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My dear Sir

The continued del<sup>icate</sup> <sup>health</sup> of  
 my children, has determined me  
 to endeavour to procure a  
 Governants for them. As I know  
 no Law, here, I take the advice  
 of several of my friends and write  
 to you to ask you if you know any  
 person in Athens who would make  
 a good Governants. I prefer a  
 French Italian or Greek Country,  
 who speaks some or enough

English to teach children who  
speak nothing but English.  
As I shall treat the Lady as one  
of my family, I desire to get one  
who has been well bred and whose  
appearance is that of a Lady. I  
wish her to take entire charge  
of the children and act towards  
them as a mother. Her religion  
is a matter of indifference to me.  
If you know such a person, will  
you inform me by letter, also let  
me know the terms &c.  
I hope you will excuse my thus  
troubling you, but your acknowledged  
character for kindness to your  
countrymen, who visit others,

induces me to trespass upon it.  
I have only to tell you that in case  
I can receive you, it will give  
me great pleasure to do so -  
Should you visit Constantinople there  
is always a room for you at my  
house -

Yours very respectfully  
Charles Spence

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Constantinople  
12 Feb. 1855

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