



Missolonghi 2 July 1864.

My dear M<sup>r</sup>. Hill

Young Calliphoras having  
dropt, as it were, from the clouds  
on us for a day, I take this oppor-  
tunity of letting you know we  
are still in the land of the living  
and have not quite been struck  
dumb with having <sup>had</sup> the honor of an  
unexpected Royal visit, I refer  
you to Merlin to whom I wrote  
yesterday for what I had to say about  
Royalty &c. for your private infor-  
mation

information I will tell you that I had intended, from your hint, to give Count S. a wide berth, but it was hardly necessary as he did not receive any body here. His Majesty was very gracious and his right arm must have been tired I should think by the time he finished his day's work.

People remarked here that with the exception of his Aides de camp and the English & French Charges, the Suite seemed to be composed of small men no doubt great geni-  
uses in their way, viz French Admiral, Scarlato, Keppin, the Prussian Diplomat & captain and last not least Count Spouneck.

Admiral Melverton did not land,  
he was represented by Lt. de Prebeck  
as I understood from Capt Foley, but  
it was all hurry & hurry.

I am very anxious to see who will  
be elected in Ionian islands, here  
people seem to think the Moreots  
will join with the Promnelists  
against them, there is no love lost  
between them and evidently each  
party stands in awe of each other,  
from all we hear the Greek  
soldiers & Lantists are no great  
friends although the Authorities  
wish to conceal the fact, and make  
all appear *pe'di nai ja'da*.

Theagenes begs to be remembered & regrets the loss of M<sup>r</sup>. Scarlett and I although did not see him feel sorry at his departure.

What sort of a person is the new minister?

The weather is still delightfully cool, only Tuesday the day the king came was hot, and I caught a great head ache from being so long in the sun, today it is almost cold in the shade, it has been raining in the Adriatic gulf and we get the benefit of it, Young Calliphornas says he left Summer behind him in Athens.

Wonders never cease in Greece  
as

as you know, you have heard  
a great deal of the Agathangelistas, here  
Commissary Bourmas, brother in law  
to Mr. Schinas, kept the place in hot  
water with his partizans during several  
months and proclaimed Palamas  
as the future Emperor of the East  
whose successor was to be Siméon  
Bourmas his son, who was born on a  
certain day when an extraordinary  
sign appeared in the Heavens &c.

(all this was Extra Napisme of  
course, supported by money given  
by M<sup>r</sup>. Photini Mavromichali of  
Crimean notoriety) well to my story  
this poor child aged 5-6 years  
suddenly died at the moment of  
the

of the King's landing.

Sic transit gloria Bournae.

This & the King's visit will keep the Missolonghi world alive for the next week, His Majesty is supposed not to be greatly pleased with the people here as only the Nomarch & Mirarch were invited to the dejeuner.

I have now given you all my news although it amounts to very little so with love to you all and kind remembrance to our friends

I remain

yours truly

J. Black