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IN REPLY TO A PAMPHLET

ENTITLED

"THE IONIAN ISLANDS UNDER BRITISH PROTECTION."

By AN IONIAN.

E se dai tuoi flagelli aspri ed amari
Alcun peccoso ceclamerà suo danno;
Dalle voci d' un solo il resto impari.
Si che la rabbia e il concepito affanno
Farà dire a costoro, in tuo dispregio,
Quanto inventar, quanto sognar sapranno.
SALVATOR ROSA.



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ΠΡΟΣ ΤΟΥΣ ΙΟΝΑΣ.

ΦΙΛΑΤΑΤΟΙ ΣΥΜΠΟΛΙΤΑΙ,—

Τὸ φυλλάδιον τοῦτο, τὸ ὁποῖον ἐδημοσίευσα πρὸς ὑπεράσπισιν τῆς πατρίδος μας ἐναντίον τῶν προσβολῶν ἐνὸς συκοφάντου, δὲν ἐγράφη δι' ὑμᾶς, ἀλλ' ἀπευθύνεται πρὸς τὸν λαὸν τῆς Ἀγγλίας καὶ πρὸς τὰ μέλη τῶν Ἀγγλικῶν Βουλῶν, ἐξ ὧν μόνων χρεωστοῦμεν νὰ ἀναμένωμεν τὴν πρὸ πολλοῦ ἐλπιζομένην θεραπείαν τῶν παραπτῶν μας. Ἐγένετο δὲ τοῦτο ἐν μέρει πρὸς ἐνίσχυσιν τοῦ μέσου, τὸ ὁποῖον ἀνεκάλυψα, καὶ μεταχειρίσθην ἐπὶ πολλὰ ἔτη, δηλαδὴ τοῦ ἐκκαλεῖν κατὰ τῶν μεγάλων Ἀρμοστῶν καὶ τοῦ ἵπουργοῦ τῶν ἀποικιῶν ἐνώπιον αὐτοῦ τοῦ Ἀγγλικοῦ λαοῦ, μὴδ' ἔμεινεν ἀνευ ἀποτελέσματος τοῦτο, ὡς κάλλιστα ἠδυνήθητε νὰ κρίνετε ἐκ τῶν ὑπὲρ ὑμῶν ὁμοθίμων ἐλέγχων τοῦ Βρετανικοῦ τύπου, καὶ ὡς νῦν θέλετε ἰδεῖ ἐκ τῆς ἀκολουθοῦσης σημειώσεως τῆς προτάσεως, τὴν ὁποῖαν αὐτὸς ὁ Πατριάρχης τοῦ Κοινοβουλίου ὁ γενναῖος φίλος μας Κύριος I. Γ'ουμ, ἔδωκε διὰ τὴν προσεχῆ σύνοδον καὶ τῆς ὁποίας τὴν εἰσαγωγὴν εἰς τὴν πρὸ ὀλίγου λήξασαν μὴν ἡ ἀξιοκαταθρήνητος ἀσθένειά του παρεμπόδισε.

Πρότασις γενομένη τὴν ὀγδόην Αὐγούστου, 1851, παρὰ τοῦ Κυρίου Γ'ουμ·

Περὶ τῶν ἼΟΝΙΩΝ ΝΗΣΩΝ.—Ἀναφορὰ πρὸς τὴν Αὐτῆς Μεγαλειότητα, ὅπως ἐναρестηθεῖσα εὐμένως, διατάξῃ τὴν παρακατάθεσιν ἀντιγράφων ὄλων τῶν μεταξὺ τοῦ Σιρ E. Γ. Οὐάρδου μεγάλου Ἀρμοστοῦ τῶν Ἴονίων Νήσων καὶ τοῦ Λόρδ Γρέυ, ἐγγράφων, ἀφορώντων τὴν πρώτην συνεδρίασιν τῆς νέας Συνελεύσεως αὐτῆς τῆς δημοκρατίας, τὰς χρονολογίας τῶν διαφόρων συνεδριάσεων τῆς Συνελεύσεως καὶ τὸν ἀριθμὸν τῶν ἡμερῶν καθ' ἃς συνεδρίασεν αὐτὴ, τὰς ὑποθέσεις τὰς ἐνεργηθείσας παρὰ τῆς Συνελεύσεως, τὸν ἀριθμὸν τῶν διακοπῶν καὶ τὰς χρονολογίας ἐκάστης διακοπῆς, ὡσαύτως δὲ καὶ τὰς αἰτίας, δι' ἃς ἡ Συνέλευσις διεκόπη, τασάκις καὶ ἐπὶ τοσοῦτον.

Τῶν ἐγγράφων ἢ ἀναφορῶν περὶ τῶν μεταβολῶν τῆς τοπικῆς δικαιοδοσίας τῶν Δικαστῶν ἐν ταῖς διαφόροις νήσοις, καὶ δι' οὓς λόγους ἐπεμῆκαν οὕτως εἰς τὴν διέθυθυσιν τῆς δικαιοσύνης.

Τοῦ καταλόγου τοῦ ἀριθμοῦ τῶν Γερουσιαστῶν τὴν μέθοδον τῶν ἐκλογῶν των, καὶ δι' ἣν ἐκλέχθησαν, περίοδον, τοὺς ὁποίους λαμβάνουν μισθοὺς, ἅπερ ἔχουν ἐκπληρῶσαι χρεῖα, τὸν ἀριθμὸν καὶ τὸ ἀντικείμενον τῶν δημοσιευθέντων διαταγμάτων κατὰ τὴν διακοπὴν τῆς παρουσίας ἐλευθέρως ἐκτελεγμένης Συνλεύσεως, καὶ τὰ διάφορα ὑπουργήματα τὰ παρ' ἐκάστου Γερουσιαστοῦ ἐκπληρούμενα, καὶ ποσάκις ἕκαστος Γερουσιαστῆς καθείξε τὴν αὐτὴν θέσιν ἢ ὑπουργημα καὶ τὸ ποσὸν τῶν ληφθέντων παρ' ἐκάστου μισθῶν κατὰ τὴν ἐκπλήρωσιν ἐκάστου τοιοῦτου ὑπουργήματος.

Καὶ ἀντίγραφα τῶν μεταξὺ τοῦ Σὶρ Ε. Γ. Οὐάρδου καὶ τοῦ Λόρδ Γρέυ ἐγγράφων, ἐξηγούντων τὰς αἰτίας τῆς προσφάτου πάσεως τῶν δημοτικῶν συμβουλίων ἐν τῇ Ἰονίῳ δημοκρατείᾳ καὶ τῶν μεταβολῶν εἰς τὸν τρόπον τῆς ἐκλογῆς τῶν νέων συμβουλίων, δεκνυμένου δι' ὧν διαταγμάτων ἡ ἐξουσία ἐγένοντο αἱ ἀλλαγαὶ αὐταί.

Ἡ ὑπομονὴ τὴν ὅποιαν ἐξησκήσατε ἐπὶ τοσοῦτο, δὲν θὰ τεθῆ ὑπὸ πολὺ μακροτέραν δοκιμασίαν, διότι τὸ κοινὸν αἶσθημα τῶν Ἀγγλων, ἕξαναστὰν τέλος τῶρα εἰς τὰς παρὰ τῶν ἀπεσταλμένων των κακώσεις σας, θὰ προξενήσῃ μετ' οὐ πολὺ ἀλλαγὴν τινα εἰς τὸ σύστημα, τὸ ὅποιον ἐπὶ τοσοῦτο σᾶς κατεπίεξε. Οὕτως ἡ ὥρα μας πατρίς ἢ Γρισάλδη τῆς Ἀδριατικῆς θὰ κατακτήσῃ ἐπὶ τέλος τὴν σιδηρὰν θήλησιν τῆς κραταιᾶς αὐτῆς προστατρίας διὰ τῆς ἀπλῆς δυνάμεως τῆς ταπεινότητος καὶ καρτερίας.

Ὁ Φίλος καὶ συμπολίτης σας,

Ὁ ἼΟΝΙΟΣ.

Ἐν Λονδίῳ, 12 Ἀυγούστου, 1851.

TO THE IONIANS.

FELLOW COUNTRYMEN,—

This Pamphlet, which I publish to defend our country from the attacks of a slanderer, is not written for you; it is addressed to the people of England and to the Members of the English Legislature, from whom alone we must expect the long-looked-for redress of our wrongs. It is in furtherance of the course I have carried out during several years—that of appealing from Lord High Commissioners and the Colonial Office to the people of England;—nor has this been without result, as you must have been enabled to judge from the unanimous remonstrances of the British press in our favour, and now, as you will see, by the following notice of Motion which that patriarch of the House of Commons, our generous friend Mr. J. Hume, has given for the next Session, and which his late lamentable illness alone prevented his bringing forward in the one just closed.

Moved the 8th August, 1851, by MR. HUME:—

33. IONIAN ISLANDS: Address to her Majesty—That she will be graciously pleased to order copies of all Despatches between Sir H. G. Ward, Lord High Commissioner of the Ionian Islands, and Earl Grey, respecting the first meeting of the New Assembly of that Republic; the dates of the several meetings of the Assembly, and the number of days which it has sat, the business done by the Assembly, the number of prorogations, and the dates of each prorogation; and also the Causes for which the Assembly was so frequently and so long prorogued:

Of the Despatches or Reports of the Changes of the local jurisdiction of the Judges in the different Islands, and the reasons for thus interfering in the administration of Justice :

Return of the number of Senators, the method of their election, and the period for which elected, the salaries they receive, the duties they have to perform, the number and object of the ordinances which they have passed during the prorogation of the present free-elected Assembly, and the several offices filled by each senator, and the number of times that each Senator has filled the same place or office, and the amount of salaries received by each whilst filling each such office :

And, Copies of the Despatches between Sir H. G. Ward and Earl Grey, explanatory of the causes of the recent suspension of the Municipal Councils in the Ionian Republic, and of the changes in the mode of electing the new Councils, stating by what ordinances or authority those changes were made.

The patience you have so far exercised will not have to endure much longer ; for the public feeling of Englishmen, now at last aroused to the ill-treatment of you by their representatives, will soon cause a change in the system of that administration which has so long oppressed you : so shall our beautiful country, the Griselda of the Adriatic, at last conquer the iron will of her Powerful Protector by the mere force of humility and endurance.

Your Friend and Countryman,

THE IONIAN.

LONDON, August 12, 1851.

THE IONIAN ISLANDS.

A REPLY,

ἔς. ἔς.

"Ἴσμεν, ψεύδεια πολλὰ λέγων ἐτυμοῖσιν ὁμοῖα.

HOMER. Od. T. 86.

THE importance of the Ionian Islands as a military and naval post is well known to English statesmen. The permanent possession of Algiers by France, and her ready command of the Italian coast, as shown by her double occupation at the same time of Ancona and recently of Rome, to say nothing of the aggrandizing effects of Russian policy on the Black Sea, have given to Great Britain what the Duke of Wellington not inaptly denominated, in 1833, "essential duties to perform in the Adriatic." The commercial advantages which might result to Great Britain for her occupation of these Islands, pointed out so admirably by Sir C. J. Napier, in 1830, have hardly yet drawn sufficient attention, indeed, have been nowhere noticed, except in the reports of Lord Seaton, in 1845-6, and 1847-8, who was the first to observe and encourage the nascent commerce of Ithaca and Cephalonia with the Black Sea, to rouse the British Government to its importance, and to foster, promote, and encourage it to its present rapid increase. What position hereafter the Ionian Islands may occupy in the commercial map of Europe, should the frontier of Germany be drawn, as now proposed by the Dresden Conferences, down to Dalmatia, depends on that contingency,