

M^r. L. Vernet



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My dear Sir

I am much surprised not yet to have had from you (altho' I have from Hamilton Hamilton at Monte Video one of the 9th Jany last in which he recommends you to my notice &c the which I shall doubtless be glad to avail myself of so soon as any measures can be matured for our future Security & Success; any reply to my last long letter of 5 ~~pages~~ ^{sent} ^{per} ^{Packet} ^{via} ^{Rio}, covering the Preliminary Prospects of a Company which I am forming for the East & West Falkland. With our present administration who are disposed to act for the Public Good, I have the prospect of making some progress towards the completion of our views, & the recall of Lieut. Smith: meanwhile, I wish you to furnish me with the information &c required in my former & any further advices or Circumstances relative to the Islands &c as also with a distinct & separate letter to the following effect, authenticated by the Consul, or attested by a

a Notary Public: viz:

Buenos Ayres

Mr. G. V. Whittington
London

Sir,

In further fulfillment & Compensation of the Covenants contained in the original Grant in the East Falkland made by me unto You^r Langdon, by him conveyed to you, ~~and~~ subsequently confirmed by me, I do now in consideration thereof, hereby convey assign & deliver over to you, your Heirs, Assigns, all the Cattle, Horses, Implements, Houses, Produce, & property of every description, which was left on the Islands at my departure & with the further power to recover by all means, all or any part of the aforesaid, or the proceeds or compensation for all or part, of which may have been or may be detained, appropriated or destroyed by any Party or parties whatsoever.

Yours truly
Signed J. Vernet

The object for this I must now explain. It having been stated to me by both the former Colonial Secretaries Mr. Stanley & Mr. Spring Rice, that as you had thought fit to place property, where you had no ~~right~~ could not be

allowed to trespass again in your own Capacity for its recovery
or compensation: But this I may with the present Administration easily
overcome, upon its agreement in my favor, or consideration of your
inability, now otherwise, to fulfil certain obligations of your Grand.

It is most certainly the only way to obtain restitution from Lieutnd
Smith & others, or Compensation from the Government, & to debar others
from enjoying the fruits of your exertions. Of course under all the
unfavorable circumstances which have spoiled your labours &c, I bind myself
to give you at least one half of the recovery or advantages I may obtain
herefrom, & in which, I as a British Subject, sustaining loss or Injury in
an Island claimed by the British Government, with my Influence, stand
some better chance of success than can ever possibly attend your direct
exertions! Cette lettre éstant entre nous seuls, vous le pouvez sçavoir. If
you might still prosecute your Claims for Compensation against the
Americans, for destroying your personal property. —

You shall be advised according as I progress, & waiting
your immediate reply in conformity &c

Believe me faithfully yours

J. W. M. [Signature]

