

My Lord,

Cajay



16/10/1763

I do myself the honor of addressing your Lordship on behalf of Mr. Louis Bernad Garnault a resident at the Falkland Islands and who has a considerable claim upon her Majesty's Government for his Property here of which the Government purchase themselves.

The particulars of Mr. Bernad's claim are set forth in the several Letters he addresses at the time to Admiral Sir G. B. Hammond and which were by him transmitted to this Country, where when the liberty of appearing Copies of the correspondence upon the subject ~~and~~ with a view of securing and preventing a continuance of a misapprehension judicial appears to exist as to the nature of Mr. Bernad's claim which your Lordship's attention to the following statement praying your Lordship pardon if for the sake of perspicuity I should detail Facts which are of public notoriety.

The Falkland Islands originally belonging to Great Britain ~~was~~ by the Spaniards since in the year 1765 taken possession of by the British Government but subsequently abandoned your said time they ceased to be inhabitable ~~and~~ the Cattle then upon them were left to run wild ~~and~~ multiplying to a great degree.

It occurred to Mr. Bernad who had been for about 12 months a resident at Pt. Joseph on the Coast of Patagonia ~~and~~ become acquainted with the mode in which the Indians there catch the said Cattle that a similar course might be usefully followed on the Falkland Islands ~~and~~ in the year 1825 he proceeded to establish himself. He had many difficulties to overcome path, his Horses died in great numbers, but ultimately he succeeded in having about 80 Horses acclimated ~~and~~ well trained to the running down ~~and~~ catching of Cattle.

Mr. Bernad's intentions were well known to His Majesty's Consul at Buenos Ayres Sr. Woodrue Parish who was of opinion the established current would be liable to the

Dutch have owned Cape Horn

The claim of the Princes of the Falkland Islands was set up by the Government of Buenos Ayres altho' the Port of the Island were open to Dutch vessels which came thence and were supplied and had been supplied during a 5 year by the Dutch with provisions led to some disputes and in the month of January 1823 by an act of the British Government His Majesty King Geo took possession of the Islands and of all the Dutch property there claiming on behalf of the Government the sole right to the trade with the Islands, the Dutch has long ceased to reside upon them

Although other property belonging to the Dutch at the time the British Government took possession was a large number of the best and most valuable Horses and which were used by the British Officers for the purpose to which they had been trained, viz the catching of the Wild Cattle. It is without doubt the Cattle could not have been caught

the Dutch had of course sustained considerable injury by the loss of his Property on the Island consisting of Horses, building, &c. &c. but the claim that he has made is entirely unjustly taking the Horses which Sir J. Smith took and used and of which the Government had all the advantage.

Mr Bernett is naturally desirous of having his claims liquidated, the destruction of his Establishments at the Falkland Islands and of his Princes having compelled him to unite his creditors together from whom he has obtained a great sum.

The powers there are of the most ample description and the Authorities meet to settle the value of the Horses at the same time. His right and what is he will be perfectly satisfied.

The claim therefore which I have the honor to acknowledge your Lordship is for 50 Horses (Sir J. Smith states he took between

50 and 60 as will appear by a copy of the Letter annexed and I might
 express the hope that your Lordships will not deem the estimate
 of £100 stating for each House too high, and I beg earnestly
 to see your Lordships early attention to this application: as circumstances
 require my departure your Excellency to Buenos Ayres in a short
 time

I have the honor to be
 your Lordships most obedt. Servant



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Letter Lord Anson
on Louis Bernick's letter

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