Hotel de Londres, place Vendome
8 March 1828

Gentlemen

I have felt a desire to lay before you an outline of the present state of affairs in Greece; but I find that it would be impossible to give an abstract that would be intelligible in less space than a hundred pages; and that facts so extraordinary must be accompanied by copies of Official documents to a greater extent.

Under these circumstances, and being aware that if porchance, through the Translator or otherwise, truth should be promulgated more widely than in the circle of your committee, it would at present be productive of more harm than Good, I have determined to defer making observations on Greek affairs. I shall however be happy to afford you any information you may require verbally.

I should have taken an early opportunity [1] to express my desire to thank you personally for your many favors, had I not been considerably indisposed since my arrival.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your truly obedient
Cochrane

To the President and Members
of the "Societé Philanthropique
en faveur des Grecs"