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My dear friend,

Since my last of March 25th I had the pleasure to receive yours of 7th January and 24th February together with the printed Pamphlet, containing an official report respecting the transaction in regard to the Falklands.

My opinion after perusing the same remains still that justice and equity are on your side, but alas! how often do we not see that there do not prevail, particularly in public matters, when strength is on our side and weakness on the other!

The British claiming and having taken possession of the Falklands renders your case more complicated; it is now said the Brit. Govt. had no right in these islands, and therefore the Capture, you made an illegal. In my opinion this view of the case is incorrect, admitting that England has a good title it has suffered it to sleep for so many years, and permitted Spain and Brit. Agts. to exercise publicly acts of authority over them without the British government giving any notice to the contrary, had by this tacit consent or acquiescence the acts of Spain and the Brit. Agt. government became legal for the time, certainly as to all other governments; at all events His Govt. of the U.S. could have no right to destroy your colony whether the islands belonged to Brit. Agt. or England and is therefore bound by justice and equity to make restitution.

Several judicious persons who have read your Pamphlet do not view it in the light I do, and say that you have but a poor chance for remuneration; I must so far coincide with them that it is difficult to obtain justice from governments.

My hopes are entirely placed upon the Brit. American Minister expected here, if he is the proper man I think he will succeed, particularly as the amount is not of very great importance to a government like that of the U.S. by private suits I have little hope.

The reprinting of the Pamphlet here would cost £150 and would be of no benefit to an ultimate result; when the question comes before the proper authorities to decide upon, they will undoubtedly have all the official documents and vouchers belonging to the case before them. You only be careful to have your Statements of

Your losses, and damages, in proper form, substantiated by the best evidence you can obtain and the documents, certified and legalized by the proper authority.

Mr. Sam^l. Perkins, of Boston was lately here and I talked a great deal with him about your affairs; the insurance office, have not yet paid for the Viper, you captured, nor have the Court, brought suit against them, a certain proof they are aware they cannot make out the Captains, to have been illegal for if they could do that they would recover their money without difficulty.

My family (as far as I know for several are from home) are all well. William and Lewis were married as I wrote you and both give the prospect of being a Grand Papa very soon, they have both drawn great prizes, in the matrimonial lottery their wives being most solid sensible and amiable women. William has spent the winter in New Orleans, from whence I expect him and his wife in a few days, but he will make an Establishment at New Orleans, and make that his residence in future. Lewis and his wife are with us, Allepanda has travelled in the Western States, since last Septem^r I expect him home in 2 or 3 weeks - Caroline is with us, but Emma on a visit to Chambersburg. Mr. K^o who is quite well desires me to present her very best love to you and your wife.

Mr. Turabull, my good mother in law died last April, a few days after her youngest daughter Alison was married to a Mr. Lawrence a very respectable merchant of Boston. The other Miss Turabull and the boys as well as Mr. Rob^t. Smith, and Mr. Buck, family are all well. Adieu - Your sincere friend.

July 31st 1833.

The foregoing is Copy of my last of 25th June since which had the pleasure to receive yours of 5th and 24th May.

If the sentence of the Sch^o. Superior signed by C^o. Cardenas, is a proper act of condemnation according to the laws of Buenos Ayres by the proper Prize Court, it will be necessary for you to send proof of that fact viz^t. that this Court or Judge is the proper tribunal for such cases and as such its decisions legal and valid. All such instruments, must be duly legalized, and as there is no American Court at Buenos Ayres, these American Merchants, or a foreign Court may sue out. I have not sent ~~you~~ a Memorandum

of the documents, that would be required in a suit against Demian, because my reliance for your obtaining indemnification is placed upon the Claim Genl. Alwear the Minister will make upon the U.S. government, and your bringing a private suit might interfere with it. The chance of bringing a suit against Demian to a desired conclusion and making a recovery upon it, I think very small indeed. When you send me the needful for an action against Seta, & Barrow for the Superior, I will lay it before Counsel, and if they say it can be supported bring suit against him in the Supreme Court U.S. This is all I am aware I can do; I am sorry you have said nothing about Genl. Alwear what kind of man he is, whether he is a friend or merely an acquaintance of yours - whether he is a man of talents, and speaks the English - do you intend to give him letters to me?

It occurs to me immediately that the possession of the Falklands, by England cannot be looked upon by the Gov. of U.S. with an indifferent eye, I am convinced in my own mind they will not acquiesce in it and probably countenance as far as they can the claim of the Bus. Arz. governmt; nothing has been made known in public yet but I have no doubt the Cabinet are at work, now warrens.

I am glad you entertain such good hopes to the ownership of your lands, if even the English claim to the islands should prevail; it appears to me the best you can do is to maintain your ownership by actual possession if not by yourself personally by an agent in your name; a year or two will probably clear up a good deal in this matter and if England should prevail you would have a strong claim of equity if not of right.

Until we see how Genl. Alwear's negotiation here turns out your presence could be of no use; and until England has substantiated her title to the Falklands better. I do not see that you could be of any use in England, I should think therefore you had better devote your present time to Bus. Arz. and the Falklands - preparing all your documents of reclamation in the completest manner you can. Should you leave Bus. Arz. do not fail to advise under what direction letters will reach you in the safest and quickest way.

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My family are well and desire their best love - Your old friend Mr. Benj. Chew Sen. met with a sad disaster a few days ago - his carriage horse run away upset and broke his leg -

Your affectionate friend
 L. Reed to Boat



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