

earth near his residence, which was believed to cover an ancient palace of the Herodian period -

Although the expense of removing the dust and rubbish has been enormous, it is believed that the amount is nearly repaid by the value of the old foundations upon which the intended edifices will rest - not half of the mound has been yet removed.

An Architect from Vienna has been

sent to carry on the works.

The corner-stone above referred to was laid by the Franciscan monks after performing a religious service on the site: and great festivities were made on the occasion.

The French Consul was present, but I have not yet learned what share he had in the proceedings - indeed I should not allude to such a possibility, but for the fact that a few months ago, he addressed

an official letter to the Austrian
Consulate in the quality of Protector
of Christianity and Christian
establishments in the East, requesting
to be furnished with the description
and details of the projected
establishments.

The Austrian Consul replied briefly
and pointedly to the effect that
the Institutions would not be placed
under the protection of France.

It is stated by Count Pizzamano
that

that these will consist of a Hospice
a Hospital, and a magnificent
Consulate. — Two years ago he
informed me that there was an
intention of erecting a palace for
the Archbishop of Vienna.

I should not forget to inform
Your Lordship that on the 8th Instant
the Latin Convent and all its partizans
in Jerusalem made a great
demonstration in the way of an
illumination and fireworks on the
occasion

occasion of its late President, now
in Rome, having been constituted
General of the whole Franciscan Order
over the world. This promotion
is considered a triumph over the
Patriarchal party here, with whom
the Convents have always been in
hostile relations.

I have the honor to be

My Lord

with the highest respect

Your Lordships

most humble
and obedient servant

James Finn.

Jerusalem

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My Lord.

It is with regret that I have to represent that during the delay in punishing the risters of Nablus the apprehension of the native Christians there is becoming more tremblyngly sensitive: and not without cause as appears from a recent occurrence.

His Excellency
Right Honorable Viscount
Stratford de Redcliffe &c. &c.

Yours

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Foundation laid of
new Christian buildings
— Foundation of the
Ravenshoe Piedmont &
the General of his Order