

No 1.

Jerusalem

15 January 1849.

Sir,

I have the honor to apprise your Excellency that a case has been mentioned to me of a Jew in Jerusalem who under constraint of circumstances some years ago embraced the Moslem religion at Aleppo.

He has now lived some time in Jerusalem practising the Jewish religion, but having been recognized recently by a Moslem from Aleppo, has concealed himself ever since within a house in a state of the utmost terror. Though a Rayah subject of the Sultan, he has appealed to me for protection.

His Excellency, Knowing what efforts your Excellency  
Sir Stratford Canning (has  
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affair with me  
justified at times  
very anxious  
a Justice  
1<sup>st</sup> Regent  
Council  
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has already made in resisting Mohammedan fanaticism I venture to bring his case before your Excellency's notice, and to request directions on the subject.

Aware of the measures taken in 1844 concerning the Armenians executed in Constantinople and Brussa for apostacy from Islamism. and understanding that the Sultan's declaration to your Excellency that "The Sublime Porte engages to take effectual measures to prevent henceforward the execution and putting to death of the Christian who is an apostate." has been since interpreted to refer only to cases of persons not born of Moslem parents, but who having embraced Islamism from another religion had reverted to their first religion - I beg to remind your  
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Excellency that this is such a case, only substituting the word Jew for Christian -

I beg also for Copies or translations of such public declarations as His Majesty may have made during his reign in favor of religious toleration as I often wish to have such documents to refer to.

I have the honor to be  
Sir

with the highest respect  
Your Excellency's  
most obedient humble servant  
J. Finn

No. 5.

Jerusalem

29 January 1849

My Lord.

I have the honor to acquaint Your Lordship that Mr Weber the Acting Consul for Prussia in Jerusalem having been called by his Ambassador in Constantinople to take charge of the Consulate General in Bagdad, he has this day requested me to attend to the affairs of his Consulate here until his return.

He assures me that the business so entrusted to me consists chiefly of Austrian affairs, which are connected with the Prussian Consulate, but that a Vice Consul for Austria is

confidently

Vic. Palmstein  
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Jerusalem. 15 January

Mr Consul Firm

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Case of a Jew  
apostatized from  
Islamism -