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Dear Professor Goldziker

Thank you very much for your card of Feb.
17th. Page 396, l. right, of course, to be pages,
and is merely a misprint. Page 396, l. o can not
the name be كَيْفٌ؟ (Mustakhab 50 below)? I did
not know that Masūlum could have the meaning
"responsible". In regard to the use of the word Kāna
I have nothing to say. I thought that it might be
some juridical use of the word - but I have found
it in no other document. I can not imagine that my
copyst put it in, as it makes no sense. He must
have found it in the original. If more of such documents

were published, we might get some light.

I have copies of two more documents from the Karmite archives - one is of the ninth century and has been printed for the Harkavy Volume for the last year. I had given orders to have a number copied; also some of the oldest in the archives of the Rabbinite Community. But when I am not on the spot, I can get absolutely nothing. I shall have to wait until I am in Cairo again, which I hope will be in the year 1909 (when I go to Jerusalem as head of our archaeological school for the year). I then propose to look up and see whether in the government and the wealthy archives there can not be found some more material. I do not

believe that these have ever been searched.

I have copied a small fragment from
the Rothschild collection in Paris containing an
Arabic Shi'ah on the destruction of the Luayyees.
Unfortunately, the answer is wanting.

I am,

Very cordially yours
Richard Gottheil