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Rev^d Sir,
Miss Wyse.

I undertake to fulfil my promise of explaining to you the sorrowful occurrence of last Thursday, but I doubt very much if I shall succeed in my purpose. - Twenty times over, at least, have I altered the plan of my epistle, and every time it seemed to me, incapable of comprising and arranging properly the matter: so thronged do the images of the Past rush to my mind; and so vehemently agitated am I still, with the unforeseen, and undeserved insult that was spirted at me, through a boy's mouth, by her whom I loved & respected most on Earth, at the very moment when I was studying how to refine to the uttermost degree

my resignation and my petition of being
permitted to practise my profession
as a barrister at Lyon. I should have
acted in the same way a year previously,
that is to say: more than four years ago,
when I was told that Miss Wyse was
offended at my having bowed to her, when
I met her out alone one day with Miss
Murray; but I thought they would rely
on my word of honor that such an atten-
tion, which I always used to the family
when I unwillingly happened to meet
them, would never recur. Besides which,
as the thing happened within sight of
the Mission, I thought I had been seen
by Mrs. Wyse, and that the remark came
only from her. I was extremely sorry, I
must confess, that it should be doubtful
to my eyes whether such a sign of diffidence

the delicacy of my feelings towards her!
And may the Almighty God, the Punisher
and Avenger of wrongers and wrongs, punish
me with all His wrath if one word of the
above assertion is untrue.

"E se or non piangi, a che pianger suoli?"
Ever since I discovered that Mr. & Mrs.
Hyse were diffident of me, I instantly resol-
ved to leave Athens. I requested three years
ago, to speak to Mr. Pillicas to transfer
me to Athens; and almost immediately
after I withdrew my request: you never
knew why: I shall tell you now: I re-
marked you laid a great stress on the
advent of Mr. Pillicas' nomination;
but this was not quite enough to rouse
my suspicion: - that same evening
Madame Kallizas told me that Mr.

Wyse insisted upon being assured that
the Court-Étiquette did not oblige ladies
to dance with every gentleman at the
Court-balls; - this was quite enough for
me: I connected the different data I had,
& drew the conclusion that what Madame
Halligas told me, as an argument relating
to her dispute with the Cavalry-Officer, evi-
dently was a sign of Mr. Wyse's distrust
of me. I instantly requested Mr. Halligas
to tell Mr. Pillicas I thanked him for
the promise he had given him, Mr. Papa-
riopoulos & me to transfer me to Athens,
and to insist upon my being transferred
to Syra as to a stepping-stone towards
my ultimate end - Emigration. Difficulties
were met with at Court; but I wrote a most
violent letter to Mr. Wincland from Napoli,
through Mr. Gallias, and repeatedly sent in

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should be attributed to Miss Wyse, or to her parents; but, in the uncertainty, my heart still cleaved to the past perhaps as fondly as ever, and my mind fully approved of my heart's perseverance. --

In the mean time, years rolled on, and with them the advents of this world rolled too, to teach those that can see, and wish to learn that "life is not an empty dream" and that while we are "up and doing with a heart for any fate" we should beware, that "things are not what they seem". Now, as I am certainly not a mole-eyed, I have been taught, by long experience, that a mass of my principles will never get on in Greece, where the bulk of the nation hates every thing English

as being in opposition to the Russo-Orthodox
ideas; where the learned men draw their in-
formation either from the nebulae of German
Visionariness; or from the Utopias of
French Voluptuousness; where foreign
Diplomatists, with very few exceptions,
inure us in the art of becoming corrupt
and unprincipled, as they themselves are,
by protecting those who either tolerate or
favor ephemerality, and who lose their
money at cards, or spend it in lustful orgies;
where our leading men depend not upon
their honesty and merit (of which both
they are totally deprived), but upon the
Favor of either of the Court, or of the Foreign
Diplomacy; where my profession, always the
first whenever and wheresoever civilization
did shed or actually sheds its blessings,

is trampled upon, by every other branch,
and interfered with by all profane hands,
it being itself nearly as profane as any other
branch. All these notions have I been taught,
and more than these, that I omit for the
sake of concision. No wonder, then, if after
such an experience and observation, and after
such sufferings, I should think still more
of the step of emigration, which I have
deferred taking merely on account of
the many debts I had to pay off, and
on account of my brother's death who would
have taken care of my poor father; but
which I am determined to take (under
God) as soon as those obstacles are removed,
and they are not far from it. - I have never
ceased, however, to bear in mind that I
had made promises to Miss Wye, and that

at least a unilateral obligation had been assumed by me. It is true that as often as I thought of my promises a doubt arose in me as to the use of them; but the uncertainty of the Future, both ~~with~~ regard to me, and with regard to Miss Wyse also, caused the objection to be refuted, and encouraged me to hope that things might yet take a happy turn. I never forgot, however, that Miss Wyse is bound to be a dutiful daughter and niece, and that my hopes were in conflict with her duty. I had, therefore, firmly made up my mind never to give her any cause of regret while I am in Greece, limiting myself to the intention of endeavoring to see her abroad when the time of my transmigration would come, and, after covering both her hands with heart-felt signs of the purest, deepest, &

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most unchangeable affection, and with bur-
gushing tears, I could on my knees crave
her pardon for the Past, and repeat my hum-
ble, but most sincere, offer as to the future in
the following tenor, which would also have
been the tenor of a letter to be addressed to
her, in case I should not succeed in meet-
ing her. "If you believe me to be the same
man who silently but most unequivocally
plighted his life-long faith to you, in the
temple of God, nearer to heaven than we
commonly are, and on a spot whence we
breathed the haunted air of Miltiades
and of the brave immortals who taught
the world to fight the battles of the True,
and whence we saw the whole extent of the
most classic ^{soil} on earth, - of yore the abode of
superhuman beings, - and now the shrine

Inmate, after having been pressed closer, and
closer in the folds therein, till she had
reached its very core, after having been fou-
dled with every sacrifice, with life itself,
which had almost descended in "the pale
realms of Death", has been given up,
and exists there no longer:—that inmate
has slighted and vilified every endearment
of my heart, and qualified its most
sacred and most earnest vows as insolent
and impudent. Love, though remitting
him who unbeloved still loves, ("Amor che
a null' amato amar perdona") would
not remit my loving her who abuses and
insults me. Let Miss Wye, then, know
that she is nothing to me now, or, to be
more candid, she will cease to be anything
to me before long. Now the heart mecha-
cally

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and unawares will feel for her more than
for you and Mrs. Will when the wind
howls and the billows roar while you are
in the frail skiff; but my mind will
comfort it by tearing the veil that disguises
a sad reality, and when the mourning
heart will see its lineaments, I am con-
vinced it will repeat with the Bard:

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"And the waters shall see thee, and fear
thee and flee thee." Insolent and im-
pudent indeed! Oh why live to hear
such poisonous words, and hear them
through a boy, whose instrumentality Miss
Wise thought most suitable, and called it
"a very good opportunity to tell Mr.
Cassimati what I think of him!"

Now, my Reverend Father, what is the use
of telling you that I am not to blame in

than of a Greek; I am looked upon with
diffidence by the Court, for every body knows
now at Athens that my not abusing Mr.
Wyse while I am not received ~~at~~ his house
is a clear sign that my affection either for
Miss Wyse or for the English in general
is not extinguished; I am pushed aside
by every one having a political character
for that Villain Boudouri & the vile
Tanariotes found it suitable to their pur-
poses to tell those that from time to time
came into power that I have incurred
Mr. Wyse's indignation &c; the English
that are in Greece are cold and reserved to
me; you yourself unawares treat me
differently than you did formerly; Now
the last and hardest blow is struck:
how very smart it is: whose blow is it?
It is Miss Wyse's! I could not have

this affair; that Robert Wilkinson told
me repeatedly, as he was passing by the
Sciote-Club's Terrace, where I was walking,
that I ought to go and see Miss Wye, and
quick too, for "n' Adel tu' to'zoe" "Si
zoe"; - "Oh Sop'a da' ¹¹24 i' W. Kavoqua
Sas;" that I called young Khalli; who
was sitting in the Club, and, repeating what
his uncle had told me, requested him to
try and find out in the cleverest way pos-
sible, and without compromising me in
the least if such a visit was expected;
that repeatedly I requested him not to
compromise me, leaving the thing (as I
told him) to his better taste, and fancying
that the utmost he would have done was
to ask his mother, ^{privately} if what his uncle said
was true, and if true, to ask her in the

presence of Miss Wyse if she (Madame
Khalli) could accept my visit with Miss
Wyse as a guest; and that when I was seen
by Mr. Wilkinson I was in the greatest
state of agitation, for young Khalli had
already told me that Miss Wyse had
been crying the whole morning? What
is the use of telling you all this, and
much more than this that I am compel-
led to omit? Is it not clear that Miss
Wyse came to Syria on purpose to bring
about such a result? If my conjecture
were unfounded she would have told
young Khalli simply that she could
not receive me, we no longer being on
visiting terms, without taking to the
offensive with every body else here, but you,
against me. I am accused by the mass
of the Greeks of being more of an Englishman

57 hurt her if the whole world blamed
her! But I am swearing from my
end, which is not to complain for hav-
ing been ill-treated, but to request you
to let Mr. & Miss Wye know that
in consequence of such an ill-treatment
they may be sure that henceforth they
have nothing to fear, and nothing to hope
from me, as I am too much offended
to be their friend, and too proud to think
of revenge, ~~more~~ if they condescend to
fancy that such an infinitesimal being
as a Greek must seem to them can
do them any harm. My next request
is that you will kindly tell Miss Wye
that I assure her on my most sacred word
of honor that I never sent any messages
to her; that you and another person

unknown to you, but quite as respect-
able and safe as you, are the only ones
to whom I opened my lips upon the sub-
ject. If she alludes to you & to the other
person - you had no message from me
to Miss Wyse. Besides which, if Miss
Wyse blames me for having spoken to
you while laboring under such an affliction
which her own sake stopped from being
fatal, I really am unable to define
such a blame. It is your part to say
if it be just or unjust, by declaring, on
your honor, if you noticed in my whole
behavior any thing tending to expose Miss
Wyse's name. My last request is that
you will be kind enough to ask Mr. or
Miss Wyse to give you ~~the~~ letters addressed
to Mr. & Mrs. & Miss Wyse. It is

but fair that I should be deemed in
the right of claiming their restitution
after having been abused for having written
them! They may have been destroyed
that I can easily conceive; but in that
case their assertion will be quite enough
for me. This is my last request on such
a painful subject. Will you deny me
the greatest of favors - your complying with
it? Six years ago you felt for ^{me} and you
aided though unsuccessfully; - ever since
then I never molested you again until
now - On the contrary I have been endea-
voring to show how very grateful I felt
for your kindness; Will you not, then,
grant your last aid? Now it is an easy one -
Mr. & Miss W. will be delighted to hear
that they will be rid of my so called persecutions;
they will, therefore, listen to my explanation

which I hope will convince you at least that
I am neither an adventurer nor an intruder.

Such a request could only be entrusted to you
who, both as a Minister of God, and as a mem-
ber of such a community, as the American
community is, are called upon to assist the
feeble and the wronged. I don't ask impossi-
bilities. I only ask the explanation of this
most painful & very protracted dream,
and my letters, that I may consign them
to the flames to bury there both my love
and my affliction, which, ^{has} almost over-
whelmed me since last Thursday.

Pardon me, Reverend Sir, for disturbing
you as I do; but I know you do not deny
to any one the value of your consolation,
nor will you deny it to

your devoted Servant & Friend
H. Cassinatti

Pray offer my
best regards to Mrs. Hill.