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No 39

Jerusalem  
November 24, 1857


My Lord.

I have the honor to report that this Province remains tranquil, and that the government is more steady and firm than I have been accustomed to witness for a long period of time.

I am aware that French Journals proclaim the contrary, and I have abundant reason to believe that the French interest here desires to displace the present Pasha, by magnifying petty disorders into great events, and suppression mention of the grave disorders which prevailed in the time of his

Right Honorable  
Earl of Clarendon  
R.S. S.C.B. &c &c

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Jerusalem Nov 25  
Mr General Pein  
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Mr Mowbray  
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predecessor

I should mention that Lurya Pasha is patriotic enough, in the sense of entertaining strong feelings against any advance of Europeanism — As for purchases of land, he has established regulations for embarrassing them considerably — regulations clear and plausible, but which will have little effect except in impeding fair and open dealing.

Yet it is not to be wondered at that he should be disgusted with certain dishonest proceedings — such as in the matter of the Tannery adjoining the Holy Sepulchre, for removing which he had his orders, with the object of building on its site an Ottoman High School for

all native religions.

As soon as he commenced action, the Greek Convent authorities came forward with documents to show their right of possession in three of the small workshops — Embarrased at this H. E. remanded the subject for a week, and when the question came on again, these Greeks produced documents to prove their right to eight instead of three of the workshops.

The French have not yet got full possession of St Anne's Church — little is said of the matter here, but the fact is patent, that they are no more in possession of it than they were on the day after the Firman was falsely read in the presence of Kiamil Pasha and his Mejlis.

The Austrian Hospice is progressing  
but slowly during the prolonged absence  
of the Consul and the Architect at Vienna.

The Russian pilgrims are still  
increasing in number.

Prices of food are very high, and  
indeed of all necessaries of life.

Although not directly bearing on  
the condition of this Pashalic, it is worth  
our observation that in the district  
immediately touching the Eastern bank  
of the Jordan, the Arabs are found more  
numerous, and in a greater variety of  
tribes than hitherto - and that  
travelling beyond the river is now  
become exceedingly difficult. —

Nevertheless we do obtain Wheat and  
rainis from Es. Salt, and wheat from  
Kerak -

On the whole it is my certain  
conviction that the Turkish government  
at the Porte, has reason to be satisfied  
with the tone and consistent character  
of the rule of the present Pasha of  
Lemalim.

I have the honor to be &c  
(Signed) James Peirce

Right Honorable  
Earl of Clarendon  
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Jerusalem  
December 9. 1857

No 46

My Lord.

I have the honor to enclose Copy of a Despatch received by me from Mr Vice Consul Rogers of Caiffa, which will serve to give a vivid picture of a state of things unknown in any other part of Palestine, but which was the common condition

of the country under the old system of Arab Shaikhs, now being happily

His Excellency  
Comant Stratford de Redcliffe replaced  
S C B  
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Original in possession of  
Mr Consul Rogers  
of Caiffa

Dated. Nov 24. 1857

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