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To the Government

Gentlemen,

Having proceeded to the gulph of Patras in order to cooperate with general Church, in his intended expedition to western Greece, although it would be conducive to the public service, to invest the fort of Basiladi, until by the arrival of the forces of the general more important operations could be undertaken & accordingly that island was immediately blockaded by the boats of the squadron, & now continued surrounded by the caiques & other vessels belonging to the Messolongites, who have undertaken to maintain the blockade, until it shall surrender. The Perseverance, Sauveur, & two of the gunboats were immediately detached with orders to take or destroy all the enemy's vessels within the gulf of Lepanto, whilst the Hellas, went to the anchorage of Calamos, in order to ascertain from the officers in arms against the Turks, what prospect there was of general cooperation & I regret to say, that the want of union among the chiefs, and the prospect of some kind of accommodation [1] with the enemy seemed to have paralysed all their energies.

I therefore detached all the squadron under Admiral Miaoulis to Syra & Naxos to aid the Candiots & Sciots, should they continued **unatoned** to assert then independence, & I have now followed in the Hellas, in order to contribute whatever assistance may be in my power.

Whilst in that quarter, I had communication through Dr. Gosse with the brother of the President Capo d'Istria, but I obtained no intelligence of importance, save that he expects his brother at an early period, & that a loan was depending on your sanction.

The steamboat Enterprise has arrived & I think may be rendered efficient. I have nothing to add, save that I received an indirect communication from the British Admiral, intimating the desire that no new or further operations should be undertaken in that quarter for which reason I am about to proceed elsewhere under the impression that nothing should be left undone to steer up the population of Greece to a sense of their duty to themselves to their country.