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General Dickson's  
Desp. No. 22 of June 14.  
in Des. 31. 1900

stating that previous  
attack sentence of Pappa  
Court adverse to Mr  
Buckley

General Dickson  
former of Jerusalem  
No. 46.  
Jerusalem, July 19, 1899

No. 23.

Confidential

Sir,

With reference to my Despatch  
No. 38 "Confidential," of the 6<sup>th</sup> of October  
last, I have the honour to inform Your  
Excellency that I recently had occasion  
to call upon the Greek Orthodox Patriarch  
of Jerusalem, and in the course of  
conversation His Beatitude brought up  
the subject of the election of Monsignor  
Photis, Archbishop of Nazareth, to the  
vacant Patriarchal See of Alexandria.

Monsignor Damianos expressed  
Very

His Excellency

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very considerable surprise that this election, which was unanimous as regards the nomination of Monsignor Photios, should, up to the present, not have received the sanction of the Sultan. His Beatitude stated that he had received private information that the Sultan's Imperial Irade had been issued approving of the election, and that even the Firman had been drawn up, but that the dispatch of the latter had been suddenly countermanded, and Monsignor Damianos attributes this to the influence of the Russian Embassy

Embassy, Monsignor Photios not having been the Candidate favoured by Russia. 73  
Monsignor Damianos further remarked that he had been informed that the Russian Ambassador had stated, during an interview with the Oecumenical Patriarch at Constantinople, that he considered that the election of Monsignor Photios to the See of Alexandria was considerably more irregular than that of the Patriarch of Antioch at Damascus, as in Alexandria, there is no properly constituted Synod of Bishops, and Monsignor Photios' nomination was obtained by the votes of the Greek Community in that place, and not

not by those of a Synod. If therefore the Greek Church continued to ignore the nomination of Monsignor Meletios, the favoured Russian Candidate, as Patriarch of Antioch, he (Monsieur Zinovief) would oppose that of Monsignor Photios.

Under these circumstances, Monsignor Damianos went on to say, the Greek Patriarch at Constantinople had written to the Patriarchate of Jerusalem asking whether they could not use their influence to bring about a fresh election at Alexandria, but Monsignor Damianos replied that he did not well see his way to doing this, and that if the Patriarch of Constantinople

Constantinople was desirous to have a fresh election he ought to address himself direct to the Greek Community of Alexandria. Monsignor Damianos thought that one way of solving the difficulty would be for the Patriarchates of Constantinople and Jerusalem to send a certain number of bishops to Alexandria to form a Synod "ad hoc" and confirm the appointment of Monsignor Photios. He, however, foresaw objections to the adoption of this course, the principal one being that the late Patriarch of Alexandria, Monsignor Sophronios, had been nominated in the same way as Monsignor Photios, that is

is without a properly constituted Synod,  
and that the Greek Community in  
Alexandria would probably oppose any  
interference with the usages of the place.

In any case, Monsignor Damiano  
added, the present state of suspense  
was causing a considerable amount  
of anxiety and annoyance amongst  
a large section of the members of the  
Greek Orthodox Church and was detrimental  
to the dignity and influence of its  
clergy, and he asked whether it were  
not possible, considering the interest Her  
Majesty's Government took in the  
administration of Egypt and in the  
welfare of the different religious  
Communities

Communities in that country, for pressure  
to be brought to bear upon the Porte to  
issue the Firman sanctioning the  
appointment of Monsignor Photios as  
Patriarch of Alexandria without delay.

I informed His Beatitude that I  
would report his remarks confidentially  
to Your Excellency.

I have the honour to be,  
With the highest respect,  
Sir,

Your Excellency's most obedient  
humble servant  
John Dickson.

Jerusalem  
July 2. 1900

No. 24.

Sir,

A question having recently arisen at Jaffa regarding a claim for rent, I have the honour to report to Your Excellency the following facts in reference to the case, and to solicit instructions for my guidance.

The Society for the "Relief of Persecuted Jews," of 41 Parliament Street, Westminster, of which Mrs. Funn is Secretary, owns a certain number of "Shelter Houses" at Jaffa which

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