

THE STORY OF AN ARCHIVE

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7 years ago, the tiny space I was allocated to assess and scan the documents



PEGE 3 DEC 89 12 Nov 1889 Memorardum. We have duly perused de Salisbury's Desp: No 280 of aug 27 last which contains the I.O. instructions with regard to the title-deeds of H. M. Embassy in Pera. In pursuance of the verbal instruction of H.m. Embary we have refrained from applying to the Evhaf or other Depts . to ascertain what the Jushish Goot wish exactly to be done I what expenses will be incorred I we have the honour to lubrich to the consideration of H.Me. Ecubassy the following facts. From

Memorandum dated 12.11.1889 regarding the title deeds of the British Embassy in Istanbul

From a careful examination of the Mr. Fred title deeds of the British Eurbany i Pera, it appears that the ground on which the Embassy & the its dependencing are built measures about 2 9 0 86 ayse square pris , of which the greater par Han viz 24953 pries is "Mulk" & Stands in the name of the late her Iredenik Pisani, except 500 square piro, registere in the name of mos Smith , wife of In Smith, architect of the British Embassy at the Line; the Remainder 4133 Equare pris is "Vakoup" 1) registered partly in the hause of the land

Size of the land: app 24,700 m2 of which, 23,655 m2 *Mulk* type is registered under the name of Frederick Pisani and the remaining 425m2 registered under the wife of late William James Smith, the architect of the British Embassy(completed in 1853) at the time.

W. Frederich Fisani & partly in those of certain musculman private indivituals from whom it had been bought t whose sames follow: Sath Efendi, Aysché Statoum, Tatar Ibrahim, Saide Hanoum, Yahdji Mehemet Aga & Emer The transfer of the "Inulk" portion of the fround to the name of H.M. Embassy with require the accomplishment of the following formalities. a request of the Embassey to this effect will be referred to the Deffer Hané Dept. (Ministry of the archives by a letter from the Ministry

The remaining 620 m2 is Vaqf land, registered in the name of Frederick Pisani and 5 other Ottoman Muslim citizens

Constantinople, le22 Mars 1905 . Monsieur le Consul Général, Je soussignée Eléonore, fille de Nicolas, épouse de feu le Dr Alexandre Vuccino, sujette italienne, domiciliée en cette ville, ai l'honneur de vous informer que je vends à tiers, pour la somme de P. 80,000- une maison sise à Péra, quar tier et rue Asmali-Médjid, portant le Nº 3I . Je vous prie, Monsieur le Consul Général, de vouloir bien me faire délivrer l' ILMI-HABER nécessaire à cet ef fet . Veuillez agréer, Monsieur le Consul Général, 1' assurance de ma considération la plus distinguée . Monsieur le Consul Général d' Italie selflur haber nouser qual etc. contrificato di espelecha us à CONSTANTINOPLE . Ma e d'erflaturienna

Sample of a property petition dated 22.03.1905

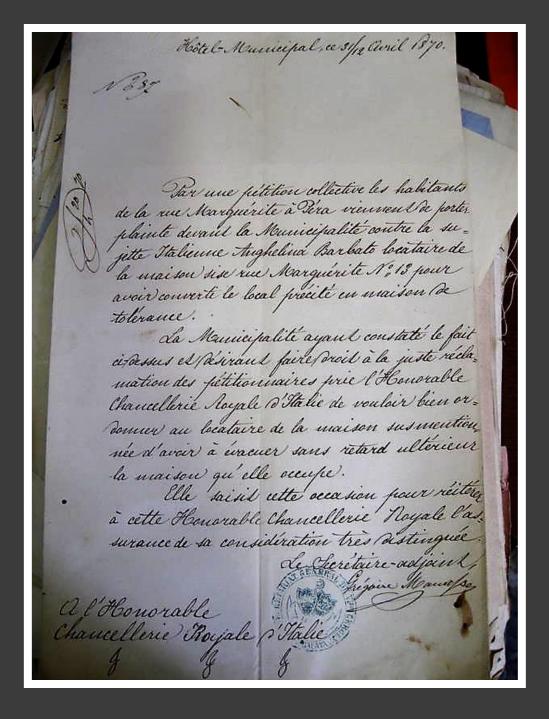
by Eleonore, widow of Dr.
Alexandre Vuccino, she is
selling a house in Pera on
Asmali Mesjid Street, No: 31
for the sum of 80,000 Piastres
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a Monieur le Comul V Hale à Constantinojle Monimum Le Consul Is somigne Jugah Plariani, competable, Sujet Station in cette Prisince, in love le 8 Jun Junior In proprietaire ottomany Shayi Syget agha une maison sise à Tira une agha Hamame Je be reguisenterai in tems it lien et il sera par la bien étable, que je suis sent et unique beataire to la maison que j'enque avec ma mire it ma ferme it in passagrement la saux de ma finne a logi juntant que son fine itait in Mon bear fire, Mo alexandre Maffuniate suget Holine, que want its persont plusieurs more impurone, sous le roupeou de complicité Vans la transmission De fource Tipules teligraphiques: est vinn à sa sortie de prison, se réfugier chy-moi . Je l'ai reen Dabord; man l'ai prie and bout to gen to tems, he se mothe in quite I un with Domiele it de printre avec his, sa sour Melle Avrothike Maffinian, que j'avais ausse logie temporairement. Un commencement I executes to changement

The petition given by Joseph Florriani, an accountant whose wife was Greek. Dated 8.11.1872

In Tomicile out alors effectivement live, Moelle Evratike Maffuniate, me det que Vicidee De I executers, elle irait habiter at the his Princes ches un onche it elle partet - Mais un bout In Dix jours elle revient. Depris loss, j'ai a Tionles regardes, invite it mon bean fine it ma belle veur , à voucuer ma maison mais ile partindent aujourd him it In ton be whise imperieux voulous i'y maintenir intefiniment the freent absolument à ceder à In invitationel annicales . Force in est Tone de recourir à l'autorite if se view Jone rous priers, Monningle Comule, In voulour hour, faire intimer par l'intumise In Consulat gineral De Grice in with Risiones a Mo! Colexandre et à Mo elle Switchike Maffuniair I orde I avoir a quitter mon domicile are plus bref Vilai : lem faisant grace de tout loyer etc : man me reservant, from he cas, in with injonction n'aurait pas de resultat, To porter la question par Twant le trebunal competent it de faire vienter par la farce I warnation que j'ai reclame si sonout et se vainement of amiable. I'ai I'hommen I'ite, avec le sentiments les plus requestrence, Monsieur le Connel, votre the humble it tree obsissant serviture. Joseph Plarriani motantingule le 8 Movembre 1872

The sister in law was residing with them because the brother in law was in jail. He also moved in with them after his release. He is complaining they are supposed to stay temporarily. But now they live there without contributing to the rent. Evacuation was requested.



Petition given by the residents of Marguerite Street in Pera. Anghelina Barbato, an Italian lady was running a brothel in her rented house on number 13. They are petitioning the Italian Consulate to stop it immediately. Dated 12.04.1870