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To Macrys.

Sir,

It would have afforded me great pleasure do have met you previous to undertaking any operation, in which the land service might cooperate, in order that I might have more fully explained to you the operations about to take place for the liberation of Western Greece, and which will admit of no delay on account of the bad weather being about to commence & on account of other obstacles that present themselves to keeping a large Greek naval force long at sea-.

Thus far I can inform you of facts & circumstances that have occurred or now are occurring.

Nine Greek vessels of war, large & small, are now in the gulph of Lepanto with orders to destroy all the enemy's force in that quarter to transport Gen. Church with 3000 men from Vostitza to the opposite shore.

The fort of Basiladi is blockaded & probably must surrender in a few day [1] The squadron is now proceeding to Prevesa & if it shall seem proper, & the weather permits it is my intention to burn the vessels in the port & probably the town.

I have purchased provision at Corfu independent of any stack you may have for 1500 men for one month, & we can have more, but it is to be observed that rations will not be sufficient to the distribution for nominal men, nor to useless men, & the captain & officers must at once be made to understand that the reward is not to come from such seamen, but from the property in possession of the Turks, & from the revenues of your country when free.

If your troops will march to the caution of Vonitza opposite Prevesa, provisions shall be landed for you in the bay of Zaverda on the promontory itself opposite to Prevesa, & the boats which will be sent into the gulph of Arta will transport you to the northern shore when you will find abundant spoil to reward your men & ample provisions to maintain your troops.

I promise to those who shall embark in this expedition a reward proportioned to the promptitude they display in marching & the means at our disposal.