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Athens, Feb. 1. 1803.

Dear Skaton

The result of my observations, & the amount of my Communications from this last spot of the Turkish Territories which I probably shall touch, are neither ~~valuable~~ nor tedious -

In Publick matters, I believe I have only to recommend your appointing some agent, at Mytilene - I understand the port of that island is convenient & frequently visited by our Ships - and from one advantage, in particular, that very few other places furnish timber, of which our vessels are occasionally in want -

In private Affairs, I have to recommend my Athenian pursuits - The French have begun to hold a high language - and as, I have always some objects of acquisition and Lussier now commences his drawings, which have hitherto been constantly interrupted by the other operations, tranquillity & protection become indispensable to him - I believe all has been prepared, that can be done - Still I urge much and you would occasionally allow & direct Pirani; to refresh the memory of the Ministers at

at the Porte, who by a letter, now & then, to the Magistrate,
can easily effectuate my purpose -

M. Stalinski was perfectly polite about
my pursuits & desires - I will oblige me, by
expressing my thanks for it - and requesting him
to give directions to M. Puzosi, Russian Vice-
-Consul here: who, when he knows M. Stalinski's
mind, will take pains to show that Luscien,
is in estimation there - I only mean, directions
to that effect; not a patent, or any formal
act - M. Puzosi, is, I believe, now at Pera.

I subjoin a mem. containing a few ideas,
which I beg to recommend to you -

We were detained one day at the
Dardanelles, from a desire to aid an Imperial
Ship, on shore there - but we, after all, did not
approach sufficiently, & sailed from thence, on
Wed. morn. - In our attempt on Friday to enter
the Gulf of Athens, one of the most violent
hurricanes ever known here, drove us for shelter,
between Hydra & the Main, where we had much
difficulty in halting. ~~and~~ ~~through~~ on

Saturday Evng, ended on our thinking ourselves most
fortunate, in reaching Milo, in a violent & sudden
gale, & thick fog. - On Tuesday however we
arrived here. - I have been closing my matters,
in so far as to take away all but Luscien -
we embark with without delay. - and hope to
make one more trial for my poor mentor, at
Cenjo. - Disappointments prevented Cap. Pindar
doing what he still thinks he wd. have executed.
Hamilton is gone to Lantz, & from thence, I fancy, to Hel.

Adieu, Dear Father. May every good
thing attend you. I believe me ever,

Most sincerely yours

J. W. M.

If this letter reaches you in any time, I wd. beg
you to send any letters there may be for us,
to Florence, ~~post restante~~ to Vienna - I'll
write to Papst, on arriving at Naples -

Feb. 2. Since I have this opportunity

Of sending my letter, pray forward any
that may be at Caple for us now, to
Florence - & afterwards to Venice -
Pray mention this to Tooke.

London Feb 23^d
1803.

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