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Athens, February 28th 1811.

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My dear Hobhouse,

I am still here with a party of Englishmen mostly your acquaintances, & during the winter we have had balls, feastings, masquerading (during the Carneval) & of course intrigues in all directions. — — We have gotten a new Waywoda, the old one on a late masquerading visit made me a present of a shawl worth several hundred piastres & two pair of Turkish boots, he also presented Cochrane with a handkerchief of some value. The above "regalo" with a horse of Ali Pacha's & a pot of honey from the Didar & an immensity quantity of eatables at different times from different Albanians make up the sum total of my Xaprovaza in the Ottoman empire. — — My valet Fletcher is I dare say arrived long ago, & I charged him strictly to hunt you down & deliver my letter & verbals. I have since discovered that I long suspected, viz, that the said Fletcher was of no manner of use, & (saving his honesty) I am better without him. — I am attended by Demetrius your old acquaintance, & am

much lighter from the loss of Fletcher, of whom Sir Jr. Ingleby complains bitterly in a letter to me some time ago. — — I sent him home with some papers, my own return being very uncertain if did not chuse to detain the chicken hearted soul from Sally any longer. — I leave him to his spouse & his Beerbarrel, & remain in the thorough conviction of his inability, which I never discovered till his departure. — I am a good deal disappointed that I have not received any letter from you except your Cagliari memorial about the marbles wherewithal I have charged Mr. F. but as he forgot the only commission I gave him for Patras I cannot promise you any better success from his memory at Malta. — — You will if you write to address to that Isola from whence I received a curious letter from Mrs. S. S. tother day, to which I have returned no answer. — — Having received a firman for Jerusalem Syria &c &c it is my intention in spring to take to Smyrna & thence to Palestine. Urge the apox Hanson on the topic of monies, by the bye he has written me a letter of advice to sell Newstead which I will not, & I beg you in my name to say No, No, No. — If we must sell, sell Rochdale. — I depended a good deal on you for information on all topics, but I see you are like the rest, though I can quite go well share your letters as those of my other good for nothing correspondents. — Why mother sends me a pack of stale scandal, & newspaper extracts, which are rife in every sea port town, Hanson a damnable account of my affairs, though I can't tell if he tells truth or not, his letter being quite facetious, a pretty time for joking when a man is in Jail, & his fortune involved, Hodgson & you send me nothing at all, & me last indeed you can say something more to the purpose than the others, I am very much obliged to you. — As to myself, I gabble Greek & Italian, & ride, & go to the Turkish Bath, which last is a great luxury. — Graham is gone to Constantinople, by Ship to Malta, Hobhouse is here, Cockerell & Foster & two Germans with a Frenchman from Patras also, & Dr Bronsted of Copenhagen the best friend I have in the world is also gone to the capital with Gyphius & myriads of travellers. — Four more are daily expected. — I have been visited today

by Baron Haller of Hallerstein in Bavaria
Messieurs Zannetti, Chevinedelli, Corbelli, Forte,
Fiott, Chevli Bianco & Padre Paolo. there is a
visiting list for you. — I sent L Dennis to
Patras who returned without letters & I have distributed
a Caique to Smyrna on the same speculation. —
I have been ill & well & sick & sorry & glad
& coming & going & staying like the rest of mankind
without gaining a step towards improvement — empty in
languages, & even than my head is but a Babel of
loud sounds. — For want of better employment I began
several plans of scribbling but have been wise enough
to destroy them all except the hours, which you read=
= but I had finished two cantos, to which I have
added nothing. — — I suppose you delivered all
my letters, but am in doubt, as they have produced
no replies. — The Salsette is returned to the Archi=
= pelago having dropped you & Adair at Cadiz, whence
you could easily proceed to England. — This Letter
proceeds to Patras with one of the French Consulate, &
it is the seventh I believe to you two within four
England. — Accept assurances of my high consideration &
believe me ever yours

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Dec. 16th 1813

My dear Hodgson —

By your not writing I hope according to the ancient adage "no news is good news." — Will you tell Drury that I regret much my bad is engaged the whole of this week — but I reserve it the 9 last of next week any day then for his choice — & I have a treasure for him — a whole set of original Burn's letters — never seen

=lished or to be published — for they are full of fearful oaths & the most nauseous songs — all humorous but coarse <u>humour</u> & in "good set terms" no mincing of words but "a spade is called a spade" throughout — however they are curiosities & when him quite in a new point of view — they are not the most favourable — and merely a repetition of "Ullan! how human Nature!" the mixture or rather contrast of tenderness & delicacy — obscenity & coarseness in the same mind is wonderful. I must say "the Bride" which D.r is pleased to like & who Heber & Grove & some of the learned — but I believe yt World are determined to prefer yt fragment — & I am determined to acquiesce in what=ever they please having really no great hesitance one much anxiety on yt subject. —— Murray has however brought himself <u>home</u> when the re=putation of the things before

thy friend Lincoln — he is in
a G.d P.ce — & his fourth
thousand — you feel the that
frag. would be the favourite
& I fear it — & so he ct. —
When you are diseased — unite
& when you are sidisheard —
divide — & at any rate prosper —
yr. G.d Mode is ill which has
touched us on Probation — but
I have fifty yearnings still. —
Remember me to Dr. who I
hear is with you. — — —
Peace be with you — [redacted]
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John.

I must tell you one thing Blackwood writing to his brother Bookseller says "how lucky you are in having such a poet" as if one was a horse "an ass or any thing that is his" & what more like Mrs Packwood — "Laws! Sir — "We did keeps a poet" this is had on the former loan the same — "the Harold & Corbeny are much wanted" so you see the case of Dawson & Bloome did not die though I am glad we have no Dryden nor [illegible] for them to starve & [illegible]

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London December fourteenth

To J.S. Hodgson Esq.
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Byron

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