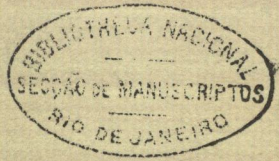


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Morice, George Francis.

Carta do capitão G. Francis comandante do Rio Blanco, ao gal. Solano Lopes.....

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To

His Excellency

General F. S. Lopez.

Minister of War. and Marine

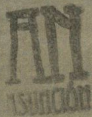
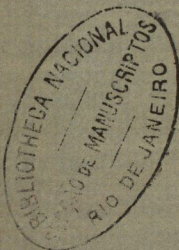
Sir,

My letter of 8th December will put your Excellency in possession of the movements of the "Rio Blanco", and I regret to say the Ship is still detained, waiting for the New Cylinder, nearly completed. But this detention has saved the Ship many very heavy Gales of Wind during the last month, and trust when the Machinery is finished, I may be fortunate in getting a fair wind to clear the English Channel.

I expect by the 16th or 17th of this month all the fittings of the Cylinder will be done, and I shall proceed on my voyage without loss of time, as I am anxious to get into a warm Climate as soon as possible, as my health has been very indifferent for the last six weeks, and trust when I am again in warm weather, I shall get quit of a troublesome Cough.

The Expenses on this Ship have been very heavy. A general outfit was required in Masts yards, Spars, Sails, Rigging, Docking Ship, and Smiths work, which was highly necessary, after the heavy Gale I encountered after leaving the La Plata; but this Repair has been so substantial, that I hope little will be required for several years, if the "Rio Blanco" is employed in the service from Atuncion to England; as it is the only way to make this Ship in some way useful, and not be a dead loss to the Government of Paraguay.

I have got on board this Ship the whole of the Machinery, Iron work, & fittings of the Patent Ship; two Locomotive Boilers, and a variety of Stores for the Government, and the Ship is nearly full. I have 15 Engineers and Artificers who are engaged for the Government; Mrs. Parrison & Family, Mrs. Knight the wife of an Engineer and the son of Mr. Humphrey Engineer - all accommodation full



As yet your Excellency has not given definite instructions to build two Iron Steam Packets in London, but these vessels may be built and ready for sea, in six or seven months, when the Order is given; and I hope by that time I may again be in London to look after these vessels, and the Interest of the Government.

The Five Students at Richmond, are doing well, in the progress in Education, with the exception of Sen^r Perez. who I regret to say has become perfectly deaf, but hope this may be cured, and I have thought it would be proper to take him back to Abencion, but I wish to give his case a chance with the most eminent Medical advice in London.

The Eleven youths at Poplar. are going on very satisfactory, and I hope they will understand sufficient English, to enable them to commence work at Messrs. Blythes Factory, as they are all desirous to begin the Engineering work.

The Officers and Ships Company, are all generally in good health, excepting Colds and Coughs - so very prevalent at present in this Country; their conduct has given me much satisfaction; and not one complaint has been made by a single Individual which is highly creditable.

I am much disappointed that the Salto del Guain had not arrived at Buenos Ayres, when the English Packet left on 27 November, this has kept me ignorant of the probable movements of the United States Squadron; but the report by the Packet States Commissioner Ed. Bowlin, and Commodore Shebriek, had not arrived at

Mounte video when the English Packet the "Tyne" left.
I trust the differences between Paraguay, and the
United States may be amicably arranged; but
in the event of hostilities, should take place,
which God forbid, I hope your Excellency will send
me Instructions to Sen. Equoquida, to wait
my Arrival at Buenos Ayres.

I have written several articles in the daily
Journals in London - relative to the State of
Affairs between the Government of Paraguay, and
the United States, & also spoken to some of the
Members of the present Government; and I trust
that England and France will never permit
a large fleet of Steam vessels of War to assemble
in the La Plata, without demanding some
exploration.

In the hope of finding the Excellissimo
the President, your Excellency & Family in good
health on my arrival at Abuncion

I have the honor to remain

Your Excellency's Obedt Servt

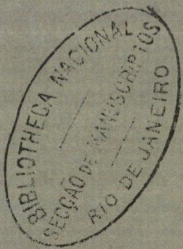
G. F. Morice Captain

"Rio Blanco"

London January 8th 1859 -

I find by accounts from Buenos Ayres, that
the price of Tobacco is low, and if so, the
price at Abuncion, may also be equally low;
I would therefore recommend your Excellency
to get a good Cargo of Tobacco ready for the
"Rio Blanco" on arrival, as I consider it will be
much better to send remittances to Mexico by the
than in Gold by Packets, the VZ. only being sold
in London from 63/ to 65/ in wt. according
to weight, and quality.

G. F. Morice Captain



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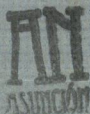
7th February. 1857

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To His Excellency

General. Francisco S. Lopez



Sir,

I have not received any communication from your Excellency by the January Mail due on 5th and that of this month due on 5th but not yet arrived, which I much regret. The Salto de Guaira did not arrive at Buenos Ayres, consequently the Packet had sailed - The English Steam Packet "Civon" left Lisbon on the 2nd Inst, but the Engines broke down, and the Ship had to return to Lisbon, and the letters by this Mail, will not reach London before the 11th Inst: so that we are in ignorance of the movements of the Government of Paraguay - & that of the American Squadron. Reports in England, seem to think that the Government of Brazil will act as Mediators between Paraguay & North America, and I hope all the difficult matter will be satisfactorily arranged. It is also reported, that the Steamers hired by the American Government against Paraguay, are in a very defective state: the fact is, the Steam Engines are very slightly built, and will not stand the test of London Made Engines. I left Barreiro, and 3 other Students at Richmond, comfortable, and I hope doing well. Sr^o Peres was so deaf, his health in a bad condition, I put him in the hands of a Skilful Medical Man in London, & since I left he is much better. The 11 young Engineers left at Poplar, are progressing in their Studies and will very soon be able to commence their Studies as Engineers; ~~since~~ I left London. Mr A. Plyth informs me there is a little dissatisfaction among these young men, but I have been written to them, that if there should be any complaint from Mr Plyth, he will have directions from your Excellency to send any refractory Boys back to Atuncion by the Southampton Packet.

All the Papers for the Gork are well - per Padden - 2 children
a female, & my wife wife of an English, & child

2 Co Engineers, and 13 Engineers & Mechanics, more than I
could accommodate.

On my way out to Buenos Ayres, I shall call at St. Vincent
& will probably get some information relative to the Affairs in
the La Plata, & Paraguay. and I trust your Excellency will
send me definite Instructions to Buenos Ayres. in the event of
any hostile movement with the Americans, and I should much
regret this. I have still a very severe cough, but hope
when I get into warm weather, it will keep off.

With my respectful Compliments to His Excellency the President
Generally & Family.

I am your Excellency

Most Obedt. Servt.

G. F. Inoué, Captain

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To His Excellency
General Francisco Solano Lopez
Minister of War, Mexico
Care of Don Espinosa
Agent for Paraguay Buenos Ayres

C. P. M.



To
His Excellency
General Francisco Solano Lopez
Minister of War & Marine

Sir,

I have the happiness
to acquaint your Excellency, that the
"Rio Blanco" arrived here, and anchored at
6:30 P.M. accompanied with "Tacuari"
and Rio Negro - with Prizy Bromey's.

I had the good fortune on Friday, after great
exertion, to get the ship afloat, and had to
get up 4 anchors, which occupied me
all that afternoon, & morning of Saturday
I weighed & steamed up River, and met with
the Rio Negro. about Ponta Rubia, and
about an hour after the "Tacuari" with
Bromey's in tow.

It gave me great pleasure to find such
prompt measures to assist the "Rio Blanco"
fortunately not required.

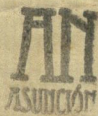
As your Excellency is not expected here tomorrow
I propose to leave this early tomorrow, and
anchor near where your Excellency is
present quarters, unless your Excellency informs
me to remain at Humaita, where I shall remain
for your Orders.

My Papers have not been removed onto the
"Rio Negro" as this would have taken up some
time, & if "Rio Blanco" shall proceed at once
for Boucacon, this transfer need not take place.

I shall require a large stock of fire wood
my boy up - & hope Pillar can furnish me

I have the honor to remain
Your Excellency's Obedt. Servant
E. J. Morice Captain

I send herewith Humaita 2^o May 1859
2 parcels & 1 letter Newspaper remains here



Am. C. Webster

To the Secretary
General Services Administration
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

I have the pleasure to receive your letter of the 12th inst. regarding the proposed change in the name of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare to the Department of Health, Education and Social Services. I am sure that the change is a most desirable one and will result in a more effective and efficient organization. I am sure that the change will be a most desirable one and will result in a more effective and efficient organization. I am sure that the change will be a most desirable one and will result in a more effective and efficient organization.

Very truly yours,
G. H. [Name]
[Title]

Dear Madam
I have the pleasure
to receive your letter of the
10th instant concerning the
Rio de Janeiro. I am glad
to hear that you are well
and hope you will continue
so. I am, Madam, your
affectionate son
John Bull

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To
 His Excellency
 General Lopez.
 Minister of War & Marine

Alterations required, to make the Nacional
 Steam "Parana" an effective vessel, the
 following will be required

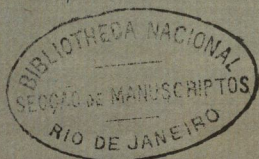
- 1st To take down the whole of Fore Cabins, & build
 others in midships, same as "Ypora" keeping a
 clear passage fore and aft.
- 2nd Berths for crew in Fore Peak.
- 3rd Alterations for two sleeping berths, Captains Cabin
4. Shorten the windlass & put on Iron Plates
- 5th Cut heads to get up Anchors.
- 6th Lashing Apparatus to be altered,
- 7th A New Mast.

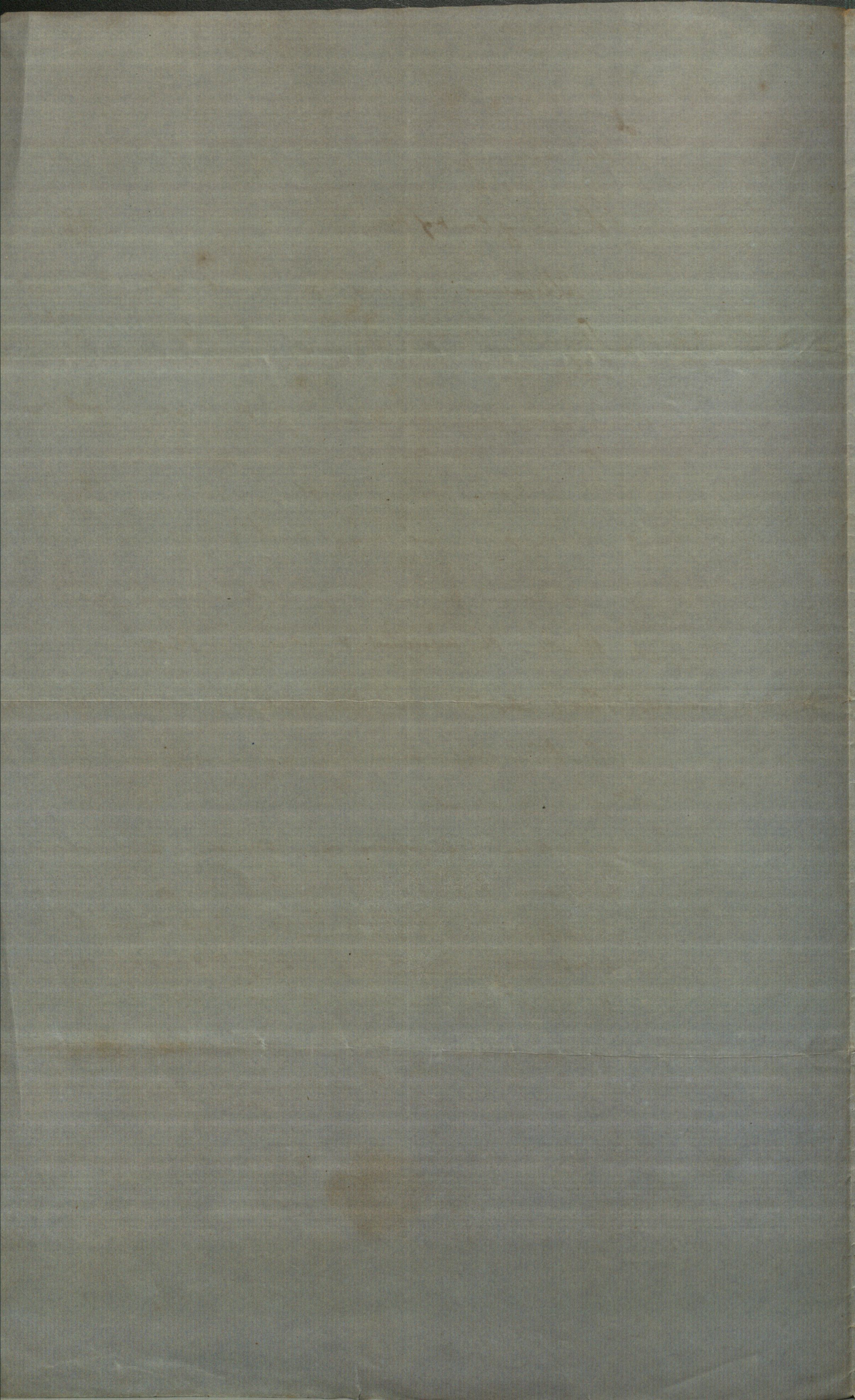
After these alterations are made, there will
 be space to work, & when the vessel off the Ground
 or a Bank; with the sails which may be
 made very useful - if properly managed; and
 the vessel will then carry 60, or 65 tons Cargo.

C. F. Morice Captain

"Rio Blanco" 20th May 1859

Atuncion

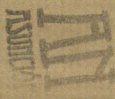






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26 July. 1859

To
His Excellency
General F. S. Lopez.
Minister of War & Marine



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Sir, I am unable.

to put my foot in a shoe, from swelling
in the ankle, which will account for my
remaining on board.

S. J. Herrera, will explain to your Excellency
his having made his Cajuparan at the
Chaco on 24th without your permission or
my sanction; and being on guard in Rio
Polanco on 24th he had to embark
the Lady Presidenta in Salto de Guaira -
& Her Excellencia requested S. J. Herrera
to accompany her to the Chaco, & board
Don Venancio, & the Capt. of Port your
permission for S. J. Herrera to accompany
Her Excellencia the Presidenta, & your Mama
was the sole cause of this little irregularity
the Belt, & Cigarette, referred to by your
Excellencia, I have ordered to be discontinued

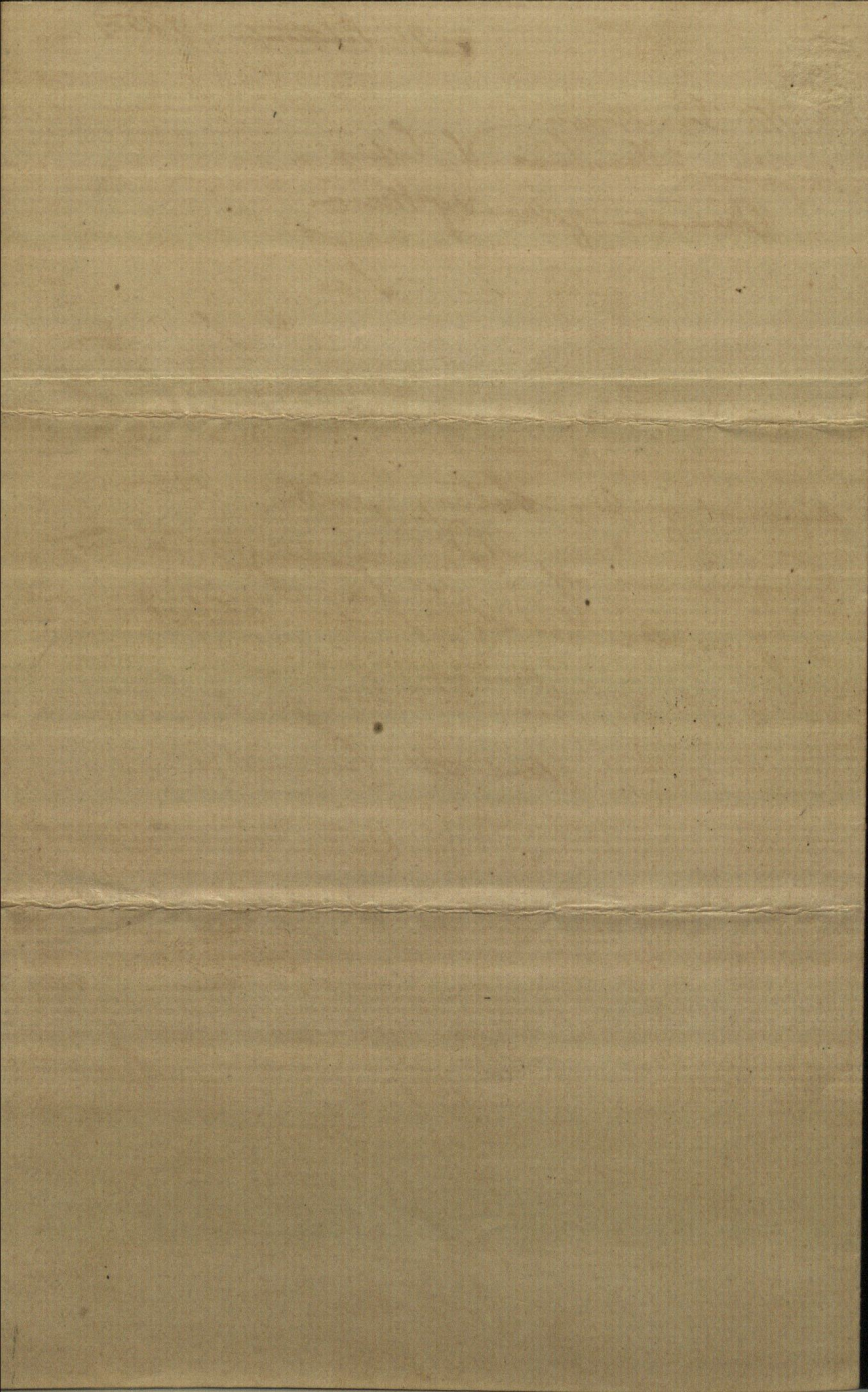
I have the honor to remain

Your Excellency
Most Obedt. Servt.

C. F. Mance Captain
Naval Steam Vessel Polanco

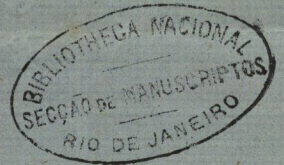
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List of Foreigners serving on board the
National Steamer "Rio Blanco"

Names	Occupation	Remarks
Mr. H. Rockwell	Naval Instructor	A very clever person in variety of things
Mr. J. Fittock	1 st Officer (Pilote)	A steady good Officer. Cannot speak Spanish
Mr. J. Crane	2 ^d Officer (Pilote)	A very good seaman. Speaks Spanish & French fluently
J. Durcero	Steward	A very good steward. Speaks Spanish & French fluently
J. Randall	Fireman	Steady good man
C. Whetton	do	do
W. Ewart	do	do
J. Fitzguald	A.B. Seaman	Lucid good man
Jose Sando	Cook	Italian. pretty good cook. lately joined



- 1st N.B. I would recommend One Fireman to remain on board, for after Engine & then not being an Engine in ship
- 2^d Of the two Pilotes, J. Crane, the 2^d is the most useful for being speaking Spanish & French
- 3^d the Seaman J. Fitzguald may be dispensed with at present
4. The Steward of the ship should not go to sea for 5 or 6 months - the Steward perhaps may be dispensed with
- 5th The Italian Cook. has only joined the ship two months, and I think a Native Cook. may be sufficient, as long as the ship remains in Harbour

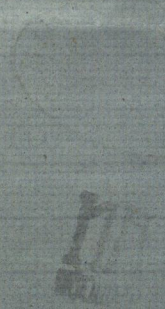
To His Excellency
General Francisco de Paula Lobo
Minister of War & Marine

G. F. Morice Captain
25 August 1859



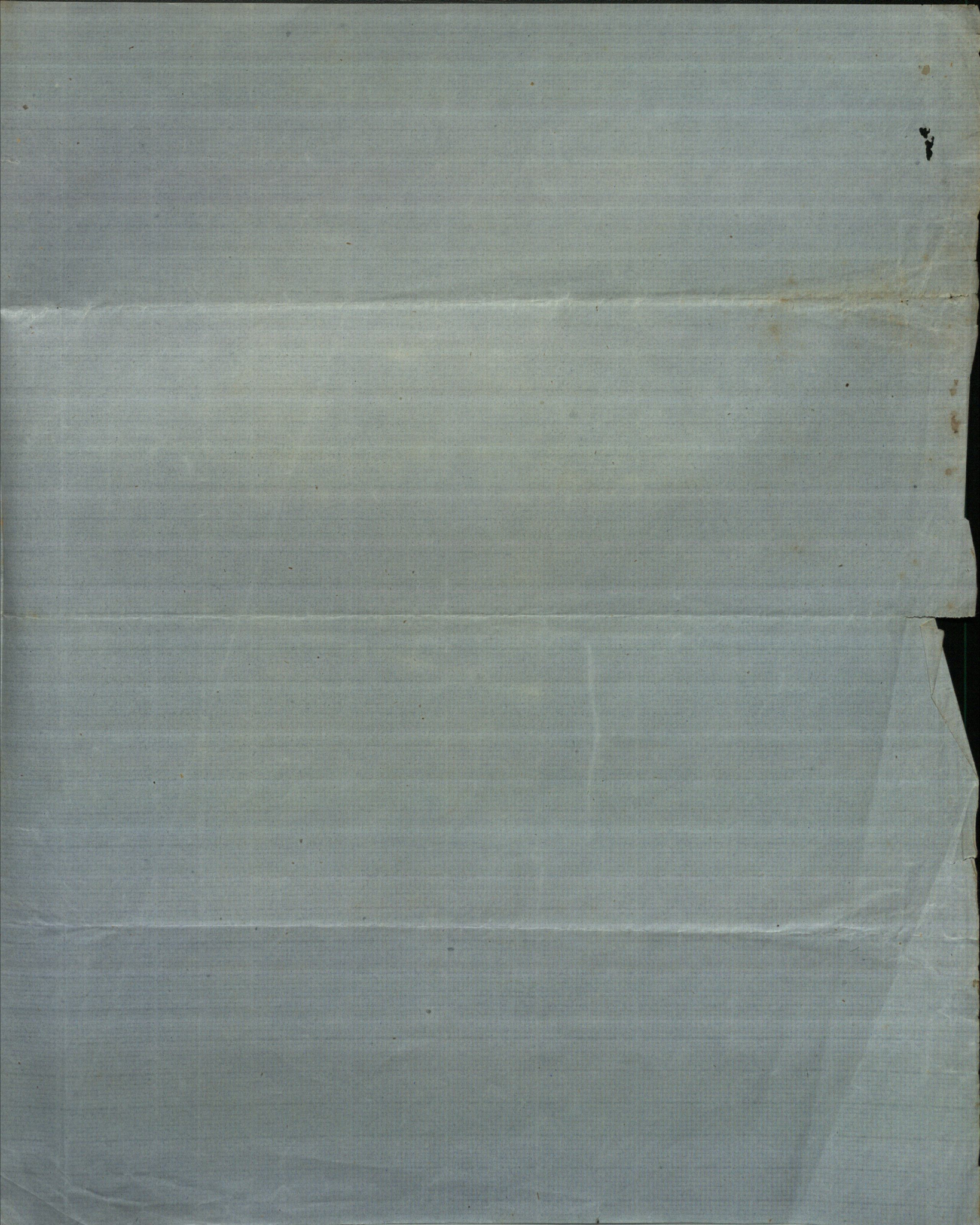
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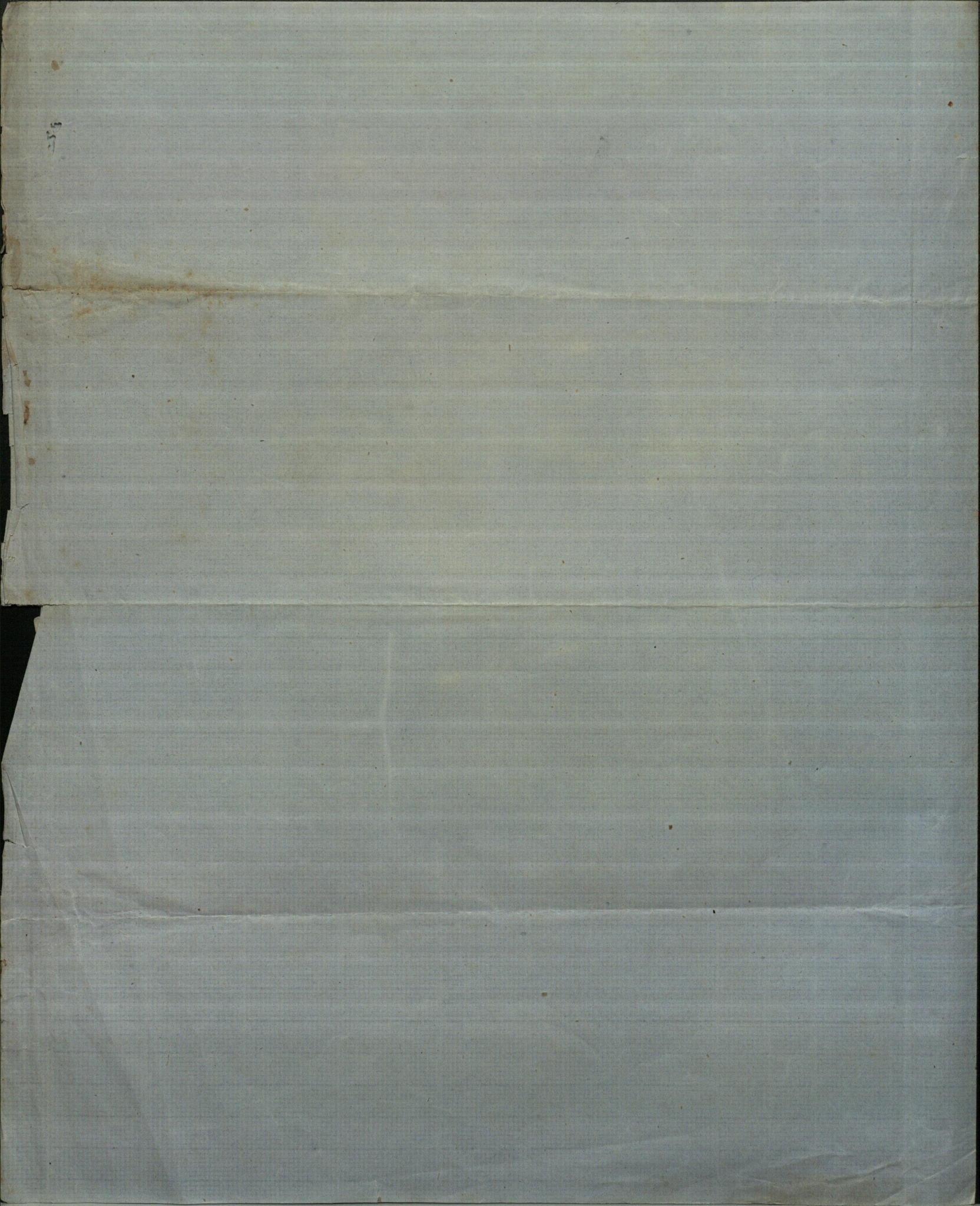
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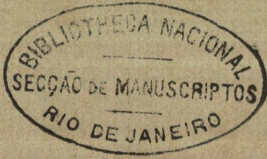


Claim for \$935,000!!!

Remarks.

1st. Referring to the Claim made by the W.S. Paraguay Navigation Company; being real Estate in Asuncion, and at San Antonio, with costly improvements made thereon; Mills, heavy Machinery, Tools &c. Confiscated seized, and rendered useless, by the arbitrary conduct of that Government, valued as per accompanying deposition, of Geo. M. Boyd, and certified by Jas. H. Moore at \$500,000!

This most exorbitant and startling claim and accompanied with such a sweeping that it will be necessary to get at some of Inventory of the Value of the real Estate in a House at Asuncion, and Land at San Antonio what Machinery in Steam Engines, Saw Mills, Sugar Mill, Brick mill, Tools, & other articles said to be brought into Paraguay by this Company, from all I can understand not one tenth part ever made its appearance in this Country; and the Government will no doubt furnish every information if any, or what part had been Confiscated, which is not probable



A Sketch of the large House, they call a Ligar Factory at Asuncion, and the plot of ground this Company had at San Antonio, with the value of such property, will simply by the defence of such outrageous Claim

2nd For Property at the Mouth of the River in a Clipper Schooner, and two River Steamers and containing a large Saw Mill, and other Machinery, and general Merchandise, costing as is stated at \$80,000 paid in Cash, all rendered useless to said Company by the Act of the Government taken at \$100,000!

As I presume this Clipper Schooner, with large Saw Mill & other Machinery, and the Steam Boats referred to, never made its appearance in Paraguay, & the Steamers presumed to be "Asuncion" & "Gerba" not having been seized, Confiscated by the Government of Paraguay; is too flagrant, that this Company could bring any implication claim any remuneration for Goods, Machinery & other articles, that never reached Paraguay - and in Europe even Arbitrators, would never for a moment entertain such an extraordinary claim in which there is neither reason, justice, or honesty in such demand, and this claim must be abandoned -

3rd For interest of Cash liabilities from 1st Sept 1853 - to 1st May 1855, on an outlay of \$350,000 @ 6% \$35,000

This claim like the 1st & 2nd, shows the incapacity to demand, and plunder the Government of Paraguay, and it is pretty manifest, that the W.S. Paraguay Navigation Company, fondly hoped, that a squadron of the United States Ships of War have made its appearance in the Paraguay waters, that this Company had a chance of getting some part of their barefaced claim but thanks to the U.S. Commissioner Powell, did not entertain such a claim in the adjustment in his Commission, no doubt the Govt. of the United States, can easily see thro' this flimsy demand of the W.S. Paraguay Navigation Company, as the claim was not settled by the U.S. Commissioner Judge Powell on the spot - it was left for Arbitration as a very doubtful

Amount due - \$635,000

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\$635,000

4th The actual damage sustained by this Company, by the destruction of its Commercial Interests along the River, and entire loss of Credit, consequent upon what this Company term the betrayal of the Government of Paraguay, which this Company moderately value at 50% in less on \$600,000

at ~~less~~ at - \$300,000

\$935,000

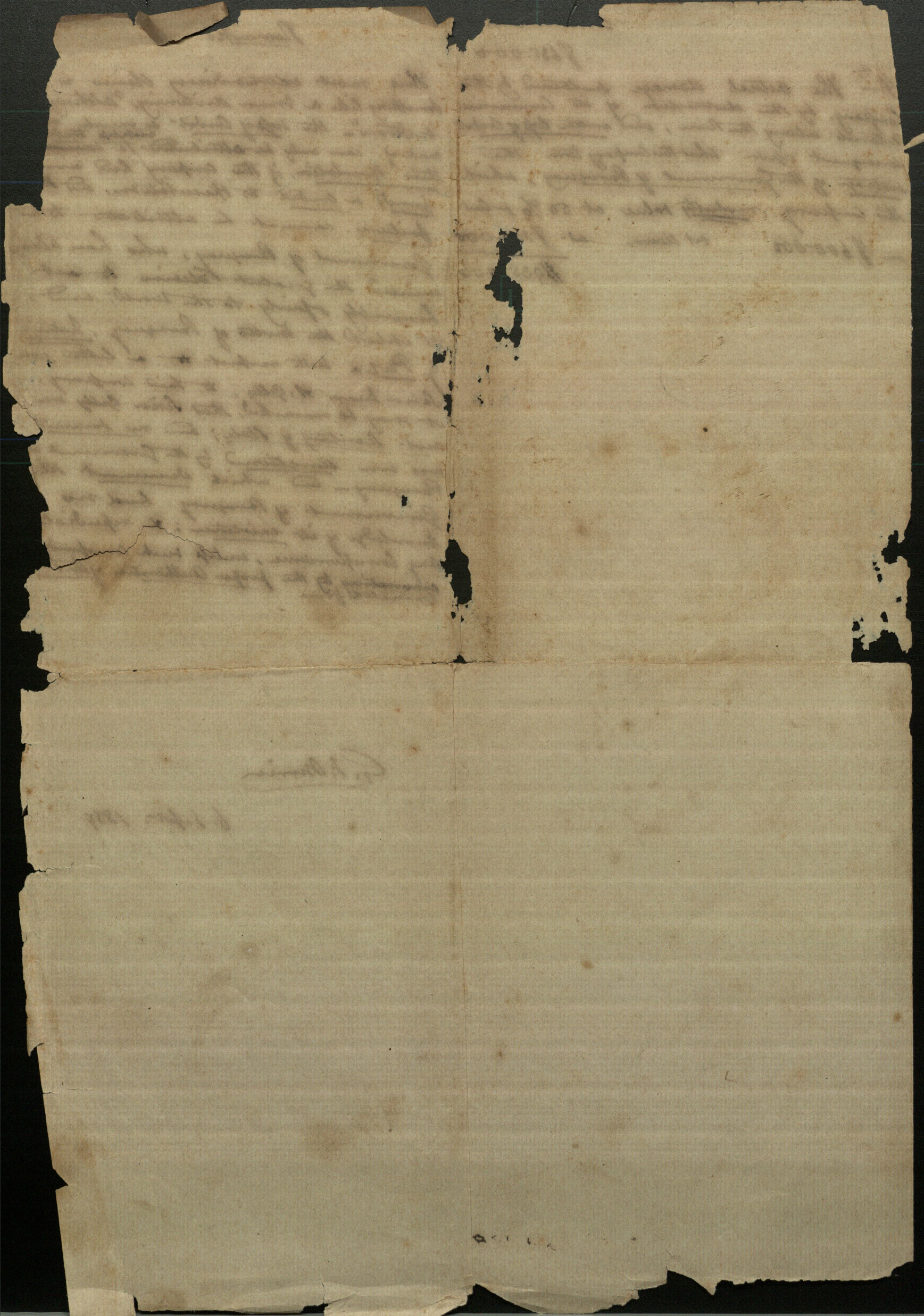


Remarks

This most extraordinary claim is something like a man drowning, "catching a straw" - the loss of Credit - so much made of, can only be attributed to their speculation, if the company had used funds or credit to speculation, and the failure, cannot be attributed to the Government of Paraguay, who have always evinced the greatest desire to act honorably & fairly to the world; and to uphold the motto of Paraguay, Justice by Peace with respect to a letter from Señor Juan A. Gelly, to said company, it may be remarked, that Señor Gelly was not Secretary of State; and no document was ever sanctioned by the Government of Paraguay - and which document the Government of Paraguay had no knowledge of its existence; & repudiate any correspondence, unless such correspondence emanating from the proper Authorities of this

G. F. Munier

6. Sept. 1854



L-29,34,30 National No. "Rio Blanco"

24 September 1859

To
His Excellency
General Francisco V. Lopez
Minister of War & Marine

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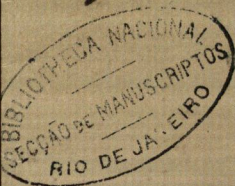
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Sir

I beg to request that your Excellency will give directions to pay me \$2,000 in account of my salary with the Government of Paraguay; and a few ex. et ois. will oblige

Your Excellency's
Most obt. servant.

C. F. Morris Captain





Received of the Hon. Secy of the Navy
the sum of \$1000

for the purchase of
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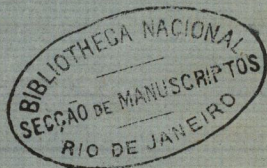
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A. Su Exc^{ma} El General
Don Francisco Solano Lopez
Ministro de Guerra y Marina



Señor

Señor muy obligado si
Su Exc^{ma} quien dan sus direcciones sucesivas
para pagarle la suma de \$ 2.000 por
Cuenta de mi Sueldo del Gobierno del Paraguay
Quiero por causas de...



Lev. de Su Exc^{ma}

Su atento servidor

G. F. Mance Capitan

Cámp. Nacional "Rio Blanco"

26 de Setiembre 1859.

San Francisco

San Francisco
California
United States of America

Dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the above named matter. I have the pleasure to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant

J. H. Brown

San Francisco

California

San Francisco

1854





Viva la Republica del Paraguay!

10.



Abordo del Vapor de Guerra Paraguayo "Tacuricó"

En Buenos Aires, el 27 de Octubre de 1859

Exmo Sr. Sr.,

Segun los ordenes recibidos por mi de parte de Su Ex^{ma}, he ido abordo del vapor paquete nacional "Jejuí", para informarme de los daños (y sus causas) de las calderas y sus tubos. Entonces tengo el honor de participar a Su Ex^{ma} que cerca 8 horas despues la partida del "Jejuí" de Asuncion, el primer maquinista habia descubierto que unos tubos de la caldera fueron un poco rompidos; y para evitar mas daño, saco los fuegos y pido al comandante del vapor de fondear inmediatamente, lo que se verifico. Fue necesario de refrescar la caldera antes de componer sus defectos; y despues, el trabajo ocupó 6 y 7 horas. No obstante que hubo suficiente agua en la caldera, es posible de romper los tubos; y el segundo maquinista dice que la vara de agua de las calderas fue muy alta, y no bastante baja para dañar las calderas en sus obras. Al tiempo el dicho segundo maquinista estaba sobrio, y como hay una duda tocante a la causa del daño es justo de suponer que no hubo negligencia de parte del maquinista de guardia, y por consiguiente tengo que recomendar a Su Ex^{ma} de retenerlo en su posicion. El primer maquinista del "Jejuí", y los maquinistas del "Salto del Guacian" se quejaron de no tener suficiente poder ni autoridad sobre los calentadores paraguayos, y me dicen que si los calentadores hicieron sus deberes con los fuegos y carbon, haya un ahorro en favor del gobierno de muchísimas toneladas. Con tantos vapores, esta es una cosa muy importante al gobierno — un ahorro de muchas toneladas todos los dias. Tengo entonces el honor de recomendar a Su Ex^{ma} de dar un orden muy urgente a los Comandantes de los paquetes que los calentadores paraguayos diesen una atencion a sus deberes y una obediencia completa a los ordenes de los maquinistas, tambien a la economia del carbon — cosa tan importante.

Al Sr. Dr. F. S. Lopez
Ministro de Guerra y Marina

G. F. Morice
Sarg. de 1^{ra} Clase
del atento servicio, 2 B. S. M.

San Francisco de Asis

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Capitan G. Ferrice
B. d. Octobre 26.

Buenos Aires. 15th December 1859

I-29,34,30



To His Excellency
General Francisco S. Lopez
Minister of War and Marine
Paraguay.



Sir,

I this day had the pleasure to receive a letter from Mr. A. Plyth, and your Excellency will have your own Correspondence from him by this conveyance, which I hope will be by Captain Payer's conveying Steamers, which will probably leave this about the 1st Inst.

I rejoice to find, that the Correspondence sent home to Mr. Plyth has been put before Lord John Russell, the Minister for Foreign Affairs in London, and if this is carefully looked into by the English Government, I trust the Affair of the so called English Prisoners, will have a different view, than the Correspondence that was forwarded to the former Government by Mr. Henderson and it will afford me sincere pleasure & happiness to find, that all will be arranged satisfactorily; at present Mr. A. Plyth has not yet heard what has been done or likely to be done, by the Government of Lord Palmerston, let us hope for the best.

Mr. Plyth writes, that he had received letters from Mr. Fernandez of New York, and that Gentleman is likely to be in London to meet Sir Den Burgers, and while there, this Gentleman may be able to have an interview with Lord John Russell. At present Mr. Plyth has not yet seen any second hand Steamers likely to answer the purpose here for the service of Paraguay and I hope your Excellency will take some measures not to have any more Steamers, that they shall be built for the purpose which will ensure a good Steer, good Machinery & Boilers, & make all safe, altho it will certainly cost a little more money, but the late dreadful Accident in the General Armstrong here, has made

made me give a decided opinion of any other but
the very best of Steamers & Machinery, that should be purchased
for a Government
The "Spy" is laying at anchor in the water Road, & I
have three others on the Colonia side, watching "Jaenari"
Three Engineers for service of Paraguay have arrived by the Packets & as
I gave them my advice to be careful, wise, and industrious when
they get up to Muncion, and hope they will profit by my advice.
I shall be pleased to see the "Geron" & "Jipia" here to take up these
Engineers, & any other Paraguays that may be going up
to Paraguay -

I am also anxious to hear of the Articles purchased
in London for the Lady President by Mrs. Morice, whether
the Commission was satisfactory. Letters from my Family
inform me that some of the young Paraguayans had visited my
Niece, & they express themselves highly delighted with the
Engineer work in Mr. Plyth's Factory, and I hope that
expense will be well expended, & that by & by these
young Men will do good service to the Government.
Baroness from Richmond had been at my House, & my
Family report he writes English very well, but he does not
speak so fluently as they expect.

The Engineers who have just come out inform me, that
the young Paraguayans who work in Mr. Plyth's Factory
get on very well, & that some of them will soon make
good Mechanics, this is to you satisfactory, & that they
behave in a very orderly & respectable manner.

I have been thinking much about your journey
in this warm hot weather, & I shall be glad
to hear that your Excellency found a steam conveyance

to take you up to "Parana", where it is understood
the "Luz de Guaira" is waiting for you -



I shall write to my friend Dr. Stewart, to forward
my baggage from the "Rio Blanco", and I am truly sorry
I could not return to Abuncion, before I left Paraguay
& send my respects to Sr. Ex^{mo} the President,
your family and all my good friends & friends
who have been so kind and courteous
to me for the last 5 years there in the service,
which I leave with sincere regret, but I find that
at the age of 67 - which I completed 15 of last November I
am not so active as I was a few years back; however
I shall still hope to do some good service for your
Government, in London - and no exertions shall be wanted
on my part.

I shall write your Excellency before I leave in the
Packet, & my friend Mr White is going to England
after an absence of 35 years, and as he is enthusiastic
about Paraguay, he may do some good in England
about your Government - I wish I could hear that
Constatl was liberated & sent out of the country,
that this would be one obstacle removed to settle
the difference with England & Paraguay -

May they give you my respectful compliments
to Sr. Ex^{mo} the President, your family, and
wishing you & many many happy years in health & prosperity

I am your most obdt
Sincerely Attached Friend

G. F. Morice. Capt.

In thinking of Memaita, it occurred to me
that there were no Bomb Proof Magazines for the
New Batteries; this is important, & I wish Royal
Engineers, would soon make good this defect

G. F. M.

17th Dec. The English War Steam Ship "Sheron" arrived in the outer Road
yesterday, at 8 A.M. this day, I understood will leave this today for
Parana, with Mr Thornton the English Minister on board,
but I have not seen this Gentleman

I instruct the Capt. for the Lady President - & hope this carriage
will prove satisfactory on arrival.

I have ordered a translation from the
Law of Paraguay & England, sent to me, which appears in the Papers tomorrow

G. F. M.

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Carta do Capitão
G. F. Corrie B. A.
Dias 14.



To
His Excellency
General Francisco Solano Lopez
Minister of War & of Marine

Buenos Aires - 26 Dec 1864

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Sir,

I deeply regret that I could not accompany your Excellency back to Asuncion, as I desired much to bid farewell to His Ex^{cy} the President, your Mama & Family, and my many friends I have left at Asuncion; but the unfortunate, and I may call the ungenerous conduct of the British Squadron, has prevented my wishes, and intentions.

At my time of life, I must not calculate on having many more years to my life, but when the New Packet shall be completed in England, and I can get the permission from my Family to cross the sea once more, I even contemplate to bring this New Packet out to Paraguay, & pay

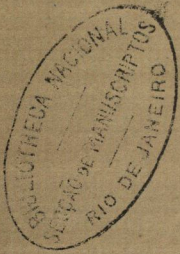
you all another visit. Admiral Lushington in the "Leopard" Steam Frigate arrived here last week, and I paid the Admiral a visit at his house. I was kindly received, and in a conversation,

regretted much at the prevention of your Excellency in leaving this Harbour on board the Nacional Steam "Tacuari", and I mentioned, if your Excellency & the Admiral had met, and had an interview, this question in dispute with Paraguay, might have been modified, and perhaps put in a fair train to have the question arranged with the

Government of Paraguay - The Admiral stated he would have been very happy to have had an interview with your Excellency, had you notified a desire on your part, by one of your Aides de Camp, when an arrangement could have been made for a meeting. I observed to the Admiral,

that you were in a delicate position, as you came to Buenos Aires to mediate between Urquiza & Buenos Aires Government, and not having the authority from the Government of Paraguay to act in the dispute between England & Paraguay, you could hardly act otherwise than you did; but the Admiral said, that had a meeting taken place, things might have been smoothed at the time, and he certainly would have answered any written communication from your Excellency. I certainly regret your Excellency on this account, that you did not write to the Admiral for some explanation regarding the proceedings by the "Porpoise" and "Griffon" against the "Tacuari", as this might have caused the Admiral to be more communicative to your Excellency, than to me

a third Party



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as a matter of course the Emperor should
about any future proceedings: I could elicit in conversation
that the question about Constable the Prisoner claiming the
Protection of England, has been placed in his hands, to act
in the best manner the Admiral judged, and whatever may
be done, will be at the responsibility of Mr. Henderson
the late Consul

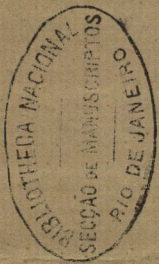
At present, I do not think that any movement against
Paraguay has been got up in England, and let us hope that the
next English Mail, may bring instructions from Lord John Russell
the Foreign Minister, as this Minister may think and act differently
as his predecessor, when Lord John Russell shall have read, &
perused the whole correspondence, which by Mr Poythres letter
this correspondence was then before the Government. It is
unfortunate that I cannot write in Spanish; but if any
assistance is required, my friend D. Stewart. or Mr Rockwell
as D. Stewart may be relied on, as he like myself has a
warm interest for Paraguay

The Admiral on my leaving him, said the longer the
question was undecided & arranged, it made matters worse
and more difficult to get over, and on this account I feel ^{so} anxious
that this question should be terminated; for if the English
Government send out an armed force, it will be a powerful
one: the only hope I have, is, that the House of Commons will
object to prepare such a fleet on account of a
worthless feign, who was doubtless equally culpable, and
equally implicated with the other conspirators

Mr. A. Blyth informs me that he had received a remittance of
£8,800 from Don F. Esquivas, but he is urging to get further
remittances, and on this account I find the yerba market
at Buenos Ayres, is ruinously bad - Sales cannot be made
more than 40, to 42 Reales for Arriba Plata!!! the fact is the
yerba made in the Misiones & in Brazil is coming into favor,
on account of the low price - this quality of yerba is very much
inferior to Paraguay yerba - but the price is about one half - con-
sequently the great mass of people take the cheap article, and in time
will like it; this will have a serious effect on the commerce
of Paraguay, and it will be well for your Government to make

arrangements to reduce the price of the yerba, as much of
the trade (if prices are kept up) that it will be difficult to
get persons to purchase from Paraguay.
If I could venture, I would strongly recommend to reduce
all duties on imports & exports one half!! I have no doubt
the Revenue would not suffer, as the trade would be
doubled by the reduction of duties - and pray think seriously
of the yerba question. I write this freely, as my only object is
to live long enough to see Paraguay happy & prosperous.

Mr. A. Blyth could not meet with a suitable steamer
to purchase for your Excellency, and I am not sorry for this,
as you can never depend on a second hand steamer, a
new one will certainly be more expensive, but this vessel
will be adapted for the trade, & the rivers to navigate



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I am very sorry for this, as you can see on my hand
but a new one will certainly be more expensive, but this
hoped will be adapted to the trade, and the Rivers to be navigated.
I find the Engineers in "Jocuari" are irregular in their conduct.
The 1st Engineer is unworthy of his position & pay, and as his
Contract is nearly expired, it will be well to get rid of him, &
the other two, should be sent to the Factory -

With respect to the "Rio Blanco" if you should send this
Ship to England. provided the Fabrics in Paraguay can be purchased
for 8 or 10 Reals the Arroba, this might pay the Government,
but nothing else will do for England - Should this Ship go
to Sea - you require a Captain - Captain Sautes, who
commanded the "Pampiro" Steamer, I consider him a fit Person,
as he is a good Seaman and Navigator, & his Testimonials, are
very satisfactory - he is anxious to go in the "Rio Blanco"

Mr. Rockwell I think you propose to give him a
School, or a training Schooner for Boys from 10 to 12 Years of
Age - I assure your Excellency that Mr. Rockwell has superior
Abilities, will do good Service to the Government; but make
him the Captain or Commanding Officer of the School or hessel, &
give him two steady Sergeants & Corporals, to keep the Boys in
good discipline -

Mr. Crane the ~~Master~~ of "Rio Blanco" in "Jocuari" &
be a useful Man at the Dock yard, if a Boatwain is required
then, he is a good Sailor, Sailmaker, speaks Spanish & Guarani
& keeps pretty steady when under my hand, but he will be
also useful in the "Rio Blanco" to keep the Sails & Rigging in
good order, and teach the young Sailors to do their duty.

James Danero - the Steward, I hardly think will be required,
unless the Ship shall go to Sea - I engaged him at Buenos
Aires, & Mr. Crane also, as they have no claim to have a free
Passage to England -

With respect to the Military Sergeants & Men - I fear you
will get little good from them, but it is a pity they do not
perform their duty as long as they are in the Country, & they
should be ordered to drill the Soldiers daily, if unfit from
Drunkenness, & incapability, send them home to avoid such
expense -

Sergeant White - All Engineers - would be useful to construct
some Portable Proof Magazines at Humaita, as I observe the
New Batteries are deficient in this respect, but I hope
these defences will never be required against an
Enemy -

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I have touched on many subjects that I can
recollect at present, and I shall be anxious to
have some correspondence from your Excellency before
I leave for England in the next Packet, but I cannot
expect this higher up than Parana - but I shall do
all in my power to promote the interests of Paraguay
in England, and to execute any Commissions from
your Excellency to the best of my Ability.

I beg to forward my last six months account for
the expenses in the "Rio Blanco" and your Excellency
will observe, there is a balance due to me by
the Government of Paraguay the sum of £ 739 11 6 10
Mr. Rockwell - Mr. Crane, & James Danvers the Stevedore
be paid up by me to the 12th January 1860 - the two
Firmen, Charles Linton, and James Ewart, are now
serving in the "Ypora" & "Salto de Guairu", and will be useful
in that employ if they are properly managed, and will
enable the Native Firmen, to save coal an important
item in the Expense of Steaming.

I assure you to take leave of your Excellency, with
the sincere thanks of many a heart, I have ever
received, and beg you will convey my most grateful
Compliments to His Exc^o the President & your Mother &
Family - God: Don Demarcio, Don Porfirio & all your
Officers, and that long life and every happiness will
attend you for many years -

I am
Your Excellency's
Most Obedt. & obliged servant -
G. F. Morice Captain.

I beg to send your Excellency a likeness of myself, in the
event of my not visiting Paraguay again -
I have also procured Copies of your Excellency's one to Mr. A. Blythe,
& one for my own House -



