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1864

My dear Dr. Hill

Supposing you
are curious to know how
far the news of a civil war
between the Herculopolites
and the Syriotes is true,
I write these few lines.

A young Syriote of the
Latin Church fell desperately
in love with a Haxiote
girl of the Greek Church.
The girls' parents not con-
sulting to see them mar-
ried, they effected an

elopement from the upper
town where they both live,
to this. The parents, however,
pursued them and caused
them to be arrested in
the Police Office, here,
with the assent of the
Procurer, a new match
was contrived between
the girl and a young
butcher of the Greek
Church. This was agreed
upon last Saturday, &
the following day the
wedding took place in
this town. Toward evening
the ill-assorted couple

accompanied by a good
number of young but-
chers left this town
to adjourn to the abode
of the girl's parents,
and on their way either
provoked or unprovoked
(which has not yet been
ascertained) the young
butchers hooted at the
young Syriote as they
were passing. To this
insult the Syriote & his
friends answered as men
hurt both in their self-
love & in their religious
feelings, for unfortunately

the wedding itself was
the result rather of prejudices
than of choice, and in
a twinkling the bridal
suite came to blows with
the friends of the bride-
groom's rival. Two of
the brinks were wounded
one with a stone and
the other with the dagger.
No more harm was done,
for the mayor of the
upper town came in time
to prevent his men from
going further; in so doing
however, he was struck
on the head by so heavy

for the occasion. It is
 only to be hoped that
 H. M. will stay at
 least two days in order
 that he may see our
 theatre and accept our
 Balls.

With regard to our
 political horizon, I
 have nothing new to
 say. Bulgaria is but
 in the eyes of the
 inhabitants of this place.
Deligrantzis last speech
 was a finisher against

Bulgaris's party with
which he is now un-
derstood. - But on the
other hand, those who
are not French in their
views, i.e. the great major-
ity of this place, who
are for "free candidature"
"secret elections", and
"limitation of voters"
without which we shall
always be either an-
archical or unhappy
think that Philimon
ought to ^{be} disqualified

from the Palace.
Soutzo's himself is
objectionable, as I al-
luded ^{some time ago} even to our
common friend Papa-
nissopoulos, but Phi-
linos is detested.

The position of Royalty
is as high as could
be; but you know
how fickle we Greeks
are. If the position
is unalterable, ^{and if C. Sponner's wants a Secretary} Phil^{et}on
ought to make room
to an Ionian who

will be the strongest
guards of such a
position.

As Manning will not
call at Lyra, according
to Spontis account, I
shall feel obliged to
you, if you be kind
enough to remember me
kind to him and ^{through}
him to Mrs Manning.

My best regards to
Mrs Hill,

Very truly yours

H. Cassimate