



Correspondence p^r. Beagle

Buenos Ayres 18th Nov^r. 1833

Capt^r. Matthew Brisbane

Dear Sir

There has ^{been} no opportunity of writing to the Falklands since the arrival of the Beagle, until now that said ship is about to go round Cape Horn & will touch at my settlement.

I was very glad to receive your letter of 3^d. April & shall notice the different points it contains separately, as they follow, and then proceed to new objects. The building the flatbottom'd boats may be very usefull to the concern, & shall be very happy if you constantly seek in every other instance also to do for the best. — I trust the time is not very distant that you will be ^{be} rewarded for your trouble & constancy.

I am well satisfied with the way you have settled the differences with Simon, & feel obliged to Capt Fitzroy, for his concern in this matter, as far as respects my personal interests and the prosperity of the Islands, expressed in his letter addressed to you on the 20th March last, for which pray tender him ~~my~~ my best thanks.

(With Pedro Salinas I have done as you told

me, he is a sad fellow; he took service among the sailors of the visit boat, and was head man in a mutiny that took place in one of the boats that was carrying arms & money to the Banda Oriental; he will be shot for it. I have received the Bill of Lading for Rapid; which shipment went on to England; I have news of her arrival; and that the things will sell pretty well.

I have not seen Capt. Fitzroy. If he has been ^{here} at all, it can only have been for a day or two - I wished he had stopped some time, as it would have given me and Mr. ^{Smith} Cornet pleasure to have contributed to make his stay ^{here} agreeable ^{here}.

The Bill on Stanley Black & Co for beef was duly paid. Poor Capt. Bray has again been unfortunate, he has not touched here on his way home in the "Sun".

You have done well to send Soaquir back again, idlers are of no use.


I hope you may have got better acquainted with Ventura, as you then will probably find him a good honest man; he has fits of ill humour, and not ~~be~~ being accustomed to plain English manners, may not be well contented untill he gets more accustomed to them. When between men there is a differ^{ence} of customs, manners and language, it is very rare that they immediately agree, & it has always been my greatest trouble

Study to make people of different manners and customs, and modes of thinking agree at the settlement, without which it certainly could never have existed. — You say that he has an eloquent pen, alluding probably that he would write complaints, but this is not the case, he has written but a few lines & not a word of complaint. Herewith I send you his own letter. — He wrote several letters for Simon, but that was only regarding Simon & the Poems. As to his friends here & no complaints. We all know him to be a little singular, but as he has been in ^amanner abandoned by his father, we all feel a pity for him, & would therefore ^{gladly} hear that you were again on good terms.

Mr^s Venet and family return their affectionate remembrance to you — we often speak of you, and are anxiously waiting for some sort of settlement between the Govern^{ts}, to think seriously of returning to the Establishment, and take new measures that may give it a great impulse and make it flourish.

We have had great political changes in this country, as you will see by the file of British Jacobites which Mr^s Helshy sends to Mr^s Helshy. The change is the better for us, the present is a stronger Govern^{ment} and is determined to send off the minister to the U. S., whereas the former Government only promised so to do while there appears to have been no intention of doing so. — The present minis-

ter for foreign affairs, General Guido is a friend of mine,
and I shall consult with him on the most advantageous
manner of initiating your claims, as well as mine,
so that I confidently look forward to better terms.

 You will tell Mr. Helshy, that I have
punctually paid Mr. Helshy, monthly 50⁰⁰ paper dollars,
on acct. of his wages & shall continue to do so.

At present, with the few people that you
have got, and the kind of people they are, I see very
clearly that you can not progress much, and I shall
be well satisfied if things dont go backwards. What
would be well, is to have always a good stock of cattle
on hand, so as not to have to kill cows, to take care
of the old horses, and to tame new ones, as they will
always be of great service to help to spare those that
I shall carry there ^{anno} ~~a~~ now when I go back. It is
an object of the greatest importance to have a consi-
derable stock of cattle on hand, because after the
first 6 months of keeping, they become fat and
larger, so that there is better beef and a saving of
cows. If Simon would bring that about, then he
would render a great service to the settlement, in
general. The present want of horses is certainly an
obstacle, but if there is once such a stock of cattle,
then it will also be a saving of the horses. Perse-
verance in catching, care in keeping and econo-
my in the use of beef, would soon help getting a
good stock. — I have received no more letters

from you since that, of 3^d April. I shall be glad
to receive letters from you, if there is no direct oppor-
tunities then via ^{other} parts, even over England, to the care
of George Wildes & Co. London, or to Rostron & Dutton
Rio Janeiro or Lerica & Brothers in Valparaiso.

I have paid your bill in favor of
Flemming — George has received the old spy-
glass which you sent to be repaired ⁱⁿ England, he will
send it to you per Beagle, I shall pay him the
Expence.

Se Se Se (Signed) Lewis Cornet



Letter of two letters
to Capt Brisbane
of 18 & 19 Nov - 1833
forwarded per McCoy
Capt Fitzroy

Mr Brisbane
not known to
me at this date

I have not
yet had time to
send you the
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Buenos Ayres 19th Nov^r 1833.

Capt. Mather Brisbane

Dear Brisbane

Simon has written me a very satisfactory letter and he seems willing to serve me faithfully. He is very capable of doing so if he chooses and I am willing, to reward his services; in fact no man ^{that} serves me faithfully, shall remain unrewarded, and all service rendered in the present state of the Settlement, I think a great deal of.

As Simon never required his wages for me while I was at the Settlement, a great deal ~~has~~ ^{came} come due to him, and although he has said not a word about it in his letter yet I ~~wish~~ ^{wish} to make him easy on this score. I have therefore written to him to choose one of three proposals:

- 1st proposal — To wait till I get out of my present embarrassing situation, and then to receive from me at the Island all his dues, with 6% Interest, in gold ounces.
- 2^d proposal — To receive from you a gradual payment on acct. of his dues, in hides at five Dollars

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each - or in Bills that the masters of Vessels give in payment for beef, or in money, when you have it, & can spare it. But it is understood, that in the first place, you have to provide every thing necessary to keep the Settlement supplied and to pay the wages that fall due, because it would not suit me at all to have bills drawn on me for wages; some of the men that I sent last, that are on wages, you will, of course endeavour to employ, in preference to those that are not contracted, if you possibly can.

3^d proposal - To receive payment for his dues in Cattle on my return to the Island, in which case, he shall then have half of the stock that exists on my arrival, in payment for his dues, & shall, whenever I can spare them, let him have some horses to mind his little stock with, if he should wish to keep it separate, and let him besides have a piece of Land, & if he should wish afterwards to leave the Island, I will purchase of him his stock at 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ p^r crown animal and the Y^ounger for 5 Dollars each. This is for him, for me and for the whole establishment, the most advantageous proposal, as it will be a stimulus, and with activity and care on the part of Simon, and economy in the use of beef, you may depend on it, a good stock can soon be collected. Then every thing will go on well. Settlers can be supplied with cows, and the shipping will more readily,

pay 15 or 20 Dollars for a fat bullock than 10 Dollars for a lean cow. If there is no good stock, then, if there come ever so many settlers, that are ever so well supplied with other provisions, yet the want of good beef will be very disheartening to all persons, & more so if they can not obtain cows for their dairies and bullocks for tillage. It is true, that when a great flow of Settlers comes there will be means to get several cargoes of horses, but, then, before they are serviceable a considerable time will elapse and the settlers would have to wait a long time before they can have good beef, cows & bullocks. I do not look so much to the value of this first stock as I do to the security that it gives of securing the future maintenance & comfort of Settlers.

The Harriet remains still unsold, lately, just before the revolution the Government intended to get her out, on their acct. Captain Harris had bought her at auction, but could not get her on acct. of Government wanting her. I shall now present my accounts against her & I hope with better success than hitherto.

I repeat to you my the assurance of my friendship, and that of all the family, who will always look upon you as one of their best friends.

Yours truly,
 signed Lewis Vernet



gd J. S. Many people direct their views now towards

the Falklands. I have a contract for the getting
 merino sheep to the Islands, other contracts offered for
 bringing settlers from the coast of Norway or from the
 Shetland Islands or Orkneys; ~~it~~ also from Germany.
 But I have my hands tied yet, partly for having
 to attend to the claims against the U. S., and par-
 tly, because I wish to see some sort of understanding
 between the Govern^{ts} first. Because it is impossible to
 tell to a certainty, what will take place, you may
 recollect that a few years ago it was reported very
 currently, that England would give to Buenos Ayres
 an indemnification of several millions of hard Dol-
 lars, which, as was said was then rejected by Buenos
 Ayres, but they may become now of a different mode of
 thinking.

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