Karteria Gulf of Lepanto
Sept 27th 1827

My Lord

I have the honor to transmit you a report of my proceedings from the day I left you till this moment. Capt. Thomas of the Sauveur joined me the 21st & proposed with much galantry to go into the Gulf in the daytime – the wind being usually out at night. I consented with some difficulty in consequence of the little dependence it can place on my Engine which might render it impossible for one to follow him immediately. The Sauveur with gun bout Bavaroise in tow & accompanied by 2 Schooners (you had left to keep the blockade at Missolonghi but who contrary to my knowledge thus disobeyed your orders) passed into the Gulf the evening of the 21st in most gallant style in despite of the enemy's very formidable battleships, one Brig of War & two schooners at the Morea Castle & several vessels at Lepanto. I attempted to Steam in that night, but the Engine failed me within two miles of the Castles.

The next day the wind being strong in I attempted to sail in but when within gunshot of the castles the wind failed me & it was not until the evening of the 23d that I could [1] get passed, towing after me the Philhellene boat of whose Commander I have always had particular occasion to be satisfied - all our damage amounted to a few ropes cut. On communicating with the Morea the 24th I was informed that the enemy had a refuge at Salona, & there were three Austrians there. Capt. Thomas hat attacked them the 23d but in consequence of unfavorable weather he had not made any impression, & that he was retired to Loutraki. I immediately dispatched a Mistico to desire Capt. Thomas to join me with all the vessels he could collect: but not seeing him on the 26th & fearing that the Turks might strengthen themselves during a delay I stood in on the 26th with the gunboat Philhellene, but we no sooner approached, than the wind came so strong out that we could not keep the ship head to wind & found it necessary to retreat - The Turks have at Salona a very fine Algerian Schooner Brig of 14 guns, a Brig of 16 guns bearing an Admiral's flag, 3 smaller schooners [2] 2 aimed transport Brigs & 2 large boats with gun & they have a battery on shore. There are also three Austrians. While under their fire one of my engineers was slightly wounded. I am now waiting for the arrival of Capt. Thomas for whom I have sent again & preparing for a final trial.

I have the honor to be
My Lord
your very obedient servant
Frank Abney Hastings
Captain of the SNV
Karteria commanding
the vessels in the Gulf
of Lepanto

His Exellency
Admiral
Lord Cochrane
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