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22 March 1848

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My Lord

I have the honor to report that on Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> Instant. the annual celebration of the Greeks, Armenians, and Latins excommunicating all who refuse to honor consecrated images and pictures took place. The Pasha with troops being present to discourage the tumults which sometimes occur on such occasions.

The next day he summoned the Interpreters of the three Patriarchs, and invited their Patriarchs to visit him on the following day, which they did, and he addressed them as Chiefs of their several Communions upon the blessings of peace, and the scandal of the scenes which might ensue on the coming Easter, as in former times.

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to which of course they all agreed and promised to do all in their power to repress such disorders. He then invited them to meet him the next morning in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, and there to promise concord among each other.

On the Wednesday morning they assembled there, and after coffee at the door of the Holy Sepulchre itself beneath the dome, the Pasha rose and preached to them again upon the duty of avoiding scandals in sacred concerns - and engaged them to make visits of ceremony to each other, which they had never yet done - Upon which a Greek ecclesiastic rose and prayed for the Sultan's prosperity, and for peace among Christians.

On the Thursday, the Greek and Armenian Patriarchs visited the Latin Patriarch - perhaps this was done first on account of his recent arrival.

On Friday the Latin and Armenian visited the Greek Patriarch -

But on Saturday the peace was broken at Bethlehchem by a fight within the sacred

grotto, during which the Latin Curate and a monk with others were much hurt - the Curate and Monk fled to Jerusalem in their vestments as they were -

The fault seems to have been mostly on the Greek side: but in such cases it is always difficult to ascertain who were the aggressors - but the numbers were about tenfold on the Greek side.

The Pasha hastened to upbraid the three Patriarchs with the breach of Truce - and the Greek Patriarch offered to banish from the country, all the persons convicted of the outrage.

On Monday, the Latin and Greek Patriarchs visited the Armenian.

The Protestant Bishop was not called upon - it being well known that his Community never share in the hostilities which the Pasha is desirous to repress.

I have the honor to be  
My Lord  
Your Lordships  
Most Obedt humble Servant  
J. Finn

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at Noon

My Lord

I have the honor to report that Mahomed Darnef is not yet returned to his family - though I have heard that the Pasha delivered to his relatives in Jerusalem an Order for his release, soon after writing to me the letter Enclosure 2 in my Despatch of yesterday, numbered 7.

The Kadi has just sent to request my intercession with the Pasha, that the Dakarmi may be released from prison, as they have been four days in confinement and will die of starvation if left <sup>there</sup>

Lord Cardigan

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Pasha's attempt to  
rescind the  
Order for his  
release