

Foreign Mission Rooms

Bible House

New York March 28. 1854

Rev John A. Hill Esq

Athens. Greece

Rev & Dear Brother.

I beg hereby to authorize you to draw at usual sight on Messrs Parry, Brothers & Co. London, for £ 223. 6. 5. S^{ts}. Say Two hundred, twenty three pounds, six shillings & five pence sterling, investment of \$ 1078.¹⁴

viz: 2 q^{rs}. approp. April - June 54 - 825. "

Approp. from American Tract Soc^y.

to be expended in publications in Modern Greek.

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Rep. of J. A. Hill Esq. of D. Appleton & Co.

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I have the pleasure of acknowledging receipt of your several favors of ~~the~~ 28th & 29th Jan^y, and 23rd Feb. also Miss Baldwin's of 29 Jan^y: the first giving me of examinations to which I have gladly availed myself of for Sp. Missions: the second (as also) Miss Baldwin's in relation to supposed action of the Com^{tee}. with regard to your mission: & the last act. let. of 1st quarter remittance for this year.

When the second came to hand, I hap-
pened to open Miss Baldwin's first, and
I actually read it through without having
the least clue to the cause of the urgent
remonstrance, nor was it until in the
course of your own letter of similar purport
I found a reference to a report of the Com-
mittee of the Board of Missions, that I could
begin to fathom it. I heard that report
read & I suppose of course must have listened
to the paragraph of which you speak, yet of so
little moment did I think it, that I never
gave it even a passing consideration, nor
was it ever alluded to at any meeting of
the Foreign Committee. I think I have sufficiently
explained to you the views of the Committee,
to let you at least on this point. They do not
desire to enlarge their operations at Athens,
nor to increase their expenditure there, but
they do mean, if it please God, to sustain your
mission on its present footing & rate of ap-
propriation so long as the good providence of
God shall enable you to continue in charge. They
do this because they believe that your work has
been a good one, & blessed of God to the salvation
of souls. At the same time, a variety of consid-
erations have long since led them to the con-
clusion, that when your supervision shall cease,

it will be expedient to close the Station.

On this ground it is that they have so repeatedly & pressing used you to take measures for the final disposal of their real estate at Athens. Some of it is now occupied by your establishment, the amt. of rent we get from it is inconsiderable, and tho' I am not authorized to speak, yet I think that the Com. would rather pay you rent, than that this should stand in the way of a sale. Unless such disposal is made during your life, they consider that the whole property will be forever lost to the Church.

I do not publish any portion of this letter of yours, as it is founded upon a misapprehension, & contains matters which tender publication inexpedient. I only mention one instance. You speak of the appropriation of \$3300. as being only about what individual clergymen receive in about third rate cities here. You never see more mistakes. I suppose that there are not ten clergymen in the U.S. who receive as much - not half that number who receive more - while the great body of men occupying the city parishes of high respectability not only in third class, but second & even first class towns do not get as much by from 25 to 33 1/3 per cent. While I suppose \$3300 at Athens may at the present time be considered as fully equal to \$5000 in N.Y. and the

Salaries of Greek teachers generally low.

I have mailed regularly for a year past
the Spirit of Missions by Mutman Closed
Mail. I have done this myself - so that
if you have failed to receive the num-
ber, I know that the fault is not in
this office.

With regards to the Miss. & Miss. Bulletin

I am very truly yours

P. P. Irving
New York

Rec'd April 25, 1852

Rev. P. P. Irving
New York