

This letter I have not yet presented being desirous first to point out to Your Excellency the injury which it would inflict on the benevolent objects of Sir Moses Montefiore, and the incorrect assertion upon which that injury is attempted to be founded.

The Vizierial letter prohibits in express terms the proposed erections on the spot already purchased - and I therefore await Your Excellency's positive directions to present the document to Suraya Pasha,

based as it is on a misrepresentation.

Unfortunately I have no copy of the original Firman deposited with me, but Your Excellency will be able to find how incorrect is the assertion that Sir Moses purchased the land for agricultural purposes and that therefore his present design of erecting almshouses besides his windmill already completed on the same site, is a deviation from his original design.

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With respect to the ancient  
military rule attempted to be enforced  
(wise or unwise as it may be) I have  
to repeat that there are already outside  
the city several erections within its  
given range, and that at Jaffa there  
are many outside houses not to  
mention the farm houses which are  
scattered in every direction over the  
environs within the above prescribed

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military limit

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I have the honour to be  
Sir  
with the highest respect  
Your Excellency's  
most humble and  
obedient servant.

James Finner

Right Honourable  
His Excellency Sir H. L. Buxton G. C. B.  
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