

To Gen. Karaiskaki 17/29 April

I have received the communication from your excellency & the officers of the army, & I confess I am now in despair of your making any movement for the relief of the Acropolis, because I have now ascertained, that all those obstacles that first presented themselves to your excellency being overcome, others successively present themselves to put off the day of your march to the acropolis.

I have made a diversion here this day in favour of your excellency which by all the rules of military tactics, must increase the relative strength of your army & facilitate its march, by a force equal to that which the enemy shall detach to watch our supposed motions that indeed it is clear that benefit to your army must be greater than if the fifteen hundred men whom you proposed to send to this point were actually detached. This is so plain that it needs no demonstration.

My time and attention must now be devoted to naval matters, & unless you move [1] in advance this evening I shall have deeply & bitterly to regret for the sake of Greece that I have ever put faith in anything being accomplished by individuals to whom so many difficulties present themselves & which experience has taught me to be wholly imaginary.

I recall to your excellency's recollection your promises & assurances, the numerical amount of your forces, & I call upon you to make some effort to save your country from inevitable ruin. - I solemnly declare before God that it is my opinion that 1000 men who would obey orders & execute them duly are more than necessary to perform the task at which your excellency hesitates.

I shall be appressed with grief of after the scene of yesterday, I am compelled to return first to the seat of Government & next to Europe, without having witnessed any deed that can tend to obliterate the stain that is affixed thereby on the Grecian people.