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Excellent Sir

The direct and active interference of the Great European powers having decided the glorious contest for the freedom of Greece; and its independence being formally acknowledged by accredited agents from three powers; no means now present themselves to me whereby I can professionally promote the interests of this hitherto oppressed people.

I beg therefore that I may be permitted as an individual to alleviate the burdens by presenting the state with my share as Admiral of the Corvette Hydra, and schooner of War Athenian Captured from the Enemy; and farther by absolving the state from any and every obligation whereby the sum of twenty thousand pounds was to be paid to me on the acknowledgement of the independence of this Country.

Your Excellency shall he pleased, conjointly with the national assembly, to appropriate any part of the said amount to the relief of the seamen wounded, and the families of those who have fallen during the contest.

It will be a high gratification to my feelings, and I hope well to be admitted as a testimony of my satisfaction at the introduction of useful institutions, and of the pleasure I experience at the rapid advancement towards order that has taken place even during the short period of your Excellency's presidency.

I have only to add that, if at any future time your Excellency shall deem my services useful [1] I shall he delighted at an opportunity to prove any goal for the welfare of Greece more fully than circumstances have heretofore permitted.

I have the honour to be
your Excellency's
Most faithful friend
Cochrane

To His Excellency
The President of Grecce