Bs As 26th July 1832.

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Dear friend, I wrote you fully on the 24th Instant, of which I sent no duplicate but shall repeat part of its substance in this, namely: I have received your letter of 21st April & am sorry the operations of the Lexington at the Falkland Island had given you uneasiness on my behalf. It is an easy matter for me to bear in mind the Spanish proverb you have cited in your letter, and I shall do my best to obtain redress for the many wrongs that I have received both in person and in property, if I succeed it is well, and if not then I shall bear it with patience, and by no means loose my head, being too happy to have such good and firm friend as you, and for not to have lost the esteem of just men.

You say You were surprised when you first heard that the Lexington was going to the Falkland Island, but much more would you have been surprised had you seen the letter which I had shortly before written to him. Inclosed is a copy for your perusal and his answer. You will see by it that he wished to remain in the dark in order to have some plea for the injury which he intended to do me. Sacum was the go-better and I fear that the Minister was the cause, perhaps by left others holding a false position, or he may have conceived that by pretending to believe the bad cause. However it will be of no avail to them, if there is ever so strong a League between them, they will never the-less be worsted as soon as the truth becomes well known. You will easily perceive what pains may be taken to deceive the Govt of the U.S. and the nation, observe how silent the papers were upon the subject when they had received B. A. papers proving the outrageous acts of Duncan, whereas to publish libels several of them were very ready. See the official Statement from the navy Department respecting the Lexington proceedings at the Falkland and her return to Montevideo according to official communications from this quarter, my answer to

the same in the British packet, and my communication in the gazeta on the same subject proves how foolish my adversaries are in not being more nice in the choise of their impostures. Excuse my expressions, it is too irritating to be so repeatedly accused of crimes that one has never even dreamt of committing.

There remains nothing to be done for me than to endeavour to instruct the public, when that is done the public opinion will lean decidedly in favor of justice. I rely upon your further friendship to do your utmost in giving publicity to every thing that can help to illustrate the public. My answers in the papers I should be glad to see them all republished in your papers. My letter to Duncan, and his answer you may publish or not as you think proper, I believe it will be best to publish it. The proceedings of Duncan and Slacum are a stain upon their country if the public opinion does not disown them. It is surprising that only in a royal paper the "Redactor de Nova yorck" liberal sentiments should have been expressed as far as the latter part of april. When I rec'd Duncans answer I immediately entered a protest against the consequences of their avoiding to know the truth, against all the damages that might ~~thereby~~ directly or indirectly arrise to me or to any person or persons in any part of the world with whom I stand in connection or who may have begun any business with me.

I am so confident of my cause that I would not hesitate to go to the U. S. and lay the case before the american Government, or any court of justice, and make use of no other witnesses than the officers and crews of the very rebels which I detained, and the officers and crew of the Lexington. No doubt that some of my adversaries are under such heavy responsabilities, that I might feel apreheniens of bribery, but if the witnesses are properly examined and cross examined then I would have nothing to fear. I wrote you some time ago requesting you to take counsel of some eminent lawyer upon the best manner of initiating my claims of damages,

I hope you have done so and that your answer is on the way. — The expence of good counsel would be no object to me. I hope you will have taken a very circumstantial view of the matter and communicate to me the particulars. I know these things take time, but it is allways well to be preparing — when the pending negociations are a little farther advanced, we may know better what direction ought to be given to the business.

I shall publish here, probably in a fortnight, a circumstancial account of the whole question in every point of view, and of which I shall send you copies. Time does not permit me to write to all my friends, you would therefore do me a favor to communicate to them any thing that you think worth communicating of this ~~pay~~ letter & papers that I send. Among these principally the Boston, Bristol and Newbury Port friends; in the latter place ~~did~~ the house that sent the Schr Transport for my account with a cargo to the Falklands. Mr Allen Editor and proprietor of the Newburyport Herald, is convinced of the justice of my cause, and will publish freely.

I am anxious to have further letters from you, particularly to hear more about the marriage of William and Lewis, may they be as happy as their parents have been, and may be yet for many years. With my affectionate love to your whole family, not omitting Mr Turnbull's family, I remain as ever

your sincere friend

Lewis Vernet

31 July 1832
L Trumbauer
per Maj. Turnbull

as to ~~your~~ the name of Krumbhaar becoming extinct. Indeed I expect ~~by the time~~ in answer ~~to this~~ letter, to hear of some further ~~proofs to that effect~~ ~~family~~. — Pray give my most affectionate remembrance to all of your beloved family, and let me hear often from you.

I am your sincere friend
Lewis Vernet

~~Also~~ Please to let our friends in Boston know what I write you respecting the Falklands. I hope they will go hand in hand with you and not compromise their matter on any act. The Bristol friend may also contribute to fix the eyes of the public by publication, also the owners of the Sch^r Triumph, ~~which~~ ~~must be they not~~ for any act with a cargo to the Falklands. — The owner is Mr Wm Ashley of Newbury port, their relation Mr Henry Metcalf has been with me since the loss of the Sch^r Belleville, of which he was part owner. Mr Aller, editor & proprietor of the Newbury port Herald is convinced of the justice of my case, and is ready to publish any thing you please to send him. Mr Metcalf sent him to day a complete file of Br Pack^ts. But there is nothing in them about the Falklands but what you have seen before.

V.

C. N. B. July 30th 1832

I am still so busy, that I can not yet write you fully, but hope may be able soon so to do. I enclose my remarks on the Official Communication made by the U. S. Navy Department — also accompany herewith a few more papers. —

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Letters to L. Krumbh

July 24th - pd Mr Hawkins
via Havana

July 31 - pd via Belle
more under cover
to the Misses Turnbull

July 31 to Mr Buck