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Philadelphia 7th February 1832.

Dear Lewis,


I wrote you last the 23^d. December, of which
herewith a Copy but I hope you may receive the original
as I have not duplicates of all the inclosures; it contained
not of the Orchilla. Since then your original letters of
22^d and 24^d. September have come to hand and three copies
of the same. The insurance you wish effected on the sloop
Superior engages my first attention; in this city such insurance
cannot be made our underwriters being totally unacquainted
with such risks; I therefore wrote to a friend of mine in
Boston who is President of an Insurance C. who answered
"There is great difficulty in the case, the vessel has not been
transferred to the parties for whom she is now employed and if
you were to make insurance I don't see how you can substantiate
your claim in case of loss; if made at all it must be for
whom it concerns and if the voyage is a successful one the Owners
at New York would step in and claim the loss as his, and if there
was a total loss with salvage he alone could claim the salvage
(without any insurance) as being the only legal Owners of the
vessel & her voyage, his old insurance I conceive has terminated
with this new contract and I have no doubt if the Master is
successful he will come home here and deliver the cargo to his
Owner all: S. B. Barrows of New York, and leave Mr. Berneb

"to get on as well as he can". Finding from this that Mr. Burrows,
a merchant of considerable standing at New York, was the owner
and under the impression that he as well as yourself had an
interest to have insurance effected as a measure of precaution
I addressed him a letter of which herewith a copy - receiving no
answer for a week I wrote to a friend to make enquiry if Mr.
Burrows had received my letter and learned that he had, and
had gone to Washington and would probably call on me as he
passed through, but I have seen nothing of him or heard from
him tho' I know he has been here and returned some time ago.
Thus the matter remains and I see no prospect of making the
insurance.

No 2nd of Mr. Burrows has a Captain to go & he
has a strong crew so can be sent to Sagres without fear of his
the other Schooners endeavour to rely on their original insurance
which prov'd a sufficient compensation in the winter
but if the seizure and condemnation is proved to be the consequence
of illegal acts the insurance is void it is very natural therefore
that the owners take all possible proceeding to get rid of such a
charge for they make such an outcry, call your proceeding lawful and
make good their services & pay the compensation, but in doing so
without authority over but I doubt it will be of little avail to
the underwriters to make any arrangement with Mr. Bainbridge
then the Underwriters are apprized of the true situation of the
affair and as a Mr. Francis Baylies of Massachusetts has been
unanimously chosen by the Congress to govern over the Malvinas,
appointed Charge d'Affaires to Buenos Ayres and is to go out imme-
diately & negligence officially examined & to do the following
immediately and also two public trials are to proceed to the Falklands
against Mr. George Phillips quantum stipula completemente
The business will be investigated officially and all the vapouring
we have had in the newspapers be refuted completely - in the
same opinion a compensation grant is to be made soon after
mean time to resist it as much as I could without being un-

en proceso - En documentos oficiales he publicado varias artículos y
 posesión de documentos oficiales I have published several para-
 gráficos y una carta al Secretario de Estado de los Estados Unidos incluyendo copia
 graphos and addressed a letter to the Secretary of State of which
 incluyendo copia del de sus despachos de julio anterior. Yo le
 herewitth a Copy - inclosing a Copy of your Commission the Lie
 de este extremo no tengo la Republica de P.R. A persona alguna
 It is surprising the Republic of Buenos Ayres has no Representante
 La Representante que este hay, lo q. se habrá de haber en el
 whatsoever in this Country - which if there had been this affair
 pronto se habrá allanado - would have soon be settled; You better try to get me an Appoint-
 ment as Comandante-general - Counsel or by any other name which I
 would accept trusting that it would not be altogether an empty
 honour. I am very desirous of forwarding letters to you by
 the public Vessels and therefore wrote to the Secretary of the
 Navy sending him a couple of the Charts of Berkley Sound I
 had engraved, he accepted them with thanks, and says he will let
 me know when he can consistant with his public duty forward
 letters for me. I am now most anxious to hear the proceeding
 of Condemnation at Buenos Ayres of which I hope you have
 requested your friends there to send me official copies verified
 by the American Consul the of which I intend to make good use
 as to your character I am persuaded it will suffer no detriment
 in the public estimation and in some respects it will be of benefit
 that your name has appeared so much before the public as it
 makes your establishment more known. I had a Notice
 published of w^t herewitth a Copy - a description of East Island
 what said sent me has been at the frontier for a long time but
 has not appeared yet as it is pretty long & they could not find

rossu but I expect its appearance every day. I also thought proper
to publish your letter of 22^d September with some introductory
Remarks of which also herewith a Copy.

This is all that I have been able to do for you, as to inducing
Business from here I have had no success, such Expeditions are
unknown in this City I have some idea of taking a trip to
the Eastward next Spring and may perhaps meet with better
success there, but should wish before that to have the business
of the Schooners settled and to receive the documents of Condem-
nation if they are condemned as I have little doubt they will
be. My family are well desire to be remembered to you
and I remain with sincere attachment Your friend



Our rich Stephen Girard died on the 26^d December leaving a property estimated by some to be others
15 Millions of dollars - as his will is a Curiosity I send you a Copy.
I think it would be worth while for you to salt and send me a
Barrel or two of the small fish which are described to be in such
abundance on your Island, by way of experiment; if they should
answer the same purpose as Mackerel they might become an impor-
tant article of commerce. Our City (and the Country it supplies)
alone consumes 40 or 50,000 barrels and it is always scarce and
in demand.

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