tunate, the aged, in a word the disappointed, who come to Jerusalem to live on alms, and for prayers, spending their melancholy hours at the Wailing place, and waiting for the coming of the expected Messiah.

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

(Signed)

No 44

U. S. Consulate
Jerusalem Dec 14th 1878

Hon: Chas Payson
Third Assistant Secretary of State
Washington D. C.

Sir

I am sorry to have to announce the declination of the office of Vice Consul at Jerusalem by Mr Hermann Friedlander, under the ruling of his superior officers, of the London Jews society at London, a ruling in a former case, of the existence of which neither Mr Friedlander nor myself were aware, at the time the nomination was made.

I wrote to Rev. Frederick Smith the Secretary, asking that the operation of the rule might be suspended in this particular case; as the light duties of the office at Jerusalem during the Consuls absence, would not interfere with Mr Friedlander's labors.

1/44 A copy of Mr Smith's reply, I send herewith enclosure No 1. From Mr Smith's standpoint the rule is probably a good one, though I cannot but regret its operation in this instance.

I hope to be able very soon, to present another name in nomination as Vice Consul.

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

(Signed)

One Enclosure
Copy of Mr Smith's letter

No 45

U. S. Consulate at
Jerusalem Dec: 16th 1878

Hon: Wm M. Evarts
Secretary of State
Washington D. C.

Sir

I have the honor to nominate Mr Samuel Berghaim as Vice Consul at Jerusalem, in place of Mr Friedlander, declined.

Reasons for nomination

Mr Samuel Berghaim, is a gentleman of good family, of fair ability and of fine culture.

He is a native of Jerusalem though of German parentage and a German subject.

He was educated in England, and has travelled in the United States of America.

He has leisure to attend to the duties of the office in case of sickness or absence of the Consul, and I have his consent to place his name in nomination.

I trust that the nomination will be approved.

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

(Signed)

No. 46

U. S. Consulate at
Jerusalem Jan: 2nd 1879

Hon. Chas Payson
Third Assistant Secretary of State
Washington D. C.

Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith my return for the fourth quarter of 1878 viz.

17 List of Official letters received and sent during the quarter as per Enclosures Nos 1 & 2.

Respt