

Jerusalem
April 3. 1893.

No. 12.
Confidential

Sir,

With reference to my telegram
of the 2nd instant, I have the
honour to report to your
Excellency, that, after my return
to my post from leave of absence
last Autumn, I was informed that
Monsieur Kherimian the ex-
Armenian Patriarch at

Constantinople,

His Excellency
The Right Hon^{ble}
Sir Francis Clare, G. C. B.
Ye. Ye. Ye.

The Hon. A. H. Kell
Caird Beckin
Jerusalem, March 8. 1893
Referring to instructions of
His Highness the Patriarch
of Jerusalem
March 2.
The Hon. Beckin
Jerusalem, March 25.
1893

Constantinople, who had been
exiled to this city, had been
appointed Catholicos of Etchmiadzin,
and that a deputation of Armenian
bishops was to arrive to accompany
His Eminence to his new post.

Monsignor Kherimian had
been living in retirement in the
Armenian Convent in Jerusalem,
as a guest of the Armenian Patriarch,
and rarely saw any one. - I -
had, however, frequent conversations
both with the Armenian Patriarch
and with the Governor of Jerusalem

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as regards the position of His
Eminence as an exile, and His
Excellency Ibrahim Pasha informed
me once confidentially, that the
Russian Government was desirous
of according Russian nationality
to His Eminence, and of conveying
him to his new post in a
special steamer through the
Dardanelles, but that His
Majesty the Sultan had objected
to this, as being derogatory to
his dignity to allow the exiled
prelate to pass through the
Bosphorus

C Bosphorus, so near the Capital,
ca under Russian protection, and
of after his unanimous election as
a Catholicos of Etchmiadzin. It
b was further stated that, as he
the could not be taken through
the Bosphorus, he would
probably be conveyed in a
Russian steamer to Alexandretta
and thence to Etchmiadzin by
land. As the deputation to
escort His Eminence was daily
expected I awaited its arrival
in order to be able to report

definitely

definitely to Your Excellency
the movements of the Catholicos.
So far, however, nothing further
appears to have been arranged
as regards his departure, and the
Catholicos is still living in
retirement in the Armenian Convent
in receipt of a pension from the
Porte. It is reported that the
Russian Government is
endeavouring to obtain the
denationalization, by Ottoman
law, of His Eminence, in order
that

that he may become a Russian
subject, and that negotiations
are at present going on with
this object in view.

I shall not fail to report
to Your Excellency anything
further that occurs either in
regard to the position of the
Catholicos or to his contemplated
departure from Jerusalem
for Etchmiadzin.

I have the honour to be

With the highest respect

Sir,

Your Excellency's most obedient
Humble servant.

John Dickson

No. 13.
Confidential.

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Jerusalem
April 11. 1893.

Sir,

With reference to my despatch
No. 12, of the 3rd instant, I have the
honour to inform Your Excellency
that the pension which was
hitherto granted by the Porte to
the Catholicos of Etchmiadzin, who
is now living in exile in Jerusalem,
ceased on the 1/13 of last month,
the end of the Financial year,

His Excellency

The Right Hon^{ble}

Sir Francis Clare Ford, G. C. B.

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