Poros March 19th 1827

My Lord
I beg to offer you my very sincere thanks for the letter you did me the honour to write me which I had the pleasure of receiving at Leghorn but had no opportunity of answering until this moment. I am just opening a message from Sr Tombasi that your Lordship has arrived in this Bay and as soon as the weather permits, I will do myself the Honour of going to see you. In the meantime, I am detained also awaiting the arrival of a deputation of several of the principal chiefs of the Kastri assembly, who are coming over here to pay their respects to you & have written to me to that effect. I presume you will come on shore here, if it is only for a moment might I take the liberty to ask you if you would partake of a very rough sort of dinner at my quarters to day to which I had already invited the chiefs who are coming over from Castri & whose arrival I took for misunderstanding. We should dine [1] at 2 o'clock to accommodate the Castri deputies who will most probably return to Damala to sleep. I shall be very happy to give you every information as to the state of this unhappy country now divided by absurd & criminal decisions.
I hope however that your Lordship's arrival will have a happy effect & that they will do everything or their power to be worthy of such a leader.

I remain
my Lord
Your obedient
& very humble servant
R. Church

His Ex
Lord Cochrane

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