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United States Consulate
Jerusalem, Syria November 10th 1899

Hon. Thomas W. Cridler
Assistant Secretary of State
Washington, D.C.

Sir

The letter from the Department addressed to the United States Vice Consul, Jerusalem, containing bond and documents, was received by me and has been duly forwarded to Mr. Herbert E. Clark who is at present in Egypt.

Respectfully your Obedient Servant
(Signed) Selah Merrill
U. S. Consul

United States Consulate
Jerusalem, November 15th 1899.

Hon. Thomas W. Cridler
Assistant Secretary of State
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

As a Supplement to Commercial Report forwarded October 2nd, 1899, I herewith inclose statement of Exports, Imports, and Shipping at the port of Jaffa for the year ending September 30th, 1899. A similar report was not sent by me last year on account of the expense necessary in obtaining it and partly also because, as I then stated, the figures were not wholly reliable. When my report of last year was printed I found that there was added to it a statement of Exports, Imports, and Shipping copied from the English report. It seems to me that it is only proper that our Government should

should obtain its reports from its own representative who is on the ground. Therefore this year I have obtained them.

The cost is six dollars which account will be rendered at the proper time. It was impossible for me to ask the Department beforehand to authorize this expense, so I incurred the expense without authorization.

The returns are not correct, only approximately so. The sources whence goods are obtained are likewise incorrect. Some are put down as coming from Turkey, when that country produces nothing of the kind. Others are reported as coming from Austria because they were re-shipped at Trieste, that Austrian port being the one from which the goods came to Jaffa. The returns are made out to us in a foreign language in foreign money, and for the most part in quintals. All this has to be reduced to United States standards. For example, lumber is called "wood" and is estimated by the quintal, that is, by the pound. The report, however, is as correct as it can be made under the circumstances.

Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
(Signed) Selah Merrill
U. S. Consul

Supplement to Commercial Report of October 2nd, 1899, covering Exports Imports, and Shipping at the port of Jaffa for the year ending September 30th, 1899.

The returns are not exact but are the best that can be obtained under the present system of imperfect record at this port. They may be taken as approximately correct. Likewise some of the countries from which goods are said to come are not correctly given, — some goods are reported to come from Austria simply because they came from Austrian port, when they were not produced in Austria at all. Small quantities of American goods are brought into this country, — flour, lumber, dry goods, shoes, hardware, and a few others, but they are not so entered, but are credited to the country to which the last shipping port belongs. Quite an amount of goods is credited to Turkey, that is as coming from Turkey, and the impression is that Turkey produces them, whereas Turkey produces almost nothing.

Jerusalem November 15th 1899

(Signed) Selah Merrill

U. S. Consul

Export at Jaffa during the year ending September 30th, 1899, — description, quantity, value, and destination.

Oranges	Bxs 309,000	$ 532,199	England chiefly also Germany, Austria Egypt, Turkey
Melons	Pcs 210,000	" 7,800	Egypt and Turkey
Fruit and Vegetables		" 12,200	Egypt and Turkey
Dried Fruit		" 54,000	Egypt, Turky, Austria and Germany
Intestines Salted	Bxs. 48	" 9,600	Austria, Germany
Glassware and Bracelts	" 103	" 1,624	Egypt, Turkey
Citrons	" 400	" 16,000	Aust. Ger. Rus. England
Colocynths	" 100	" 5,200	Germany
Preserves	Lbs 12,540	" 742	Egypt Turkey
Beans	" 154,000	" 1,800	England
Lupins	" 11,088,000	" 99,540	Egypt, France
Wool	" 210,320	" 14,080	France, Turkey
Durra (Maize)	" 2,860,000	" 31,200	France, Egypt
Honey	" 22,880	" 1,680	France, Gre. Egypt
Oil	" 429,000	" 26,900	France, Egypt
Barley	" 29,106,000	" 237,600	England
Leather Bottles		" 2,000	Egypt, Turky
Hides	Lbs 200,655	" 1,200	Austria, Germany
Soap	" 3,847,725	" 198,400	Egypt, Turkey
Mats	2,000	" 1,000	Turkey
Eggs	Bxs 145	" 1,080	Egypt, France
Sesame	Lbs 4,961,250	" 162,000	France, Egypt
Wine and Brandy	Bls 8,500	" 217,200	Germany, Egypt
Articles of Piety		" 77,200	All countries
	Total	$ 1,712,245	

Imports at Jaffa for the year ending September 30th 1899, – description, quantity, value, sources, whence obtained.

Beer	Cas	1,480	₤	9,880	Aus. Gem. Fr. Eng. Belgium
Butter	Lbs	99,000	"	15,600	Turkey
Hydraulic Lime	Sks	2,400	"	1,300	France
Cement	Bbls	5,000	"	7,200	France
Candles	Lbs	78,100	"	6,550	France, Belgium
Coal	Tns	2,805	"	17,800	England, Belgium
Stationary	Bls	2,816	"	32,840	Aust. Italy, Fr. Germ.
Onions	Tns	627	"	9,240	Turkey
Chicory	Cas	70	"	1,000	Austria
Colonial goods					
Coffee &c	Pcks	3,300	"	43,118	France Amer. India Turkey
Canned goods	Cas	1,092	"	16,400	England, Italy, Turkey
Raw Cotton	Bls	730	"	14,140	Egypt, Turkey
Man'f'd goods			"		
Cotton, Wool, Silk			"	668,400	Germ. Eng. Aus. France
Flour	Sks	8,210	"	49,656	Russia Turkey
Iron			"	42,750	Engl. Germ. Aus. Fr. Italy
Cheese	Lbs	154,000	"	20,000	Germ. Switz. Turkey
Matches	Cas	995	"	8,940	Aus. Germ. Italy
Beans	Sks	1,240	"	7,500	Aus. Rus. Turkey
Malt	"	216	"	724	Austria
Fruit	"	1,475	"	5,100	Egypt, Turkey
Dried fruit	"	3,600	"	16,000	Turkey
Indigo	Cas	56	"	19,080	India
Spirit	Bbls	649	"	10,551	Austria
Sewing Machines			"	11,260	Germ. Fr. Aust. America
Drugs, Paints			"	25,800	Germ. Eng. Aus. Fr. Ity. Bel. Turk.
Paraffin	Lbs	110,000	"	10,800	America, Germany
Potatoes	Sks	5,441	"	10,568	Aus. France, Turkey
Skins	Pcs	5,000	"	25,200	India
Leather	Bls	290	"	22,000	Fr. Germ. Italy
Salt fish	Bbls	580	"	6,600	Egypt Turkey
Petroleum	Cas	42,000	"	43,600	Russia
Rice	Sks	43,000	"	206,200	Egypt India

Mother of Pearl	Cas	1,046	₤	9,656	American, Arabia
Empty Sacs	Bls	800	"	25,760	India
Brooms	"	180	"	1,500	Aus. Turk. Italy
Seed	Cas	1,363	"	6,280	Arabia, Germany
Soda	Bbls	1,300	"	15,240	England, Belgium
Tobacco	Lbs	543,400	"	286,000	Turkey
Glassware, &c					
Porcelain	Cas	4,581	"	41,580	Aus. Gu. Fr. It. Bely.
Wine & Liquors			"	10,000	Cyprus Turk. France
Tiles Bricks			"	28,400	France, Italy
Sugar	Sks	22,214	"	138,272	Aust. Fr. Bely. Egypt
Lumber			"	133,206	Aus. Swed. Turkey
Salt	Lbs	4,895,100	"	31,570	
Maccaroni	Cas	500	"	2,400	Italy, France, Turky
Furnitures	"	700	"	22,000	Aus. Eng. Fr. Turkey
Ready made Clothing	"	148	"	29,600	Austria
Tar and Pitch	Lbs	126,780	"	2,900	Turkey, Aus. Germany
Hardware	"	403,294	"	31,780	Aus. Germ. Fr. Turkey
Seeds, Small	"	108,265	"	3,680	Austria
Tallow	"	374,850	"	4,600	Italy, Turky
Plaster of Paris	Bbls	470	"	1,744	France
		Total	₤	2,211,965	

Steamers and Sailing Vessels at the Port of Jaffa from November 1st 1898 to October 31st 1899.

Steamers

Austrian Lloyd		79	Tonnage	113,973
English				
"	Prince Line	46	"	49,663
"	Bell Asia Minor	42	"	10,779
"	Khedivial Mail	91	"	79,234
"	Various	20	"	34,002
"		55	"	105,607
French	Messagerie Maritime	12	"	11,613
"	Various	3	"	6,386
German		2	"	1,043
Greek				