



Dec. 29th 1850
Mrs. J. W. Hill



Rev. J. W. Hill
Athens

Greece

may be glad to receive as a reply.
great pleasure, indeed, to see Mrs. Hill yourself, as
many of yours as may be, in the Post Office, and I am
very sorry our roof has slipped away from over us
so that we cannot see you a corner. I have seen Judge Bonetta
twice. What a fine, gentlemanly, handsome man! He has
given in kindest salutations to all.
Constantinople July 25 1853

My dear Sir

Many thanks for your

friendly note of July 13, which I received
by due course of mail. I beg you to
make my sincere acknowledgments to
Caleb Churnow for his volumes, the
subjects of which interest me, and
which I shall read with much
pleasure.

We had a pleasant, but
not quick passage to Constantinople,
where we found every thing altogether
quiet. I have known the city more
so. All the Athenian tales of
Greekish violence are false, and I
hear of no outrages, except such as
are committed by Russo-Greeks.
Three of these wretches were caught
in Stamboul the other day. Do-

quised as Universalists, and insulting
Christians, with the laudable purpose
of exciting a riot. They were probably
disposed of à la Europe de l'ancien régime.

We have no political news of a reliable
character. I shall believe in war

when I see it, and not before. I am

strongly sick of the timid policy of
England & France, & if I were to judge

from what I heard last winter -

Russia, I should think the former

power was fast losing her self-reliance

and self-respect, as she has already

lost the commanding position she had

so long enjoyed with reference to the

continent. A few more Malms-

burya and Aberdeens, and England

will be as little feared & respected

as Polish niches and Pio Bonoi

Napoleon des Antilles, & Austin I.

The Guyana affair is a good

deal distorted in the Green papers, but

I am glad at least to see the spirit of

the Ashens, which is a very respectable

journal. The facts in two words are these.

Massachusetts took part in the Hung. insurrection of 1848
9. Crossed the Turkish frontier near Brumath,
accompanied him to Rutenia, was expelled from
Gulberg, with many others, at the request of Austria
in 1850, & carried to England in a Turkish frigate,
has been declared banished & repatriated by
Austria, went to the U.S. in 1851 & 1852, de-
clared in court, in due form, his intention of
renouncing allegiance to Austria, & becoming
a citizen of the U.S. remained two years
in America, returned to Europe, as strictly
private business, was recognized by both the
consulate at S. & the Legation here as an Am-
erican protégé, & received from both *lettres*,
describing him as an Am. citizen.

His seizure was illegal, having
been made by brute force, without a warrant,
by ^{such} ruffians hired by Nechubcher, & after the
Pacha had refused his consent. The
Legation here advised Capt. English to
interfere, which he did, giving a few hours
for ^{his} release, & threatening to take him
by force. Upon this, the two consuls
agreed to lodge him in the custody of the
French consulate, who is not to detain
him without the consent of both, and
so the matter stands.
On arriving here, we found our
house sold, and are now at a hotel at
Therapia, where we shall remain until S.

return to Adkins. When that will be, I am
uncertain, but probably in a few weeks, ~~fully~~
probably in a few days, and I hope your Greek
friend will by that time be wise enough to
save themselves not a Paulus - but a Vespier-
affair, which they well deserve, and which
they are in a very fair way of getting.

I don't quite agree with Mr. Morris,
in his censure of the Commodore. With the
force he has, he has done the best he could,
but we need a much larger squadron in
these seas.

What a funny and absurdly
affair that is of poor Lord's ancient Council
General Jones. Three score & a halvers dozen
appointed, named, & recalled - a senate
abolished so well a day!

I wish General
Church was here to see British engineering.
If he were a Yankee, he would exclaim,
Well, I never!

I am afraid some of our
advisers are English, who do not speak
better for their military skill than for the
present foreign policy of that mighty nation.

But the General will be too late. Russia
will have bullied England, France, & Prussia
into virtual submission, under some poor
salvo for their wounded honor, in a week
or so.

Most people here believe those powers
have knocked head already. After peace,
comes war. The return of the redifs will ex-
pose the capital to fearful commotions, & we