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Buenos Ayres 12<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1788

J. T. Whittington Esq<sup>r</sup>

Dear Sir,

Since my last of 15<sup>th</sup> April I have been in expectation of hearing of your further progress, and received a few days ago your letter of 16<sup>th</sup> June. — Time is too short just now to answer it fully wherefore I must leave till next opportunity that task. However for the present I beg leave to advise to you that I can not conceive how the placing my property on the Falkland Islands, all circumstances considered, could be looked upon as a trespass, and much less that my claiming in my own capacity instead of another person claiming for me should be considered a second trespass. Neither do I conceive there to be such great advantage in your claiming as British Subject, if no other merit than that of British subject assist you.



If you were placed precisely in my circumstances,  
 as those of having about a fortune much less than  
 my present personal labor, then you might  
 with right expect a preference to myself  
 as a foreigner; but as it now is I entertain  
 a much higher opinion of the justice or  
 equity of your Government than what you  
 seem to, entertain —



The advantages which I expect from  
 your connection, I look for from a very dif-  
 ferent quarter than that of your being a Bri-  
 tish Subject. It is the superiority of your par-  
 ticular means and of the other respectable bodies  
 who intend to support your plans, that I look  
 to. It is really quite a new thing to me that  
 you should claim indemnification in your own name,  
 since it never was my intention to conceal my  
 name in this business, I thought that  
 on the contrary you would do much more by  
 claiming for me frankly and openly, especially when  
 supported by so many respectable friends as you  
 have mentioned in your prospectus. This premised  
 I see no use in my writing you such letters  
 as you require, on the contrary it can only



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be detrimental to a good cause, the intere-  
tion of political documents, and you must  
excuse me for not entering into such plans  
as I would wish to go straight forward.

My last letter not having reached you  
I am sorry herewith a copy of the same  
what I confide —



— Hoping you had  
I am with great regard  
— Dear Sir

your most obedt

Louis Veron

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Mr King James Cooks Bell sailed 25<sup>th</sup> Aug 1771

Queen's Agents 15<sup>th</sup> April 1775

G. S. Pabington Esq<sup>r</sup> London

Dear Sir

Your favour of 10<sup>th</sup> November  
original of duplicate of Mr Andrews's letter came to hand,  
but the same vessel being about to sail, I sent the  
original in answer.

It was impossible to answer all your ques-  
tions in regular succession, from the 11<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup>,  
happily if this may be the cause of delay to some  
particular understanding, & material to our eyes to us

both in my requesting your assistance in  
the perusal of your letter of 20<sup>th</sup> June of which  
you say you have taken no copy, supposing it to  
have contained minor matters & supposing the great  
proof of business may have been the cause of  
your not finding it, but upon examination you  
will probably find it, since you sent me also  
a duplicate of the same some time after & they  
have therefore to ask the favour of you again, to explain  
the subject a little clearer, especially that part which  
says that you have "legally arranged and secured all  
& these matters to, here" that it is actually, as private pro-  
perty, & privileged to me. This I can not well con-  
sider unless you enter more into particulars.  
The world however are very usefull for the common purpo-  
ses of the colonies, but not for catching wild bulls, they



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The Reader for such very heavy work, besides  
the wild horses, must be caught first, and that can only  
be done with chains, & long leas, this as well as the  
catching of cattle forms a business of itself, which  
like most other arts, requires long experience, without  
which it can never be carried on to advantage, and  
is matter so important to first settlements, the dis-  
posal of cattle for tithes and for tillage, if not pro-  
perly managed may cause the sending of large sums of  
money, instead of gaining.

The quantity of cattle may be about 2000 head of cattle  
over horses, 3000 pigs and immense numbers of rabbits. The  
but we derive at present, at least too wild to  
be got at, but under proper arrangement during  
long years they may produce annually, after that  
period, 300,000 prime furs and skins - I judge  
from what the Prince of Wales could have executed by  
proper care being taken. Of whales, it is very  
difficult to form an idea, but the killing them  
among the Islands would no doubt be very  
advantageous; I know only of one whaler who has  
been at it, and he filled his vessel in one of the  
harbours within our mouths.

When I wrote in my letter of 16th June that  
as work could be done in winter I alluded to  
the catching of wild cattle - Agricultural pursuits  
may be carried on throughout the winter, it  
being less cold than the South of England - Naviga-  
tion is always free of ice. Potatoes and all  
kinds of vegetables grow well, glass uncommonly well,  
corn has been sown and has ripened, though there has been  
no fair trial made. The wind did not blow from the sea.



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number of young sheep which are disposable  
live, scarce twenty thousand; these can be  
transported at a very small expense.



10<sup>th</sup> I had perused your prospectus, long before  
you sent me one, I had seen the one you  
sent to the minister. I observe some differ-  
ence in the list of friends who support the  
undertaking, but in the last, Lord Vis. Falkland  
Earl of Dundonald is named as Patrons - where-  
wise there is difference in the former? - I think  
the prospectus requires some modification,  
I would not recommend to hold out more  
advantages <sup>than</sup> than those which I have stated  
they document confers on Capt Langdon.  
It is in my opinion always the best policy  
to let the emigrants know precisely what they  
have to expect, in order that they may not  
be disappointed. Why do you offer no land  
to the settler if not positively at least  
conditionally?

11<sup>th</sup> There are no signs of any mines whatever  
except Iron - - - I have seen some ex-  
cellent orchilla weed in several "out of the  
very places" on the Island.

Hoping to hear again soon from  
you I remain Dear Sir your most obed<sup>t</sup> & aff<sup>l</sup> serv<sup>t</sup>  
Luis Verut





number of young people which are...  
 this, as a...  
 transmitted at a very small expense.  
 10th of last month your...  
 you sent me one, I had...  
 sent to the...  
 mine in the last of...  
 interesting, but in the...  
 Book of...  
 also...  
 the...  
 I have not...  
 I have...  
 It is in my opinion...  
 to let the...  
 but to report in...  
 to the...  
 an...  
 If you are...  
 sent you...  
 all...  
 long...  
 hoping to...  
 your...  
 Yours...