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Report by Mr. Baring on the Atrocities Committed upon the  
Christians in Bulgaria.

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*Sir H. Elliot to the Earl of Derby.*

My Lord,

*Therapia, September 5, 1876.*

I HAVE the honour to inclose a copy of Mr. Baring's very full Report of his inquiries into the atrocities committed upon the Christians in Bulgaria, which it is unnecessary for me to accompany with many observations of my own.

It establishes only too clearly that the cruelties had been carried on on a scale fully sufficient to justify the indignation that they have called forth, although the number of victims given at one time at 60,000, and afterwards at 30,000, are fortunately shown to be vastly exaggerated.

Your Lordship will observe that although the accounts that were circulated of the brutal manner in which the insurrection was suppressed have been generally borne out, many of the especially sensational incidents reported, have been shown to be disproved, or very much over-coloured.

The worst case reported on by Mr. Baring is that of Batak, which equals or exceeds in horror any that had been alleged; but it had scarcely been heard of till discovered by him.

Your Lordship will be satisfied that Mr. Baring has performed his duties with the impartiality and conscientiousness that were to be expected of him.

I take also this opportunity of transmitting to your Lordship the copy of a letter which the United States' Minister has been good enough to communicate to me from Mr. Schuyler, the American Secretary of Legation and Consul-General, who was sent to make inquiries similar to those of Mr. Baring's.

He accompanied several newspaper correspondents, but I am told that none of the party had the advantage possessed by Mr. Baring of understanding Turkish, which most of the Bulgarians can speak, and they were necessarily a good deal at the mercy of the Bulgarian interpreter whom they took with them.