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in writing to the
British Cons., at
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No. 13, Dec. 13, 1900

Jerusalem,
February 7, 1901.

Sir

On the 3rd instant I had the honour
to telegraph to Your Excellency in the
following words: -

"Solemn Memorial Service was
held yesterday afternoon in Bishop's
Church of St. George which was
attended by Authorities and Consular
Body in Uniform, and by all British
Subjects and Representatives of other
Churches, and today there was Service
in Great Synagogue at which I
was

Your Excellency
The Right Hon^{ble}
Sir N. O'Connor, G.C.B.

"was present. Reported to Foreign Office".

It is needless for me to state that it was with the greatest grief that the intelligence, conveyed to me in Your Excellency's telegram of the 23rd ultimo, that Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen had expired on the 22nd ultimo at 6.30 in the evening, was received, on the 24th ultimo, by myself and the whole of the British Colony in Jerusalem, and immediately the Governor of Jerusalem, the Consular Corps, the representatives of the different religious sects, as well as the members of the British Community called upon me to express their heartfelt
Condolences

Condolences; and I take the earliest ³⁷ opportunity of transmitting the expression of sympathy of all Her late Majesty's Subjects, myself included, which is felt for His Majesty the King and the Royal Family.

The British Flag flew half mast high over this Consulate until sunset of the day of Her Majesty's Funeral, and His Majesty's Subjects considered that they could not more appropriately give expression to their great sorrow than by holding, in this Sacred City, a solemn Memorial Service on the day in question, in the Church of St. George recently erected by the Anglican Bishop of Jerusalem, and in which the
Baptismal

Baptismal Font is the gift of Her late Most Gracious Majesty.

Accordingly on Saturday afternoon, the 2nd instant, at 4 o'clock the whole of the British Colony, myself the Local Authorities and the Consular Body, in full Uniform, and Representatives of all the Religious sects in Palestine assembled in the Church of St. George, where the Rev. Canon Kelk, (in the absence of the Bishop who was in Egypt), assisted by the Clergy of the different British Missionary Societies, held a beautiful and impressive Memorial Service, 4 o'clock having been

been selected as being the time most likely to correspond with the hour of the Funeral Service at Windsor. At the conclusion of the Service I again received, at the door of the Church, the condolences of the Officials and of the rest of those who had attended the Service.

A Memorial Service was also held, the same day, in the Church of the "Church Missionary Society" at Jaffa, at which the British Subjects, the Local Authorities, and the Consular Body were present.

On Sunday, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, a Funeral Service was held

held in the Great Synagogue of the
Ashkenazim Jews in this City, at
which the Official Chief Rabbi,
myself and several British Subjects
were present, the building being
densely crowded by the members of
the Jewish Community, and a very
touching address recapitulating all
the benefits derived by the Jewish
race during the long and glorious
reign of Her late Majesty was
delivered by the Rev. Samuel Salant,
Chief Rabbi of the Ashkenazim Section
of Jews, who is 86 years of age and
has recently become blind through
physical

physical infirmity.

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In venturing to convey to Your
Excellency the respectful sympathy of
His Majesty's Subjects and myself, in
the grief which has overtaken the
Royal Family and the British Nation,
I beg to record our devoted and
unswerving loyalty to the Throne of
King Edward the VII and to His
Royal House.

I have the honour to be,
With the highest respect
Sir,

Your Excellency's most obedient,
humble servant

John Dickson

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Jerusalem
February 15. 1901.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's Despatch of the 18th ultimo, informing me that before Your Excellency takes any steps, in reference to the suggested change in the Vice Consulate of Jaffa and the creation of a Consular Agency at Gaza, it will be desirable to await the result of the negotiations respecting the Haifa-Samascus Railway, and

adding

Your Excellency
The Right Hon^{ble}
Sir N. O'Connor, G. C. B.
&c. &c.

General Sir...

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Ref. to tel. of 3rd inst.

Receipt of the Queen -

reporting the holding of a

Memorial Service & the

expressions of condolence by

the British Colony.

Rec^d at Beirut

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