

Consul Jewett and the Turks .

To the Editor of The World:

When the Sultan of Turkey, after asking President Cleveland to send an American representative to help investigate the Armenian massacres, turned around and refused to let Consul Jewett take part in the investigation, various explanations were offered for this sudden change of base. The Sultan himself alleged as the reason for his refusal the extent of the agitation in this country for intervention in behalf of Armenia. This was clearly a pretext, and an absurd one, for if the reported atrocities had not been true nothing would have done so much to check the American agitation as testimony to that effect from an impartial American Consul. There has been a general impression that the independence shown by Consul Jewett in his report on the Marsovan affair was the real reason of the Sultan's objecting to him.

To counteract this impression, a report has been circulated through the press, on the alleged authority of "a well-informed Senator in Washington," that Consul Jewett was married to an Armenian lady, and that the Sultan thought he would naturally be inclined to favor his wife's people. Consul Jewett, so his brother informed me yesterday, is a bachelor, and the Armenian wife is a mere invention.

This is only a sample of the unscrupulous falsehoods that emanate from the Turkish Embassy.

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