

Colonia 21 June 1829
to Woodlark Parish
proposing him to
become partner in
Falkland business
very important



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Woodbine Parish Esq^r Buenos Ayres



Sir, My last was for the outer Rhoads written the day before yesterday which for the want of a post reaching I thus repeat: Doubting whether you ^{it would be} permitted you to enter into commercial speculations I have deferred ~~that~~ from day to day speaking to you on what will be the subject of my present letter - However being now on my voyage and it being highly interesting to me I take the liberty now to ~~write~~ make you the proposal ^{confident} that you ~~will~~ ^{any impropriety which you might give rise to} ~~will~~ ^{will} attribute to an involuntary act ~~of mine~~ ^{of mine} ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~an~~ ^{an} ~~involuntary~~ ^{involuntary} ~~act~~ ^{act} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~mine~~ ^{mine}.

My Establishment at the Falkland, you are already well aware, is in a fair way of prosperity, tho' by very slow degrees - my own means ^{being} too scant to give ~~it~~ the impulse that it ^{requires} deserves. It is true I have ~~now~~ appointed agents abroad in diff^t parts of Europe to get settlers giving them grants of land but the instability of the Gov^t of B^r & the frequent revolutions & disturbances have as yet deterred specula-

to be from entering into any plans
of colonisation but you, who know
this country ^{as well as I do}, will not feel
the same distrust. You know well
that the gov^{ts} that succeed each other
generally respect the acts of their
antecessors, and more when those
acts do not interfere in the interests
of their factions; as is the case with
the grant given me on the 5th Jan^y
1828, because the country at large
derives a benefit ^{the prosperity of} the Colony, in
as far as it paves the way to the
settlement of their desert territories
of the south and gives them a value which
they had not you who can doubt that
if the ^{land of the} East Falkland Islands becomes valuable,
the remaining Islands will likewise
become so - and the same with respect
to Terra del Fuoco and Patag^a coast.
Therefore if I had disposable funds,
I would embark largely in getting settlers
from Europe for such countries principally
as will whom climate and situation
offers an advantageous exchange with
the Falkland - among such I consider
the Inhabitants of the Shetland Islands,
of Norway, of the northern parts of Holland
and Germany, & of the mountainous
parts of Switzerland or the highlands
of Scotland and bays of Ireland.
All these are poor and more or less
burthened

burthened with taxes, of which they are free
 at the Falklands for twenty years to count
 from the 5th Jan 1831. besides having
 the free use of the fisheries for the
 same term, on all the coast, and Islands
 south of Rio Negro. Another great advan-
 tage is that the fruits of their industry
 can be imported fr the Falkland duty free
 all tho' not expressed in my grant, but
 that is a matter of course, being a part
 of the republic. I think the advantage
 that I would derive from getting out many
 settlers is immense, principally from the
 increase in the value of the lands, but not
 having ^{any} funds remaining for the purpose I am
 forced to seek a partner - Among the merchants
 I ~~can~~ could find none, they understand nothing
 but the shop - I have therefore directed
 my views upon you - I think were ^{you} to
 to take a share in my undertaking you
 would gain much as well as myself
 I offer you a share, in my concerns at



to say more about it in my own ~~hand~~ ^{name} ~~and~~ ^{will} ~~answer~~
of it itself - Some reflections on p. m. 11.

The Falkland ~~is~~ not exceeding the half
nor less than the fourth - I would let you
have such share on your buying a proportionate
part of the expenses that I have been at,
with the addition of interest, and 25 per cent say
twenty five per cent premium, for the trouble I have
been at, and the grant of land & cattle,
you can do more for its benefit than
any other person because you have only
to state to your government the advantages
of their vessels of war that go round
the Horn to touch there in preference
to touching at a port in the Brazil, where
they are so subject to suffering from
diseases and sickness, and no doubt almost
all vessels would touch there for refreshment
& repairs - merchants vessels of all kinds
would soon follow the example and the
ships would find consumers for all their
staple articles at ^{the Islands} ~~there~~, which of course
would ^{give a great impulse to} ~~be a great matter for~~ the colony.
You will oblige me by a speedy answer
whether you can or can not enter into my
speculation. Time does not permit me
to enlarge and I think it superfluous