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Missolonghi 23.rd Oct 1864.

I very fondly send me some regards from Nest.

My dear M^r Hill

Not having heard from you of late, I begin to fear the fall of the year, has done to you what it has done to old Balbi, that is, given you a return of the old complaint and laid you ^{up} by the heels, as an old pupil of our Gymnasium is going by this steamer to Athens to attend Lectures at the University and as he is to live in your neighbourhood, I scribble these few lines pour m'informez de votre santé.

We are all wandering here

here what you good people in
Athens, ^{are about} our mails are all overdue,
on account of the weather, but we
now and then receive news from
Patras giving us a portion of some
of their Telegrams, some of which
are not much to the liking of the
majority of our population, but there
is so much confusion in all we hear
that I can make nothing of it.

Some think the G. Gov.^t is going to
imitate Napoleon and Cossa, any
thing I say for a quiet life, but I
cannot understand such constitutional
movements without a large military
force.

Today we had a Te deum in
the principal church, in honor of
the Revolution of Oct 1862, but
such a poor concern I never
saw

saw, with the exception of the employes,
there was not a single respectable
member of the Missolonghi population,
there were so few I could easily count
all hands present; people here pretend
the Revolution broke out in Acarna-
nia on the 7th not 11th Oct 62 O.S.
thence arises the opposition to the
Athenian Gov^t and naturally all
those who like our friend's mandate
who suffered by the movement, did
not honor the Revolutionary Tides.

They are making a sad mess
of the Gymnasium at Patras, from
all I hear the whole of the Professors
ought to be dismissed, as they gave
a bad example in squabbling as
they did, there is a report that
Gov^t means to send them here
and send the Missolonghi ones to
Patras, I hope not as it would
not

suit my book just yet, until I
see what they mean to make of
the Missolonghi Vice Consulate, I do
not like to trouble Foreign Office
but I suppose they will not keep it
on much after the conclusion of the
Constitution and the division of the new
kingdom be made known, though it
may ever be an important political
post should any movement take place
which is not unlikely with the set we
have to do with.

Our ~~troubles~~ ^{troubles} begin on 17/29th and we
have a frightful long list of desperate
characters, every one of whom is accused
of not having only shot his man, but
two or three.

With love to all friends I remain

My dear M^r. Hill

Yours sincerely

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