No. 218.

Consulate of the United States,
Jerusalem, January 29. 1891.

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

Sir:

Referring to Circular dated Dec. 22. 1890. I have the honor to transmit herewith the accompanying report.

I am, Sir,
Your Obt. Servant,

Consul.

Enclosure:
1. Report on Contagious Diseases among Domestic Animals in Palestine.

Contagious Diseases among Domestic Animals in Palestine.

There has been no contagious disease among the domestic animals of Palestine for many years past. The freedom from all such trouble has been rather remarkable.

The excessive mortality among horses, sheep & cattle, in & around Jerusalem, from which we suffered towards the close of the summer & the beginning of the autumn of 1890, had nothing of a contagious character about it. Indeed, with the exception there did not appear to be any particular known disease connected with this mortality. The hot weather, overdriving, & ill-treatment, including

insufficient or improper feeding were, no doubt, the chief causes of the fatality, as regards the horses. Want of sufficient water, & that being of inferior quality, contributed to produce the result complained of in the sheep & cattle, though in the former, in most cases, it was found they were afflicted with diseases of the liver.

The loss to drivers & butchers was very great, especially in the case of sheep, amounting in more than one individual instance to $800 per week.

G. H. G.
Consul.

U. S. Consulate,
Jerusalem, January 29. 1891.

No. 219.

Consulate of the United States,
Jerusalem, January 31. 1891.

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

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the use of the Agricultural Department, my Report on the Agriculture & Horticulture of Palestine for the month of January 1891.

I am, Sir,
Your Obt. Servt.

Consul.

Enclosure:
1. Report on the Agriculture & Horticulture of Palestine for the month of January 1891.

Report on the Agriculture and Horticulture of Palestine for the month of January, 1891.

The excessive rains of last month & the month before have continued throughout January. The rainfall for the present month reached the amount of about ten inches. But, so far, this copious moisture has produced no unfavorable result. The condition of all the crops continues good, and they are rapidly growing.

During the fifteen days of fine weather which we had between the 5th and the 20th inst., the farmers had time to prune their vines and fruit trees, and also to do some ploughing.

Towards the close of the month the weather became much colder, and violent storms of wind prevailed, the rain turning into hail & snow. But the latter, chiefly in the hill country, did not lie long on the ground.

Of Oranges, 45,000 cases were shipped this month, the prices advancing to from $13. to $14. per thousand. There will, doubtless, be a still further advance during next month.

The temperature in January was as follows:

At Jaffa.

Day-time, Maximum 73° Fahr.
Minimum 55° "
Night time, Maximum 55° "
Minimum 43° "

In the hill country the temperature was about 8° colder.

(S.) A. G.

Consul

United States Consulate,
Jerusalem, January 31. 1891.

No. 220.

Consulate of the United States,
Jerusalem, January 31. 1891.

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

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Circular dated the 22d. inst., also copy of "Commercial Relations of the United States for 1887 & 1888".

I am, Sir,
Your Obedt. Servant

Consul.

No. 221.

Consulate of the United States,
Jerusalem, February 9. 1891.

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

Sir:

I have the honor to report that on Sunday, the 8th instant, at 4 o'clock p. m., there reached me from Washington, D. C., the following Cable telegram:

"Latin Patriarch or Chancellor Holy Sepulchre if any diplomas Knighthood Holy Sepulchre was issued to Jacobus Nardus Hickey. Paper presented here dated July 22, 1878, signed Vincent Patriarch, J. Tamsons, Chancellor, but date and name