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Guernsey 1<sup>st</sup> March 1811

Peter de  
Haviland

Sir

At the desire of the Royal Court, I have the Honor to submit to your Excellency, the Sentiments of the Gentlemen who compose it, on your approaching Departure.

They are Sentiments which flow spontaneously from the Heart, and which are replete with esteem and attachment.

Proud of your Excellency's Friendship, their first wish is, that you should believe theirs to be reciprocal, and that you may accept the present Expression of their Mind, as an earnest, though simple Token of their Sincerity.

Anticipating your Excellency's speedy return to the Island, they have requested me to confine myself in this Communication, to an assurance of their regard for you personally, of their affection for the Man, independently of their Considerations for the Governor, which, though they are not less pleasing, should not come from them alone.

If the Island saw in your Excellency's Departure, the loss of their Governor, the unanimous voice of the Inhabitants would now be joined to that of the Court; I should have been called upon to convene the States of this Island, for the purpose of collecting that Voice, and of recognizing in a manner

manner suitable to the occasion, the superior Merits of Your Excellency's Government; every Intention of which, has had the improvement of the Island in View; and every Act of which, has conferred on its Inhabitants, a lasting benefit; But as Your Excellency's absence it is hoped - will be but temporary, this Act of Justice has been postponed to a future Day. —

To enumerate the advantages above alluded to, and so frequently manifested, is not within the limits of a letter; they are daily acknowledged, they are already hailed as Blessings; and will be still better appreciated, when time has more fully pointed them out. —

I have further to add the sincere wishes of the Court, that your Excellency's absence may be of short duration; that success may crown all your undertakings; that prosperity may attend you; and above all, that they may have to greet you perfectly recovered from an Indisposition, which they earnestly have so long affected you.

To the Sentiments expressed above, in the Name of the Body over whom I have the Honor to preside, I beg to add my own Individual Tribute of Respect and Esteem for Your Excellency; and to assure you, that it has afforded me a heartfelt satisfaction, in having thus been the Medium

of Communication of the Wishes of the Court —

I have the Honor to be most respectfully;

Sir

Your Excellency's very obedient  
and most humble Servant

(signed) Peter De Havilland. —

Bailiff of Guernsey —

His Excellency

Lieut. Genl. Sir John Doyle Bart. K. G. and  
Lt. Governor of the Island of Guernsey

Ye — Ye — Ye —

1<sup>st</sup> March 1811

From the Secretary  
and Royal Council  
of Treasury  
to

Alfonso de Silva Lopez