

British Consulate  
Jerusalem May 12<sup>th</sup> 1864  
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No 8  
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Sir,

Your Excellency is probably aware of the arrangement under which British travellers have hitherto visited Jericho, the Jordan and Dead Sea. A contract exists between Her Majesty's Consulate and the Arab Sheikhs of Jericho, in which the latter engages to escort Travellers safely to those places and back, and renders himself responsible

to

The Right Hon<sup>ble</sup>

Sir H. L. Bulwer G. C. B.  
Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary  
Constantinople

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Mr. J. Nelson to Mr. Brame

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Enclosure No 1 in Mr's  
Brame's despatch  
No 7 of the April  
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in the event of anything  
belonging to the Travellers  
being plundered by the  
Bedouins - the value of which  
he binds himself to repay  
fourfold to the Consulate;  
on their side, travellers  
had to deposit at the  
Consulate one hundred  
Piastres each if the party  
consisted of three persons  
or under, and seventy or  
Piastres each if over that  
number; the amounts were  
handed to the Sheikh on  
the safe return of the travellers.

I have the satisfaction  
to inform Your Excellency  
that

that the new Governor of <sup>17</sup>  
Jerusalem, Lyyet Pasha,  
has put a stop to this system  
of what may be called -  
levying Blackmail, which  
he rightly considered -  
discreditable to the Ottoman  
Government and has  
adopted other measures  
to ensure the safety of  
travellers to the district  
in question. His Excellency  
has given the Sheikh  
thirty paid Government  
horsemen for this service, thus  
leaving him no pretext for  
imposing the tax he has  
hitherto exacted, and has  
taken from him such  
guarantees as he considered  
Sufficient.



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Izzet Pasha deserves great credit for this innovation, and, as the number of British travellers exceeds by far that of any other European nation, I have thought it my duty to report the circumstances to Your Excellency.

The Governor is also, together with the military commandant of Jerusalem, Syder Bey, entitled to much praise for the comparative order and safety with which, through their exertions, the ceremony of the Greek Holy Fire at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre passed off on the Greek Easter of this year.

I have the honor to be

Sir,  
Your Excellency's  
Most Obedient  
Humble Servant

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Reporting the suppression  
by Izzet Pasha of the 1500  
Armed upon invitation by  
the Janissary Sheikh for  
visiting the Jordan about  
Dead Sea - 1864

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British Consulate  
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No 9  
No. 1111 Home

Sir,

With reference to  
my despatch, No 6 of the  
3<sup>rd</sup> of March, I have the  
honor to report to Your  
excellency that the Grand  
Medglis, having virtually  
confirmed the judgment  
of the Special Commission  
acquitting Abdalla abu  
Kakoorra of the murder  
of Peter Meshullam, Izzet  
Pasha has announced to  
me

Your Excellency  
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