In the 1890s the Greek state, unable to service its debts, declared bankruptcy and appealed to its creditors for new loans. Britain and France subsequently sent experts in the region to compile reports about the state of the country’s finances. The Anglo-French intervention led to the establishment of an International Financial Commission to oversee the country’s finances – an episode in a broader canvas of Anglo-French political and economic interventions in the eastern Mediterranean. The paper discusses the vexed political and intellectual context of the period and the imperial multiverse of the British diplomat and the commission’s inaugural director, Edward F. Law. It argues that the exploration of Law’s regional experiences sheds light on debates on Hellenism, Philhellenism and Alien Rule.