

said to be Eighty Four.

Among other good results of his coming, (as we had been full three months without a governor in the country) may be reckoned a reduction in the price of bread, for during the period between the Pashas, the corn-proprietors both in the city, and in the country hoarded up their stores till the prices rose to a fearful height, and the distress in the city became truly alarming.

The winter has also been unusually severe, deep snow and ice after abundant rain prevented traffic on the roads. but from several quarters we learn

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that the snow having penetrated into the subterranean granaries, the hoarders have been obliged to open these, and throw away the spoiled grain, amid the imprecations of the poor.

Some measures already taken by the Pasha while at Saffa, have been beneficial in this matter, and other acts of the kind are promised here.

I beg to express my satisfaction in the conduct of Kaskem Bek, the Bin Bashi commanding the garrison during his government of this district with very inefficient means, in the interval between the two Pashas.

I have the honor to be

My Lord

with the highest respect

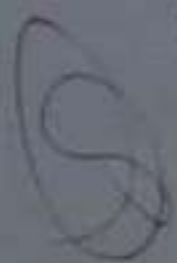
Your Lordship's

most obedient humble servant
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No 10

Jerusalem Jan 22
Mr General Finn

No 11

My Lord.

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Jerusalem
April 18. 1854

I have the honor to report
that in consequence of the
murder in 1851 of a Jew in
Jerusalem, under British
Protection, named Gershom ben
Abraham. I have never lost
sight of the subject - and in

His Excellency
Right Hon^{ble}
Lord Stratford de Redcliffe
S.C.B. &c

consequently

Such points; I however marked several places, devoid of possible objection, where I proposed to begin, adding that no further excavation within the area would be attempted without consulting with the Local Authorities.

At the end of November the Autho. here reported favourably to Conspl. in regard to my proposed excavations. Nothing further was heard by them from the Porte until Feb. $\frac{10}{22}$ when this telegram was received:-

" Mr. Fred. Blin having applied
" for permission to excavate outside
" and near the City of Jerusalem for
" Antiquities, will you inform me
" at

" at once whether there is any impediment
" or not against making such excavations
" near the Sacred Shrines & Military
" buildings."

To which this answer was sent:-

" In reply to your telegram of Feb. $\frac{10}{22}$, the
" Administrative Council states that
" excavations outside the City in the
" vicinity of Sacred Shrines & military
" buildings in search of Antiquities, are
" as a matter of course, not devoid
" of objections."

This answer does not imply that excavations are deemed objectionable everywhere within the area indicated, but only at such points as intrude on Sacred & Military sites. It was, however,

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however, otherwise interpreted by the
Minister of Public Instruction, as
I learn from our London Secretary,
who quotes from a letter from the
Foreign Office, dated March 6th:-

" His Excellency learns from the Minister
" of Public Instruction that the local
" Auths. at Jerusalem have reported
" that, owing to the vicinity of sacred
" & public buildings, the excavations
" cannot be proceeded with. The
" Minister promises, however, to see
" whether some means can be devised
" for overcoming the difficulty before
" the report is laid before the Grand Vizir."

As I know that the local
Auths. are most favourable to us,
provided

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provided we wish to excavate only
in legitimate places, accordingly
(as stated above) I cabled our
Secretary to submit a fresh plan.
As the new limited area does not
intrench upon sacred & military
sites, and as the present season
is the best time for pushing excavations,
I respectfully beg you to ask H. M's
Ambassador to press the Minister
of Public Instruction to grant the
permit for two years, without
further delay in consulting the
Jerusalem Auths. whose Mazbata
of the last of November shows that
they are favourable to our work.

Dr

In regard to the guarantee
money to be paid by the excavator,
I wd remind you that I hold
the receipt of the Treasury of the
Dep^t of Public Instruction dated Feb.
5/17 1890, for seven thousand piastres,
which was paid by the Palestine
Exploration Fund when that Society
rec^d the permit to excavate at
Khurbet Ajlan in the Kaimakamlik
of Gaza; 2000 piastres being the
fee, and 5000 piastres the guarantee
money which latter sum still
remain in the Treasury. The permit
was granted to the Society in the
name

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name of Flinders Petri and then
transferred to me.

Yours faithfully
(Signed) Frederick Jones Bliss
Agent of the Palest. Expl. Fund.

Jerusalem
March 29. 1894.

No. 21.

Sir,
I have the honour to
acknowledge the receipt of
your Excellency's Despatch
of the 15th ultimo enclosing
a letter addressed by the
Minister for Foreign Affairs
to the Mutasirif of Jerusalem
instructing him to recognise
Mr. Amin Nassif as Dragoman

of
Your Excellency
The Right Hon^{ble}
Sir Phillip Currie, G.C.B.
&c. &c. &c.

Jerusalem, March 22. 1894

Consul British

Mutasirif Beylerbeylik
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Fuzul Khan of his papers
in execution

Signature

M. Leonard Dickson

Despatch No. 20 of March 24.

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