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Rev. J. N. Hill.

My Dear Sir:

I am much obliged to you for your very interesting & instructive letter touching the late Revolution in Greece. It was expected here for some time past. The Turkish govt has no fear of it except in the apprehension that the more ardent Hellenes under the inspiration of Russia may seek the conquest of Thessaly &c &c.

Of course any such movement  
would occasion another  
Oriental affair, if England  
should persist in her present  
determination of upholding  
the integrity of the Turkish  
Empire. We are entirely  
at a loss to divine who  
will be the next King of  
Greece. Prince Alfred is  
of course altogether inadmiss-  
ible. The Italian Prince  
Amodee whom I met  
when here seems to me entirely  
too young and weak for  
such a post. His brother  
has considerable force of  
mind & character, but  
Amodee struck me as

altogether wanting in the  
qualities which Greece requires  
in a king. These boy sovereigns  
of dissolute & idle habits  
are not the men to represent  
Greece. If the Greeks could  
bear the rule of a Greek &  
Epistauri is a man of proper  
force why not take him?

Mrs M & I should  
be delighted to pay you & Mrs  
Nell a visit, but I cannot  
leave my post this winter.

I have suggested to the  
Gov<sup>ts</sup> that if they desire  
a special recognition of  
the new sovereign of Greece  
I should be happy to  
act in its behalf on the  
mere payment of my

personal expenses. I think  
if you would urge Seward  
to credit this mission to  
Greece also as other Legations  
here are, it might bring  
the matter more forcibly to  
his mind. I can now talk  
Turkish quite well, & Greek  
not indifferently. I regret  
we cannot have the  
pleasure of entertaining you  
& Mrs Hill at our  
Constantinople home. We  
should be delighted beyond  
measure if you would give  
us an opportunity of reciprocating  
your charming & generous  
hospitality. With Mrs Morn's  
& my own ~~resistant~~ love to Mrs  
Hill I am July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1840  
Yrs  
& J. Morn's  
Our little girl talks nothing but Greek,  
so she would be at home in Athens.