

Athens 18 July 1867

Cyrus R. Edmunds Esq.
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Sir

It is with great satisfaction that I acknowledge the receipt of £100 st. through Mr Melas the Treasurer of the Anglo-Greek Committee in Athens for the purpose of giving employment to certain Female Refugees, and procuring implements of work and raw materials -

I am happy to be able to testify, by personal experience, not to their willingness only, but to their anxiety to be employed. The intercourse I have had with many of them during the past month, has given me a knowledge of their character

which has increased my sym-
pathy for their misfortunes,
and ^{also} excited my admiration
and astonishment, at the
manner in which they enter
into my plans, and the aid
they render me in the execu-
-tion of them. I commenced
my experiment last month
with two looms, and am indebted
to two young women for the
necessary direction how to pro-
ceed. It soon became evident
that they knew what they
were about, and displayed
an intelligence in their line,
equal to what might have
been ~~expected~~ ^{experienced} from others
who had enjoyed superior
advantages. I have found
them simple-minded and
honest in all their dealings,
overcoming difficulties, with
patience and good will; please
with the result of their labour
only modestly reserving to them.

seeks the satisfaction, of making
a comparison between the work
they had done in Crete, and
that in Athens, where the ne-
cessary materials are inferior.

In their estimation, nothing
can be compared to the cotton
and silk of Crete.

In answer to your suggestion
to have looms sent out from
England, I think it would
not be expedient, as it would
be attended with much greater
expense, and it is very doubtful
whether the Cretan operators, would
like, ^{them} or be able to handle them
as well as the simple machine
they have been accustomed to
work at. I find however that
all the necessary implements are
not to be procured here, but must
be brought from Constantinople,
and it will be necessary, perhaps,
to send a person there, for the
purpose of procuring them. There

now in use for the working of the
looms, mentioned in the former
part of my letter are lined.

I beg to express my grateful
obligations to the Gentlemen ~~of~~
of your Committee, ^{for their assistance} for their great
liberality in affording me, the
means for employing a num-
ber of Breton females, who
most pathetically declared ~~that~~
that they esteem the employ-
ment we are affording them
a greater blessing even, than
the supply of their bodily wants
as it relieved them from the
constant contemplation of
the calamities which have
overwhelmed them.

Believe me,
Most respectfully
Yours

Francis M. Hall