Karteria Loutraki
Nov 8, 1827

MyLord,

The General Church has at length put himself in motion. Some provision & money have arrived on the other side for him (I mean at Calamachi) & I hope to sail with it to join him tonight. I fortunately received a fortnights provision yesterday when I had only one day's biscuit on board. After destroying an arsenal I ta..nin that I cannot destroy the vessels at Lepanto I will go out in the Gulf & blockade Missolongi, Patras, & the Gulf hoping the General will blockade them by land. I fear much however for provisions. I will endeavour to get some from the Ionian islands, but money & everything else is scarce with me – but I hear your Lordship is in the same predicament & therefore I cannot complain. May I beg of your Lordship to grant a Commission of Naval [1] Lieutenant to Mr Falanga who has served on board this Vessel from 29th March 1827 & is a most deserving officer - he is the only sailor office I have & was always the only one of any use in that capacity.

He behaved extremely well both at Volo, Tricheri & Salona at which latter place he was wounded in the neck with a musket ball while setting five to one of the abandoned vessels. I may really say he is the only Greek I ever saw who seems to conceive what an Officer ought to be - Although he would be a great loss to me, & I should be sorry to part with him but for his own advantage I can strongly recommend him for promotion in the command of a Vessel since (as I hear) your Lordship is in such dreadful want of officers to command - I am sure he would give you the highest satisfaction [2]

I have the honor to be
My Lord
Your very obedient
very humble servant.
Frank Abney Hastings
Captain of Steam Vessel
of War Karteria.

Her Excellency
Admiral Lord Cochrane
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