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to

Egina Marbles

9 Feb 1812

M^r Cockerell

British
Museum
q.v. in
Corresp^{ce}
File.)

In the last Note I had the
honour to receive from You, returning
to me the Sketches of the Egina Marbles.
You expressed a desire to hear any further
intelligence which might be received
of them. — I therefore beg leave
to acquaint You, that by a letter received
yesterday from M^r. C. R. Cockerell at
Athens dated 25 Nov^r. my expectations
of their early arrival in England are
very much disappointed.

It appears that at the time arrangements
were forming here for bringing them to this
Country, provided they were not previously
disposed of, the owners of them had
mutually entered into written obligations
for their being publicly sold in November
1812, & issued notices to that effect in the
continental papers, whereby they
feel themselves precluded from the benefit
of the liberal Terms of the British Government.

to secure them however from the
perils of war by remaining at Lantz
they had by letter dated 25 Nov^r. requested
Capt. Percival of the Paulina Brig^d
War, who

for the present

who had been dispatched to Lante on
that Service, to convey them to Malta
for protection.

I am therefore not without confident
hopes, that they may yet be added to
the Collections of ancient Art in this
Country.

At the date of my Son's letter he
was in the hurry of embarking for Egypt
with the Hon^{ble} Mr. F. North. His Nephew
Mr. Douglas, from whence they expected
to return to Greece in April, so that he
did not know whether Capt. Percival
could receive & convey the Marbles to Malta
upon the Terms requested, viz. for
safe custody only.

I have the Honour to be

Yours
Your most Obed^t
Devot^d Serv^t

J. Lockhart
Saville Row
J. Feb^r. 10/12

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