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My dear J. Hill,

I shall feel very
happy to be of use or
service to you on every
occasion - you may, there-
fore, command me freely.

M^r. Lencoropoulos'
motion is still pending.

He, as well as many others,
insists, and I find he
is right, for after all
the intention does not
go so far as to make
insulting allusions

to our enemies. We
only wish to thank those
who in such most critic-
al moments have ex-
pressed themselves in
favor of our nation -
What harm is there
in such a manifestation?
If the French and the
Russians wish to have
our thanks, not in an
official way, let them
do for us what the
English Philhellens
have done. Their Govern-

ments have been thank-
ed officially by the
H. Assembly. But
their statements have
no claim to our grati-
tude, as none of them
have imitated the ex-
ample of Lord Palmerston,
Earl Russell & Mr.
Gladstone. Nor have their
Diplomats behaved
as Mr. Elliot & Mr.
Scarlett.

I was very much

gratified in reading
that part of your letter
which gives me the news
of Sorina's betrothal.
She deserved the best hus-
band, she being "ovoga"
"trappan".

I feel flattered not a
little for the good opinion
you have of Sorina's
Judges. Poor Bulgarians
was a fair specimen
of Sorian honesty &
not of jurisprudential
knowledge. His successor
will be Paspachrestov

a man not at all in-
ferior to Bulgaris in
point of honesty, and
far superior to him
in point of diligence
and letters - Perhaps
he lacks his prede-
cessor's accuracy;
but you must not ex-
pect to find every good
quality in the present
generation of our nation.
Should your allusion
about Bulgaris' suc-
cessor mean me,

I must doubly feel
flattered for such a
compliment, although
I could never consent to
accept an appoint-
ment which came from
so intimate a friend
as Hallifax. If King
George wishes to form
a more and dignified
magistrature, I shall
deem it my duty to
offer my services, although
no salary can compensate
the profit of a lawyer

of great practice;
but so long as public
places are held by the
worst set of people, I
will endeavor to find
the post of honor in
my private station.

I must, nevertheless,
thank you for ~~intending~~
intending to cooperate for
the success of my appli-
cation, if I consented
to bring one forth.

Mr. Peapack does very
well; he called on me
yesterday, which gave me

an opportunity to show
him where the shoals lie.
The national-guard are
still quarrelling, and things
might become worse.

I gave Thayer an advis-
ing how to settle the
matter, and I was glad
to hear this morning
that ~~everything~~ is well.

It is his best policy is
to repeat constantly that
if they do not want him
he will voluntarily be off.

We spoke of you and of General
Church. Stone, he considers his
best friend. My best regards
to Mr. Will. Very sincerely Yours
W. Massinatti