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H. M's Ship "Pearl"

Montevideo March 8. 1843.

My dear Don Felipe de Arana,

I arrived here on Sunday
night, and on the following evening
I informed Vasquez privately of
my arrival, Mr Ball telling him
that I begged that what was to be done,
should be done directly.

On the following day I
was requested to go to the Fort, and
the President ad interim Sen. Seaver,
informed me, that Mr. Vasquez
had orders from the Government
to conclude a treaty as possible,

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and I am in hopes, and believe,
that to day or to-morrow, I shall
have finished.

On Monday morning
there was some sharp skirmishing
and some killed and many wounded
were brought into the lines.

When I left B. A. I
understood that M. Pickon protested
against the landing of the French
Machines. But now he is as much
for it as he was against it, because
the Government informed him that
if the Proprietors of the Merchandise

in the Custom House would not
defend and protect their property,
the Government could not.

I have reason to think
that the Commodore will soon
return to Rio de Janeiro: He
would go before the Packet arrives,
if he had any chance of not
missing her on his way there: but
as there is speedily every day, it is
impossible.

I beg that you will present
my respects to the Governor and
my affectionate remembrances to
Dona Manuella, and your lady,
and family. Dear my dear Don Felice
your sincere friend
Wm Standeville.

P.S.

Pray have the goodness to send
the enclosed letter to my Steward
and the other to Mr. MacDonnell,

W.H.