

Poste Restante
Athens.

Jan. 3/82

My dear Macmillan,

I have just got yours of Jan. 23. As you do not take notice of my statement about the relation between me the artist & the society, I fear my letter on that point did not reach you in time for the meeting of Council.

I gave Blunt on the day he left Smyrna a statement of the accounts as existing between me & him: if he has kept the paper, it would have made clear the relation between me & him. It is thus I had advanced him £7-7/ including cost & carriage of tent, and some other expenses ~~at the expense~~ at the end of his stay in Smyrna & on the road

out. I gave him £43 in gold:

~~and~~ Total £50-7/1

of this I calculated about £10 wd. remain of his allowance from the Society: while £30 was his allowance for homeward journey. The residue £10 was an advance out of my own pocket.

After I had been here in Athens a fortnight, a letter came from the Smyrna Bank enclosing order for £10 from some firm in London. I got no letter telling from whom it had come, I could not therefore send a formal acknowledgment to any one. I had written Blunt a p.c. & a long letter, the first immediately on my return ^{to} from Smyrna from the Ionian coast, saying that the goods were sent off:

the second as soon as I had got settled
in Athens, explaining the reason of
my long delay in writing him. I
said nothing about £10 in it, as
I had not received the money. I felt
inclined to ask him to remit it
at once, & on second thought said
nothing about it. I finished all
Blunt's affairs in Smyrna, packed
& nailed down his saddle-box, fetched
his things from two hotels ^{& the consulate}, packed
his various odds & ends, tobacco &
Perian rug in his bag & trunk, made his
bed & into a ~~box~~ good parcel - all
as he asks me in his letter from Con-
stantinople to do: in return for
all this trouble, when I was quite as
bung as you are, I received neither
acknowledgment nor reply to my
letter. Finally I arranged with
one of my friends to buy Blunt's tent

which he wished to sell. As you
have the acquaintance of both sides,
& have heard what Blunt says, I
think it fair you should hear my
side: hence this long & dull epistle.

I never heard of any M.S. of the
slid, but shall ask. It is probably
like the "Statue by Phidias" two years
ago, which turned out to be an ugly
Roman statuette copying Phidias's
statue. Yrs Very Sincerely,

W. M. Ramsay.

P.S. If the Colophon affair is carried
out, my successor (if one comes here)
might find good work there. My time
will be finished before anything could
come of it - at the very quickest rate
possibly - but war this spring?