

Her Majesty's Consulate
Jerusalem, May 18th, 1883.

No. 5
My Lord,

(in duplicate)

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Greek Patriarchate of Jerusalem is still vacant, although eleven months have elapsed since the demise of the Patriarch Hierotheos.

The rival and conflicting interests engaged in this matter have been the cause of the delay in electing a successor. The members of the local Greek Holy Synod are not agreed among themselves, swayed by personal aspirations to the office, while Turkey, Russia, and Greece have each their own candidate. An election was, indeed, made

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The Right Honourable
The Earl of Dufferin, K.P., K.G.B.
Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary
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made in October last, but the ecclesiastic selected was disqualified by his youth, nationality, and inadequate rank in the ecclesiastical hierarchy. It is a *sine qua non* that the Patriarch should be an Ottoman subject, whereas the person in question is of Hellenic origin.

In consequence of the decided opposition both of the Turkish Government and the Greek lay population, this election was annulled.

Doubtless as the result of the various manœuvres prompted by the conflict of interests above specified, the question has remained in abeyance till recently, when orders were received from the Porte that the Synod should proceed to a new election. Accordingly, the members are being now convoked from different parts of the country for the purpose

purpose.

The Candidate favoured by the Turkish Authorities is Mgr. Agapios, Greek Bishop of Acre; the Archimandrite Nicodemos, delegate of the Greek Patriarchate at Moscow, is the person desired by Russia, while Bishop Gerasimos, delegate at Constantinople, is the Greek nominee. The Russian Consul General at Jerusalem is exerting all his authority and influence both with clergy and laity to secure the election of Mgr. Nicodemos. The power of Russia to influence the election is further strengthened by its control over certain revenues accruing to the Patriarchate from that country.

I have the honour to be
My Lord,
Your Excellency's
Most Obedient, Humble Servant,
Nathaniel Moore

Her Majesty's Consulate
Jerusalem, May 16th, 1883.

No. 6
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My Lord,

With reference to previous
correspondence and to Mr. Wyndham's telegram
of the 26th of February last, relative to the
presentation by His Majesty the Sultan
of a site to the English Branch of the Order
of St. John of Jerusalem for the erection
of a Hospice and Dispensary, I have the
satisfaction to report to Your Excellency
that as the result of various interviews
I have had on the subject with Rasouf
Pasha, Governor of Jerusalem, the
matter

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The Greek Patriarchate of
Jerusalem.
Continues vacant. Rival
interests engaged. Reversion
of recent irregular election.
Receipt of orders from Porte
for new election. Activities of
Russian Consul General.

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