

Dear Lewis - ^{Duplicate} Philadelphia December 29. 1831

I avail myself of the opportunity of a Dr. Thompson of New London who has kindly promised to forward the present to write to you & send you sundry documents which no doubt will be of great interest to you - he knows of no present opportunity but says he is likely to hear of it when one occurs & if there is time will give me notice that I may write you again - my present object is chiefly to forward the documents which cannot so well be done by mail & briefly to state what has occur'd here -

My last was of 19th October by Sch^r Transport, since which I have not heard from you but have received a few days ago from your brother Ernie a letter from Montevideo of 27th Sept^r from which was glad to learn that your Colony is going on prosperously & he sends me some papers & Charts for publication which I will attend to the Chart of East Falkland Island - & one of Berkeley Sound with sailing directions, are now engraving -



The subject engrossing at present my mind most in your affairs is the seizure of the Schooner Breakwater & Harriet & what has occur'd here in consequence of it - as it has excited considerable sensation - I think I understand the case & that you are in the right but others do not or will not understand it -

On the arrival of the Breakwater appeared A. that part of it stating that our Government had formally declared it did not recognize the claim of the Republic of Buenos Ayres to the jurisdiction of the Falklands & considered so important a point

that I addressed a letter to the Secretary of State on the subject to which he answered "that measures were taken to ascertain ^{se habian tomado medidas para averiguar sobre que fundacion cimientaba el derecho de jurisdiccion sobre las islas} on what foundation the claim of jurisdiction to the Islands rested

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friends, as to entering any action for defamation, I would not advise it. The fellow is beneath your notice -

I also send you ~~F~~ a piece I published in the printed *Asia Current*, the description of East Island which your brother sent me I mean to publish shortly - the Map will appear in an atlas Mr. Tanner is now publishing of the Coast of Berkeley Sound with sailing directions, I am getting engraved for my own account to distribute where it may be useful, I shall send you some of them



I also send you by this opportunity a sample of Ochella which I had great difficulty to obtain as the article is not used & scarcely known here - some Extract from books accompanying it to give you all the information I could obtain if the article grows on the Islands it cannot cost much to have a quantity gathered & send it to me - my sons have the best opportunity to find out what can be done with it & if it does not answer here we will send it to London or Amsterdam -

Dr. Thompson says he will send you a sample of Cowage which he thinks must grow on these Islands - if so send also a quantity of it by way of specimen -

I have not time to say more at present, my family are all well & desire their best love to you & yours I am affectionately

Your friend -

Philad Dec 23. 1837

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29th May answer

also important

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— Agt 9/97 one reply

with 2 answers & cents

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