

I attach pp 2-3 of the letter of appointment
(certainly a copy). In general the text is
clear. The statement begins in l. 1
ولا كنت اريد الشيخ

and after all the preambles describing the
applicant's qualifications, it continues in l. 5
from bottom:

and their
leading men
?
I doubt my
reading and
translation

5 فوليناك الرياسة على جماعة اليهود وطوليرهم وطولاهم
4 الربانيين والقراش والسامرة بدمشق المردية وجميع النشام
3 و ؟ وعمل

Bottom
[???] [???] [???] [???]

Can this be —, no, I better make no
suggestion. But I assume that there
was a tiny principality which was

actually ruled, while دمشق
was only a claim. As you see from line 7;

about (he speaks also on p. 1
الملاحين البنا), (الملاحين البنا) was not in D.
at that time. I enclose a photo. kindly
bring it to the AOS meeting (I shall
provide over Islam I). Perhaps you will

It adds to note that
propane, low.

Co-director

Go, Devin