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FOREIGN OFFICE,

February 3 1898.

Sir:-

I am directed by the Marquess of Salisbury to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo requesting that permission may be obtained for Messrs J. G. C. Anderson and J. W. Crowfoot, two members of your Society, to travel in the Vilayets of Brussa, Konia, Angora, and Sivas for purposes of exploration.

A copy of your letter will be forwarded to Her Majesty's Ambassador at Constantinople and His Excellency will be requested to make the necessary application to the Porte on behalf of the gentlemen named unless he should consider that there is any objection to doing so.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble Servant,

J. G. C. Anderson

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