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Lord Cochrane to Mr Jackson

Champs Elysées March 16 1829

I am much harassed and dismayed on [] here by the reflection that three years of my life have been concerned in my expedition to Greece without delivering me one shilling of advantage; but on the contrary having lost more than I received by the purchase of the worthless house still in my possession.

We have at length some intelligence from Greece, of an interesting character. At the latter end of April, Lord Cochrane, aided by a body of land forces, led by General Church (who is nearly allied to a distinguished family in this country), commenced operations for the relief of Athens. Their first efforts were successful, in obtaining possession of the monastery of St. Spyridion, but that success was stained by the Greek soldiers putting their prisoners to death. We are unacquainted with the final result of the enterprise, as the accounts do not come down late enough; but we feel assured that nothing would be left unattempted that skill and valor could accomplish. The Greeks were fired with the greatest enthusiasm.

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