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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, overdrivings, & ill-treatment, including

insufficient or unproper feeding were, no doubt, the chief causes of the fatality, as regards the horses. Want of sufficient water, & that used 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 drovers & butchers was very great, especially in the case of sheep, amounting in more than on individual instance to $800 per week.

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Consul.

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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

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