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What I shall always remember with gratitude & affection will be the friendship you are so kind as to assure me of.

Believe me my dear Sir

Yours admirably
Blount

John 12th 1823.

à Monsieur

Blaquiere

Southampton

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Edward Blaquiere the recipient of this letter was in England at this time to consult with the Greek Committee, and to raise a loan to support the movement for Greek independence. He was a partisan of the Mavrocordato faction in Greece. On his way back to Greece he stopped at Genoa to see Byron, and it was he who sent to Byron to come to Greece.