

Jerusalem
Aug 17. 1854

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My Lord.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Your Lordship's Despatch N^o 4 of July 19th respecting the United States Agency in Soor, and native Agents in general.

There is a United States Vice-Consul in Soor, a native named Yakob Akad who hoists the United States flag over his house as I have myself seen - And

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Copy of the
Despatch N^o 4
of July 19th

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to the
Consul General at
Redcliffe

I received a letter from him last January, bearing a seal of fine with Eagle, Stars &c and the legend in English, "Vice Consulate of the United States - Tyre".

Last year his rank was raised from Agent to Vice Consul, on which occasion he gave a great banquet to the principal people of the town.

H. E. the United States Minister in Constantinople is, I have no doubt quite correct in saying that there is no accredited Agent (i.e. from the Federal Government) in Soor, and no office receiving a salary there.

I have been informed by several gentlemen from the United States, of high respectability and knowledge of business, that their government gives salaries to only three Consuls over the globe, (I believe Tunis, Alexandria, and Bagdad) the other Consuls in the important stations of Europe being without salaries.

My statement was, that there "is a United States' Agent in Soor" in a Despatch the whole subject of which was that of native unpaid Agents of various Powers.

I have the honor to enclose a list of United States Agents in

Palatine at the present time.

And have the honor to express my opinion as I have always felt, in perfect coincidence with that expressed by Your Lordship - that a "native unpaid Agent would exercise his functions at a great disadvantage both to himself and the government employing him."

I have known many instances of this - but when I ventured of late to ask for some such persons to be employed, the wish arose from an expectation of unusual excitement in the country during war-time, and which might make

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it necessary for me to have more correspondents than before - and the failure of hospitality to Protestants (now remedied) in some Latin Convents.

Then as now, I was only anxious to have Her Majesty's Service conducted as completely as possible.

I should add in conclusion that the deceased Agent in Soor, though occupying the post for 18 years had no salary - the European Agent in Acre who has held that post for 17 years, and in some trying times, besides his previous appointment with a seal in Safed; has never had

His Excellency
Rt Hon^{ble}
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a salary — The Vice Consul of
 Saida, of Maltese origin, has no
 salary — and the Vice Consul of Caiffa
 a native Englishman, has no salary.

Yet by every one of these, expenses
 for hospitality are incurred, in virtue
 of his office.

I have the honor to be
 My Lord
 with the highest respect
 Your Lordship's
 most obedt. humble servant

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List of United States Agents
in Palestine 1854

1. Haifa - Vice Consul - Ibrahim Kabbly
 2. Beer - Vice Consul - Yakob Akad
 3. Acre - Vice Consul - Girgis Gemmal
 4. Caiffa - Vice Consul - G. A. Naprallah
 5. Jaffa - Vice Consul - Yakob Serapion
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6. Jerusalem - Agent - Simon Serapion
Depending on Jaffa.
 7. Ramleh - Agent - Nicola abud Munka
Depending on Jaffa.
 8. Nazareth - Agent - (name unknown
at present) depending on Acre

Every one of these eight persons is a native of
the country and unpaid - And every

Concerning matter
unpaid agents -
and U.S. agents
in Palestine

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one has a train of dependants and
Kawaks recognized by the local
governors, except in Nazareth.

Every one has a flag, except the
Agents in Jerusalem and Nazareth.

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My Lord.

Having already mentioned to
Your Lordship the hardships
endured by the people of the
district of Hebron, I have further
the honor to enclose translation
of a Petition which I have
received from 107 Moslem
inhabitants

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Jerusalem - 1851
from the Grand River
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