although wishing to aid Gen Church & the service in all I can, I must acknowledge I have no confidence in his intended movement more particularly as he tells me he has no provision & wants me to seize by force what I find in boats- All I could get by this discreditable way of raising provision would not certainly feed 100 men for three days & therefore could not aid Gen. Church & would be a gratuitous vexation of these miserable peasantry. If Gen. Church had money & provisions much is to be done in Romelia but without them nothing can be achieved anywhere. As soon as I have got the prizes back to Loutraki & formed batteries I [1] will go & meet Gen. Church & learn more particular – But I am very anxious for some orders from your Lordship having received nothing but the official letter of than since I left you- I write in haste & beg your Lordship to let me have an answer as soon as possible.

Your very obedient
very humble servant
Frank Abney Hastings
Capt. Karteria