

Satisfactory termination than that which  
Sheik Rashid proposed this afternoon.

I can only express my regret that  
this affair has caused you so much trouble,  
but I feel it my duty to leave the  
settling of this question with you now  
this medium course has failed.

Believe me

(Signed) Frank T. Ellis

Ms. A. 9. 2. 11. 11  
To: Frank T. Ellis  
Paris, 1894

Ms. A. 9. 2. 11. 11  
To: Sheik Rashid & son  
Constantinople

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To: Constantinople  
Jan. 27 1894

Constantinople

February 20. 1894

Sir,  
With reference to my despatch  
No 12 of the 12<sup>th</sup> of December last,  
concerning the publication of a  
book entitled "Jansatun Illustrated,"

by M<sup>r</sup> Lus, I have the honor to  
enclose herewith a copy of a letter

which I have received from the  
Secretary of the London Society for

Promoting Christianity amongst the  
In A. Nelson, K. C. J. E.  
Her Majesty's Charge d'Affaires

Constantinople

"Jews", asking that the Governor of Jerusalem should accept the expression of their regret at the incident of the publication of the book, and suggesting that Mr. Lee should return to Palestine; likewise a copy of a letter from the Right Reverend Bishop Rlyth with reference to the matter.

I had already informed the Mutasarrif of Jerusalem, in a letter dated the 5<sup>th</sup> instant, that, in

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a matter of such importance as the expulsion of a British Subject from Ottoman territory, any official complaint or request which His Excellency would have to make should be addressed to Her Majesty's Embassy through the Sublime Porte.

Nevertheless, I communicated verbally the contents of Mr. Fleming's letter to His Excellency; but His Excellency replied that having reported the circumstances

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connected with Mr. Lees' book and  
his recall to the Minister of the  
Interior at Constantinople, he must  
leave the question of his return to  
be decided by the Porte, though he  
himself personally was satisfied  
with the explanation given by the  
"London Jews' Society", and would not  
raise difficulties ("je ne serais pas  
difficile" were the words used by  
His Excellency.) should the matter  
be submitted to him.

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I have accordingly replied to  
Mr. Fleming, the Secretary to the  
"London Jews' Society" in the above  
sense, conveying to him at the  
same time the suggestion of Bishop  
Blythe that Mr. Lees should obtain  
through Her Majesty's Embassy,  
instructions from the Sublime Porte  
to the Mutascrip of Jerusalem,  
directing His Excellency, in  
consequence of the explanations  
given by the Society, to permit

his

his return to Jerusalem.

I have the honor to be,  
with the highest respects,

Sir,

Your most obedient  
humble servant

John Dickson

Copy

London  
January 22. 1894.

My dear Sir,

I have been instructed by  
my Committee to approach you  
as H.M. Consul in Jerusalem, &  
earnestly to request that you  
will kindly undertake to  
render your valuable help, &  
to act as the representative of  
the Committee under very  
exceptional circumstances.

You are acquainted with

John Dickson Esq<sup>re</sup>  
H.M. Consul  
Jerusalem

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with English Edition of a recent publication entitled "Jerusalem Illustrated" written by Mr G. R. Lees, the Society's School master in Jerusalem.

I am to express the hope of the Committee that, at your own convenience, you will wait upon H. Ex. Ibrahim Pasha, Gov<sup>r</sup> of Jerusalem, & convey to H. Ex. the assurance of the very deep regret with which the Committee read, a day or so after its publication, the highly improper aspersions made in the said book, upon the administration of the Local Turkish Authorities, & the State religion of their Government.

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To mark their strong disapproval of such uncalled-for strictures, the Committee, immediately on reading them, recalled Mr Lees by telegram to England that he might explain his conduct; and, the same day, they communicated with the London publishers to arrest the circulation of the book.

The Committee hope and believe that H. Ex. the Gov<sup>r</sup> Pasha will readily accept this expression of their great distress at the incident.

They avail themselves of this opportunity to record their grateful appreciation of the protection

protection & invariable courtesy  
which have been extended to the  
Jewish Mission & its Agents during  
the many years the Society  
has been carrying on its work  
in the Ottoman Dominions.

Should H. Ex. the Gov.  
Pasha favour the Committee  
with his advice as to the  
advisability of Mr Lees returning  
to their school in Jerusalem, it  
shall receive their careful  
consideration. Mr Lees is  
eminently qualified for his  
post as Schoolmaster, and the  
Committee have his solemn  
assurance, which they believe,  
that

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that it was solely from inadvertency  
& thoughtlessness, & not from any  
improper motive or malicious  
intention, that he used the  
expressions which have justly  
given offence.

Will you lay before H. Ex.  
Ibrahim Pasha, the most respectful  
consideration of my Committee-  
and believe &c.

(signed) W. Fleming  
Secretary

Jerusalem ...  
Feb. 10. 1894.

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My dear Mr. Dickson.

Many thanks for the enclosed. The Committee's letter is well expressed. I am glad they appreciated your friendly action in the matter.

I think the course would be to let Mr. Lees go through Constantinople & get permission to return, or that permission should be got from Constantinople through

(See also London Jan. 1894)

Conrad Dickson

London, Jan. 22. 1894

Expecting report as  
participation of horse by  
Mr. Lees, & suggestions for  
action to Jerusalem

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through yourself. If he returns without authorisation he will certainly perpetuate the blunders of the past.

He can do no more than express his regret for the past, and acknowledge that he did foolishly.

The Society has all along acted wisely; the mistake has been in their directions being set aside, but it does not do to minimise the mischief done, or the prejudice that now undoubtedly exists.

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I am glad the Society has asked for your help; I am sure it will be gladly given.

There is nothing in Mr. Lees' real disposition towards the Moslems, or the Govt. which need make them fear the future of his work here, if he returns. He has written as people do in newspapers - flippantly & foolishly, not in any disaffection towards the local Govt. No doubt he has learnt a lesson.

Yours &c.

(signed) G. F. Popham Blyth  
Bishop

