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From my dear Mother with compliments
to the Ladies.

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Reverend John H. Hill

~~son of Mrs W. Winthrop, Athens~~

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Rev. & Dear Sir,

I rec^d your Letter soon after my arrival in this country; and felt truly distressed that you did not receive the money due on my humble effects, by Mr. Hackett. I am very sorry; for I consider that you had much care & trouble for me during my sojourn & in my journey at the Levant. At least you ought to have the sum you kindly loaned for my necessities, but Alas! Rev Sir, it is not at present in my power, to pay the twenty three dollars you mention. My return voyage involved my humble means three months advance of Aug¹² - the day I landed at N^Y - there is nothing coming to me until Dec¹². Youth I addressed a Letter to the Rev^d Dr. Syng, on the subject of my necessary wants; & of you, Rev Sir I must by the favour, that you will address a Letter to Mrs Oct Firm, Lady of ~~the~~ the H B M Council at Jerusalem, saying, that I earnestly petition her, to settle with you for my things left in her & Miss

Cooper's care, to be sold, & their
avails to be forwarded to the order
of the Rev & H Will of Athens Greece.
I sh^d be very much comforted to hear
that this object was realized by you;
& likewise hope to feel very thankful
to those Ladies for their labours &
love for me. Several thousands of
miles now separate us, & by small
particles of that ever increasing ele-
ment, that compose the Great Sea
& the humble Atlantic Ocean - so
we cannot hear from each other
very often; & after six months (if
my mortal life sh^d be so prolonged)
I expect to be distanced from the
Levant, about 2000 miles more -
At the Sea Work, all that I can
realize will be a thought more &
than - a whole some wish - a humble
prayer - to look up to them who
seeth my absent friends, & knoweth
them & me altogether. Suffer me now
to say, that sh^d you hear from Mrs S. in
I shall consider it the greatest favour you
have ever vouchsafed to me, if you will
write, & let me know how our lawful
matter stands that I may be ever what

To be thankful for; & what to do. If my
honorable debt to you sh^d not be liquid-
ated by my goods at Jerusalem, I shall
feel it my duty to write to Dr. Syng,
saying that a foreign Missionary must
not be robbed by H.R.; & ask him to help
my endeavours - After Dec. I can try
to save from twenty, three dollars per
month for you, but now I can do no
more than to hope & hold on by my
goods at Jerusalem - I confess I
am disappointed. I thought Mr. Sim-
on^d send you the money by Mr. H.
I suppose Mrs. Simson & Miss Cooper
find it difficult to get the paper
the articles. It is astonishing to what
an extent has run the love of money,
wh^{ch} Paul said "is the root of all evil"
Alas! in the pulpit - at the altar -
in the pew - in the aisle; &
on the threshold, it is deep on the
soul - Money is the Potentate of
Apostacy - Great God of Heaven
& earth, no marvel that these eyes
are against their edge; for thy beloved
son abhorred covetous professors;
& He s^d - "How hardly shall they that
have riches, enter into the Kingdom of God!"

To render them, & my Letter to Mrs Hill as
little expence as possible to you, I shall
enclose them to the care of our Consul at
Malta; & my Letter to him to S^r H Spens
at London - thus, by Mail & Steamer, he
giving trouble to a few periers I may get
a Letter to y^e hand - A troublesome Pilgrim
in a wicked world, am I, as tired of
it, as its more prosperous inhabitants
can be of me - It is time for me to
conclude, which I cannot do without
saying, that in the midst of all the
darkness hanging over & about my
path to the grave, I still see a
glimmer of the Morning Star, Bright
for Eternity; & but for this, my soul
w^d sink into despair - It is painful
to a sensitive mind, to outlive the
day of activity - God know best -

Commend me to Him when you
pray; & suffer my entreaty that
you obey the Command Pray
always.

I am Rev^d Sir, your

Dear Sister, your

J. L. Levenson