

saurait remplir sa charge, et devra attendre la rentrée des classes (en Octobre prochain) pour pouvoir remplir et recueillir tous les détails requis pour le susdit rapport.

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur le Consul &c.  
(Signé) H. Anzalak

No. 42.

Jerusalem  
August 27. 1897.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that on the 21<sup>st</sup> instant, news reached here that an explosion of bombs had occurred at Constantinople before the Sublime Porte, causing injury to property and loss of life, and that similar attempts at destruction, but happily without result, had been made before the Ottoman Bank

His Excellency  
The Right Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
Sir Philip Currie, G. C. B.  
&c. &c. &c.

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and elsewhere in the Capital.

The information was first received by the Acting French Consul General, who had a telegram from the French Ambassador on the subject, and on my enquiring of the Mutasarif whether he had had any communication relative to this incident, he confirmed the news by stating that he had received a similar telegram to that of the Acting French Consul General, but added that the authors of these deeds were  
Armenians

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As there are a considerable number of Armenians resident in Jerusalem, and the Armenian monastery and Church of St. James are possessed of very great wealth, both on account of their endowments and the rich ornaments and vestments belonging to the Church and Clergy, it has always been thought that these might tempt the cupidity of the lower and disorderly classes of Mohamedans, and that, when throughout the whole of Asia Minor and Constantinople the Armenians were

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were falling victims to Mussulman fanaticism, some excuse might have been found for attacking and pillaging the Armenian Monastery in Jerusalem, and massacring the Armenian population.

Jerusalem, however, has been exceptionally fortunate in escaping any such calamity, for neither during the frightful massacres of the year 1895, or those of last year, did any disturbance occur in this city or in Palestine, —

though a hostile feeling was

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now and then exhibited at Jaffa and one or two inland places. This may to a great extent be attributed to the good administration and system of maintaining strict order to which the population has long been accustomed under the rule of Raouf Pasha (now Vali of Erzeroum), who was for many years governor of Jerusalem, and under that of the present Mutaserif Ibrahim Pasha, who, with the exception of a few months when Rashad Pasha was governor, succeeded him. Also it may be said that the progress and prosperity

prosperity of Egypt, in recent times, has indirectly had some influence on the minds of the neighbouring inhabitants of this country, in showing to them the benefits which will arise out of a peaceful and orderly form of government.

I am happy to be able to report that so far, notwithstanding the disquieting telegrams from the Capital, there has not been the least sign of any disturbance  
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of the public tranquility, and that good order reigns in Jerusalem and throughout the country. The only incident which has attracted a little attention of late has been the murder of an old man during the night of the 18<sup>th</sup> instant, who is supposed to be a Greek, although never having registered himself in the Greek Consulate during his life time, and no documents having been discovered, on his person or among his effects, to show that  
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he was an Hellenic subject, he has  
been looked upon as an Ottoman  
subject, and the matter is being  
dealt with by the authorities.  
Suspicion attaches to a French-  
man and a German subject, as they  
were last seen with the murdered  
man in his shop, but the latter  
has, I understand, been released  
by the German Consulate, because  
he could prove an "alibi"; the  
former is still under arrest  
pending further investigation  
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into the case by the police and  
French Consulate.

I have the honour to be,  
With the highest respect,

Sir,  
Your Excellency's  
Most obedient  
Humble servant.

John Dickson

Jerusalem,  
August 28. 1897.

No. 43.

Sir,

With reference to my Despatch  
No. 39 of the 24<sup>th</sup> ultimo reporting the  
election on the 22<sup>nd</sup> ultimo of the new  
Greek Patriarch Monsignor Damianos,  
I have now the honour to inform  
Your Excellency that on the 25<sup>th</sup>  
instant the Mutessarif of Jerusalem  
received a telegram stating that

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His Excellency  
The Right Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
Sir Philip Currie, G.C.B.  
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Jerusalem, Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>  
(Grand Despatch  
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By Mr. S. S.  
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