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Dear Sir,

With pleasure, I avail myself of this opportunity of addressing you by Capt. Laulin who is on the eve of leaving this place for the U. States via England. I have nothing very important to write. The state of national affairs remains the same as at the date of my last communication; yet, it may not be amiss to observe, that our crops of potatoes and cassada are more extensive and abundant at this season than they have been, at any period, during my residence in this colony. There has been nothing of that scarcity of provision so much complained of last year, about this time, and I may say the year before (this about this time is always scarce). Upon the whole, our farming operations are manifestly in an improving condition. The general health of the colony too is tolerably good. Great quantities of rain have fallen within the last five or six weeks; upwards of 13 inches the last month.

I regret to mention the loss of the Ship Emperor, capt. Laulin in the morning of the 12th inst. about six leagues between Cabo and Sesters towns, only about forty miles to the leeward. She went a shore in a calm. This circumstance makes us feel very much the want of a small craft as we might have been able to save a great deal of valuable property from the wreck as we could have purchased from the natives her sails, part of her rigging and cargo, all which, in the end, might have been profitable to the Society. We have now in the colony no less than ten seamen in

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