

Jerusalem,  
August 28. 1897.

No. 43.

Sir,

With reference to my Despatch  
No. 39 of the 24<sup>th</sup> ultimo reporting the  
election on the 22<sup>nd</sup> ultimo of the new  
Greek Patriarch Monsignor Damianos,  
I have now the honour to inform  
Your Excellency that on the 25<sup>th</sup>  
instant the Mutessarif of Jerusalem  
received a telegram stating that

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His Excellency  
The Right Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
Sir Philip Currie, G.C.B.  
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Jerusalem, Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>  
(Grand Despatch  
No. 42  
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By Mr. S. S.  
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the Imperial Irade sanctioning  
the election had been issued by  
His Majesty the Sultan. The  
formal installation of the Patriarch  
accordingly took place yesterday  
in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre,  
in the presence of the Acting Russian  
Consul General and his staff in  
full uniform, and a large number  
of people of the Greek Orthodox  
faith.

Monsignor Damianos is a native  
of the island of Samos, and is  
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a little over 50 years of age. He  
had been married when a young  
man, but on the death of his wife,  
he entered the Church of the Holy  
Sepulchre as monk, and shortly  
afterwards became an Archimandrite.  
During the time of the former Patriarch  
of Jerusalem, Nicodemus, Monsignor  
Damianos was banished for a while  
to Constantinople, but, on being  
permitted to return to Jerusalem,  
he was appointed bishop of Philadelphia,  
on the east of the Jordan, which  
office he retained until his  
recent

recent election as Patriarch.

I have the honour to add that he is a man of affable and pleasing manners, and that his election seems to have given general satisfaction.

I have the honour to be  
With the highest respect

Sir,  
Your Excellency's most obedient,  
humble servant  
J. Dickinson

Jerusalem,  
September 1. 1897.

N<sup>o</sup> 44.

Sir,

In reply to Mr. Eliot's Despatch of the 14<sup>th</sup> ultimo, enclosing a Memorandum in original by Mr. Marinitsch on the subject of Dr. Bliss's proposed excavations at Khurbet Judeidah, and stating that the Ministry of Public Instruction had written to the Mutessarif of Jerusalem on July 27<sup>th</sup> (o.s.) N<sup>o</sup> 44 about the matter, I have the honour to

His Excellency  
The Right Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
Sir Philip Currie, G.C.B.  
report