From the Department of State

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Department of State
Washington DC August 1st 1871

R Beardsley Esq
U.S. Consul Jerusalem.
Sir:

Your dispatches numbers 36, 40 and 41 have been received. Your proceedings in regard to Mr Gargour and Mr Emil Zebeleni are approved. Entire liberty of action is accorded you in employing them as Interpreter and Dragoman to your Consulate

I am sir your obt. servt.
(s/d) W Hunter
2nd Asst Secretary

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My action approved (See next page)

(No 51)

United States Consulate at
Jerusalem September 5. 1871

Hon Second Assistant Secretary of State
Washington D.C.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that Mr. Jacques Banayotti has been appointed Dragoman of this Consulate and that having received his Viziereal Letter from the Sublime Porte entered upon his duties on the 29th ultimo.

~~after long deliberation~~ I have made this appointment after long deliberation and I hope that in Mr. Banayotti I have formed a Dragoman who will answer every requirement of the Service.

He is a native Greek Christian of Jerusalem. His father is one of the oldest and most respectable citizens of Palestine, and until lately has for thirty years been a member of one of the higher Turkish Courts in Jerusalem.

The son Jacques is well educated especially in the Turkish, Arabic and Greek languages, speaking & writing also with considerable facility English & ~~Arabic~~ French.

Hoping the Department will approve of this appointment I have the honor to remain Sir
Your obedient Servant
R. Beardsley
U.S. Consul