

Convents that they would no longer  
insure the safety of the pilgrims.  
The Pasha sent two Effendis to  
parley with them, by whom they returned  
a response in fair words.

But the very next day they made  
an assault upon the village of Ain Karim  
as they had done in January last. The  
inhabitants assisted by the village of  
Mal'kha beat them back for a considerable  
distance, and took from them a valuable  
horse. It is said that at least 20  
men were wounded on each side, and  
5 died since of their wounds on the  
side of Abu Gosh.

Since that time an armed  
party attempted to seize the horses belonging  
to St. Macgossan, now in a field adjoining  
the city walls, but withdrew after a  
few shots being fired on each side.  
It is supposed that they imagined the  
horses to belong to the Pasha.

At Lydd a soldier of the night patrol  
has been shot in the bazaar - four  
bullets reached him, and he is since  
dead of the wounds. - The Abu Gosh  
people have made a solemn oath to  
assassinate the Governor of Lydd.

The Moslem pilgrims towards Naby  
Mousa have been deterred from  
accomplishing their vows except in  
large parties.

But the week before last, the Pasha

had the whole garrison out to exercise.  
Upon Tuesday the Bash Begut (irregular  
Cavalry) had several hours' practice  
and the Infantry manoeuvred without  
firing. Upon Wednesday the Infantry  
manoeuvred and fired for several hours  
with admirable precision, in line, platoon  
and solid square. Two brass field-pieces  
of artillery were also practised at the  
same time.

Near 400 of these troops escorted the  
pilgrims to the Jordan on the 29<sup>th</sup> and  
about the same number were on duty on  
Good Friday (2<sup>d</sup> April) at the Church of  
the Holy Sepulchre.

But on this last mentioned day in  
the afternoon, the Abu Gosh village made  
another assault on Ain Karim, entered  
it while the men were in the fields, or  
at church in Jerusalem (there being all  
Greek Christians) and commenced  
plundering the houses. The inhabitants  
however returned at rapid notice, and  
chased them away as far as Kaluni.

The Easter festivals being now over  
the pilgrims are returning to their  
various homes.

I have the honor to be

My Lord

with the highest respect

Your Lordship's

Most obed<sup>t</sup> humble Serv<sup>t</sup>

J. Foss

No 10

London 6 Aug 1787

Sr

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of the Inquest N<sup>o</sup> 3. and dated 10 April.

I have transmitted to the Lordship the English Copy in Duplicate the Original Letter and Translation in the Lordship's papers to give his earnest thanks for the excellent Letter in recommendation of himself and his public affairs.

We have no tidings of when we may expect the arrival of the new Books.

I have the honor to be

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Your most obed<sup>t</sup> servant

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