

Baltimore 19 December 1859

Dear Bro.

We rec'd yours of 31 Oct. and was much pleased to hear of your safe arrival at Valparaiso. trust that the Barque has made a good run so as not to keep you waiting there long. Tho' if you could manage to be selling the cargo to arrive. ** (went by N.Y. letter that you could not sell till arrive) It would be good amusement for you and no doubt result better than by waiting for her arrival.

We note that you had such a xxx to Guayaquil for 25000 gg to Cocoa—which may be the best way to get our funds home from Callas. Our Cash letter will no doubt have reached you another xxx advising you that anticipating your ordering Cocoa—we had written to W.L at Guayaquil to ship part of it by western route to the U.S. if too large a g. had not been shipped. We fear that the high prices current here 17e18c cash in bound/ has led to large shipments by that route. We note by the NY x cunard today a sale reported of 100 Bags. Abpit 4000 in bound. The decline is probably caused by advices of shipment on the way. Still it may be better for part say 5 or 600 bags to come that way and we write today to W,L in that way provided he has not already shipped it—whatever funds are left at Callas had better come home in Exchange without waiting any longer for an improvement. We are wanting funds, and hope that you have some on the way from your fish sales of the Birchhead's cargo.

We note that you were trying to get a cargo of Ores from Mess. Artola Way—if you succeed see that you are not imposed on==it is now worth 4 or 4 ½ which would be about \$102 on the 24% xxx.

Should you do nothing in that way for the Bark, you may be able to get a freight of Bredelstuffs for Australia and if you think very favorable of it you might ship part of the cargo—and over xxx sent to us in Stirling bills—directing one bill sent to Msr. Jarksome(sic) & Co to be accepted and sent to us should you send on a voyage of that kind it might answer if no freight can be had in Australia to go either to Calcutt or China seeking one.

If you can get a good price for the Brickhead on the coast it would be well to sell her. Since writing the foregoing we saw a party who understood all about ores. He says the Sulphurates are most valuable, the casting since being preferred by Smelter as fluxxx. Carbonates are more abundant and usually sale here 5 to 10o percent less than sulphurates—these are about the relative differences, but varies according to the supply. The great risk in buying ores is in the apay. An inexperienced person can easily be cheated—by the party not taking a correct sample or slipping in a little richer ore which would show a larger yield of copper. It is actually necessary to see that an exactly correct sample of the whole is assayed. And to watch them when testing it—or have it guaranteed by a responsible party. It will be necessary to talk to the party as if you understood all about it and watch them closely. Apays on the coast almost always falls short of apays here by one to two percent.

In regard to the yield whether 20 or 30% it makes but little difference as you buy it by the percentage of copper and sell it same way. The higher yield may be preferred—at the present time is is worth $4\frac{1}{4}$ \$ xmil—that is a ton of ore of 30% yield would be \$127.50 xxx. If at 20% it would be \$85 xxx—it's sold by the smelter ton of 2352xx. Should you buy a cargo and can send above home overland, about much expense it might enable us

to sell it to arrive—or by having the apay & description of quality it would no doubt answer as well .

Copper is dull & Chili Pig is quoted at 20c cash- ow copper 19c20- Hides have declined to 22c for LaPlata—Chili in proportion =says 15 to 17c for day salted 30@35x dos.

We send you letters by this mail from Rachel and one for Genx directed to Valparaiso—this will go to Callas and copy of it to Cobija.

All well, your affy,

JA Corner & Sons