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of Cachatovic Packet Rio de Janeiro 15<sup>th</sup> June 1838  
Lewis Nernet Esq  
Buenos Ayres



Sir,

We are in possession of your much esteemed favor of 19<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>o</sup> to hand on the 5<sup>th</sup> Inst<sup>o</sup> accompanying copies (and extracts of documents shewing the existence of property belonging to you now in the Falkland Islands, all of which have had our attentive perusal.

We are informed that Mr Smith to whom you refer is daily expected from thence and when he arrives we shall exert ourselves to ascertain from him if possible every Particulars regarding the property in question. We have learnt from a person here who is acquainted with Mr Smith, and who seems to know something of the business that no property of any description will be

allowed to be shipped until the question now at  
issue between the British & Spanish Govts as  
regards their rights to the Islands, is finally  
settled, therefore we do not see any early  
prospect of anything satisfactory being done  
for you, but in the meantime you may feel  
assured that we shall spare no exertions for  
your interest in the matter, and whatever  
information we may be enabled to collect  
on the subject, we shall lose no time in com-  
municating to you. Some months ago  
a small vessel the Montgomery arrived here  
from a fishing voyage, and we understand  
was purchased <sup>here</sup> by the crew who returned in  
her to the Islands, but we have not since heard  
anything of her. It is worthy of remark  
that she sailed under English Colours having  
previously hoisted the American Flag.

The Hazy Frigate (in which Mr S comes  
passenger), is hourly looked for from the Pacific

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and as we before remarked we shall do our  
best to obtain the information we can and let  
you know of the result without delay. It is  
so very rarely indeed that a vessel arrives  
here from the Islands, that it is almost  
impossible to learn anything at all.



Without further to add at present and  
hoping to have the pleasure of addressing  
you again shortly, we remain, Sir

Your very obed<sup>t</sup>

Robert Dutton

Richmond 16<sup>th</sup> June 1838  
Miss Weston, Nuttall St.

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Duplicate Original of Cochinato's H.C. 28 Rio de Janeiro 16<sup>th</sup> June 1838  
Lewis Venet Esq. Buenos Ayres

We are in possession of your much esteemed favor of 19<sup>th</sup> ult. to hand on the 5<sup>th</sup> inst. accompanying copies and extracts of documents showing the existence of property belonging to you now in the Falkland Islands, all of which have had no attention hitherto. We are informed that the ship Smith in whom you refer is daily expected soon thence and upon her arrival we shall send ourselves to ascertain from her in as particular a manner as we can the property in question. With us several persons there who is acquainted with Mr Smith and who seems to know something of the business that no property of any description will be allowed to be shipped until the question now at issue between the British and the Argentine Govt as regards their rights to the Island is finally settled, therefore we do not see any early prospect of anything satisfactory being done for you but in the meanwhile you may feel assured that we shall spare no exertions for your interest in the matter and whatever information we may be enabled to collect on the subject we shall send you in as soon as we can. Some months ago the small vessel the Mont gomery arrived here from a fishing voyage and we understand we have not since heard anything of her. It is worthy of remark that she sailed under English colours having previously hoisted the American flag. The flag forgotten in which Mr P. comes passengers is hourly looked for from the Pacific and as we before remarked we shall do our best to obtain the information we can and let you know of the result without delay. It is very rarely indeed that a vessel arrives here from the Islands that has almost impossible to leave anything at all.

Without further to add at present and hoping to have the pleasure of addressing you again shortly, we remain Sir, &c &c  
Yours truly  
J. Minerva French Frigate

Lewis Venet Esq. Rio de Janeiro 13<sup>th</sup> July 1838.  
Buenos Ayres



Sir,  
The above is copy of what we addressed you on the 16<sup>th</sup> ult. and in relation to the subject therein noticed, we have now to inform you of the arrival of the Yacht Sparrow from the Falkland Islands, with Mr Smith & his son on board.

We have had an interview with that gentleman  
and he informs us that Lt. Sowrey of the  
Sparrow has been appointed Governor and  
moreover that there is not at present the  
slightest probability of anything being  
restituted to you in consequence of the  
English government having taken entire  
possession of the Island. Mr Smith says  
that he has been at an immense expense in  
making improvements there. He is on his way  
to England in order to make a report to  
the Admiralty, and he informs us that he  
purposes returning as soon as he conveniently  
can. We therefore much regret that  
we are unable to convey to you any satisfactory  
information regarding those possessions nor  
do we expect that anything favorable for you  
can be ascertained until some decision is come  
to between the two Govts. Should any  
further information come to our knowledge

at any future period. we shall communicate it  
to you, and being what at present offers

We remain Sir



Your very obedt Serv<sup>t</sup>

Robert Dutton & Co

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