I have the honor to state that I hope soon to be able to forward to the Department a sample of the seeds of such varieties of sorghum (Sorghum saccharatum) as are grown in this District.

I am, Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,

Consul.

No. 123

Consulate of the United States,
Jerusalem, September 17, 1889.

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

Sir:

In compliance with circular of July 13th last, I have the honor to forward herewith, for the use of the Department of Agriculture, a sample of the seeds of each species of Sorghum grown in this Consular District, as follows: I. Sorghum vulgare; II. Sorghum cernuum; III. Sorghum saccharatum.

This is now the time of harvest for the Dura, more properly Doura (Sorghum cernuum), which is planted all over the Plain of Sharon. It is exported in great quantities to England and Germany, where it seems to serve largely for the distillation of alcohol.

The other kinds of Sorghum, viz: the S. vulgare and S. saccharatum, are only produced in this district in trifling quantities, merely for the purpose of making brooms out of the straw, or for the use of cattle, as green food.

I am, Sir,
Your Obedient Servant.

Consul.

Enclosures:
3 - Samples of Sorghum seed, viz:- I. Sorghum vulgare, II. Sorghum cernuum, and III. Sorghum saccharatum two ounces of each, and over.

No. 124

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

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

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your dispatches No. 54 and 55, dated respectively the 20th and 25th ultimo, also Circular dated the 16th ultimo, relating to the national or patriotic air or song of Syria.

I am, Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,

Consul.

No. 125

Consulate of the United States,
Jerusalem, September 30, 1889.

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

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the use of the Department of Agriculture, Monthly Report of the Agriculture and Horticulture of Palestine for the month of September, 1889.

I am, Sir,
Your Obedient Servant

Consul.

Enclosure:
Report of the Agriculture and Horticulture of Palestine for the month of September, 1889.

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The farmers on the Plains of Palestine have been actively occupied during this month with the harvesting and threshing of Sesame and Doura.

Sesame (Sesamum orientalis) is cultivated every where in Palestine, and, as a seed rich in oil, is in great favor, always finding a ready sale. It is also exported to Europe.

Doura (Sorghum cernuum) is planted all over the Plain of Sharon; and, more sparingly, in the valleys around Jerusalem, where it does not ripen till much later in the season. It is exported in large quantities to England and Germany, where it is used for the manufacture of alcohol.

Both of the above mentioned crops have proved of excellent quality, and have yielded abundantly this harvest.

All the ordinary field and garden vegetables of the season are well represented in the market.

Among them may be be mentioned tomatoes, cucumbers, radishes, gourds and squashes of many varieties, cabbage, okra, vegetable-marrow, egg-plant, beans, peas, beets, carrots, turnips, and spinach; all of which have been produced in fair quantity and of good quality.

This has been an unusually favorable season for fruit. Grapes have given and are continuing to give an abundant vintage. Figs still continue to come into market. They are of several varieties, though chiefly distinguished by their colors — green, yellow, and purple. This is the last crop of the season, and the fruit, though sweet and fine flavored, is smaller and otherwise inferior to that of the first yield. Pomegranates are now in the height of their perfection and supply, are abundantly offered for sale, and are easily disposed of as a substitute for lemons, which are at present rather scarce.

On the 21st instant we had in Jerusalem several heavy showers of rain, something most unusual at so early a date, the setting in of the "former rain" not being looked for till the close of October. There have also been several rains at Jaffa, and on the plain along the sea-coast. This portends an early season.

(Signed) Henry Gelman
Consul.

United States Consulate,
Jerusalem, September 30. 1889

No. 126

Consulate of the United States.
Jerusalem, October 1. 1889.

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

Sir:

I send you inclosed the accounts and returns of this office for the quarter ended September 30. 1889, as per the subjoined list of inclosures.

I am, Sir
Your Obedient Servant

Consul

List of Enclosures:

1. Digest of Invoice Book.
2. Record of Notarial Services.
3. Account Losses by Exchange.
4. Rent and miscellaneous Expenses.
5. Salaries of Interpreter and guards.
6. Register of Official letters received.
7. " " " " sent.