

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1867.

PAID BY ADVANCE.

Correspondence relative to Miranda's expedition.

(Continued.)

New York, 24th Oct. 1867. Dear Sir, I have not time to add to the annexed copies, to which refer.

We have every reason to expect you will, ere this, have received important assistance from the British, and that you will have made a second landing before this.

I can say but little, until I hear something certain from you. I trust you will not forsake the cause you have undertaken, and request you to do every thing that may be required of you by general Miranda, in relation to both ship and cargo, &c. All his instructions should be obeyed in their fullest extent.

Your friend, SAM'L G. OGDEN.

(DUPLICATE.)

New-York, 13th Sept. 1867. Mr. DEAN GENERAL.

It will be the greatest pleasure to address you in all I am happy to have it in my power to inform you that your friend Colonel Smith and myself have at length completed our accounts, and the oppression of the government.

After a trial which lasted two years, two independent juries of our country last week rendered a verdict in your favor. In consequence of this both your name and your property are secured, and our persecutors, the President, Madison, &c. remain covered with the disgrace of having wronged the independent people of America, and the disgrace brought on them by their unjust proceedings.

I have heard with regret, my dear friend, the great disappointments and disasters you have met with in consequence of the unjudicial and highly reprehensible conduct of the two Lewis's. I can easily conceive all you must have suffered in consequence of those two men, and no one more largely reproaches their conduct as represented to me than myself. I trust, however notwithstanding those transient disappointments, there is an All-wise Providence that will guide your foot-steps to the wished for point, and as your cause is that of liberty and justice, that you may soon arrive at the climax of your triumph.

The Col. and myself wait with great anxiety to hear of your ultimate success. The latest accounts we are presented have from you is your having sailed from Barbadoes for Trinidad on the 24th June. I have but little doubt but you will there receive such assistance as will completely ensure your success.

As to this country, trust assured all the independent citizens of America are in your favor; and when the people feel a greater desire to continue efficient aid from this country, there will be no difficulty in meeting your views.

The Col. and myself have thus far, with honor, weathered the storm that has been raised against you by the Spanish and French ministry, to whose imperial machinations must be attributed the shameful part acted by your government.

I have the greatest confidence on your original promises and engagements to me to help you in your virtuous efforts in the cause of liberty, shall be crowned with success; and rest assured no person America feels a greater desire to continue to promote your views or can do it more than your satisfaction than he who now hopes to receive your commands and subsidies himself with great attachment and esteem.

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This will be handed you by Mr. Robertson, a young man of respectable connections from Virginia who is desirous of acquiring the cause of liberty. I beg leave to recommend him to your attention as far as you will find his merit may entitle him to be so honored.

I have been long waiting in the most anxious suspense to hear of your landing and consequent success in your island's destines.

A vessel arrived two days since from Caracas brings report that your squadron was at anchor near Coree the beginning of August, which place it is said was in your possession. I have little doubt but that has really taken place, and that you will immediately be joined by a sufficient number of the inhabitants to enable you to commence your march to Caracas. I learn with the greatest anxiety to learn direct from yourself your particular situation, and have strong friends in this country ready to comply with your views and demands as soon as officially made known to me.

A few days since the former commander of the Leader (St. Thomas Lewis) returned here a perfect wrecked man and outcast from society. His brother Lewis also returned here from St. Domingo, in the ship Emperor (I think) which he sailed on the 1st of a month since. I have now heard from themselves all that could be ascertained in relation to the latter, extremely unjudicial and improper conduct in regard to you. It is impossible to have more in the Emperor, if you think how such it is manifested.

I have suffered from the ignorance and ill-will of E. Lewis. It really makes my blood boil with indignation. I could scarcely have believed any man capable of conduct so base and infamous. His brother Jacob Lewis is also unpardonable for having deceived you, and not joining you in the Emperor, after having solemnly promised you to do so, and even starting from Port au Prince, and having written when I saw a newspaper saying that you and myself were prosecuted by the government induce him to turn back and join you in the Emperor.

The very reason which caused him to do this was his having had some apprehensions. Suffice it to say, my confidence has been completely destroyed in the matter of the Emperor and of those two Lewis's of the most infamous kind; and that of Jacob Lewis arising from pusillanimity and want of principle.

I have in my own mind, my dear friend, little doubts notwithstanding all these past prosecutions and disappointments, but that your heroic perseverance in the cause of liberty will lead to the wished for goal of success. The people of this country will rejoice if you are almost unanimously in your favor.

Even the president himself, although he has not yet been elected, and Mr. Martin who you maintain your position successfully.

We are all anxious until we hear some definitive result which will enable us to put things in motion here immediately.

Mr. Wicks accounts from England to Sept. state; Mr. Fox to be at the point of death; and it is reported by a passenger who has just returned from England, that the latter derelict was still at Paris, but it was said there was no prospect of a peace being concluded, and was expected daily to return.

The Emperor of Russia had refused to ratify the treaty of peace made by Mr. D'Oubril, and it was supposed a new continental coalition would soon be formed against France.

England has obtained a considerable and brilliant victory over the French at Calabaria. The Col. sends you some newspapers, which you may peruse at leisure. The people of this country are looking with much anxiety for the result of your expedition, and are impatient for the infusions measures which have been pursued by our government, you would even now have been joined by a sufficient number of the inhabitants from this country.

The time will, I hope, soon come when this will be made manifest to the eyes of all who see the government may oppose obstacles to the opinion of the people in relation to your views.

Some of our enterprisers, who will be not wanting to come forward when the property here is certain to be heard from you, with them as you might think proper to ensure your success. I had taken myself the liberty to do so, but I am not disposed to do so. Should I fall I engaged to do so unconditionally. Should you be successful our contract is not on paper, but more deeply engraven in the breast and honor of both parties.

Should Mr. Smith, therefore, in any one instance not have acted with you on that enlarged estimate which I would myself have done, you must attribute it only to his being an agent, and not a principal, and you want of that energy of character which should have accompanied all his actions.

You are doubtless, my dear General, aware that my present situation is that of embarrassment as to pecuniary matters, but which I have no doubt of being fully relieved from by the success of your expedition. This moment my embarrassment has been however, deprived me of my friends, who stand ready to join me in operations to the greatest extent, the moment I can point out to them the path to pursue, in my young, vigorous and active.

The new claims of commerce to be made by us, in freeing a market to the human supplies both military and otherwise, which you must, regardless of the country, give rise to the scope of ideas so expanded that I am not yet certain whether I may not myself be the first to find the way, and when the proper moment arises, to pay you a short visit, and being well acquainted with the commerce of this country to take an opportunity, if you shall then have made free, and lay the foundation of future operations, which will certainly relate to the supplies you will need.

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They were all in great haste, and the next morning I had some more conversation with Mr. and Mrs. Blanchebasset. Among other things, I asked, why their government countenanced this expedition; I had heard something from Capt. Bell, the evening before, that this was an expedition intended against Mexico. Mr. Blanchebasset replied, that it was immaterial whether their government aided it or not; government was weak; they would have nothing to do with it, and unless it opposed the expedition; in which case they would make resistance.

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