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(Subject.)

Consul. Blech
No. 14

Greek Church dissensions

Reports the reconciliation between the Patriarch and Synod, and the departure of Commission of Inquiry. Mutesarrif urged to employ adequate police force for protection of certain Appoints.

Last Paper.

(Print.)

(Minutes.)

(How disposed of.)

Mr Hoare
There are some waiting
despatches about which
to a full come. I think
this to S.O. J. *Oct. 227* *Jan 31*

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Sir,

In continuation of my despatch No. 13 of the 26th ultimo, I have the honour to report that I called again on the Mutassarif on the morning of the 1st instant to urge him to cause adequate police measures to be adopted for the protection of certain Cypriots, who feared that they might be exposed to reprisals on the part of the native Orthodox Christians, one of whose number had been killed by a Cypriot. His Excellency while promising to do all that he could in the matter expressed

His Excellency

The Right Honourable

Sir G. Lowther, K.C.M.G., C.B.,

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Constantinople.

the confident hope that within twenty-
four hours all would be settled and
that by that time the Synod would have
called on the Patriarch to implore forgiveness
from His Beatitude. Lubhi Bey's -
anticipations were realised even sooner
than he had stated. On the same evening
the reconciliation took place in the
presence of Nazim Pasha, the Mutes-arif,
and the Acting Greek Consul General.

Tranquillity having thus been restored
and the Commission having drawn up
its report, Nazim Pasha left Jerusalem
yesterday.

It is to be feared that if the decisions
to be taken on the report of the Commission
are not as favourable as the native Community
anticipates, party feeling may again become
excited, with results perhaps even more
regrettable than those which we have
witnessed.

witnessed during the last few days. I
venture therefore once more to express the
hope that in considering the matter the
Central Authorities at Constantinople may
attach due importance to the gravity of the
situation and the necessity of avoiding
further disturbance of the peace.

I have the honour to be,

with the greatest respect

Sir,

Your Excellency's most obedient
humble servant,

E. Beek