

Jerusalem
August 30. 1856

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Political
No 53.

My Lord.

It is my duty to report that
the idea of the possible coming of
the Pope to this country is not
only one entertained by our
Protestant community here, as
taken up from the newspapers: but
that the monks of Bethlehem

Right Honorable
Earl of Clarendon
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Remembrance of Goodrich
and Rev. Dr. Green's firm
coming from Constantinople

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frequently speak of its certainty,
and they have been recently
confirmed in their expectations by
fresh letters from Europe.

I have lately joined in conversation
on the subject between a Protestant
gentleman and the Secretary of the
Latin Patriarch, when it was of
course treated as a matter of
speculation on circumstances, without
reference to principles or doctrines -
and I asked if it were not
possible for His Holiness to visit
the Holy Sepulchre as a pilgrim for

devotion?

There are persons who believe
not only in the probability of such
a pilgrimage, but likewise that
His Holiness may remain for an
indefinite period beyond it.

The reasons they assign are.
the discontent of the Pope at the
prolonged French occupation of Rome -
- the favorable nature of the
Austrian Concordat in a Roman
point of view - the erection of the
Austrian palatial Hospice in Jerusalem

and the decided Austrian patronage
of the Convents in this country -
really and substantially, though
not in name.

There may be reasons and
data leading to an opposite
conclusion - such as the difficulty
of a Sovereign of the Roman States
residing in the territory of another
Sovereign for a longer period than
becomes a Visitor, the impropriety
of a Roman Pontiff exercising
jurisdiction within an infidel land,
personally -

personally - and the indignity of
his being contemned by Pontiffs of
Oriental Churches who deny, and are
accustomed to revile his principal
assumptions.

But it is replied that in our days
wonderful things do come to pass,
and that still greater wonders may
surpass them.

I am merely representing to
Your Lordship the ideas and arguments
adopted here: believing that I should
fail in my duty did I not report

Right Honourable
Earl of Ancaster
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them, and continue to watch
events.

I have the honor to

(Signed) James Fenn.

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My Lord.

I have the honor to enclose Copy
of my Despatch Political 53 to the
Earl of Clarendon, of this day's date,
on the probability of the Pope coming
to Jerusalem.

I have the honor to be
My Lord

with the highest respect

Yours

His Excellency
Rt Hon. the Viscount
Stratford de Redcliffe
G.C.B. &c &c

Despatch Political 53
from the General Firm
to Earl of Clarendon

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