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Municipal Regulations

Request instructions as to the
Extent to which British subjects
are to comply with.

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(How disposed of)

I think Mr. Salme's communication to the Mayor
did not require approval. Strictly speaking it does not require that
a fine can be imposed under an article of the Penal
Code without a decision of the Court, at which I suppose
the Mayor would be called. But in practice it did not
seem possible to assist the authorities in enforcing municipal
regulations by sending a case to the Court when action
can be taken by the police court. 29.6.10

This is reasonable. To W. Salme

St J. 24/10.

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Sir,

I have the honour to request that Your Excellency may be pleased to cause to be issued, for my guidance, instruction as to the extent to which British subjects are bound to comply with Municipal Regulations and whether non-compliance with such Regulations is punishable by fine.

I have recently received from the Governor of Jerusalem two requests that British subjects may be made to pay fines inflicted for the breach of these Regulations, such fines being based upon Article 254 of the Penal Code. To the first of these, arising out of an alleged obstruction of the public foot-path, I replied that I was unable to cause the fine to be paid, on the ground that the British subject stated that he had at once removed the obstruction and that no representations had been made through this Consulate. The second referred to the killing, in a place other than the

His Excellency,

The Right Honourable,

Sir G. Lowther, K.C.M.G., C.B.,

etc., etc., etc.,

British Ambassador,

Constantinople.

the slaughter-house, of animals believed to be diseased. In this case the person complained of does not figure on the list of British subjects.

As, however, the Jerusalem Municipality under its new Mayor, appears to be making sincere efforts to improve the Sanitary condition of the City, it is probable that further complaints and requests of this nature will be made to me, for which reason I have the honour to request instructions as to the question of principle involved.

I have caused the Mayor to be informed that, if he will address his complaints to me, I will endeavour to — co-operate with him where British subjects are concerned, if the facts of the case warrant my so doing.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

With the greatest respect,

Your Excellency's

most obedient,

humble Servant,

R. Satow.