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Dear Mother & Father.

This morning we are off the coast of Greece it looks very rugged & mountainous.

Yesterday we said good bye to Italy, we arrived at Bari 7 o'clock in the morning, so, as we had only 3 hours there, we were up & off early. we engaged one of the local horse drawn vehicles, a cross between a bath chair & a hearse & set off to see the sights. First we visited the fish market & saw many strange spikey fish. Then we went to the ancient Church of St Nickola, it is a magnificent relic of the 11th cent. obviously built of materiels sic taken from Roman temples it is spacious & massive in construction & has (with the exception of the altar) has not been spoilt by the tawdriness of modern times, there was a little chapel under the high altar they were holding a service there so we only peeped in for a few minutes, there were some fine pillars & carved stone work there also, but they had fairly let them selves go in the matter

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i>tics & hates the French, so having heard him hold forth at length on that subject we are doing our best to stes/<a>r sic {steer} clear of it, we have also discovered that frivolous conversation is apt to become a little embarrassing, we find the best plan is to get him to talk about his family past & present, & by making tactful murmurs at intervals we can keep him going for several courses

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to Patras until past six oclock^{sic} when it was too dark to see anything, the Captain says it is a very poor place & it is not worth the trouble of going ashore, so we are waiting to reach Athens to put our feet on Greek soil. We expect to arrive there at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

I must be off to bed now as it is nearly 11'30, have had an interesting evening talking to the second officer he speaks English very well

Love to you both

Your affectionate daughter Myrtle.