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Buenos Ayres June 16. 1836.

To Sir Graham E. Hammond & Co



Sir,

I have the honour of acknowledging receipt of your favor of the 20th of last month, the contents of which shew me that the fear of intruding too much upon your time had made me fall into a greater error than of being too laconic in my communications: I ought to have informed you that although the cattle existed on the Island long before my settlement, yet they had originally been sent there from B^o Ayres, between the years 1764 to 1787, and that said cattle having been ceded to me by the Govt of B^o A^o I considered them my property as much so as if I had placed them there myself. With regard to the Lands of the Island, as being British property the case is of course very different, and any grant made thereof to me under such circumstances, by the Govt of B^o Ayres, I consider of no value unless confirmed by the British Govt. For the same reason I never thought of reforming an establishment ~~on~~ ^{on} settlement, my intentions extended no farther than to reestablish my cattle business so as to have it in my power to domesticate or tame the wild cattle, and thus become useful to any settlement the British Govt might think fit to establish or permit to be established there in future. To accomplish this object my own pecuniary means were

53 insufficient, and considering my purpose
of public utility, was the reason why I took
the liberty of applying to ^{you} for assistance,
in letter of 22^d Dec^r 1834. In short my
wish and my intention was to place
myself first in a situation to become
usefull to the Islands, and then to await
with patience the pleasure of the British
Gov^t for the ~~determination~~ ^{determination} of my private
rights, in whatever manner they may
deem just or equitable.

I must once more beg your
pardon for having so often molested your
attention, for which my good intention
I hope will be the best apology.

I am with regard

Sir
your most obed^t
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(Signed) Lewis Vernes

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Dec 16th 1836
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