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Dear Lewis,



I wrote you last the 23rd 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
nor of the Orchilla. Since then your original letters of
22nd and 24th September have come to hand and three Copies
of the same. The insurance you wish effected on the ^{Salome}
Superior engaged 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 Co. who answered
"there is great difficulty in the case, the Vessel has not been
"transferred to the parties for whom she is now employ'd 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 Owner
"at New York would step in and claim the loss as his, and if there
"was a total loss with salvage he also could claim the salvage
"(without any insurance) as being the only legal Owner 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 Mr. S. C. Burrows of New York, and leave Mr. Vernet

en possession de documents officiels, he published various articles, ⁱⁿ possession of official documents I have published several para-
 graphs and addressed a letter to the Secretary of State of which ^{including a copy of the}
 herewith a Copy - inclosing a Copy of your Commission then he
 it is surprising the Republic of Buenos Ayres has no Representatives
 whatsoever in this Country - which if they had seen this affair
 would have soon be settled; you better try to get me an Appoint-
 ment as Counsel-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 Berkeley sound I
 had engraved, he accepted them with thanks and says he will let
 me know when he can consistently 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 he 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 herewith a Copy. a description of East Head
 which Civil sent me has been at the printer for a long time but
 has not appeared yet as it is pretty long & they could not find

room 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 than, but should wish before that to have the business of the Schooner settled and to receive the documents of condemnation 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 60 by 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 blackbelly they might become an important 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.