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Istanbul  
December 1. 1855.

My Lord

I have the honor to report  
that the measure resorted to by  
Nizam Pasha by advice of the  
Majlis to sell a thousand kilos  
of wheat to the poor at the rate  
of 36 piastres the kilo, has  
proved a complete failure -  
inasmuch as the very poor had  
not 36 piastres to buy with,  
and the worth of that wheat

was

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The General Prison

Reported correspondence  
between the French  
Ambassador & the Pasha  
of Jerusalem -

was not more than 24, namely  
the price at which it is distributed  
to the military of all kinds.

About 40 measures only were  
sold, and then the Pasha gave  
up again the custody of the grain.

To explain the latter occurrence  
I should mention that when  
Kiamul Pasha discovered the  
usual manner of the Nazirs  
of Corn magazines in depriving  
the public and the government  
he sealed up all these stores  
and distributed the grain to the  
soldiers by his own authority -

professing his desire to investigate  
and publish these frauds.

But the magazines always  
contain a larger store (especially  
when the dirt and chaff mixed  
with the corn is included) than  
the government is aware of, and  
this surplus is divided every year  
among the Officers of the Mejlis.

Consequently when the above  
Mazbatta authorized Kiamul Pasha  
to sell to the public the 1000  
kilos, it was in his power to  
sell a much larger quantity,  
namely all the surplus, and to  
gain 26 piastres a kilo on it.

and it is believed he intended  
to do so - but finding the corn  
would not sell at that price  
and he could not change the  
price for another price without  
a fresh Magbatta, he relinquished  
the business after selling only  
the above mentioned 40 kilos.  
and gave back the keys and  
account books to the Nazir. -  
and my Dragoon happened to  
be present at the time of the  
Kiabha doing so - after having  
accepted from the Nazir the  
sum of 3,000 piastres - This  
money had been counted out  
to

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to Khapan Effendi Redwan -  
and shares of the money were  
given to Zahir Effendi (brother of  
the Pasha Kistib) to Abdallah  
Wafa Effendi (Nakib el Ashraf)  
- and to Khanna Carlo the  
French Dragoon -

The account books were  
returned with the seals of the  
Nazir himself unbroken, after  
having been kept nearly three  
weeks, and no investigation made.

Such are the facts of this transaction  
in which the venality of the Pasha  
is apparent - and the common  
conviction of the town is that  
bribery

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hibing at the Suaglis is now  
more extensively practiced than  
even in the time of Yakoub  
Pasha — and this conduct dates  
from the expedition to Hebron  
after all the Consuls had  
written in favor of Kiamil Pasha  
to their respective governments.

I have the honor to be  
My Lord  
with the highest regard  
Your Lordships  
Most obedient  
humble servant  
James Finn.

Jerusalem  
December 14. 1855

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My Lord.

I have the honor to report  
that yesterday the Prussian  
Consul of Jerusalem raised his  
flag over the Consulate, and  
that it was saluted by twenty  
one guns from the Castle -  
without any other reason  
occurring at the same time

for

His Excellency  
The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Viscount  
Stafford de Redcliffe  
& Co. &

Michael Price

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Quality of the talk  
in the matter of  
some magistrates and  
the