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To the ~~Government~~ Primates of Hydra

Excellence

The time now draws near when the approach of a large force may reasonably be anticipated and when consequently the means that the Greeks ~~now~~ possess of contending with their enemies will be comparatively diminished I have therefore (in the name of all Europe by whose people may in truth say that I am sent here) called upon the Executive government and upon all those connected with public affairs to act with union and promptitude and I have informed them that without harmony ~~union~~ and a ~~determination~~ escrpt amongst the chiefs, the slender ~~to act the~~ means placed at my disposal and any services I personally could render, would prove of no avail.

The Government at Egina seem well disposed to fulfil ~~to act in the manner that~~ the duties of their situation and the circumstances in which their country is placed so imperiously demand; but their wishes and intentions can be of little avail whilst the [1] people are split into factions, and ~~all~~ operations are paralysed by the conflicting personal interests of chiefs who perceive not, ~~as in the fable,~~ that the prise about which they are contending will fall to the share of others ~~neither of these who dispute~~.

~~One effort and Greece is free~~ ; Upon you and one more who hold similarly exalted situations ~~(as a dispassionate observer)~~ the fate of Greece depends, therefore ~~I may come here~~ am I come here to know the sentiments of the chiefs of Hydra and of Spezzia ~~having~~ being already informed of those of the Government, and in expectation of receiving a reply to my communications with the representatives assembled at Hermione.

~~If the Hydriots and Spezziots~~ I have yet taken no authority upon me in naval affairs because If union does not prevail, I shall leave Greece and deceive the world-by inducing a belief that I could assist you.

This proposition however I now however make