

Philadelphia December 29. 1831.

Dear Lewis - ~~Duplicate~~

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 P. M. Transport, since which I have not heard from you but have received a few days ago from your brother Errol a letter from Montevideo of 27th Sept^t. 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 Berkley 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 they 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 recognise the claim of the Republic of Buenos Ayres to the jurisdiction of the Falklands I 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} what foundation ^{estribaba} el derecho de jurisdiccion sobre las islas ^{sobre las que} what foundation the Claim of jurisdiction to the Islands rested ^{rebase}

but

he la enfermedad de muerte de Mr Forbes, habia pasado alg^r tiempo interrompiendo
but the sickness & death of M^r Forbes had for a time interrupted
la investigacion, nuestro Derecho sin embargo, pa pesar en aquellos mares
the investigation, our right of fishery however in those seas is
es uno q el Gobierno considera indisputable y quedar encargado
the Government considers indisputable & it will be given
el ministero de esta Armaria pa representar contra q enjuzgase
in charge to the Minister about to be sent there to make re-
presentations against & demand satisfaction for all interruptions
of the exercise of that right"

This Todo esto es justo nuestro gob^r reclama. El Derecho de pesar
en los mares. No seguramente no dentro de la jurisdiccion de las
on the high Seas - but certainly not within jurisdiction of the
Jotas en el maratene re amfibios sobre las playas o rebollaras en botes desde
Islands i.e. Sealing on the Shores or Whaling in boats from the
las islas. Que esto consiste el error del publico y del Gobierno
I Island - herein lies the error of the public & of Government
no conoer la naturaleza de esa pesca
they are not acquainted with this kind of fishery - nor
hubiera considerado si el Capitan Mayhew no me la hubiese explicado.
Should I be of Capt Mayhew had not explained it to me
I have taken some pains however to make it known - I am
very anxious to hear from you a particular account of what
leads to the seizure of the vessel, which must have been a very
disagreeable measure for you to take, but I have no doubt
you acted correctly & will make every exertion to let the
public know it -

The President in his Message to Congress B has alluded to
these seizures, but under very erroneous impressions - this at appears
called forth a most scandalous article C - respecting you
individually - your friends agreed that it should not pass
unnoticed & Mr Pack & I agreed to address the Author, who
is a Mr George Knight & Budd a letter - calling upon him for
proofs of his assertions - to this we received an answer D - & we
in reply have inserted E - This is all that this affair is worth
noticing still it might be well if you could send us a statement
proof contradictory of Budd's Story, to shew amongst your

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
Post Current. the description of East Island which your
brother sent me I mean to publish shortly - the Map will appear
in an atlas M^r. Tanna is now publishing the Chart of Berkley
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 Ochilla
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 -

D^r. 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 -

Philadec 23. 1832

L. Knoblauch

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