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My dear Macmillan,

I ought perhaps to send a line to state more precisely what we want. It is an order from the Porte to local officials in the Vilayets of Konia, Adana, Sivas, and Angora, to permit us to take photographs &

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impressions of ancient monuments (we of course being engaged to do nothing against the Turkish Government regulations in regard to such matters), and also to give us help in reasonable & legitimate ways. The order is a very simple thing, provided Sir

W. White is willing to push it actively. The Germans would have it in three days; but if it is not energetically enquired into it, it will require three months before it is delivered.

I have travelled since 1880 I have often been narrowly & inquisitively examined, for my

Papers were rather defective
(my solitary order for
exploration dating
1881); but I have as
yet always smoothed
the officials down.

Now however it is re-
ported to me that the
officials are far
stricter than ever be-
fore, and since Bent

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has been about our
track, things will be
much worse.

I think however
my previous experience
(as well as Woyarthis) is
a fair proof that if we
get the necessary papers
we are not likely to get
into trouble or cause
complications with the

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local authorities.

I return to Aberdeen today to finish off "the Book", and hope to start for Smyrna on the 30th or 31st way,

always, as they

W M Ramsay

P. S. As to money, I think the best thing is to give Hogarth & myself each a cheque for £50 before starting, & arrange for either (or if possible) both jointly to draw on the London Bank for further supplies;

this system of drawing is I find ^{the} most convenient & economical method of getting money in buying

W M R