

To Macrys

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The moment has now arrived when the fate of Greece is to be decided. The European powers have interfered. Those parts which are free, & where the inhabitants are in arms against the Turkish authority are to be acknowledged free, and their liberty & independence secured, whilst the portions that remain in tranquil obedience to the Turkish yoke well continue appendages to the Ottoman empire. Call therefore your countrymen to arms, that by one glorious effort, the northern provinces may be included within the bounds of independent Greece.

The enemy's force employed to raise the blockade of the gulph of Corinth has been beaten & half their vessels captured, the rest have fled. I shall be with you in fourteen days to support the movement of the northern provinces with a powerful naval force. Let my advice & intentions be communicated to the friends of liberty & independence. Implore them not to lose this precious moment in hesitation as to the conduct which they ought to pursue.