

Red on 26/6/54 in 11/11/54

Foxholes nr. Lancaster

20<sup>th</sup> Dec 1854.

My Dear Mr. Hill,

Yesterday your letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> inst. came to hand, and I hope it is not necessary to say, how very much I regretted to hear of the serious illness you had undergone, but thanks to the almighty, you were at the time of writing, on the road to convalescence, and I must sincerely trust, ere this, you will have gained strength, and daily recover from its effects, so as very shortly to be again in your accustomed good health - Your letter informed me of the sale of my house, and although the price is very low, I feel thoroughly convinced, you did your best under all circumstances, for that unlucky Country (Greece) appears to be doomed to misfortune - the enclosure in £300 on a/c, was sent up for acceptance -

You mention about a mortgage being on the books, but this was only a proforma affair, having to furnish the Govt. with a

2<sup>d</sup> Mortgage for a certain amount, I put in the name of my Smyrna house, (which was only myself, under the firm of W. Talbot Rothwell & Co) a first mortgage on my house for Dr 15000, and gave a second mortgage on same to the Gov<sup>t</sup> - which 2<sup>d</sup> mortgage when run out, I myself cancelled, and as the first only belonged to myself, I did not think it necessary, to cancel that, as on my selling the house, it would in reality cancel it, however I made an authority in Smyrna signed by the Greek Consul to enable me to do so in case of need, and I enclose it for you, so with the power of attorney you hold, you can cancel that mortgage, and thus complete the Sale -

Next post you have promised me further details, and I hope your strength, and returning health, will allow you to do so, at same <sup>time</sup> or very shortly after, to give me an account of the tenants, whether they have paid their rents, or what arrangements you have made, for all must pay every Drachm they owe, and that without

loss of time - Allow me to thank you  
for the attention you have devoted to my  
interest, and to wish you and Mrs. Hill  
the compliments of the approaching sea-  
-son, and a very happy new year, and  
with God's blessing a many returns,  
in which Mrs. Rothwell heartily joins -  
With every good wish,

I remain,

Yours most Sincerely

W. Albot Rothwell  
J.

P.S. There has been an alteration in the  
delivery of letters, so that in future you will  
please direct W. Lancaster, instead of W.  
Garstang - W. R.