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March 22 1839
Lieut. Robt. Lawley R.N.

W. B. Pitts Officer in charge of the
Falkland Islands.



Sir,

I wrote you on the 14th March of last
year, asking of you, in a paper, to be informed
whether you had any knowledge of the existence
of my moveable property at the settlement of
the Falkland Islands, or whether the Orkney, Red
Hairs, &c. had been shipped by Lieut. Dunth's son
according to my ^{request} ~~direction~~. (He having had some
time before charge of my property, and might
perhaps have left the Island, as I haven't rec'd
a line from him since Dec^r 1835. And if they
had been shipped, where to had they been shipped
and in what vessel.

To this letter you replied that you did
not know what of my moveable property of mine
upon the Island, that you knew of none, unlike
there was any, that you knew however there were
in the hands of settlers a large amount of promissory
notes in my name, for which no value could be
received. And finally you concluded by stating that
if I thought I had any claim for the recovery
of moveable property, I can't apply in the first
quarter.

After this I rec'd a letter from Commodore
Sullivan, Commander in chief of W. B. Pitts's naval
force on the Brazil Station, of which the
enclosed is a copy, by which it would appear that
my moveable property on the Falkland Islands still

My direction must be W. B. Pitts's ship, September 1836.

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exists there. I therefore beg to have again to request
you to inform me for my guidance, the real state
of the case. Lastly as regards the promissory notes you
alluded to in your letter I should be glad to obtain
some explanation as to the nature & tenor of them,
their amount, and which of the settlers had them,
as I was not aware that any agents had left any
uncancelled, and am inclined to think there is some
misunderstanding on the subject. There were formerly
some papers taken in connection with the Calcutta
as the current of money of the country, which
I was informed by my own agents they had received,
whether some of these papers still exist I know
not. I must yet observe that I had a letter
from Hunt Smith dated July 1835, and another
of Dec of the same year (when he had been nearly
two years in charge of the Islands), stating that
he had delivered my property to his son, as my agent
who was holding this property at my disposal, but
not a word was said by these gentlemen re-
garding promissory notes, or taking, or any financial claim
on me, in their letters to me, which circumstance makes
the appearance now of such papers still more unac-
countable to me. It is especially so and especially
so as when questioned on their arrival at Rio
from the F. G. regarding the said items, &c.
they answered to my correspondents Messrs Boston
Dutton & Co that in consequence of the latter party
having now taken entire possession of the Islands
there was not at present the slightest probability
of any thing being restituted to me; but regard-
ing promissory notes not a word was said.

Hoping to hear soon from you either direct or over Rio Jan^o under cover to my friend Mess^{rs} Poston Dallas & Co of that place on the foregoing subjects, and whether you would be willing to deliver any of my property if I sent for it I am

Sir,

By order of the department of the U.S. L. S.
 I have the pleasure to inform you that the first Lewis Veruet
 is the opportunity of writing
 to the Falkland
 Copy of Mr. M's High Seal
 Bahia 27th Oct 1830



Sir I am directed by my Lord Commissioner of the Admiralty, to inform you in the most distinct manner that if you should persist in declining to remove your property from the F.F., you must impute to yourself any deterioration which that property may sustain, and that under no circumstances will Her Majesty's Gov^{ts} consent to become responsible for the preservation of such property, or for any damage which may be done to it. I am Sir
 your most obed^t serv^t
 M. Salomon
 Comandor & Comandante en chief

To Mr Lewis Veruet
 Montevideo
 River Plate

1839 Nov 23

To the Honble Secy of the Navy
Washington

Dear Sir
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th inst. in relation to the application of the late Capt. James M. Smith for a pension for services rendered in the late war.

I have the honor to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.



Yours faithfully,
J. M. Smith

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