

Naples or rather
Sorrento, August 22/50

My dear Sir

Your very interesting
letter of the 14th ult & its predecessor
were duly recd. I regret to hear
of the very partial course Mr
Marsh has taken in the investigation
of Mr King's case. I regret it
as much for his own sake as for
the unnecessary difficulties that
will consequently be created
between the two countries. Unless
I am much mistaken in my
view of this question, it cannot
stand the test of candid scrutiny
by the disinterested & responsible
Executive officers of the American
government. We have it in
our power to menace the Greek
govt but an unjust display
of intimidating strength will

only redound to our discredit.
Mr Marsh I know well
from an association of two
years in the 28th Congress. He is
naturally a very quiet, retiring
person & in Congress was as
generally incommunicative as
he appears to be at Athens. He is
however a very honorable and
kind hearted man & through
the latter trait & its accompanying
credulity he may have been
prejudiced against you by
Mr King. A free conversation
on your part with him would
be a really a favor to him
which I am sure he would
subsequently have reason to
thank you for. As in truth you
by the communication addressed
to Mr Webster have provoked

the pending investigation, it strikes me in some degree as a duty you owe to yourself to seek an interview by special request with Mr Marsh that he may be possessed of all the facts at issue with their respective value. Had you not have interfered in the affair at all you might be indifferent to Mr Marsh's opinions on the subject. But as you have taken such an active & leading part, it appears to me the better to overlook every other consideration & to present yr views to him. You may thus have it in your power to avert much mischief. Certainly Mr Marsh cannot refuse you a private interview on this subject. The purpose of his visit to Athens is universally known

You & every other American have
a right to commune with him
on a topic of which as local
residents you are so thoroughly
informed. It is a great pity that
some fair circumstantial
report of the whole case has not
been furnished to the American
papers as a contrast with the
discolored statements of Mr King.
I regret to say that I have not
the no. of the Tribune containing
Mr King's account of his
prison sufferings. I lent it to Mrs
Magruder of Baltimore who never
returned it. It was copied I think
from the N. Y. Evangelist.

We are passing
the summer at Sorrento one of the
loveliest spots of this beautiful
region. The weather as I have always
found it in the summer months
is very agreeable from the steady

blow of northerly winds. Our Villa
is upon the edge of the cliffs which
overhang the shore beneath. They
rise precipitately to a height of some
three or four hundred feet. We
descend to the beach by a gallery
hewn out of the Tufa rock, where we
have delicious bathing. The whole
Bay of Naples expands before our
eyes, with - Vesuvius & its smoking
Cone directly in view. The surrou-
nding mountains, to which easy
access is had by the accomoda-
ting donkey, afford magnificent
prospects of the two gulfs of
Naples & Salerno displayed at
the same moment.

The heavy
French Squadron arrived at
Naples a week since & is now
lying there. The object of their
visit is pacific I suppose but
King Ferdinand always has a

new and suspicious of the Tricolor
& its displays in his harbors.

Capt. Stingham has not yet
returned. I suppose he will
bring over Consul Minthorn
from Malta ~~for~~ whom I
have obtained the required
permission to visit Naples.

On the 15th ult. all
Naples was in commotion
in consequence of the celebration
of the opening of the Dry Dock
in the naval port. An electric
telegraph has also been opened
from Naples to Gaeta & Foot
paths are being laid down in
the parallel streets of the Toledo
& Monteliveto, so you see that
the spirit of the age has at last
penetrated into this long benighted
kingdom. It is to be regretted that

The King has not Christian
humanity enough to liberate Paerio
& his unjustly condemned fellow
sufferers in the cells of Monte Fusco.

We shall always remember
with pleasing emotions our
brief acquaintance with Mr Wise
& the estimable ladies of his family.
I only wish he were at Naples
instead of at Athens. Sir Wm Temple
here is a very amiable person but
a perfect negative in intellectual
& social qualities. Be kind enough
to present to them our kindest
respects. Mrs M cannot never
send so much love to Mrs Hill,
whose kindness & protection have made
a deep impression on her heart. Remember
us to Miss B & Elizabeth & accept
our warmest mutual regards.

Very Truly Yrs

Rev J. Edward Joy Morris
Rev J. H. Hill

P. S. I was much pleased with
the little Philocourse I had with
your friend Sabner on the boat from
Cape Breton but my American
friends enjoyed so much of my
time that I could not converse
with him so much as I desired.

N. B. I am curious to know
if the white-bayou suffered
from the voyage & if on returning
you found it in good condition