



Sir

Dublin Rio de Janeiro

14th November 1836.

In reply to your letter of the 25th Ult^o I have to acquaint you that I have not authority to grant your permission for importing into the East Falkland a cargo of Horses and some English Gauchos as you request; for, I consider that consistently with the orders I have received no Settlers can be admitted there without the express permission of His Majesty's Government.

With regard to your property at the Settlement, I informed you more than a year ago that you were at liberty to remove any which belonged to you at the time of Lieutenant Smith's arrival there, on your settling any claims which the gauchos residing

To M. Lewis Veract
of Buenos Ayres

thru

there might have on it up to that
time. All property acquired ^{then} since
that date Lieutenant Smith will
have to account for to A.M. Government.

The Horses introduced by you and
remaining on the Island at the time
of Lieutenant Smiths occupation
are of course to be considered as your
property, and you may remove them;
but, if you prefer it, you may
state for the consideration of
A.M. Government what you
estimate as their value then, so
that you may be paid for them;
or, what you consider a fair
remuneration for the use of them
in order that A.M. Government
may decide thereon.

I send for your information
an extract from the Instructions

I have

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I have received from the Lords
Commissioners of the Admiralty
on the subject of your property.

Extract



" Mr. Veruet can have no claim
" to the proceeds of wild cattle in
" which he had no property: and
" his utmost claim must be the
" value of his private property
" whatever that may have been
" when it was taken possession of
" by Lieutenant Smith, or an
" allowance for the use of it, if
" returned to him".

I am Sir

Your most obedient
humble servant,

Richard D. Skempton

Rear Admiral

Recd Jan 14th Nov 1836.
Wm G. E. H.