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My dear friend,

It was with great satisfaction that I received after so long an interval your letter of 12th January although unfortunately the state of circumstances, occasion no correspondence or business, let us continue that of friendship and condolence or rejoice with each other as the ups and downs of this fickle world may bring it about. I still keep up the hope that fortune has reward in store for you for the enterprising perseverance and honorable bearing you have exhibited for so many years and therefore trust that you will not tire in perseverance - as unexpected as your destruction at the Falklands came upon you - a lucky star may arise and enable you to recover what now to be sure appears in extreme jeopardy as to the claims you have in this country both against government and individuals, I deem them very hopeless - still as you are not able to prosecute them now I would keep them alive there is no knowing what time may bring about. It was new to me that a Falkland Island Association is projected in London - as their undertaking in England are generally supported with large Capital it occur'd to me whether you could not benefit yourself by having something to do with this association - you have so intimate a knowledge of the islands, their natural advantages, as to agriculture commerce fisheries, &c. that you would be a most useful person - and that might help to recover your ownership in whole or in part to the land or some compensation for it. Generally such Associations are set a going under the auspices of some Great house in London - share holders take an interest men in the faith they have to that house than in any judgement of their own, if you can find out what house or houses are the originators and promoters of this business you should by all means endeavour to come into connection with them - may if your situation would admit of it I should think it worth while to take a trip to London yourself.

But I am very much in the dark about this affair! does England mean to hold these islands in defiance of the Buenos Ayres Government or (as you speak in your letter of the negotiations carrying on in London advancing very slowly) is England in treaty with Buenos Ayres to confirm the title it

pretends,

to have the possession of them for a naval Station commanding the inlet into the Pacific is so important that I should not wonder if England said a very large sum to obtain an undisputed title, and Buenos Ayres wants money. if England keeps possession I fear these islands will sooner or later be the cause of a bloody war between the U.S and England for the trade to the Pacific is too great an object to be held at the mercy of another naval power.

If England keeps possession in defiance of the Buenos Ayres Government the question would arise if it would not taint your allegiance to the Buenos Ayres government if you were to take an active part in an English association. which deserves mature consideration in any step you may take, on the other hand if Buenos Ayres cedes these islands by treaty to England, you must set every spring in motion to effect that your prior grant to the lands is confirmed by the treaty which is but just. nor do I think England would be very tenacious on this point as no doubt their main object is to obtain the naval station. When Louisiana was ceded to the U.S. the ^{prior} old grants of land to individuals were confirmed. "

These are rhapsodies which I throw out to you if they do you no good they can do us harm.

I was happy to hear so good an account of your family which after all in the main point - money affairs, will change and do change, beggar to day and King to morrow is of every days experience, but if a man has a bad wife - or bad children - or a sick wife or children they go down with him to the grave, every day and every hour in the day, they mar his happiness. thank god you and I are exempt from this calamity and whatever else goes untoward let us bear it patiently, nay cheerfully and use every exertion to mend it. believe that is the true philosophy of life. my family are all so well that I have nothing at all to tell you about them Mrs. K as you surmised seems not to grow older she is blessed with a cheerful disposition. she always speaks of you as of a son. my sons W & S are intend upon providing me with grand children I expect two more shortly. Caroline the little girl that was born in London is engaged to be married to a Mr. John Collartie a very respectable merchant here - a match which affords me the greater satisfaction as it not only meets all our approbation but also that of his relations and friends. the marriage I suppose will take place sometime this summer. Alexander and Emma remain in statu quo. how long it may remain so who can say? Mr. Bucks family are all well

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he lives altogether at Woodlawn where he has established a Bleachery
where he bleaches Cotton yarn, Muslin &c my son, think that he will
make out well - his (only) son Charles has gone into the Commission
business and I think will do well - he is a clever young man not very
bright but I believe of good principles - none of the daughters are married.
Mr. Robt. Smith is alive yet with all his faculties, little impaired and
always cheerful - if you wish to have more family or individual
news mention names, and I will write you a whole history.

I shall be glad to hear from you soon and minutely about your
Falkland concerns what expectations you have and what you
intend doing.

Your sincere friend
A. H. J.



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