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I also wish you to direct to me to the care of the american Vice Consul & Hardegg Jaffa perhaps I may be able to hear from this. The railroad of which I spoke to you some time ago, is not yet commenced as the turkish government is at present opposed to the price. you must kno the turkish government has become verry poor and all who will gain his good will must give a large amount of money or bucksish, as they call it. business is quite dull at present the traveling is almost over here; it is beomeing quite hot here at present; but Jaffa is being built up anew as the old buildings fall to peces you would hardly kno the place it is changed; new buildings take the place of old ones like people altho the government is turkish; yet the christians ~~and jews~~ own more than they do; all who wish to can buy if they have the money. Willie still remains a guide for Jaffa he has earned for me this spring forty five francs all of which I have to pay for house rent, and to get clothes for him. I do cooking for a poor man and he gives me and Willie our victuals for the cooking he provides the victuals and I cook, I can do nothing better at the present time to gain an honest living we ask your prayers for us, and we also pray for you and family. We hope to hear from you if god wills; with respect to all we bid you god speed.

yours respectfully Abigail H. Allen.

Since writing the above the letter has been returned. you ask Cousul & Hardegg Jaffa. respect of Abigail H. Allen.

Since writing the above the railroad has commenced in good earnest.