

1934 Jan 1 Jiryes, Sr to Suleiman - She's like a salamander

Greetings, etc....

In the last letter I told you that I brought her from Bethlehem. Today she is sitting here calmly, but she has her moments. Like a salamander (changes colors). We tolerate her because you wrote to us, asking us to accommodate her. Even though she has been cursing us.

When she went to Bethlehem, I paid 3 pounds on her behalf for a telegraph she had sent on account. Is it true, did you get it or not? Please tell me. When she went to Bethlehem she also took the children out of the American school after she paid six pounds. And now this money has been lost. For the children are in the Greek Orthodox school which is free.

As for the papers, I sent them last month. Please contact the American consulate and do what is necessary to come back because she's not going to stay here. Had she had money, she would have left a long time ago. We are being tolerant with her. I advise you, don't send one penny in her name because if she got hold of it, you can be sure that she would leave and she would now be with you. And I also remind you to fulfill your promise and send us some money. For now, I am 40 pounds in debt. If you save any money, send it to us. I hope you understand these hints. We greet you on the occasion of Christmas and the feast of our Lord Jesus Christ. Do not forget to send money even if you have to do it by telegraph. Sell the land and the shop. And no need to continue along these lines.

The writer sends you his greetings - nephew Issa Yacoub Farhat

P.S. I am telling you, if she comes to you she will add her name to the shop. If she does that it will destroy you forever. Then she will add her name to the land. Be careful. Do not trade in your children and your property.

P.S. If she writes to you that she is sick, she is lying. Do not respond to her.

P.S. Money now, immediately, even if by telegraph.

Your father who loves you

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