2nd May off the Phalere

Dear Sir Richard

I have seen the government and prepared them for the worst should things go on as they have hitherto done – They seem incapable of applying any remedy; therefore, the more credit will be due to you if you shall be enabled to save the garrison of the Acropolis; in which endeavour count on my almost exertions and most unlimited cooperation. I hope now you will be able to act without Karaiskaky, because, in addition to your own people

1st The Candiots have arrived 480
2. The Kranidiots amount to 150
3. Gordons men are 500
4. The seamen if judged useful are 600
5. The regulars for whom I have at hand 200
6. The regular cavalry are 150
Besides Volunteers

2080

With these if you land at night to the eastward you may be in [1] the neighbourhood of Athens in two hours and then there is the garrison of 1500 in addition to cooperate making in the whole a force of nearly 5000 men without taking a soldier from Karaiskakys tamborins.

If, however, for judge will to have volunteers from Karaiskaky's Camp, I shall offer 200.000 piastres for those who will accompany for a [] [] at Athens on the morning of [] by which means I have little doubt, that you will find Karaiskaky deserted, and the whole mot at the gates of Athens.

All the vessels are at your orders either to make a diversion [2] or transport you (by a real movement) in rear of the enemy.