Karteria Spetzes. 7th Juin
N.S. 1827

My Lord,
I had the honor of sending you a Report of my proceedings since I left you & hoped to have found you here on my return from Poros that I might receive your further orders. I returned last night, having been subjected to more delay & vexation than can be imagined or expressed, respecting the prizes taken at Volo. I could only procure one mast at Poros, sold me by Toombasi.
Others there were both at Hydra & Poros, but the proprietors would not part with them: I have therefore been obliged to purchase one here, considerably too large & expensive, but there is no remedy. I hope to be ready for Sea in three days but fear I shall have some embarrassment about money matters. The purchase of Masts, of Salt provision, sails, etc. besides the pay due to crew, put me to considerable straights, particularly as I had lent all the ready money I possessed to Kalergy to redeem his brother. However, I shall do my utmost to get to Sea & I am anxious to know how, when, & where. I can have the honor of rejoining your Lordship.
A fire ship that departs today will deliver you this letter & your Lordship may perhaps think it worthwhile [1] to send a vessel here with orders for my further guidance. May I beg of you also to add a private Signal by which I may know all Greek Vessels at a tolerable distance by day - also a night private Signal?
We have news from England that upon Mr Canning being named to succeed Lord Liverpool, Lord Wellington, Mr Peel, Lord Melville also resigned & it is not exactly known how they are replaced. It is supposed that Lord Lansdown's party will come in. The Duke of Clarence is said to be appointed first Lord of the Admiralty. In France Talleyrand is Prime Minister, Gouvion Stle War, Royer Collard Instruction & some other liberals whose names I forget occupy the other places. The British squadron is assembled at Smyrna awaiting the Admiral. The Camp at Phaleron is broken up, & General Church is returned to Egina. The puppet of Government is occupied voting for the nomination of ministers, if possible more incapable than themselves: they talk of going to Napoli- Griva & Fotomara propose this. The former as usual seized upon an American Ship & Dr Howe charged with the distribution of the cargo applied to Capt. Patterson of the Constitution, who is now at Napoli guarding it. [2] I am sorry to add that Mr. Lee received a letter from England announcing that the Enterprize having sailed, her boilers bust opposite Plymouth, & she was towed into that Port by a Brig of War.

I have the honor to be
My Lord
We Lordships very obedient
very humble servant
Frank Abney Hastings
Captain Karteria

To
His Excellency
Admiral Lord Cochrane
etc etc etc.

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