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Jerusalem  
October 24. 1856.

My Lord

I have the honor to report that  
on the 22<sup>nd</sup> arrived in Jerusalem  
Major General Chesney and Sir John  
McCull, the surveyors for the  
Euphrates Railway, accompanied by  
Captain Burgess and several other  
officers of R. M. S. Stromboli.

The former told me that they had  
been requested to look over the grounds  
between Jaffa and this city and report  
on the practicability of forming a  
Railway on that line also, but for  
another company.

His Excellency  
Lt. Genl. Viscount Stratford de Redcliffe  
G. L. B.

Yours

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- extreme importance  
of Turkish Government

His opinion is clear as to the practicability  
of the work, but that the expense will be  
greater than might be imagined by  
inexperienced persons; and that as a  
commercial enterprise, & perhaps not  
so much as a speculation for transport  
of pilgrims would the returns be  
sufficient to justify the outlay.

I expressed myself decidedly in  
favor of this project, as one likely to  
create resources & to bring a European  
population into the country and  
to apply in several ways, a remedy  
to its present anarchy and barbarism.

I urged upon their attention the  
consideration belonging to the matter  
of pilgrim traffic, one not likely to  
have been understood in London by  
the benevolent persons whose names  
they mentioned to me, namely the Earl

of

of Shaftesbury and Sir Moses Montefiore,  
of the very large support to be expected  
from Roman Catholic authorities on  
the Continent of Europe, in promoting  
political and ecclesiastical objects,  
which I cannot but believe would  
equal the amount of support to be  
expected from the Protestant public,  
and, at present, the Jewish.

I have the honor to be

My Lord

with the highest respect

Your Lordships

most obedient humble servant

James Fium

Jerusalem  
November 8. 1856

No 69

My Lord.

I have the honor to enclose  
Copy of my Despatch Consular 32  
to the Earl of Clarendon, respecting  
certain outrages at Gaza.

And beg to recommend the case  
to Your Lordship's serious  
consideration in connection with

His Excellency  
Rt Honorable Viscount  
Stratford de Redcliffe  
C/O. &c

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Arrived by the S. S. Jersey  
at 10 P.M. The 11th of  
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