

Jerusalem
December 20. 1856

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My Lord.

I have the honor to report
that the Greek and Armenian
pilgrims have already reached for
this year an extraordinary number.

Before Christmas we have
above five thousand arrived -
promising many more to follow.

A general idea is that we
shall have a scarcity of provisions
before Easter.

Greek

His Excellency
The Hon^{ble} Viscount
Stratford de Redcliffe
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Purchase of horses for
Austrian Cavalry Service

Greek Clergy have sent me word indirectly that they fear a battle will ensue between their pilgrims and the Armenians at that time.

And the Pasha has represented to me the serious state of the country in respect of his official duty - } But at such a crisis the battallion is summoned away from Nablus: and the battallion here is almost all disbanded from expiration of period of service - leaving only 143 men (Nizam) including officers, for the whole

Pashalic between Egypt and Acre

There is no doubt that in Jerusalem at present there are many Russian military officers.

A most disagreeable circumstance occurs that the military Chest is unable to pay the men who are dismissed from the infantry - and the military Kaimakam is this day endeavouring to borrow money from the Convents for the purpose.

I have the honor to be

My Lord
with the highest respect
Your Lordship's

most humble
and obedient servant
James Fisse.

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I have the honor to state
that I have this day learned
from the Dragoman of the
Patriarchal Curia that D. Rosen
has received a Vicarial Order for
recovery of the damages caused
to the property of the Swiss
Mepharay of Nablus. The Teller
to the amount of £300 -

Wm. G. G. G.
St. John the Viccount
Chatfud de Redcliffe
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Patriarchal Curia
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serious deficiency
of military force