Au gouvernement provisoire de la Grèce à Égine
A bord l'Hellas Port da Poros: 18 Décembre 1827

~~Gentlemen~~ Excellences

I have strenuously endeavoured to avoid laying before you any complaint more particularly if originating in acts done by your Excellencies but there is a point at which such forbearance on my part would become a dereliction of my duty as an Officer in the service of Greece, amounting even to treason against the state.

So long as the evils extended no farther than the depriving the ships of war of their crews, than preventing from being equipped for service, so long as the injury the brulots from being occasioned by the granting by numerous licences to privateers, only prevented naval operations from being carried on against the enemies remained silent.

But now that the conduct of those privateers so licensed by your Excellencies has brought down upon the Greek Nation, a threat of being placed out of the law of nations and has involved the national squadron (unmeritedly) in the disgrace attached to those who have been guilty of unlawful acts, it is my Duty to notify to your Excellencies that founding myself upon the decree of the national Assembly at Trezene, in which certain powers are exclusively granted to me as first Admiral of Greece [1] without my intervention that I consider all authorities without my intervention given to armed vessels of any description for belligerent purposes to be illegal and that I have given orders to the national vessels under my authority to seize them wherever they may be found, to be judged according to the law of nations.

Messieurs les Membres du Tribunal des Prises

Gentlemen,
Having felt my duty to seize a Galley (τράττα) of 30 Ores equipping in the Port of Poros for purposes of war, when on the point of proceeding under an authority incompetent to legalize such act. I send the said vessel to be judged, under the head of being unlawfully licensed and consequently being according to the law of Nations deemed to be a Pirate vessel.
I have to request that you will cause an immediate examination to take place in order justice may speedily be done in this matter, the same being at this moment highly important to the Character and interests of Greece.

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