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Jerusalem
May 8. 1837

My Lord.

I beg leave to call Your
Lordship's attention to the subject
of admitting strangers to the
Kharam esh Sherief in Jerusalem
commonly called the Mosque
of Omar.

Since the conquest of the
country, a general acccept of

His Excellency
Right Honorable
Viscount Stratford de Redcliffe
G.C.B. &c &c

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Statements of
General Greville

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General Greville
No General's name

non-Moslems to the Sanctuary
has been denied; but for the
last two years, admission has
been frequently granted to
companies of travellers, at the
request of Consuls made to the
Pasha, and a large amount of
fees has thereby accrued to
Shaikh Mohammed Danef, the
hereditary keeper of the place -
the Pasha's Tufenkchis obtained also
some gratuities — Shaikh
Mohammed always attended

the parties and gave explanation
of the local traditions.

The fees usually given to the
Shaikh were a hundred piastres
for each person; and a very
large majority of the travellers
so admitted were British
subjects.

Just however at the season
when European visitors were
here in largest numbers, the
Pasha having received notice
of his approaching removal, was

influenced by the counsel of his
Mejlis, to discontinue these
admissions, during the fortnight
of the Mohammedan pilgrimages
to Niby Moopsa, which are
made in bodies of people headed
by fanatic Durweeshes, with
banners and music. - These
always visit the Wharam of
Jerusalem on the way thither
and returning.

Perhaps also a consideration
of the extraordinary number of
Christian pilgrims then in the
city

city, induced a desire to keep
the place as quiet as possible.

His Excellency Kiamil Pasha
then departed, and after an
interregnum of nearly a month
His Excellency Thuraya Pasha
arrived.

As many English travellers were
still in Jerusalem (one of whom
had brought a semi-official
letter from the Foreign Office
recommending him to my aid

His Excellency in procuring admission to the
Wharam) - I brought the
Viscount Stratford de Redcliffe
subject
E.C.B. &c.

subject before His Excellency,
on the 6.th Instant, and he,
after stating that he had refused
entrance to the Chevalier de Rayer
Secretary of the Austrian Legation
at Constantinople, advised that
he and I should make a
formal and official application
to the Porte for a general permission.

I have now therefore the honor
to make this application, on the
following basis - 1. That the
Haram is saved in the
estimation of Christians, as well

as of Moslems, since by
acknowledgment of the latter,
it was honoured by the presence
of the Founder of Christianity.
- 2. That certain fees be
contributed by the visitors for
maintenance of the repairs of
the edifices.

The amount of fees and
manner of applying them might
be left to local arrangement -
only let the principle be adopted,
and the custom established by
authority.

The Consuls could of

course be responsible for the
respectful conduct of the persons
admitted — And I must
add that hitherto no blame
can be truly alleged against
Christians and Foreigners in
respect to behaviour within
the precincts.

I suppose that the other
Consuls will also make application
on the subject to their several
Embassies.

I have the honor to be

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My Lord
with the highest respect
Your Lordships
most humble
and obedient servant
James Ferm.

P.S. I hope it will not be supposed
that I had any invidious reason
for not having mentioned the Jews

His Excellency
Right Honorable
Viscount Stratford de Redcliffe
& C^o. &c

in the above application - They
would be included by the Moslem
authorities, together with Christians.
- But it may be well to state
that among the zealots of Rabbinical
Law in Jerusalem, it is reckoned
improper, in the present state of the
world, to walk within those
precincts.

J. Z.

Memorandum
to
Ali Ghelik Pasha

Some intimation
having been made
to the permission
granted to foreign
subjects to visit
the Mosque of Omar
at Jerusalem, the
British Consul, the
applied to Ali Ghelik

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Shuraysh Pacha
on the subject, who
said that a formal
application for a general
permission to enter the
Country should be
made to the S. Porte.

I am informed
by the Ministry Council
that hitherto no blame
can be alleged against

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Christians & Foreigners
in respect to the
within the precincts
of the Khans, and
considering also that
the edifice is held
most sacred in the
estimation of Christian
I am persuaded that
the Porte will bear
no objection to granting
the permission required

Account of the receipt
S. P. H.

under just restrictions.
Baith El-Mas
May 25. 1857.

Handwritten notes in the left margin, including the letters 'E', 'C', 'H', 'S', and 'C'.

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Jerusalem
June 6. 1857

My Lord.

I have the honor to enclose
— Copy of my Despatch Political 21
to London. on the subject of the
Knights Hospitallers intending to
form new establishments in
Palestine.

I have the honor to
My Lord

His Excellency
Sir Robert Peel
Comptroller in Chief
S. C. B. H.