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My dear Sir,

Both your esteemed favors of the 22^d: Ult^o: only reached me on Friday last, the Steamer was more than two whole days behind her time, which did not allow me to answer them by the Friday boat. Your remittance of \$500. - at 21 days sight on F. Sculici was handed immediately over to Ravasini. - I am very sorry for your Friend that his Piano will cost him \$25. - more than your's but that is neither my fault nor Ravasini's. I hope and am almost sure that he will be very much satisfied with the instrument.

My wife is very much obliged to you for your kind wishes for the little boy and ^{she} begs me to be very particularly remembered to you and your good lady to whom I beg leave to present



my best respects —

If Mr Hayfkins leaving Athens for England for good, does he intend to return? Please to ask him this in my name for if his place was vacant I would solicit for it and if M^r. Hayfkins would do me the favor to recommend me at the Hague for his successor, he would oblige me very much, I believe the place of Consul at Athens is paid with 4000. Dutch Currency. — Excuse my dear Sir the trouble I give you, by asking you to inquire for me all these particulars I reckon upon your friendship; you must know that my position has very much changed since I had the pleasure of seeing you here, Peace has almost returned and so I am trying to get either to the left or to the right some employment in order to be able to support honorably myself and my small family. — Without my wife I would have lost my head but with

her religious principles, she has given me strength to bear this heavy trial with patience, and to trust in Him who does every thing for our best. - In every case I must leave this place, which has become insupportable, I do not believe that one finds twelve honest men in this den of thieves. - By what preceds you will see that I have been taken in and cheated on a most horrid way.

But enough on this subject, my wife's family is quite well, and begs me to remember them all very kindly to you and to your Lady. - It may be that Mr and Mrs Wood will accompany Mrs. Montbray to Constantinople either the next month or in May.

Hoping soon to hear from you I remain with due regard,

My dear Sir

Your mo. obed^t servant
and friend
H. S. Southwell.