

My Respected dear Mr. Hill.

Soon after my arrival here I acknowledge that my first duty was to write to my Res^d dear Mr. Hill but I beg you very much to excuse me if my household occupations, have not given me time before. Finding now the first opportunity with the greatest pleasure I write you and inform you that after a very agreeable passage, we arrived safely in Constantinople thanking God. I cannot find words, to describe you my infinite joy to see you after an interval of five years. I wished to stay a little more in Athens to see you many many times. I will never forget my Res^d Mr. Hill the peculiar attention you have given to my education, and the greater kindness you had always to me for I must always confess that you have instructed me every thing good, and useful I know. I respect you and love you as second parents and will always

remember you with affection
and wish every good may be
fortune you.

From the day we arrived here
it has not ceased raining so
we were obliged to remain
sheltered, there now a few days
it appears that the weather would
clear up, now I am over with my
occupations and I will ask dif-
ferent friends where Mariora
or Chariclia Licatisti lives to
go and find them, then I will
tell them many things about
you and only think their sa-
tisfaction. Here the distances
are very great and it requires
a little patience to learn eve-
ry thing we want. As a
mark of remembrance I beg
you to receive of my portrait
knowing how much it
will please you.

I beg you also not to give a
severe looking to my letter
for I have a long time to
write an English letter.

Please give to my husband Mr
Hill my very humble res-
pects and my best love to
Miss Elisabeth and you will
greatly oblige me. —

My husband offer you his
humble respects. —

Now my dearest Mr Hill I
must say Good-bye.

I embrace you fondly
and remain

Your affectionate pupil
Victoria J. Draculis.

Constantinople the 16 of December
1865.

Bemerkungen über die
in Kurland
1860

Marcósa & Kurland
Tennant, appa-
rently in Kurland
and others