

Transcription of 0770/1/2/1

Reverse: 8 July 1810
Sir John Lubbock & Co.
For
Michl. Theo: Langton Esq.
5 Grosevenor St.
West Pimlico
London

Cadiz 8 July 1810

My Dear Michel

I am very very sorry indeed to inform you that your father is in a very poor state of health. It is now going upon three weeks that he began to suffer with a lax which joined to a dropsical complaint has reduced him very low. Though the Physician that attends him (Rivers) did not declare him to be in an imminent danger, he of his own accord thought proper to prepare for the worst, receiving the rites of the Church in the most edifying manner, and continues since then quite serene and composed, entirely resigned to the Almighty's will. His weakness and the nature of his disorder leave very little or no hopes of his recovery, he may however go on lingering some days. Every assistance imaginable is and shall be furnished to him with the same tenderness as if he had you and your Mother at his elbow.

Things thus circumstanced you will determine what you may think most convenient. If you imagine that your Mother can do without you for some time, I am of opinion that your presence here would be proper to take charge of the Executorship, which he has entrusted me with, in case of his demise. In the mean time I repeat that every thing shall be done as if you & your Mother were here. The packet is going off so that I have time for no more. The Almighty direct you for the best, and the sincere wishes of your ever most affectionate

Augn. Butler.

My kind compts. to your mother, Carmen &c.

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Reverse: 16 July 1810
Sir John Lubbock & Co.
For
Michl. Theo: Langton Esq.
London

Cadiz 16 July 1810

My dear Michel,

I confirm the few lines I wrote to you under the 8 Curr. by the Packet, and having this moment received intelligence that the Algeciras Man of War will sail tomorrow for England, I profit of this opportunity to inform you that your Father continues in a lingering State and daily losing ground. His devotion moved him to receive the Blessed Sacrament a second time which he did with exemplary fervor. Notwithstanding his great weakness, his intellects are perfectly firm and he attends to the minutest things. He is quite resigned to the Almighty's will, and suffers all the inconveniences of his sickness with the greatest patience. He is taken care of with the greatest tenderness, and his faithful servants Manuela, Juan & the Spanish clerk give him the most unremitted assistance both night & day.

This is all I can tell you on this disagreeable subject, nor have I time for more.

Adieu, my kind Compts. to your Mother &c. & believe me to be ever most affectionately yours

Augn Butler

Reverse: 27 July 1810
Michl Theo: Langton Esq
London

Cadiz 27 July 1810

My dear Michel

I wrote to you a few lines under the 16 Curr. in the morning by the Algeciras M. of W. I now take pen in hand with inexpressible sorrow to mention to you that your Father departed this life that same evening at about seven and a half, having preserved his intellects to the last moment expressing to that period the most pious sentiments of Religion and confidence in the Almighty's mercy. He was attended by P^e. Castelli, and I can tell you for your & your Mother's comfort, that throughout the whole of his sickness to the end he was blessed with so much serenity, so much patience, and such resignation to the Divine will that I trust the Almighty has been merciful to his soul. Accept, my dear Michel, my most sincere condolence, on this melancholly event, and let both your worthy Mother & yourself be assured tht I sympathise with you most warmly thereon, offering my most fervent prayers to Heaven to grant you comfort and Resignation in this severe trial. I can give you every assurance that the most tender incessant attendance has been bestowed to him during his sickness to the last moment, the same as if you yourselves had been present. His funeral took place the following evening at the same hour, and the ensuing day the office & Mass were performed in the Rosary as he had directed.

In consequence of your Mother's and your absence he named me Executor to his will, a copy of which I have ordered the notary to draw out, to send to you if possible by this packet, refering you thereto for all particulars. I shall be glad to know your determination relative to your coming here or not, for my government in giving up the House, and disposing of the furniture, plate, &c. by the Will, you will observe, belongs to your Mother. If I have time, I shall write by this packet to Messrs. Baring, Lubbock & Ward, to send me sketches of your father's accounts down to the day of his demise 16 Curr. & to open new ones under the name of the Deceased M.L.Esq, this measure being necessary to make out the respective shares of the Heirs, which are to appear judicially for the needful. The copy of the will shall be accompanied by copies of two Codicils your father made in his late sickness in addition to the former. If you have means of writing to your sister Mrs Gabet[Gibet?], it will be proper you advise her of this unfortunate event, that she may take her measures respecting her concern. I have sundry other observations to make to you wch. I have not time for now, but shall in future gradually as they shall become necessary. I shall also send you a note of legacies I have private directions to distribute, amongst which is one of \$500 to Manuela who certainly deserved it for her faithful, charitable and unwearied attendance to your father to the last moment.

Messrs. Baring, Lubbock & Ward shall have orders to furnish you any money you may call for. Pray tell your Mother from me every thing that is respectful and affectionate. I do not write to her separately because this letter is meant naturally for both. I suffer most sensibly to think what a shock this loss will be to her: the almighty

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Your most affecte.
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For Michl Theo: Langton Esq
London

Duplicate
Cadiz 27 July 1810

[Not in Butler's hand – duplicate of 0770/1/2/3]]

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Cadiz 13 Aug 1810

My dear Michel

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You may easily conceive what a disappointment this is, on account of the furniture which must be put up in the Warehouse. An Inventory shall be taken of it, and I shall proceed to effect the sale of the whole before it becomes useless. Your deceased father gave me directions to do so; I shall however wait your answer to my former letters to resolve upon this business.

I inclose a letter to you from P^e. Casteli, and with many kind things to your Mother, sister & c. I have solely time to subscribe myself. Your most affectionate

A Butler

Transcript of 0770/1/2/5

Reverse: 23 August 1810
Michel Theo: Langton Esq
Westgate buildings
Bath

Duplicate
Cadiz 13 Aug^t 1810

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Cadiz 23 Aug^t 1810

My dear Michel,

I confirm the above copy of my last letter to you. The copy of your father's will was delivered to a passenger that went on board the packet, and hope will have got safe to your hands. I shortly after received your wished for letter of the 3d. Curr from Bath: The cruel apprehensions you were under from the contents of what I wrote to you the 8 Ult. relative to the state of your worthy father's health, were but too truly verified, as you will have unfortunately seen by my subsequent letters. Your poor Mother has had to suffer severely as well from this painful event, as from the separation of Carmen and her little family at a moment that their presence & company would have been of such comfort to her. The almighty grant her fortitude in these trials. You will receive from Zerezuela a long and circumstantial account of what you required about your father's illness &c. which may be of some comfort to you & your Mother.

I observe by the contents of your said letter that you do not propose coming out here. The reason you assign for this determination is so just, and so much in its place that it does not bear contradiction. I shall accordingly run on with the Executorship here until the partition shall be settled. In think I have already

mentioned to you that these must be effected & approved of judicially, which is the reason I wrote to Messrs. Baring, Lubbock & Ward for the abstracts of your father's accounts down to the 16 Ult., day of his demise, that the balances in his favour may be given in property he had in England. The furniture here shall be inventoried and sold with the [...] plate that remained at this side.

The Cash existing the day of your father's demise was a trifle more than \$6000 which will not cover the funeral charges, legacies, alms &c. he ordered to be distributed; there were only \$2000 of them in gold which was disposed of with a premium. all the rest of the gold your father had disposed of previously for silver wch. may serve for your government. The family pictures shall be sent you, & the china with arms reserved & bought up for you in the general sale. However I must hint to you that the introduction of China is not permitted there & liable to confiscation. You will enquire into this & let me know if any difficulty may be started in the importation at that side, that I may be guided in this business by your advices. When a safe opportunity shall present itself, I shall send you all the family papers pursuant to your desires. In every other respect you may depend that no time shall be lost in realising all property belonging to the deceased, & fulfilling the Executorship with which I am entrusted. Besides the \$3200 of 15 [...] mentioned in one of the codicils for public charities, I inclose you a note of legacies & alms your father gave me private directions to have distributed. The day before his death he gave me up his pocket book with his diamond pin which he desired should be delivered to you as a remembrance. I shall accordingly forward it to your[?] first friend going that way. This is all I have time for at present, so shall conclude, with my most warm & sincere respects to your Mother, and love to Fanny: I have not yet received an answer from Christina, & am anxious for it. Adieu, my dear Michel, Believe me, to be ever very affectionately & truly yours

Augn. Butler.

Reverse:

4 Sept^r 1810

Michl. Theo: Langton
No 6 Westgate buildings
Bath

Cadiz 4 Sept 1810

My dear Michel

I confirm my last to you the 23 Ult^o., & as I have not the least doubt it got safe to your hands, I think it needless to send you its Copy. I now come to acknowledge the receipt of your esteemed letter 15 ditto. I shall pass over in silence the points that do not require a reply. All the money that had been taken up there for your Father's account and was in hand the 16 of July (day of his demise) is to appear in favor of the testamentaria, and to clear up all doubts upon this head, I inclose you my lawyers note respecting what steps are to be taken there, that the whole may be done so, and the documents called for, sent as soon as possible. The extract of your acct. curr^t. has been given up to Zerezuela, who says it agrees with that he sent you by the late packet.

The Inventory & sale of the furniture has not yet taken place owing to the House being still occupied by English officers who are looking out for other lodgings to retire to. I take note of the different parcels of furniture that are to be excluded from the testamentaria, as belonging to your Mother & yourself in your particulars as also to your sister Fanny, and all your directions on that head shall be duly attended to. I am glad to observe Carmen had such a quick & happy passage over to France. I have not yet received an answer from Cristina to the letter I wrote to her with the melancholy news of her Father's Death: It was sent under cover to the Archbishop of Valencia (Company)[?] with request to have it delivered to her at a proper moment. The W.I. amounts shall be settled in the best manner possible, and any novelty[?] that may occur in this or any other particular, you shall be duly advised of. God send that the absentees may not be put to trouble with respect to their property: nothing shall be left undone at this side to protect it. The packet will sail tomorrow, I shall accordingly take my leave of you untill the next. a thousand kind things to your Mother whom I am anxious to know about: your aunt Pepa desires to be kindly remembered to you both. My love to Fanny & believe me to be ever yours most affectionately

A. Butler.

Reverse: Michl. Theo: Langton Esq.
No.6 Westgate Buildings
Bath

Cadiz 24 Octr. 1810

My dear Michel

A Packet came in yesterday from Falmouth and the Eng^h. Ambassador being in a great hurry to send forward his Dispatches, she is announced to sail with them in the course of the present day, and the Mail to be made up this evening. I must therefore postpone replying to your favor of the 26 Ult^o. received by her, as also to two others with which you favoured me on the 5th & 15th ditto, all which I propose answering by our friend Mrs Barron who will take her passage for England in a few days time on the Atlas M of W, which is certainly preferable to her doing so on the packet. I have had no answer yet from Kitty to my letter, wherein I gave her the doleful intelligence of the demise of her Father, but I know she received it; I propose writing to her shortly again to desire her to send her power to some friend of her's in this City to represent her in the particiones &c.

I have been totally taken up these 15 days past with the disposal of the furniture &c. wherein I am pretty well advanced, and hope this job will be finished shortly. Mrs Barron will be the bearer to you of the long gold Rosary, as well as of the snuff box with your Mother's picture, I shall also send you your father's pocket Book wherein you will find the Diamond breast pin he delivered me the eve of his demise for you.

I have the Waterford Acct. you hand me which shall be noted in the manner you insinuate. All depending accounts shall also be settled so as not to protract the particiones. I received by this packet from Messrs. Lubbock the sketch I called to them for of your father's acct. curr^t. which shall be examined, & they advised if correct. The abstracts sent me by Mr. Ward & Messrs Baring had come to hand priorly & have been found right.

I thank you for all the political news you give me & request a continuance when convenient. Here we are in statu quo. We are anxiously expecting news from the armies in Portugal; Lord Wellington has had sundry advantages over Massena in different partial engagements: It was supposed that a general action wou'd soon take place, in which it was supposed Wellington wou'd get the better in consequence of the good position of his army, and of the superiority of the latter in number over Massena; God send it may happen: If something very important does not come out in our favor in Portugal, I think we are likely to have our foes in this neighbourhood for a long time.

I am very sorry for the accident happened your Mother by the throw of a stone that hurt her foot, & heartily wish she may have had no further bad result than her having been obliged to keep within doors for a few days. Pray assure her of my best wishes & affectionate compts; muchas cosas a Fanny que cuide mucho a mama que no dudo lo hace.

Adieu my dear Michel, I have time for no more, & must refer to my next for further particulars.

Yours most affectly.
A. Butler

Reverse: Michl. Theo: Langton Esq.
No.6 Westgate Buildings
Bath

Cadiz 29 October 1810

My dear Michel

I had the pleasure of writing you four or five days ago by the Duke of Kent Packet, and now effect it by our friend Mrs Barron who, as I told you in my last, takes her passage for England on board the Atlas M. of W. that I am told[?] will proceed on her voyage in the course of the present day: I did not imagine it wou'd be so soon which obliges me to hurry on this letter to mention to you how uneasy I am, respecting your sisters Fanny & Carmen's shares of their Father's inheritance. I was summoned two days ago before the Juez de Represalias to declare if Carmen was not Wife to Dn Blas de Aranza, if I was not Executor to your father's will, and before what notary the latter was made. I understand that the said Judge has given directions to have a copy of the will drawn out, wherein it appears that your sister Fanny is established and living in France, in consequence whereof it is sadly to be apprehended that she may be involved in the same misfortune with which Carmen is threatened. This business gives me a great deal of uneasiness on the score of their fortunes, but at all events it is fortunate that the bulk of the whole is at that side. I shall see what can be done at this, to save as much as possible in behalf of both.

I have delivered to Mrs. Barron for you the long gold Rosary, the box with your Mother's picture & your father's pocket book wherein you will find the Diamond breast pin already mentioned.

The China with your family arms shall remain unsold untill further orders.

Since my last I have received a letter from your sister Christina dated in Valencia the 18 Ulto, which you will observe has been kept back a long time as now generally happens with all our letters from the Eastern Ports. She was, as you may easily imagine, much grieved, and very anxious to receive some accounts from her family in that quarter.

The sale of the furniture of your House here will be soon concluded which I am wishing to have effected, that we may proceed to something else.

Having time for no more I conclude with my most affectionate compts. to your Mother, and many kind things to Fanny remaining ever very cordially

My dear Michel
Your most affectionate

A. Butler.

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Reverse: Michl. Theo: Langton Esq.
No.6 Westgate Buildings
Bath

My dear Michel

Cadiz 10 Novemr. 1810

As we of late have no packets coming from that quarter, there is no regularity in the correspondence. The Atlas M. of W. sailed for England the 4th currt., I wrote you two letters by said occasion, I hope you received them, and that our friend Mrs. Barron had a quick & happy passage. There is a Brigg of War now going to England that carries Dispatches and public correspondence. The term allowed for writing is so short that I am in doubt whether I shall be in time for this. I received together, only with two days difference, your esteemed favors 10th & 24 October, and shall solely reply to that part of their contents that require it.

The first contains the document called for drawn out in favor of Desfontaines with which the needful shall be done. As in the Clause of your Father's will which expresses his having bequeathed to your Mother the Household furniture, there was no mention made of any value which was a necessary requisite; a Judicial Sale has been the imperious consequence, that the produce being ascertained, it should make a part of her Quinto, to be deducted from the \$30000 left to her by your father. I take note of the sum that was in cash in your Mothers hands the 16th July which with your observations thereon serves for my government. I wait your further directions respecting the china with your arms. You complain of the want of letters from me in two subsequent packets, I was so hurried by business at the time they were dispatch that I really had not time to write to you, but at any rate I shou'd certainly have not omitted effecting it, had I any thing particular to impart, & let it serve in future for your government, that when I do not write it is because there is nothing material to advise. The documents you call for shall be got ready & forwarded to you the first good opportunity.

We have had within this month past some sickness more than ordinary; some call it the yellow fever, or black vomit of which some have died; within these 3 or four days it has diminished so considerably that the mortality does not exceed 18 to 19 persons daily, which considering the increase of our population is not proportionable. I hope we shall in a few days hence be totally free. I must remark to you that Brun's debt is a debt to the Testamentaria, and that his Daughters portion is not to be prejudiced by it and only in proportion to it, so that with the interest of her share, she may be able to pay her own expences. I dare not be more ample for fear of this being kept back, I accordingly conclude with a thousand kind compts. to your Mother, my salutns. to Fanny; all your friends at this side, particularly your aunt Pepa, Nelly Kelly, desire to be kindly remembered to you.

Adieu, my dear Michel & believe me to be ever

Yours most affly.
Augn. Butler.

Many kind compts to Mrs Barron & family.

Reverse: Michl. Theo: Langton Esq.
No.6 Westgate buildings
Bath

My dear Michel

Cadiz 11 January 1811

I had the pleasure of writing to you by last packet confirming the unaccountable proceedings of the Tribunal de Reprisalias relative to the Executorship, of which I have been totally dispossessed, as already advised, as well as of the Books, papers &c., the Judges having appointed two emigrant Madrileños to inspect accounts & form the particiones. I resisted as much as possible, giving up my charge by presenting the Council of Castiles Cedula, and taking every other Judicial measure in [...] the testamentaria's defence, but all to no purpose, I was obliged to submit, and to abide by what these gentn. may think proper to decide. Things thus circumstanced all your observations in your favors of the 4 & 19 Ult respecting some articles of the Will are now of no avail, and must remain in suspense untill the tribunal proceeds to form the partitions; what arrangements they propose taking in this business at the time, it is totally out of my power to say, or to foresee, and must refer to futurity for the elucidation. Zerezuela impelled by circumstances which you will learn from himself has resolved taking his passage for England on board the present packet. He will inform you verbally better than I can by writing all the occurrences that have taken place in this unfortunate business of the testamentaria, and to him do I refer you for every individual information you wish to have as well as that point, as with respect to your furniture, and other queries contained in your sundry letters to me. He will be the bearer of your genealogical papers, of your Mother's will, and of a contract regarding your Irish possessions. These are, I think, the papers you have urged for most, and if any others are wanting, and I can get at, they shall be sent to you. To save your sister Carmen's furniture from total ruin & loss, I thought it prudent to sell it of hand, and did so effectually. By the greatest accident the note of Sales thereof was not in your father's counting house with all the other accounts and papers at the time the scrivener came to take possession of the whole, but fortunately was in mine, so that I shall be able to remit you the value when ascertained & recovered.

As I have been insinuated by a friend, that it is the intention of the tribunal de Reprisalias to endeavour to get into their possession the sums deposited in the hands of Messrs Lubbock, Ward & Baring for account of the testamta., you will do well to be on the watch, and in such case to lay timely an attachment on said property that it may not be given up to these folks, but I warn you that my name must not be mentioned directly or indirectly in this business, as I might be brought to some trouble: this being a private information, given me on the subject, you must proceed therein with great caution and secrecy, as your not doing so might be prejudicial to some.

I cannot omit recommending Dⁿ Fran^{co} Zerezuela very particularly to your friendship. He is fully deserving of it, as well as of your protection. He has behaved and done his Duty in every respect with the greatest fidelity and integrity both before & after your father's decease; his attendance on the latter during his whole illness was of the

most tender nature, and were it only for this entitles him to your distinction and regard, which, I think will be very deservedly bestowed.

I inclose a letter I received a few days ago from your sister Christina to her Mother; she has sent me her power made out in favor of Desfontaines, as I requested. These powers must now remain dormant untill we see the end of the occurrences taken place in the testamentaria I heartily wish you may find some means to obtain that government's interference in this unfortunate business, or a strong recommendation from the Ministry to the English Ambassador here to extricate the testamentaria out of this tribunal's inspection &c.

Zerezuela is waiting at my elbow to take up this letter, I shall therefore conclude with my most cordial salutes to your Mother, and kind compts. to Fanny, remaining ever very truly

My dear Michel
Your most affecte.
A. Butler

Many loving things to all around you from your Aunt Pepa.

Havia pensado salir en el paquete Canteret , y no lo hé podido verificar, [..] por no dejarlo [....] sin carta la dirijo por [...] Buque [.....] Zerezuela

The above note in Spanish is scribbled at the bottom of the page with many words indecipherable, but seems to refer to the boat by which the letter is to be sent

Reverse: Michl. Theo Langton Esq
No.6 Westgate buildings
Bath

My dear Michel

Cadiz 16 April 1811

I wrote to you a few lines the 30 Ult. The 13 Curr. I received together both your esteemed favors 20 March & 3 Curr. I see by the former you had wrote to Miranda to remit you directly by the vessels that go to that quarter with licences whatever funds he has in his hands belonging to your deceased father; how far Miranda and I may be compromised in the execution of this order, time will tell. It is impossible for me to answer you with any degree of certainty on many of the questions you put to me in your letters. I mentioned to you in my former ones that every paper, document &c. were taken possession of by the tribunal of Reprisals, and without having them before me I cannot satisfy you on most points. What I can tell you with every degree of certainty is that besides the 800 masses ordered in the Will, there were 1500 more ordered separately by your father. By the tenor of one of the present and of your former letters, you seem to be under a heavy mistake in the misconception of one of the articles of your father's will with regard to the deductions from the quinto. Your deceased father expressed to me positively that it was his will & intention that out [of] the \$30[?] he bequeathed to your Mother the sum of \$6000 as follows, was to be deducted

\$ 750.-. for 1500 Masses
2400.-. Public charities
1113.- Private ditto
1737.- Legacies
\$ 6000.- which you will take note of.

As soon as I recover a few trifling sums yet due from the sale of Carmen's effects, I shall remit the same to Messrs. Lubbock, desiring them to credit her for what it may be.

It is useless for you to be making out Maldonada's account now, because I remitted it to him long since, and I have been since informed that a most gross mistake appeared to his prejudice on the books, which shows with what little accuracy they were carried.

Nothing has been yet determined by the Regency respecting the tribunal to which that of Reprisals is to remove our pending testamentaria; Brun has been promised that this business will be shortly decided; God send it may be in such a manner as to free us totally from my direct, or indirect interference with the Reprasalias: to this wished for epocha I must refer you for all elucidations on the affairs of the testamentaria, the want of documents not permitting me to give my [?] now with any degree of propriety.

Our friend Dⁿ Thomas Tucker goes to Eng^d. by this Packet with his young daughter.

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We have nothing new in this quarter; another expedition of Spanish troops sailed a few days ago for Agamonte, where they are safely landed, and will, it is said, effect a junction with Ballesteros & Castaños; God send Massena does not take it into his head to come down with his army to this Province, which wou'd be a disappointment indeed to us.

Clonard & his family live in the Isla, he is now a Brigadier and Major of the Guards. Many kind things from your Aunt Pepa, from Nelly Kelly &c. to yourself & your Mother, to whom pray remember me most affectionately & to Fanny & believe me to be ever your most Affecte. cousin

A. Butler

I have no late accounts from Cristina.

Many compts from Desfontaines.

Transcription of 0770/1/2/12

Reverse: Michl. Theo: Langton Esq.
No.6 Westgate buildings
Bath

My dear Michel

Cadiz 29 May 1811

I have been within these few days past, and am still with such a violent cold & cough that it is with the greatest difficulty that I have been able to write a few letters, of those most pressing, to my friends in England, for the present packet. I therefore only drop these few lines to you to acknowledge the receipt of your esteemed one 30th Ult & to inform you that the testamentaria Business has been transferred from the Represalias to the Audencia of Seville, & here I hope things will go on smoother than they have gone hitherto, and that in my next I may be able to give you something favorable. The Packet is going to take the mails, which with my ailment only permits me with many affecte. compts. to your Mother, Fanny, and from your aunt Pepa, Nelly Kelly &c. to yourself & Mother to subscribe myself ever cordially & sincerely

Your most affte Cousin
A. Butler

Let the affair of the guarantee not affect you in the least, I am quite satisfied with your sole word, and you may mention to our friends.

Reverse: Michl. Theo: Langton Esq
No.3 Henry Street
Bath

My dear Michel

Cadiz 29 June 1811

When I wrote you my last under the 29 Ultio. I was far from being well; a violent cough with which I was troubled rendered it painful to me to take pen in hand, and it is only since last week that I find myself totally free of it. However you may be sure that had any favourable occurrence taken place during this interval in the unfortunate testamentaria, my ailment shou'd never have hindered me from dropping a line to you to acquaint you of it. Unluckily things are yet in statu quo. The Tribunal of Represalias, before giving up all the processes that were under their inspection, gave an auto, que se proceda a las particiones, in the manner that the liquidation was formed by them; I have opposed it, and hope the petitions presented by Brun, Desfontaines & by me to the Regency demanding that the whole of what has been done by this tribunal shou'd be annulled, will be attended to. The Regency and every other tribunal established here are so overloaded with business, that delays and more delays in their dispatch are the consequence, and it is only God Almighty that can give patience to tolerate them. The note of the sales of your furniture being served to those of the testamentaria, was taken possession of by the Represalias and aggregated to the Autos, and I, obliged to [...] out their value, notwithstanding all the opposition I used against the measure. As I expect to get back the Autos shortly, a copy shall be then taken of it & sent to you.

Brun's pay having been reduced considerably, as has been the case with all the Impleados: he has taken charge of the recovery of the rent of his House.

I received a letter a few days ago from your sister Kitty, to whom I send forward your inclosure come to me in your favor of the 29 Ultio; she has been most cruelly used in Valencia, whereas all her husbands property has been sequestered, without any allowance assigned her for her maintenance. I have time for no more, you will know more of the military operations going on at this side by the English papers, than what I can inform you. A thousand kind things to your Mother in wch. I am joined by your aunt Pepa, Nelly Kelly, Desfontaines &c. including yourself & Franq^{ta} Brun. Wishing that something favourable may turn up to advise you, I remain in the mean time as always your most affectnte.friend & cousin.

A Butler

Reverse: Michl. Theo: Langton Esq
No.3 Henry Street
Bath

Cadiz 23 July 1811

My dear Michel.

The date of my last to you was, I think, the 29 Ultó., since when received your much esteemed letter of the 26 ditto, in reply to which shall say that it is disagreeable to me not to have it in my power to give you some favourable information respecting the testamentaria business. The Represalias, & the Audiencia of Seville, where we appealed, are now at loggerheads, which of them are to have the cognizance thereof, and it is now said that it will be carried before the Minister of Hazienda; the only consolatory intelligence I can give you is that by a late regulation established respecting Wives' properties, and where it now being native Spaniards, they are not to be deprived of them though their husbands shou'd have gone to the contrary side; Carmen & Cristina are in this predicament, and of course will lose nothing, but your sister Fanny living now so long in France may be look'd in another light. However this point will be disputed, and may not be lost. I have demanded to be reinstated in my right of Executor, demanding the Books, papers &c., they took possession of; if not granted, it shall not be for want of struggling for it.

Yesterday we had the arrival here of the Abino[?] M of W. from Verac^z. & the Havana with near four millions in specie, and to my great astonishment not a line did I receive from Miranda neither about the testamentaria concerns, nor about my own private ones; sometimes I think that as you called to him for the former, he may have sent them forward, but as on the other hand, I receive no account whatsoever about the latter, I am apt to suppose that both have been neglected; I must therefore come to some resolution immediately on this awkward business and write by first vessel to some other House in Veracruz to bring M. Miranda or his agents to an account for this unaccountable behaviour, and to receive from him what sums he may have in his hands belonging to the testamentaria & to myself: I am really somewhat uneasy on this topic, tho at same time I have not the least doubt of Miranda's solidity & honesty; but unfortunately on account of his bad state of health, he has not resided at Veracruz for many months past, which obliged him to trust his business to somebody else who has not certainly behaved with that punctuality which the chief always gave proofs of when he was at the head of it.

The note you hand me of Fanny's expences amounting to Rvon 6258 shall be presented to Brun for payment. I am afraid he is not flush of cash now, on account of the reduction of his pay; I have by me another account of Rvon 1965 which I have been able to deduct from the rent of his house when I recovered it. The other note I gave to Zerezueta to get the amount from him, which he did not effect, and I apprehend he has lost it because tho' I have called to him for it fifty times, I have not been yet able to get it out of his hands, however as there exists a surplus still in that part of the rent recovered, there will I think be a sufficiency to cover the amount of said note. The Duke of Infantada's departure for England with his mother & family is not a favorable circumstance for Brun, as it is not probable he will find such a good

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tenant for his house as the Duke, who goes to that country as Ambassador Extraordinary from this government.

I am happy to learn your Mother is now so pleasantly settled in her new habitation, where I heartily wish her a perfect enjoyment of good health; pray assure her of my good wishes and of my most constant friendship & regard, with my kind remembrance to Fanny.

Your aunt Pepa, Nelly Kelly, Desfontaines, Brun &c. join me in most affectionate compts to you all.

The fall of Tarragona has been a most unfortunate event. The Catalans however do not dismay, and are resolved to oppose their enemies with all their might.

Adieu, my dear Michel, & believe me to be ever your most affte Cousin & friend

A. Butler

Transcription of 0770/1/2/15

Reverse: Michl. Theo: Langton Esqr.
No.3 Henry Street
Bath

Cadiz 30 Sept^r. 1811

My dear Michel

I am in possession of both your esteemed letters 21 August & 4 Curr. The first covered an enclosure for your sister Kitty which I forwarded to her to Valencia where she still is. It has not blown a Levant these many days past, which keeps us totally in the dark relative to what is going forward in the Eastward. The affairs of the testamenta. are I am sorry to tell you in statu quo. The Judges selected for deciding the points in contention have not yet come to any resolution thereon, and I am heartily wishing that they should do so, either in favor, or against us, that we should at once know what we are to expect from them, and so enable us to take our measures accordingly. Your Father before his demise directed that nothing should be demanded from Garcia Pinto, in remuneration of sundry articles furnished him at different epochas, which may serve for your government. Brun has promised several times to send me the amount of the account you handed me some time since but has not yet effected it; I am afraid it is low with him just now, not having yet met a landlord for his House; I think I shall be able to cover the acct. you sent me the 1st Augt. last year.

Not having time to write to Messrs. Lubbock & Co. I remit you instead a small Bill for £65. stg. drawn here the 20 Curr. at 1'L as^{ce} on Neiva [.....] of London being the produce at 48 [...] of your sister Carmen's house furniture sold here. You will please to credit her for the same.

The packet's mails are making up which only leaves me time to assure your Mother & yourself of my most affectionate salutes; a thousand kind things to both from your aunt Pepa, Nelly Kelly & all friends, not forgetting us to Paquita Brun.

I am ever most sincerely & unalterably

Your most affte. cousin

A. Butler.

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Reverse: Michl. Theo: Langton Esq.
No.3 Henry Street
Bath

My dear Michel

Cadiz 18 Novem^r. 1811

By the speedy packet that arrived here the 12 Inst. I received together yr esteemed favours 2 & 16 Ult^o. & after making myself master of their contents must say that Apodaca with his best wishes to serve us in the testamentaria business will advance nothing by addressing himself to Ministers &c., that even the Regency, nor the Cortes can, or will meddle in it, untill the tribunal before which it is carried on gives some decision. There is at present such a confusion here in all Judiciary proceedings, and all the tribunals are so overloaded with business that it is impossible to say how the whole will end. The only thing that we can do at this side, is to recommend our case to the Judges, which is repeatedly and most earnestly done, and as most of them are Brun's friends they give him the fairest promises imaginable respecting its earlyest conclusions, how far they will be realised time alone will tell.

When more at leisure I shall look into what you enquire respecting the £9:11:- for your mothers account & let you know if it can be covered with the other parcels already advised.

Do not blame Kitty for her seeming silence. She has been of late mostly taken up with her plan of quitting Valencia, and wrote for a licence to come here, the want of which has been hitherto the cause of her not being able to realise her intention. We are now very uneasy about the fate of Valencia, which I am very apprehensive indeed is in the possession of the French. In this case what will have become of your sister, and what resolution will she have taken under such disagreeable circumstances? The Almighty direct her for the best.

You have, I think, acted with prudence and judgment in the purchase of £10000 in the funds, so that I cannot but approve of the measure.

I wrote to Vera Cruz long since, & hope soon to receive an answer respecting the fate of the funds in Miranda's hands. I shall take care to advise you the result. I thank you for your inclosure from Ned Murphy, to whom I shall endeavour to write a few lines by the packet: I am equally thankful for the news you are always so kind to communicate to me: I wish I cou'd give you some pleasing intelligence from this quarter, but unfortunately I have no such for you.

My most Affte compts. to your Mother & Fanny: your aunt Pepa, Nelly Kelly Desfontaines desire to be kindly remembered to you both, & believe me to be ever very sincerely,

your affte. Cousin & friend

A. Butler

Transcription of 0770/1/2/17

Reverse: Michl. Theo. Langton Esq
No.3 Henry Street
Bath

My dear Michel

Cadiz 31 January 1812

I had the pleasure of writing you the 19/27 ulto. to which refer you. By the Dispatch Packet that arrived here the 23 currt. I received your esteemed favor 10 ditto. I am sorry to tell you that I have received no accounts whatever ever since from your sister Kitty, and really cannot account for her silence, though I am rather inclined to think that her letters may have miscarried, as is now constantly the case with the correspondence from said quarter.

We are anxious to know the fate of Valencia, wch. it is currently reported had not fallen the 15 currt. The seasonable capture of Ciudad Rodrigo by Lord Wellington may yet, I hope, defeat Suchets plans.

You will ere the receipt hereof be informed of our Cortes having nominated a new Regency composed of Infantado, Villaruencia (that was our governor), Gen^l. Hen: O'Donnell, Morguera & Rivas, the two last are for America, they are natives of Caracas. This nomination has had the approbation of the Public, and very particularly that of the English Ambassador, by which means that of the Government may be counted upon, and of course new supplies of every kind to support the Spanish Cause.

You hand me a small note of Fanny's expense, from the end of June last year to the 10 Currt. amounting to £23:8:2 or Rvn. 2016: to be recovered from Brun from whom I shall endeavour to get them with the \$312:18 Rvn. of the preceding account wch. remains still outstanding. His house is not let to the Cardinal Bourbon as you were informed, this prelate having been obliged to retire to Tavira to save expences; may be, Infantado's mother may now return to it. The tribunal of Represalias and Confiscos are suppressed by the Cortes, and the Audiencia of Seville is now at the eve of passing their sentence in the testamentaria Business.

I confirm what hinted to you in my last respecting the division which you are about effecting, which may be solely confined to what there is at that side, untill there may be a certainty of what is to come forth from America: in the meantime the statements you hand me of your accts. with Messrs. Wards & Thompson & Lubbock serve for government: from one moment to another I expect advices from Vera Cruz, and hope to hear also from Mr. Maldonado of Puebla, who has not yet answered my letters. A thousand kind things to your Mother from me & to Fanny; your aunt Pepa, & Nelly Kelly desire equally to be remembered to you all, and with best wishes for your health & happiness I remain as always with constant truth

Your most affecte. Cousin

A. Butler

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Harper goes to England in the present packet; I have delivered him for you your genealogy papers, your mothers will, the Certificate of your fathers demise; all goes in 3 parcels, which I wish safe to your hands.

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Reverse: Michl. Theo: Langton Esq.
No.3 Henry Street
Bath

My dear Michel

Cadiz 9 March 1812

I had the pleasure of writing you a few lines the 31 Ult. when mentioned that I had delivered John Harper for you your genealogies & other papers that were in my hands, and hope you have duly received them.

It is now near a month that we have no packet or letters from England, which must proceed from a constancy of contrary Winds, though the reigning ones here have been in appearance favourable within these weeks past.

I am sorry to tell you that your sister Christina was in Valencia at the time of its surrender. She had quitted it some time before, as I have been informed, with an intention to go to Palma in Majorca, but was taken ill on the road, and found herself under the disagreeable necessity of returning to Valencia, where she now is with her husband. The French have committed their accustomed excesses in said city & Province, and are exacting immense contributions. I have nothing favourable yet to acquaint you respecting the testamentaria business, tho' Brun, Desfontaines, &c. presented petitions to have a recall of what has been acted thro' the whole by the Junta de Represaleas.

The Count Fernan Nuñez is named Ambassador from this to that government, instead of the Duke of Infantado, and goes to England in an English sloop of War that is to take charge of the mail.

People here seem to be satisfied with the new Regency, but the great misfortune is that for want of ways, and means, their plans cannot be carried into execution with that activity and energy required.

Remember me most affectionately to your Mother & Franquita, and believe me to be ever your most affecte. cousin

Augn. Butler

Transcription of 0770/1/2/19

Reverse: Michl Theo: Langton Esq.
No3 Henry Street
Bath

My dear Michel

Cadiz 21 April 1812

The date of my last was the 9 ulto. since when have received your favors 5 Feby & 20 ult. The former covered an inclosure for Desfontaines to whom I delivered it immediately, and by what he has insinuated to me latterly, he had not yet met a proper opportunity to forward the latter you sent him for the purpose.

The latter incloses the statement in question of the Reparticion in which though formed in manner which does you honor, I observe on a cursory sight of it that you have only deducted from the quinto \$6000 amount of the private note of legacies &c. when all charges of Funeral, Burial, Masses &c. &c. should have have been also deducted. Though you seem to imagine that the whole may be soon examined and you advised my observations thereon, I must beg leave to remark to you that there are sundry articles that require being inspected into which shall be effected the very first leisure moment I shall be master of, letting you know the result. With respect to what you wish to know how the clause of your Fathers will, which you express at large in your letter, is to be understood, I think that in consequence of your father's decease, said clause is now of no value, whereas by the laws of this Country, if any of your sisters dies without issue, her inheritance wou'd go to your Mother, if living, and if not, that sister wou'd be at liberty to dispose of her share at pleasure. However I shall enquire further into this business & let you know.

I inclose a letter for you received from Miranda of Vera Cruz some days ago. He has acted right in not sending forward any money to you. In doing so, he would have compromised himself very much, because I had from the beginning been obliged to give the tribunal copies of all my letters to America relative to the testamentaria: however you cannot have been yet disappointed in this, because Miranda had no money in hand to remit you; his funds were up the country, and in consequence of the unfortunate occurrences of the Insurrection, he cou'd not get them home, which was the reason he did not send by the Bulwark Man of War the \$12000 your father gave him directions to remit for[?] said opportunity; I have not the least doubt that he will be punctual in remitting the funds in question as soon as the roads from Mexico, Puebla & the interior to Vera Cz are free of the many parties of Banditti that infect them. I am under no uneasiness about the money coming here, because I have every reason to expect that the new tribunal will not lay hold of it. By a person that came a few days ago from Madrid I received a few lines from your sister Carmen dated in October last, with the inclosed, for you or your mother.

Having time for no more, I remain with a thousand kind things to your Mother & Fanny, and as many more to both & to yourself from your Aunt Pepa, Nelly Kelly & all friends,

Your most affect. cousin & freind

A. Butler

Transcription of 0770/1/2/19

Herewith you have also a sketch of acct. furnished me by Miranda.

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Reverse: 11 July 1812
Michl. Theo. Langton Esq
No.3 Henry Street
Bath

My dear Michel

Cadiz 11 July 1812

I have, within these two months past been so extremely busy that I have not had one moment's leisure to reply to your last letters, and though I am still in the same case, I cannot omit giving you a line purely to inclose a letter just come to hand from your Sister Cristina to her mother. I shall avail of the first moment to write to you at large. In the meanwhile wth. kind Compts. to your Mother, Fany etc. I remain y^{rs.} most affect^{ly.}

A. Butler

Reverse;
Michl. Theo: Langton Esq.
No. 3 Henry Street
Bath

My dear Michel

Cadiz 25 August 1812

I refer you to what I wrote to you the 16 Curr, and it is with inexpressible satisfaction I now take pen in hand to inform you of the pleasing change taken place in the political situation of this place & its neighbourhood, from whence the enemy began to retire last night setting fire to the immense works they had raised in their lines at a considerable expense. They sent a body of 1500 Cavalry to protect the retreat of their infantry with their plunder, which I hope may be yet met by some of our partidas; they have left their cannon, some spiked, & some buried. We do not yet know what route these Napoleonian fugitives have taken. We suppose that Seville is also free, wch. agreeable intelligence we are expecting to learn from one moment to another. Thanks to the Almighty for this sudden transition to a more comfortable situation than that we have been in of late.

You have no idea of the general joy prevailing here now, which can only be equalled by that enjoyed at this moment by our neighbours over the way who have lived so long under French oppression and now find themselves free of it. At the same time that I give you this agreeable intelligence, I am extremely sorry to give you the melancholly one of the unfortunate James Barron's who died in Ayamonte the 18 Curr. I am sadly afraid that his Mother will not be able to withstand this shock. and I really have not the heart to take pen in hand to write a line of condolence to her on this painful event, and must defer it to another moment when she may be more composed. The Almighty comfort her, and be merciful to the deceased's Soul. You will undoubtedly say nothing to her upon this unfortunate business untill you know that she is acquainted therewith. The packet that was not to be dispatched till the end of the week, is unexpectedly ordered to take the mail & sail this evening with the Dispatches. I have accordingly time for no more, a thousand kind compts. to your Mother, & Paquita; your Aunt Pepa, & Nelly Kelly join me in them to both, & to yourself, & I remain ever your most affectionate Cousin

A. Butler.

Yesterday I received a few lines from your sister Kitty at Valencia. She is anxious to receive letters from her Mother & from you: she complains of her bad state of health; I shall write to her shortly.

I just now learn that our troops entered Seville the 19 Inst. I inclose a letter of pesame for Mrs. Barron which I shall be obliged to you to send to some friend in London to be delivered to her after she shall be acquainted of poor Diego's death; excuse the trouble.

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Reverse:
Michl. Theo: Langton Esq.
No. 3 Henry Street
Bath

My dear Michel

Cadiz 19 October 1812

I have just time to acknowledge the receipt of your esteemed favor 11 Ult. which covered two inclosures, one for Desfontaines to whom it was immediately delivered, and the other for your sister Christina which is in the way to her. Your and your Mothers uneasyness respecting Carmen will have been undoubtedly done away long since by your receiving letters from herself direct: I hear from her frequently, and am happy to inform you that she is in perfect good health, and permitted to communicate with her friends wherein there had been at the beginning some little restraint.

Depend upon it that though you were here on the spot, you could not use more exertions than we are using at this side to bring their unfortunate testamentaria to a conclusion. As the Audiencia is gone up to Seville we are expecting an order to come out, as we have demanded, to bring this business to the Intendencia here where there is every probability that things will be arranged shortly, and more to the interest and satisfaction of the concerned than the tribunal of Reprisalias and Audiencia had it in contemplation to do.

Mrs. Barron & her Daughter arrived here the 17 Curr. in the Malborough M. of W. after a passage somewhat tedious & boisterous. It was only yesterday that the death of her son James was communicated to her, which, as natural, has caused her great affliction and depressed her spirits most remarkably. However, as a pious, exemplary good Christian that she is, she supports the weight of this blow with resignation. The Almighty grant her strength to do so. She is mighty weak & dejected: I trust that the change of climate and her native air will make her acquire strength, and bring her to the enjoyment of her former state of health.

The packet being announced to sail this day, I shall conclude with a thousand kind compts. to your Mother & Frasquita, wherein I am joined by your Aunt Pepa, Nelly Kelly &c. and be assured that nobody is more attached to you than your ever affectionate cousin & sincere friend

Augn. Butler.

Transcription of 0770/1/2/23

Reverse: Sept. 7 1813
Michl. Theo: Langton Esq
No. 14 South Parade
Bath

My dear Michel

Cadiz 7 Sept^r. 1813

The packet being announced to sail this evening, I shall profit of these few moments to advise the receipt of your two esteemed favours of 4 & 12 Ult. nearly come to hand together. The inclosures they covered have been duly given course to, except that for the Baronesa Andilla who has, I understand, followed her Husband: I accordingly keep it by me until I know something more about her. We had the arrival here from Verac^z of the Havana, of the Sn Pedro de Alcantata & Diana frigate with about three millions in specie. The balance of your father's acct. in the hands of the late Miranda has not been remitde, because there were no funds. The only sum come on board said ships for account of the testamentaria is \$7412 in cash on acct. of the Libranza recovered from Dn. M^m Gon[...] Maldonado of Puebla; the residue, tho' uncashed, was partly in Puebla and partly in Mexico from whence it was expected in Verac^z [...]; it is therefore to be supposed that the Miño Man of War will be the bearer of said balance which may be from 8 to \$9000 – I enclose you copy of the letter I received from Dn. J. Mar.. Almance with the news of Miranda's death: I never cou'd have imagined that the situation of his house was in such a deplorable state: he certainly was not the fault of it, because his bad state of health obliged him to be absent from home, and during his absence I understand now that large negotiations were entered into, the winding up of which much time will now be required in consequence of the unsettled state of that part of the Spanish Dominions. However I hope that tho' with some delay the whole will be ultimately recovered, the more so as his widow having a large fortune, she will undoubtedly according to her promise allot a part of it to pay any demands against her Husband. I expect from one day to another to recover the said remittce. of \$7412, and hope no obstacle will come in the way to prevent it from the Judges: this is all I have time to mention to you at present upon this Business, and refer to the two inclosures from your sister Carmen who will give you an account of the situation &c. &c. I shall pay Desfontaines the small sum you wish to have delivered to him.

Mrs Monkton and her daughters are safe returned home from that quarter. A thousand kind Compts. to your Mother, to yourself, & to Fanny from your Aunt Pepa, Nelly Kelly. I heartily join with them, and remain ever your most affectionate Cousin and friend

A Butler