

Jerusalem  
April 13. 1894.

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Sir,

I have the honour to report to Your Excellency that Monsignor Antonin, the Russian Archimandrite in Jerusalem, died on the 5<sup>th</sup> instant and was buried quietly on the Mount of Olives, although his funeral was attended by a considerable number of Russian pilgrims who now happen to be

His Excellency in

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

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Beatus vir, archimandrita  
Antonin, Russus in Hierosolymis  
ante 7 die Pasche  
decessit in hunc honorem  
et laud.

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in this city.

Monsignor Antonin was appointed Archimandrite by the Synod at St. Petersburg in 1866, and has discharged his functions with great tact and ability. He was, however, generally at variance with the "Russian Palestine Society" who have always wished to have the control of the Russian Ecclesiastical property in Palestine; but their aims were opposed by Monsignor Antonin, who preferred to act independently in matters connected with

with the Russian Church and its property.

Most of the religious and benevolent establishments under Russian control in Palestine were founded by the late Archimandrite, who was in receipt of large sums as annual subscriptions from Russia, and who laid out the money thus placed at his disposal in the judicious purchase of sites for Churches, Hospices, and Schools. He was accordingly able to acquire a considerable amount of lauded property

property for the Russian Church.

As Monsignor Antonin was ailing for some time before his death, the Russian Synod at St. Petersburg sent out Monsieur Terty Philippow to attend temporarily to the duties which devolved upon the Archimandrite; but he arrived here on the 10<sup>th</sup> instant after the Archimandrite's decease. It is possible, however, that Russia may now desire to appoint an Archbishop or Bishop in Jerusalem.

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as she did in 1857, as a successor to the late Archimandrite, and this will probably involve diplomatic negotiation with the Sublime Porte.

I have the honour to be,  
With the highest respect,

Sir,

Your Excellency's most obedient  
humble servant

John Dickson

Jerusalem

April 26. 1894.

no. 26.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's Circular of the 31<sup>st</sup> ultimo, informing me that the new Ottoman Stamp Law having come into force on the 20<sup>th</sup> ultimo,

Your Excellency  
The Right Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
Sir Philip Currie G. C. B.  
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Count Bismarck

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