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POSTSCRIPT.

Mr. Gilbert Deblais of Boston, passenger in the schooner Adela, from Cayenne, informs, that he left the port of Monte Viedo, in the river Plate, on the 25th October last, at 12 o'clock at night, in a small French privateer schooner, called the L'Oiseau, capt. Bidols, (the only vessel that had, or would have liberty to depart the port for some months) and has handed us the following intelligence relative to South America: "On the 27th June last, the capital of La Plata, the city of Buenos Ayres, was taken by an expedition from the Cape of Good Hope, under the command of Sir Home Popham and major general C. Beresford, consisting of about 1600 choice troops, and without any loss, and a generous capitulation, they kept possession of the city until the 12th August following, when the said Beresford was attacked and taken by an expedition of 2000 men, undertaken from Monte Viedo by a French gentleman by the name of Linier, formerly a naval officer, who was accompanied by a number of the first merchants in Monte Viedo, and about 70 French gentlemen, as volunteers: the battle was fought and disputed with great obstinacy by the British; but headed by an patriotic officer, the Spaniards bore down all opposition. The loss of the British in killed, wounded, and massacred, after they had surrendered, was by the best accounts stated to be 420 men, and the Spaniards about 250, killed and wounded, but almost 700 of their wounded expired of their wounds, owing, as they say, to the British using poisoned balls, but a well informed French officer, who shared their dangers, told Mr. D. it was not the venomous balls of their enemies, but the ignorance and unskillfulness of their own friends, improperly styled surgeons, that killed the Spaniards. The Spaniards retook their capital by storm, and made prisoners nearly 1200 English; but a serious dispute had taken place between general Beresford and general Linier, the English general insisting, and saying, that a capitulation was made and signed while the white flag was flying upon the fortress, and which the Spanish commander absolutely denies; however, the prisoners were sent away a distance of 3 or 400 miles into the country, and it was reported that general Beresford and his officers were coming to Monte Viedo, to be sent to Europe, but it was afterwards thought more proper to order them to Cordova; only about 350 leagues, or 1050 miles, from Buenos Ayres. The common soldiers composing the expedition from Monte Viedo, robbed and plundered every English abode at Buenos Ayres, and also every Spanish house wherein an Englishman was seen to reside; they also put into prison, among many others, Mr. Wm. P. White, (formerly of Boston), Mr. Maloe, a Mr. Jackson, a Mr. Mark Riley, and a Mr. Haselback. The former (Mr. White) was induced to receive an office, such as Prize-Agent, under the British government, for which he was recompensed by being put into close confinement 3 months, and part of that time incommunicable, and, with the British officers, was obliged to take a journey into the interior. No stranger whatever permitted to go up to Buenos Ayres, as they mean, without exception, to exclude all from thence, especially Americans. The British, upon their becoming masters of Buenos Ayres found only 1,800,000 dollars of public property, although there were six times that amount in the place, which they sent with dispatches, to England, in the frigate Narcissus. They had collected considerable copper and quicksilver, but this was not taken on board the transports, they got only the money off. Sir Home Popham was in Buenos Ayres when it was retaken, and with great difficulty effected his escape in a boat to his ships; after which, with the exception of one gun brig left cruising between the Colonia and Buenos Ayres, he brought his squadron, consisting of his own ship the Diadem of 64 guns, captain King; Raisable, 64, capt. Rowley; Diomed, 50, capt. Philips; one frigate, two sloops of war, and several armed transports, down the river, and anchored in full view of the harbor of Monte Viedo. Some days he would have every ship under weigh; at other times only one or two of easy draught of water, who would stand in so close, that the fey inhabitants could trace the humors on the ocean's bosom. Sir Home had sent into Monte Viedo upwards of thirty flags of truce, demanding General Beresford and his troops, a supply of provisions, and some medicines for his sick and wounded. The governor, tired of such business, generously sent Sir Home Popham a supply of fresh provisions, and 25 English seamen, who were brought into Monte Viedo a few months previous, from English Gulpham, and saying, that he should not respect more flags of truce from that address. Sir Home Popham, and the governor, (Mr. D. D.) by accepting the flag of truce, and the provisions, and crossing the bay, and entering the harbor, and the requests observed in the course of the

exchange of prisoners, he refused to deliver up the like number of Spanish flags, which he might very easily have done, as he had more than 90 in his possession, which were taken from a small town on the southern banks of the river. Several skirmishes had taken place between the English vessels and Spanish gun-boats and forts; and almost every day they shot Monte Viedo with 12 and 18 lb. shot—which, to those people who were peaceably attending to their business, and especially the young ladies, who, by their religion, were obliged to attend mass every day, was extremely ungentle and inconvenient—for a few days previous to Mr. D's departure, an English brig sent a number of heavy shot into and over the city, some of which had the audacity to tear away the corner of St. Felipe's church; however, not many lives were lost, or much damage done. On the 19th of July last, an embargo was laid on all vessels in the port of Monte Viedo, and continued with more than usual rigour when Mr. D. sailed. The reasons assigned were, 1st, that they were going to fit out an expedition to retake Buenos Ayres; when that was accomplished, the 2d was, that they were going to expedite four vessels with dispatches for Spain; when that was done, and the four dispatch vessels had, by uncommon good luck, escaped clear of the blockading squadron in the river; the governor's last objection to taking off the embargo was, that the British squadron were starving for the want of provisions, which every body knew to the contrary, as the Raisable, a man of war, had been dispatched to and arrived from Rio Janeiro, with so much of a supply as to be obliged to caulk in her lower tier of gun ports. It was reported before Mr. D. sailed, that Sir Home Popham had received a reinforcement of 3,500 men from the Cape of Good Hope, which he believes to be true, as he himself counted 33 sail at anchor 5 miles below Monte Viedo, between Point Caretas and the island of Flores the same evening he sailed; and it was known that 18 sail more had arrived off Maldonado, a city at the N. entrance of Rio Plata; as the governor of Monte Viedo had, on the 23d of October, received a letter from the commandant at Malo, who wrote to that effect. If this force has arrived, Sir Home will undoubtedly attack Monte Viedo; but whether he will be able to take possession even with 3000 men, is very uncertain, as the Spaniards have 10,000 men in high spirits. Among the 35 sail at anchor off Flores island, some were Spanish, some Portuguese, and some Americans detained or captured. Sir Home Popham, about the 29th of September, sent in a flag of truce to the governor of Monte Viedo, declaring the port in a state of blockade; but also mentioned, that all neutrals might have leave to pass his squadron, provided they did it in 7 days, and in ballast only, after that he would keep up a rigorous blockade. This extraordinary determination was notified to all neutrals by the governor. After two days had elapsed out of the seven, some few ships Portuguese and Danes, endeavoured to avail themselves of the opportunity and go out in ballast, but were stopped by the Spanish government. The American vessels not being ready to go out in the limited time, the captains petitioned the governor to take off the embargo, but without success. From the Palladium Extra of Dec. 8, 1806. LEGISLATURE OF KENTUCKY. IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. Tuesday, December 2. (Proceedings against Judge Sebastian continued.) THE DEPOSITION OF HARRY INNES. Who being sworn deposed and answered to the following questions. Do you, or do you not know of Mr. Sebastian's receiving money from the Spanish government, or of any officer of that government, and at what times? Have you any knowledge of any negotiation which was entered into, or attempted by Mr. Sebastian and the Spanish government at New Orleans, or with any officer of that government? If you have, depose as to these facts. Answer. To the first interrogatory, The deponent saith he has very little knowledge. That the first intimation which he ever received upon that subject was from Mr. Wilkins in Lexington some time in August last—that as Mr. Wilkins has deposed to the fact, and any thing detailed by this deponent as coming from that gentleman would be hearsay, he will not depose to it; it is improper to relate it that Mr. Wilkins informed this deponent of a letter signed by Mr. Sebastian, which he had in his possession, and which he found among the papers of Mr. Seitz, relative to a money transaction which he promised to carry this deponent and give him a copy—that the next day Mr. Wilkins showed the original letter, which was signed with Mr. Sebastian's name, but had no direction, it being supposed to have gone under a cover; which letter this deponent from his knowledge of Mr. Sebastian's handwriting believes to be his, and Mr. Wilkins gave the promised copy after confining.

This deponent further states, that he had no further communication with Mr. Sebastian after receiving the said copy till the Saturday of the first week of the session of the court of appeals, in October last, when in an interview in this town, this deponent mentioned the information he had received from Mr. Wilkins respecting the bill for a pension and showed him the copy of the letter. Mr. Sebastian read the letter, said he had no recollection of having written such a letter, and acknowledged that he had given Mr. Seitz the bill; and that he observed that the pension had been given to him in consequence of the business which induced him to go to N. Orleans in 1795. Answer to the second question. I have. But before this deponent proceeds to answer the question, he requests to be indulged with making some preliminary observations on the state of the public mind in this country in the year 1794, respecting the navigation of the Mississippi. This deponent observes that it must be known and recollected by some of the committee, the violent heat that pervaded this state, arising from the publications and proceedings of the democratic society in Lexington, and some other places—that it must be known and recollected that the French minister Genet had sent his emissaries to this state to excite the people of Kentucky to offensive measures against the Spanish province of Louisiana, that officers were appointed to command an army to be raised for that purpose, and that report said it was to consist of 2000 men—the truth of these facts the deponent has no doubt can, if necessary, be proved; and this deponent is of opinion that the proceedings of the people in the western country induced Spain to accede to the treaty at the time she did. The deponent further states that such was the heat of the public mind at that period, respecting the navigation of the Mississippi, that he avoided all the meetings of the democratic societies, least their measures should lead to acts which would attract the notice of the general government, and prosecutions instituted which only could be done in the court in which this deponent presides. That this deponent is convinced that the anxiety which appeared to pervade this state at that period, as expressed by the democratic societies, induced the President of the United States to send a messenger, to wit: colonel James Innes to this state, to communicate through the executive to the people of Kentucky, the situation of the pending negotiation between the United States and Spain, respecting the navigation of the Mississippi—that the messenger arrived in this place on the 25th day of December, 1794, and in the course of that winter made a communication to gov. Shelby—and that this communication quieted the public mind for the present. That the harvest of 1793, was very abundant; and in the fall of that year a general murmur pervaded the people of this country respecting their crops, on account of the probability of having no opportunity of exporting their produce the ensuing season; that some time in November or early in December, 1793, this deponent and William Murray, esq. received a letter from Mr. Sebastian, requesting us to meet him at col. George Nicholas's house, in Mercer county, on a day stated in the letter—observing that he had business of importance to communicate, which related to us a. This deponent and Mr. Murray went to col. Nicholas's, where we were met, agreeably to appointment, by Mr. Sebastian, who submitted to us a letter he had received from the Baron de Carondelet, then governor of Louisiana, to which this deponent refers, and makes a part of this deposition, in the words and figures following: New Orleans, July 16th, 1795. Sir, "The confidence reposed in you by my predecessor, brigadier general Miro, and your former correspondence with him, have induced me to make a communication to you, highly interesting to the country in which you live, and to Louisiana. "His majesty being willing to open the navigation of the Mississippi to the people of the Western country, and being also desirous to establish reciprocal relations, reciprocally beneficial to the commerce of both countries, has ordered me to proceed on the business, and to exert in a way the most satisfactory to the people of the Western country, his benevolent design. "I have therefore made this communication to you, in expectation, that you will produce agents to be chosen and fully empowered by the people of your country, to negotiate with col. Cayoso on the subject at New Madrid, whom I shall send there in October next, properly authorized for that purpose, with directions to continue at that place or its vicinity, until the arrival of your agents. "I am by information well acquainted with the character of some of the most respectable inhabitants of Kentucky, particularly of James Nicholas and Murray, to whom I wish you to communicate the purpose of this address; and should you and those gentlemen think the object of it as important as I do, you will doubtless accede, without hesitation, to the proposition I have made, of sending a commission of your countrymen, sufficiently well versed

in a subject which is deeply involved the interest of both nations. I remain with every esteem and regard, Sir, your most obedient, humble servant. THE BARON DE CARONDELET. This deponent further states, that after deliberating on the contents of the letter, it was the unanimous opinion of the four persons referred to in the letter, that from the situation of the pending treaty between the United States and Spain, of which no communication had been received for near twelve months, and the uncertainty when it would terminate, that it was a subject in which the Western people were greatly interested—that as it had excited great heat in the minds of the people of this country—that as we had no power to appoint agents to meet col. Cayoso, as was requested—that under these existing circumstances, it would not be prudent to communicate the subject matter of the letter, yet, that it was advisable to know what was the object of the Spanish government upon that important subject. To accomplish this object it was thought advisable that as the communication was made to Mr. Sebastian he ought to meet col. Cayoso; and in consequence of this opinion Mr. Sebastian proceeded to the Ohio river, waiting for an answer to the Baron's letter—that the necessity of the weather induced them to go to New Madrid, where a conference took place on the subject of the letter, and among the concessions which were stipulated, Cayoso proposed to reduce the duty of six per cent. import, and six per cent. export, amounting to twelve per cent. to four per cent.—that he, Mr. Sebastian, insisted that as the Spanish government had come forward upon the principle of conciliating the people of the Western country, that no duty ought to be exacted from them, because they claimed as a right, the free and undisturbed navigation of the Mississippi river. Prudling Cayoso fixed and immovable on that point, he proposed to go to New Orleans, and refer the point in dispute to the governor general; which being acceded to, he descended the river to New Orleans, with col. Cayoso. Upon their arrival at New Orleans, the governor had a private interview with Mr. Sebastian, and requested information as to the point in dispute between him and col. Cayoso. Mr. Sebastian stated the demand of four per cent. import, to which the governor replied that col. Cayoso was wrong, and that he would release it, as the plan was altogether conciliatory; but observed that he was then pressed by public business, yet would attend to him on a particular day, which he named—that a day or two preceding the time fixed for the interview he received a message to immediately wait on the governor—upon repairing to the government house, the governor informed him that a courier had arrived from the Havana informing that a treaty of Friendship, limits and navigation had been entered into by his catholic majesty and the United States—which put an end to their business. That Mr. Sebastian then showed this deponent a paper in his hand writing, containing the concessions which had been stipulated by Cayoso, and which he believes to be the same paper now in his hand, and here presented to the committee—which is in the words and figures following: "His Catholic majesty having taken into consideration the relative situation of his province of Louisiana and its dependencies, and that part of the U. S. of America lying west of the Apalachian mountains, and being of opinion that a commercial intercourse between the two countries, will be productive of the many & reciprocal interests thereof, has been pleased to concede to the people of the said Western country, during his pleasure, the following privileges: 1st. The people of the Western country shall henceforth freely and lawfully enjoy for the purpose of commerce, the navigation of the river Mississippi, and all the ports and places thence under the government of his catholic majesty, subject to the same regulations and restrictions, and no other, by which the commerce of the subjects of his catholic majesty is now governed. And whereas the people of the said Western country are now subject to the payment of six per centum ad valorem on all the produce of the said Western country, imported into the government of Louisiana, and its dependencies, and also to the payment of the same duty on the exportation thereof, and his majesty being desirous to remove every obstacle to the free intercourse which he is desirous to establish and maintain with the said Western country, he has graciously decreed that the said Western people shall henceforth be subject to the payment of a duty of four per centum ad valorem on the produce imported by them into the government of Louisiana, and its dependencies, and also to the payment of the same duty on the exportation thereof, and his majesty being desirous to remove every obstacle to the free intercourse which he is desirous to establish and maintain with the said Western country, he has graciously decreed that the said Western people shall henceforth be subject to the 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