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My Lord

I have the honor to represent
to Your Lordship that His Excellency
Riamil Pasha is at this time
busily engaged in obtaining
suffrages of the Members of the
Majlis, that they may draw up
a Mazbatta in his favor, for
transmission to Constantinople.

With this object he has also sent
his private Secretary to Nablus.

His Excellency
Right Honorable
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I could wish that he were as
attentive to perform the simple acts
of government and justice which it
is my duty to require from him.

English Subjects and Protected
persons can obtain no enforcement
or payment of their credits from natives.
— This is a constant source of
irritation, and robbery on the
highroad are not compensated.

It is true that he issues orders
and then reports to his superiors
what he has done: but these orders
are in no case obeyed when they
bear upon English interests — the
persons to whom the orders are

directed apply by means of technicalities
and shifting them from one personage
to another — so that nothing is done.

I am unable to recover seventy
piastres the value of a rain cloak
stolen from me at Jericho a month
ago — An English gentleman
named Graham, residing here,
claims about 4000 piastres, the value
of property taken by robbers (supposed
to be Pasha Bozuk who are paid
for keeping the road in safety) from
his servant travelling to Jaffa.
The Pasha fails to recover the value
although he sends enough of
written orders to that effect.

There are also the greater standing
affairs considered, at Nablus and
Gaza.

The Pasha endeavours to persuade
me that he is disabled from enforcing
obedience and the payment of debts,
by the want of a military force.

Now, though 'tis true that a man
of energy and truthfulness could
do wonders among such a population
as this, by the mere effort of will
without gunpowder or bayonets: I
have often been inclined to make
allowance for a person without that
required firmness, and to say that
perhaps he is as good as almost
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the whole case of Pashas extant -
but then the facts stare me in the
face that other Comets do obtain
redress for their grievances. Not only
the French, to whom he has hitherto
considered himself under obligations
for aid and counsel, and for the
glittering promises held out to him
by the Ambassador himself: but the
Austrian and others, while my
grievances are not redressed.

The feeble character of Kiamil Pasha
is still more crippled in action by
the bribes he receives so unparingly.
I have never from his first arrival
here ceased to suspect this of him,

The Secretary
Right Honourable
Sir Robert Peel
Secretary of State for the Colonies
&c. &c.

Notwithstanding

his eulogies published in the Univers
and the Presse d'Orient - My
Dragoman lately accused him to
his face in a confidential interview,
of receiving 30000 piastres from Gaza
in a bill drawn nominally in favor
of the French Dragoman - Of course he
denied the charge, and I did not
know of this conversation till after
it took place: but were he innocent
why did he not complain to me of
the insult offered him by my subordinate?

On my recent return from Gaza
I lodged for a night at Bait Libin
and there the Shaikh who rules

over a considerable district, and
has great personal influence,
entertained me with anecdotes of
old times, such as his capture in
1846 together with Abu Gosh and
Abdul Hady, and being sent in
chains to Constantinople - after
describing the large extortions of the
Pasha his captor, he stopped to
exclaim with oaths that he had
never yet known any Pasha to
take so much money as this
Kiamil Pasha -

I beg to represent to Your Lordship
with all the simplicity and force
for which I can find modes of

expression that nothing is more
easy than to punish the criminals
of Nablus and of Gaza: They are in
a state of fear at having offended
the English, and they have no friends.
Those of the former town do indeed
remain at their posts carrying on
the business of the local government
in all the honors of their offices,
while our houses lie in ruins, the
murder is unavenged, and the
property destroyed is uncompensated.
but yet it would be extremely easy
to seize the instigators of the riot,
and to levy the amount of losses
sustained, upon the two Quarters
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of the town who actually committed
the disorders - It would be equally
easy to obtain possession of the
Mulle and Governor of Gaza: the
former I am assured has already
escaped to the Arabs upon a rumor
reaching him of orders being on the
way from Constantinople for his
apprehension: but even there he
would not be sheltered against us.

And I beg to remind Your
Ladship of the excellent effect which
examples made upon those two towns
would have upon the general
population of the country: while the
present state of things has an entirely
opposite
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Right Honorable
Viscount Stratford de Redcliffe
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opposite effect.

In a conversation I had lately with His Lordship the Bishop upon

Nablus affairs, we were of one mind that a compensation for losses, would be of far inferior importance to the punishment of the offenders.

In conclusion I must add that for the good of the Ottoman Empire it is not to be desired what is nevertheless the fact, that the native people fear the European Consuls, as far as they come in contact with them, more than they do their appointed rulers - and that our English affairs being dispersed over Palestine more than those of other

Europeans, we are consequently more felt than others: and this again tells indirectly upon the rural population also - While my habits of travelling over the country and conversing with all classes of people, serve likewise to keep us under notice: so that I am unable to sit with my arms folded while the affairs of Nablus and Gaza are left undecided, and while Eiamil Pasha is not only infirm in personal character, but - incapacitated from action by the money which he receives.

I have the honor to be

My Lord

with the highest respect

Your Lordships

most obedient

humble servant

James Peirce.

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 His Excellency
 Right Honorable
 Viscount Stratford de Redcliffe
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My Lord.

I have the honor to report that lately the Majesty's Consul General in Beyroot, obtained from His Excellency Wamek Pasha, a letter addressed to His Excellency Riameil Pasha, respecting the affairs of Nablus.

It was forwarded to me, and I sent it down to His Excellency at the Seraglio.

The latter sent a letter of enquiry to Nablus, as if it were all a new business just come to his notice.

His Excellency
Right Honourably
Viscount Stratford de Redcliffe
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Remarks on the
character and
administration of
Riameil Pasha

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The Consul General