

and to contribute as much as may be in my power to the immediate good success of new settlements, which good success as it will tend to give value to the land, my own interest as landholder ^{will} naturally be affected & forwarded.

2^d It is far from being a vain conceit which makes me think that I may be able to contribute to the good success of the settlement ^{at the Falkland?} ~~at the Falkland?~~ but it is the conviction that no person has had the opportunity of acquiring ^{the same} experience in that line ^{as} I have. I have served a long ^{of four} apprenticeship, and to judge from what I have experienced, I am confident that my presence and my advice in many instances would probably save immense sums to future undertakers, or to Govt, and would at same time insure a good success, which otherwise might be very precarious, and be fruitless in bad consequences, which a good beginning would certainly avoid.

3^d It is not unlikely but what very unfavorable reports will now reach your Govt on the nature of the Island, with respect to their fitness for colonists. Reports from men that know little of the country, and have not got accustomed to the climate, can not be trusted. This was the case with the reports formerly obtained in England from her officers at Port Egmont, and by the Spanish Govt of their officers at Port Salgado: You know however that all those reports were erroneous, and that my settlement has proved to the world that the Falkland Island are inhabitable, and fit to receive thousands of settlers happy.

You will recollect that during the latter years the settlement contained upward of one hundred settlers, who ^{being} ~~being~~ accustomed to the climate, and having began to do well for themselves, were comfortable and happy. What may in some measure corroborate this, is the circumstance that there never were any disorders of any nature whatsoever, altho my authority was unsupported by a single soldier. And what is a still better proof of the truth of what I say, is, that of all the colonists that have been there, more than seven eighths of them have expressed a desire of returning with me to the settlement. All difficulties of first settlement had been got over, and its increase and prosperity promised to be rapid. If this was the case under my care, with my own limited means, what can not be expected when ^{more} ~~more~~ ^{means} ~~means are added, and when new branches of industry are brought forward which hitherto had lain dormant for want of ^{sufficient} ~~sufficient~~ ^{opportunity} ~~opportunity~~ ^{to} ~~to ^{be} ~~be ^{exercised} ~~exercised~~. That any means were scant is well known here, this obliged me to contract many debts, ^{several of which} ~~several of which~~ ^{had} ~~had ^{been} ~~been ^{paid} ~~paid ^{and} ~~and ^{not} ~~not ^{having} ~~having ^{been} ~~been ^{satisfied} ~~satisfied~~, may have cast in the eyes of many, the really with injustice, a stain upon my reputation. If ever ^{any} ~~any~~ ^{was} ~~was~~ ^{done} ~~done~~ ^{wrong} ~~wrong it was from error of judgment ^{and} ~~and~~ ^{circumstances} ~~circumstances~~, I judge that ^{three} ~~three~~ ^{years} ~~years~~ ^{will} ~~will~~ ^{not} ~~not ^{have} ~~have~~ ^{been} ~~been~~ ^{lost} ~~lost~~ ^{to} ~~to~~ ^{me} ~~me~~ ^{and} ~~and~~ ^{my} ~~my~~ ^{settlement} ~~settlement~~.~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

of my old horses, which still exist on the Island, and the
immediate importation of new ones, to replace in due
time the old.

It is now reported that only two of the assassins at the
Falklands were apprehended, and that the other five were
still at liberty. If this be true, it is a serious evil,
which gives me much uneasiness. From the knowledge
that you have of the natives you are no doubt aware how
very difficult their apprehension will be, unless brought
on by accident or stratagem, they having in their power all
the horse, and being no possibility of coming up with
them on foot in an Island containing 150 square leagues
of broken hilly ground.

New horses shipped for the purpose, are as I
have said before, useless, until they get accustomed to the
ground, they can not even travel as fast as men on foot
and before they get accustomed to the ground they run
great risk of being taken or killed by the criminals.
Most of the assassins were Charra Indian and three gau-
cho's, there are only three more gauchos now on the Island,
and those are good men, who will certainly be very
serviceable in assisting the seizure of the villains.

I hope the Admiral will ^{lose} no time to take effective
measures to secure the fellows; otherwise the horses will
soon be destroyed or at least rendered unfit for the catching
of cattle, and great depredations will be committed upon
the cattle, at all events, as long as the villains are at li-
berty the settlement will be without beef, and always in
allarm. I have written to Messrs Brothers Brothers & Co
Rio Janeiro to state to the Admiral that if he wishes it I
am ready to give him any information he may desire ca-
pable of favoring the apprehension of the villains. I think
from what I know of the localities of the Island, of their
customs & ways of the most likely places for their haunts,
it would not be very difficult for me to get them, pro-
vided that proper assistance be rendered with boats &c. &c,
but unfortunately I can not leave this place yet, & must
therefore content myself with giving information that may
serve for their apprehension, all the I fear that the execu-
tion of the plan will be very difficult, and that the only

1st What retains me here is the long delayed suspicion
 of Genl Allear to the U.S, whether I intend to proceed
 at same time, to claim indemnity for damages done me
 at the Falkland. My fulfilling the orders of the Govt
 which I then received certainly did not legalise the forcible
 dissolution of my Settlement. Neither did the question of
 sovereignty over the Islands affect the justice of my claim
 for compensation of my private property destroyed.
 You may recollect what has been published of the negotiation
 that this Government intend to support me in my claims
 against the U.S; but if I go to the Falklands I
 may probably loose this support. Besides my affairs
 are in so ruinous a state, and all my friends so much dis-
 couraged from ^{the possibility of recovering my rights of property at the place,} ^{the possibility of}
 assisting me further a assistance for ^{the recovery of}
 that it is quite out of my power to do any thing useful

I am in doubt if of my ^{own} ^{power} I can find much upon the ground
 of the British Govt is upon the ground that my great want of funds
 confounds that I did not think less essential, which I claim, the of little
 consequence to a Government, is of much importance to
 me. I consider all the expences I have been at in
 the foundation and subsequent conservation of the settle-
 ment untill the Lexington dispersed it, to be a total loss
 to me, because it had arriv'd to a state of soon repaying
 me for all expences and trouble, ^{and now of my hands that within a few}
 the amount of capital inserted from the beginning, in-
 terest thereon, and an adequate remuneration for any
 trouble, which may be at least as much more. ^{Unge}
 for the attainment of ^{the} ^{purpose} of the Govt, the support of the Govt, and the support of the Govt
 would certainly be impudent for me ^{and thereby being the cause of the Govt}
 to go to the Island, ^{and thereby being the cause of the Govt}
 to contribute my mite, and all I can
 do to the best advantage of ^{the} ^{settlement} I have now above
 the most important part of my subject;

2d It is certain or probable that
 the expences which I have acquired enable me to be
 service to new Settlements, and to become the means of saving
 the undertakers or the British Government much larger sums
 the amount of indemnity ^{for the} ^{loss} which I claim, If the sports
 & rendering such services may be lost in consequence
 they are sent upon ^{these} ^{claims}



Ms. A. 9. 2. 3 July 1834

Albany N.Y.

Dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th inst. in relation to the copy of the report of the committee on the subject of the proposed amendment to the constitution of the State of New York.

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Yo el abajo firmado Don Luis Cortes
tanto proximo a nacer un hijo a las Yslas Malvinas para formar
una poblacion sobre la Ysla Oriental y domesticar sus ganados
allado, en la esperanza que con esto dare un gran impulso
a la mejora de mi fortuna, tal que me ponga en estado de poder llenar los
compromisos que he contraido con mis acreedores el dia 9 del p.p. mes
de Noviembre, he creido oportuno hacer la siguiente declaracion, de mi
libre y espontanea ^{voluntad} a los fines consiguientes:

1.^o Del conociendo que mis indicadas empresas pueden ser
de gran utilidad y de gran provecho, como lo espere
tal como dar un valor real a los terrenos, valdies, de las
dichas Yslas, y que este aumento de valor, respecto a la Ysla
que yo poblare, redundara en mi particular provecho, en favor del derecho
de propiedad que adquiriere, o por ser el primer poblador, o por concesiones que
hiciere el Gobierno en recompensa del valor que mis empresas diesen
a las demas Yslas del grupo, o por quantos quiera otros motivos, sean los que
fueren, y para que estos mis derechos, qualquiera que fueren, no queden en
ningun tiempo, expulados en el olvido en caso de mi fallecimiento, sino que
mas bien queden siempre de manifiesto en beneficio de mis descendientes y de
mis citados acreedores, como tambien de los que me han auxiliado, o me auxili-
caren en lo sucesivo con sus fondos para la consecucion de mis presentes
empresas, otorgo este documento ante los testigos que subscriben, depositan
dolo en manos de mi esposa Doña Maria Luz de Cortes, y en manos de Don
Frederico Hornung una copia, como albaceas que quiero que sean mis
en el precitado caso de mi muerte, haciendoles el especial encargo, de
no dar publicidad a este documento mientras dure la actual guerra con
el Brasil, a fin de no exponer mis empresas a las hostilidades de la
guerra, de guerra enemiga, considerandome hijo adoptivo de esta Republica,
a no ser que el interes de mis acreedores y de mis herederos lo haga nec-
sario: 2.^o Que en el referido concepto de mis derechos, y que el valor que
son susceptible de tomar los terrenos de la Ysla Oriental de Malvinas en el fu-
turo, podra servir a mis acreedores de garantia p.^o el ulterior abono de
sus Laberis; hipoteca desde ahora a su favor la mitad de todos los terrenos
cuya propiedad asi adquiriera en lo sucesivo; y no hipoteca la otra mi-
tad para quedar en plena libertad para poder disponer de esta mitad del
modo que sea mas conveniente para dar valor a la otra mitad, sea por
donaciones de suertes de chacra, a los primeros doctores individuos que ex-
ijan a poblar a poblar en la citada Ysla, o sea por ventas de tierra
a capitalistas que quieran entrar en la especulacion de mandas por su-
cumbra poblacion alli, empleando el producto de las ventas en el fomento
de la poblacion, (pero, siendo suficiente, los empleare para el desquite de
mis credito): 3.^o Que en el mismo concepto del derecho de propiedad que
espero obtener a las hermas valdies de la referida Ysla, sea por los motivos que
se fueren, y para asegurar mas firmemente las respectivas acciones de mis

de mis acreedores, he sido desde ahora, en cada uno de dichos
tanto acres de mitada inglesa del mismo terreno hipotecado y lo
sea suficiente para cubrir sus créditos, a razón de quatro rea-
les de plata por cada uno de dichos acres: 4.º Que si la fortuna
me favoreciere al punto de poder pagar mis deudas, y lo pagare
quiere en embargo, en consideracion al tiempo que han estado mis
acreedores privados de sus fondos que durante los primeros diez a-
ños, contados desde que haya una poblacion de dorientos abunas
en dicha Ysla Oriental de Malvinas, mantengan posesion de
las tierras que les he cedido a virtud de este documento, y de
pagados los referidos diez años las tierras no valiesen quatro rea-
les de plata por cada susodicho acre mitada inglesa, entonces me las
devolverán, pero si pasasen del citado valor se quedarán con
ellas, si qui seiran, abriendo me solo el precio citado; pero
en ambos casos quiero pagar los en tierras, al citado precio, un re-
dito de seis por ciento anual sobre sus respectivos créditos, desde
su origen hasta que sean pagados, a cuyo pago quiero tambien
afecte la hipoteca otorgada: 5.º Que al fin de los diez años
si yo no hubiere satisfecho mis acreedores, ó con dinero ó con
terrenos, entonces podrán vender los hipotecados, y repartir su
producto a pro rata sobre las respectivas acreencias, hasta cu-
brirlas, con mas el rédito susodicho: 6.º y Ultimo, Que des-
pues de realizado la adquisicion del derecho de propiedad a
las tierras valdicas de la Ysla Oriental de Malvinas, ratifi-
caré y confirmare este documento p.º mayor abundamiento,
debiendo entretanto, no lo revoque, quedando el presente docu-
mento en toa su fuerza y vigor. Y para que, conste lo firmo
en Buenos Ayres a 26 de Diciembre de 1825. Esta renuncia
hizo = vale =

Luis Vernet

Fernando Dom.º Soer

Festige M Schipmann

Fue presente:

Manuel de Sarmiento

Fue en mi poder un documento del mis-
mo tenor el 2 de Enero de 1826.

Mania S. de Vernet

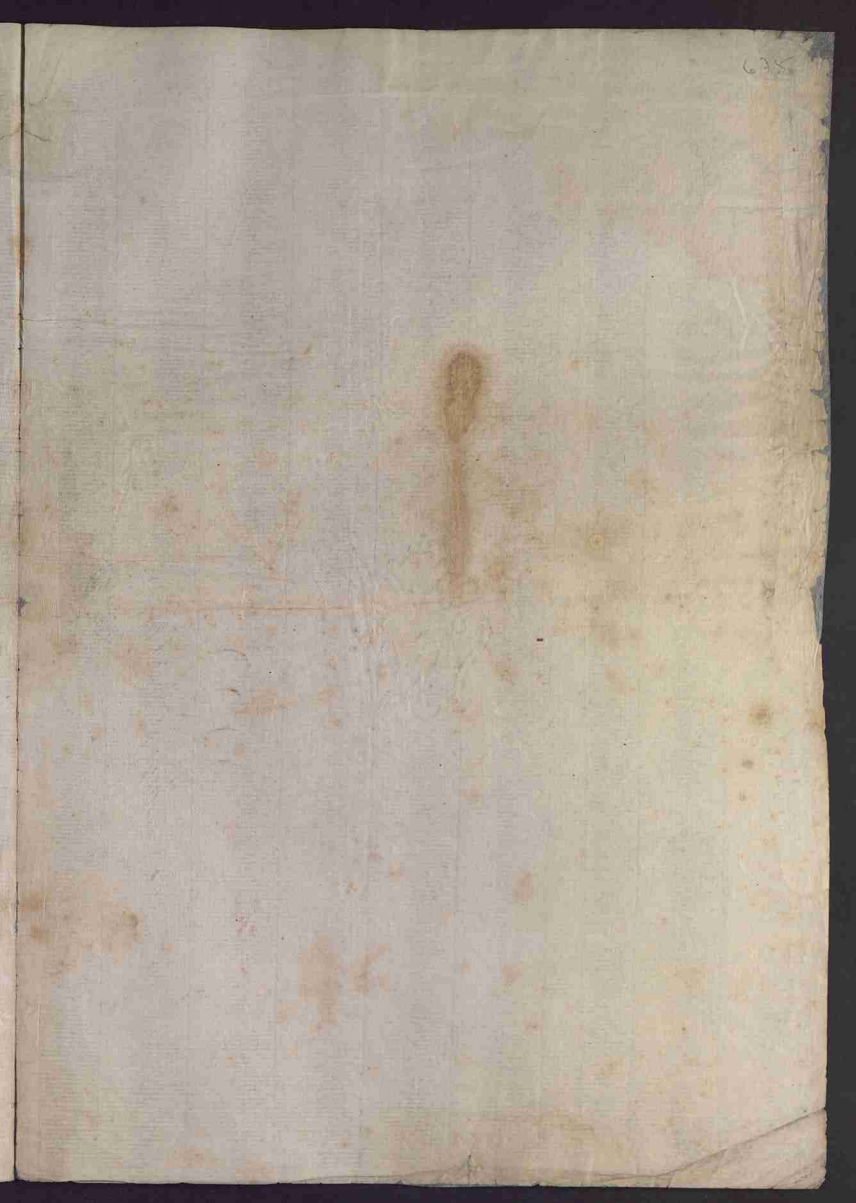
Habiendo conseguido el derecho de propiedad



Delo q^{do} se declara en términos en la relación de lo que
 no lo fueren efectivamente, pagaran los Crispanos, que
 hubieren. Cada p^{do} de un morada para el uso de
 bitos de los q^{do} hallan guerra. de cada un indio de
 aplicado, la mitad a favor de los Crispanos, de la Capitanía
 & Gobierno o Comandancia de armas, y la otra mitad a
 Hospicio u Hosp. q^{do} hubiere en la misma. En las acen-
 tas de Inspección podrá licenciar el Jefe q^{do} Capitan a
 individuos q^{do} hallen interés p.^a el servicio, bajo las
 mismas formalidades q^{do} lo verifican los Capitanes & Go-
 vernadores = Declarar lo mandado a V.^a para su cum-
 plimiento cada parte q^{do} le toca

correspondencia al
 Gobernador de
 Iruya sucesora que debiera...

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The stock grows very stout and tough so as to receive
no ill effects fr the strong winds. For the particulars
regarding the climate I refer to the document you
obtained from Capt Langdon.

5th What is the nature of the air Particulars
of the three appropriations which you have made.

6th I do not know what map Capt Langdon has,
if you will send it me I will correct any errors
it may contain.

7th I wrote you that I would probably be able to
get all the ~~Boon~~ grants I made to others transferred
in your favor; but I now find that those people
are rather sceptical; so much so that I have much
difficulty to persuade them of the sincerity of your
intentions. They consider your offer too vague, and
will not listen to any thing but a fixed sale
of their particular rights which they are willing in
the present unsettled state of things to sell for
one shilling per acre.

8 I shall readily send you all the original docs
you wish me to send you, provided it be attended
with any utility to me, which I can not possibly
judge of unless you give me a more compleat
idea of your plans & prospects; so that I trust you
will not delay sending me the desired particulars
and you may depend upon my reciprocity.

9th Under the uncertainty whether the garrison
will remain at the Falkland, it is needless
for me to take any steps with the merchant, owners
of the Saxony sheep until I hear again from you.
The number of Saxony sheep which are disposed
here exceed 20000. They could be transported at a very
expensive.

Dec 25 - St. Mary's

W. Jones, 1840

or W. Jones

of St. Mary's