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Church Missionary Society  
The Missionary House  
Jaffa, Syria  
September 12. 1888

Dear Sir,  
In reply to the Note Verbale N° 40 from the  
British Ministry of Foreign Affairs a copy of which  
you showed me the other day, containing the  
answer given by the Pacha of Jerusalem to  
my complaint on the subject of the outrage  
upon my premises by the Kaimakam of Jaffa  
in November 1887. I beg to state that I observe  
with great regret <sup>that</sup> ~~in this~~ <sup>last</sup> despatch sent to  
the Sublime Porte on this subject the Kaimakam  
of Jaffa in order to justify his own conduct has  
sacrificed truth, inventing some things which  
never occurred, ~~and~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~an~~ <sup>an</sup> ~~unscrupulous~~ <sup>unscrupulous</sup> manner  
in which he has misrepresented the facts of the case  
ought to convince the Sublime Porte of the guilt  
of the Kaimakam, since these official despatches  
ought to be most strictly accurate.

The Kaimakam says in his reply that I was  
in the habit of standing outside the door of the  
book shop in the public road in order to spread  
to the papers by which I drag them by the hand

N° 24.

(Duplicate)

Her Majesty's Consulate  
Jerusalem, September 29<sup>th</sup> 1888.

Sir,

I have the honour to report to  
your Excellency that a serious affray  
has occurred in the Church of the  
Nativity at Bethlehem.

Although the question of the mat  
referred to in my despatch N° 23, of  
the 16<sup>th</sup> of November 1887, was decided  
at Constantinople in favour of the Latins,  
the Armenians still claim the ownership  
of the spot in question and consequently  
the exclusive right to sweep the same.

Yours Excellency  
Sir W. H. White, G. C. M. G., C. B.  
Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary  
Constantinople

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An attempt to sweep the place by the Latins was effectually resisted by the Armenians a few days ago, so the Latins resolved to assert their right by force, and made arrangements to have assistance at hand.

On the 27<sup>th</sup> instant the attempt was renewed and again resisted, the rival clericals attacked each other and were respectively reinforced, a number of Greek monks appearing and siding with the Armenians. In the conflict that ensued, two Latin and two Greek monks were more or less severely injured, one of the latter receiving a dangerous wound said to have been inflicted by a sharp pointed instrument.

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The Governor of Jerusalem and the French Consul are investigating the affair. I have already referred to the hostile feeling existing between M. Ledoube and Rerouf Pasha, a circumstance not calculated to conduce to a calm treatment of the matter on either side.

I beg leave to enclose a copy of a letter which has been addressed to me on the subject of this affray by two Franciscan Monks from Carnaca.

I have the honour to be  
Sir,

Your Excellency's  
Most Obedient  
Humble Servant

Nathaniel Moore

Sketches, Sep. 28<sup>th</sup>/68.



Her Majesty's Consulate  
Jerusalem, October 22<sup>nd</sup> 1888.

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(Duplicate)

Sir,

I have the honour to report that their Imperial Highnesses the Grand Duke and the Grand Duchess Sergius and the Grand Duke Paul, of Russia, arrived at Jerusalem on the 11<sup>th</sup> instant (having that morning reached Jaffa on two men-of-war, the Kostroma and Zabiaka) attended by a suite of thirty persons, including three Aides-de-camp of His Majesty the Sultan, and made a public entry into the City.

The Turkish Authorities paid the Princes every

His Excellency

Sir W. A. White, G.C.M.G., C.B.

Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary

Constantinople

Jerusalem, September 29<sup>th</sup>

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in Church of Nativity at  
Bethlehem.

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