

Private

Buenos Ayres 14<sup>th</sup> April 1835.



Sir,

When I took the liberty of addressing  
Y. C. last, my first object was to pave the way to  
reestablishing, with the least delay possible, the means  
of supplying future settlements at the Falkland Idls.  
with the most necessary articles for their immediate  
comfort, so as to secure to them a good success from  
the commencement; as this advantage would certainly  
be lost if this matter was not attended to in due  
time.

Y. C. having no instructions from the British Go-  
vernment on the subject of the Falklands, and under  
the impression that the Admiral Sir Graham Eden  
Hamond might perhaps be authorized to act decis-  
ively, I made, as is already known to Y. C. a proposal  
to him for the attainment of the stated object. Un-  
fortunately it appears he is not authorized either, hav-  
ing written me that "he had forwarded all my letters,  
as well those to Sir Michael <sup>Young</sup>, as those addressed to him,  
to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty; that  
he had requested precise directions in regard to every  
thing claimed by me, and that until he received  
such directions he could give no answer to my ap-  
plication". It is to be hoped the answer from the Gov-  
ernment may not be too long retarded.

In order to lose no time I had made si-  
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similar application to some of my friends here, for the realisation of which the private opinion which Y. E. had been pleased to give me, ought to have sufficed had there been any man of enterprise among them, but this was unfortunately not the case, and consequently my attempts failed also on this side, none being willing to venture any Capital without every possible guarantee.

My next object in addressing your Excellency, was to obtain the distinguished favor of having my petition to H. B. M. for the confirmation of the grants I hold from this Government, forwarded by Y. E. To this my solicitation Y. E. has likewise had the ~~generous~~ <sup>kindness</sup> to consent, honoring me at the same time with other marks of a friendly disposition towards me, for which I consider myself under very great obligations <sup>and</sup> to Y. E., which will ever command my gratitude towards Y. E.'s person. However, incredible misfortunes have hitherto prevented me from attending to a matter so essential to my own welfare. It is not the inevitable consequences of loss of property alone, against which I have to cope, which of itself causes much anxiety of mind to a man who has a large family to maintain, and whose peculiar situation renders it necessary for him not to retire from the scene, but what is much worse, I have to cope also against the intrigues ~~of~~ of a few influential men <sup>who are</sup> supported by the present <sup>chief</sup> ~~highest~~ magistrate, (Gov<sup>t</sup> Mara), who have maliciously forced ~~several~~ <sup>several</sup> unfounded lawsuits upon me, evidently with a view to crush me altogether. My circumstances of course do not permit me



to employ counsel, I have therefore to defend myself. I can not loose the suits, because justice is too evident on my side, but as all suits are carried on here in writing they take up all my time, without exaggeration the whole of the days and great part of the nights. What I have here related is so extraordinary that I can hardly expect to be believed; but I am ready and even anxious to prove it with incontestable documents. Y. E. would they get an insight <sup>the manner in which</sup> of some law suits are carried on in this country, and how incorrectly the magistrates act, from the highest to the lowest. One of the suits is with a young lawyer, Dr. Azina, Son in law of Governor Illanes, claiming from me a large fee which has long ago been paid <sup>to</sup> him by the Gov<sup>t</sup>, but which I could not prove, until being excessively harassed I at length applied to Genl. Rojas <sup>asking for</sup> his evidence, this he <sup>gave me</sup> as you will see by the enclosed copy of his letter, which proving that he had been paid already I shall <sup>eventually gain</sup> ~~the suit~~ <sup>from some time</sup>. Another suit is with the same lawyer, who singly opposes <sup>the will of</sup> all my creditors, who all have granted me time to pay after the recovery of my different claims. This opposition injures me much, because thro' his great influence he prevents the tribunal of Commerce ~~from putting the seal to said~~ <sup>from putting the seal to said</sup> amicable arrangement, the judges fearing to incur the displeasure of Gov. Morán. Thus, having the law on my side and all my creditors, I can not get from the tribunal what <sup>the law ordains</sup> ~~is my right~~ on such occasions a public acknowledgment <sup>According to me</sup> ~~and~~ my credit and good name. The expenses I incurred in the detention & trial of the fishing vessels, (all in consequence of the orders of Gov<sup>t</sup>) amounting to eleven thousand Dollars silver money, have



never been repaid me, neither have I claimed the  
same, all I have done was to present the account  
of expenses of one of the vessels, the one I brought  
here, amounting to about three thousand Spanish  
Dollars. The Govt orders me to present it <sup>in order</sup> to be  
examined and paid if found correct, among the  
expenses is the hire of an anchor & chain which  
I sent on board here in port, when the vessel was  
in distress; which account has not been found  
is mentioned as unpaid in <sup>my</sup> the account. ~~The same~~  
was examined and found <sup>perfectly</sup> correct, more than a year  
since but instead of paying, Govt orders the  
owner of the chain to claim the hire from me also,  
which he did and ~~his~~ <sup>my</sup> forms, <sup>over and above</sup>  
~~which~~ another lawsuit, and meanwhile Govt has  
sold the vessel, ~~and~~ <sup>my</sup> kept the whole of the proceeds,  
without paying any ~~thing~~ <sup>part of the expenses</sup>. Were I to relate all  
the vexation of spirit I have to suffer, would be never  
to finish, and would be intruding too much on Y. C. S.  
time. I can not myself conceive how my mind  
can endure so much without succumbing, and all  
this in addition to pecuniary distress of the severest  
kind, caused by all my resources being withheld from  
me at once, <sup>and the same time</sup> some public funds worth twenty thou-  
sand paper Dollars belonging to me from transactions  
with a private individual, Maza retains, <sup>also</sup> under the  
pretence of recovering ten thousand paper Dollars fur-  
nished me once to send necessaries to the fieldland  
Islanders, who had remained there after the destruc-  
tion of the Colony, and were in distress; and what is  
worse Govt Maza has lately sold all the funds including  
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mine. A valuable piece of land on the river Salado, of  
 eighteen square leagues, which has cost the life of an own  
 brother and my wife's brother in an invasion of the  
 indians, was taken from me by the Government and  
 after many years suit, I gained my cause before  
 the house of Representatives. But influential men  
 had <sup>and the mean time</sup> settled on it, and <sup>can money</sup> not be dislodged without obsti-  
 nate law suits, which I can not sustain. At the settle-  
 ment of port Louis I have about four hundred pounds  
 sterling worth of Ox hides and Seal Skins, and as Capt  
 Barron is the pursuer of the Sparrowhawk sloop, about  
 one thousand Spanish Dollars in the hands of the Lieut  
 who is there in charge. As early as the 10th of July  
 last I wrote to Admiral Seymour begging this pro-  
 perty to be sent to Monte or Rio de Janeiro, and only  
 just packet have I got an answer, thro' an appli-  
 cation made by my friend in Rio - and by a letter from  
 Sir Graham Baskin, stating that if I wished to  
 have that property, ~~that~~ I must send a merchant  
 vessel for it. But as the freight of such vessel would  
 consume <sup>great</sup> part of it, and <sup>not knowing</sup> whether the  
 Lieut <sup>then</sup> would deliver it without an express order from  
 the Admiral, <sup>It is not prudent to go on it, therefore</sup> I shall be for some time deprived of this  
 property also -

Thus I have the miserable remains of  
 my <sup>are</sup> property every where entangled, which other-  
 wise would suffice to meet my expenses for a very  
 long time, and avoid ~~me~~ the pecuniary distress I ~~have~~  
~~to~~ support. It would even suffice to undertake  
 my ~~business~~ with the settlement without asking any  
 aid from others and

+ Here with two letters from the Admiral

6/ and I have seen of the Admiral and of my Friends here  
Under such an accumulation of misfortunes,  
(of which I have only stated a part)  
and vexations, <sup>of which I have only stated a part</sup> Your Excellency will easily perceive, that  
I can not possibly enjoy that composure of mind  
which is necessary to frame in <sup>suitable</sup> ~~fit~~ terms a  
document intended to be presented to a great Mo-  
narch. The change of Gov<sup>t</sup> will improve my situa-  
tion in as far as that the persecutions will cease.  
But my pecuniary sufferings will probably not be  
relieved by the change, as I shall be very loath to  
place my self under obligations. My mind is made  
up, and this is not a new thing in me, as Y. E. may  
infer from the enclosed letters from M<sup>r</sup> Parish. I  
was then inclined from principle, I conceived that  
a man who <sup>injured others to leave their homes to settle a new country</sup> ~~took others to form a new settlement~~,  
must have no other object in view than to make  
his followers happy, by preferring such Government  
as may be  
most capable of affording them security  
and protection. This preference <sup>could not be put</sup> ~~was not~~  
~~meant to put~~ in execution before the change  
of Gov<sup>t</sup>, <sup>in place</sup> I then seized the first opportunity of  
regaining my independence, by giving up <sup>the</sup> ~~my~~ public  
appointments <sup>of the Gov<sup>t</sup></sup> which was ad-  
vised as Y. E. will observe by the enclosed letters from the Minister of State. At  
~~Paris~~ <sup>Paris</sup> ~~proper~~ <sup>to show</sup> the falsity of the report which was  
spread, that I never held a regular appointment I  
accompany <sup>herewith the original</sup> ~~the~~ document ~~which~~  
My mind had been so many years bent upon  
the settlement of the Falkland Islands, that I would  
be very loath to retire from the undertaking ~~with~~  
"yours"



as long as my services can be of any use. I had once the good fortune to have laid the foundation for an important settlement, when I counted near one hundred and fifty contented colonists, with the fairest prospects of a great increase. This is now nearly all reduced to nothing, but I entertain the firm opinion, that with proper or suitable management, a very considerable colony can in a short time be formed by more wealthy undertakers; to which I will most cheerfully contribute ~~whatever~~ <sup>whatever</sup> may lay in my power.

~~Formerly the~~  
~~the~~ drawing up of my petition, ~~by~~ <sup>which</sup> I might perhaps have succeeded, but I conceived that it ought to go accompanied by a memoir descriptive of the rise and fall of my colony, of the natural history of those Islands, and of the resources they contain for the main lease of extensive settlements; because the reports of visitors who have not even resided a single year on the <sup>Islands</sup> ~~spot~~ can not possibly <sup>have</sup> conveyed a correct idea to the <sup>British</sup> Government; hence contradiction will arise among the reports of different. I perceive Y. E. that of all the descriptions I have seen of late visitors, or of late publications, none can entirely be depended upon; some exact the advantages of the Islands beyond the due limits, others depress <sup>them</sup>. Of the reports hitherto rendered that of Capt. Robt. Fitzroy is the most correct: it does him great honor that during so few months stay at the Islands he should have acquired so correct a knowledge of them.

The memoir I intend to write will embrace all that may be most interesting, getting the principal facts duly attested by old residents & making references of such facts

facts as can not escape the attention of visitors, to such of H. B. M. naval Officers as may have been there. This will require much writing, but I shall endeavour to get it ready before the sailing of the next packet.

From all I have said it will strike Y. E. what a serious disappointment I have met with in not having succeeded ~~to execute~~ <sup>in executing</sup> my plan of proceeding this Summer to the settlement because at the same time that I would have taken a pride in making myself useful in a public point of view, I would have been extremely happy to have withdrawn myself from this scene of tribulation in which I am here so cruelly and unmeritedly <sup>placed</sup> ~~involved~~. And having there my maintenance certain, I ~~could not~~ <sup>could wait</sup> ~~would~~ <sup>wait</sup> with patience the result of my claims, which from their nature, it is impossible to foresee how long it may be protracted. But in my present situation every delay is heart-breaking.

That I but ~~had~~ had it in my power to see the Admiral, I think I would have succeeded better, because by verbal communications I could have satisfied him of the utility of my proposals, and I would have had no objection to have taken <sup>from him any</sup> the responsibility ~~from him~~ which he might <sup>suppose</sup> ~~conceive~~ to exist, by stipulating that such arrangements should in no way whatever affect any pending questions regarding my claims, and be subject to the approbation of his Government, <sup>at that</sup> ~~and until~~ such approbation came. I would have acted <sup>as</sup> ~~as~~ an agent of the Admiral





I am fully aware of the honor Your Excellency has bestowed on me in permitting consenting to receive any representations I may on my affairs, which goodness is the more to be appreciated for being done under the circumstance of having no instructions to that effect from the B. Gov<sup>t</sup>, thus presenting the most unequivocal proof of the humane sentiments which characterise your Ex<sup>ty</sup>. It is the full conviction of this which has encouraged me to write the present letter with a view to keep Y. E. informed of all that occurs in my affairs. ~~Happy if your Excellency could in return give me the least glimpse of hope that my painful situation I may soon be relieved, from my painful situation, if not wholly at least partially, from this~~ ~~I have thought it my duty to~~ ~~write~~

I have now given to your Ex<sup>ty</sup> <sup>with the greatest</sup> ~~the most~~ <sup>sincerity</sup> ~~complete~~ insight into my present <sup>circumstances such as may</sup> ~~situation~~ ~~that~~ ~~any~~ person in this city ~~possesses~~ or even any of my friends possess. Happy if Y. E. could in return give me ~~the~~ any glimpse of <sup>hope</sup> that I may soon be relieved if not wholly at least partially, from this painful situation, so as to have it ~~in~~ <sup>in my power</sup> to await with patience the result of my ~~claims~~ <sup>more important matters.</sup>

I place myself wholly at Y. E. command and have the honor to be

Your Excellency's  
most obed<sup>t</sup>  
humble servant

To his Excellency  
the Viceroy & Captain General  
of His Majesty's Kingdoms  
of Peru, Chile, &c.  
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