

Islanders

I was no party to the capitulation this day. The terms which I yesterday offered that the Turks should deposit their standards & lay down their arms in the ship which bears my flag, & which while I was alive should not have been disgraced by the scene which you have witnessed this day. Fearing that some outrage might be committed I sent you an order to retire & I glory in the consciousness that I have saved you as well as myself from being inculpated in the most horrid scene I ever beheld, - a scene which freezes my blood & which cannot be palliated ~~even~~ by the barbarities which the Turks have committed on you. I send you the thousand dollars which I promised should be distributed as a reward for your valour, & obedience to my directions which you will ever find lead to the path of honour & humanity & the duty I owe to your country.