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

No 45

United States Consulate
Jerusalem, Syria, Jan. 11, 1902

Hon. Herbert H. D. Peirce
Assistant Secretary of State
Washington, D.C.

Sir

I have just received a telegram as follows:—
"American Consul, Jerusalem. Wire information regarding Wilfred Rountree. Price."
I replied immediately as follows: "Secretary Peirce, Washington, District Columbia. Rountree perfectly well. Merrill"
On the 4th, Saturday, I received a despatch from Chicago:— "Merrill Jerusalem, American Consul. Is Rountree sick. Rountree"
I answered immediately:— "Rountree very well, Merrill"
Mr. Rountree's companion, Elihu Grant, has had a mild run of

typhoid and probably the news got to his friends in Chicago that Rountree was sick at Ramallah,— that is their home.

Both Mr & Mrs. Grant, and Mr & Mrs Rountree, i.e. all the Americans there are in the Friends Training Home at Ramallah, and all the teachers and members of the Home are well.

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

No 46

U. S. Consulate
Jerusalem, Syria, Jan. 18, 1902.

Hon Herbert H. D. Peirce
Asst Secry ~~Dept of State~~
Washington

Sir

Allow me to forward herewith the request of Professor H. G. Mitchell, Director of The American School for Oriental Study & Research in Palestine recently established in this city. The object of this School is to accomplish the same for this country that the Archeological Schools in Athens & Rome design to do for those cities respectively. The object seems to me a worthy one.

I remain respectfully Your obedient servant
(Signed) Selah Merrill
U. S. Consul

(Enclosure on page 378)

(Over)

United States Consulate
Jerusalem, Syria, Jan. 25, 1902

Hon'ble Herbert H. D. Peirce
Asst. Secry of State
Washington

Request for Blanks for Drafts

Enclosure in Despatch No. 46

Jerusalem, January 14, 1902.

Selah Merrill Esquire,
U.S. Consul
Jerusalem

Dear Sir

In the Consular Reports published by our Government there are many valuable papers by yourself and some of your predecessors, and by other consuls stationed at Beirut on various topics connected with Syria and Palestine such as climate, productions, resources, population, commerce, industries, cost of living, education, improvements, archaeology and still other topics, and I would respectfully request that you petition the Department of State to grant a set of these Reports for the library of the School of which I am at present the Director. This School was established two years since by the combined efforts of several colleges and institutions of learning in America and is known as the American School for Oriental Study and Research in Palestine. By the generosity of several individuals the library of the School has already a fair start and the Reports of which I speak would be a very serviceable addition for such young men as may come here from the United States to pursue the studies indicated. Should my request be granted I should, on behalf of this School and its patrons in America, be most grateful.

Yours truly (Signed) H. G. Mitchell
Director of the School

No. 47

United States Consulate
Jerusalem, Syria, January 28, 1902

Hon. Herbert H. D. Peirce
Assistant Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.

Sir,

In my last Report upon this Consular Office July 25, 1901, I spoke of the matter of rents and said that at each new year for two years past the American Convent to which our Consulate belongs had tried to have us

us advance the amount paid them which has been $60 a quarter to $70, or a sum greater than that. We refused to do this. We have notice now, however, that at the coming new year, - Moharram which comes this year about the first of April -, our rent must be raised. The amount is not decided upon yet. The Armenians really want to rebuild this house which is old, knowing that if they do so they will receive double the rent which they are now receiving. We intend to remain here for the situation is admirable, suitable in every way, convenient, and with but one door to the house, which we controll.

These statements are made that the Department may have due notice should we be obliged to increase the amount heretofore paid for rent, by a small sum.

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

United States Consulate
Jerusalem, Syria, Febr. 4, 1902

Honble Herbert H. D. Peirce
Assistant Secretary of State
Washington

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United States Consulate
Jerusalem, Syria, February 18, 1902

Hon. Herbert H. D. Peirce
Assistant Secretary of State
Washington

Sir