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Port. Strava
Gulf of Lepanto

My Lord

hot having received any orders from your Lordship, I am still in the Gulf. In consequence of an order from your Lordship to Capt. Thomas I dispatched the Sauveur on the 7th Inst & sent the gunboat Philhellene with her with letters to Genl. Church & orders to wait & bring me information how the Sauveur got passed the Castles: for I was a good deal anxious on her account, & should have gone myself to give her any assistance in case of need, but then I understood you intended coming over to Corinth. Mr. Hane bringing me letters for General Church I dispatched the other gun boat Bavaroise with these, & also some for the Sauveur in case she was still in the Gulf.

Mr Darly the commander of Bavaroise had directions to bring Gen. Church if he was [1] anxious to communicate personally with your Lordship. Day after day I awaited anxiously an answer. Still at length the mistico I had sent three days ago to Gen. Church to lain something of the fleet outside which Mr Haye wrote me for certain was Turkish returned yesterday evening informing me that the Saviour & two gunboats had gone out on Wednesday- This information has greatly surprised me as it was expressly contrary to my orders & has left me here in the Gulf alone - In fact I can only qualify it, as the most diabolical pieces of treachery I ever heard of out of Greece. The gentlemen seem rapidly to acquire the vices of the people of this country. I cannot suppose the Commanders of the gun boats could have followed the Brig without the orders of Capt. Thomas & in fact if they were so disposed it was [2] duty to prevent their taking this step. I must beg you Lordship will order a Court of Enquiry to be held upon the conduct of Capt. Thomas & the commanders of the gunboats, to ascertain who is guilty of this infamous & unofficerlike conduct, & that the person or persons found guilty may be tried by a Court Martial and punished as they merit. No person has ever written to me respecting the fleet outside except Mr Hane who wrote me that for certain it was Turkish. At Loutraki, I was under the disadvantage of having the plum of count across my stein if my broad side was to the sea. I know how easy in case of disembarkation it is to occupy any plain country in this war. I therefore questioned my pilots about this port who represented it as perfectly secure both against [3] weather & an enemy & accordingly I am arrived here this morning-intending to land the guns of the thistrian & make a battery for our defence - but I find it in every respect inferior to Loutraki; either as a Port or a position to defend, & I shall return to Loutraki & form batteries there as soon as I have taken in the wood I had ordered to be cut down near this resource. Gen Church writes me that the positively intends passing into Romelia & wants my guard - but I am now quite alone except the Mistico with whom I know not what to do - he continually applied to me for provisions and will soon probably for money. What am I to do about him?