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The copy of a letter dated the 24h October, from the Admirals of the three powers allied for the restoration of peace to Greece & Turkey, having been delivered to me by Commodore Hamilton of the Cambrian on the second November whilst this ship was at the anchorage of Scio, it deemed to be my duty to conform to what appeared to be the intention of the said representatives of the allied power that an armistice should take place by sea, "the Turkish fleet having been destroyed".

Since that period, the squadron under my command has been in the blockade of Coron, Modon & Navarino, & I have to inform your Exc. that there yet exists in the port of Navarino, a naval force under the Turkish flag, superior to the force under my command (a list of which I enclose). I have therefore felt it my duty to repair to this port, in order that I may obtain instructions for my guidance, more especially as the Turkish squadron is ready for sea, & said to be destined for Candia with 10,000 men; intending there to react the barbarities which the want of provisions in the Morea, render it impossible they can longer perpetrate in that quarter. There is also a great number of captive women & children about to be transported as slaves.

The only force of the allied powers off Navarino, consists of a simple brig called the Pelican which is wholly [1] inadequate to impede the naval operations of the Turks.

Under these circumstances I beg to be explicitly informed whether I am to consider that "this armistice de facto" continues, & if you have any doubt on the subject that you will be pleased candidly to inform me, that I may not be led into error, & so increase the evils by my doing anything in opposition to the intention of the allied powers.