apparently altered. Very important. Cable fully.
Wharton."

Owing to the illness of the Patriarch and the absence of the Chancellor, I was unable to obtain the desired information until this afternoon, at 4 p. m., when I at once transmitted the following cable despatch to "State Department":

"Jerusalem, February 9. 1891.
John Herden Hickey obtained diploma of Commander Holy Sepulchre, August 22, 1878. Some issued to Jacobus Gillman."

This information has been translated from the Latin (in which the Records of the Patriarchate are kept), through the Italian, into English. Similar information has been asked for and sent to the Commissioner of the Holy Land in the United States by the Patriarchate.

It would appear from the Records that both name and date have been altered, as conveyed in your telegram.

A further entry on the Records gives the fact that on January 20. 1879, Mrs. Gabrielle Herden Hickey, was given the Diploma of Matron of the Holy Sepulchre, by the Archbishop of Paris, after enquiries through the Patriarch of Jerusalem.

It would appear that both the aforesaid Hickeys while here were treated as persons of high distinction, and bore the respective titles of Baron and Baroness.

I have only to add that the dignity of Commander (Commandatore) belongs

to the Second Grade of the Pontifical Order of the Holy Sepulchre.

I am, Sir,
Your Obedient Servant

Consul.

No. 222.

Consulate of the United States,
Jerusalem, February 14. 1891.

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

Sir:

I have the honor to report that, according to a communication received from Sanitary Office at Jaffa, the quarantine of ten days laid on the extension of the coast from Beirut to Tripolis, on account of the Cholera has, since the 3d instant, been reduced to five days. This testifies that since the advent of the cold weather the disease has been on the decline, & it is hoped that the quarantine restrictions will soon be able to be removed altogether.

While in this Consular district we have had no contagious or epidemic disease, the quarantine regulations have, more or less, interfered with and injured business, & especially in deterring visitors from coming here, who were alarmed by false reports as to the prevalence of the Cholera.

It might be well, therefore, to inform our citizens as to the true state of the case, and of there existing no cause

to prevent them from visiting Palestine.

I am, Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
Henry Gillman,
Consul.

No. 223.

Consulate of the U. States,
Jerusalem, Feb. 16. 1891.

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

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of three Circulars dated respectively the 2nd, 7th & 16th ultimo, & transmitting communications from the Treasury Department.

I am, Sir,
Your Obedient Servant
Henry Gillman
Consul.

No. 224

Consulate of the United States,
Jerusalem, February 28. 1891.

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

Sir:

I have the honor to report that Consul General F. J. Sweeney arrived in Jerusalem, on an official visit of inspection, on the 21st instant; and left for Jaffa on the 27th instant.

Mr. Sweeney expressed himself favorably as to the results of his visit.

I am, Sir,
Your Obedient Servant,
Henry Gillman
Consul.

No. 225

Consulate of the United States,
Jerusalem February 28. 1891.

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

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith my agricultural Report for the month of February 1891.

I am, Sir,
Your Obedt Servant,
Henry Gillman
Consul

Enclosure:
1. Report on the Agriculture & Horticulture of Palestine for the Month of February, 1891.