

Wm. Hamilton to M. Gen. Turner

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My dear General,

I do not approve any part of  
Mr. Cockrell's letter that wants further  
Explanation, than that the liberal offers  
which were made from this Country, were  
proposed grounded, on a loose kind of  
valuation, which Mr. Cockrell had put  
upon them, when first discovered - and  
upon any such proposal from the  
owners to give up the medals for the  
best value I am mentioned. Consequently  
entire

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until they had learnt & accepted our  
proposals, they were of course at  
liberty to make any other arrangement  
they thought proper - and I have no  
doubt they already heartily repent  
them of that which has precluded  
them from agreeing to the liberal  
offer sent from hence - I am rather  
inclined to suspect that the French  
council at Athens, an intriguing busy  
men, was at the bottom of this  
arrangement, in order to create a delay,  
which might offer some chances for

Bonaparte's getting possession of the  
marbles.

I enclose you Mr. Lockwell's  
letter done on the subject - and take  
this opportunity of giving you the  
following intelligence that the Princess  
the <sup>wife</sup> she has not brought home the  
Lyons MSSs, will probably bring  
between 90 & 100 cases containing  
the remainder of L. Elgin's magni-  
ficent collection - Amongst other  
which she has which one contained  
Aspasia's ashes, & in which was found  
a

a Spring of myrtle of solid gold - certainly  
day out of a large number, long known  
by the name of the Tomb of Asperia.

gone on  
to Hamilton

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Major Gen. Innes,

12 Feb 1812

Wm Hamilton

Alzina Marble.