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M. Albert GRÉVY, Governor-General of Algeria,
to M. BARTHÉLEMY-SAINT-HILAIRE, Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Algiers, 7 April 1881.

Mr. Roustan informs me of attempts at clandestine unloadings of powder on the coast, close to Sfax and in the gulf of Gabès. This powder is brought by ships coming from Malta. Chaloupes (small sail boats), belonging to Malteses of the coast, went to sea to meet them.

On the other hand, the Prefect of Constantine informs me today that, according to the police superintendent of Soukahrras, ten thousand rifles would have been unloaded by an Italian ship on the coast of Sfax, and that the natives of the surroundings were disposed to revolt. The family of Kablouti, whose chief, the old rebellious Caïd of Soukahrras, is interned in Tunisia, would have received instructions in this direction at one of the frontier markets. Under the influence these various excitations, the beginning of an insurrectionary agitation was produced; it was immediately repressed. The Administrators comment on several points of inclinations of the requisitioned natives towards resistance. Very precise and energetic instructions are given to be sure about these attempts at resistance and to deter the agitators. I do not need to insist on the character of these movements, which show more and more that Tunisia has been for some time a center of agitation, deceit and hostility towards France.

Albert GRÉVY.