Karteria Poros
30th April 1827

My Lord,

May I beg leave to present to you my very particular friend Mr Nicolo Kalergy? You will find him
a young man of good education talent, & what is of still greater value of great probity - I have known him many years & esteemed him equally long. By his private fortune he is independent & has consequently always refused to meddle in the intrigues he regrets so much to see cause the misfortunes of his country. So much for introduction. - Mr Nicolo Kalergy has been good enough to wait upon you to receive your orders respecting [1] the prizes I have lately captured.

These vessels contain grain chiefly, & therefore would in that state be of no use to you. Your Commissaries must turn it into biscuit before it is sent to the Piraeus. The Government has sent for the Admiralty Court from Napoli to set here upon the Judgement of Vessel detained.

- As to the sale, I am of opinion that to appease the jealousy of the seamen a public sale should be held & your commissaries purchase it, if they please. They wilt thus always obtain it cheaper than they could buy it at Syra & thus nobody can complain. - I am anxious to receive from your Lordship an order respecting the distribution of [2] prize money & this I think should be public. – Hitherto the Government has received fifteen for cent upon all prizes. Of course, your Lordship will arrange as you think proper upon this subject, but if any part of a prize goes to the public purse it is only had just it should end in the payment of the wages of seamen. - I am now paying a month's wages out of my own pocket which I hope & trust your Lordship will reimburse me as I cannot continue this system. Anything can be done in Greece by prompt payments - without means nothing is to be done. My friend has much & various information respecting every part of Greece & can [3] furnish you with much useful matter. I do not doubt that you will shortly appreciate his merit - I have the honor to be My Lord.

Your obedient servant
Frank Abney Hastings
Captain Karteria

His Excellency
Admiral Lord Cochrane

DS. May I beg of you My Lord to furnish me with a Commission of Lieutenant for Mr Darby – the only officer doing duty as a Sailor on board - in truth he is no sailor & does not pretend but he is brave, diligent & a gentleman & has served with me for about four months.