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Nature of Enclosures.

Hebron

Notes, or Letters written.

Dr. Mayer.

Monday

Please visit Nelson next ~~Sunday~~ or any day which you
can fix with the Sub-governor & get him to go round
with you and see what steps should be taken to
forestall damage.

happy than - as our
patriots

19-4. 23

Arrange letter to contact through P. W.



GOVERNMENT OF PALESTINE

DEPARTMENT OF ANTIQUITIES.

30th November 1920.

Ag. Director of Antiquities.

Jerusalem.

Subject:- Rock-blasting.

On two sites close to Hebron I have found blasting in process.

In one instance a cave was being destroyed for its stone, and in another some rock had been removed by the same agent, just above a spring of water. Both cases are being dealt with by the Sub-District Governor.

I am of opinion that blasting should only be allowed by special permission of the District Governor concerned; such permission being granted on the applicant stating his reasons.

For many years past, caves tombs and ancient quarries have been blasted in order to obtain cheaply the stone in their roofs, and if allowed to continue, serious damage will be done to Archaeological research.

The blasting powder used by the natives is of local manufacture.

(Sgd) E. Mackay.

Custodian of Antiquities.

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1st December 192

Civil Secretary.

Government House.

Jerusalem.

The enclosed report from the
Custodian of Antiquities is forwarded
for your consideration.

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Ag. Director of Antiqui

1036 / ATQ/2285

Jerusalem

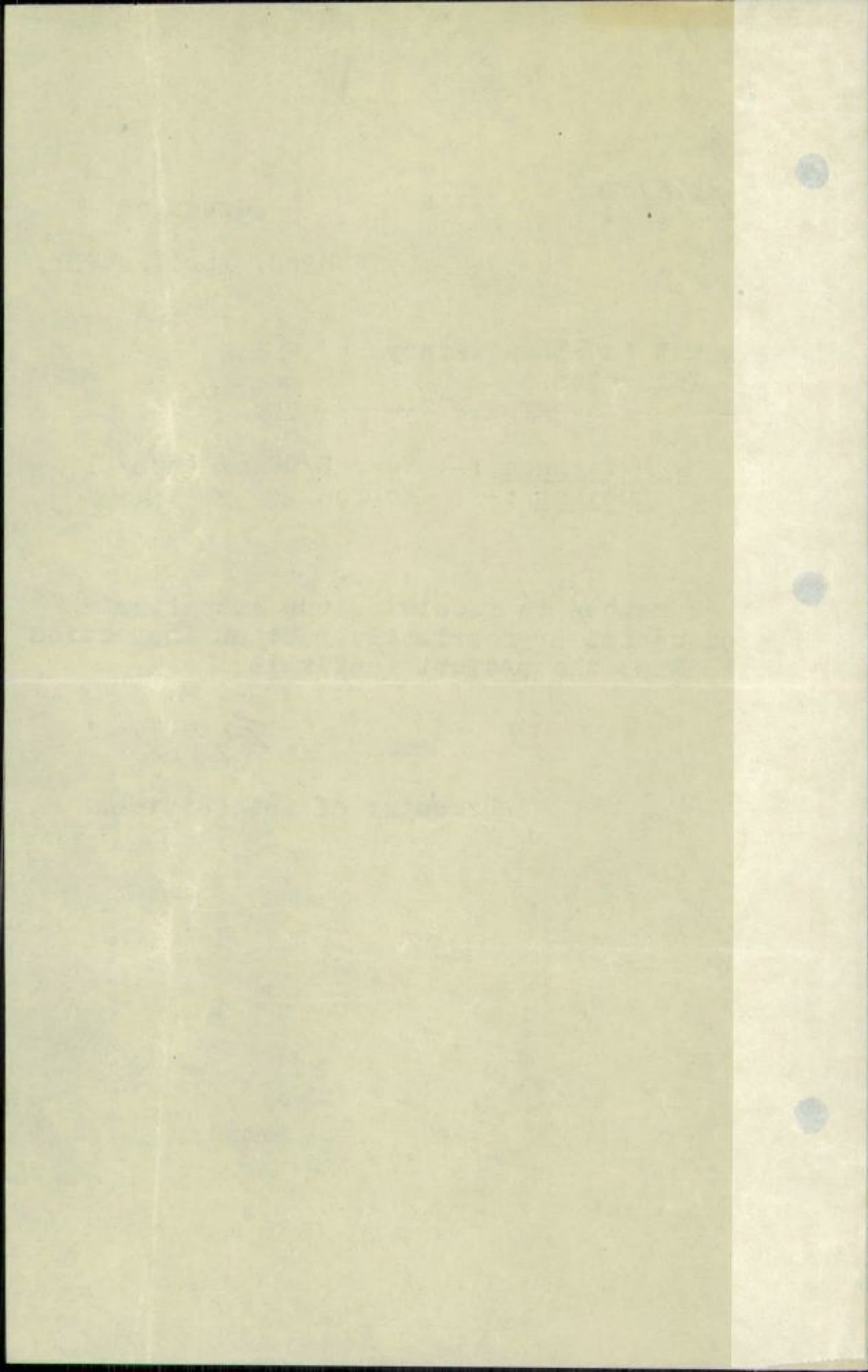
22nd. April, 1921.

Assistant Legal Secretary,
Jerusalem.

Reference :- Your L/98 of 14/4/21
Subject :- Hebron

This matter is receiving our attention
but we cannot appropriately make an inspection
until after the present festivals.

Ey
Director of Antiquities.



5th. May, 1921.

Assistant Legal Secretary,
Jerusalem.

Reference :- Your L/88 of 14/4/21
Subject :- Hebron

Further to my letter of 23/4/21 No.1036 I now enclose to you a report which defines clearly the relation of this Department to the question before the Courts. I concur in the recommendations of this report with the additions :-

1. That while not objecting to utilization of this historical site for purposes of cultivation the Department wishes it to be understood by all concerned that at some date the site may be required for archaeological purposes. No title to ownership should be admitted to any portion of the historical area from the mere fact of occupation.
2. The District Governor of Hebron will please appoint someone who will be responsible for safeguarding such columns, capitals or antiquities as may be lying about.

As regards the precise question submitted to us by the Magistrate's Court at Hebron this Department sees no occasion for intervention. We find that the statement that antiquities have been removed and spoiled is not substantiated and as regards the alleged trespass on historical site we waive any immediate rights in this matter in the interests of the cultivators subject to the conditions 1. and 2. above.

W. G.
Director of Antiquities.

Copy to District Governor, Jerusalem
for Deputy District Governor, Hebron.

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2107 /ATQ/2285

Jerusalem.

4th. July, 1922

Sub-Governor,
Hebron,

Through the Governor,
Jerusalem.

Subject : Arabic Inscriptions Hebron.

The Dominican Fathers have informed this Department that they desire to procure impressions and photos of these: they suggest that Pere Jaussent should visit Hebron and, if arrangements can be made, should spend a few mornings on the inscriptions in the Haram itself. Since the Haram is largely occupied in the afternoons it would probably be impossible to work there then, but there are other inscriptions outside which are worth copying and these would be dealt with at such times as work in the Haram was inadvisable. An Official of this Department would probably accompany the Dominicans.

I shall be much obliged if you can arrange with the Moslem Authorities for access to be given to the Haram inscriptions.

Pere Jaussent is prepared to go to Hebron as soon as arrangements can be made.

T. J.
Director of Antiquities.

CI/RG

Translation.

— Custodian. —

23.

To:-

The Legal Secretary, Jerusalem.

Herewith complaint on behalf of Abd El Hai El Khatib complaining that some persons from the inhabitants of Kariyet ~~Said~~ disturbed the Antiquities found in Khirbet Beit 'Ainun and removed them from their place and spoilt them; and when we inspected the place we found upturned earth, the offenders had taken up some of the stones from the ground and deposited them on the border in a different manner so that we could not trace if they were the original ones the responsibility remains with the Inspector of Antiquities to inspect the spot and to send in a formal report. The court has sent in a few lines to inform you that you should send down the Inspector with the full power and understanding to inspect the place. To that effect we have sent this report.

Magistrate Court, Hebron.

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GOVERNMENT OF PALESTINE

DEPARTMENT OF ANTIQUITIES.

لعادة السيد القاضي بالقدس الشريف

حسب تقديم دعوى من طرف عبد الحى اوفى الخياط يدعى انه بعضه اشخاص من اهالى قرية سيدة
قدوا على الدار القديمة الموهودة بقرية بيت عيون وقاموا منه بحمل واخذوا تلك
الدارات ولدى اجراء الكف من طرفنا وجدنا راضي وعبد وان المملوكية رافيه بعضه
احجار من الارضه وواضعين على الدار مثل جد راضي ان معرفة تلك الاحجار
عما اذا كانت هي من الدار القديمة وزات الهية تتوقف على اجراء الكف من طرف مأمور
الدار القديمة وتقديم راجع بالليثية ورت المحلة لغير تحرير ان لعادتهم لدجل
تأمروا بارسال مأمور يكون له الوقوف بالدار القديمة لدجل بعد اجراء الكف على
منطقه وتقديم الرابو القصى لذلك ما عرصه الليثية افهم ان يناسبه



1224/ATP/2285

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L/98

Law Courts.
Jerusalem.
14th April, 1921.

Director of Antiquities.

The attached is passed to you for any action
you deem fit.

I shall be glad of an early reply.

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A Custodian's report

W. J. J. J.

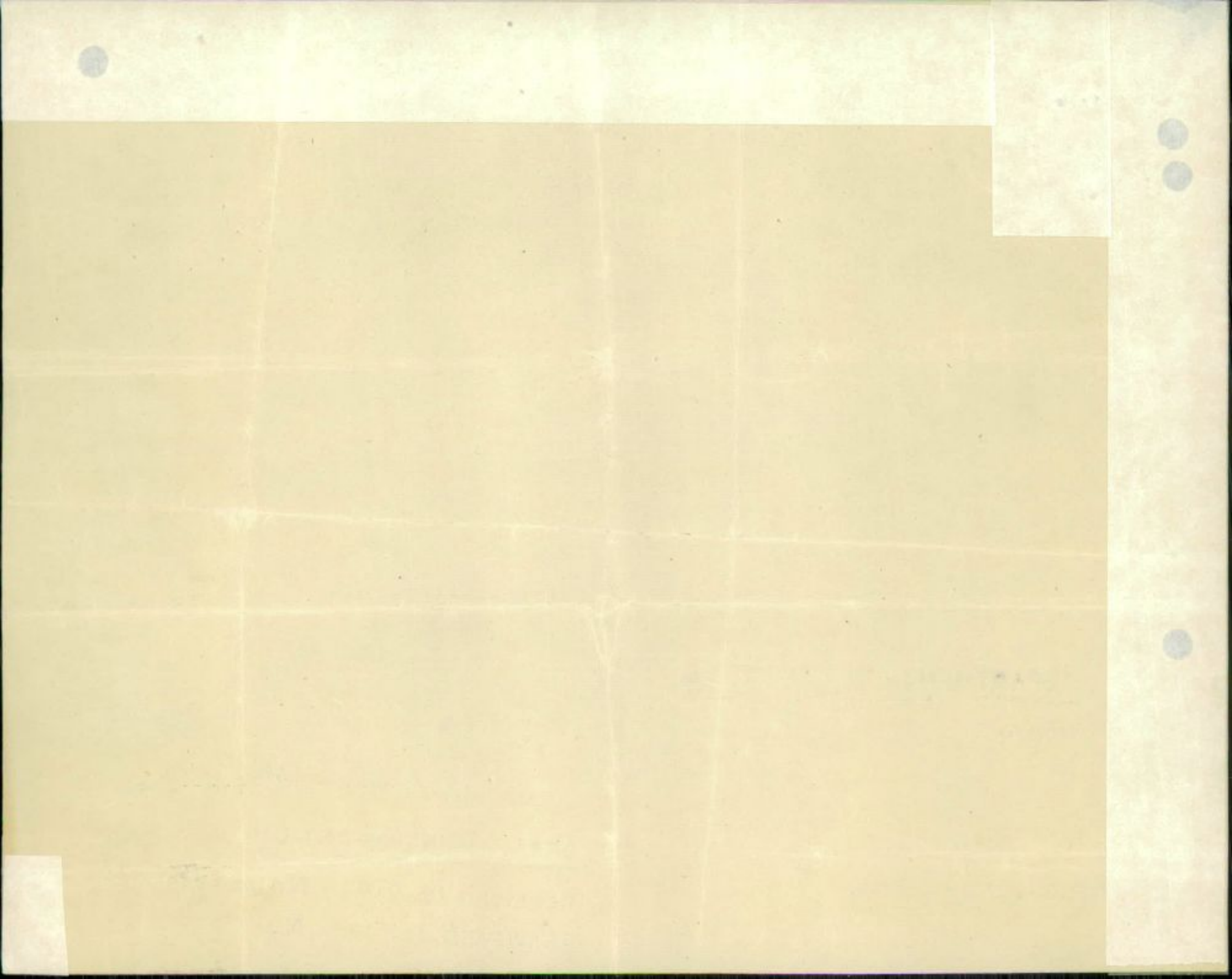
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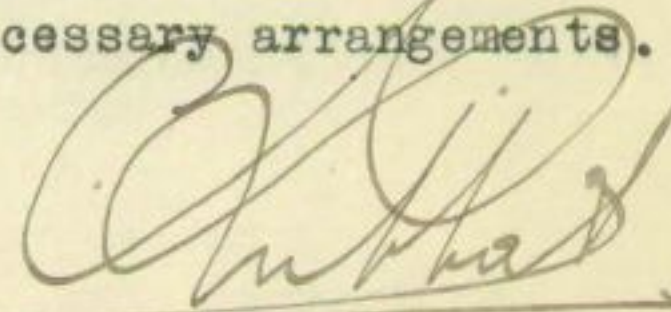
Director —

Director of Antiquities
P.O.B.586
Jerusalem

A.23/22

Subject ; Arabic Inscriptions Hebron
Reference : Your 2107/ATQ/2285 of 4th.July 1922

I have approached the Mosque Authorities here, who have consented to give access to the Mosque to Pere Jaussent and to an Official of your Department, provided he is a Christian. They however request to be informed at least a day beforehand of the arrival of the party in order to make the necessary arrangements.



for A/Sub-Governor

DEPARTMENT OF ANTIQUITIES

RECEIVED 22.7.22 No. 3327/atg / 2285.

ANSWERED _____ No. _____

Hebron
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W. H. R.

4.12.52

Director of Antiquities
P.O. B. 585
Jerusalem

Subject: Arabic Inscriptions in Jordan
Reference: Your letter of 21.12.52

I have approached the Moslem authorities here, who have
consented to give access to the mosque to the Jordanian and to an
official of the Department, provided he is a Christian. They
however request to be informed at least a day beforehand of the
arrival of the party in order to make the necessary arrangements.

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For the Government

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Couvent des Dominicains de St Etienne

Jerusalem, le 24 Juillet 1922

Cher Monsieur Garstang,

J'ai l'honneur de vous accuser réception de votre lettre du 22, par laquelle vous avez l'extrême bonté de m'informer que les autorités compétentes de la Mosquée d'Hébron accorderont toute facilité pour relever les inscriptions arabes.

Dès que Mr Guy sera de retour de voyage, je le mettrai au courant de l'heureux résultat de vos démarches et j'espère que le travail ne tardera pas à commencer.

Je vous remercie de votre grande obligeance et vous prie d'agréer, Monsieur, l'expression de mes sentiments respectueux

J. H. Janssen

DEPARTMENT OF ANTIQUITIES

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Jerusalem 14th April 1923.

Director of Antiquities
Jerusalem.

Subject: The Ghetto of Hebron.

Mr. Lipshitz, director of the Orthodox Hebrew Training College in Jerusalem, informs me about the desolated state of the Hebron Ghetto. It consists of a block of buildings with 4 synagogues and other ancient buildings, partly built one over the other, some of them half in ruins, several in urgent need of repairs. The present ghetto dates from the 15th century and has been mentioned by many travellers. As reparations will be ~~carried~~ carried out probably in the next future, damage could be done to the ancient parts of this historical monument unless the Department interferes.

Hebron has been registered as historical site in the Official Gazette no. 62.

L. A. Mayer.

Junior Inspector.

Jerusalem 17th April 1955.

Jerusalem
Jerusalem

Subject: The Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

Mr. L. A. Mayer, Director of the Holy Sepulchre
Jerusalem College in Jerusalem, has written me about the
present state of the Holy Sepulchre. It consists of a
pile of buildings with a square and two other ancient
buildings, partly built over the other, some of them
half in ruins. Several hundred feet of repairs. The
present state dates from the 17th century and has been
mentioned by many travellers. As a result of the
carried out probably in the next future, damage could
be done to the ancient parts of this historical monu-
ment unless the Department intervenes.
The Holy Sepulchre has been registered as historical site
in the official Gazette No. 14.

L. A. Mayer
Director, Inspector.

Jerusalem 1st May 1923.

Director of Antiquities
Jerusalem.

Subject: The Ghetto in Hebron.

In accordance with your instructions I visited on Friday, April 27th, the old Ghetto in Hebron. It consists of one large block of buildings, constructed very like a fortress, and contains about 100 small flats and 4 synagogues, one of them in ruins. Various parts of this ghetto date from different times, the lower floors being the oldest ones. It seems that even a century ago, the whole Jewish community lived in this one house and that there was no possibility for a Jew to build a house in Hebron except on the roof of this ghetto. This may be the reason of the numerous floors of the house. The ghetto was at the time of the Turkish conquest in the possession of the Karaite community of Hebron, but during the decay of this congregation was sold to the Rabbanites, about 300 years ago. Some late Mediaeval Jewish travellers mention this Ghetto therefore as the "Karaitic courtyard". The literary and archaeological evidence agree thus entirely in dating the present building at latest at the end of the Mamluke period.

The inhabitants know the value of this house. If kept somewhat cleaner, especially in the ground and 1st floors, the empty flats cleared out, and the goats removed from the room they are now stabled in, no damage is likely to occur to this historical monument.

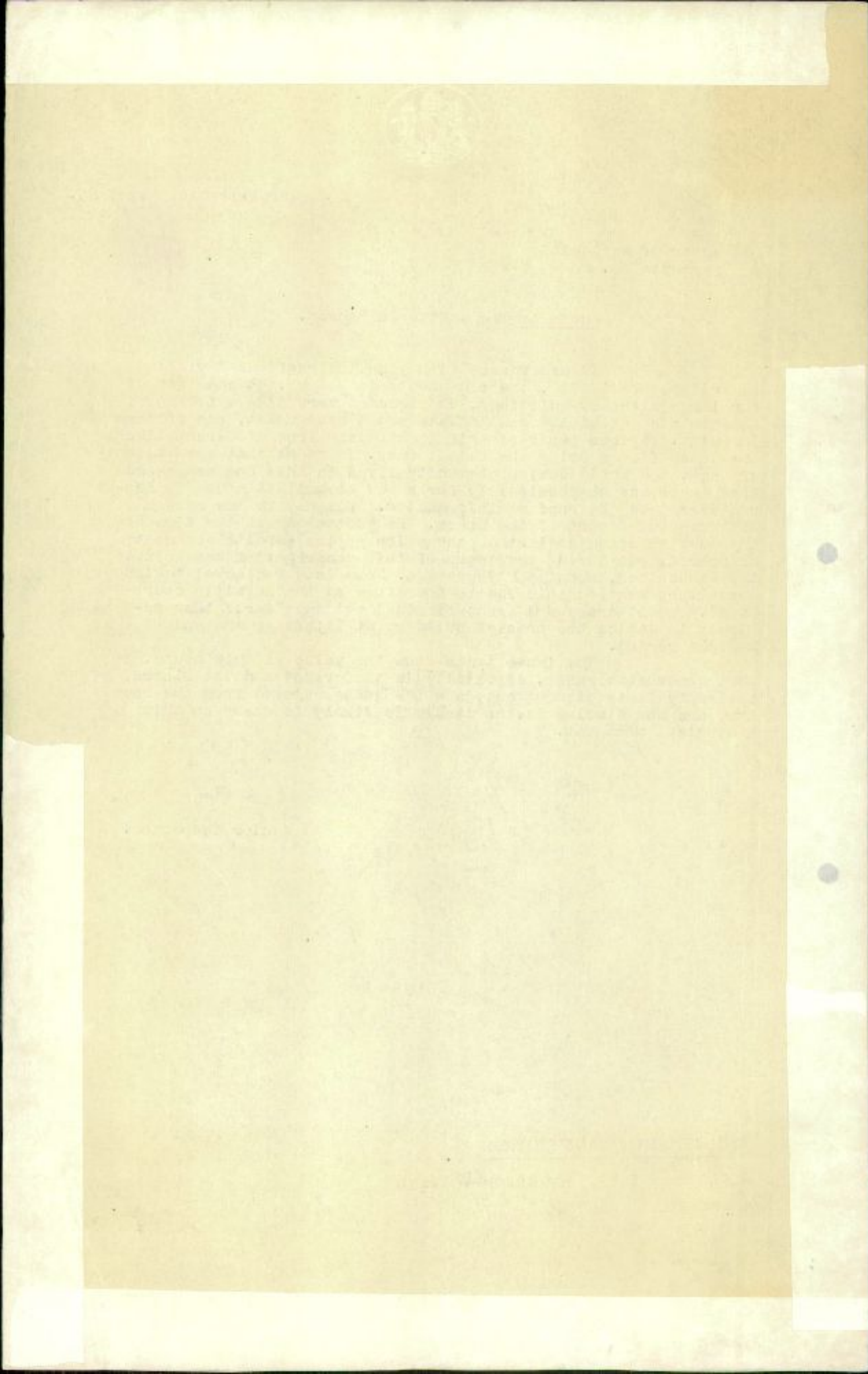
L. A. Mayer.

Junior Inspector.

DEPARTMENT OF ANTIQUITIES

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Jerusalem

2780 /ATQ/2285

4th. June, 1923

District Governor,
Southern District,
Gaza

Subject: Ghetto at Hebron

Refer: Your No.1155 of 1.6.23

The Ghetto referred to in our original letter consists of one building divided into a number of flats. It appears to be somewhere in the North East of the old town. I enclose herewith the report of the Inspector who visited it, and I trust that this will contain sufficient information to enable it to be identified.

Guy.

CI/RG

For Director

N.B. It is understood that the Chief Clerk at Hebron can give the name of the local official who visited the ghetto with Dr. Mayer of this Dept.

Copy to Sub-District Governor, Hebron



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Jerusalem.

4th. May, 1923.

District Governor,
Jerusalem-Jaffa District,
Jerusalem.

Subject :- Ghetto at Hebron.

An Inspector of this Department recently visited this historical monument which may be dated at the latest to the end of the Mamluke period. He reports that while the building is generally speaking in good condition it might be made much cleaner, especially in the ground and first floors and that if the empty flats are cleared out and the goats removed from the room in which they are now stabled little damage is likely to occur. It would seem desirable that the steps indicated should be taken and as I understand that the present inhabitants fully appreciate the value of the building I think there will be little difficulty in carrying them out. I should be obliged, therefore, if you would give the necessary instructions to this effect. Properly cleared out this building ought to be a place worthy of more than a passing attention from tourists, especially those of Jewish extraction.

C. J. J.

for Director.

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Director,
Department of Antiquities.

Subject:- Ghetto at Hebron.
Reference 2700/ATQ/2285 of 4-5-23.

Hebron is in the Southern District, not in the Jerusalem-Jaffa District. I have forwarded your letter to the Governor, Southern District, for action to be taken as you suggest.

P. Samuel

for District Governor.
Jerusalem-Jaffa District.

The Governorate.
Jerusalem.
May 7th, 1923.

Copy to:- Governor Southern District. with two copies of
Director, Department of Antiquities's, letter.

DEPARTMENT OF ANTIQUITIES

RECEIVED 9.5.23 No. 4351/atq/2285.

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W. P. A.

Director,
Department of Agriculture.

Subject: - Letter to Nebraska.
Reference 27004/235 of 4-5-33.

Nebraska is in the Southern District, not in the
Territorial District. I have forwarded your letter to
the Governor, Southern District, for action to be taken as
you suggest.

W. B. Smith

For District Governor.
Territorial District.

The Governorate,
Jerusalem,
May 24, 1933.

Copy to: - Governor Southern District. With two copies of
Director's Department of Agriculture, etc.

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HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHERN DISTRICT
G A Z A.
1st June, 1923.

Director,
Dept. of Antiquities,
Jerusalem.

Subject : Ghetto at Hebron.
Reference : Your 2700/ATQ/2285 dated 4.5.23.

I enclose copy of a reply from the Sub-District Governor,
Hebron, to whom I forwarded your letter quoted above.
Would you kindly give further particulars.

DEPARTMENT OF ANTIQUITIES

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W. H. Grobner
for DISTRICT GOVERNOR.

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No. A/23

Hebron Sub-District.
25th May, 1923.

District Governor,
Southern District.

Subject : Ghetto~~at~~ at Hebron.
Reference: Your 1155 of 15.5.23.

It is usual to refer to the whole of the Jewish Quarter within the old town, as the Ghetto. The Director of Antiquities appears to request action on some particular house in that Quarter~~s~~ ; may more definite information be obtained.

If the question is one of cleaning up the whole Quarter, or uninhabited parts thereof, I have no doubt the Municipality would take the desired steps.

Sgd/ R. S. Champion
Sub-District Governor,
Hebron.

