

Off Messolongi 18th Sept. 1827

The squadrons of the enemy may be safely left to the powers who have coalesced to save Greece. If Turkey rejects the ultimatum the former become your allies, if the terms are accepted, hostilities cease. It is the duty then of all who desire to render Greece powerful & consequently independent to embrace with zeal the present moment to extend her limits and stir to active exertion the suppressed energies of a brave and suffering people. The brave inhabitants of Western Continental Greece have long sighed for the moment when the squadron should be free to aid their exertions. That time has now arrived, & on you devolves the task of terminating the war with glory to yourselves and honour to your country.

If the small fort of Basiladi can be blockaded & starved whilst we are waiting the cooperation of the military forces it will give spirit & confidence to the people around. The brave Messolongites will hasten to your assistance, but the possession of this little fort must in no way be permitted to delay the more [1] important duty of steering up your countrymen to arms.