No. 108.

Consulate of the United States,
Jerusalem, July 18. 1889.

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

Sir:—

Referring to your Circular of May 27. 1889, I have the honor to submit the following

Report upon the Cotton Textiles imported into this District.

The Director of the Custom house at Jaffa refuses to give to any foreign Consulate any such information as that required in this instance, unless he should be authorized to do so by special order from headquarters. I have therefore been obliged to direct my inquiries to such private sources of information as were available, to enable me to give the following ~~answers~~ to your questions.

1. Cotton textiles are imported into this District to the amount of $120.000 per annum. They are of the following named kinds:
   (a.) T cloth gray.
   (b.) Long cloth
   (c.) Bleached shirtings.
   (d.) Prints.

2. The weight of the pieces varies from 5 to 8 lbs. per piece of from 24 to 30 yards; which would make the weight per yard range from one-fifth to twenty-seven hundredths of a lb.

3. It is invariably the case that all such goods are purchased by piece or by yard, not by weight. The price paid to the wholesale dealers in England varies from 3⅓ to 6⅓ cents per yard, or about from 80 cents to $2. per piece; a credit of from two to three months being generally allowed.

4. The place of manufacture and whence imported is England, and no other country; and the importation is not direct, but via Beirut.

5. The duties charged thereon are eight per cent ad valorem.

There is a number of small articles which would come properly under the head of Cotton textiles, but which have omitted from this report from the impossibility of obtaining statistics upon the subject. Also the business done in them is of so trifling an amount as to render them of hardly sufficient importance in this connection.

I am, Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
(Signed) Henry Gillman
Consul

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Consulate of the United States,
Jerusalem, July 22. 1889.

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

Sir:

I have the honor to report that 5.500 troops have been ordered from Palestine and Syria to Crete, to preserve order there, a state of insurrection against the Turkish government, chiefly on the part of the Christians, existing in that island.

It is openly rumored that the revolt is through Russian instigation.

Of the above mentioned soldiers, 800 are withdrawn from Palestine, of which 400 men and 16 officers, or about half the number of troops in the city, have been detached from Jerusalem, and have left to-day, to take steamer at Jaffa tomorrow.

A sum amounting to 72.000 piastres (about $2800) has been appropriated here for the expenses of the Jerusalem troops.

I am, Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
Consul