

Jerusalem
Sept. 29. 1856

Political
No 65

My Lord.

I have the honor to state in continuation of my Despatch Political 56 of the 1st Instant, respecting a purchase of the ancient Royal Baths by the French, for a sum of 50,000 piastres: that the Armenians and Greeks have transmitted to Constantinople a

Right Honourable
Earl of Clarendon
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Petition

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Petition against such a transfer
of Wakif property, on the ground
of the utter inadequacy of the price
given, and consequent damage to
the public interest.

But it is now pretty generally
known that besides the above 50,000
piastres, there were 80,000 given in
secret, and not mentioned in the
deed of Sale.

I have heard to day from an
Effendi in confidential communication
with the French Consulate, that they
have now represented to their
Embassy, how advantageous it would

be to retain this property for themselves
and procure some other site for the
American Catholic Church.

The rumour is lately revived that
the French are negotiating in
Constantinople for the Church of St Anne
and ruins of buildings, near St
Stephen's gate where it is believed that
the Blessed Virgin was born, and over
the gate of which is still a tablet
with the inscription declaring that
Saladin took this place from the
Christians, and erected the Colley
and Library adjoining thereto.

I have the H^y
(Signed) James F. F. F.

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My Lord

I have the honor to enclose
Copy of my Despatch Political 67
to the Earl of Clarendon respecting
Arab warfare near Es. Salt on the
Jordan.

I have the honor to be

My Lord

with the highest respect

Your Lordship's

most obedient

humble servant

James Peim.

His Excellency
Right Honorable
Viscount Stratford de Redcliffe
S. M. &c

Despatch No 65
to the Earl of Clarendon
from the General Peim

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Despatch in the city

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Despatch No 64 from
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