

11 Magdalena:
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My dear Sir: 

A gentleman
of reputation in Spain as
a writer wishes to send this
little work of his to Mr
Irving whom he knew while
Minister at Madrid, and
desires me to convey it to
some friend who will have
the kindness to present it for
him. I believe you know
the author of the History of

New York; and as I ~~believe~~
can think of no one who can
better perform a little office
of this kind than the V. Pres.
of the Metropolitan Bank,
I have put the book under
envelope to come to you. I
must not forget to tell you,
that you may feel the impor-
tance of this business, that el
Señor Güell y Rente is the
husband of the Infanta Josefa,
and was until the other day a
member of the Constituent Cortes
— dissolved by an act of arms.

Yours ever truly

Birmingham Smith

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