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My dear Archy

Balt.r 1 April 20 - 1809 -

You may be entirely assured, that no one can more sincerely wish and pray for the prosperity of your voyage and undertaking, than I do; I procured the inclosed from the Spanish Consul, which is addressed, as he assures me, to one of the most respectable houses in Cadiz: and your Br. undertook to procure another from Mr. Robt. Barry (whom I have not had time to see) ~~from~~ for Mr. Gould, formerly of Lisbon, now of Madeira, ~~than~~ Br. to Mrs. Barry, formerly of the city, than whom no commercial man enjoys a higher reputation; ~~in the~~ amongst all, who have had any transactions with him. But I doubt, whether your destination will not be changed in consequence of the advices from Washington received this morning. You will probably proceed directly for England, if that may be done. Mr. Bernabeu says, that you may carry Tob.o into Cadiz; but it cannot be sold ~~to~~ to any but the Goov.t It may however be deposited in the Kings warehouse, without any cost or duty; and if not received for purchase, may be freely reshipped. Repeating my prayer for your safe voyage and return, I am, Dr. Sir,

Yr. affte. Godfather, & friend
J. B. of B.

My respectful compls. to Mr. & Mrs. Ringold -

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