

Mifolonghi 30th April 1864

My dear M^r Hill

Both Manolate and myself have long been looking out for your promised letters that were to explain some reasons why you had not written longer letters, we hope however you are all well and all right.

As to us poor bodies we might almost as well be in Siberia as far as news are concerned, we hear you are doing strange things in the capital, but we are quite ignorant of all the ins and outs, all,

I can make out is that all parties
not only struggling to obtain the ascendancy
over one another but also that of being
superior to Court authority, which the
days of Otto had not prepared us for
as far as we can see, the Greeks
no means seem to understand the real
interest of the country in their petty
jealousies and squabbles, as to the
gratitude the English government
has long since given up any idea of
finding that in Greece, and from all
appearances the fanatic orthodox
feeling in the Ionian islands
will be another addition to the old
anti-English policy, if they will not
govern themselves properly they will
be the sufferers. Our Ionians.

generally, apart the idea of aggrandizement
of the Greek nation, are opposed to the war
as they now find out how much they
will lose, and they seem to fear the
consequences of being given over by a strong
government to a weak one, old fears
will bring out again. I have had
many applications to know if they could
become British subjects which is per-
haps the position of what they feel. The
Signori of Cephalonia seem to be
most, Keareno! a short time now
will settle the question.

Brigandage is still the order of the
day in Acarnania I am sorry to
hear which is our greatest drawback as
people are afraid to visit their
yards at any distance unless escorted
by

Black Mesolomph

by armed attendants.

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Are we to return to our old position of being in the minority (and in opposition) as most of the Athenian journals seem to give us to understand.

How long do you give the Balbi ministry? we all hope for a long life to it, as he is honest and patriotic, and is the pride of our poor town, but he must do away with the assembly by hook or by crook, which he will do I have no doubt, should you see him remember me kindly to him and now being at the end of my paper I must bid you adieu begging you to present our united best regards to Mrs Hill, Miss Bessie & all friends & remain

Yours truly

Wm. Black

I wrote the General on the 20th of March
I see in my letter to the General on the 20th
I pray with him 11?