. W. Hunter
2d Ass Secretary of State
Washington D. C.

Sir
I have the honor to request you to order, that this Consulate be supplied with the following requisites

1, Stationery:
Printed official cap. paper blue
Official envelopes of different sizes

2, Forms:
No 85 & 86 Exchange Vouchers
Drafts of Exchange I. II. III

3, Flags:
2 large ones
2 middle size
2 boat flaggs.

4) One Coat of Arms for the Vice Consulate at Jaffa

Begging you to have consideration for these other exigencies of the Consulate
I have the honour to be
Sir
Your obedient servant
E. Hardegg.
Vice Consul.