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Mr. Henry Smith



Sir,

This is the first direct opportunity which has presented itself of answering your letter of 17th Decr. —

I am rejoiced at your Father having appointed you my agent, & hope you will be so for a considerable time — On my arrival there, which will be very soon now, we will ~~talk~~ ^{talk} about the salary, and I have no doubt but we will agree on the subject especially if ~~any~~ ^{any} things ^{can be} placed ^{advantageously} on my footing again —

For the present all I can ^{do} ^{toward it} is to take down horses & gauchos & as soon as I can make it possible, shall buy a small vessel or two for the fishery.

The accounts you sent me are perfectly correct, only I observe you charge very low for the hire of horses, at present their services are invaluable, as I will explain to you

The following certificate is in the category of kind from the Govt. and must remain the name of a receipt — I understand to have from Govt.

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when I see you. # However for the object
for which they were employed, namely the
searching for Lieut. Harner & any similar
object, I do not wish any thing to be charged.

Please to let Captain Gray have
a couple of good horses for riding. And
let the other horses rest, so that when I come
with the new ganches, which may be within
a month after the Cleopatra reaches Port Louis,
a good quantity of cattle may be caught
for a stock. ^{because the new horses will not be fit}
^{for the work for a considerable time & will at most}
^{serve to ~~do~~ ~~me~~ ~~greatly~~}

Sir

Your most obed^t Serv^t

Lewis Verney

for the present suffice it to say that
they are the remains of six cargoes shipped
at a very great expense, so much so
that four thousand head of cattle would not
repay their cost of transportation and the
receptionary expenses & trouble. However for
the object they were employed in searching for
Lieut Harner &c:
N.B. He sent me two French Bills one for \$25¹/₂ & one for
\$75 - I believe one of them was paid. How long will you suppose this Bill
have been paid

[Faint, illegible handwriting, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]



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To Genl Smith's care

St Paul, N York