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Palau-Corfu

(December 30<sup>th</sup> 1851)

Sir

I am directed by the Lord High Commissioner to instruct you to acquaint Mr. Elias Zerov, now residing in Cerigotto, that he is at liberty to leave that Island whenever he pleases. He may either remove to some Foreign State, or take up his residence in any of the Ionian Islands except Cephalonia. He cannot be permitted to return to that Island without giving a written promise to abstain from further agitation against the maintenance of the established Government.

In making the announcement of this relaxation, which is thus sanctioned by the Secretary of State in England, the Lord High Commissioner trusts that it will not be misunderstood. The Crown of England possesses rights in these Islands, which it has both the means, and the determination to maintain, and it will be His Excellency's duty to repress with

J. Col. Herbert  
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vigilance and firmness any recurrence  
to courses, which, though impotent  
for all practical purposes against  
the power of England, may yet again  
contribute to occasion, as they did  
before, deplorable escapes & loss of  
life.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Most obed. &  
Amble Servant

Wm. Pitt Rivers

