

Constantinople 25/64

My dear Mr Hill -

In my previous letter I informed you of the receipt of yr congratulatory letter to Mrs Mornis on the birth of a daughter.

I repeat to say I cannot promise you any encouragement touching the appointment of yr friend to a Consular Agency at Rodosto as the U.S. Govt has instructed us not to create any new Consular Agencies, & I have already

advised several applicants
to the same effect.

Mr Laskins
the new British Minister
at Athens is the son of an
American mother (Miss
Cadwallader of Philadelphia)
whom his father married
while British Minister in
the U.S. He is a gentleman
for whom I have the
highest respect. He is an
admirable business man,
always courteous; kind
hearted and amiable. He
committed the folly of
marrying a widow with
some 6 or 7 children without
fortune & he himself poor.

His wife is a Catholic I believe.
She is (entre nous) as keen
as a razor full of wit and
malice — not a perversely
minded woman, but one
fond of criticising & I may
say censuring all the world.
Her sharp wit takes off
the edge of what malice
there is in her nature. Every
body finding themselves
ridiculed by her, nobody
regards what she says as
anything but a play of
words. She is a very
interesting, witty & amusing
woman & in Athens where
so much Attic wit
abounds & such a love

of raillery prevails these
offensive points in her
character will not be
noticed. All that I repeat
is entre nous.

The Memorial
Church of which you speak
has not been commenced.
It has rested always a
l'etat de projet. I don't
think it is likely to be
began for years to come,
of the Architect you name
I know nothing. He must
have testimonials of professional
skill. I see you are approach-
ing troublesome times again in
Greece. What an unpardonable
people you are! A Senate
or something equivalent to

it is indispensable as a
counterpoise against the
Executive & the popular
power. Unless some such
body is created the new
Greek Constitution will be
a most disastrous failure
— all history ancient &
modern proves this.

I think we
are gradually approaching
peace in America. Lincoln's
re-election which seems
sure, will hasten it, by
showing the rebels that
no hope is left them.
With Mrs M's & my own
best regards to Mrs Hill I
am
Yrs very truly
Edw Morn

E. Mann

Mr. S. Ligation

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