No. 60.

U. S. Consulate at
Jerusalem, April 3rd 1877

Hon Jno. A. Campbell
Third Assistant Sec. of State.

Sir,—

I have the honor to transmit herewith, the Returns from this Consulate, for the quarter ending March 31st 1877, viz.

1&2/60 List of Official letters received and sent. Enclosure Nos. 1 & 2.

3/60. Rent and Miscellaneous Expenses for the quarter $ 126.33. Enclosure No. 3.

4/60. Salary of Interpreter and Guards $ 138.87, as per Enclosure No. 4.

And to advise my draft for the same at fifteen days, in favor of J. Heutziger & Co. Bankers.

I am, Sir, Your obt. Servt.

(Signed) F. S. De Haas, Consul

Four Enclosures

1 & 2. Letters Recd. & Sent during the first qr. '77
3. Rent & Miscel. Expenses, qr. ending March 31st.
4. Salary of Interpreter & Guards for the quarter.

No. 61.

U. S. Consulate at
Jerusalem, Apr. 3d. 1877

Hon. J. A. Campell,
Third Assistant Sec. of State.

Sir,—

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Des. No. 40 of Jan. 4th relating to the removal from office, of Mr. Panayotti, an Interpreter of this Consulate.

In reply, allow me to say, that I fully approve of the action of the Vice Consul in this case, and would have pursued the same course had I been here.

Before my appointment to this post, this same dragoman was accused,— as You will see by referring to Des. 88 of Dec. 16th 1873, of exacting 20 Napolions, from American Subjects in our Consular prison.

Since then, many valuable papers and other articles, have

disappeared

disappeared mysteriously from this Consulate, and our suspicions have always rested on this dragoman.

One of our "guards", testifies under oath, that Panayotti, received from him 20 Napolions for the position of "Cavass" to the Consulate. He has also, been accused of being accessory to the robbery of an American party; of exacting backsheesh from American Citizens,— and of collecting Consular fees which he never reported, or accounted for.

These are only a few of many similar transactions, any one of which would be sufficient cause for his removal.

But, You will very naturally ask, why we kept such a man so long about the Consulate?

I answer, first; These charges were generally made after the travelers had left, when it was too late to investigate them.

Secondly; we were compelled to have some one as Interpreter and in this Community, it was difficult to find a better man for the salary we pay. Then, the late Interpreter was so shrewd, and concealed his operations so effectually, we were not able to prove any thing against him, until the day after he left for America; when he was finally detected in the robbery of this Consulate and dismissed by Mr Hardegg.

I am, Sir, Yours truly

(Signed) F. S. De Haas Consul

No. 62.

U. S. Consulate Jerusalem Apr. 3rd 1877

Hon. J. A. Campbell
3rd Asst. Sec. &c. &c.

Sir.—

I have the honor to submit as requested for the consideration of the Dept. Certain extra expenses incurred by this Consulate during the last four yrs. the details of which may be found by referring to the within Enclosure & to my Des. No. 44 the latter being date Feb. 5th 1876.

The extra guards were employed when it became absolutely necessary for the protection of our Citizens during the disturbances of the last year & on other occasions when large hundred drunken Marines from our Men of War, the Alabama & others, were reeling about the streets of the Holy City. The sum allowed this Consulate for Interpreter & Guards is barely sufficient to compensate the men constantly on duty, & being forced to make extra payments & other bills out of my own private funds I trust the Department will refund the same.

I am, Sir, Your obt. Servt.

F. S. De Haas Consul.

One Enclosure, Account of extra items of Expenses.