

Jerusalem
August 10. 1955

No. 33

Sir,
I have the honour to report
to Your Excellency that the news
of the attempt which was made on
the life of His Majesty the Sultan,
on the 21st ultimo by the explosion
of a bomb, was received here by the
population in general with apparent

apathy

His Excellency
The Right Hon^{ble}
Sir N. K. O'Connor G.C.B.
to to to

Jerusalem, Aug. 5th
General Dickson

No. 32

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Am. 6. 7. 1. of 25th ulto.
Miss James - reporting
with ref. to signing a
Passport to -

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apathy and indifference, and the daily routine of business continued without interruption.

The first intelligence of the outrage was conveyed in a somewhat vague form to the Greek Patriarch, who was requested in a telegram from the Representative of the Patriarchate at Constantinople to offer up prayers in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre for the prolongation of the days of His Imperial Majesty;

and

and shortly afterwards the Mutessarif received a similar communication from the Porte, and ordered prayers to be said in the Great Mosque.

It was not, however, until copies of telegrams arrived by post from Egypt, that details of the outrage became known, and on learning the facts I called upon the Acting Mutessarif, in the absence of the Mutessarif at Jaffa, and congratulated him on the escape of the Sultan as Sovereign

of

of the country to whose officials I am
accredited. The Acting Mutassarif
seemed pleased with my visit and
thanked me for it.

The indifference outwardly
manifested by the natives in general
at the attempt on the life of His
Majesty has, no doubt, been
assumed, being the effect of fear,
for not only do Ottoman Subjects,
- more especially Christians and
Jews - not allude to the subject
at

at all, but they profess entire
ignorance as to whether such an
important event ever occurred,
evidently dreading being accused
of complicity if found discussing it.

Happily the horrible attempt
was frustrated in its main purpose:
had the reverse been the case, and
the Sultan as Caliph of the
Muslims lost his life, especially
if it had been by the act of a
Christian, the consequences might
have

have been most serious, for religious
fanaticism would have been aroused
and the safety of Christians here
and in other provincial towns
would have been greatly endangered.

I have the honour to be,
with the highest respect,

Sir,

Your Excellency's most obedient

humble servant

Johndickens

No. 34.

Jerusalem,
August 16. 1905.

Sir,
On the 7th instant I had the honour
to telegraph to Your Excellency in the
following words:-

"According to Vizirial Order dated
June 22nd (old style) Authorities at Gaza
are levying export tax of two paras on
every bushel of barley in addition to
one per cent. This extra duty is causing
loss to British Merchants who have
already signed contracts. Mutessarif
says he cannot suspend Order."

On

His Excellency
The Right Hon^{ble}
Sir N. O'Connor, G.C.B.
" " "

1905
Jerusalem, Aug. 10th

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Aug 31

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Attempt on life of the

Sultan - report in

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was received.

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