Karteria Poros 30th April
1827

My Lord,

I had the honor to receive your orders of the 28th inst. Your Lordship will have observed by the letters I had the honor of transmitting to you that the condition of this Vessel is such as to render it impossible for her to put to sea immediately. Dr Gosse last night was occupied sending you off 68 pounders. I am happy to hear this morning that the Monastery has fallen without them. I must again repeat how indispensable it is that this fleet should be in readiness to encounter the Turks who cannot now [1] delay lone then departure.

It is with deep regret I see the extreme discontent existing on board the Sauveur Brig - which seems to me to be greatly augmented if not entirely owing to the Greek being paid in advance & the English being in ansay of wages. In this country my Lord I must repeat nothing can be done without regular payments. By paying out of my own funds, when others could not be obtained, I have established the confidence of the Greeks & English on this Vessel as far as money is concerned, but I cannot continue to pay out of my own pocket. If funds are not forthcoming for the wages of this Vessel I must beg leave to resign promptly at sea. [2]

Whilst I am on board my people will always consider me personally responsible for their wages. I must again remark I have suffered already much too sincerely in my private fortune to admit of my making further sacrifices - Besides wages for the crew I have various expenses here to repair damage sustained by the Vessel.

I have the honor the honor to be
My Lord
your Very obedient servant
Frank Abney Hastings
Captain Karteria

P.S. It seems to me necessary to relieve the Vessels at Volo or they will quit their station. Greek sailors on board their own ships will not remain more than a