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Mr Dawson

Dear Sir

Your letter to Rev S. Merrill is in hand, and will wait his return. Letter of Jan 13th is hand yesterday from Mr M. (who is my niece and long as resident of my family). they are having their patients tried by the uncertainty attending the change of Consul. Arbery, the man nominated, has put in an application in French without any papers - he is an Arab, born in Beirut or near there, and the Turkish authorities at Constantinople told him he would not be recognized as Consul at Jerusalem, and the Pasha told him no firman would be sent to him. yet he is hoping for a confirmation, and to receive his papers - When he first arrived he pretended not to understand when addressed in Arabic, but so many knew him or his family that he has finally owned his nationality and is speaking Arabic fluently. Under present appearances I do not see how the Merrill can be at home before well into Spring. I hear from them every week

and thought perhaps the little I have
written would be of interest to you

My truly to

Edward Taylor