

Samuel Pepys Cockerell to M. Gen. Turner

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Dear Sir

Having troubled You in August last, with the particulars of a discovery of Statues in the Island of Egina which through your obliging communication was honoured with the Prince Regent's particular attention, & was attended with so fortunate a result to my Son & others of his Company; I beg leave again to communicate the further Acc<sup>t</sup>. which I have received concerning them, and to lay before His Royal Highness the enclosed Sketches of the Marbles in the state they were discovered, which will give some Idea of the heroic Character of the Sculptures.

It appears from my Son's letters dated in August from Lante, that having very great

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great apprehensions, of interruption from the Turks, to their removal from Athens the Gentlemen concerned had the address to convey them privately from thence to Lantea; and not having then any idea of the very gracious patronage bestowed upon them here, or of the prompt & decisive measures adopted by the Prince Regent's command, for their conveyance to England, the Directors had made an arrangement for their continuance at Lantea for fifteen months and had washed the mutilated parts, and they now form a splendid collection.

I have no doubt that it would be known at Malta that the Statues were so removed and that the Popeye would in consequence proceed to Lantea, instead of Athens; and I presume the parties interested in them will readily embrace the arrangement which has

18902 has been made here for bringing them to England, so that they may be expected to arrive in a few weeks.

I presume to request that you will have the goodness to return the sketches to me, being the only copies I have of them. I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obed<sup>t</sup>  
able Serv<sup>t</sup>

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