

"La Paz", 24 August 1872.

Dear Comrad,

I wrote you on the 20th inst^h and have since received yours 17th and 21st. I wrote fully to your Mother on the 19th a letter with enclosures, but upon asking M. Cotes what stamp they put upon it at Paisandú, I find they sent it to the post with a single stamp, which makes me fear it may be detained at the post office. If dear Mother has not received this letter, enquire from Tio Felix at the Comco where it is likely to be found & I will instruct Cotes to enquire at Paisandú if it has been detained there.

In my last letter I enclosed an order upon London and River Plate Bank in your favor for five thousand dollars mpt. gold in conformity with my promise, which I trust you will have received. If not, lose no time in calling at the Bank and telling them not to pay ^{the draft} it, unless presented by yourself in person.

Thanks for your attention to the Lomas (the six pieces will be sufficient) and to Fynn's furniture which I trust may arrive safely. The weather is very unsettled, and risk attends shipments by sea. Sanchez writes me that he has sent 10 doz Tijeras de Esquidar by same vessel, the "Italia Unida".

The Prensa de copiar centos is made up in a small wooden box & I hope to send it in a few days. It should be useful in your escritorio and is a reliquia del Saladero de Jacay Bentos. Morira would I doubt not, remember it with interest. The caja de fierro at the Quinta may by and by be useful. Take it if you require it and pack my papers into one of the Alacenas in the Sala at Paeo Molino.

I send to Father for Mother, an account of monies received
and paid on account of your Grandfather's testamentaries
and I remit the balance of funds in my hands. \$950:14
msn. no.

It should be encouragement to you to have
correspondence with Santa Maria, and I rejoice to see that
you feel the workings within you of the genio paterno:

"Quiero lo hereda no lo hurta." I write to Mother and
to Father about the improvements contemplated at the Buco
which I am persuaded will be beneficial and to enable
your Mother to provide the money. I have revisited the sale
of Testamentaria accounts.

I am somewhat at a loss to understand how Casimir can
have gone to Buenos Ayres with the intention of coming afterwards
to Mercedes, as I have a letter from him 20 Aug^r, and seeming to
expect an answer in Montevideo. I have no doubt that the
Rail road will some day reach Paysandú, but I fear not in
my time, and you may depend that no working plan has
been made of this section of the department, without our
being aware of it. It is another thing to put the map of the
Province upon a table, and draw a straight line from one
place to another with a ruler. Now a straight line from
Florida to Paysandú, would cut through the Estancia very
near the point stated by Casimir. The sale of the Bobicua
camp at the price you mention must be a ruse. Weigh 42000
lbs. against Richard Duff's reputation for veracity.

Affectionate remembrances to Florence and Sisters. I am
writing to your dear Mother. and I remain,

Your loving Father,

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