

Poros 30 April 1827

My dear Lord

I sent to inform you yesterday of the result of the meeting at Damala where the rival parties met in peace. The nation was again united. I am obliged to go up there again this morning to prevent a few intriguers from making a last effort to delay business. I hope to prevent their making a motion, which the remnants of a faction meant to make and which would be a cause of discord & trouble. Both the President Zaimis & Colocotroni behaved very well; Konduriotti is arrived here & I presume he will join the assembly today.

The news from Athens is good. I send your Lordships Col. Zairer's letter to be forment; I have interrogated myself the two men insofar into the battle of Athens (the Acropolis) & who got out again & who are here now; they give [1] satisfactory account of the state of things, there, so much so as to give good ground for hopes of saving if the assembly takes its measures immediately - these men have promised me to endeavour to set into the battle again with letters from me. Until now men had got into the Acropolis the garrison did not know in the heart what was going on & thought themselves abandoned by their countrymen - They did not even know if Karaiskakis o..rait much less if Lordship arrived.

Today I have a conference with the military Chiefs & particulars with the Suliots; **Geneus** young Colocotronis force, which is arrived in the camp, another corps of Peloponnesians under **Sissini** to the number of near a thousand men are marching across the Isthmus. I hope to get off three thousand men in addition to these before tomorrow night [2] & if we had funds, we might I think have from 10 to 15000 men in a few days in the camp before Athens.

If I can get off in time from Damala today I will go on board the Unicorn if not I must defer that pleasure until tomorrow morning.

I remain
My dear Lord
Yours ever faithfully
R. Church

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Adm Lord Cochrane