

No 3

Jerusalem 27 August 1842

Sir

On the 19th Inst. the newly appointed Greek Vice Consul at Laffa arrived here in order to appoint an Agent in Jerusalem on the part of his Government, agreeably to instructions which he has received from Athens -

It may not be considered by Your Excellency unimportant that I should report to You some of the remarks made to me by this Gentleman when I visited him - He assured me that Mr Bailey the Russian Consul exercises but little influence over the Greek Consul at Blount - Formerly M Marabut acted in this district as Agent for the

Russian

Your Excellency,

The Right Hon^{ble}

Lieut. General Sir Stratford Canning B.C.B

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Jerusalem 29th Aug

Consul Bailey

No 2

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Regarding my account
my post, and others
some remarks on the
made by Mr Bailey the
Russian Consul

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Russian and Greek Governments, he is
now made Russian Vice Consul for
Jerusalem and Jaffa -

Mr Pappaschimis came to Jaffa direct
from Constantinople but in consequence
of pending negotiations between the
Greek Government and the Porte he
was not furnished with the necessary
Credentials to the local Authorities of
the Province. he therefore addressed
himself to the Greek Consul at Beirut
begging that he would in the mean-
time obtain for him a letter from the
Governor to the Pacha of the District in
order that he might be recognised
as the accredited Agent of his Govern-
ment. The letter being obtained -
describes him as Consular Agent -
instead of Vice Consul as he is styled
by his Government, and it was
handed

handed by the Greek Consul at Beirut
to Mr Bailey to deliver - who on his arrival
at Jaffa declined giving it to Mr Pap-
-pashimis but presented it himself to
Lazhar Pacha. I have been induced to
call Your Excellency's attention to these
simple circumstances, which have no
direct connection with my Consular
Duties, in order to shew the delicate
position in which the Greek and Russian
interests must for the future stand
towards each other in Palestine -

The Greek Consul states to me that
his instructions from his Government
are to regard the Greek Convents in no
other light than as Rayah Establish-
ments - while at the same time these
Convents enjoy undisturbedly the
Protection of Russia and claim jurisdic-
tion over all who come to the Country
professing the Greek Faith - hence
Dr Pappaschimis

Mr Pappathemios has come in collision with the Ecclesiastics, from their having used coercive measures towards some subjects of His Hellenic Majesty - whom he naturally claims to protect, and likewise because he has not used his influence with the Authorities in Jaffa in behalf of the Greek Convent.

I would respectfully submit to Your Excellency, whether it is not to be apprehended that the Hellenic Consul must either be in perpetual difficulty with the Rufian Consulate and the Convents, or that the Rufian Consul will obtain sufficient influence over Mr Pappathemios to bring him entirely into subjection to Rufian views. From what I have observed in Mr Bailey, I think it most probable that the latter will be the case, and thus Russia will remove another difficulty, in the way,

way of her successfully extending her political influence in these Provinces through the medium of the native Churches - It suits the policy of Russia here to cause unity in Religion to take precedence of all other obligations, and the natives are too ready to shelter themselves under the protection of a Power which seems to have no scruples in protecting any who are willing to submit to her jurisdiction -

The bitter enmity which has so long existed between the Latins and Greeks in Jerusalem, continues to show itself whenever an occasion offers -

I may here notice to Your Excellency, that it was formally proclaimed a few weeks back in the Latin Church, that all the Latins (who are in fact Dyaks) were to consider themselves under French protection, and the French Agent

Agent, who is a Native, has since acted
in this notice - This state of things if
recognised by the Turkish Authorities
will I should fear ultimately produce
difficulty and confusion -

In the mean time I am happy to
say there is nothing at present disturbing
the tranquillity of the English here - The
Buildings of the London Society are
progressing slowly and without inter-
ruption - Some anxiety is felt by the
parties engaged in it, as to what dif-
ficulties may arise, so long as they are
without a Firman - It is only the
influence of the name of England, that
suppresses an open manifestation of
indisposition towards it on all hands,
It however may be hoped that every
day the people are becoming more
accustomed to it, and that by degrees
the feeling of opposition will sink into
indifference, till at length it is numbered
amongst

amongst the privileges which have
gradually crept in till at length they have
become recognised, and permanently
fastened in the soil - The work as yet
is all underground, therefore except in the
formidable preparations, it makes but
little show, but it must not be presumed
that the difficulties are past - When the
Church, a building, in its structure so
entirely novel in Jerusalem, begins to
show itself, they must be prepared for
opposition, especially from the Convents
and unless a Firman be previously
obtained, authorising its recognition
by the local authorities, it will require
great discretion on the part of those
engaged in it, to avoid giving occasion
of offence - I have the honor to be

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your Excellency's most obedient
humble servant

W. Z. Gourey

Received 5 Oct 3

General Canning

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Concordance with the
Barré's list found and
transcribed by the
Jerusalem Council

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Jerusalem 20th Sep. 1842

Sir

On the 11th Inst. I had the
honor to receive through the medium
of H. E. Syahr Pacha Your Excellency's
"Confidential Circular" dated 21st June
transmitting for my more complete
information and guidance the Copy
of a Circular which H. E. the Grand
Vizir has addressed to the Local
Authorities of this Province.

I am happy to have it
in my power to assure Your Excellency
that up to the present time nothing
has occurred to disturb the good
understanding which has existed
between the Local authorities and
myself since my return to my Post.

I shall

Respectfully

The Right Honourable

Sir Stratford Canning K.C.B.