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Conformable to His permission I
now send the papers I offered to J. C. some
days ago ^{for} perusal, omitting others of minor im-
portance fearing I am already intruding upon
J. C.'s time, & if so I must beg indulgence.

These papers contain all the grounds on
which I have founded the opinion that this
proposed undertaking of sending hence to
the East Falkland Island a cargo of horses
and some gauchos for the purpose of settling
my cattle business there on a good train
again, will not be opposed by any British
authority! and I shall be glad to hear
that J. C.'s private opinion after perusal
of my papers coincides with mine.

J. C. will observe that said bus-
ness was suffered to continue without in-
terruption after H. B. M. S. *Uta* took
possession of the *I*slands in July 1833;
that after this period it received a
decisive blow by the appropriation of my
agent Matthew Brisbane, his assistants
and the headmen of the gauchos, from
which ^{blow} it is impossible it can recover itself
by sending to the *I*sland to renew supply
of horses & gauchos. Hence it follows
that I do not pretend to establish

a new settlement to place the one actually existing there on an efficient state, which otherwise will dwindle away to nothing. It is indeed already somewhat reduced, that only with great difficulty can the small garrison & the few ships which touch there be supplied with the necessary fresh beef, whereas by putting the business again in a proper train, I shall in the course of two or three years more have at my disposal upwards of 20000 head of tamed cattle, with the ~~yearly~~^{annual} increase of which the wants of the shipping and of future settlements may be abundantly supplied.

As for the lands and other privileges obtained from the Gov^t of B. A. I have long since been well aware of the necessity of petitioning the British Gov^t for a confirmation of the same that they may become available but have hitherto from some motive or other postponed so doing. However, I am anxious now to prepare a memorial to go by the next packet and beg leave to elicit from Y. E's benevolence the favor of undertaking to forward it to H. B. M's Gov^t.

I have the honor to be with the greatest respect

Y. E's
most obed^t hum^t Serv^t

Remark. The papers which I sent for perusal were the following:



- 1. Copy of Letter of Capt Collins of H. B. S. I. to the Commander of the Suroeste, intimating his intention to take possession of the Falkland Islands, dated January... 1835, requesting the troops & Government property to be removed.
- 2. Orig. letter of Capt Fitzroy of H. B. S. I. to my Agent Matthew Brisbane in which he gives some advice tending to promote my interests in the cattle business.
- 3. The letters from Lieut Smith & his son dated 16 & 17th Decr 1835 by which it appears that the former being Governor of the Island ^{had} continued for my account the cattle business ~~was~~ from the time of his arrival until the 31st July 1835, after which he ~~sent~~ delivered the business into the hands of his son whom he had appointed ^{to be} my agent.

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