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Personal Narrative of J. Stephanini.—A work with this fitle is now in the press in this city, and will be published in the course of a few weeks. The author is a young Greek, who escaped a few years since from Turkish captivity, and his object in publishing this book is to raise money sufficient to ransom his mother, two brothers and two sisters, who are still held in captivity by the Turks in Albania. Mr. Stephanini has exhibited to us testimonials and letters of recommendation from gentlemen of the very first respectability in Philadelphia, Charleston, and this city. The following notice of Mr. S. is from the Daily Advertiser of Tuesday.

Mr. Stephanini, a young man, a native of Arta, in Greece, one of the first captives made by the Turks, at the commencement "of the revolution," after spending about a year in this city, doing what lay in his power for his own support, has been encouraged to publish an account of his sufferings, for an object which will render him and his work doubly interesting to persons of feel-

ing and humanity.

At his first arrival in this port, which was nearly two vears since, he was a perfect stranger; and it was some time before he could apply to any one capable of understanding his language or his history. He, however, became acquainted with gentlemen of intelligence and benevolence, and particularly those of the Greek Committee, who furnished him a passage to the Archipelago, in the ship Six Brothers, where he was unable, in the existing state of his country, to find any prospect of effecting the ransom of his family, who were captives (among the barbarians, and returned to America. They c are still in captivity, and have no hope of ever obtaining | t their deliverance, unless through the exertions he is t able to make. His mother, two sisters and two brothers. from whom he has obtained accurate accounts, might all be ransomed and restored to liberty, by the avails of i a moderate edition of his work, if he could find subscribers for the whole. As the price is but one dollar, we think he may calculate on abundant encouragement. The laudable object which he has now in view, appears to be the only one which he has proposed to himself since he first found himself restored to freedom. For this he seems to be disposed to make every possible exertion; and he looks forward to its accomplishment with feelings becoming one who has himself escaped from the bitterest trials of captivity, and whose nearest and dearest friends are still suffering the intolerable oppression that Turks glory in inflicting on Christians true to their faith.

The following are the leading events of his life, the details of which are filled up in his narrative. He was the son of a wealthy merchant at Patras and in that

city when the first insurrection was made against the Turks, in April, 1821. During a massacre of many of the inhabitants which occurred, he was taken prisoner, severely beaten, so as narrowly to escape with his life, and afterwards sold in the market, to a Turkish master, from whom, after undergoing great privations, on account of religion, he fortunately effected his escape in an Italian merchant vessel. Being cautiously concealed on board, he visited several Turkish ports, with the humane Captain, and even that of Alexandria, in Egypt. On arriving in Italy, he was received into the house of his deliverer, and kindly treated by him for several months. The scenes of war and violence which he witnessed, connected as they were, with the early history of the Greek Revolution, together with the opportunities he had to become acquainted with Turkish manners, and the observation he made in various places he afterwards visited, can hardly fail to give this work peculiar interest.