

1926 Oct 30 Jiryes to Suleiman – sold shawl My dear son Suleiman, may God preserve him.

Greetings, etc. I have received your two letters and was happy to hear that you are safe. I also received a check for 100 pounds. I thank you my boy, for all your efforts and I will act in the manner that you have suggested: I loaned fifty of them at 25 percent interest. With the remaining fifty, I will have the property registered and will extract the title deed for the land. Since you tell me not to buy new property, I will do as you say. At the end, a thousand greetings to you, your wife and the three little ones. And I kiss their cheeks, all of them.

I tell you that I borrowed some money from creditors at 10 percent and then I lent it at 20 and 25 percent. And from this, I produce all my expenses. Your mother and your sister and her children are all well and send you their greetings.

Your father, Jiryes Farhat

P.S. They took from me 275 piasters [2.75 pounds - commission on the transfer] for the 100 pounds [that you sent].

P.S. The fifty pounds that you sent last year, I am going to lend to people [to use as credit investment]. I take 45 pounds in rentals from the shops, and 40 pounds in interest. These and what I get from the land are enough for my livelihood. I do not want to pay from a penny of your money so that you can come here and I can see you and the children.

Dictated to Abdullah Dughman (who sends you and your family greetings)

P.S. Your sister sold her shawl and she wants a silk shawl instead. Make sure that we get it for Christmas.

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