Karteria Loutraki
14 Oct 1824

My Lord

Mr Hane writes me that the Turkish fleet is off Patras - from time to time I have received vague accounts of Vessels off there; but nothing certain. I shall fortify myself either here or at the Port on the other side, under the village of Pera Chora. I think the latter. I want fuses for shells- a box was sent (I suppose in mistake for fuses, but it contained blue lights). Pray give an officer an order to send me at least five hundred fuses. In my last to your Lordship, I mentioned of what service rockets would be to us as means of attack on the enemy's vessels at the castles. They well be of no less service as weapons of defense. Pray my Lord let me have as large a quantity as possible. [1] I understand you were coming to Corinth which has detained me here, or I would by this have been at the other end of the Gulf to gain information, & see after the Brig, for I fear Thomas is not too prudent. I have just been informed that much cannonading was heard in the Lepanto the day before yesterday. I hope no misfortune has befallen him - I have the two gunboats & one Mistico out to bring me information & I can receive nothing. Pray let me have the rockets.

I have the honor to be
My Lord
Yours very obedient
Servant
Frank Abney Hastings
Capt Karteria [2]