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Madrid

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My dear Sir

Your letter of 1st Inst. reached me yesterday Sunday, with the Consario's receipt for the Box, with Lucia.

I have seen our Administrator this morning who says he has received the order, and assures me that there will be no impediment to my taking possession of the Box on arrival and of embarking it without intervention or inspection on the part of the Customs. I was on a visit home when M^r. Vail's things came down, or perhaps I might have prevented their being meddled with, though in reality, there was considerable tenacity shown by the Customhouse here even in face of the order from Madrid similar I suppose to that issued in the present instance. Now, I think, all is arranged properly -

I have no idea that I shall be able to send the Box to New York before next month as I know of no vessel soon expected. We usually have one here however about the 11th July.

M^r. Calderon has not communicated with me in any way. — This will reach you ere you leave Madrid. When I ship your Box (telling him to change the address) I will inform you thereof, as requested, through M^r. Miller.

Allow me to wish you a pleasant journey & a quick passage across. I do not go in the Large Iron Boat - It would give me pleasure to hear from you on arrival, and that you will always apply to me when I can be of use to you.

With esteem I am
yours truly

George Read

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