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Office of the
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Patente de Navegacion

y
Rol de Equipage

De la Goleta nacional "Aguila" construida en las Islas Malvinas, y perteneciente al que suscribe.

Su arqueo es de . . . Toneladas teniendo la quilla de . . . pies de Estora . . . pies y de puntal . . . pies.

Su destino es de navegar entre estas Islas con el objeto de la pesca de anfibios, con la siguiente tripulacion a saber:

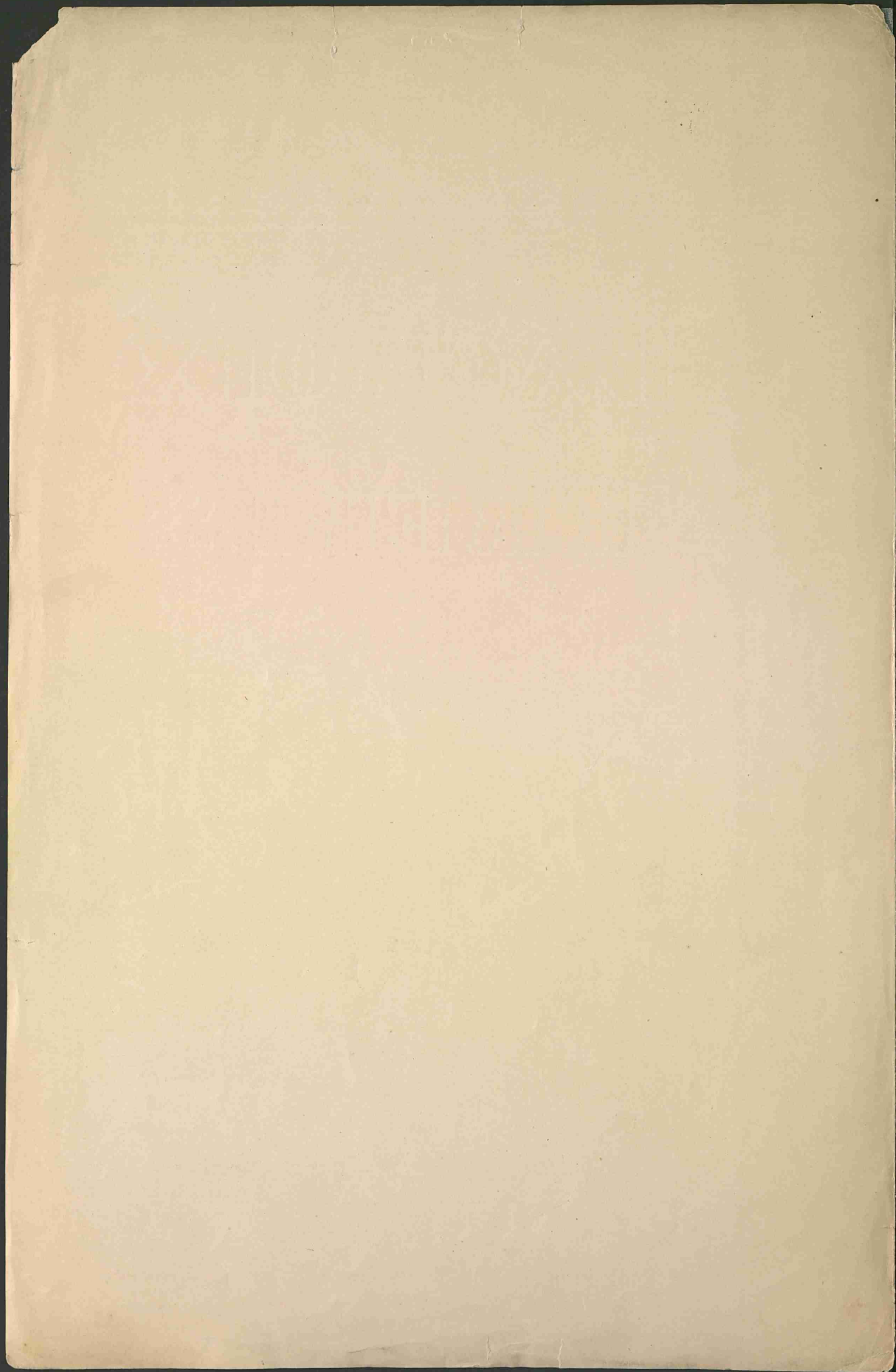
Capitan — Isaac P. Haldron
Piloto — Diego Burr
Practico — Jorge Dow
Marineros: Jorge Lambert
Guillermo Smyth
Juan Jones
Marcus B. Young
Gordon F. Lowell
Isaac Roundy
y Samuel Martin

Y para que conste ser verdad doy este bajo mi mano y sello, en el puerto de San Louis, Islas

Malinas a seis de Noviembre de mil ochocien-
tos treinta y uno.

Luis Cornet

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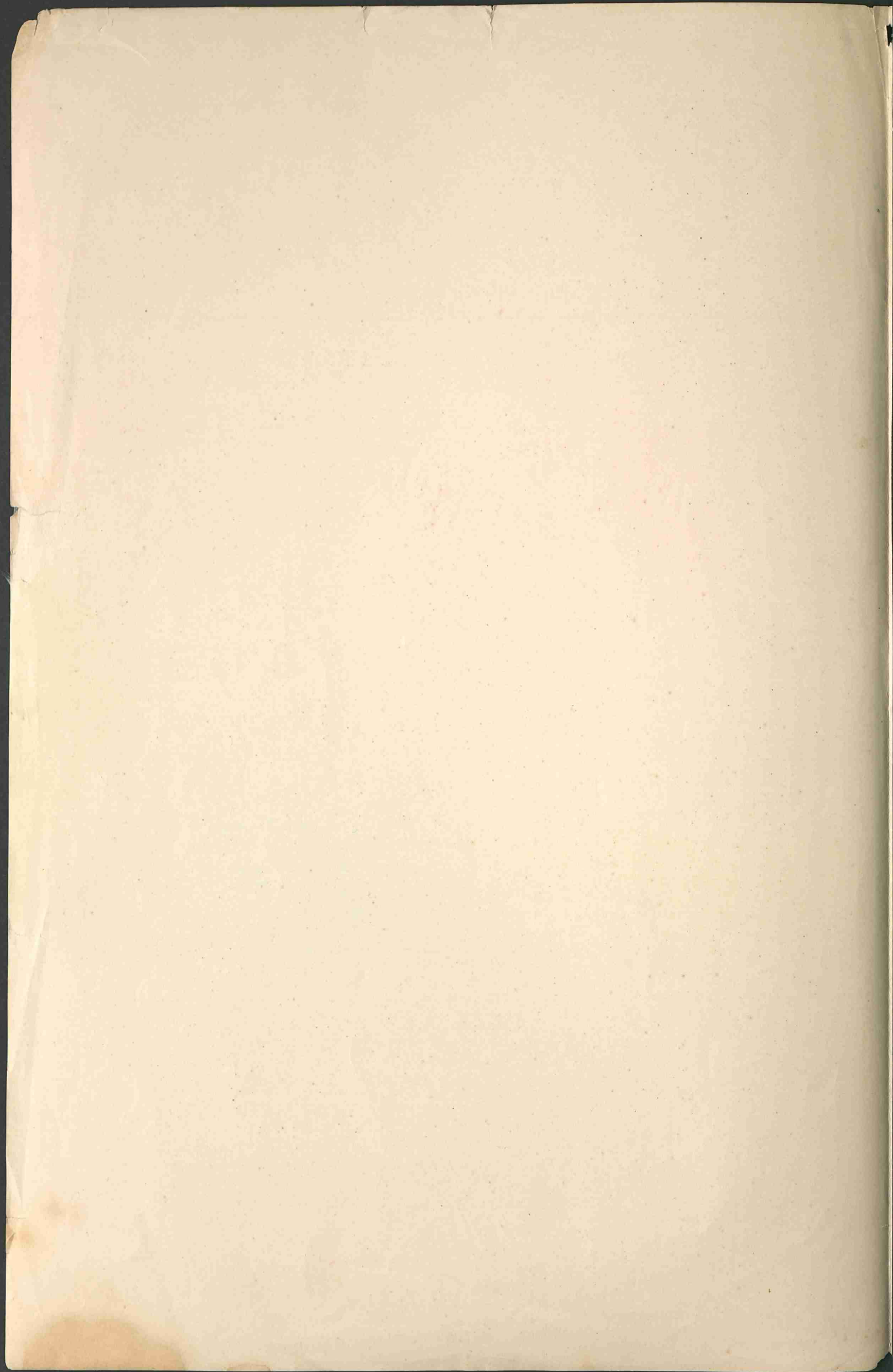
Inventory of Stores &c. on board of the Schooner Harriet
of Stonington in Port Louis this 29th day of October 1831

Sail	Three wood axes	Coopers Stores Piz
Two main sails	Five chisels	One dean Bucket
Two Fore sails	Three gouges	Four hand Do
One Square sail	Seven augers	One water Tunnel
Two fore to e sails	Two Spike Gimblets	Eighteen water casks
Two Sails	Four planes	Coopers Stores Piz
Two Flying Sails	One drawing knife	One Cabouche
Eight yards new canvas	One iron square	One frying pan
Eight skins Tanned	Two calking Irons	One Ladle and fork
Two bales mauling	Two rasps	Two baking pans
Ground Tackling Piz	Boat swains Stores Piz	One sauce pan
Three Bow anchors	Twenty nine spare blocks	One Tea Kettle
Two Hemp Do	Four Hand Spikes	Eight tin soups plates
One spare Fly Jole boom	Two mauling Spikes	Eight
Six spare Chain Shackles	Three Log glasses	Two dishes Three Barsons
Five chain punches	One sewing mallet	One sugar Bowne
Three coopers Do	One set of spare Sub steels	Two half fruit poss
One cold chisel	One de main sheet	One pepper Box
Carpenters Stores Piz	Thirty fathoms spare two inch	Six knives and three forks
Two Hammers	Mamello rope	Four Spoons
Two Hand saws	Several short fucce spare rope	One Soup Ladle
One Tenor Do	Some spare rye yarns	One bread tray
One adze	Eight Hooks & Gimblets	Two wal hand basons
One Broadaxe	Three compasses	Two tinners
One Tea pot	Two hand leads	One coffee pot
Two Lamps one Lamp feeder	One candle stick	One deep sea lead and line
One coffee mill. two Sawshams	One tin carrier, one coffee box	One hand do do do
One 1/2 Sheet Yards	One Cabin stove	Two pounds nails (assorted)
Two damaged water pumps	One pig of lead	One cononade (mounted)
	Seventy five pounds bar Do	

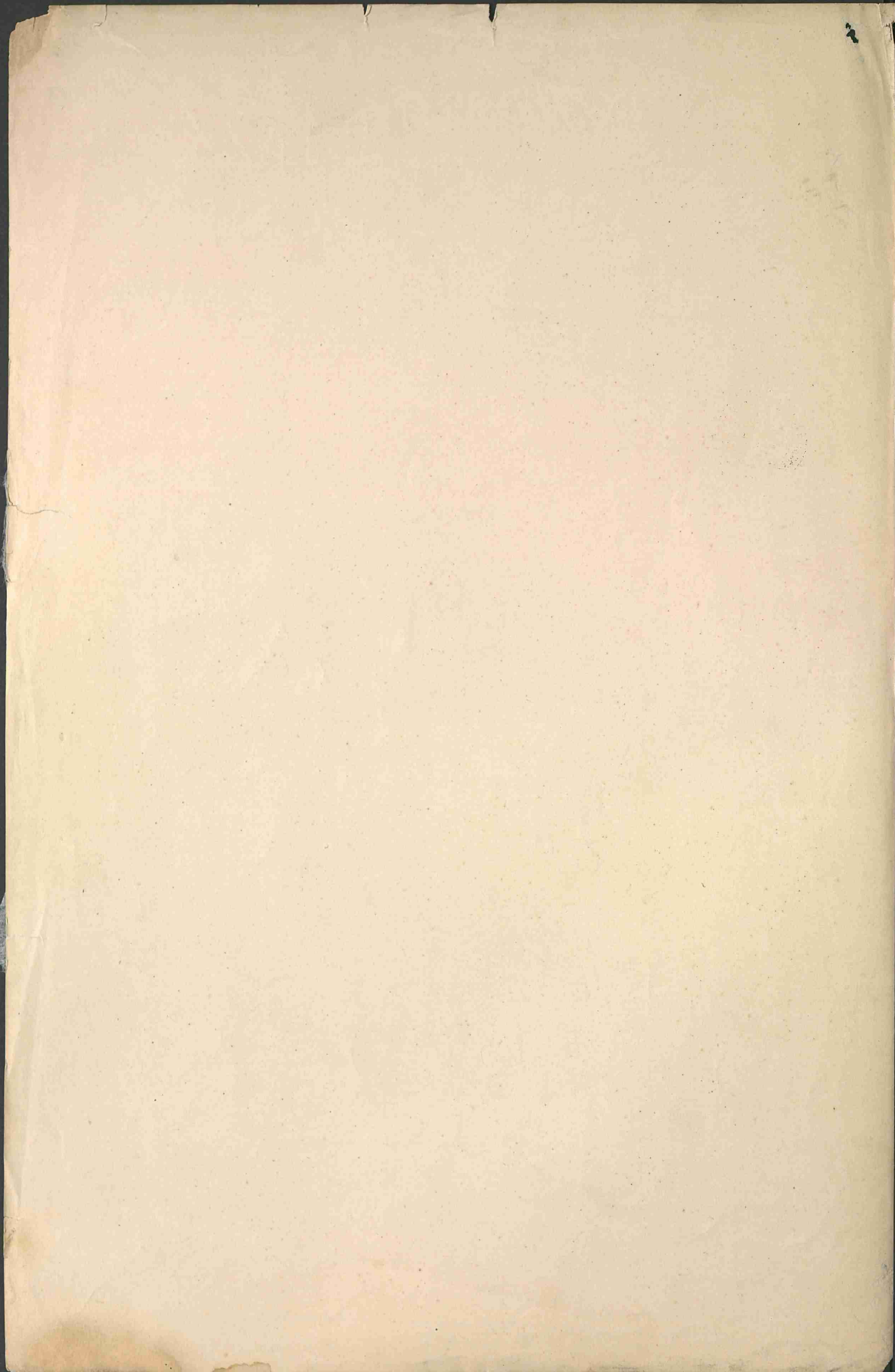
Silbert R. Dawson

Louis Vermet

Omitted the salt, the fur seal skins, two boats & the provisions



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Ministerio de Relaciones



Exteriores

Buenos Aires Diciembre 9 de 1834

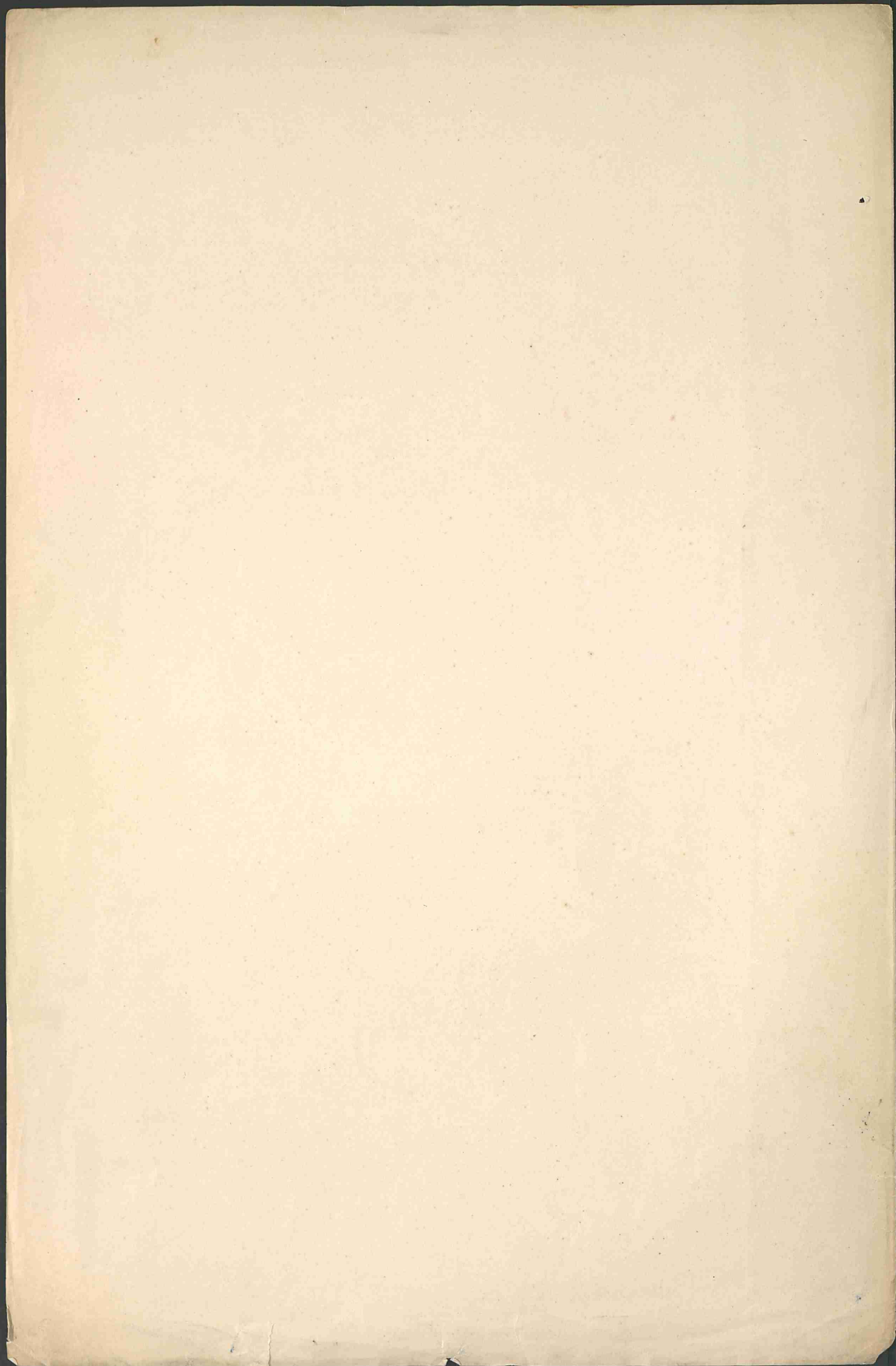
El infrascripto Ministro de Relaciones Exteriores tiene el honor de dirigirse al Sr. Consul de los Estados Unidos para manifestarle que el Sr. Ministro de Guerra y Marina ha comunicado al infrascripto con fecha 7 del corriente que habiendo presentado el Comandante de las Islas Malvinas Don Luis Yernet un memorial pidiendo se impidiera la salida del Capitan de la Goleta Americana "Harriet" Pro^{te} Gilberto Davison hasta que dejase un apoderado instruido se paso dicha solicitud al Fiscal donde existen los ante cedentes sobre la captura del apresado buque, y hecha prevencion al Comandante de Malvinas para detener su salida, ha contestado este que habiendo librado las ordenes competentes al Ayudante del Puerto para su cumplimiento, ha avisado dho Ayudante que antes de recibir las habia sido embarcado el Capitan Davison en la lancha de la Corveta de Guerra Americana Lexington con destino a este buque. Y como tal procedimiento del Capitan Davison parece dirigirse a entorpecer el esclarecimiento legal y la resolucion que corresponda en justicia sobre la captura y apresada "Harriet" el infrascripto ha recibido orden

del Sr. Gobierno de esta Provincia para incitar como
lo hace el Sr. Consul de los Estados Unidos a fin de que
tenga a bien hacer saber al Capitan Mr. Gilberto Davidson
que no se ausente de esta Provincia sin dejar apoderado
instruido que lo represente y haga sus veces en el refe-
rido asunto, bajo la inteligencia que de lo contrario su
resistencia u omision a este respecto le pagara todo el por-
juicio consiguiente que haya lugar en derecho = El in-
prescripto aprovecha esta oportunidad para saludar al
Sr. Consul de los Estados Unidos con toda su consideracion
y respeto = Tomas Manuel de Anchorena

Sr. Consul de los Estados Unidos de Norte America

Esta conforme

El oficial Mayor de Relac^o Exte^o
Manuel de Bragoyen



In Port Louis this 5th day of September one thousand
 eight hundred and thirty one before me Don Lewis Ternet
 Governor of the Falkland Islands &c personally appeared
 William Smyley who after having been solemnly sworn to tell
 the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth to the
 questions to be made to him, was required to say what is his coun-
 try his age and occupation, answered that he is a native of the
 United States of America, 23 Years of age, late seaman or board
 the Schooner Thadders. Questioned, when and how he come
 into the country? - ans - He left Cap^s cutter on or about the
 25th of August 1830, afterwards shipped on board the Superior
 then joined again the Thadders, and left her again at
 Eagle Island the last time with the consent of the Captain,
 here he assisted to build a Shallop with which to go to the west-
 ward, there to get a boat with which to go a Sealing. 1st Shallop
 not turning out good - and having obtained boat boards
 from the Penguin assisted to build a boat with which he went
 to the westward with four more who had left the Thadders
 at the same time - at Beaver Island they fell in with the
 other boats crews and then formed a partnership for Sealing
 which was some time in June they afterwards all went back
 to Eagle Island to repair the Shallop and began to build a new

Ques 3 who killed the horse at Eagle Island? ans {him-
self had done it. Ques 3 what motives he had for so doing?
ans 3 He did it out of compassion and self interest the
first because he had his left fore leg broke, the second, be-
cause it was eating up his bredd.

Done before me the year day and date before men-
tioned under my hand and seal of office.



Luis Vernet

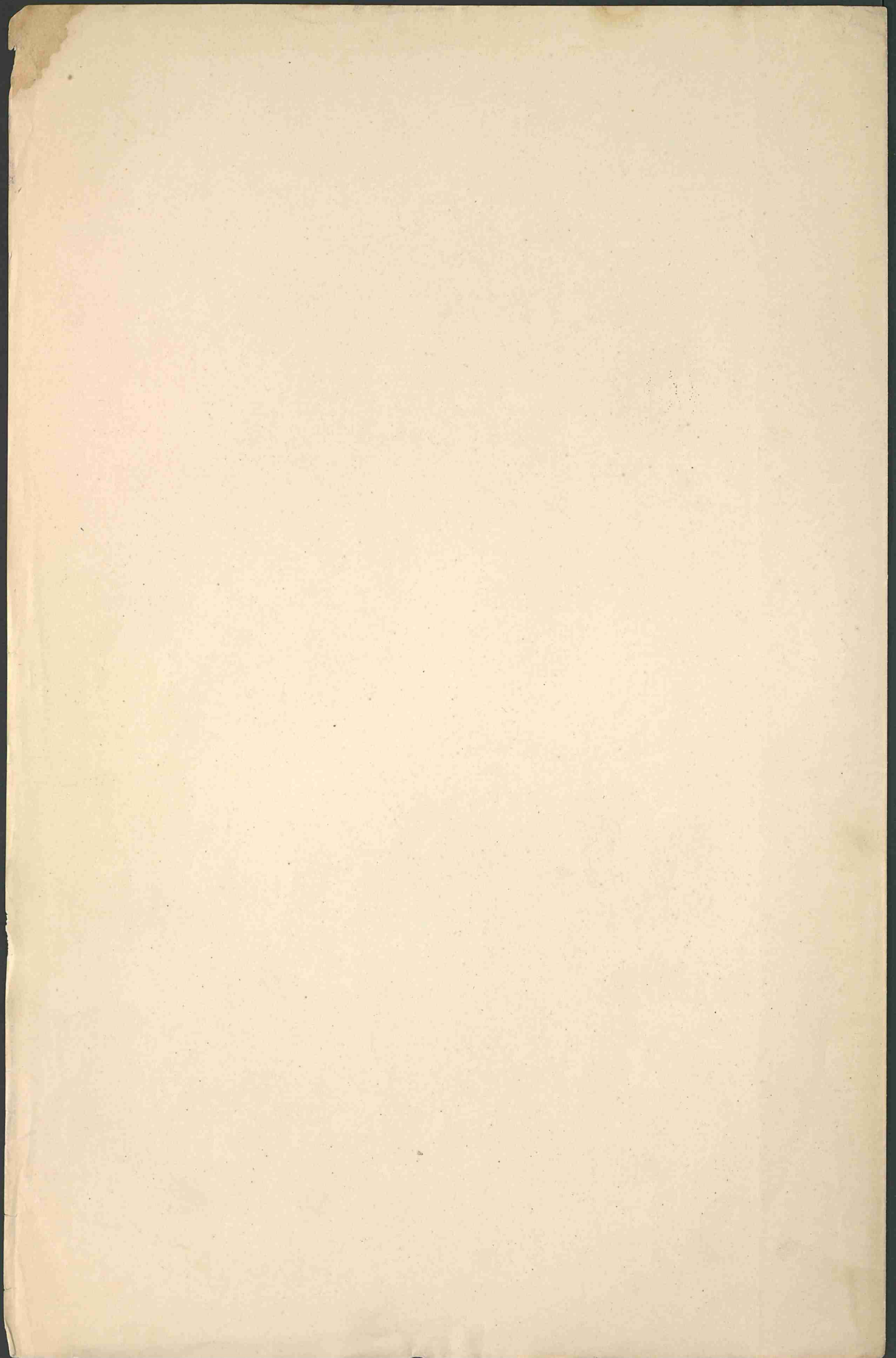
I William Smyly mentioned in the foregoing docu-
ment have solemnly sworn that the contents, there of
are in every respect just and true

Wm Smyly

Sworn & signed before me

Luis Vernet





Consul Patrick

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Montevideo 17th March. 1838

My Dear Sir



Your valued favor of the 6th inst reached me on the 12th by the hand of M^r Rooker: - I much regret the non receipt of mine, in time for you to furnish Smiley with the documents required, and still more so the non receipt of those you sent me; be kind enough to forward another copy, nay two, as I am anxious to send one to the U. S.

A report exists here that, Burrows, has been at Rio and that he had ran away from there leaving large claims unpaid this report however wants confirmation.

The English appear determined to hold the Malvinas; a British Petch (man of war) is now in port to sail in a day or two for port Louis they have obtained some family as emigrants among them some "Jauchos" to take and slay cattle, tame horses &c. &c be pleased to forward me an outline of the first discovery of the Island & by whome, the primitive settlers and in fine the Goos. who have occupied them from the discovery to the present day. I have no history here which show those facts, but I am satisfied they are in your possession or within your reach at the State de-

-partment of Buenos Aires

Let me hear from you soon, in the
mean time be assured of my high consideration

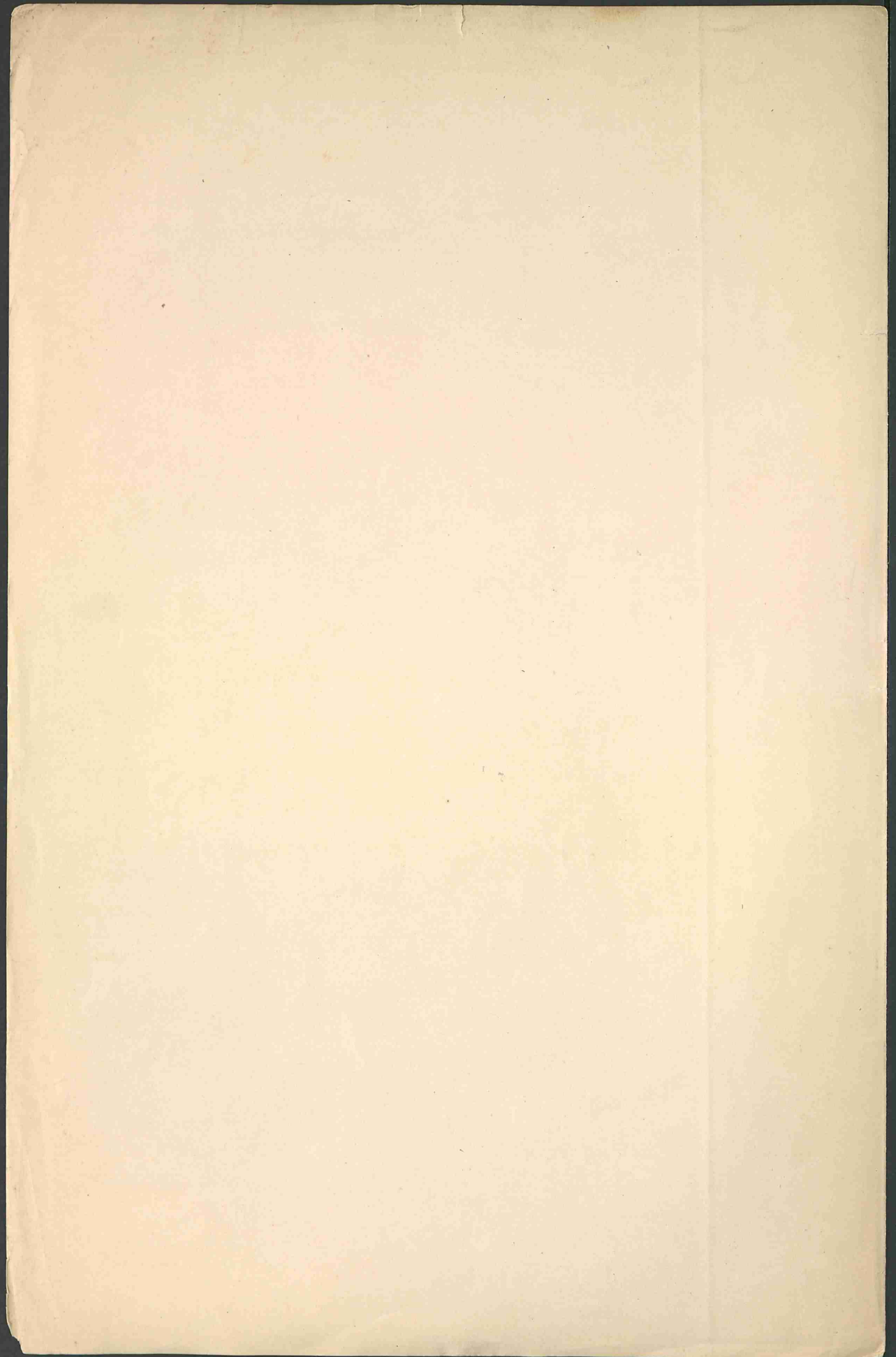
& respect

I am

Sir, Respectfully

Your Ob.^d St.

Jno Patrick



The following individuals Isaac P. Wildron, George Lambert, William Smyler, John Jones, having been arrested in the Colony of Port Louis on suspicions of having transgressed the laws of the Country, and sundry summary evidences having been taken which justified the remittance of these persons to Buenos-Aires to stand their trial: Don Louis Vernet Governor of the Falkland Islands took into consideration that the result of such trial, whether unfavorable or favorable, would in their peculiar situation always become an evil to them, who are on the other hand, according to all appearances and information obtained, a hardy set of men, and of an indistinct disposition, capable of becoming useful members of this Colony if set at liberty, to follow their favorite pursuit of Sealing, and having at the same time no unfavorable impression of them in his mind, has with their free will and consent entered into the following agreement with them, which they make in behalf of themselves and of their companions, viz: George Dow, James M. Burr, Samuel Marston, Isaac C. Roundy & Gordon Lowell, now on Eagle Islands, occupied in building a Shallop.

Article 1 The first named four individuals shall be sent by Mr. Vernet to Eagle Island where they oblige themselves to conclude the building of said Shallop untill she be made a good and serviceable Vessel for sealing among the Falkland Islands.

Article 2 Mr. Vernet obliges himself to furnish them on their departure from this port for the use of said Shallop

of the following articles namely.

One Puncheon of Bread
Two bbls of Flour
Two bbls " Pork
One bbl " Molasses
One pig " Lead
One bag " Shot
One keg " Powder
Six Dozen Musquet &
Pistol flints
Some percussion caps
Three files & one chisel 1/4 in
Six th boat nails
Eight th out nails (Deck)
Hooks Shimbles & Blocks
One Pistol

Two th Shingle nails
Some Brimstone.



Large Saw
One third bbl of Tar
Kedge & Haws
Fourteen fathoms Cable
for rigging
One Boat Sail
One half Keg White Lead
Some paint oil
Paint boards
One brass Keg green paint
Spar for Foremast
Some Junk
Sheels & Knives
Fifteen bbls of Salt
Ten Gall Water Kegs
One th Furne
An Epitome

Article 3 The Vessel being concluded, shall be for
acct. & risk of M^r. Vernet to be commanded by Isaac
P. Waldron, James Burr, Mate and George Dow Bi-
lot, the rest Seamen she shall be under the flag
of the republic of Buenos-Aires with regular papers
from the authority on these Islands, and shall pro-
ceed to seal the Falkland Islands during the coming
Puffing and Shedding Season, and on the first day
of June eighteen hundred and thirty two the Vo-
yage shall be ended in Port Louis and this contract

X shall likewise cease

Article 4th M^r. Vermet obliges himself to purchase said Shallop completed as stated in the first article for four hundred Dollars in Silver money and for the article they have in their possession according to acct rendered by George Lambert the sum of two hundred and seventy silver Dollars payable on the first day of June eighteen hundred and thirty two in equal parts to the individuals that sign the agreement and fulfill it M^r. Vermet conceiving said Shallop and articles are worth nothing unless she be put afloat and finished, and it is understood that she shall be staunch tight and strong of about twenty Tons burthen.



Article 5th The provisions furnished by M^r. Vermet are calculated to last untill the first of December next or before which day the Shallop must come to Port Louis to get new Supplies and regular Papers.

Article 6th At the end of this contract the acquired Skins or any thing else to be obtained by the ships company shall be divided into two equal parts. One for M^r. Vermet and the other for the ships company.

Article 7th The Captain and Mate shall render an accurate Acct by log book of the Skins and other property obtained, and of the operations during the voyage, and the whole ships company bind themselves to act in every respect in an honorable manner as becomes good men.

Article 8th M^r. Vermet will give into the charge of the Capt. of the Shallop some Circulars which he is to address to any sealing Vessel that he may meet with among these

Islands, which Circulars he shall endeavor to deliver in presence of several persons, telling the master at the same time verbally the risk that he runs of losing his Vessel if he persists in sealing these Islands or the other parts of this Jurisdiction - And it is understood that if such Master persists in Sealing and information thereof is given by the Shallop to M^r. Vernet and such offending Vessel in consequence of said information becomes a lawfull prize, the said Shallop shall be entitled to one half the gain thereby arising, according to the result of the trial that such Vessel may undergo.

Article 9th As Security for the true and faithfull & fulfilment of the obligations imposed on the Ships' Company by virtue of this Contract, they agree to deliver to Capt Mathew Brisbane the Seal Skins and Whalebone that they have acquired about these Islands till this day, for which said M. Brisbane shall give a rec^t in the name of M^r. Vernet.

Article 10th M^r. Vernet obliges himself on the first day of June One thousand and eight hundred and thirty two after having delivered to the Ships' Company one half of the Seal skins and half of all other property that may have been acquired in the Country by said Shallop, to return out of his half the same number and quality of Seal skins as Capt Brisbane had received for purposes specified in the ninth article and to returne as much Whalebone if acquired or to account for same at the rate of twenty-four cents p^t. ~~to~~ after which the Ships Company will obtain an honorable discharge and be at liberty to go stay or go where they please.

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In proof whereof the first named four individuals sign
this with me this twentieth day of September one thou-
sand eight hundred and thirty one in Port Lewis
Lewis Ternet Isaac P. Waldron

George Lambert

William Smyley

John Jones.

Marcus B. Young

James M. Burr

Gordon Lowell

Isaac C. Roundy

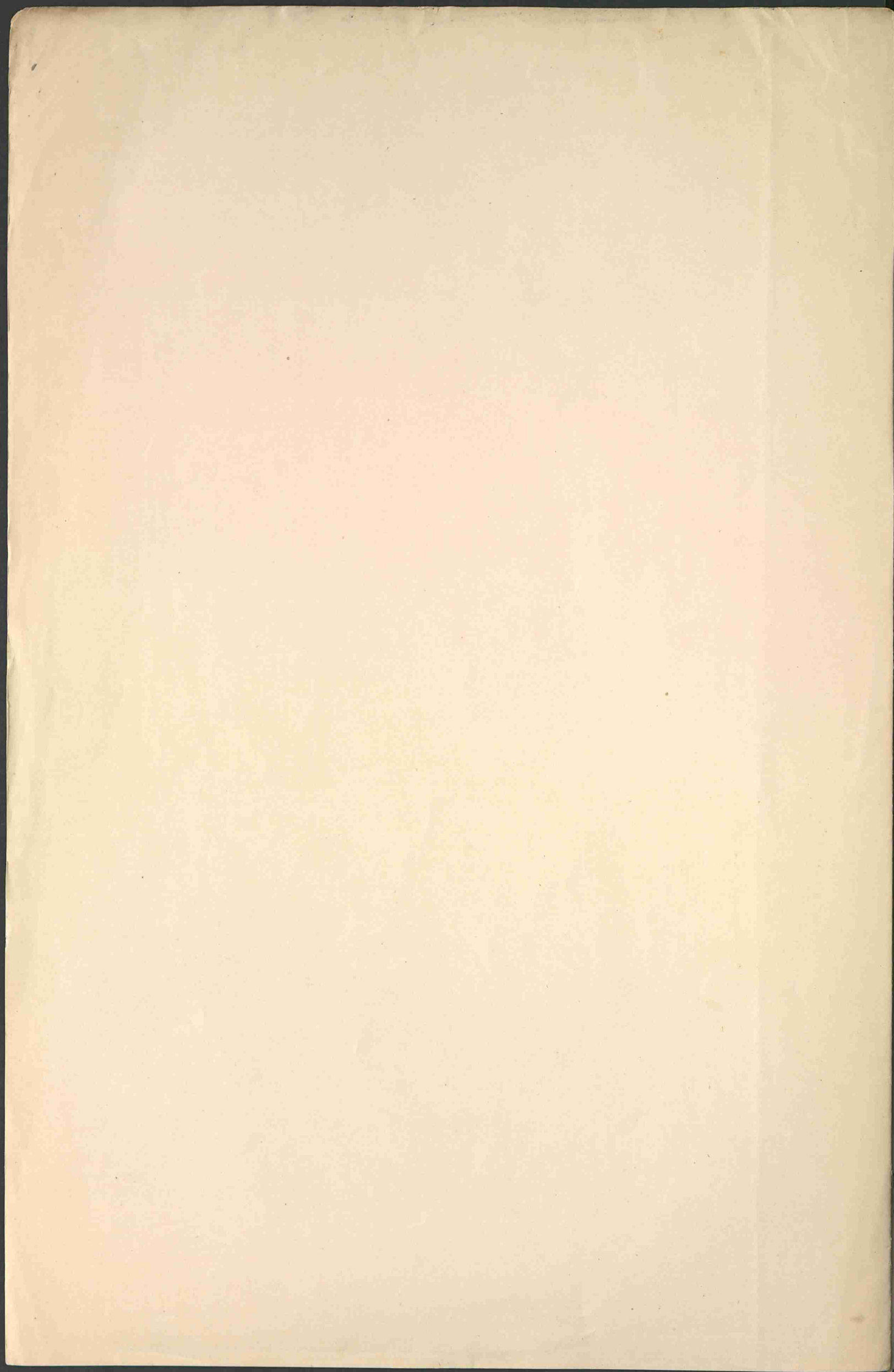
Samuel Marston

George C. Daw

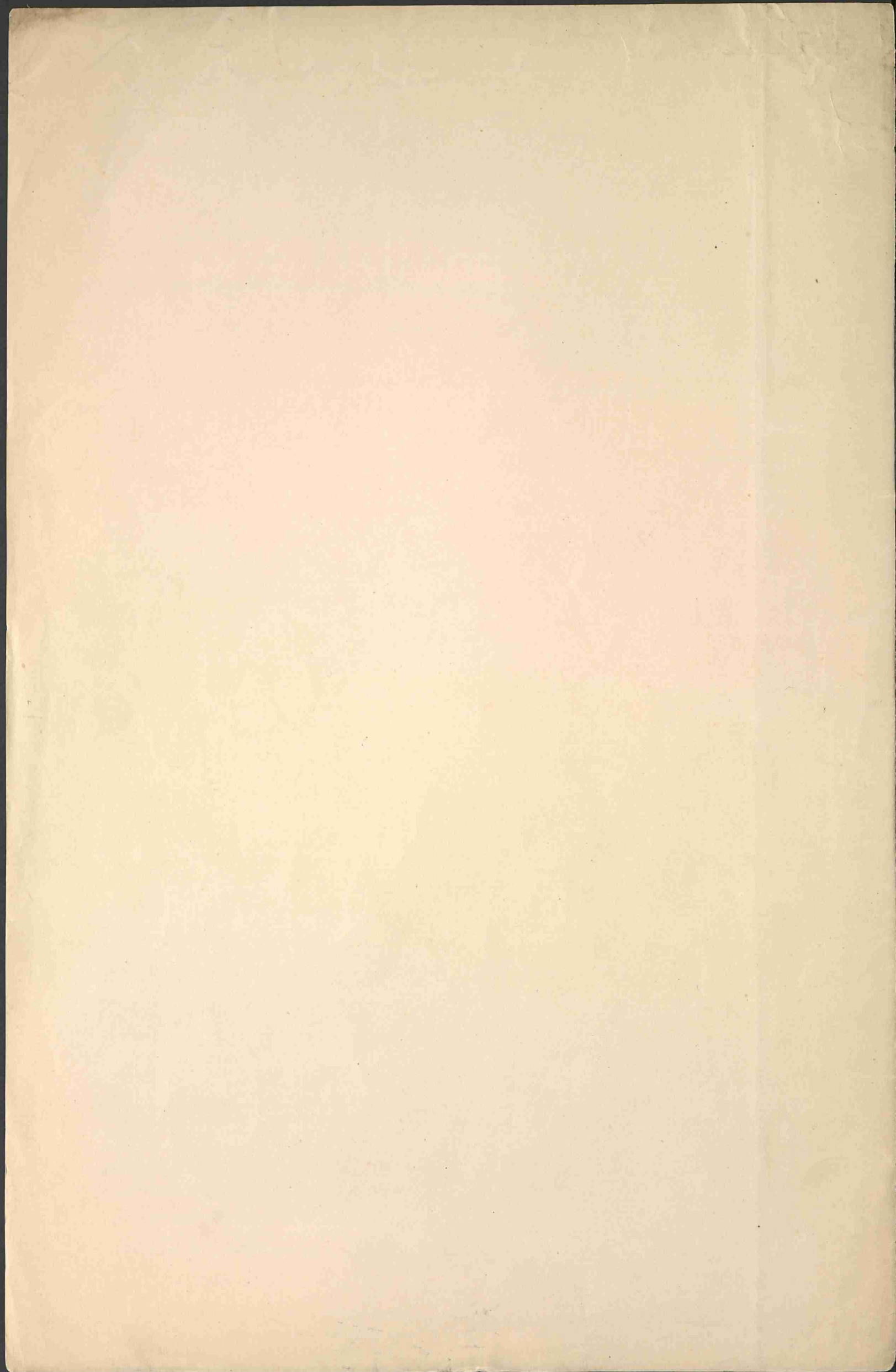
Signed at
Cape Island -

Received of Don Lewis Ternet the stores and other
articles as mentioned in the second article of this
contract.

Isaac P. Waldron
for the Boats Crews



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revisado)

Festividad Costa de la Colonia

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Buenos Aires Abril once de mil ocho cientos sesenta y seis = Señor Juez Letrado de Comercio = Don Luis Vernet en el reclamo por daños y perjuicios que tengo pendiente contra el Gobierno de los Estados Unidos de America mas de treinta ha, por la destruccion que perpetró en treinta y uno de Diciembre de mil ocho cientos treinta y uno, un oficial de la marina de esa nacion sobre la colonia que á mi costo tenia establecida en las Islas Malvinas, cuyo reclamo se halla archivado en el antiguo Tribunal de Comercio de esta ciudad, con todos sus documentos comprobatorios de lo que me ha costado la colonia destruida; como tambien el estado de mi fortuna en primeros de Enero de mil ocho cientos veinte y seis cuando habia satisfecho los principales y primeros gastos de mi empresa en las Islas Malvinas e igualmente el estado de mi fortuna en la víspera del dia en que fue destruida mi colonia: resultando de la diferencia entre ambos estados de fortuna patentemente el aumento que habia tenido la mia en los cinco años que transcurieron entre Enero mil ocho cientos veinte y seis y Enero mil ocho cientos treinta y dos y de consiguiente patentiza igualmente el importe del "lucro cesante" en los años posteriores á la destruccion de la Colonia hasta que sea reembolsado ese perjuicio; y necesitando ahora obtener una constancia autentica de estos hechos constantes de los documentos que se hallan en los archivos del Tribunal de Comercio, ocurro respetuosamente para obtener esa



constancia, ante V. S. y digo: Que inicié mis recla-
maciones en el Tribunal de Comercio con los do-
cumentos que siguen = Primero: Un manifiesto
sobre mi suspension de pagos a consecuencia de
la destruccion de mi Colonia, y pidiendo esperas
para poderlos resumir = Segundo: La cuenta de-
tallada de lo que me habia costado la Colonia destrui-
da, acompañada de las voluminosas pruebas de su
referencia contenidas en siete colecciones de documen-
tos macadas con las letras A B C D E F y G = Tercero
La cuenta de la demostracion general de mis bienes
en Enero primero de mil ocho cientos veinte y seis = Cuarta
La demostracion general de mis bienes el treinta y uno de
Diciembre de mil ocho cientos treinta y uno = Despues de pre-
sentados estos documentos se siguieron las actuaciones de prac-
tica hasta que en Agosto del año de mil ocho cientos treinta
y cinco el Tribunal de Comercio aprobó todo lo actuado =
En el año siguiente de mil ocho cientos treinta y seis
el Gobierno Argentino, bajo la administracion Rosas, mandó
a los Estados Unidos de Ministro residente al General
Don Carlos Maria de Alvear, para reclamar satisfaccion
por el ultraje hecho a la Nacion Argentina, y subsanaci-
on de daños y perjuicios sufridos por mi con la destruc-
cion de la Colonia, como es publico y notorio y como
consta mas especialmente en un párrafo de nota
oficial, que el ministro de Relaciones Exteriores con
fecha catorce de Agosto de mil ocho cientos treinta
y dos pasó al Ministro de los Estados Unidos acreditado
cerca del Gobierno Argentino, que literalmente es como

sigue = "A vista pues de atentados tan evidentes, que
 no admiten la menor tergiversacion, el Gobierno de
 esta Provincia se halla en el deber de exigir ante todas
 cosas, por si, y como encargado de las relaciones Exteriores
 de la Republica al de los Estados Unidos de America,
 pronta y completa satisfaccion de tales atentados, repa-
 rando y subsanando ademas a la Republica Argentina
 al Comandante Vernet, y a los Colonos que estaban bajo su
 dependencia en las Islas Malvinas, todos los danos y
 perjuicios de cualquiera Clase que fueren, que han sufrido
 y estan sufriendo por la agresion del Comandante Dun-
 can - Esta determinacion del Gobierno Rosas, la repetio
 todos los años siguientes en los mensajes que dirigia a la
 Legislatura, hasta el año de mil ocho cientos cincuenta y dos
 cuando cayo del poder. Sin embargo, estas reclamaciones
 jamas fueron realizadas por el dictador = Pero hoy que
 ha sido reconstruida la Republica Argentina bajo la
 administracion del Excelentisimo Señor Presidente, el
 Brigadier General Don Bartolomé Mitre, este ilustrado
 ciudadano y Jefe de la Nacion, ha acreditado de Ministro
 de esta Republica cerca del Gobierno de la Republica de los
 Estados Unidos, al distinguido patriota Don Domingo F.
 Sarmiento con el objeto de reanudar y estrechar los vinculos
 de Amistad que es de desear fuera cultivado con el esmero
 debido, por todas las Republicas Americanas, con su sabia
 y poderosa hermana mayor de Estados Unidos modelo
 de todas las Republicas del mundo. Es de consiguiente llega-
 da la epoca mas oportuna para que mis justos pero tan pos-
 tergados reclamos sean atendidos y apoyados por el Gobierno

Argentino, encargando a su Ministro el Señor Sarmiento el cumplimiento de la promesa contenida en el parrafo que he citado de la nota oficial del Gobierno Argentino, de catorce de Agosto de mil ochocientos treinta y dos, de exigir del de Estados Unidos completa indemnizacion por los danos y perjuicios que he sufrido y sufo por la destruccion de mi Colonia en Malvinas; y esto con el mismo noble tozon que el Gobierno de Estados Unidos acostumbra a exigir de otras naciones el abono de los perjuicios y danos causados a sus conciudadanos = Esto puede hacerse con tanta mas razon, puesto que el Gobierno Argentino acaba de satisfacer el valioso reclamo del ciudadano de los Estados Unidos Don Guillermo P. White, que tiene aun veinte años mas de antigüedad que el mio, que tambien ya cuenta con mas de treinta años de existencia = Además de las circunstancias mencionadas, que favorecen mis reclamos puedo contar, en el dia con las simpatias de valiosas influencias, en los Estados Unidos, que apoyaran mi justa causa = Para aprovechar pues una epoca tan oportuna para recobrar la fortuna de que tanto tiempo ha, he sido tan injustamente despojado, conviene a mi derecho que V. S. se sirva mandar me sea dado por alguno de los Escribanos del Tribunal de Comercio, previo examen de los documentos originales, un certificado, claro, cencillo y conciso, que al mismo tiempo que evitara una nueva aglomeracion de documentos sobre los que ya he remitido en varias epocas a mis apoderados en los Estados Unidos y que no hacen sino poner en un punto

de vista complicado un asunto bien sencillo en su mismo, hara al contrario el bien de presentar mis reclamos en un punto de vista tan claro, que hara' mas facil su decision definitiva; bastando los testimonios, mucho tiempo ha' mandados a' Estados Unidos para ver los detalles de las cuentas de su referencia = Todo esto se conseguira' certificando el Escribano previo examen de los documentos originales = Primero: Cuanto es el costo total de la Colonia de Malvinas al tiempo de su destruccion segun la cuenta de su referencia? = Segundo: Cuanto importaba el respectivo debe y Haber de la demostracion de mis bienes en primero de Enero de mil ocho cientos veinte y seis? = y Tercero: Cuanto importaba el respectivo Debe y Haber de mis bienes en treinta y uno de Diciembre de mil ocho cientos treinta y uno? = Cuarta: Que certifique ademas el Escribano, con presencia del cuaderno impreso de los documentos oficiales, con que el Gobierno Argentino instruyo' en mil ocho cientos treinta y dos, a' la Legislatura sobre las cuestiones pendientes con el Gobierno de los Estados Unidos sobre las Islas Malvinas; si es exacto el extracto que he mencionado en el cuerpo de este escrito, sacado de la nota que con fecha catorce de Agosto del mismo año dirigió el Ministro de Relaciones extranjeras al señor encargado de negocios de Estados Unidos, entonces en esta ciudad = Por tanto = A' V. U. suplico y pido se sirva mandar se me de' a' continuacion el certificado que he mencionado; por ser asi de Justicia etcetera = Luis Fernet = Otro si digo: Que se ha de servir V. U. mandar que cuando este puesto el

certificado del Escribano a' continuacion, se me den
dos testimonios del escrito y del certificado y fecho
se me devuelvan los originales = Es justicia etcetera =
= Luis Vernet = Buenos Aires Abril once de mil
ocho cientos sesenta y seis = Dese los certificados que
se piden, y testimonios, devolviendase los originales
bajo constancia = Isla = Lo mandó y firmó el Señor
Juez de Primera Instancia en lo Comercial Doctor Don
Tomas Isla en Buenos Aires a' once de Abril de mil
ocho cientos sesenta y seis; doy fe = Juan Gonzalez = en
segunda notifique a' Don Luis Vernet y firmó doy fe =
= Vernet = Gonzalez = Yo el infrascrito Escribano Publi-
co del Tribunal de Comercio de esta ciudad, dando cum-
plimiento al Decreto de Ylesia para que le sea dado a'
Don Luis Vernet el certificado que pide en el escrito que
precede relativo a' las tres cuentas originales a' que se re-
fiere, Certifico: primero: que habiendo examinado dete-
nidamente esos documentos, he hallado que la primera
que es una cuenta detallada a' que ascendia la Colonia
de Malvinas al tiempo de su destruccion por el Coman-
dante de la Corveta de guerra de los Estados Unidos
Leington, Don Silas Duncan, acompañada de siete colec-
ciones de documentos marcados con las letras A B C D
E F y G consta que la suma total a' que ascendia el
valor de dicha Colonia era dos cientos siete mil setecientos
veinte y ocho pesos fuertes con cuatro reales = Segundo = Que
habiendo igualmente examinado la cuenta de demos-
tracion de los bienes de Don Luis Vernet primero de
Enero de mil ocho cientos veinte y seis, resulta: que

La suma total de su Haber importaba en dicha fecha noventa y tres mil seis cientos noventa y un pesos fuertes con cinco y medio reales y que la suma total de su Debe importaba ochenta y cinco mil novecientos noventa y cuatro pesos fuertes con cinco y medio reales = Tercero: que examinada tambien por mi la demostracion, de los bienes de Don Luis Vernet al tiempo de la destruccion de su Colonia en treinta y uno de Diciembre de mil ocho cientos treinta y uno, consta de ellas, que su Haber importaba la Suma de trescientos y cinco mil cuatrocientos veinte pesos fuertes con un y medio real y que su Debe importaba la Suma de ciento y treinta y siete mil ciento sesenta y seis pesos fuertes con seis y medio reales = Por ultimo, certifico el extracto que se halla citado en el escrito, que lo he cotejado con el parrafo de su referencia contenido en la nota oficial que en fecha catorce de Agosto de mil ocho cientos treinta y dos paso el Señor Ministro de Relaciones Exteriores de la Republica Argentina al Señor encargado de negocios de la Republica de los Estados Unidos residente en esta ciudad y que dicho extracto es una copia fiel del parrafo contenido en la mencionada nota.

Y para que conste y en virtud de lo ordenado por el Señor Juez de Primera Instancia en lo Comercial, Doctor Don Tomas Ulla a' fopas tres y a' pedido del Señor Don Luis Vernet signo' y firmo el presente en Buenos Aires a' once de Abril de mil ocho cientos sesenta y seis. Hay un signo = Juan Gonzalez



Es conforme con el expediente original de su referencia el cual se halla inruciado por la oficina a' cargo del

Escribano Vago a la que me hallo adscrito y el que
he tenido a la vista de que certifico. Y en virtud de
lo ordenado por el Señor Juez de Primera Instancia
en lo Comercial Doctor Don Tomas Isla a fo-
jas tres vuelto del citado expediente y a solicitud de
Don Luis Vernet signo y firmo el presente en Buenos
Aires a diez y seis de Abril de mil ocho cientos sesenta
y seis

Juan Gonzalez
Escribano Pub^{co}

Los infrascriptos Escribanos publicos que abajo signa-
mos y firmamos, certificamos y damos fe que Don
Juan Gonzalez es tal Escribano publico como se titula y mere-
ce entera fe en juicio y fuera de el. Y para que asi conste
donde conenga damos el presente en Buenos Aires a
diez y seis de Abril de mil ocho cientos sesenta y seis.

Angel Julio Blanco

Marcelino Suarez

Juan Salvadores.

Escribano Pub^{co}

El abajo firmado Sub secretario del Ministerio de
Relaciones Exteriores de la Republica Argentina certifica:
Que las signatures que preceden y dicen "Angel Julio
Blanco" "Marcelino Suarez" y "Juan Salvadores" son au-
tenticas y merecen plena fe y credito por ser las mismas
que usan los signantes en todos sus actos publicos, como lo
hacen los Escribanos que se titulan.

Buenos Ayres Abril 19 de 1866

Delfin B. Buzo

No debe llevar el
certificado del Consul Am...

47^{to} Cua May 1822

It is hereby agreed upon between Don Luis Vernet Governor of the Falkland Islands on the one part and Gilbert R. Davison on the other part, that:

1st. The schooner Harriet of Stonington Gilbert R. Davison master having been seized in these Islands for a breach of the laws respecting the fisheries, and being therefore about to be sent to Buenos Ayres to be tried by the Government of that Republic, & to be navigated to said port by some person appointed by Governor Vernet, both parties have agreed and do hereby voluntarily agree that I Gilbert R. Davison shall take upon myself to navigate the schooner Harriet untill her safe arrival to such anchorage in the inner Rhoads of the port of Buenos Ayres as the Government there may determine; for which purpose a crew is to be engaged at the expence of Gov^r Vernet notwithstanding ~~that~~ the articles will say that Captain Davison is to pay them, he only acting as any agent appointed by Gov^r Vernet would in this case have to act. And it is fully understood that in giving Captain Davison the preference in this employment Gov^r Vernet has no other object than that before the fate of the vessel be decided by a fair trial, he wishes her to be under the care of a person who with respect to her preservation from the perils of the sea, and from waste of her stores, is most likely to enjoy the confidence also of the owners in America, and Captain Davison in accepting this employment has also



only in view the preservation of the vessel and stores against the perils of the seas.

2^{dly}. It is understood that Captain Davison will render said services to Gov^r. Vernet for and in consideration of receiving after safe arrival in B^o Ayres the sum of fifty Spanish Dollars, which the latter obliges himself to pay, as also to pay the crew the wages that will become due according to their articles.

Given under our hands in Port Louis this 29th day of October 1831.

Gilbert R. Davison
Lewis Vernet.

Oct: 29

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We the undersigned Gilbert Davison on the one part and M^r Lewis Vernet on the other part have come to the following agreement whether the schooner Harriet be condemned or not condemned, namely:

Art. 1st It being necessary according to the agreement signed on the 8th September between Davison Vernet and Capt Congar, that the Harriet should go to Statenland to receive the boats crew of the Superior, also to take off some spars left by said Superior in the Falkland Islands Captain Davison consents to load in Statenland wood and seal skins and in Beaver Island and Eagle Island some skins and whale bone or anything that is there, for account of Vernet.

Art 2 Vernet in consideration of said accomodation obliges himself to pay to Captain Davison seven and a half percent of anything that is loaded in Statenland Beaver Island and Eagle Island.

In proof whereof we have signed two of the same tenor in Port Louis this 16th day of September 1831.

Gilbert Davison

Lewis Vernet

Sept. 16



Additional Article 1st In conformity to the foregoing agreement the Schooner Harriet has loaded 198 fur seal skins and 2744 lb of whale bone belonging to the independant Boats crews; and most of the seal skins having been transhipped in a vessel for England there yet remains on board eighteen prime fur seal skins and all the whale bone, for which Captain Davison has signed a Bill of Lading. And we have agreed that instead of Captain Davison receiving freight in goods, he shall receive it in money as stated in the following article.

Additional Article 2^d I Lewis Vernet wishing to go to Buenos Ayres with my family several servants and chattels, and being desirous not to make use of the vessel without the free consent of Captain Davison, have offered to pay him after my safe arrival in the Schooner Harriet to the port of Buenos Ayres for passage money and for freight of the goods that are and were shipped on board said Schooner the sum of one hundred and fifty silver dollars; and I Gilbert R. Davison accept the offer made me by Mr Vernet and acknowledge myself fully.

satisfied with said payment for passage money
and freight of the goods shipped.

In proof whereof we have signed the
two foregoing additional articles to our former
agreement dated the 16th of September last,
in Port Louis this 28th day of October 1831 -
two of the same tenor and date.

Gilbert R. Davison Lewis Vernet

Additional Article 3^d Captain Davison
will not be obliged to stay on board after
the vessels safe anchorage in the Inner Rhoads,
and the goods will be considered as delivered
twenty four hours after her arrival in said Rhoads.

Gilbert R. Davison Lewis Vernet

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It is hereby agreed upon between Lewis
Vernet Esq^r and Stephen Congar master of the
Schooner Superior Superior of New York now bound
to the west coast of South America under bonds
to return to this port being for a sealing voyage as
per contract dated 8th of September 1831. and
signed by the aforesaid Vernet and Congar and
Capt. Gilbert R. Davison by which it is understood
that the first named Captain shall receive pay
for his services if condemned from Vernet and if
liberated from the owners in America and half from
each if partially condemned or liberated. that
the R Stephen Congar obliges himself to do his best
for making a good voyage and otherwise act as
stated in said agreement, in return for which

services Vernet obliges himself to allow Capt^t Congar Forty Shares that is one fifth of what may be obtained on this present voyage if condemned and one tenth if partially condemned agreeable to said agreement of the 8th of September.

It is further understood that Capt^t Congar obliges himself to pay out of his shares the services that Capt^t Davison is bound to render in Buenos Ayres for the benefit of both the owners of the Schooner Harriet of Stonington and the owners of the Schooner Superior of New York according to private agreement between said Captains dated the 10th of September.



And in proof of the conformity of the three persons concerned we have signed and sealed three of the same tenour and date one for each. In port Louis this 12th of September 1831

Witnesses

J^o. Trumbull

Daniel Carew

Stephen Congar

Lewis Vernet

Gilbert R. Davison

Sept 12

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Mr Vernet

Sir The weather not suiting to go to sea this day I send the boat on shore to see if you have any commands which might have been forgotten. I do not recollect of anything more. My resp^t to Mrs. V. &c

Yours in haste

Stephen Congar

Wednesday Morning

Sept. 14. 1831

Sch Superior

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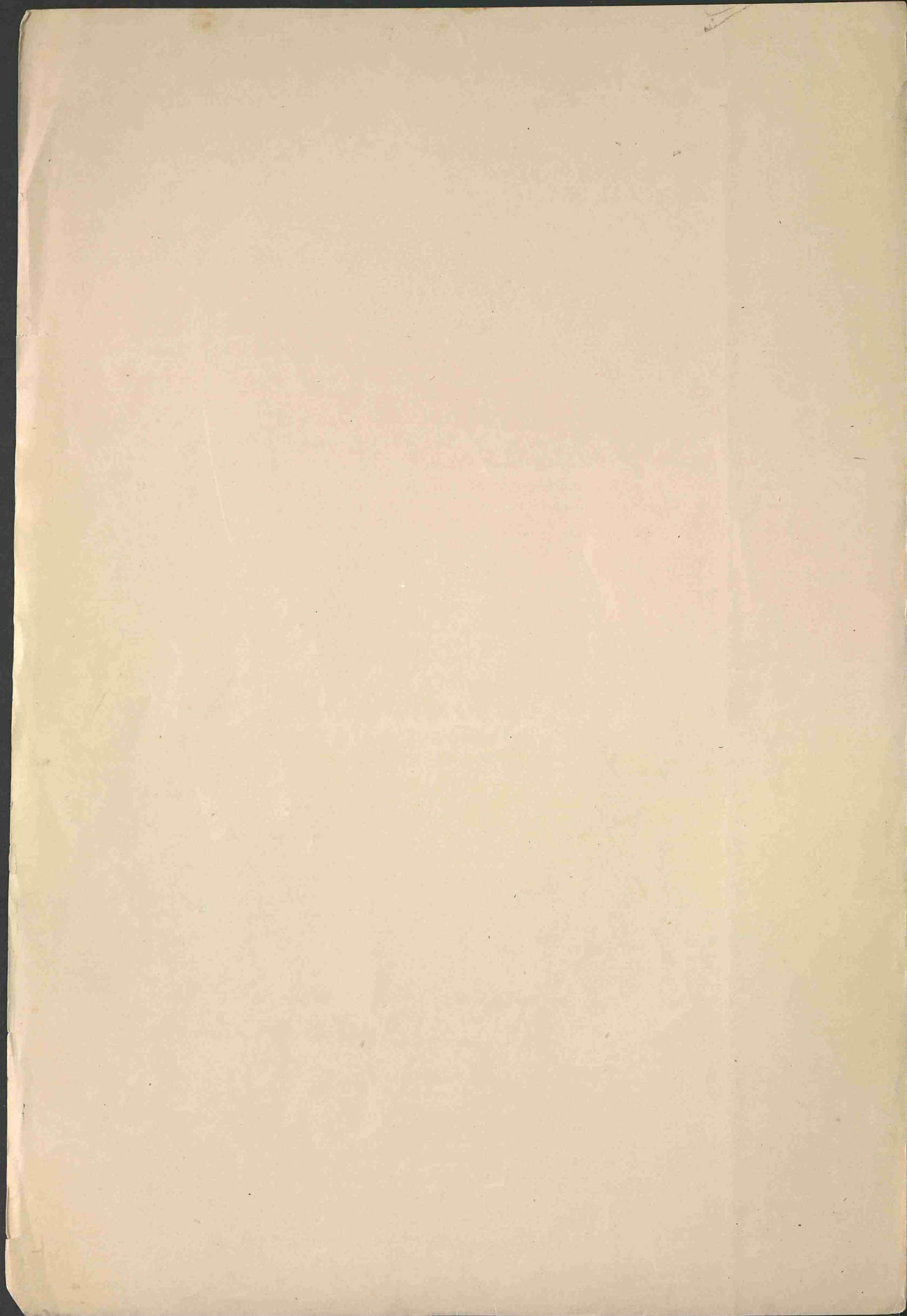
Mr. Albertson

Sir The Sch Superior has been seized By Mr Luis Vernet Gov of The Falkland Isles For Sealing These Isles, & the Sch Harriet Being seized also, Capt Davison Myself & Mr Vernet has entered in to an agreement, or Contract for the Superior to go Sealing on The West Coast to A A New discovered Sealing Ground, & the Sch Harriet to Proceed to Buenos Ayres for Trial, & Both Vepels will know there Fate By the Sch Harriets Trial; I am Bound Direct to The West Coast, & shall Be at Port Luis in The Course of Six or Eight months if Mr Vernet Sends to Staten Land for your Boat & Skins you had Better come to this place & Remain here untill I Return. Take A Receipt for your Skins in The Name of the Sch Superior as The Fate of The Sch will Decide wether They Belong to The Buenos Ayrean Government or to Silas & Burrows

I Have Deposited 989 - prime Skins with V.

Yours in haste

Stephen Congar



Revisado por Comodoro



In Port Louis this 5th day of September one thousand eight hundred and thirty one before me Don Luis Vermet Governor of the Falkland Islands &c personally appeared William Smyley who after having been solemnly sworn

to tell the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth to the questions to be made to him, was required to say what is his country his age and occupation, answered

that he is a native of the United States of America, 23 years of age, late seaman on board the Schooner Thaddens, questioned, when and how he came into the country? - ans-

He left Cap^t Cutther on or about the 25th of August 1830, afterwards shipped on board the Superior, then joined again the Thaddens, and left her again at Eagle Island the last time with the consent of the Captain, here he assisted to build a Shallop with which to go to the westward, there to get a boat with which to go a Sealing, the Shallop not turning out good and having obtained a boat board from the

Penguin assisted to build a boat with which he went to the westward with four more who had left the Thaddens at the same time - at Beaver Island they fell in with the other boats crews and then formed a partnership for Sealing which was some time in June they afterwards all went back to Eagle Island to ^{take up} ~~back to Eagle Island~~ on the Shallop and began to build a new one. Ques. 3 who killed the horse at Eagle Island? Ans. 3 himself had done it. Ques 3 what motives he had for so doing? Ans. 3 He did it out of compassion and self interest - the first because he had his left fore leg broke, the second because it was eating up his bread. Done before me the year day and

Done before me the year day and

~~at~~ date before mentioned under my hand and
seal of office

Lewis Vermet Luis Vermet

I William Smyley mentioned in the foregoing
document have solemnly sworn that the con-
sents, thereof are in every respect just and true

~~Sworn~~ Wm Smyley -
~~Sworn~~ & signed before me
Sworn Lewis Vermet

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