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My Lord

Jerusalem

7 Nov. 1849

I have the honor to report that in my recent visit to here I walked over the fortifications to inspect their condition, and procured an account by means of Mr Fudge, of the military strength of the Forts, and of general Statistics — Also a Plan of the fortifications in their present state.

I have the honor to give my opinion that the guns of the batteries are in a deplorable state of rust and disorder; and consist of pieces of many sizes and qualities

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from the largest and heaviest iron down to ornamental brass field pieces of various periods and nations, mounted side by side, indiscriminately at embrasures of the same batteries - while their carriages are rotting and splitting from the weather.

The few mortars are likewise of diversified calibre.

Some repairs of walls & have been made slowly of late years, under the superintendance of a Greek - but the works appear to be now suspended - Of the weakness of these walls, an idea may be formed from the fact that in several places they are already cracked by the firing of their Ramadan salutes - and in

one of the batteries, the perpendicular wall is separated from its horizontal floor, by a chink of several inches' width - This seems to be mostly owing to the use of the common bad cement of the country, made perhaps with sea sand from the beach.

The new walls are all built perpendicular, instead of slightly sloping: and the best parts are those erected last year from gigantic stones taken out of ancient cities on the coast - and of which a good store is now lying about encumbering the streets of Acre.

But the only really strong part of the outer defences, is a wall and battery erected by English Engineers

soon after the last Siege, on the  
land side, and near the gate.

The Hospital and Citadel being  
the most elevated buildings during  
that Siege, suffered considerably - The  
Citadel has been somewhat repaired,  
but the Hospital is still in a very  
ruinous state -

The Town itself remains mostly  
a heap of ruins.

Those walls which appear in the  
Enclosed Plan, as within the outermost  
one, are those which were damaged  
by the French Siege in 1799 - what  
is now nearest within the outermost  
on the land side, was then the  
outermost wall.

The present Pasha, Abderrahman  
an Arnaout, is not only the military  
Mhafiz (Warden) of the Forts, but  
he

\* and has since been repaired,  
but has been in this existing state.

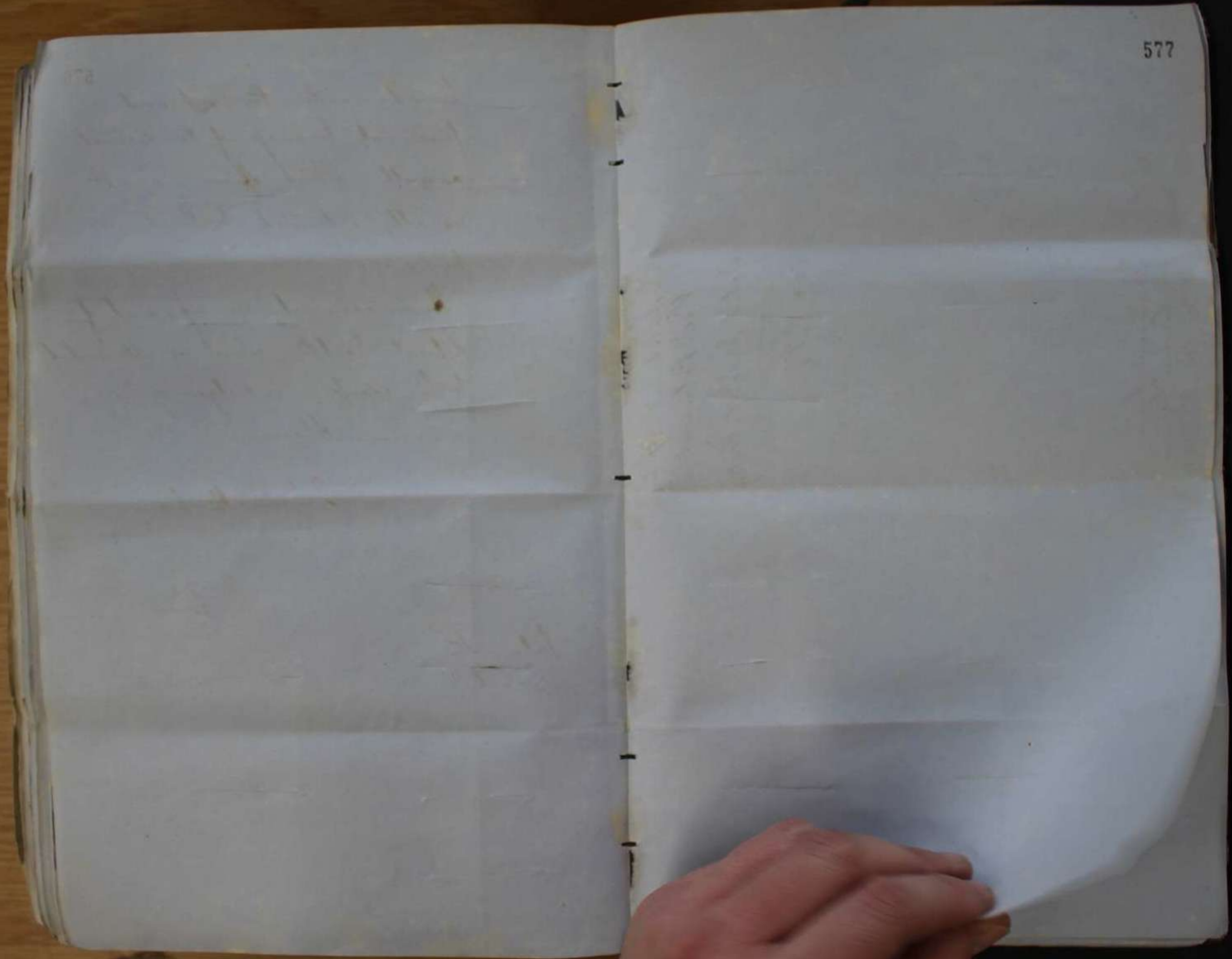
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He administers the civil and  
financial business of the district  
as well - which offices are not  
usually entrusted to the same  
person -

He is extremely young, and of  
delicate health, which is attributed  
to his excessive indulgence in a  
numerous Harem.

I have the honor

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Summary of Report  
from Mr Finzi  
on the present condition of Acre  
and its dependencies

Oct. 1849

In the Fortification are 240 pieces of Cannon  
- i.e. 210 of iron, and 30 of brass.  
Besides 12 Mortars  
i.e. 10 of brass and 2 of iron.

Military force	Men
A Regiment of Cavalry	750
An incomplete Battalion of Infantry	600
Regular Artillery	150
Peasant Artillery	200
Bash Bizuk, or irregular Cavalry	150
Total	1850

Prisoners at the Public works, about 100

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## Inhabitants -

Moslems - 450

Christians - 230

Jews - 30

Total 710

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24 Nov. 1849

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Sir

I have the honor to enclose  
for Your Excellency, Copy of my  
Despatch No 58 to Viscount  
Palmerston, with its two Enclosures

And have the honor to be

Sir

with the highest respect

Your Excellency's

most obed. humble servant

J. Finns

at Hon<sup>ble</sup>

to Excellency Sir P. Canning  
G. C. B. &c

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References

1. City Gate
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5. Town of the Commandant
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10. Town of Akhmed Aga
11. Harbour tower, in ruin.
12. Khan for Cavalry
13. A Tower
14. Town of a Castle
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16. Arabach's Khan
17. Town of the English
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19. Citadel
20. Hospital
21. Ruined tower in the Harbour
22. Aqueduct.

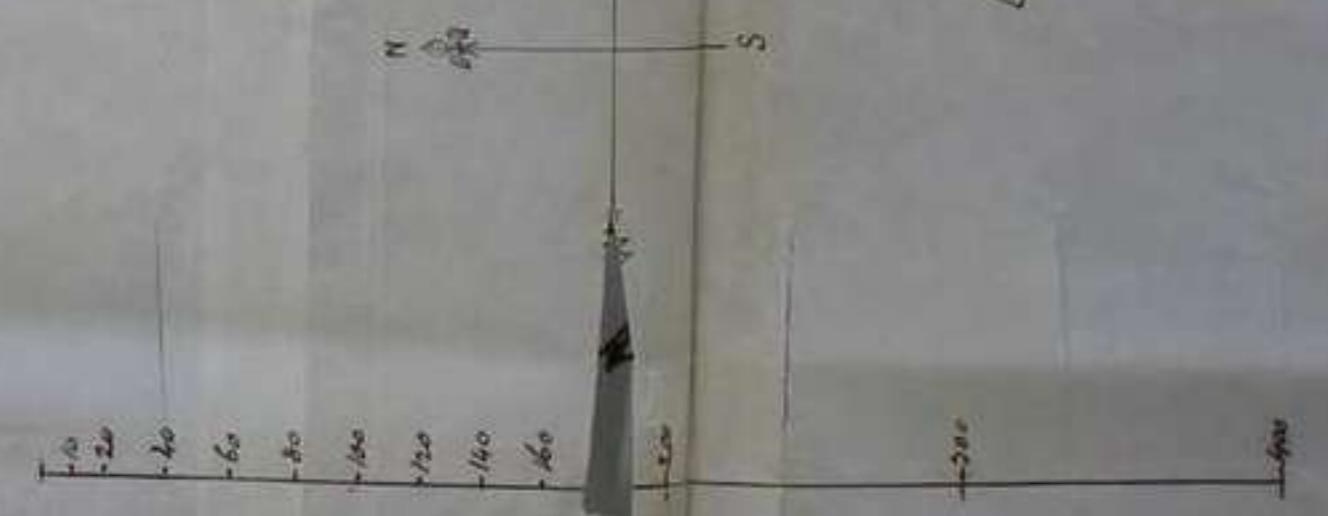


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My Lord.

I have the honor to report that during my recent visit to Safed and Tiberias, the Jews formerly under Russian dominion, petitioned me unanimously for British Protection, even some who had already paid a dollar each for Austrian Protection during their recent state of suspense, joined in the same petition.

They gave me lists carefully compiled, of their names, with those

Esc<sup>t</sup> Palmerston  
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