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My Lord

On my arrival in Jerusalem, I could not but be surprised at the greatly increased stir prevailing in the suburbs of the city, arising from the employment of hundreds of men in blasting rocks, erecting walls and levelling for the wide road which is to be made from the city to the Convent of the Cross distant about two

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two miles -

The Pasha was riding out to inspect the erection of one of the numerous little towers which are intended for Stations of Bashi Bozuk on the high roads. His Excellency observed to me on the spot that I must now confess at least, the Turkish Empire has some vitality in it -

I could not but thank him for the improvement made in the road from Jaffa; - which I have since learned he had effected at his own expense, but in haste, on learning the probability of the Sultan's visit, in August last.

I see that the Russians have already done much in enclosing their recent - possessions with strong walls - Their - property outside the walls is mostly - concentrated about the North West corner.

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Rumours are afloat of their intention to erect four Hospices instead of one, besides their other establishments.

The Greek Convent property along the way to Bethlehem is being rapidly enclosed for mulberry plantations, - but the - charitable works of Sir Moses Montefiore are still prohibited by authority.

I have the honour &c

(signed) James Finn.

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By land

By invitation of the Pasha I had yesterday a long conference with the Swallency who was desirous of explaining to me his proceedings of the last few months, by means of which the country has been brought to its present tranquil condition.

In the city and district of Hebron the launchment of Abderrahman and Selamet shaher to Constantinople and

Honorable
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