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My dear Mr. Peck

I am emboldened to write to you on a matter which may give you some little trouble, because I know you delight in rendering any service in your power. - You must know then that I have just learnt very contradictory and unfavourable accounts regarding the proceedings at Athens on the Library business; & I have determined to apply to you for information, as in your alone, I can place implicit confidence. -

You are aware that my object is to obtain the least of a monopoly of the Library business in Greece for a number of years; - which Mr. Logolegus, is endeavouring to establish his right to work business at Travass, which he has purchased from some proprietors of land there. - His success would deprive the Gov<sup>ts</sup> of the means of granting a monopoly. - Mr. Christides has constructively declared that Logolegus has no chance of obtaining what he is seeking; & I was informed that in the

debate in the Senate, - The Minister of Finance  
declared "that Loge's claim was based  
on the law." - Mr. Loge now writes  
to his friends here - "Athens 7<sup>th</sup> April. -"  
"On coming here" (from Kansas) "Mr. W. W. W. told me  
"that when the bill for the basis of the law was  
"passed, he made a protest to the Gov. in order  
"that my claim should not be injured by the  
"law that the Gov. intended to make. - The answer  
"was that, nothing would be done by the Gov. which  
"might do any harm to my claim, & the later bills  
"which will have any effect on such claims, as the  
"Minister of Finance has declared before the  
"Senate. - Mr. W. W. W. asked me also to make him a  
"report of all the proceedings at Kansas, & of the  
"Acts of the Agents of the Gov. there, as he intended  
"to make a protest in order to safeguard my  
"rights, should the Court of appeal base its sentence  
"on such evidence, considered by Mr. W. W. W. illegal,  
"being the result of the threats & other illegalities

"of the Agents of Gov." This proves the intention  
"of Mr. Wynn to interfere in our behalf in case that  
"the sentence is against us. - But should we then  
"not come to this as it will be in our favor, if we  
"don't make an arrangement with the Gov. - The  
"Lawyer of the Gov. which was Mr. Harrow has  
"spoken to Mr. Christides & advised him to settle  
"the business. - He ~~then~~ (Christides I presume) told  
"him he will submit any former offer to the  
"Joint Municipal Council & then settle the  
"business. - I have sent last week to Mr. Wynn the  
"business that he asked me. - My Agent

at Athens, a Mr. Despedes has never ceased to treat  
Mr. Logothetos' pictures as absurd & un-  
concerned by the Gov. I shall have the least, & that  
Logothetos' claim cannot possibly hinder its  
making a monopoly. - I have no reason to doubt  
that Mr. Despedes reports to me what he believes  
to be true; but he may be led, I think, to mediate  
Mr. Logothetos' chances of success. - Mr. Logothetos to  
I must tell you

is very apt to run away with illusions. - Pray Mr. G.,  
therefore, be so kind as to endeavor to ascertain, as you have  
access to every body, the real state of things, & in doing so  
not to appear the getting information for us, for otherwise  
you may find it difficult to arrive at the truth. - My  
impression is, that for a long time is well founded,



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but that the Gov. will do in their power to set it aside, so  
that it may not effect a monopoly, which only can suit them  
& my object is to ascertain whether they will succeed, & if  
possible on what grounds. - You will, therefore, oblige  
me, & render me a great service, by obtaining for me  
all the information you can collect, - & the sooner the  
better. - You may too I am sure you rely upon my  
description. - Believe me to be  
My dear Mr. P. H.  
yours very sincerely  
R. D. Abbott