

Jerusalem

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My Lord

I have the honor to enclose translation of a document forwarded by me this day. to His Excellency Namick Pasha of Bagdad, at the request of several well known personages in this country.

They are not persons disappointed or envious at being out of office.

His Excellency but are actually in office of Trust

Re Hon^{ble}
Lord Stratford de Redcliffe

G.C.B. &c

at

Will be in day time
- demand to have
the book brought in.

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The General Officer

at the present time

I have the honor to be

My Lord

with the highest respect

Your Lordships

most obedient

humble servant

J. Fenn.

Translation

Excellency

We your petitioners beg to bring to your notice the following circumstances:

When G. E. first honored our country with your noble presence, Jerusalem and its dependencies were at perfect ease & tranquility because of the due execution of Justice which was always attended to for the benefit of the slaves of your High Government.

We wish to draw your attention to the troubles which are now existing among all His Majesty's Subjects.

The villages of Gaza are entirely ruined on account of the plundering of the Arabs, and no one has the power to keep them back from doing so. The reason is as follows.

By means of Adham Effendi (the Treasurer of His Excellency Hafiz Pasha) these Arabs whether Thakhs or mere shepherds have frequently

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Enclosing Translation
of a petition to
Hafiz Pasha from
Ottoman subjects

visited His Excellency who received them with perfect freedom and gave them full liberty to be seated, pipes and coffee were served to every one of them, besides during their stay he allowed them food, and before their departure made them presents of new dresses, with such indulgence no sooner did they arrive at the villages before mentioned than plundering ensued, and if any of the Pashi Bazar officers went to prevent them from such bad proceedings they cared nothing - for the above reason.

The cause of all these things is Adham Effendi who always styles them my Arabs - we cannot tell the meaning of his friendship - what he has received of them, and what they have given him we cannot tell.

We are sure that the losses and damages which have occurred to the villages of Sada within the last two years, or within the time of the appointment of H. E. Hafiz Pasha to this country, amounts to ten thousand purses (5000 Pounds Sterling) which we are ready to prove when Your Excellency's Order arrives to summon us to appear before Y. E. - If Y. E. desires it enquiries to this effect may be made of

Mustafa Bek is Saeed -
Now Y. E. being Musher in these lands in order to distinguish right from wrong - God forbid that your slaves should now suffer hardships & unpleasantness - because as we have already mentioned, on your first arrival we were at perfect rest and safety as Y. E. well knows. Your petitioners wish now to bring to notice the affairs of the Imeretian district.

Modpa el Akhmad was made by the Mestis to pay 90,000 piastres.

Abraham Abdur Razek and Yekheya em. Maarof both also paid 10,000.

Also after the arrival of the Mushirial Order to Hafiz Pasha to put back the Sadek family to their towns and villages near Nather. Kasher Effendi, the secretary of Hafiz Pasha delayed to obey until he received of them 40,000 piastres - after which on Sunday last they were sent back by Mustafa Aga Bozhnik.

It is doubtful that it has reached Y. E. knowledge that Kasher el Akhmad has destroyed the country of Sadek, plundered it, & sent them away from it, after which in order to silence the members of the Mestis and Kasher Effendi with Adham Effendi, he sent 100,000 piastres through Khaleel Effendi el Afifi. The Sadek

people 600 in number came to complain, but no one would hear them, then they were obliged to go up to the minarets of Jerusalem and cry out "persecuted, persecuted". Then Pasha Hafiz gave orders to Khalil or Ripsap (the Infante's Bashi) to beat them & drive them away from the city, saying "You are all in the wrong". Consider and behold this O Excellency! this persecution which is a reproach on the Sublime Porte which only desires justice and to distinguish between the persecutor and the persecuted.

As for Khupain or Simkhân, when he arrived here, bearing G. E. orders to H. E. Hafiz Pasha, the Diwan Effendi asked of him 10,000 piastres, which he took - after that he secured dispensation between him and his cousin Abd el Lateef, by means of Khalil or Ripsap - up to this moment no peace has reigned amongst them - so that they have been killing each other parties and plundering each other - and often did they both come to H. E. Hafiz Pasha (may God preserve him and increase the like unto him) to settle amongst them, but knew not how -

As for Abu Gosh and Orman el Lehhâm until now they have been killing each other parties about 50 have been killed - for the

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reason that H. E. displaced the Sharh of Sin Kaim, and his Diwan Effendi wished to replace him for 2500 piastres, i.e. 1500 for himself, and 1000 for Khalil or Ripsap, and this is the foundation of the hostilities between Abu Gosh and Orman el Lehhâm, and by these means the villages have been ruined, property plundered, and the high roads become unsafe, for even robberies are committed close under the walls of the city, near to the Saffa gate of Jerusalem.

Also between the villages of Lathroom and Kutâb on the Saffa road, forty Jews and Christians were lately robbed and H. E. Hafiz Pasha has absolutely done nothing.

As for Musleh el Ayy, Adham Effendi and Khalil or Ripsap secured dispensations between him and his cousin Neajeh, so that from the latter they took a horse and 5000 piastres, and still the horse is with Adham Effendi.

A short time since an Order came from G. E. that an additional 200 horses should be added to the irregular soldiers for the protection of the country. - By the Eternal God, and your blessed head, Hashim Effendi and Adham Effendi by means of Khalil or Ripsap have sold the appointment of these for money - the command

of 50, they gave to Abu Haniyeh for which they took from him 300 gazis through his son, who by night delivered them to Divan Effendi in his house. Ismail Aga Abu Tabanji had given him an additional 50 horsemen for 250 gazis, which were given to Divan Effendi. Shaker Aga has had 50 horsemen given him for which he paid 250 gazis to Divan Effendi. Also Akhmad Aga Berbar had given to him 50 horsemen, for which he paid 300 gazis to Akhmad Effendi the Treasurer.

Khapain Aga the Ex. Governor of Ramlah plundered that district, so that what he got for his own share 150,000 piastres. If Your Excellency desires particulars of this, enquiries can be made of Khapain Effendi Abdul Nady living in Ramlah.

Also all the bribes that the officers of the Irregular Soldiers have made to the above mentioned individuals have been deducted from the pay of the Soldiers - When enquiries will be made respecting this, if the officers deny it, then the Soldiers will be ready to declare & prove it.

And now if Your Excellency wishes the entire rest and tranquillity of H.M. Subjects, let it please you to send an order summoning the following persons -

Mustafa Aga, Kara-barakdar.
Mustafa Aga Koshnak
Serwesh Aga

Hoopa el Akhmad ibn Is. Sadek
Shakin Abd el Razeq, of Abu Laid.
Khapain as Limkhani
Abdul Lateef Limkhani
Mustafa Abu Zosh
Osman el Lakhani
Muslekh el Azay
Odeh ibn Atteeyeh
Shakib Ayash el Wookhad.

And then slaves of Your Government, when they appear in the noble Divan of Your Excellency will declare the truth, doubly over and above what is here mentioned - And now as the Justice of the Sublime Government (may God establish the throne of its successor to the end of the world) desires only justice, we have no means and help for the truth, but its officers and noble Wezeers particularly your merciful Government cannot wish this persecution.

Have mercy on those who are on the earth, so that those in heaven may have mercy on you, and give us the hand of help to lift us and deliver us.

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November 15. 1853

My Lord.

I have the honor to enclose
 Copy of my Despatch Circular No.
 to Right Honorable Earl of Clarendon
 and to represent to Your Lordship
 also that I believe my proposal
 for the new Agencies to have now
 become necessary.

I have the honor to be
 My Lord

with the highest respect

His Excellency
 Rt Hon^{ble}
 Lord Stratford de Redcliffe
 & Co.

Despatch Circular
 to the Hon^{ble} Earl of Clarendon
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