

"You informed Mr. C. that Arismendi saved about three hundred thousand dollars. I had heard of his arrival at Manilla, with a large property, two years since; that, last year, he had there chartered the brig Roscoe, and with this property had arrived at Hamburgh. In forty-eight hours after receiving this intelligence, I was on my way to Liverpool, where I arrived early in October, and proceeded immediately to London, caused inquiries to be made of the Spanish houses there if they knew anything of Arismendi. They referred me to the London Times of the 7th of October, (only two days previous to my arrival,) in which appeared the advertisement which I send to Mr. C. to be forwarded by him to you. This advertisement was sufficient to account for Arismendi's not venturing up channel, to accompany his property to Hamburgh. I therefore proceeded to Hamburgh, where I found an amount of sixty to seventy thousand dollars of the cargo of the Roscoe, in possession of a Mr. Zavaleta, in whose name it had been shipped, at Manilla, who had accompanied it, and who solemnly swore that the property belonged to him. Arismendi had been landed at Teneriffe. I had then, and have now, no doubt that this property belonged to Arismendi; but, unfortunately, I could produce no proof of it; and therefore my efforts were of no avail. I wrote to a house at Teneriffe on the subject, and received for answer that Arismendi remained there only two or three days, and then embarked for the continent. This is the last I have heard of his movements. He told Zavaleta he should assume some other name. In this case I do not perceive how you can discover where he is, or how he can receive the information that you are at St. Thomas.

"I presume from the tenor of your letter to C. that you have no amount of property with you, and that, not less on your own account than from a desire which I believe you to possess, of doing justice to your creditors, you will leave no effort untried to discover the retreat of Arismendi, and to get that property from him, which, while withheld from the creditors of the house, will (however undeserved) be considered not less dishonorable to the name and character of Abadia than to that of Arismendi. If there should be any such chance for the recovery of the property as would justify the expense of my meeting you at St. Thomas, and there taking your directions and power to settle with Arismendi in Europe, I would not hesitate to