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Santiago de Chile 20<sup>th</sup> May 1837

M<sup>r</sup> L. Bernet

Buenos Ayres

Dear Sir: I have to make many  
apologies for my silence since you  
left this Port - but a press of business  
has kept me always so occupied  
that I felt unable to give my mind  
to our affair - I enclose you the  
Memorandum of Contract for  
your perusal - I remain -

Dear Sir -

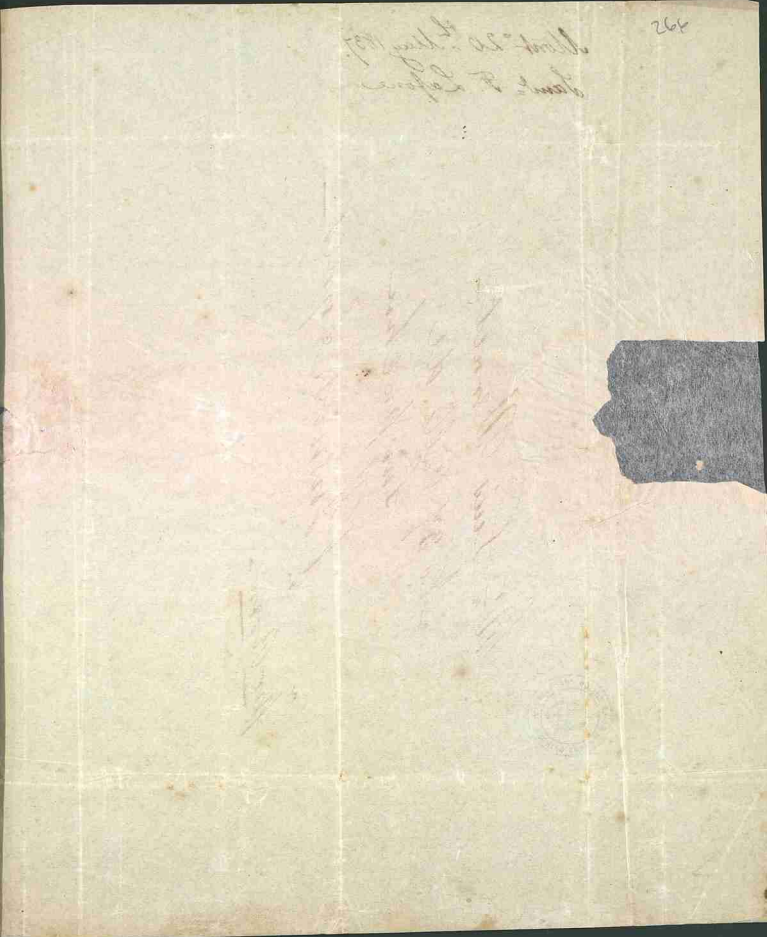
Yours respectfully  
J. M. Lafont



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Monte 20<sup>ta</sup> May 1837.  
Sanct. F. Lafone

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