

No 22

Jerusalem

December 6. 1851

Sir.

I have the painful duty to relate the circumstances of the murder of a Jew named Gershon ben Abraham under English Protection in Jerusalem - so far as known at present.

On the 7th of last month, this man being a pedlar of cotton goods, had not returned home by sunset, which was the commencement of Sabbath, his family became alarmed - and measures were taken from day to day afterwards, in search for him throughout the city - The Shikhs

of Hon^{ble}
his Excellency,
Sir J. Canning &c. &c.

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Mr General Pym

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Death of R. Marshall
by willful poisoning

of the various Quarters were ordered by the Pasha to make diligent enquiry for him - the family themselves accompanying them, with my Kawafes and sometimes with Tufekchis of the Serai -

I was much occupied by the long investigation into the matter of Rabbi Herschell's death until the 26th.

On the 28th I sent a crier about the city offering a reward of 500 piastres for any certain information concerning him, or 1000 piastres for producing himself - but in vain.

On the 1st December I accompanied the searching party myself through the Modern Quarters of Bab Khotta, and Bab el Amood, examining every room, cellar and well in certain houses, including the Establishment of Hindoo pilgrims - then into various caverns among ruins near the walls.

but without effect.

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On the 3rd in consequence of suspicious circumstances described to me, I accompanied them to the Quarter of the Apicans (Hharat el Mogharabi) - and after some time left the family and police to search the houses, while I returned to finish my writing for the Post - while so engaged in my Office, a Kawaf came to announce that the man had been found in a well with his clothes on.

As soon as the Post was finished, I hastened to the spot, which I found to be among a close thicket of ancient Prickly-pear plants. - There was a great crowd assembled, and in about a quarter of an hour more the victim was got out of the well - the body was remarkably white, the features entire - but he was stabbed in the throat, heart and ribs - besides injured in a horrible manner for the

mere purpose of torture - the putrid
smell was very offensive.

A party came from the part of the
Pasha, to take a written deposition of
the circumstances - and I gave leave
to bury the dead.

A Moslem (whose house we had
searched in the morning) named
Mohammed Damiatti was immediately
arrested on suspicion of the murder -
and next day I attended the Pasha's
Mejlis to state the case, and relate
my suspicions against Damiatti - these
are not strong, but the Council thought
them of sufficient weight to justify
the detention of him in irons for the
present.

The distress of the family is keenly
felt, the more so as this man's father
was some years ago murdered in a
Moslem house of Saloniki, and his
only brother was killed two years ago
by

by a fall from a scaffold.

During all the twenty six days of his
being misprised, we had felt sure that he
had not left Jerusalem - being a Jew of
steady habits of life, we did not believe
he had travelled on the Sabbath day -
besides that there was no probable reason
for his doing so. He had more debts
due to him, than would have solved
his own liabilities.

I have the honor to be
Sir
with the highest respect
Your Excellency's
most obedient humble servant
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ben Fakhm -

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Sir.

I have the honor to send to
Your Excellency, Copy of a Despatch
recently addressed by me to Viscount
Palmerston on the subject of the Nizam
conscription in this country.

And have the honor to be

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