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Letters from Mr. Meshullam to Consul Finn.

Sir, *Caiffa, June 29, 1860.*

I BEG to state that I reached this place last night, about 10 o'clock, and will proceed on my journey this afternoon. I shall have to travel by night, as the weather is very hot and suffocating.

In Nablous I made inquiries as to the number of soldiers in the town; I have been informed that there are 40 regular soldiers, 200 Bashi-bozouks, and 14 Tefekgis.

The Samaritans and Jews are afraid in that place; they told me that the talk of the Mahometans is of "the victories that God gave to the Druses," and they seem desirous of raising a revolution.

Priest Amran asked Yusuf Ziabi Bek (the Governor of Nablous) if he thought that the inhabitants of the Nablous district would not rise against the Christians and Jews. The Governor answered, that as long as he is in the town there is no fear. The answer has comforted them a little.

The Plain of Esdraelon is full of Turcoman Bedouins, but they seem very quiet, and were very civil to me as I passed by their camps.

I have, &c.

(Signed) PETER MESHULLAM.

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