

Jerusalem
March 5. 1855

Political
No 5

My Lord.

I have the honor to report
that out of a judicial case
between the French and Spanish
Consulates here, has arisen a
dispute, as to which of the above
Consulates has jurisdiction over
the Spanish monks of the Latin
Convents.

The point is controverted with
much acrimony of feeling, but it
seems strange that this should

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not have been settled between
the respective governments before
the arrival of the Spanish Consul

Mr Botta contends that the
ancient protection of France over
the Convents, accorded by Treaty
with Turkey, applies to individual
persons, until he receives directions
to the contrary. — And whereas
the Austrian Consulate joins in
this matter with the Spanish,
Mr. Botta regards such conduct
as part of the well known partizanship,
which in the Court of Rome as
elsewhere, brings the monks with
the Spanish and Austrian authorities

in array against the Jerusalem
Patriarchate and the French authority.
— He also asserts that the French
protection over individual monks
of Spanish nationality is allowed
in Constantinople, Smyrna, and
Alexandria.

On the other side, Don Pio de
Andrus Garcia with Count Pizzamano
are of opinion that the French
protection is only a protection of
Convents and their property against
Turkish irregularities and appropriation
of past time, but not of individual
inmates against their national
authorities. — The point has

not yet been agitated with the
Austrians, but their Consul here
ridicules and is prepared to resist
the French claim, he having
directions from his government to
protect all subjects both lay and
ecclesiastical.

The Spanish Consul has
addressed to me a letter enquiring
if the British authority in Jerusalem
has ever been impeded by such
pretensions of the French - It would
have been easy to assure him
that such a case has never
occurred: but as I did not quite
regard it as a proper question to
ask

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ask, I have requested him with
much friendship to excuse me
from replying to it, and expressed
my conviction that the point at
issue will be satisfactorily
settled in the proper quarters.

But the possibility is always
conceivable of a British Subject
becoming an associate of a Latin
Convent in Jerusalem, as we
do occasionally have British
Subjects who are Clergymen of
the Roman Catholic Church.

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Right Honorable
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My Lord

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of Your Lordship's Duplicate of Despatch No 1, dated January 24th announcing Your Lordship's direction of Lord Napier to proceed to Jerusalem for the purpose of enquiring into charges preferred against me by the United States Consul, and placed in Your Lordship's hands by the American Minister in London.

Right Honorable
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For Earl of Clarendon
for William Cardale
Jerusalem

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