

as a Carass to the British Vice Consulate
at Jaffa, I beg to state that on receipt
of your former Complaint on the subject,
I did not fail to communicate
with the Caimakam of Jaffa to that
effect, & am now informed by the
latter that the said individual has
not been registered as a Carass and
that he is a boatman by profession.

I avail myself of this opportunity.

(L.S.) Ibrahim Hakki
Gov^r of the Liva
of Jerusalem
Jerusalem,
October 20 1899
(November 1. 1893.)

Jerusalem

November 10. 1893

No. 73

Sir,
With reference to my Despatch
No. 71 of the 3rd instant, I have the
honour to report to Your Excellency
that immediately after the incident
in the Grotto of the Nativity at
Bethlehem, Monsieur Arseniev, the
Russian Consul General, wrote to
the Acting French Consul General,

Your Excellency

The Right Hon^{ble}

Sir Francis Clare, F.R.S.

to to to.

and

and also to the Italian Consul,
formally charging the Latin Monks
with having used fire-arms during
the assay, and with having endangered
the lives of the Cavass, and of Baron
de Hahn, and Monsieur Khomoutoff
Russian Subjects.

Monsieur Guillois, the
Acting French Consul General replied
that Baron de Hahn and his
Companion, as well as other witnesses,
should attend at the French

Consulate

Consulate to give their evidence, and
Monsieur Arseniew consented to this,
on condition that he should be present
in person at their examination.

Monsieur Guillois, however, refused
to comply with their request, on the
ground that it was unusual for
a Consular Officer to watch the
proceedings in another Consular Court,
and that it showed want of confidence,
and Monsieur Arseniew, I understand,
has complained against the Acting

French

French Consul General for his action
in this matter. The question is, therefore,
now pending between the French and
Russian Governments. The Italian
Consul answered that he could do
nothing as long as the case of the
Cavass was the subject of judicial
enquiry in the Austrian Consular
Court.

On the 7th instant, the
Austrian Consul General received
instructions to decline to accede
to the request of the Governor of
Jerusalem

Jerusalem for the surrender of the
Cavass, and he has accordingly taken
measures to have the Cavass shipped
for Callaro, his native place, this
afternoon, where he will undergo his
trial.

Monsieur Ledoux, the French
Consul General returned to Jerusalem
on the 5th instant, and has resumed
charge of his post, and this affair
will now, after the complaints that
have been preferred against the
Acting French Consul General by
Monsieur

Messieurs Arseniev, remain in
obeyance until some decision is
arrived at between the French and
Russian Governments as to the
charges against the Latin monks.

I have the honour to add that
the Austrian Consul General made
no objection to the Russian Consul
General being present at the
examination of the Carass in the
Austrian Consulate, on the day after
the incident; and that it is reported
that

that the Russian "Palestine Society"
and some Russian pilgrims subscribed
a sum of 600 pounds to be handed over
to the Carass on his departure from
Jerusalem.

I have the honour to be,
with the highest respect,

Sir,

Your Excellency's most obedient
humble servant

John Dickson

Jerusalem
November 17. 1893.

No. 74.

Sir,

With reference to my despatch
No. 73 of the 10th instant, I have the
honour to inform Your Excellency
that the Cavass of the Russian
"Palestine Society" was sent away
from Jerusalem, by the Austrian
Consul-General on the 10th instant,
in order to undergo his trial in
Austria for having shot the

His Excellency
the Right Hon.
Sir Francis Clare-Ford, G. C. B.
&c. &c. &c.

Yours
most
obedient
servant

Jerusalem, Nov. 17
Consul Beckins

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