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for Chili, on board of which was a Frenchman, who was sent on shore, for the purpose of more fully examining our passports, etc. A copy of my sea-letter, from the Congress of the United States, and the official letter of the Sieur l'Etombe, Consul of France for the States of Massachusetts, etc., were given the Governor; and, on the day of my intended departure, I received from him the letter, of which the enclosed is a copy, three days after the date of which, being detained the intermediate time by a gale of wind, I proceeded on my voyage to this coast.

In consequence of the abuse of power by his Catholic Majesty's servants, in his American Governments, or by an untrue and malicious statement of the facts, by some secret enemies, Don Blas Gonzalez has been deprived of his employments and treated with considerable rigor and injustice; and the only crime imputed to him is his humane conduct towards me and my crew, in 1788—a conduct which did honor to him as a man, and was, I conceive, perfectly consistent with the amity and good understanding subsisting between the Court of Madrid and the United States. But the affair will be best explained in his own words, in a letter to my son, who touched at Valparaiso, in Chili, in the ship *Jefferson*, Captain Roberts, of Boston, in June, 1792, and who communicated the first intelligence of it to me.

[EXTRACT.]

“No se sabra N. Md. como desde que se supo en esta que yo havid dado hospitalidad à dho su padre, se me desposó del gobierno por esta Capitania General por und equivoada intelligencia que se formó sobre a quel suceso; y que aunque el rey, mi señor, approvó la la conducta que observe entonces, con toda hasta, ahora estoi padeciendo las resultas, por la suma distancia en que por mi desgracia, me tiene constituido la suente de este remoto destino; no obstante de las diligenzassempeñosas qe he practiciada pd. vindica, mé arreglada conducta; y de haver eserits à Monsieur l'Etombe, consul de Francia en Boston, y à dho su padre, paraque me favoreciessen en lo que buenamente pudiesen: cuyas resultas ignoro, por no saben sí recibieron mis cartas.

“Si N. Md. Gusta de Escibirles asociado de su capstan, sobre este particular; y recomendarle pd. que me protejan, se lo estimaria mucho: encuyo caso puede N. Md. Entregarl as Cartas al Cavallero Don Manuel Porrasia, necino de esse puerto, y portade de este, que es amigo de todo mi confianza.” (Santiago, de Chili, 20 de Junio, de 1792.)

In consequence of the request made by Don

Blas Gonzalez, Captain Roberts and my son wrote the owners of the *Columbia* and *Jefferson*, requesting them to make such a representation to the United States as they pointed out. As they appear to have mistaken the contents of the letter from Don Blas, I have done myself the honor of offering you the foregoing statement of facts; and, as he doubtless rendered me those services, for which, in the sea-letter, the United States declare they shall “stand willing indebted,” I hope the affair will have proper attention paid to it. I have now only to request, very earnestly, that any mode of proceeding which may be adopted for the relief of Don Blas Gonzalez, may be executed with all convenient expedition. I need not use any persuasive arguments to interest the officers of the Government of the United States in behalf of the unfortunate gentleman who has been the subject of this letter; as the principles of our excellent Constitution, as well as their native humanity, must render them enemies of oppression.

I have the honor to be, with the utmost deference and esteem, Honorable Sir, your most obedient and most humble servant,

JOHN KENDRICK.

HON. THOMAS JEFFERSON,
Secretary for the Department of State.

[II.—LETTER OF THE GOVERNOR OF JUAN FERNANDEZ.]

Don Blas Gonzalez, Sargento Mayo de Cavalieria de los exercitos de su magestad, y governando politico y militar de esta plaza à islas de Juan Fernandez: Certifico, que haviendo arribado à este puerto el Capitan Juan Kendrick, de la nacion Bostoneza, en la fragata de su mando nombrada la *Columbia*, con tres oficiales subalternos, y treinta seiz hombres de tripulacion de la propria nacion, comisionado por su republica à viajar por todo el mundo, el veinte y quatro de mayo proximo pasado, a pedirme la hospitalidad, exponiendome para ello los por el Aermino de seis dias, de cuya determinacion di parte al Excellentissimo Señor Vir. rey de Peru, y à la capitania general del reyno de Chili; havendose detenido quatro dias mas de los concedidos, por la razon de los muchos Aquaceros, que mediaron; sin dar la menor nota, assi los enunciadlos oficiales, como la demas tripulacion, ni flaltar à lo mas minimo de quanto estipularon con migo, antes de permitules la entrada en este puerto; y para que conste doi la presente à pedimento de dicho Capitan J. Kendrick, en esta isla de Juan Fernandez, à tres dias del mes de Junio, de mil, setecientos, ochenta y ocho años.

BLAS GONZALEZ.