

Enclosure 4 in the
Despatches No 4. of
Jerusalem 1861

Mr Walsby

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General
Jerusalem Jan 23. 1861

To Mr Walsby
each Part

No 5

Sir.

Jerusalem
February 16. 1861

I have the honor to enclose for Your
Excellency, Copies of two recent
Despatches to Lord John Russell.
- one reporting the sudden death of
the Armenian Patriarch and two
Bishops - The other respecting the
Hospital of the Prussian Knights of St John
in Jerusalem.

And have the honor to be
Sir

with the highest respect

Your Excellency
H. L. De L...
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Yours

John Skelley's
most humble
and obedient servant
James Finn

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Jerusalem
February 15. 1861

Consular
No 7

My Lord.

I have the honor to report the sudden death of the Armenian Patriarch on the 4th Ultimo - The magnificent funeral ceremony was attended by the Consuls in uniform.

Within a week after this event the two Bishops of the Convent also died instantaneous deaths.

Such remarkable circumstances naturally revived people's recollections of the former poisoning practices which were more common in the Armenian than in the other Oriental Convents.

Right Honorable
Lord John Russell
Kc Kc

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Sustaining Office of
Deputations to London

Jerusalem Feb 16
The Consul Prime
No 5 - 2 Sustainers
Rec^d 14 March
Sent by

The recently deceased Patriarch was always apprehensive of poison, and among other precautions, kept the water for his drinking, in a special vessel, of which he had the key.

But from all that I can learn from the European medical attendant of the Armenians, there does not appear reason to suspect foul play in either of the present instances.

He tells me that the Patriarch died of old age and paralysis, as he knew by having treated his case -

One of the two Bishops died of apoplexy, and the other of a violent access of the passion of anger, on being insulted by a lad in the church -

Next of these cases he had been only

told after the burial, which in this country takes place speedily after death.

I have the honor to
(Signed) James Pison.

Sketches of the
American Potomac
and two hills.

Sketches 1 in No 5
of Jerusalem 1831

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Satd. February 15

Mr General Peponchet
and Mr John Russell

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Political
No 6

Jerusalem
February 15. 1861

My Lord

I have the honor to report the
arrival of Count Perponchet, Count
Bismark Bohlen and another
Prussian gentleman, all three Knights
of the Prussian branch of the Order of
St John of Jerusalem: - who have on
their way hither established hospitals
at Larnaca in Cyprus, and at Sidon.
The latter with special reference to
the Christian sufferers of the Lebanon.

I had the honor to report on the 14th
Right Honorable
Lord John Russell
Sept 18
Kc Kc

September 1858, some measures taken
for revival of this Order in Jerusalem.
Since that time a house adjoining
the Prussian Consulate has been bought
and fitted up for reception of travellers
and the Cross of St John's Order
sculptured over its outer door. This
is called the Johanniter Hospitz -

I am told that it is to be rebuilt
as a regular establishment of the Order.

I do not now hear of any steps being
taken by the Roman Catholic Knights
of St John for making a settlement here.

In my Despatch Political 21 of 1857
dated June 7th I had the honor to report
the arrival of Baron Schöner from Vienna
with the object of reviving the Roman

Catholic Institution of St John - but I
heard no more of him or of his plans.
until in a recent conversation on the
subject with the French Consul, this
gentleman told me that the speculation
had utterly failed; because its promoters
had attempted to carry it out -
independently of France - which of
course the Pope had never contemplated
when sanctioning the revival of the
Order; and which the Sultan in
Constantinople had declared he would
never tolerate: being bound to
recognize no Roman Catholic Institutions
that should not be exclusively under
French Protection -

M. de Barriere added that therefore

the plan of Baron Schröter for
cultivating lands in this country by
means of colonies had fallen to the
ground amid the derision of the
world, as well as the idea of escorting
pilgrims between the sea-side and
the Holy Sepulchre.

And that the after-thought of the
Knights volunteering to carry on the
Right of Search in the middle passage
of the Slave trade, so as to spare the
European nationalities from jealousies
and complications in that employment
had in like manner come to nought.

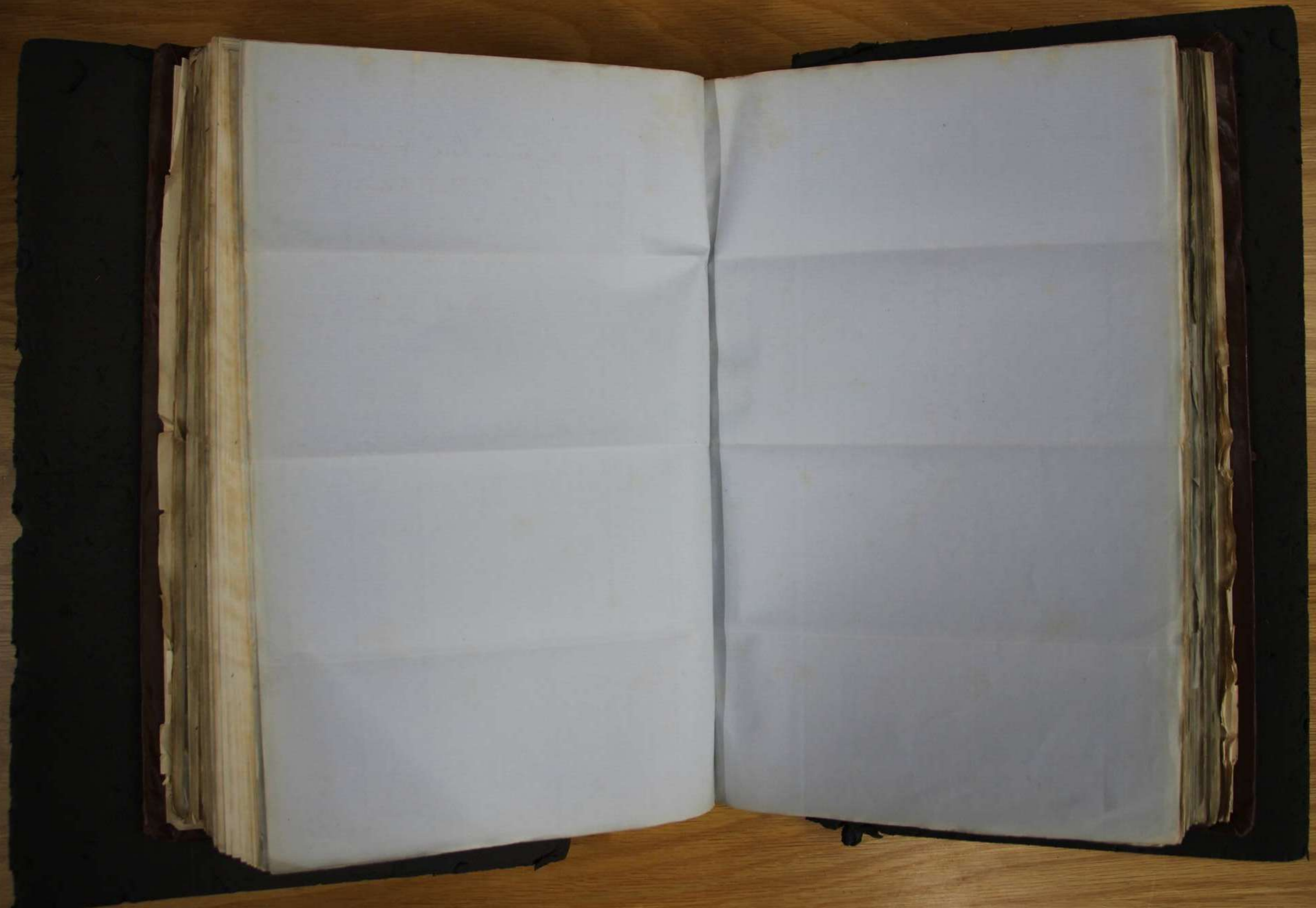
I have never heard of any intention
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of the Russians here to revive their
branch of the St John's Order.

I have the honor &

(Signed) James Fergusson

Right Honourable
Lord John Russell
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Respectful Knight of
St John in Jerusalem

Enclaves 2 in No 5
of Jerusalem 1861

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Satd February 15

Mr Consul General
Lord Alton Russell

No 6.

Jerusalem February 26.
1861.

Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of
Your Excellency's Despatch of January 30.
inquiring me that the Turkish Government
have declined to waive in Mr. Inman's
favor the rule that no Turkish subject shall
be permitted to hold a Consular appointment
under a foreign Government. And I beg
to make the following remarks.

1. The proposed appointment was not intended
to be one that should stand alone and

is Excellency
Sir W. L. Bulmer G. C. B.

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