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My Lord.

The character of Kiamil Pasha
has been extolled in French journals
as inapproachable in many affairs
and above all suspicion of bribery.
This kind of representation of him
commenced before he reached Jerusalem
being founded upon his not
retaining more than two days
some boxes presented to him at
Ramlah.

I have however on some occasions
expressed myself as scarcely satisfied
that this character is well deserved

I have stated my conviction that he
does

Right Honorable
Earl of Clarendon
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does receive large presents, at least for services after they are rendered, and I once mentioned a sum and the place where it was given, namely in the French Consulate, on account of Nablus affairs before the transaction of the stipulated business -

Then came on the troubles of Hebron and Abderrahman el Amra - when for all I can learn H. E. Kiamil Pasha was scarcely left to sleep at night without the French Dragoman Whanna Carlo at his ear. - of course he had his Secretary M. Gilbert also with him.

A Colonel had been sent to enquire into the general proceedings

(sent to enquire into the conduct of the Bin Pasha in spiking his howitzes, loading the muskets with blank cartridge, and receiving letters from the enemy - About that time I went travelling on my annual visitation to the ports and the inland towns.

On my return (end of October) I saw the Colonel for the first time, and at my second interview found him quietly, then plainly accusing the Pasha of extensive receipt of bribery - warning me that I should soon have reason to find that no Pasha of Jerusalem has done so much mischief to the Sultan's Government as the present one -

Names and persons were mentioned

without reserve or delicacy - and
 since that time I have abstained
 from frequenting his society, lest I
 should be considered as concocting
 an intrigue against His Excellency,
 and leaving him to prove before
 a competent authority whatever he
 should learn independent of
 information that might come in
 my way.

I have been informed of occurrences
 of a similar nature which appear
 to be well authenticated. - In
 these very nature transactions of
 bribery are difficult of proof, though
 far less so here than in Europe -
 but one man has opened me that
 he has himself given 10,000 piastres
 from

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from his own hand into the Pasha's
 hand, within the last fortnight. -
 he would not allow me to report
 his name, because His Excellency
 had made him swear not to tell of
 the occurrence. On my questioning
 him, he declared that he did not
 owe a para of taxes to the Government
 and that if he did, he would have
 paid taxes freely, but he said -
 "At first the Pasha refused, but told
 me to go to Khanna Carlo the
 French Dragoman - I did so, but
 the latter refused it also, knowing me
 to be a frequent visitor at the English
 Consulate - at length the Pasha
 took it" -

In mentioning the following
 incidents, I beg to assure Your
 Lordship
 Right Honble
 Earl of Clarendon
 KG - GCB.

Lordship that I use all my efforts
to avoid appearing hostile to the
French Consulate, or aiming at
weakening the national alliance
which ought to be visible between us.

Since the capture of Idnab
the people of Hebron have been
perfectly satisfied with their new
Kadi and Mufti and the restored
Shaikhs — but since the Pasha's
return to Jerusalem, leaving Selameh
the brother of Abderrahman, Naji's
or Chief Shaikh of this district, the
principal of the Shaikhs, and Kadi
have been displaced, and Selameh
has asked for the displacement of the
Mufti.

On Friday 26 October at 9 PM.
in the Pasha's bed room a meeting

was held of His Excellency, ^{Abderrahman}
Carlo, and the new placed Kadi
(friend of Abderrahman) — The
latter asked for the bringing in the
eldest son of Abderrahman named
Imain and his brother Mahmood.
to be resident in Jerusalem, or in
any of the Hebron villages —
promising a large sum of money
for the transaction — At length the
sum of 80,000 piastres was agreed on
and it was agreed that the money
should be delivered at a place
and time to be hereafter signified.

As yet the sons of Abderrahman
have not been brought back, but
Mekhia the favorite son with a train
of his people are residing in Bethlehem

having placed themselves on the French protection — I myself saw him there in fine clothes, on the 10th Instant, when I paid a visit to the French Consul on the occasion of his being somewhat hurt by a fall from his horse — Ghibia ran after me in the street, but I refused to speak with him.

The people of Kebrun have on three occasions lately petitioned me to prevent the rapid increase of favor shown to the cause of Abderrahman — but the French are his protectors —

Mc de Barriere is new in the country, and full of zeal for promoting the interests, as he believes them, of his

his country, but is of course unaware of the bearings of any step that is taken — and hears but one side.

Every night till a late hour, and every morning, soon after sunrise, the French Chancellor and the French Dragoman are together with the Pasha — they write not only his Arabic orders to the peasantry, but it is believed, compose his Despatches to Constantinople

I have the honor to
(Signed) James Fynn

Right Hon^{ble}
Earl of Aberdeen
(Ry - JCB)
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No 42

My Lord.

I have the honor to enclose
Copy of my Despatch Political
No 44 to the Earl of Clarendon.
on the interview of H. E. Kiamil
Pasha with the son of Abderrahman
el Amur - and complaining that
he does not answer my letters.

I have the honor to be

My Lord

with the highest respect

Yr Excellency
St. James's Palace
London
G. C. B. &c

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