No. 229.

Consulate of the United States,
Jerusalem, April 1. 1891.

Honorable William F. Wharton,
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I send you enclosed the accounts and returns of this office for the quarter ended March 31. 1891, as per the subjoined list of enclosures.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
Henry Gillman
Consul.

List of enclosures:
1. Rent and miscellaneous expense account.
2. Account losses by exchange.
3. Salary of Interpreter and guards.
4. Digest of Invoice book.
5. Record of Notarial Services.
6. " " " " Jaffa.
7. Register of Official letters received.
8. " " " " sent.

No. 230

Consulate of the United States,
Jerusalem, April 1. 1891.

Honorable William F. Wharton,
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have the honour to transmit herewith my Agricultural Report for the month of March, 1891.

I am, Sir,
Your Obedient Servant.
Henry Gillman
Consul

Enclosure:
1. Report on the Agriculture and Horticulture of Palestine for the month of March 1891.

Report on the Agriculture & Horticulture of Palestine, for the month of March 1891.

During the latter part of the month we have had no rain; and the temperature has been excessively high for the time of year.

The crops, in general, are not continuing to present a favorable appearance. The very heavy rains during the winter in many cases were most injurious. Potatoes in this district were, to a great extent, drowned out. The weeds grew apace; so that in many fields the cereals are choked by the weeds and grass, and will now have to be cut down for makin hay.

The garden vegetables, in most places have done well. The Cauliflowers, around Jerusalem, especially, were remarkably fine, and sold at most reasonable prices, the great heads retailing for about twelve cents of our money.

The temperature at Jaffa on the Plains

was as follows:

Maximum, day, 90°; Night, 61°.
Minimum, " 44°; " 41°.

The temperature in the hill country, including Jerusalem, was 7° lower, about.

The rainfall amounted to three inches, which came in the early days of the month.

The orange reaches full perfection in March, after which it deteriorates. The shipment of this fruit amounted, during the month, to 5000 boxes per week, and prices ranged, according to quality, from $11. to $18 per thousand.

The lemon continues to be brought into the Jerusalem market in fair quantity. The is of the average quality.

[Signed] Henry Gillman,
Consul.

United States Consulate,
Jerusalem, March 31. 1891.

No. 231.

Consulate of the United States,
Jerusalem, April 3d. 1891.

Honorable William F. Wharton,
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of three Circulars dated respectively January 25th and February 2d and 18th, 1891. I have also received Consular Reports No. 119 to 123 inclusive, and copy of "Comparison of Customs Laws of 1883 and 1890."

I am, Sir,
Your Obedient Servant
Consul

No. 232.

Consulate of the United States,
Jerusalem, April 27. 1891.

Honorable William F. Wharton,
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Despatch dated March 16 last; also Circulars of Feby. 25, March, 4, 5, 7, 10, 11, 13, and 13th, 1891; and copy of "Statutes of the 1st Session of the 51st Congress 1889-1891."

I am, Sir,
Your Obedient Servant
Henry Gillman,
Consul.

No. 233.

Consulate of the United States,
Jerusalem, May 1. 1891.

Honorable William F. Wharton,
Assistant Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith my Agricultural Report for the month of April, 1891.

I am, Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
Henry Gillman,
Consul.

Enclosure:
1. Report on the Agriculture and Horticulture of Palestine for the month of April, 1891.