

My dear Lord,

I have read your letter with great attention & fully enter into your view of affairs. The Hydriots are unquestionably the best to storm if anybody will storm the soldiers that they say have taken their Port- were placed to cooperate in a general assault & I had made an arrangement with a chief who contains in playing considerable courage the other day.

I gave him directions to collect a band (of fourteen hope) of volunteers to lead with & he is to have 500 dollars for himself & 500 for his band. Had it not rained (however ridiculous it may be to say so) I am sure that a normal band would have advanced yesterday evening & I hope it will do so today. In fact, the rain yesterday almost dispersed the whole camp & many [1] of our out troops were quite alarmed. If the Hydriots will advance I will order the others away immediately. You have no idea of my anxiety to move on - & I cannot express it - Karaiskakis is at this moment going round his out posts as soon as returns I shall send for him & combine with him for going for an advance for tonight or tomorrow.

I will let you know as soon as we have had our conference. I think my Lord that if it cleans up, we shall be able still to storm & perhaps a little foray again would have the effect to rouse the fellows.

I went round the Phaleron last night after getting not this in the camp to no purpose. I kept my provisions there for the purpose of hastening in the operation on that side - but I have come round here for the purpose of having a place to write in & to speak to people in for [2] in the tent of Karaiskaki it is impossible.

I am sending off to the government orders about collecting troops to watch Ibrahim & to insist on their taking measures for supplying us with what God knows they have not.

I remain
my dear Lord
ever yours
R. Church

Camp of the Pireus
28. April