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My Lord

I have the honor to announce to you that after much delay & disappointment usual in Greece I am about to proceed to Lepanto tomorrow. I endeavour to destroy the Turkish Vessels there – I then go outside to pass Gen. Church over into Roumelia and afterwards blockade Missolonghi, Patras & Lepanto. The want of the Gunboats here is much felt by me at this moment as in going out & must leave the Gulph to the Turks who even should I be fortunate enough to destroy the enemy's vessels at Lepanto will always have here armed boats enough to command the gulf.

I must also beg of your Lordship to consider us in money matters - I am now seven thousand pounds out of pocket by Greek affairs and I am daily now expending my own money for the public service. Our prizes are serving for transports for the army & I must either shortly abandon this important position [1] or be paid.

It is most likely that if all the important points I have mentioned could be blockaded the Turks would be soon reduced, from the blockade being so much more easily maintained than elsewhere – Without money you must be aware I cannot maintain this Vessel & all to be expected from Gen. Church you must be aware are plenty of promises. The General it already overwhelmed with expectants& if he had millions would not be able to command a faithing - I will do all I can but I must repeat it is not quite fair I should end a beggar after all the labour vexation & disappointment I have experienced for so many years.

I have the honor to be
My Lord
Your obedient Servant
Frank Abney Hastings
Captain of Greek Vessel of
War Karteria

To his Excellency
Lord Cochrane
High Admiral of Greece

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