Poros 23 October 1827

Gentlemen,

As it is probable that the fireships may be required for service if hostilities continue, it is essential that I be informed whether the vessels heretofore fitted and employed as fireships, & stationed at your respective islands are considered by you as national property and to be employed for the general service of Greece, or whether they are deemed by you to belong to your respective communities, to be employed under the sanction of the said communities.

This question has been suggested to my mind by the withholding as seven out of nine of the brulots which I intended to have run into Navarino on the last expedition for the equipment of which brulots I had paid & placed in the hands of the authorities of the respective islands money to defray every necessary disbursement.