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Sir,

I have the honour to report that on Saturday the 20th instant an incident occurred which might have led to serious consequences. It is customary on every Saturday during Lent for each of the Ecclesiastical Communities to make a solemn procession to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and round the centre of the Church. Last Saturday as the Latins were about to carry out their procession it was found that the Armenians had sought to bar their

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Your Excellency

The Right Honourable

Sir Gerard Lowther, K.C.M.G., C.B.,

road by placing a table or other
obstacle in their way. A disturbance
followed, but by the arrival of the
Mutessarif with a force of two hundred
soldiers order was restored.

Rivalry and party-feeling run
so high at Jerusalem in religious
matters, that the necessity of an adequate
police-force makes itself imperiously felt,
especially at and near the season of the
Easter festival.

I have the honour to be,

with the highest respect,

Sir,

Your Excellency's

most obedient,

humble servant,

E. Bleich.