

No 9.

Jerusalem

15 July 1851

Sir.

I have to report to Your Excellency that on Wednesday last, a murder was committed here in the Kharam el Sherief, or Mosque of Omar.

A Moslem in Nizam costume was praying with a book before him on the ground, and his sword laid by his side when one of the old school came up and accusing him of being a Christian, bade him recite the Moslem confession. - As he did this more deliberately than is usual among Moslems here, the other took up the sword and cut him deeply across the face - the victim died the next day.

This event created some sensation in Jerusalem, and led Christians to reflect upon

Right Honourable
His Excellency G.C.B.
Sir J. Canning

Jerusalem: 15 July
The Consul General
No 8 -
Recd August 1
Application for documents
of recognition as Vice
Consul of Saida, for
Mr. Akela -
Approved that J. P. Davis
be Vice Consul for a
term - as suggested with
for Mr. Akela as Vice
of Saida - J.C.

upon the probable consequences of any one
not of Moslem religion being found in
that mosque.

And I have been more than ever
anxious that the local authorities could
be induced to prevent Non-Moslems
from entering the precincts - either by
placing at the gateways, a guard, or
bars across the entrance, or a notice in
some European language.

I have urged upon successive Pashas
the necessity of adopting some such
precautions, but in vain. - no other
means are adopted respecting the
intrusion of strangers, than the employment
of fanatic Africans with clubs within the
enclosure to expel those who accidentally
stray thither (such as Travellers) - which
they do with menaces, pushing, and
sometimes striking to a small extent -
a case of the latter kind, last Easter.
I only heard of, after the traveller had
left Jerusalem.

I have the honor to be
Sir

with the highest respect
Your Excellency's
most obedient humble servant
J. Finn.

Jerusalem

15 July 1851

No 10

Sir.

It is my duty to report to Your Excellency that the Jews in Hebron have been greatly alarmed by threats of the Moslems there at the commencement of Ramadan.

For several days my Cancelline staid there with two Kawafes, and obtained from the Governor Abderrahman the punishment of some offenders, but others were released from prison on the self same night of their condemnation.

The Cancelline reports that the old feuds between the partisans of Abderrahman and his brothers still exist. - that the partisans of the latter steal cattle by force of arms during the night from Hebron itself, and that they did so close to his tent.

To His Excellency
J. Canning J.C.B.

The Great Room

No 9

Rec. 1 August 1851.

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Murder in the Mosque of Omar, and the alarm upon a Moslem - Negativity of precautions against Christian travellers staying within

to the communication of the British Police to Mr. G. Galt's father, with a request that

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some instructions might lead to the prison of Jerusalem within daily view to the same for security of persons visiting the back of Omar, as to prohibit staying within the premises of the hotel, with view of preventing any act of violence. J.C.B. August 3.