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Private and Reserved.

Excellency

I do not address myself to your excellency as Spanish functionary to the President of the United States, but as to a person of exemplary goodness by an individual of honor who is disabled to send with security and dispatch his particular letter to the Spain.

My last resource has been to trouble your excellency, as I do for the first time to conjure your attention to recommend and send by the first opportunity to any Consul or Agent of the U. States in any port of Spain, Portugal, or France, the annexed packet, sealed, and directed to any Master of the Port of



ce residing in Ports or Places of Spain;  
or in any Manner which your Exc<sup>y</sup> thin-  
-ks proper for it to arrive with safety  
and promptitude in Spain

I am very sorry that the necessity  
has compeled me to give your exc<sup>y</sup> this tro-  
-uble which is entirely distant from any  
political subject whatever; thinking to  
be my duty to assure your exc<sup>y</sup> that in  
the contents of my packet there is no  
thing but my own personal affairs  
without risking in the least degree the  
neutrality and harmony of the U. States  
or of any other Government.

Nevertheless of the necessity and in-  
nocence of the sentiments of this letter,  
the delicacy of my situation prompts  
me to request your Exc<sup>y</sup> to reserve it.

Philad. Nov. 2. 1806

Excellency  
I have the honor to be  
with most great attention  
your respectful serv<sup>t</sup>  
Joseph Bruno  
Magdalena

P.D.

I beg the favor from  
your Exc<sup>y</sup> to deliver the  
enclosed letter in the hands  
of the person to which it  
is directed.

Exc<sup>y</sup> Thomas Jefferson