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British Consulate
Sancti Spiritus, Costa Rica
April 2nd 1856

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Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your two Communications
dated 25th ult^o and a 1st Instant, the
former enclosing a copy of William
Walker's address to Central Americans.

I have not replied to the first
mentioned note at an earlier date,
as I was desirous of conferring with
Captain Fredericks of the U. S. Ship
President, on the subjects therein mentioned.

This vessel arrived yesterday
and I am now in a position to advise
you that she has been ordered to visit
this Port for the purpose of protecting the
interests of Great Britain and her Allies.
In pursuance of these orders Capt^l Fredericks
had intended remaining here for three
days, which term he has been ordered

to

Don Soag^o Bernabeo
Minister for Foreign Affairs
San Jose

to

to prolong for a week or ten days - when
it is to be hoped all danger of an
invasion of the place by any of Walker's
party - may be over. -

Although not here for the
protection of this Port, Capt.ⁿ Fredericks
expresses his readiness, to stretch to
the utmost limits the orders received
by him, even to going to the length of
preventing the landing of any Expedition
from Niagara - should he be requested
to do so by the authorities. -

While there is every probability
that the services of the troops may not
be required for the reason last above
stated, Capt.ⁿ Fredericks and myself
trust they will not be removed, and his
vessel alone remain here for the defense
of the place. - He is disposed to give
every assistance in his power to the
authorities when requested to do so,
but is unwilling to assume the entire
defense of the Port, for reasons which
cannot but be obvious to you. -

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I beg that you will convey to
the Supreme Government my Cordial
Congratulations on the signal Success
that has attended the Arms of Costa
Rica at Santa Rosa. -

I am

Sir

Your Obedient Servant

Alvarado

 H. M. S. Consul

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British Consulate
San José July 22/56

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note of yesterday's date informing me that the Supreme Government has received reliable information that Walker - Compelled to retire from Nicaragua - is arming the Schooner 'San José' with four guns with the object of sailing Punta Arenas, before leaving the Coast - that that individual now belongs to our Government (legitimate or the reverse) of Central America, - that on land or sea, he can only be treated as a Pirate - that your Government will take measures to impede any attempt on his part; but as by a fatality Walker happens to be patronized in

Don Joaquín B. Calvo
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Jo Jo Jo

San José

in a shameful, and scandalous,
manner, that might facilitate him
with assistance in a piratical
attack on the defenceless port of
Punta Arenas — you are directed
by His Excellency, to Communicate
the above to me, in order that —
watching over the interests of the
Subjects of Her Britannic &
Majesty, and those of other Powers
Her Majesty's Allies. I may
detain in that Port — if possible,
a vessel of War to protect the
Coast with its flag. —

In reply I beg to inform
you that I will request the
Commander of the first French
or English vessel of War that
may arrive at that Port, to remain
there until relieved, for the
protection of the interests Confided
to my charge. —

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I would further beg that you would Communicate to His Excellency, my respectful but urgent suggestion, that a force be sent to Punta Arenas without loss of time, thus carrying out the Measure referred to by you as impeding any attempt on the part of Walker) to Cooperate with any vessel of War that may happen to be there at the time of Walker's attack. — Admitting the difficulty of defending by land, an exposed point like Punta Arenas, against a well organized attack — I may be allowed to observe that a vessel like the San Jose, could with difficulty bring down one hundred men, and we have already seen ample proof that a similar number in Punta Arenas

Shenas would be more than sufficient
for the defence of the place. —

In support of my suggestion, I
cannot do better than quote the
remarks of Commanders of Her
Majesty's vessels recently in
Contact Shenas, who have found
that place left totally defenceless
that "it was a very difficult
thing to help a Country that did
not help itself." —

It may be feared that
the reported arming of the
"Gangose" may result to be that
of the "Flying Dart" a vessel
of 160 tons recently sent from
San Francisco to Waltham
assistance, and to guard against
this possibility, it might be well
to send a larger force to the
Port, where they could not only
act on the defensive in case of
necessity, but serve as a reserve
to

to proceed to Moravia should
such a Case become advisable.

You will pardon my
entering into details which are
no doubt now under the Considera-
-tion of the Government, and
attribute my doing so, to the
right motive, that of anxiety
not only for the prosperity of
British interests, but for that
of Costa Rica.

A. S. M. S. S. Le Larosier
is on the Coast, and I daily expect
her arrival in the Port. - She
will be followed by A. S. M. S. S.
Brisk from Panama. - His
Excellency may be assured that
I will endeavour to retain some
Vessel of War in Puntarenas
until matters in the neighbouring
State are more settled, and as
a furtherance towards so
desirable

desirable an end, I would
respectfully urge on His Excellency
Consideration the adoption of
the Cause on the part of your
Government, I have referred to above.

I avail myself of this
opportunity to renew to you, the
assurances of my high estima-
tion and

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most Obedt Servant,

William Wallis

Wm. Wallis

Edm. City 21.
British Consulate 76
Punta Arenas, La Roca
18th October 1856

Sir

I beg leave to inform you
that the Schooner Joseph Hewitt
arrived yesterday from Panama
with the Mails - and her Captain
Clapp, joint Owner with Captain
Corkhill, expresses his
readiness to continue the
Mail Contract on same
terms as before -

He states further
that Her Majesty's Consul
at Panama was perfectly
aware of his intention to

to Señor Licenciado

Don Lorenzo Montufo

Minister for Foreign Affairs

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San José

return

return to the above Port - I
immediately - that no small
vessel was in that neighborhood
at the date of his departure,
and he believes that no contract
will be entered into for the
transport of the mails until
the arrival of his vessel at
Panamá

As European Mails
were sent on by the "Dos Hermanas",
free of charge, and the present
opportunity will be no increase
of the contemplated expense of
forwarding the same - I
have ventured (subject to the
approval of His Excellency the
President)

President) to offer to Capt^m Clapp
to continue the contract with
him - should no other vessel
have been chartered in Panama
on the arrival there of the
"Joseph Hewitt" - for a term of
two months and in the event
of a vessel having already been
chartered there, then to pay
him the half of the stipulated
monthly sum of \$350 for the
conveyance of Mail Matter
up

The vessel leaves this on
the 26th Instant. to meet the
Shamrock at Shipinwall of the
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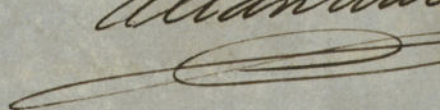
I "Box" and would return
immediately with the mails
of the 17th and 31st October

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your very obedient servant

Alan Wallis

 H. W. Linsell

To
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