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Spartiate Rio de Janeiro  
13 February 1835.

Sir



I have to acquaint you that all the letters and documents sent by you to the late Rear Admiral Sir Michael <sup>Sydney</sup> as well as those dated 2<sup>d</sup> and 22<sup>d</sup> December last addressed to myself have been forwarded to the Lord Commissioners of the Admiralty; that I have requested precise directions in regard to every thing claimed by you, and that until I receive such directions I can give no answer to your application.

With respect however to your proposal for an advance of £2000 on account of houses to be sold, my opinion is that

Lewis Vernet

You

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you stand exactly in the position of any person who may unfortunately have placed buildings on land to which he has no title. The Government of Buenos Ayres having none to the Falkland Islands, and no grant of land having been made to you by the British Government whose possessor they are, the Buildings of course become the property of the latter Government.

I am Sir

Your most obedient  
humble servant

Richard Hammond

Acting Colonial  
Commissioner



Dec 13<sup>th</sup> July 1835

Chas. G. E. H.