

Rio Janeiro
U.S.S. Jamestown
23rd October 1857

My dear Sir,

A fortnight ago I forwarded to you're a long letter from Buenos Ayres, giving you an abstract of our doings since sailing from the U.States. The day after, we sailed for this port, and as we had a short run down (7 days) this letter may be the first to reach you.

In the morning a ships sails for Phila: and I hasten to give you the intelligence of the surrender of Oribe, who for nearly 10 years beseiged [sic] the city of Monte Video. He signed articles of capitulations for himself and his army on the 8th instant, surrendering to the combined armies of Urquiza and the Brazilians. About 3000 of the troops of Oribe, have gone over to Urquiza, who is at the head of the troops from Entre Rios and Corrientes [Corrientes]-states which have declared against Rosas. The army of Urquiza now numbers about 16000 men, all mounted, and with this force he marched on the 18th for Buenos Ayres to beard the Lion (Rosas) in his den.

He will be compelled to make a long detour to cross the Parana and Uruguay rivers and to take Santa Fe in his route, so as not to leave any enemies in his rear!

His troops and himself are now flushed with victory, and Rosas whose reign is a reign of terror, will probably have to fly. Urquiza is no better in character than Rosas, and until within the last ear has been one of Rosas' best Generals and committed for him, some of the greatest atrocities.

Urquiza commanded at India Muerta, when I was last on his coast, where eleven hundred prisoners of war were ere butchered in cold blood!

The policy he now claims is now of 'peace' and 'a confederation of all the states on these rivers.' Should he get into power it is very questionable of he would carry his out.

Monte Video is left under the protection of the Brazilian troops, and Brazil will not take any part in the invasion of Buenos Ayres. Our old Consul Mr. Hamilton is now very buisy [sic] at Monte Video and assumes all the importance and consequence of a 'chargé'.

Mr. Macedo-the Brazilian minster to the U. States has been appointed to England and has sailed from for London.

Mr. Hudson British Minister here has been appointed to Naples and Mr. Southern now at Buenos Ayres comes to this court.

Mrs. Schenck has placed himself in the hands of the French Minister at the court will I fear do no good; but his reign will be a short one.

We are now looking for the returns of the elections, and if Col. Bigler is not elected, (of which I have no apprehension,) I will have to pay divers suffers [?] to my messmates who, as usual in the Navy, are almost all whigs.

I am well in heath, but more & more disgusted with my cruise and wish it were over, with my respects to all my friends I am most respectfully

Your obedient servant

J. M. Foltz



Hon. James Buchanan

Mr. Tod & family have returned to the U. States via England.

[On reverse in different handwriting:]

23 October 51. Dr. J.M. Foltz

8 Dec: Rec'd

31 Jan: 52 Answ'd



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