

Hydra 29<sup>th</sup> March 1827

My Dear Lord.

Since writing this morning, the deputation has arrived from Spezzia. It seems that their vanity has been much mortified at receiving directions from the Primates here, to that I go to Spezzia tomorrow to do away with the unfavourable impression.

Colonel Jourdain, who has just arrived from Castri, tells me that Missolonghi is at present besieged by the Roumeliots who only want two small vessels to blockade the port and prevent the entry of processions. There and at the other fortresses of the Morea the Egyptians get their daily provisions [1] from the Ionian Islands.

Condouriotis has had a letter that evening from Scyra by which it appears that the fleet which was to have annihilated Hydra & Spezzia has proceeded to the Dardanelles.

The Seringapatam sent a boat on shore this evening to know whether your Lordship had arrived and what force you had brought out. She was lately at Missolonghi and sent a boat to see what has going on. A Turkish Brig fired at the boat and killed the officer. The Seringapatam took the Brig to Corfu where she was burnt, and she is now conveying the crew to Smyrna. [2]

When Mr Orlando went home about half an hour ago in broad daylight, he found six armed men besieging his house and demanding money or food - he seemed to think nothing of it, he said it happened every day.

The bearer of this is a Mr Keering, Dr Goss's factotum.

I am  
Your Lordships  
very obliged & sincere servant  
C. Gordon Urquhart