

Buenos Ayres June 16th / 1836



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Dear Sir, since my last of the 3^d instant I have had the pleasure of receiving your very obliging letter of the 20th of last month, which having convinced me of my mistake, in supposing the existence of prejudice against me, has relieved my heart of a very heavy load. I can now await with patience the determinations of your Government regarding my concerns and shall therefore desist from troubling the attention of the Admiral any more, being now satisfied in my mind that he could not well do more than what he has done, and for which I feel under obligations to him.

I have claims which can not at present be laid before the British nor the Buenos Ayrean Govt because both Govts claim the Islands, the question being still under discussion between them; unfortunately for me this state of suspense may last many years, if we may judge from the precedent which the dispute of 1771 between Spain & England affords regarding the same Islands, which dispute has not been settled to this day, tho' it was initiated, its discussion 39 years before the Spaniards left the Islands. I would suppose therefore that

my claims can only be conditional ~~to~~
while the question of sovereignty is not set-
tled. However, as my pretensions go no far-
ther than to become, if I am not missta-
ken, usefull to the Islands, and conse-
quently also to his R. M. Govt, I have
great reason to hope they will soon be
attended to, and I shall not fail to follow
your advise on the subject, when the pro-
per time arrives. - I have written to Genl.

Rondeau this day, and sent him as
you requested, your kind remembrance.
I remain with particular esteem

Dear Sir
Your most obedt Servt

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