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Buenos A. 29th Sept 1835.

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Dear Sir, (To Woodbine Parish Esq^r London)

Since I had last the pleasure of addressing you I have met with ill success in every application I have made to His Majesty's Government, for reasons which are a complete mystery to me.

The only thing tolerable which has occurred, is the offer made me ~~there~~ through Admiral Sir Graham Blandford, to pay me for the houses they took possession of some years ago at the Falkland Islands, according as I estimate their value at that time. I accordingly stated my price, and in order to avoid the long delays incidental on distant correspondence, I left it to their generosity to pay what ever they might deem just & with which I would be satisfied. To this I received an answer through the Admiral, which evidently shew'd there was some great misunderstanding, namely: that Lord Glenelg had received "an application from Mr. Cernet for compensation of the loss which he has sustained by the removal of his Settlements from the East Falkland Islands."

"On this application, Lord Glenelg has not been able to ascertain from a perusal of Mr. Cernet's letter either that this Gentleman has sustained any loss in respect of which he has any valid claim to compensation from Her Majesty's Government or what is the nature and amount of the loss for which he seeks to be compensated."

To this I again replied correcting the misunderstanding

standing stating that in that letter I had made no mention of any losses, that I had ~~been~~ stated the value of my horses because I had been requested so to do in order to be paid for them. Ten months have since elapsed without any answer.

I have now given my power of Attorney to James Bromilow Esq^r, partner of the house of Messrs. Stanley Black & Co^s of Montevideo to pursue my claims. Said Gentleman has a cousin that is a barrister in London, Mr. Adam Bromilow, married to the daughter of Vice Admiral Sir Ralph Donnelly, and has besides reason to expect to enjoy the protection of Sir Richard Bouverie. If to this valuable and respectable patronage I could have the good fortune to add yours I think I may entertain sanguine expectations that my claims will at least be attended to, and that ultimately I may hope of obtaining justice done me.

You have known my sentiments these many years, they have never, and on no occasion suffered the slightest variation; and you have already done me the favour to state to Lord Palmerston that to me "the credit was due of proving that they (the Islands) were even habitable &c. &c." I enjoyed also the benevolence of Sir Geo^r M^r Hamilton and Mr. Mandeville. How notwithstanding all this, my moderate pretensions, which were limited to continue the cattle business on the East Falkland, a business which as you are well aware is so combined with public utility, should have met with such ill

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ill success is inconsurable to me.

I will no longer intrude upon your time; but conclude with hoping for the continuance of your benevolence towards, and that you will, when occasion offers, say a word in my favor.

I am with great respect



Dear Sir

Your most obed^t
humble servant

(signed) Lewis Vernet

Buenos Aires 29 Sept. 1838

Woodbine Parish

[Faint, mostly illegible handwriting]
I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the
21st inst. in relation to the
small card (enclosed)

