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Department of State.

Washington 1 June 1846.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Bancroft will send you
despatches for Mr. Jewett, our charge d'affaires at
Lima. Should he be absent at the time of your arrival
at Callao, you will be good enough to deliver them to
our Consul Mr. Nevost, with directions that he shall open
them & perform the required duties. In the absence of
both, may I ask you to ^{open them &} perform these duties yourself.

Among the papers there is a Convention to be
exchanged with the Peruvian Government & a full power
for this purpose to Mr. Nevost & yourself or either of you
in case of the absence of Mr. Jewett.

This gentleman has got into difficulties with the
Peruvian Government, which I have not time to explain.
It is more than probable that you might render him
some assistance in accomplishing the objects of his mission,
if you could visit Lima for a few days. It is of great
importance that that the Convention should be exchanged

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& the first installment paid with as little delay as possible. In order that you may understand something of the subject, I enclose to you confidentially a copy of the President's message to the Senate. That Body has advised & consented to the modification proposed by the Congress of Peru; & the Convention, with this modification has been ratified by the President.

Wishing you a prosperous & pleasant cruise
I remain yours very respectfully, - in haste, -

James Buchanan

Commander Wm. W. McKeau
of the U.S. Navy,

P.S. There is a letter in the packet addressed by me to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Peru. I desire that this should be delivered to him immediately. ^{Despatches for Mr. Jewett} The Treaties, you ^{care yourself or} will please to send by an officer of the Ship from Callao to Lima

Navy Dept.

June 1, '46

Commander McKeon,

You will carry into effect the accompanying instructions of the Secretary of State; bearing in mind that while it is very desirable to perfect the business entrusted to you during your stay at Callao, you will not delay joining the Pacific Squadron.

Very respectfully

G. B. Curtis

Private

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