since he left the practice has been discontinued.

For the sake of the good order and discipline of this Consulate the register of citizens must be put into proper shape. This I am already engaged in doing and I am employing to assist me Mr. David Feinstein who has formerly been in the service of this Consulate. If the Department is not willing to compensate Mr. Feinstein for his services then I must do it myself.

The present interpreter on account of the nature of the languages and the character of the people involved, is wholly unable to do this work. Moreover he is occupied with the ordinary duties of the office, and with matters in the Turkish Court where the interests of American citizens require his presence. Matters connected with the coming and going of many Jews, their marriages, births, deaths, and divorces, the quarrels which arise among them and which are almost always brought before the Consul, make the work connected with this class of our subjects a very important item in this Consulate. This work can be neglected or done in a bungling manner; it can also be done properly by employing a person who is competent to do it.

I respectfully ask, therefore, that I may be allowed to employ Mr. David Feinstein as second dragoman or interpreter in this Consulate and to compensate him with the amount of the extra appropriation made for this Consulate as reported in your despatch No 6 herewith acknowledged.

I remain, respectfully
Your obedient servant

U. S. Consul

No. 11.

United States Consulate,
Jerusalem, Syria,
September 14. 1891.

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

Sir:

Allow me to request that the following blank

forms be forwarded by post to this Consulate

No. 90.	Miscellaneous Expenses.	25
" 113.	Certificate	25
" 159.	Notarial Services	50
	Invoice Forms.	
No. 138		50
" 139		50
" 140		50
" 140 A.		50

I remain respectfully,
Your obedient Servant,

U. S. Consul

No. 12.

United States Consulate,
Jerusalem, September 16. 1891.

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

Sir,

So many Americans, who are purposing to visit Palestine, are writing to me in reference to the Cholera that I have thought it might be well, if the Department is so disposed, to make public a statement which no doubt will be a relief to many minds.

This season there has been no Cholera nearer to us than Aleppo on the north and Mecca and some of the Red Sea ports on the south. Both Egypt and Palestine have been perfectly free from it. During half a century cholera, whenever it has been an epidemic in Egypt, has never appeared there later than the 25th of July. It has generally appeared much earlier in the season. Moreover cholera does not visit Palestine from the south, but always from the north, coming by way of Bagdad and Damascus. It has visited where it existed in and about Aleppo. Only a

very slight inconvenience has been experienced this season from quarantine which now is entirely removed. Intending visitors to this country have nothing to fear from either Cholera or quarantine, and they will find Palestine or Syria healthy.

I remain respectfully
Your Obedient Servant,

Consul.

No. 13.

United States Consulate,
Jerusalem, Syria,
September 22. 1891.

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

Sir:

At the request of Mr. A. B. Lyan of Jaffa I forward herewith his letter respecting his claim for interest alleged to be due him from the United States Government.

I remain respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant.

U. S. Consul

Enclosure:
Letter 15 Sept. Mr. A. B. Lyan.

No. 14.

U. S. Consulate,
Jerusalem, October 1. 1891.

Hon. Wm. F. Wharton.
Assistant Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I send you enclosed herewith the accounts & returns of this office, for the quarter ending September 30. 1891, as per the subjoined list of enclosures.

I am, Sir,
Your Obedient Servant.

Consul

Enclosures:
1. Rent & miscellaneous expense account.
2. Account losses by exchange
3. Salary of Interpreter & guards.
4. Digest of Invoice book.
5. Record of Notarial Services.
6. Register of Official letters received.
7. " " " " sent.

No. 15.

United States Consulate,
Jerusalem, Syria,
October 3. 1891.

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

Sir:

I have the honor to inclose herewith my Report