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Jerusalem

Sept. 12. 1853

My Lord.

I have to report that last week a considerable number of the Lijāhah Arabs of the desert between Gaza and Linai passed through this country to attack the Abbād Arabs and Nimme Adwan on the East of the Jordan - half way between the Dead Sea and the Lake of Tiberias.

- Three hundred of them slept and fed in Bethlehem for a few days.

Eighty in Bait Laha, Seventy in

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Bait Sakhir, and some with Abu Gosh.

The main body however (which these afterwards joined) consisted of 1600 riding on 800 camels, and 700 on horseback, who passed along the East side of the Dead Sea, headed by the Chief of the Lebaleen Arabs from between Hebron and Petra.

Arriving near the rendezvous for meeting with the Diab Adwan they found themselves attacked during the night by the Nimmer Adwan - The leader, Abu Daok was thrown from his mare in the confusion, and left behind.

In the morning the Tiyahah finding themselves without a leader

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and not met by those whom they had come to assist, resolved to return, which they did.

The leader forded the Jordan by the morning light, and made his way on foot over the hills to Neby Moospa - thence he returned to his own people.

The business in itself would not have excited much attention in Jerusalem, but it was a new thing to have Desert Arabs in force passing by the very walls of the city, and subsisting by violence in the neighbouring villages - a circumstance which has not occurred since the beginning of the Egyptian period, and which demonstrates the extreme impotence of Turkish rule here.

Some of them still remained for

a time among the Jaauri Arabs
between Bethlehema and the Dead
Sea, keeping them under coercion -
but are now all gone, and most
probably will not return before next
Spring.

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My Lord.

I have to report among other evidences of the present impotence of Turkish rule in this province, the frequent instances of pillage occurring of late in the village of Artas.

I have on several occasions mentioned the surprising change produced in that valley by Mr Meshullam, who from a Desert has created there a series of fruit.

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March of Desert Tribes
near Jerusalem

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