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My Lord

Captain St George going to join you I take the opportunity of informing you besides what my other letters contain: that my information from Kumi imparts that Negropont contains two months provisions for army of Kutayi & fortress and that all their hopes are in the Turkish fleet expected daily- It seems to me of the put importance that the Greek fleet should be ready to [1] encounter the Turks & the Gulph is a place particularly favorable to the smaller, lighter & more skilful party. Might I suggest my Lord the propriety of sending a couple of light vessels upon whom you could depend to cruise off the Dardanelles & give information in time? The Corvette, Brig & Schooner off Tricheri requested me to represent their want of provisions & the necessity they have off paying their crew regularly; many suspect have already quitted them: with Greek sailors no mean of pay can exist hitherto they have been accustomed to receive their wages in advance if they can be made to go to sea without that advance [2] is a great point gained – to omit fulfilling the engagement would be to ruin all confidence & oblige the sailors to return to their ancient demands- with respect to Kumi. I beg leave to urge the necessity of sending a vessel (perhaps better Capt. St George than a Greek who probably would not dare do his duty there I was he so disposed to destroy the infamous traffic existing there.

May I beg of your Lordship to order here the Marine Tribunal from Napoli to adjudge the prizes taken – also to chere a public order respecting the distribution of prize money by which I may be guided in my payments - You will observe that in my letter respecting the affair of trichery mention simply having taken the Brig of War without saying how, that letter being a despatch for publication I thought it will not to [3] proclaim to the enemy the use we made of red hot shot - It was by those I hunt the Brig & could quite as easily burn by the same means the largest ship ever hurt, might suggest the advantage that would result from using the same projectile from almost every ship? Each vessel might as well as me have a furnace in her hold for the feeding of two of her guns – the effect would be tremendous.

If the fleet was ready before the Turks came out a slight excursion to Salonica might be attended with profit & advantage. I shall require a little time to repair damages- I have lost my turhan cut heard, my