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My Lord

I have the honor to report that a Capital execution by beheading, took place in Jerusalem on Thursday the 5th Instant, upon an Egyptian who nearly twelve months ago robbed and murdered two peasants near Sais, on the road between Jaffa and Jerusalem, one of them a resident of Abu Gosh's village.

The camel and goods he sold at Ramleh and Gaza, where

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where they were identified, and he was apprehended.

He has since confessed to previous murders of twelve other persons.

The execution took place by virtue of a Firman recently received in Jerusalem by the Pasha, which authorizes such punishment in cases of the criminals acknowledging the crime of murder when accused.

The executioner only accomplished his task in twelve strokes, and the body lay exposed in the street for two days.

I have also the honor to report the arrest of two rival Sheikhs of the Taamri tribe, of the

district about Hebron, named Ahamdan, and Shaa - In a quarrel near Jericho they had had a few of the tribe killed on each side, and some of the Taamri were speedily seized and brought to Jerusalem.

The two rival Sheikhs were apprehended on the 12th Inst. and brought here manacled in order to be sent to the Gallies.

I have the honor to be
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with the highest respect

Your Lordship's

most obed^t humble servant.

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My Lord.

I have the honor to report that the tranquility of this country has been much disturbed of late by conflicts of its rural population.

The whole of the inhabitants of Palestine from North to South, are comprised in two great mother tribes, the Yemen and the Kais - in this part of the country the leading men of these factions are, Abu Gosh on the side of the former, and Ibn Simbhan Governor of Lydd on the side of the latter.

These factions have been for an unknown length of time in actual warfare with each other on every

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