Consulate of the United States of America at Jerusalem.

July 29th 1857.

Hon. Lewis Cass
Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that the Flag of the United States of America was displayed for the first time in Jerusalem, on Mount Zion, on the Fourth of July, 1857. A Salute of twenty one guns was given by the Turkish Authorities; and the Flags of all the Consuls were displayed on the occasion.

I have also the honor to inform you that it has always been the custom for the Turkish authorities to give a Salute of twenty one guns on the holidays of the different nations whose Consuls are resident in the city. In accordance with this custom, a few days before the Fourth, I requested of the Commandant of the place, the Pasha being absent, the usual salute, to which he at that time readily acceded. But, late on the night of the Third, he sent me word that, "as the President was not a crowned head, he could not give the Salute". I replied that the President was the Head of one of the largest and most powerful nations in the world; and that, whatever honors were paid to any crowned head were

due to him, as Representative of that Nation. Several notes were interchanged during the night; and, at nine o'clock on the morning of the Fourth, he told me that he would call a council of Effendis to advise with him. I replied that I would have no council called; that the affair was not a question to be debated; that I should display the Flag of my nation at 10 o'clock precisely; and that, if the Salute was not given, I should hold him responsible at Constantinople.

The Flag was raised at 10 o'clock, and the Salute was given.

With the highest consideration
Your obedient servant
J. Warren Gorham

Sent July 29th 1857.

Consulate of the United States of America at Jerusalem.

September 2d 1857.

Hon. John Appleton
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington D. C.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch dated July 11th 1857, requesting information "concerning difficulties in which Dr. J. P. B. Hauk, and other American citizens became involved, while travelling in Syria."—

In answer I would state that I have no information on the subject other than that contained in the communication from Dr. J. P. B. Hauk which was enclosed in your despatch. The affair happened before my arrival here; and I have never been applied to officially on the subject.

It does not appear from this statement that there was any written contract between the American party and their Dragoman: consequently, but little can be done but to attempt to arrange the affair amicably with the Prussian Consul, whose subject the Dragoman is. The Prussian Consul is at present absent from the city; and nothing can be done in the matter until his return; as neither I, nor the Turkish authorities.