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Government House,
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Dear Mr. Shertok,

I am obliged for your letter and, as you know, I always weigh your advice most carefully. Your letter, however, reached me after I had made my decision: but there was nothing in it to make me alter.

As you know on this occasion I should have been happy to appoint either candidate as Jewish Deputy Mayor had a majority of the six members voted for one or the other; for both D.C. and myself are fully satisfied that both are good and capable men: but the voting was equal.

Such being the circumstances of the case I told Major Campbell to give the matter his most careful consideration and to make his final recommendation to me this afternoon. You know I have great confidence in the capacity of Major Campbell and naturally his knowledge - as D.C. of Jerusalem - of the situation is more intimate than mine. He told me this afternoon that in his considered opinion he would recommend Mr. Auster. Though I am sure you are right in saying Mr. Solomon is an excellent man in every respect, I see no reason to go against the advice of the D.C. Jerusalem that Mr. Auster is even more specially fitted. I therefore appointed Mr. Auster this evening.

As Mr. Ben Avi also sent me a letter on this subject which I read at the same time as your letter, I shall be grateful if you will show him this letter, for his advice I also always highly value.

Yours very sincerely,

Arthur Wauchope.