

Her Majesty's Consulate
Jerusalem January 9th 1875.

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Not sent Home.

Sir

Adverting to my despatch N^o 15
of September 4th /74, I have the honour to report
to Your Excellency that it has come to my
knowledge from a sure source that Bishop
Jobat has given to the German Consul a formal
document conferring on the Germans certain
rights in the British Protestant Cemetery at
Jerusalem. His Lordship expressly informed the
Germans that they had no rights whatsoever
in the Cemetery, and that he now gave them
such as a free gift. This declaration accords
strangely with the Bishop's statement in his
letter to me, inclosed in my above-mentioned
despatch, and written long before the date of
this conception, that "the Germans have the same

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"right to the Protestant burial ground as the English".

The transaction now reported was effected wholly without my knowledge.

I venture to think that, under the circumstances, this course is not to be justified. The Bishop refused even to execute the deed in the British Consulate, although that course was suggested to him as the proper one by the Germans.

The effect of the Bishop's present proceeding is that whilst the Germans can produce a title (whatever it may be worth) to show their rights in the Cemetery, we, the English, have nothing of the kind to show in case of need hereafter.

My German Colleague promised me a copy of the document in question. This I have not yet received, should it reach me I will forward a copy of it to your Excellency. In the meantime the Germans have instituted a common fund for repairs

and improvements in the Burial Ground, paying a fixed sum for graves as they are wanted &c.

I have to add that the German Consul was, in conformity with the orders of his Government, on the point of purchasing a separate piece of ground for a German cemetery, but the Bishop strenuously opposed this design and made the present arrangement.

It appears that the "Continental friend" referred to by Bishop Gobat in his letter already mentioned, was a Swiss Gentleman who gave his Lordship £100 when he first came to Jerusalem towards the expenses of his establishment.

I have the honour to be
with great respect Sir

Your Excellency's

Most obedient

Humble servant

Northrup Moore

Her Majesty's Consulate
Jerusalem January 23rd 1875

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Sir

I have the honour to state
that a question has arisen between myself
and the newly appointed Governor of Jerusalem
in connection with the Law conceding to
Foreigners the right of holding real property
in Turkey, which I beg leave to submit to
Your Excellency for instructions.

The Rev^d Mr Klein, Agent at
Jerusalem for the Church Missionary Society,
having addressed me the letter of which a
copy is enclosed, I sent in the usual Takrir
to Ali Bey applying for the permission
requested. His Excellency, however, informed

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