

Bath 24th March 1811

To Messrs. Ward & Thompson

Dear Sirs:

I have at last been favoured with your esteemed answer to my former letters of the 12 and 21 instant, on the subject of which I shall only observe: that to oblige you I have no objection to comply with your request of waiting for the arrival of the next packet before I dispose of any of our property in your hands. Not that I admit our unqualification to dispose of it, which I would certainly have done, authorised as I am by the Probate did I not consider it perfectly safe in your hands for altho' I allow with you that neither yourselves nor ourselves are the competent judges of all the legal bearings of this business still you will grant that those who are the qualified arbitrators I mean the Registers of Doctors Commons have already decided the point by granting us the probate in virtue of which we can demand all property and transact all business concerning this executorship; therefore no prejudice can actually arise from any discussion of the question as you seem to apprehend, because it stands duly declared and our right established by the proper court, indeed we have already acted upon it in a similar case and our other friends have readily settled with us without the least objection allowing us to retire several thousand pounds from their hands which I have already placed in the funds. However in compliment to your wish I shall accordingly wait before I proceed further till the arrival of our next Cadiz letters which cannot be a long delay and remain in the mean while and ever very sincerely your &c.

Bath 3 April 1811

To Mr Butler

My Dear Sir: We are in great anxiety for the arrival of the next mail as we expect to hear of the result of the second expedition against the beseiger of Cadiz which we were led to beleive by the last accounts was to follow immediately and I hope it will meet with all the success that should have followed the first indeed it is much to be lamented that the object intended should have miscarried so unaccountably when there was sufficient means to effect it and that so smart and glorious an engagement should have been fought without producing greater advantages. However it is a good omen for future success and I hope that you will soon be freed from such troublesome neighbours. You must have heard long before this of Massena's retreat breaking up his camp on the 5th of last Month we have still no further accounts from thence than of Lord Wellington's close pursuit having reached Thomar on the 9th March and some rumour that Massena had been foiled in his attempt to cross the Zezere with the loss of 700 prisoners. We may ground great hopes on such promising beginning of an active campaign. Whilst Bonaparte seems to be totaly engaged in the Celebration of his son's birth Bulletins sent to all the capitals of his allies carefully inform all his Vassal princes of every colick this little King of Rome experiences. It is to be hoped that this little viper will not long live to breath all the venom of his Father's character or else the World will be doomed to a destructive fate if the race of such a Tirant is to continue in hereditary succession.

I have to trouble you for an explanation of the number of Masses mentioned in the private note that my Poor Father delivered to you? as you state the amount of \$750 – for Masses in the first article of the Copy of that note that you sent me some time back in which to the sum of Masses and legacies there mentioned you added as a notice of what you had to disburse besides \$3600 – 3200 ff 15 Rvon. expressed in the Will. But I must observe to you that \$400 for 800 Masses are equally mentioned in the Will besides the \$3200 in other charities. So I want to know wether you included these \$400 in the \$750 before mentioned as a total of Masses or if the full \$750 for Masses where mentioned in the private note? because then the \$400 to for 800 Masses ought to have been said besides – or else only \$350 were specially mentioned in the note for Masses. I ask you this question because I wish to ascertain precisely the amount of the Note as that only ought to be deducted from the 30 [?] & others left to my Mother and the \$400 for the Masses mentioned in the Will as well as the other \$3200 for other charities are to be deducted from the Quinto, which sums I require to know for my government. I hope you will not delay remitting to Messrs. Sir John Lubbock & Co. the little produce of those effects of Carmen that you saved mentioning to him to place it to her credit in order that she may the sooner profit of the interest that he allows her.

I wish also to know how much per ct. duty and charges is actualy paid in Cadiz on the Dollars remitted from Vera Cruz; in order to be able to make out Maldonado's account as I ought to charge him for the same as he would have to pay if he remited the money he owes us strait to Cadiz. I remember that my Poor Father made out ounce his account with those charges that would be

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unavoidable to him if in order to pay us as he has always done, he registered his money in Vera Cruz for Cadiz. Altho I beleive in the last libranza that my Father drew upon Maldonado for \$21000, which he paid to Miranda there was no such charges made but merely a plain libranza for that sum. I would be obliged to you to tell me wether I ought to make now any such charges to Maldonada or not? I wish I could know the date in which Miranda received the above mentioned libranza in order to be able to make up Maldonado's account of interest since that time on the remainder of what he owes, and then I would draw upon Maldonada in favour of Miranda for the whole of the ballance of our account.

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A Monsieur Gabet

Bath le 5 Avril 1811

Mon cher Gabet

Je profite avec empressement de l'occasion que m'offre le départ d'un de mes amis pour vous donner de nos nouvelles car je juge que votre desir d'en recevoir par notre impatience d'en recevoir des votres dont nous sommes privés depuis celle du 23 Nov^{re}. Je vous ai écrit le 6 Octobre et le 21 et 28 Décembre dernier par differentes occasions et j'espere que ces lettres au moins vous seront parvenues. Dans celle du 21 Déc^{re} j'envoyais a Fany et a Carmen un extrait du testament don't je vous inclus un autre copie en cas que vous n'ay en point reçu la premiere. Vous devez sans doute croire ~~que toutes~~ qu'après huit mois d'écoulés tous les partages sont faits et nos affaires arrangées mais malheureusement c'est tout le contraire car elles n'ont jamais été plus dérangées et d'une maniere qu'il est bien difficile d'y remedier. Je vous ai bien annoncé dans mes dernieres lettres du moins a mes soeurs que certains tribunaux s'en étoient mêlées et que nous aurions tous de grands sacrifices a faire et cela a devenu bien pire depuis surtout pour ce qui regarde Fany et Carmen que je n'ai point voulu allarmer plutôt malgré ce que j'avais tout lieu de craindre jusqu'a cette affaire fut bien décidé; mais hélas ce n'est que trop inevitable et c'est avec bien du regret que je dois annoncer que malgré tout ce que j'ai pu faire pour m'y opposer les tribunaux là bas ont prononcés la confiscation de tout leur heritage don't il ne m'est pas possible de savoir encore si j'en pourrai sauver quelque chose. Je vous l'écrit séparément pour leur épargner le premier choc d'une si facheuse nouvelle don't vous ne leur direz que ce qui vous paraîtra convenable surtout a Carmen don't l'esprit a été si agité dernièrement que j'en craindrais les consequences, si l'on n'use le plus grand ménagement avec elle. Le sort de ~~la pauvre~~ ma chere Fany n'est plus moins a plaindre mais son grand courage lui donne plus de force pour supporter ces malheurs qui paraissent la poursuivre tout sa vie. L'une et l'autre m'interessent également car je les aiment toutes les deux aussi tendrement qu'elles le meritent. Mais pour vous expliquer tout ce qui c'est passé il faut vous dire que ~~malgré~~ quoique j'écrivis dès le premier moment a notre cousin que mon Pauvre Pere nomma lui même son executeur testamentaire à cause de notre absence qu'il realisa tout ce qu'il pourroit le plutôt possible et me le remit ici. Il ne lui fut pas possible de le faire ainsi ~~parce~~ aussitot parce qu'une partie du bien consistoit dans des crédits qui n'étaient pas encore payés et don't une maison qui appartient a Brun est hipothequée pour une somme considerable et puis il y a aussi des crédits en Amérique. Tout seroit arrangé avec le tems sans que la justice y eut intervenu si malheureusement ~~le voisinage du Mari de Carmen~~ n'eut reveillé l'attention un certain tribunal de Repesailles don't il n'y a point d'appel n'eut pris connoissance du testament sous le pretexte de l'absence de Fany et Carmen at a cause du séjour actuel de leurs maris ils ont déclarés la confiscation de toute leur part et ont commencés par saisir tout ce qu'ils ont pu. Non content de prendre ce qu'ils pouvoit leur revenir craignant que notre cousin parvint a soustraire une partie de leur héritage, il[s] lui enléverent par force les livres de comptes de mon pauvre Pere et déclarerent qu'ils se constituoiient eux mêmes exécuteurs testamentaires ey qu'ainsi ils prendroient connoissance de tout le bien en entier et fairoit eux mêmes le

partage nous donnant a nous les autres heritiers notre part, ce qu'ils n'ont point encore faits et si ce n'etoit que nous avions d'avance quelque argent ici nous serions reduits Maman ma Niece et moi ainsi que Kitty à la mendicité. Cependant comme ils n'ont point de pretexte pour confisquer notre part j'attends toujours avec impatience qu'ils nous avertissent de la distribution qu'ils ont fait pour savoir a quoi nous en tenir. J'ai bien pris mes mesures pour que ce qui est ici hors de leur porté ne passe point par leurs mains mais il faudra que je paye de cette argent les sommes que mon Pere avoit en dépôt appartenant a plusieurs individus si l'on ne les payent pas là bas. J'ai aussi écrit pour tacher de sauver ce que l'on nous doit en amérique mais je crains que le tribunal n'aye pris le devant en envoyant des ordres pour suspendre les payments qu'ils reclameront eux mêmes. Je crains bien que ce qu'ils ont déjà saisi ne couvre l'entier des deux heritages qu'ils veulent confisquer ce que je ne puis point savoir jusqu'a ce qu'ils m'informent eux mêmes des comptes parce que le Bilan des livres n'ayant point été conclu avant qu'ils s'en emparerent je ne puis point savoir au juste le total du Bien de mon Pere ni par consequent a combien monte la moitié des profits appartenants a Maman ni le tiers et le cinquieme du reste pour savoir ce qui nous revenoit a chacun selon les dispositions du testament. Je ne puis actuellement vous décrire toutes les demarches que j'ai faites pour tacher de sauver la part de mes soeurs en tachant d'interessier des personnes en pouvoir d'ici et de là bas enfin en réclamant leur droit personal et tout ce qu'il est possible de dire en leur faveur mais jusqu'a présent sans avoir aucun bon effet. Maman est témoin que je n'ai omis aucune démarche qui pouvoit offrir une probabilité de succès car mon attachement pour mes soeurs étoit bien suffisant sans la considération de leur triste situation et de leur plus triste avenir pour me faire remuer ciel et terre en leur faveur quand même je ne l'eusse point considéré comme un devoir sacré par la confiance qu'elles ont en moi et que j'espere toujours mériter par ma tendresse et mes efforts en tout tems pour contribuer a leur bonheur qui fait une partie essentielle du mien. Ce n'est pas a moi a vous dire combien cette affaire a pris sur ma santé et mon esprit car j'en envisage toutes les consequences qui me font seigner le coeur. Notre pauvre Maman n'en est pas moins affectée car vous savez combien son bon coeur souffre pour ses enfans. Je dois même vous observer que quand même j'aurois pu me transporter sur les lieux ce qui ne m'etoit point possible (sans abandonner entierement notre chere Maman ce que rien au monde ne pouroit justifier), même alors je n'aurois pas pû réussir mieux puisque le motif pour lequel l'on a oté l'administration a notre cousin étoit parceque l'on le croyait trop devoué aux interets de mes soeurs a plus forte raison m'auroit il exclu de toute intervenance. Il ne me reste donc que la triste consolation de n'avoir rien omis de ce qu'il m'étoit possible de faire en leur faveur mais ce n'est point cette reflexion qui adoucira l'amertume de mon chagrin quoiqu'elle prévient tout reproche de négligence que ne me seroit jamais pardonné a moi même et don't j'espere que vous ne me soupçonnerai point. Ce sont mes facheuses circonstances que la prudence humaine ne sauroit prévoir au plutot dont la combinaison des evenemens actuelles ne permettent point d'en éviter les malheureux effets et apres avoir faits toutes le démarches qui peuvent en adoucir la rigeur il faut résigner son sort dans les mains de la Divine Providence qui seul sait pourquoi elle permet toutes choses. Dans l'ignorance ou je suis encore du resultat du Bilan des

livres et des dernieres dispositions qu'ils feront là bas malgré que j'écrive tous les couriers pour tâcher d'eclaircir quelque chose il ne m'est pas possible de vous en dire davantage et je crains bien que je ne pourrai vous ecrire encore de long tems mais de toute maniere soyez assuré qu'autant qu'il dependra de moi je veillerai aux interets de mes deux soeurs avec le même zèle qu'au mien s'il est possible de leur sauver quelque petite partie qui est tres douteux dans l'etat actuel de nos affaires comme vous devez le concevoir d'après ce qui precede. La pauvre Kitty concervera j'espere sa part parce qu'elle ce trouve sur les lieux ce qui l'absout de tout autre responsabilité. Nous ne recevons que fort rarement de ces nouvelles. J'espere que vous ne négligerez aucune occasion de nous donner des vôtres et de celles de tous mes neveux et nièces que j'aime tendrement à cause de leur Mere même avant de les connoitre, ce don't je ne desespere point quelque jour comme je le souhaite bien sincérement. Combien de details a éclaircir et de circonstances a nous raconter si nous avons un jour le plaisir de nous revoir. En attendant et toujours croyez que vous me trouverez toujours disposé a vous prouver les sentimens d'un frere qui vous est devoué de tout son coeur.

Translation

Bath 5 April 1811

To Monsieur Gabet.

My dear Gabet: I am taking advantage, in haste, of the opportunity offered me by the departure of one of my friends, to give you our news, for I can imagine your desire to receive it by our impatience to hear some of yours, of which we have been deprived since that of the 23 November. I wrote to you on 6 October and 21 and 28 December last on different occasions and I hope that those letters at least will get through to you. In the one dated 21 December I sent to Fany and to Carmen an extract from the will, of which I enclose another copy for you in case you have not received the first. You must doubtless be thinking that after eight months having passed all the disbursements have been made and our affairs settled, but unhappily the opposite is true, for they have never been more unsettled, and in a manner which is very difficult to remedy. I did at least tell you in my last letters to my sisters that certain tribunals had become involved in it and that we will all have to make great sacrifices, and that has become much worse since then especially in regard to Fany and Carmen which I did not wish to alarm them with, although I had every reason for alarm, until this business was well settled, but alas it is only too inevitable, in spite of all I have been able to do to oppose it and it is with much regret that I must tell you that those tribunals down there have decreed the confiscation of all their inheritance, and I cannot yet know if I will be able to save anything from it. I am writing to you separately to spare them the first shock of such distressing news, of which you will tell them only what seems to you appropriate, especially to Carmen, whose mind has been so troubled lately that I should fear the consequences unless one uses the greatest discretion with her. The fate of my dear Fany is no less to be pitied, but her great courage gives her more strength to bear these misfortunes, which seem to follow her throughout life. Each of them

concerns me equally, for I love both of them as tenderly as they deserve. But in order to explain to you everything that is happening I must tell you that although I wrote immediately to our cousin that my poor father named him his testamentary executor by reason of our absence, that he should realise everything he could as soon as possible and remit it to me here, it was not possible for him to do it straight away because a part of the Estate consisted of credits which had not yet been paid, and for which a house which belongs to Brun is mortgaged for a considerable amount, and then there are also credits in America. Everything would have been settled in due course if Justice had not intervened so unfortunately and a certain tribunal of Represailles, from which there is no appeal, had not learned of the will. Under the pretext of the absence of Fany and Carmen, and because of the present residence of their husbands, they have declared the confiscation of all their share, and have begun by seizing all they could. Not content with taking what could revert to them, fearing that our cousin might succeed in withdrawing a share of their inheritance, they took from him by force my poor father's account books, and declared that they were appointing themselves testamentary executors, and that thus they would obtain information about the whole estate, and would themselves make the apportionment, giving our share to us, the other heirs, which they have not yet done, and if it were not that we had here some money in advance we should be reduced, Mama, my niece, and myself, as well as Kitty, to beggary. However as they have no excuse for confiscating our share, I am still waiting with impatience for them to notify us of the disbursement they have made, in order to know where we stand. I have indeed taken steps so that what is here, out of their reach, does not get into their hands, but I shall have to pay out of this money the sums which my Father had on deposit, belonging to several individuals, if they are not paid down there. I have also written to try to save what is owed to us in America, but I fear that the tribunal has overtaken us in sending orders to suspend payments which they will claim themselves. I really fear that what they have already seized covers the whole of both legacies which they want to confiscate, which I cannot know until they themselves inform me about the accounts. Because the balancing of the books had not been finished before they seized them, I cannot know the total amount of my Father's Estate, nor, consequently, how much half of the profits belonging to Mama, nor the third and the fifth of the remainder amount to, to know what was due to each according to the dispositions of the will.

I cannot just now describe to you all the steps I have taken in order to try to save my sisters' share by trying to interest people in authority both here and there, indeed claiming their personal right, and everything which it is possible to say in their favour, but so far without having produced any good result at all. Mama will bear witness that I have omitted no step which could have offered any probability of success, for my regard for my sisters was quite enough, without taking into account their unfortunate situation and their more unfortunate future, to make me move heaven and earth for their benefit, even if I had not considered it a sacred duty by reason of the confidence they have in me, and which I always hope to deserve by my affection and my efforts in every way to contribute to their happiness, which is an essential part of my own. It is not for me to tell you how much this business has affected my

health and my spirits, for I foresee all its consequences, which make my heart bleed. Our poor Mama is no less affected for you know how much her kind heart suffers for her children. But I should assure you that even if I had been able to travel to the places involved, which was not at all possible (without abandonning our dear Mama completely, which nothing in the world could justify), even then I should not have been able to do better, since the reason the administration has been taken away from our cousin was because they thought him too committed to my sisters' interests, and all the more would that have excluded me from any intervention.

Nothing then remains to me except the sad consolation of having omitted nothing which it was possible for me to do for their benefit, but this sterile consideration will do nothing to moderate the bitterness of my regret, though it forestalls every accusation of negligence, for which I could never forgive myself, and of which I hope you would never suspect me. These are among those distressing circumstances which human providence cannot foresee, or rather of which the present combination of circumstances does not allow one to avoid the unhappy consequences, and after having taken every possible measure which could moderate the distress, one must resign onself to one's fate in the hands of Divine Providence, which alone knows why it allows everything. In my present state of ignorance of the result of the Balancing of the books and the latest decisions they will take down there, even though I write by every courier to try to get some clarification, I cannot tell you any more about it, and I am afraid I still will not be able to write to you for a long time, but in any case, be assured that as far as it depends on me I shall watch over the interests of my two sisters with the same zeal as my own if it is possible to save some small part, which is very doubtful in the present state of our affairs as you can imagine after what has gone before.

Poor Kitty will keep her share I hope, since she is on the spot, which absolves her from every other responsibility. We only hear her news very rarely. I hope that you are not neglecting any opportunity of giving us yours, and those of all my nephews and nieces, whom I love tenderly for their Mother's sake even before I know them which I do not despair of doing some day, as I very sincerely wish. How many details to explain and circumstances to recount if we have one day the pleasure of meeting again. Meanwhile always believe that you will always find me ready to show you the sentiments of a brother devoted to you with all his heart.

London 30 April 1811

To Mr Butler

My Dr. Mr. B:

Since my last to you of the 3d instant I have been favoured with your much esteemed letter of the 30th March by which I am sorry to observe that you complain of some of my remarks thinking them both unjust and unfriendly, it greives me that you should deem them so, as I never ment to give you offence but could not refrain expressing my sentiments rather strongly on a subject so very material to me and to all my family especially when I observe that you have never condescended to do any thing whatever in this business in the way that I requested you which in several instances would have secured a a great part of our property that we are now much exposed to loose.

No doubt we view the case differently but you will allow that I might expect my opinions to be a little attended where I am so princpaly concerned, for example in the last instance of the money in England you warned me to secure it and to take advice how to effect it with safety which I did and found that the only way to put it out of all claim from the self named arbitrary executors was to establish my Mother's right as first executrice in preference by the Will which I proved in the court of Doctors comons obtaining a probate by which she is authorised to act as such and in virtue of it I thought safer to place part of that money in the funds where nobody could attain it untill the issue of our affairs should be decided. Now you have written to these gentlemen here that you approve of their delivering the money to us only in the event of reserving our garantee to cover you in case of any claim against you. Surely my good Sir you may be easy in your mind as to that extremity for you cannot suppose that either my mother or myself would allow you to be a personal sufferer for our sake but the only way to free yourself from that responsability that might induce the actual managers of the executorship there to lay a claim upon you is certainly by proving that this money has long been out of your reach by our intervention here and consequently they cannot make you responsible for money that you prove to be out of your power to draw back or dispose of, but as long as you appear to retain my guarantee they will also retain yours and the money would not be safe from them. This they can ascertain by your correspondence whereas if the same correspondence proves the contrary as it must in the case of Messrs. Lubbock & Baring they cannot impute to you what is not done by your directions: to settle finaly with Mr Ward I waited for your last letter and in consequence of it, he requires that you should raise that guarantee which I certainly give you as a matter of honour between you and us, but will refuse to state in any manner that may show to the usurper of the executorship as I said before, that you retain any comand of that money and consequently that they have only to apply to you for it in order to obtain it. I hope you will understand the meaning of my principle and accede[accede] to it as you are equally and better guarded in this way than in the other for you will have the assurance that our honour delicacy and personal regard for you will not allow you to be the ultimate sufferer, whereas did you claim it by law we have a

better wright to oppose it in the tribunals of this country in virtue of the probate we have obtained but it is my most earnest wish to avoid all serious misunderstanding between us being ever desirous to promote the harmony and friendship that have always existed between us and also to acknowledge my gratitude for the many unpleasant occurrences that have troubled you in the management of our affairs altho' attended with so little success but I never doubted of your good will towards us which we repay by our sincere regard and affection for you.

I am sorry that you did not present my last petition to Blake because it would have corroborated our plea with the influence of the recommendation. However I hope that the one that Brun & Desfontaines had presented before will prove effectual and that we may in some manner or other terminate this unfortunate business. I observe that you were much engaged with your own business and certainly I could not expect that you would neglect that to attend exclusively to ours but altho' you say that volumes would be required to answer at length my long epistles, a very few words would suffice to answer many of my questions without discussing all my observations on which I often extend having myself more time to spare. We have lately received a letter from poor Carmen but of such an old date as the 26 Decr. she was still with her sister Fanny and had no thoughts of moving soon having only heard once from her husband since she left us. Her spirits were very low and her health not much better but all her flock as also Fanny's were well. That my Mother is tolerably well &c. &c.

Bath 16th May 1811

To Mr Butler

That after writing my last of the 30th ulto. I was favoured with his of the 16th ditto, by which he clears all my doubts with regard to the deduction from the 30[.] bequeathed to my Mother that amount in all to 6000\$ as my poor Father expressed to him but he must observe that no mention is made of the legacy of the furniture in those articles so they should not be deducted from the above 30[.]

That I hope no evil consequence will result to himself or to Miranda from my orders to the last as they cannot make him responsible for obeying directions that he received previous to any advice from them, which I wonder they had not sent as also to the Merchants in this country. That proves their negligence of the business. That I thought it very important to secure that money before they disposed of it. That I presume the error he alludes to in Maldonada's account proceeds from my poor father not crediting the last for the draft of 25000\$ which he paid to Miranda because he did not know the date in which it was paid and so could not settle the interest account which he followed with him.

That I received a letter from Dn Andres Morales expressing his good will & friendship and that notwithstanding his oath not to interceed for friends or relations he could see justice enforced as he conceived to be the case with one of my sisters at least (which I suppose he means Fanny) that he had intended to call upon him to get better informed of the case, and I regret that he should not have gone to see him as I had begged of him.

That we have no late letter from Carmen altho we hear by the papers that her husband is gone to fetch her. That she is much to be pitied as her sentiments are so different from his. That he should direct to us 3 Henry str: as we are going to remove to a more desirable situation near the new catholic chapel & a walk called the south parade and not much dearer than our old lodgings that are situated in the lowest and worst part of the town for the sake of economy. Many affectionate compliments to all & c.

Bath 29 May 1811

To Mr Butler

That we have none of his since my last of the 16th instt. although the express packet has arrived and I inferr that nothing has been decided by government in our affairs or else he would have imparted it to us. I can only say that our patience is strongly exerted and almost exhausted by these repeated delays that seem to protract the termination of our affairs to an endless period.

That we are very uneasy at not hearing from Kitty whose last letter was of the 17th Novemr. and I beg he would forward the inclosed to her; that we have not heard from Carmen since Decr. last, but we have seen by the Papers that her husband is going towards us. My poor Mother is always fretting about her and all our misfortunes; she is apprehensive that she will not live to see our affairs settled, indeed unless they take another turn it is very doubtful wether any of us will see them terminated. I beg to remind him that he has never given me any information about my furniture for surely that should have nothing to do with the embargo as being my personal property; it does not concern the testamentaria in the least and yet he has never mentioned to me a word about it. I should be glad to know the amount of what the tribunal has already seized: and who recovers actualy the rent of Brun's house wether himself, them, or Brun himself: for my government. I shall include to him next post a Bill of Fanny's expences till the end of May which will amount a little high as we have thought it cheaper to buy at once a Pianoforte for her than paying 8 guineas a year for an hired one, as we have been doing till now. That Mrs Barron is gone to inhabit a house she has taken in the country 9 miles from London; that I have no late account from Edwd. Murphy. Compliments to all enquiring friends. Political news &c.

Bath 26th June 1811

To Mr Butler

That since writing my last to him on the 29th Ultmo we have been favoured with his esteemed letter of the 29th May by which I was sorry to observe that he suffered with a violent cold and cough of which I hope he has been since releaved. That I was happy to observe that our affairs had been transferred to the Audiencia of Seville as they could not be in worse hands than they were before; that I think his plea must now be to obtain the return of the papers and management of the Executorship to himself for if they are to manage it themselves I fear it will still be protracted besides if they are inclined to do justice they can certainly not deprive him of his just right of executor but at most require from him that the shares of my sisters should be reserved according to the sentence they may pass on their case, and here again they might be made sensible how much the case of my sister Fanny differs from that of Carmen from her husband's and her own total unconnection with affairs in Spain. That I am in high expectaions of the hopes of amendment he has conceived from this change of judges. That I have heard of Doctor Sir James Fellows arrival in England from which I conjecture the house had been freed from English lodgers or at least in the interval of his quitting and others coming I hope he had an opportunity of settling entirely with the administrator Dn Gazetano[?] Hue[?] . That I wish to know how that matter stood. That I send him an accounting of Fany's expences in the first six months of this year including the cost of a Piano, and beg him to recover it from Brun in the best manner possible aware as he must be that without teasing[?] him there is no obtaining any payment from him, it amounts altogether to £69:10:8, which at par of 90 Livr. for a Pound Sterling makes 6258 [?] that can perhaps can be stopt from the rent of the house calle del Veedor[?]

As I presume the liquidation of the books must have been terminated long ago the particiones cannot be long settling so as to let us know at least what may be our shares, for it is a most distressing situation after a year has elapsed since the misfortune of my Poor Fathers death without knowing even how we stand to regulate our expenses &c.

That I have received no answer as yet from Miranda altho' I wrote to him on the 5th of March by two different Vessels. If he should not answer me soon we must take some further steps such as writing to another person in Vera Cruz to ascertain the motive of his silence, for we should not loose sight of that money which I know is no inconsiderable sum; and it does not look well that he should not have wrote to either of us.

I am happy to find by the poscript of your last letter that you are satisfied with my word for all responsability as I should expect it in matters of this nature between you and I. But I must beg of you to state the same to our friends Messrs. Wards & Thompson for they will require a direct communication from you on that subject before they conceive themselves releived from your former notification and warranted in allowing me the free disposal of our money in their hands as it is but just that I should have this command. That I beg he would mention wether he recovered Brun's former accounts.

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That I heard lately from Mrs Barron by Eustace going through here to Ireland &c.

About Mr Stranges death &c.

That I have not heard from my sisters lately nor from Kitty for whom we are uneasy. Nor any letter from Edward Murphy whom I suppose in Dublin about business.

Kind expressions from my Mother Fanny and myself &c.

the 24th July 181 1

To Mr Butler

We have been favoured with your much esteemed of the 29th Ulto. and we are all happy to observe that you had got the better of your strong cold. I see nothing further had been advanced in our affairs which by Brun's letter of the same date, are it seems in the hands of the fisco previous to their passing to those of the Audiencia. All those transferrals must of course occasion delay but in order to hasten dispatch I have hinted to Brun that he should consult with you wether it would be proper to oint the wheels to prevent detention for you know that has always been the case. He mentions also that the laws that would guide the Audiencia were more in favour of my poor unhappy sisters. I hope you will not omit to represent every plea that can be urged in their favour, such as the remote time of Fanny's marriage and how unconnected her husband is with anything that concerns the affairs of Spain &c. and for Carmen that her son is in England by her own determination, that she would certainly be left to starve with her numerous family after her husband's death if made the innocent victim of his crimes.

We have lately received a letter from them both of the 27th March at which time they were still together lamenting their misfortunes and poor Carmen much distressed for money as she could not receive a penny from her husband who wrote he intended to go to see her; but that did not ease her mind as she dreaded he might require her to follow him and she was not enclined to return to her native country under the actual circumstances. Her health was not better than when she left us and then it was very poorly as everybody apprehended she was in a consumption. Poor creature God comfort her! I beg leave to remind you not to forget remitting to Lubbock what you saved for her that she may reap sooner the interest, and Maman desires me also to remind you not to neglect recovering from Brun the last account remited for as he recovers now as you state, the Rent of his house, he should pay at least his daughters expences, if he is accumulating the interest of his debt to the testamentaria which the rent of his house covered before and he pockets now. We should not allow him to deprive his daughter of her due to provide for his new family that dont concern us. We thank you for mentioning what you knew of poor Kitty altho' it is melancoly enough, indeed it is very unjust to deprive her of what she is entitled to as a Widowhood, but confiscations without enquiry seem to be the order of the day everywhere, indeed, she is much to be pitied as the interest of her share of inheritance will be but very trifling after deducting what her husband received at her marriage and which she ought to reclaim from his estates if they attend to any justice. I am sorry to see she has got also her lot of uneasiness, but I cannot account for her not writing to us in eight months, surely she should not think that we are indiferent to her existence

I was surprised to hear from Mrs Ward upon enquiry that in your letter of the 8 June posterior to yours to me of the 29th May you were totaly silent on the subject of my responsability which you expressed to me to be satisfied with my word, but should equally state the same to them to proceed with regularity. However as I have requested it of you in my last of the 26th Ulto. I presume

you have since done it. I hope your petition to obtain the restoration of the executorship will be attended with success in order that an equitable liquidation may be drawn to form the particiones, as everyone should have their share in the Good doubtfull and bad, of which I fear a great deal will turn out to be. Not to delay your proceedings in forwarding that business if it should fortunately be soon restored to you, I will mention to you now the various sums I have taken up for our several accounts since the beginning of the year altho' the first sums were formerly stated to you in my letter of the 23d. January.

For my Mothers account

£ 100:-:- the 7th January from Baring
 100;-:- the 19th February from Lubbock
 450:-:- the 29 April from Ward
100:-:- the 8 June from Ward
 £ 750: -:- of Maman
 168:14:6 of Mine
317: - :6 of Testa.
 £1235:15:- Total this year

For my Account

£ 50: -:- the 7 January of Baring
 19:16:- the 19 February of Lubbock
 48:18:6 the 29 April of Ward
50: -: - the 8 June of Ward
168:14:6

For the Testamentaria Acct.

£ 15:19:- the 19 February from Lubbock
 300: -:- the 6 March from Baring
 1: 1:6 the 29 April from Ward to obtain a probate in doctors' commons
 and pay the stamp duty on
 the same of my Father's will to screen the property
 from reclamation of the Spanish government
317: -:6

I have bought in the funds 5p.ct. Navy stock
 the 15th March 1811 investing the amount of £ 5144:14:2 at 97% procded.
 5297:-:-
 29th April.....of £86111:18:9 at 96%.....
.8947:9:2

13756:12:11
 14244:9:2
 to which adding the two Brockeridges 6:12:5
 11: 3:9 17:16: 2
13774: 9: 1

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£ 5151:6:7 balanced with Baring
8623:2:6 balanced with Lubbock
13774:9:1 equal to the sum invested

I must observe that the dividends paid in January & July for Six months each is at the rate of 4 ½ p.ct. for 12 months because the Bank deducts 10 p.ct. income tax previous to payment.

But not to intermix this transaction with the testamria., my Mother and myself have no objection to take this purchase in the funds in part of our share of ready money according to the cost of it which was £ 13774:9:41 altho' now it is not worth as much having fallen to the low price of 94 p.ct. so much under what they where bought, considering we should keep the interest due which nearly ballances the difference of price.

The king has had such strong paroxisms of his mental disorder that his life was much endangered his pulse having risen to 120 so I apprehend he will not live much longer. War is considered inevitable between this country and America. The desired rupture between France and Russia is still problematical. Parliament is to be prorogued this week. New Renforcements are constantly sent to Portugal. We are anxious to hear the result of Blake's expidition which if sucesfull will have long raised the seige of Cadiz. Report will have it that he has positively entered Seville, a few days will clear it all to us. Mrs Barron I believe continues to live in the country so Father Heagan told me who passed through this lately travelling through the country with Bustamente's son. Me Mothers health continues tolerable altho' her mind is much agitated at times. She desires her kindest remembrance to you as also Fanny who is always well and good. Please to give my kind compliments to my Aunt Pepa mentioning that I have no account from her son. To Nelly Kelly Desfontaines &c. and beleive me ever your affectionate and gratefull cousin.

P.S. You omitted answering me how much the represalias had seized? But I presume it is only the 96000 ryon. of the furniture as you never mentioned their having called to you for any part of your debt which is however reduced to half by the deduction of Larrazabal and Benitez's credits so I still have some hope of your saving the other half for us.

Bath 20 August 1811

A mi hermana Christina

Mi amada Christina: Por fin al cabo de ocho meses desde la anterior ha llegado una carta tuya del 1º junio por manos de Dn Agn Butler no te puedo ponderar la inquietud que nos causaba tu silencia nuestra pobre Maman no savía ya qué pensar, pues no logrando respuesta alguna a varias mías que veo no has recibido solicitamos de Dn Agustín procurase averiguar algo de la correspondencia porque no podía persuadirme que fuese tan poco segura desde Valencia a Cádiz. Pero sea lo que fuere por lo pasado espero que quando estés en Cádiz no descuidarás de escribirnos por todos los paquetes que salen de 15 en 15 días y te prometo igual regularidad. Mucho nos ha affligido lo que nos dices de tu situación que no podíamos figurarnos fuese tan verdaderamente lastimosa pues aunque compadecíamos tu soledad y nos hacíamos cargo que no cobrarías tus rentas mui exactamente en las circunstancias actuales sin embargo jamás podíamos adivinar que *huvieses* llegado a tal estado de desamparo qual nos pintas cuya triste relación nos ha conmovido el alma.

Mui severa ha sido la visitación de Dios sobre toda nuestra familia y en la distribución de penas y aflicciones que nos ha tocado a cada uno siento observar que tu parte no ha sido la menor. Pero nunca devemos desmayar y antes bien mientras más apurados mayores deven ser nuestros esfuerzos para sacar fuerzas de flaqueza y poniendo nuestra confianza en Dios devemos hacer quanto está de nuestra parte para remerdiarnos a fin de no tener que reprocharnos haver contribuido a nuestra desgracia por nuestro descuido e indolencia y luego hágase la voluntad de Dios que todo lo permite por sus altos juicios.

En la crítica coyuntura te daré francamente mi parecer como hermano que te ama de corazón y desea tu mayor acierto. Mientras consideraba que por permanecer en Valencia lograbas conservar el cobro de algunas rentas me parecía que hacías bien de no abandonar aquello poco que yo miraba como lo más cierto que tenías sobre que depender pero haviéndote despojado injustamente aun de los alimentos que te corresponden y siendo por otro lado tan triste tu existencias allí según la pintas no veo nada que pueda inducirte en quedar allí. Y aunque deba serte sensible el ir a Cádiz sin hallar alguno de nosotros y verte extraña en el pueblo de tu nacimiento sin embargo me parece mui acertada tu determinación por muchos motivos que deven hacerte superar tan penibles recuerdos. Primero es el sólo medio de lograr te hagan justicia reclamando los alimentos que te son devidos por las leyes del Reino y además la indemnización de tu dote de 180000 pesos sencillos que te deven reembolzar sobre las haciendas de tu marido que lo recibió pues no hay razón para que los devas perder.

También tu presencia puede ser útil en activar la terminación de los asuntos de la testamentaría de nuestro amado Padre que tan desgraciadamente se han enredado y a pesar de los buenos deseos de nuestro primo tan poco se adelantan por lo que informes de los que están más en el caso de dirigirte y para eso nadie mejor que Clonard si está allí quáles pasos convendría que dieses para acelerar su decisión a fin de que puedas lograr percibir tu parte la que recelo no sea mui considerable después de la deducción de tu dote y por causa de que gran parte del caudal aparente de pobre Papá no está

realizado. Pero cualesquiera poco es mucho para quien no tiene otra cosas y te aseguro que lo que uno no activa por sí mismo mui aspacio anda además hay otra consideración essential que parece exigir tu presencia allí hasta la conclusión de estos asuntos y es que podían sospechar por tu ausencia que havías ido como Carmen a reunirte a tu marido y atraerte las mismas fatales consecuencias pero quando se terminen tus asuntos sea en bien o en mal y estés libre de elijir tu residencia no debes dudar de quanto Maman y yo nos alegraríamos de verte aquí y si no te hemos hecho instancias de venir antes era en parte porque creíamos que tus intereses exijían tu presencia en Valencia y aún más porque no creíamos que este pays te gustaría viviendo en el retiro y con la extrema economía que nuestra situación exige. Pero si lo pierdes todo por hallá siempre estarás bienvenida a disfrutar con nosotros el bocado que nos quede Maman me encarga te lo diga de su parte asegurándote de su cariño que siempre es el mismo pues ama igualmente a todos sus hijos y sólo siente que su reducida situación no le permita ser más liberal con ellos como su buen corazón quisiera pero apenas tendrá para costear lo más indispensable en una casita de dos cuartos en cada piso, comiendo un sólo plato de carne al medio día y con sólo dos criadas por toda la servidumbre de cosina etc pues la excesiva carestía de este pays hace que aún esto cuesta más que el doble costaría en España y el dinero en los fondos públicos sólo rinde 4 y medio por ciento de interés cuyo corto producto es también poco más de la mitad de lo que en otro tiempo se lograba en España, puesto en manos seguras, lo que en el día no creo se deba considerar a nadie seguro. Te hago esta ingenua exposición no porque quiera disuadirte de venir a reunirte con nosotros se te conviene y lo deseas pues nos agravarías mui injustamente si dudavas un momento de la satisfacción que tendríamos en verte. Pero sólo porque deseamos que te halles feliz y sentiríamos que te arrepentieses de haver venido si te figurases esto mejor de lo que es, y para evitar que te llevases chasco si ignorabas la vida tan retirada y sumamente económica que llevamos por no poder costear otra cosa. Si tal cual es te conviene serás siempre mui bienvenida entre nosotros pues te aseguro mui de veras ocupas siempre el mismo lugar en nuestro cariño y no te podríamos ver destituida de todo recurso sin ofrecerte gustoso departir nuestra triste suerte. Saviendo esto y nuestra buena voluntad verás según se decidan tus asuntos qual partido parecerá más agradable tomar para pasarlo menos mal que es quanto podemos esperar después de todo lo acaecido. Noticias de Carmen Fanny Maman etc.

Bath 21 August 1811

To Mr. Butler

We are in hourly expectation of the arrival of the Lord Hobart Packet by which I expect to hear from you as your last esteemed favour received is of the 29th June already answered by mine of the 24 July. But I wish not to delay answering my sister Kitty's letter of the 1st June, which we have since received through your kindness in forwarding it to us, the same favour I beg for the inclosed to her should she not be already arrived in Cadiz. If she has apprized you of her situation as I presume she has, you must surely have felt for her distress, which has quite shocked us for we could never imagine that she was so totally destitute of all resource by the most unjust arbitrary proceedings such as those we are all suffering from, indeed she has been very hardly dealt with by depriving her even of her alimentos. She apprizes us of her intention to go shortly to Cadiz to solicit redress from the Cortes which is the only resource left to her. I tell her to reclaim also the reimbursement from her husband's estate of the 1800 current Dollars which he received as her Dote and of which she should not be deprived of. She may equally make some applications to that purpose and after these arrangements will be settled I tell her that she will be very well come to share with us here what little we shall have left if she is willing to content herself with a dull existence, for should she come before our affairs are decided they might fancy that she was going to meet her husband altho' she never thought of it and treat her as her sisters.

We have lately received some detailed accounts from them by a Comercial gentleman that saw them in the beginning of June. Poor Carmen had then been a Month away from her sister Fanny at the request of her husband to go and meet him at that capital here he had arrived and from thence they were just going to set off on the 9th June with a great many other people for a long journey back much against poor Carmen's inclination but her husband insisted upon it notwithstanding her remonstrations. It seems he has bought a small house in which they were to reside in the town where poor Pepa died without going elsewhere, as his late comision was finished. Her little girl had just had the meazles and the other four were all well. She found her husband thin and dull and he returned her the same compliment, tho' her health was somewhat better excepting her sleep that she could not recover in the agitated state of her mind, indeed she has but gloomy prospects to look to and wants no small degree of fortitude to bear her present situation but her exemplary virtue gives her courage to support it all.

Fany regreted much the departure of her sister. Her health and that of her husband and children was good, her eldest son only was very delicate of the chest; it seems her husband was very busy in an occupation that gave him scarce any profit from the advances in the price of materials and the late regulations that had been made. I fear we shall be long before we hear from them again; God help them all! I can give you no late account from our friend Mrs Barron as I have heard nothing of her since my last, but I suppose her still in the country in the Neighbourhood of London. I am sorry I can give my Aunt Pepa no further account from my cousins but Edward has not wrote to me for

several months back. However I am pretty certain there is no novelty among them, as I lately received a letter from Tom Murphy that was then at Waterford and he would certainly have mentioned them if any thing remarkable had occurred.

Tom Murphy acquaints me of further comissions to the amount of £23 in late Mr St Legers account not charged in the account I sent you but you need not mind it as I can repay it from the money to the credit of the Abrapia[?] when I shall receive it at the settling of accounts for as I formerly told to you, my wright to be the holder of all sums entrusted to my Father's care and that cannot be paid of immediately is certainly undeniable as being the only natural succesor to all his trusts, as he frequently mentioned it to me, in his life time.

If our affairs are not shortly disengaged from the Tribunals so as to enable us to proceed to a final conclusion; I think we should adopt the following plan which I have been preparing according to all the notes and informations of the various accounts that I have been able to collect and that is to sum up a total of what was effectually realized at my Poor father's demise including of course my sisters Dotes as payments in good credit to them, and then deducting first the amount of all debts which I shall take charge of as I must be answerable for them, there will remain a capital realized from which deducting my Father's former Capital when he married a second time and his inheritances since all which I know there will appear a sum of Gananciales realizados of which the half of course would be paid to my mother and with the other half together with my father's own capital we might proceed to accomplish the Will in all its dispositions of the 5^o 3^o y remanente in the proportions of that capital realizado; and whatever should be realized hereafter would be distributed in a second repartimiento considering it of course as further gananciales [profits] of which the half would belong to my Mother and we would follow with the other half the distribution of the Will in a new repartimiento of 5o. 3o. &c. as before. Then from whatever would correspond to my sisters Carmen and Fanny must be deducted the amount of what has been already seized by government and proceed to the payment of the rest instead of leaving it all for ever interminated. The interest produced by the money in England during the last year would be added to the payment of those sums in an equal proportion to all and deducting from my Mother's and my shares what we have taken for our account since the 16 July 1810.

This is in my opinion the most conscienable way of proceeding instead of keeping everything in suspense. I must observe to you, that I have the Powers of all the heirs I may say except my sister Kitty, for Fanny and Carmen as well as their husbands have authorised me to act with their property as with my own. I am also entrusted with my Mothers and Brun has wrote to me that he entrusted me with his daughters wrights so that with Kitty's approbation I may safely follow the course that my conscience will dictate to me to be most just for every one of us concerned. I shall wait a little longer to see if anything is likely to be decided soon and if not I shall proceed in my work, sending you a copy of it as I would be happy to meet also with your concurrence.

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I would be glad to know if Garcia Pinto is still living and if he has ever paid a pagaree of 600\$ to his order, discounted by my father with a man from Bornos and was due the 31 Augt 1808 but my Father did not press him to pay it at the time as he said he remained answerable for it and it was still due at my father's death but as I think Dn Diego is an honest man and able to pay it, you should require it of him if he has not done it since my father's death. I should be glad to know also if poor Dn Carlos Jenet, Dn. Juan Vandervennet and Dn Jose Bustamante Davila, my poor fathers cronys are still living. Maman and Fanny are both well and join in their kind remembrance to you and all friends and I remain &c.

Some political news follows.

Bath August 28th 1811

To Thomas Barnabe Murphy

My Dear Murphy:

I may say the reception of your much esteemed letter of the 13th inst. surprised me agreeably altho' I have been so long expecting to hear from you indeed I am happy to find that your long silence did not proceed from a fixed resolution not to correspond with me as I thought you gave me reason to apprehend and leaving your punishment to your remorse. I rely on the sincerity of your repentance for an amendment and will rest satisfied with your apology in hopes of encouraging your good dispositions of atonement for the future.

But laying all jokes aside I am very sorry to hear that you have reason to be so uneasy for the preservation of one of your little darlings. However there is such resources in the children's constitutions which will bear much more than we are aware off that I still flatter myself that your gloomy apprehensions will not be realised. I rejoice that the other three are all well with their interesting Mother, to whom I beg to be affectionately mentioned as also to her sister Miss Shea.

In answer to your observations about my directions on the subject of the running gales I wish you to understand that I would be very sorry at any time to press any point that would be hurtfull to your feelings or to those of our much valued friend and my relation Mr. N.L. with respect to whom I must beg leave to make you remark by refering again to my former letter where in I distinctly stated that altho' I did not approve of that custom in general as it tended to keep all accounts back and so did not wish to grant it to the tenants at Clonmel nor to father Hearn, But only to Mr Langton. in consideration of the particular regard I had for him. It is very true that to expedite settling finally what referred to my Poor Father's account I had expressed a wish in my letter to himself that he should pay off what was due under that date if it was not particularly inconvenient to him but adding at the same time that I was very willing to grant him from the next payment forward the customary running gale he had enjoyed. I was however very sorry to observe by his answer that he had not understood my meaning which could never be to request any thing that would be unpleasant to him as I beg you to explain to him whenever you see him again. Not that I wish to discuss the point any further for a year having elapsed since I can now make every arrangement in those accounts without altering his actual mode of payment. With regard to the other two tenants I also decline requesting this reform because in consideration of yourself not wishing to attract any remarks on any of your proceedings. Indeed what they pay is but trifling and I find from Mr St. Leger's former accounts that they have always paid the whole year due on the 29th Septr. in the Course of Novr. or Decr. following so I presume they can have no objection to continue paying in the same manner. I must observe to you that they are now owing two years as no application was made to them last year on acct. of Mr. St. Leger's decease. Doctor Ronayne paid last on the 17th Novr. 1809, one year due the preceding 29th Septr. and ONeils heirs on the

6th Decr. 1809, one due the same 29 Sepr. Consequently I think you had better differ calling to them untill the usual time of Novr. next for both years.

I am conscious the power of attorney that I sent you required a stamp to be valid; but I was informed that you could get the Irish stamp fixed on it there by paying the usual cost, for English stamps are not valid in Ireland, and should they not be able to do it in Waterford you could send it to Dublin desiring any acquaintance of yours there to apply to the stamp office to have the seal duly fixed which I believe they will not object doing upon paying the regular duty and you may charge all costs to my next account. I have hinted to you in one of my former letters the expediency of raising Doctor Ronayne's house rent as £8 a year is certainly very trifling, the more so as any advance would encrease the very limited resources of the poor house for I have no self interest in this advance as that house is not my personal property. I wish you could cox him by friendly observations into it.

I beg you to have the goodness of paying to Mrs St. Leger the small ballance in her favour of £1:9:8 ½ due as per acct. copied to me and charging the same to me. I shall subjoin a statement of your acct. with me continued till the 31 Decr. next to enable you better to know what sums you have still to receive and to pay till that date. I have omitted Postages and other extras not knowing their amount but you may charge them in capite of next acct. I also send you pro forma a copy of the two figurative accts. I have drawn under separate denominations carried till the 31 Decr. next in order to shew you their nature as I wish you to follow the same continuing them in the same order from the beginning of next year instead of keeping one acct. only between you and me as the first here copied in order to make the others inteligible to you but which we need not follow further by adopting the plan of the two separate ones.

I must indeed apologize for giving you so much trouble but without it there is no keeping up a clear regularity which I am sure you are equally desirous as myself to promote in all money concerns however trifling they may be.

My Mother desires me to express her affectionate regard for you and all yours she continues tolerable in health and better pleased with her actual habitation having removed from our dull lodgings in Westgate str. to a very gay tho' small house 3 in Henry street of which we have taken a short lease and furnished it, in an economical manner best suited to our present circumstances. We find it a pleasant residenace being open to the country of which we have a delightfull view from our Windows and quite close to the new Catholic Church. The last accounts I have from your aunt Mrs Barron were by Eustace whom I suppose you have seen since in Waterford.

I conjecture from your silence about Edward Murphy and his sister that there is [no] novelty with them; if you see him tell him my last accts. from Cadiz are of the 23d July when my Aunt was well and all quiet there as much as could be expected in the vicinity of a beseiging army. Nothing interesting is expected shortly from Portugal as the armies are gone into cantonments during the warm season which has greatly augmented the number of the sick, both among the French and British.

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I hope you will not let another ten months elapse before you let me hear from you again for be asured that independent of what relates to my little concern I shall always be extreemly happy to know you you do and all yours from the sincere and afectionate esteem I feel. Ever remaining gratefully and very truly yours

M.T.L.

P.S. You will please to take a receipt from Mrs St. Leger mentioning for clearance of all accounts with M.L.

Bath 30th August 1811

To Mr. Ward

Dear Sir:

I return you thanks for your immediate communication of the contents of our mutual friend Mr. Augn. Butler's letter to you of the 5th instt. by which I observe he removes his former request of requiring a guarantee and consequently leaves the amount of the balance of my account in your hands at my free disposal. Indeed I thought he would not refuse me that uncontrolled disposition after representing to him that I hold the powers of almost all the heirs who had a claim to my late Father's property and consequently was best entitled to hold it for them.

I now acquaint you with my intention to purchase for about ten thousand pounds more in the stocks but not wishing to retire that sum from your hands without giving you some previous notice as it might perhaps inconvenience you to pay it immediately, and as I certainly wish to act courteously with you[#] I shall accordingly wait for your answer as to the time that may be agreeable to you and defer the transaction till my next call to town. Resting on the assurance however that should you be called upon in the interim for any part of that money either by Mr Butler compelled to it without my consent or any other asumed power, that it should be understood and you would declare that you had already made the paymen of the whole to me, as it does effectually appear by that account being actualy carried in my name on your books. A caution that I think proper not to omit.

My letters from Cadiz are not quite of such a late date as yours nor do they mention anything worth noticing.

I remain with true regard and esteem, dr Sir; y.h.s.

[#]for besides the friendly part you have taken in our affairs which deserves and commands my gratefull regard I feel so confident in your solidity that I have no anxiety to retire any part of my concern from your hands.

Bath 5 Septre. 1811

A Dn Gaspar Franchi de Teneriffe

Mui Sor mío: Las relaciones de amistad que han existido por más de 50 años entre Dn Nicolás María Marchetti y la casa de mi difunto Padre en Cádiz, le han inducido a valerse de mí para el cobro de ciertas sumas que en varias épocas le ha adelantado a V, según expressa, durante su morada en Francia donde aún permanece dho Señor, quien sabiendo mi actual estada en Inglaterra y mi amistad con Dn Juan Cologan, por medio de quien podían yo hacer una applicación directa a V que copio a continuación para su más entera satisfacción y habiéndome dado igualmente instrucciones mui positivas para la inmediata applicación de este dinero, espero que V tendrá la bondad de verificar el pago de su importe con la posible brevedad en manos de Dn Bernardo Cologan de Tenerife para que con su aviso me lo entregue su hermano aquí y pueda yo cumplir las urgentes disposiciones del amigo Marchetti.

Le juzgo a V demasiado penetrado de quanto empeñan al honor las obligaciones de gratitud contrahidas por amistad para estimularle a su descargo con reflexión alguna más que la de recordarle el origen y naturaleza de esta deuda que según consta fue sólo para hacerle un importante servicio en obsequio de su íntimo conocimiento y que haciéndose V cargo del quebranto que le ha resultado a Marchetti por la pérdida de los intereses sobre este principal en tantos años se empeñará V en acreditar su puntualidad de la que no dudo un momento.

Devo observarle a V que el cambio de Londres sobre París está ahora a 18 # fornesas por livra Esterlina y aún más *baxo* de modo que el costo de las 19060 # es de 1.058 livras Esterlinas 17s:9d.

Celebrando esta ocasión de presentarme a la obediencia de V quedo con devida estimación su más atento servidor QSMB

P.D. Quando reciba el aviso del pago de su importe le entregaré a Dn Juan Cologan los rezivos originales de V que le tengo enseñados para que se los debuelva y le estimaré se sirva dirixirme su contestación por manos del mismo amigo.

Bath 4 Septre. 1811

To Mr. Butler

My dear Mr. B:

A few days after writing to you my last of the 21 ulto. I was favoured with your always much esteemed favour of the 23 July by the Comus Man of War, by which I was happy to observe that you did not complain of your health, but that nothing had been decided as yet with regard to our affairs the cognizance whereof seemed to be in litigation between two different tribunals. I hope they will not lay them aside again especialy when we can flatter ourselves of saving my unhappy sisters' property according to the new regulations of which you give us the cheering information. Your doubt seemed now to exist singly for poor Fany's share; altho' her case is certainly the most innocent if inquired into by any court of equity, for surely having inhabited the same town with her husband cannot deprive her of her native rights on the very same principle that absolves the wives of disloyal Spaniards to share the guilt and penalty of their husbands. I trust you will make every representation in her favour as her distress and virtues recommend her particularly to your friendly exertions. Should her case be also decided favourably, there would then remain no further pretence for the interference of any tribunal in our affairs as it would then become a regular succession in which they would have no wright to meddle into, but should only be managed by the lawfull executors, and I am glad to see that you do not neglect to assert your right as such.

It is indeed a very serious and delicate business in which they have acted all along with so much injustice that however grounded our claims are yet we cannot but apprehend their not being duly attended to. In the mean while let us endeavour to secure all we can; with that view I was just going to draw directly upon Miranda for nearly the amount of our property in his hands, and only waited the receipt of your last letter to know wether he had wrote or remitted anything to you by the Niño which I am sorry to see he has not and cannot but find it very strange and suspicious that he should never have accounted either with you or me for that money, not even writing a line. However as I observe you intended taking efficacious measures about it, which I hope you have done without delay, I have suspended doing anything here not to counteract your steps, but I must request very strongly of you to direct that money to be sent to England as soon as it can be got out of the hands of Miranda; for two urgent reasons: the first to secure it against any reclamation or interference of that government to which it may be exposed whilst it exists in its dominions either American or European, and the second because the loss of interest upon such a capital as 40 thousand dollars during all this time is a material loss. Should you apprehend to compromise yourself by giving any dispositions about it you might get it done through solid person even paying comission and laying the responsibility on me as a transaction of mine as much as you chuse, for what is most essential is to save and secure it the soonest possible. We should profit of the time they are discussing our affairs to put it out of their power to injure us much afterwards should they retain the management of them. I beg and entreat you to take this reflexion into serious consideration for all our sakes.

I observe you would apply to Brun for the last account of Fanny' expences I sent you, having the deducted the one before of R 1965 from the former rent of his house and the first I sent you on the 1st August 1810 which he has lost was of £24:17:8 on the 26 Sept. which should there be sufficient money of his in your hands to cover both you will please to credit my Mother's account with you for the same and mention it in your next that I may barr the charge to him. He has wrote to his daughter by the Duchess of Infantado under date of the 29th Ult. giving great hopes that our affairs will soon be transferred into hands of friends of his who will make up every possible compensation for the losses we have suffered, but I know he is too sanguine to credit all he says. He was in hopes that Cardinal Bourbon would take his house that the Duke left as he would be good pay.[#] Then he tells his daughter to pray for the success of some plan of his that would enable him to come and pay us a visit here. I cannot guess what he means for distressed as he is for money he cannot think of undertaking such a costly voyage or a short time as a party of pleasure and otherwise, and I dont suppose he would presume to bring all his new family to us for we have neither the will nor the means either of supporting them here. But he has always been extravagant in all his ideas, so I should strange nothing. Mrs. Costello has just come to Bath with her two youngest daughters accompanied by Cologan with an intention to take a house for a year which has made us very happy to have her company. She told us that Mrs. Barron is actualy at Brighton for the benefit of the sea baths for Miss Kitty. It seems she has lately been rather unwell herself. I do not wonder at it as she has lately undergone so much affliction.

The Duke and Duchess of Infantado have been received here with great marks of distinction and I beleive he has lost no time in acting in his capacity of Ambassador. Apodaca I beleive is rather undecided when he will return.

We have no late account from my sisters nor from Edward Murphy which I beg you to mention to my aunt with our kind remembrances to all enquiring friends.

We are very anxious to hear again from Kitty, to know more about her plans. Maman is very grateful for your kind expressions on her entering her new house and desires me to mention that her affectionate regard for you is not diminished by our separation and we wish you would retire to enjoy some peace in this country. Beleive me ever gratefully your cousin.

[#]it is very well that he should enjoy that rent in preference to the government but if our affairs are released, that rent should rightly go to pay the interest of his debt to the testamentaria for such was his agreement with my poor Father.

Bath the 2 Octobr. 1811

To Mr Butler

Since writing my last to you on the 4 Sepr. I have been favoured with your much esteemed lines of the 17 Augst. by the Francis Freeling in which packet came over Michl. Costello of whose departure I regret that you were not informed in time to avail of such good opportunity to send us all the family papers & Pictures Etc. that I have so often solicited you to forward to us by some safe conveyance, as I am very anxious to receive them from being so important to me.

I observe our affairs were still in statu quo notwithstanding your kind exertions to forward them. Brun in a letter to his daughter of the same date gives very flattering hopes of their speedy conclusion but I cannot place much reliance upon his expectations which are always very sanguine altho' from very trifling grounds, taking every word he hears for granted truth.

I have availed myself of the return of Apodaca who sails this week in a British frigate of War with all his family from Portsmouth for Cadiz to entreat him to speak in our favour having always considered the treatment we have met with as a great injustice and I have always kept upon the best terms with him in the transactions of my military comission; he had some notion of leaving his wife and children in this country and to settle them in Bath for which he came down here alone about a fortnight ago to look out for a house. I assisted him as much as I could in procuring every information but we could find nothing on terms sufficiently moderate to suit him. However he wrote to me on his return to London about the same subject again and I endeavoured to favour his views as much as I could but upon his eldest son growing worse I understand he resolved to carry all his family back with him. As I dont know correctly in what tribunal our affairs actualy stand I could not tell him precisely to whom he should speak to recomend them, and value my merits in the performance of my comision. So it would be proper that either yourself or Brun should take the trouble of calling upon him on his arrival to mention to him the person to whom it would be most efficacious that he should speak to and also to remind him of it. As for Apodaca himself he is the mildest and most polite man that can be extreemly affable to everybody and altho' I cannot judge in what degree of favour he is held there, yet I think that a word said a propos from him might be very serviceable to our affairs.

I thank you for your explicit communication to Mr Ward on the subject of the responsibility. He wrote to me in consequence that he now held those sums at my uncontrolled disposition, upon which altho' I have not the least motive to doubt of his perfect solidity as a merchant yet as our affairs are so protracted and in the precarious state of credit at present I do not deem it prudent to leave such a considerable sum as £14,000 so long in the hands of any single house exposed to the adventure of the times. I wrote to him that at his convenience I intended to invest £10,000 of that money in the publick funds. Besides I consider that the amount of the standing debits of my poor father with what may be saved of the shares of my sisters Fanny & Carmen besides Fany Brun's share which her father desired me to place in this country and my

said sisters with their husbands desired me to do the same with their concern; I conjecture that together those shares will certainly amount to that sum which I think I should secure as much as possible from all commercial risk., which determination I hope will also meet your approbation upon the above considerations as a measure of prudence that does not obstruct in the least the conclusion of the particiones, about which desired subject I am anxious to receive some pleasing information from you.

I have not seen the Duke del Infantado as yet not having gone to London since his arrival but I wrote to him on the occasion to place myself at his orders on account of my comission and received a polite answer from him.

We have the satisfaction of possessing Mrs Costello Company here still in addition of Mrs Neilson[?] who is come on a visit to her mother with her brother Michael. We lately have the pleasure of seeing Eustaquio Barron on his way to London from Ireland having heard that his mother was very poorly which his unfortunately the case it seems. Her late indisposition was an irritation in the Bowels of which she is partly recovered but is greatly reduced in strength and spirits as her late misfortunes and uneasiness have greatly contributed to depress her spirits. Eustaquio has lately passed this way on his return from Ireland to London. He told me he had left Edward Murphy very well and intending to come to England in the winter. His sister was at some bathing place with her husband. We have also lately had a letter from Fanny as fresh as the 21 August in which she informs us of the safe arrival of poor Carmen at the end of her painful journey with all her flock. They were all well. Affectionate expressions from my Mother & Fanny and some political news.

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Msrs. Ward

Bath 3 October 1811

Dear Sirs

I adressed you a few lines on the 30th of August to give you an early information of my intention to dispose of ten thousand pounds of my credit in your hands, and tho' my letter was wrote in terms that did not require an imediate answer yet I expected that at your leisure you would have apprized me of the time it might suite you best to part with that sum as my wish was to make this transaction as little inconvenient to you as I could. But more than a month having elapsed since without hearing from you and the present depression of the funds making me anxious to avail myself of the opportunity to purchase before they rise again I beg you will acquaint me wether I can dispose of that sum actualy, that I may write to my brockers giving them the proper directions and an order upon you for that amount. My last accounts from our friend Mr Butler are of the 17th August by which he apprizes me of his communication to you about the removal of the responsability and he adds there will now be no objection on the side of Messrs. Ward on that subject.

I have the honour to be very sincerely

Dear Sirs with true regard and esteem Yours

Bath 11th October 1811

To Messrs. Wards & Thompson

Dear Sirs:

Agreable to your esteemed lines of the 4th instant I have deferred giving any directions about the £10000, which I wish to purchase in the 5 p.ct Navy stock untill the 15th inst. on which day you mention it will be perfectly sutable to you to make the payment of that sum. So complying with your expressed desire I give you the previous information that I propose writing to my Brockers Messrs: Roberts & Sutton directing them to effect that transaction on the said 15th inclosing a note of order upon you for that sum of ten thousand pounds wish you will please to honour on verifying that they have actualy made the purchase in my name of that amount with the only deduction of 1/8 p.ct. for their brokerage as I conceive this transaction not to be attended with any other cost.

When I wrote to you on the 29 Augt. I expected some other business would have called me up to town but my presence having being dispensed with I have judged that this operation could be equally managed by writing as if I went for the purpose. Should you have any observation to make what I have not foreseen I beg you would have the goodness to state it to me by return of post.

I remain ever very sincerely

Bath 14th Octbr 1811

Messrs. Sir John Lubbock & Co.

Dear Sirs:

I inclose you a small bill of exchange of £65:- drawn in Cadiz on the 20 Sepr. by Messrs. Vienne & Larue to the order of Mr. Augn. Butler who has remitted it to me by the last Mail endorsed in my favour and which I have endorsed to your order beging you would do the needfull for its recovery and credit for the amount when received my sisters account Mrs. Aranza being the produce of some effects she had left at Cadiz and our friend Mr. Butler disposed of according to her directions.

I also trouble you with an inclosed for Messrs: Roberts and Sutton the stock brockers which I beg you would send to them immediately as I give them directions for the purchase of £10,000 pounds in the Navy 5 p.ct. stocks on the day of tomorrow 15 instt. inclosing an order of credit for that sum on Messrs. Ward & Thompson. I should feel much obliged to you to inquire and verify at the bank after tomorrow wether a transfer to what amount their brockage only of £8[?] deducted has effectively been made to my credit for my greater satisfaction, and you will please to take note of this addition to my property in the funds for the recovery of the dividends in January next.

I remain ever very truly & etc.

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[Undated: apparently 14 October 1811]

Messrs. Wards & Thompson

Dear Sirs:

Please to pay to Mess: Roberts & Sutton stock brockers the sum of ten thousand pounds sterling for my account on the payment of value to the same amount (their brockage only deducted) in the Navy 5 p.ct. stocks which I have directed them to purchase on the 15th instant in my name. And you will please to charge the same to my account as I credit yours in conformity.

I remain very truly yours

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3 Henry Bath 14 October 1811

Mess: Roberts & Sutton

Sirs

Having purchased some stock last 29th April through your hands, I now address you to desire you would purchase in my name on the receipt of this letter to the amount of ten thousand pounds sterling in the 5 p.ct. Navy stock after the deduction of your 1/8 brokerage for the payment of which I inclose you a letter of credit on Mess. Wards & Thompson 34 New broad street who will pay you that sum on demand as per my advice to them on the 11th inst. I expect you will acquaint me immediately of the transaction inclosing me the usual note of transfer giving me at the same time your proper directions for want of which I now inclose this to my friends Mess. Sir John Lubbock & Co. beging them to send it to you.

remaining very truly yours

M.T.Langton

Bath 16 Octr. 1811

To Mr. Butler

My Dear Mr. B

Since writing my last to you of the 2nd inst. we have been favoured with your much esteemed lines of the 30th Ult. in answer to mine of the 21 Augt. and 4th Sept. I observe with an increased degree of mortification that our unfortunate business is always in statu quo and indeed I apprehend it will ever remain so if some new application be not made to some proper department to obtain dispatch or else by teasing with making frequent enquiries for it appears to have been laid quite aside in oblivion, I hope and entreat you will neglect no means to bring it to an issue. I would like to know wether by the points in contention which you alude to that awaited the decision of select judges; you mean to what tribunal corresponded the cognizance? or wether the case of my sisters came under the new law that absolved the wives of ~~rebel spaniards~~ traitors to the cause? because if it be the first point we shall have to undergo a second examination that may be endless; but if it is the last point which is under actual consideration its decision if favorable will I hope terminate all their interference. Whatever way it stands it would be very desirable for us they come to some conclusion.

You forgot mentioning wether you had already wrote to Vera Cruz as this is another point of great importance on account of the large sum concerned. I beg you would favour me with every information on the subject for should you not have taken measures from thence I will certainly take them from here to secure that money the recovery of which we should not neglect indeed we may regret not to have taken earlier measures about it.

I observe Garcia Pinto's debt is cancelled by my poor Father's express directions, and that Brun gives you fair promises but bad deeds for the payment of the last acct. I sent you. I see you would be able to cover the first acct. I sent you on the 1st Augt. of £24:17:8 but you dont say wether that money would also cover the next small one of £9:11:- for my Mother's acct. which I sent you on the 26 Septr. last year. I require this information to note them in conformity.

I thank you for the small bill of £65 which you inclose me as the produce of my sister Carmens effects. I have sent it endorsed to Lubbock to procure the acceptance and will credit her for the same.

We have no later accounts from them than those I mentioned in my last, nor can we flatter ourselves to receive any soon. But Kitty's extreem negligence in writing to us is what I find very unaccountable because her letters are not exposed to be intercepted. We dont know wether she was refused a passport from the Cortes to go to Cadiz or wether she has altered her mind as our last letter from her was of the 1st June. If she was as much distressed as she expressed how could she remain five months without effecting some determination? I suppose she knows best what she should do as she consults us so seldom.

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I have to apprise you that yesterday I effected the purchase of £10000 in the Navy 5 p.ct. which are now rising: they produced £10430:5: at 95 ³/₄ brockorage 1/8 p.ct. included. I stated in my last the motives that induced me to do this transaction not deeming it prudent to leave so much money so long in one hand; Mrssrs. Ward & Thompson have still four thousand and odd pounds of ours in their hands of which I will not dispose of at present# all which I hope will meet your approbation as I shall always be happy to deserve it.

I inclose you a letter lately received from Ed. Murphy desiring me to forward it to you carefully as the contents are of importance. He seems to enjoy good health and spirits but does not speak of leaving Ireland for the present. His sister and family were still at a watering place on the coast; they were all well. I am happy to procure this agreeable information to my Aunt Pepa with my best respects and kind remembrance to Nelly Kelly Desfontaines and all enquiring friends. I have received this day a letter of thanks from Apodaca who is only waiting for a fair wind to sail in the Switzure frigate from Portsmouth. I understand Mrs Lonerghan is also going back in the same vessel and that Mrs. Barron who is still very weak is looking for a house near Manchester square in London to pass the winter. I am sorry she does [not?] come to Bath where Mrs. Costello and her daughters still continue. Maman and Fanny are grateful for your remembrance and desire their affectionate compliments to you and all friends.

In case of any payment to be made out of this country to my sister Kitty when the particiones will take place.

Bath 27th Novr. 1811

To Mr Butler

My dear Mr. B. Our disappointment was very great at the arrival of the last Cadiz packet the Chichester at not receiving a line from you, which we were the more induced to expect because we had been deprived of any of your esteemed favours by the preceeding one. We also made sure of receiving through your channel by that conveyance a letter from my sister Kitty in answer to the one you had the goodness to forward for us under date of the 20th August. We are the more anxious to hear from her as the late disasters in the plains of Valentia cause us considerable uneasiness about her fate and all our hope is that she has either refuged herself in Alicante or sailed for Majorca or Cadiz, indeed her want of comunication with us is truly unaccountable as I dont conceive her letters have run any risk of being lost whilst directed to you. Whatever may be the cause of her prolonged silence we cannot prevent feeling very uneasy under the present circumstances untill we hear from her again. And that she should have no reason to complain of our silence I take the liberty of inclosing another letter which I beg you would forward to where ever you may presume her to be. I repeat in it how welcome she would be with us, if she has any wish to join us here, altho' it would certainly be better and perhaps important that she should previously see the termination of our unfortunate affairs there, to prevent any sinister interpretation of her absence, that might expose the preservation of her share. I cannot help thinking that at least she has consulted you if she has not done it with us, and we trust that your next will bring us some information of her. Our last comunication received from you was of the 30th Septr. already answered by my last letters of the 2d. and 16th October, Since when nothing particular has occurred with us on this side and I apprehend from your long silence that nothing either has occurred yonder on the desponding subject of our affairs. If they do not decide something about them soon it will be evident that they propose burying them in oblivion, and consequently we must manage in the best way we can with what is in our hands – for which should I not hear something very promising by your next I shall proceed in my work of planing the distribution of what I consider safe according to what I stated to you in my letter of the 21st of August. But to proceed in this work with some accuracy I want very much to ascertain wether I can consider as safe the money in the hands of Miranda? and its amount? which I conjecture to be about 40,000\$ if he has recovered your draft on Maldonado for the saldo[tr: balance] of his account. Then your debt I shall consider diminished of both Larrazabal's and Bonitez gemmir's[?] accounts together Rpta. 104327:8 which you took upon yourself to pay off immediately. I also remember that you stated to have been obliged to disburse about two thirds of the 91728 Rvon. delivered to the Repesatives[sic] as produce of the furniture, out of your own money in advance, not having at that time recovered the whole amount sold. You will oblige me to mention to me, if you have since been reimbursed by the payment of the buyers? or what sum is still due to you for that disbursement? in order to deduct it from the debit of your account; to which I shall charge 10 p.ct. intst. per annum on the remainder as you agreed to pay my Father for that money. Since my last advices to you of money taken up here for our expences, My Mother has taken £100 on the 21st Septr. and another £100 on

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the 11th Novr. as also myself £31:- on the 21st Sepr. but this money we did not take from Ward but from the half-yearly dividend of interest paid at the Bank on the 10th July for our first purchase in the 5 p.ct. Navy stock which we intend to place to our acct. so that it does not interfere with the general accounts.

I understand by Costello that Doctor Sir James Fellows is going out to Cadiz again immediately and intends to do his utmost to occupy again his former appartements in our house. I mention it in case it should be of any service for you to know it in time. Michael Costello is returning shortly to Cadiz with Thomas Isturia. They propose visiting Lisbon on their way and reach Cadiz in January, his family continue residing here in good health.

Mrs Barron continues also recovering hers and pleased with the happy delivery of Margarita of a fine boy on the 10th instant. They are now together at a house they have taken for the Winter No.17 Duke st. Manchester Square. we have received no later account from my poor sisters Fanny and Carmen since my last to you nor can we tell when to expect any for the rigours are encreased on the opposite coast to prevent comunication. Politics are also in statu quo. Political news follows.

We have no late accounts from my cousins in Ireland.

My Mother's and Fanny's kind remembrance with my grateful affection.

Bath 10 Enro. 1812

To Mr. Butler

My dear Mr B. Since my last letter to you on the 27 Novr. last I have been favoured with your esteemed of the 18th ditto confirming the melancholy intelligence that nothing had yet been determined in our affairs and as it required no particular answer I waited for the arrival of the next mails in hopes of receiving some pleasant information from you but two Cadiz packets the Swallow and the Dispatch have lately arrived without conveying a line to us indeed our disappointment was the greater for not receiving any accounts from my sister Kitty whom we hope is no longer in Valencia yet we apprehend it from her silence which was greatly to be blamed as she could not but be aware of the anxiety we must all feel in the present state of that town and how my poor Mothers feelings must be agitated by thus being ignorant of her fate. I would not differ any longer writing to you as much to wish you many happy returns of the season with better prospects than the present a good health and more tranquility such are my sincere wishes for your hapiness in which my Mother and Fanny join me very cordialy. Besides I have to apprize you that we have lately received a letter from my poor sister Carmen of the 16th Augt. acquainting us with the marriage of the eldest of her husbands daughters with a young man of 34 who is private secretary to his Master. I dont suppose he has any more property than his employment, he is not her countryman but his masters, she states: it was not my choice but my husbands who approved of it. She had been ill with a fever on her long and painful journey but had partly recovered from them altho' she was very disponding. Her husband had not been paid for eight months; I pity her with all my heart for she is very deserving.

I also inclose you a small note of Fanny's expences from the 26 June that I sent you the last till this day amounting to £23:8:2 which at the rate of 90 Rvon per £ makes \$105:6, and I beg you to recover from Brun with the amount of the last that was \$312:18 Rvon which he should be compelled to pay if he has as I understand set his house in Calle del veedor at an encreased price to Cardinal de Bourbon he should at least pay his daughters expences which you will please to credit my Mothers account for the same.

In my last letter I stated to you the several sums which we had taken here for our expences adding that we had taken them from Lubbock out of the produce of the interest of the first purchase which we made in the stocks and as we intended it as a part of our personal shares it would not interfere with the general accounts. But as such a long time as elapsed since, without our being able to ascertain as yet, to what amount our shares will come to, and as we have lately made another great purchase in the same stocks, I now think that it will be better to consider the whole of the money in the stocks as the undevided property of the testamentaria and continue to charge our separate acct. with what we take for our expences. In order to enable you to consider it so, I acquaint you that the whole of our property in the stocks amounts to £24674:14:2 now opened at 94 1/8 p.ct. value for six months at 41/2 p .ct. property tax deducted on that amount and also 1/2 p.ct comission on the interest for receiving it. My only accounts are with Ward and with Lubbock the extracts of whose accounts I have just received drawn till the 31 ulto. and copy here with

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for your government. By them you will be able to see what sums we have taken for our separate accounts.

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| Deb ^r | Michl. Th ^d . Langton acct. curr. with Messrs Wards & Thompson | | Creditor |
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| 1811 | | | 1811 |
| April 29 | To payment to him for his account | £ 50: 0: 0 | Febry 11 |
| Id | Id for his mother's acct. | 450: 0: 0 | Balance of former acct, settled |
| July 8 | Id for his acct. | 100: 0: 0 | that day with him |
| Id | Id for his mother's acct. | 100: 0: 0 | Decr 31 |
| Octr 15 | For the purchase of bank stock | 10000: 0: 0 | Balance of interest on the same |
| Decr 31 | For postages &C | 1: 6: 1 | sum after deducting the interest |
| id | Balance to the credit of his acct. | 4391:15:0 | of the several sums taken at their |
| | | | respective times |
| | | <u>£15043:1: 1</u> | £499: 11: 1 |
| | | | <u>London 13 Decr 1811 W & Th</u> |
| | | | <u>£15043:1:1</u> |

| Deb ^r | Michl. Th ^d . Langton acct. curr. with Sir John Lubbock & Co. | | Creditor |
|------------------|--|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Sept 21 | To payment to him for his account | £31: 0: 0 | 1 1811 |
| Id | Id for his moth's acct. | 100: 0: 0 | July 10 |
| Novr 11 | Id for his moth's acct. | 100: 0: 0 | Dividend received on £14244: 9: 2 |
| Decr 5 | Id for his acct | 80: 0: 0 | for six months |
| Id 31 | Comission ½ pCt on receipt of | | Decr. 31 |
| | £320 10 0 dividend | 1: 12: 0 | Interest at 4 p% on the same |
| Id | Postages &C | 1: 15: 0 | dividend after deducting that of the |
| id | Balance to the credit of new acct. | 10: 0: 0 | several sums taken |
| | | <u>£324: 7: 0</u> | 3: 17: 0 |
| | | | <u>London 31 Decr 1811 J Lubbock</u> |
| | | | <u>£324: 7: 0</u> |

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I am anxious to hear from Vera Cruz that I may proceed in my plan of the particiones of the real existent property as I before stated for otherwise it will be a never-ending dilemma and we shall be the sufferers of the delay. Besides my Mother and me want to ascertain our share of property in order to buy some lands as we do not consider the funds a perfect lasting security considering the present crisis of political events. Whoever can secure a bit of bread independent of public credit should do so before he becomes a beggar for the appearance of public affairs seems very threatning. The failure of Boldero's house for more than a million sterling, other political news, no accts. from Ed. Murphy, that Mrs Costello and Mrs Barron are well and that my Mother and Fanny join me in our sincere affection to him.

Bath 5 Feby. 1812

To Mr. Butler

My Dr. Mr. B. since writing my last to you of the 10th January I have been favoured with your much esteemed of the 19th Decr. closed on the 27th at which time nothing was yet decided about our unfortunate affairs, and indeed if we rely on the fair promises they have given to Brun I beleive we shall never see the issue, for we have now been waiting a twelve month in the expectation of their fullfillment. So I beg you would endeavour to make some application to the judges thro' some other channel to obtain dispatch if it can possibly be done or else we shall ever remain in this undecided state of incertitude. I beg to trouble you with the inclosed for Desfontaines.

I have lately heard from my sister Carmen: on the 25 Novr. last her husband had made a very serious fall from his horse and kept his bed a Month but was recovering. He was in great distress for money as he was not paid his appointments and saw a very gloomy futurity for his family. Indeed I only wonder he has not thought so before! His eldest daughter was still happy with her husband but it was only three months after their mariage. She says Bread is very scarce there and everything very high in price: that she regrets not to be with us here for many reasons that I easily guess. God comfort her as she deserves! We are still in the dark about Kitty and presume she must have remained in Valencia which is reported to have surrendered on the 11th last as given out in France. But in compensation we are flattered with the surrender of Ciudad Rodrigo on the 19th last as given out in the Coruña; as also the evacuation of the Asturias the French having retired to Leon. By Mallet we have received a letter from Brun of the 29 Decr. to his daughter without mentioning our affairs but desiring her picture to be drawn by the best master and sent to him drawing on him at sight for the amount: but let him pay her clothing first to you and then talk of pictures; he aludes to the death of his Brother of which we were ignorant of, as you forgot to mention it and we hear from nobody else in Cadiz. I regret that you did not avail of Mallets departure to send me the Family Papers and pictures which I have so frequently called for; and beg you would inquire for some opportunity as also a legal copy of my Poor Father's Will as I mentioned to you that I was obliged to part with the one you sent me that was deposited in Doctors commons, and I wish to remain with a legal copy in my possession.

Poor Mrs Larca is lately dead at Brighton of a dropsy. Mrs. Bohl finds difficulty in procuring money. Mrs Barron and Mrs Costello are well with all their families. My Mother and Fanny desire their fond affection to you. I have no accounts from Edward Murphy: our kind compliments to my Aunt Pepa &c. I long to hear from you about Miranda? It is so important to us! I hope next packet will bring us a letter from you as the last that sailed the 14th January did not. Beleive me &c.

P.S. Please to mention to me wether all the Legacies and Alms ordered in My Father's Will, have all been paid as I presume they have previous to any interference and also if you can nearly state to how much amounted the

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funeral and all extra expences attending together? Even according to your best recollection if you are deprived of the Notes, as I suppose you are.