

Custom House London Decr. 29. 1804
My Dear Sir

I have to request that you will have the goodness to peruse the inclosed and if you can with propriety give your aid to get Captain Falkner released I know from your humane disposition you will be inclined to do it, his case is peculiarly hard, yet tho unwilling to trouble you on the subject, I could not resist the applications made to me by many. I hope to hear from you that all your family enjoy health since you left us, and wishing you many happy returns of the present season, I remain my dear friends
Yours Faithfully
Munro.

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James Munro Esq. is
American Minister & Envoy
at the Court of Madrid
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Sir Messrs. Munro
L. L. L.

British Government has offered to ratify the alien exchange, as originally proposed, or, to permit any French Officer, of equal rank with Capt. Falconer, at present a prisoner in England, to be released upon Capt. F.'s arrival here. -

To this proposal neither the British Government, nor the repeated applications of Capt. F. have been able to procure any satisfactory reply, nor are they likely to do so, unless the humane assistance of his Excellency the American Minister. -

Sir David Baird presents
compliments to his M^{ts}. Munro,
it having been suggested to him
by Capt. Falconer's Family, that
a letter to ~~the~~ American Minister,
whilst on the Continent, might
have the same or greater effect
in procuring Capt. F.'s release,
should Sir M^{ts}. be of this
opinion, Sir David will feel
himself particularly obliged

by his taking the trouble to write -

Mr. Falconer, Capt. F's
Pr Attor, will have the honor
to deliver them, & will more
particularly explain matters -

Take sheet -

24th Dec. 1804 -

Capt. Falconer arrived in India in 1791, and was
present at every service of any consequence that took place
from that period until the storming & capture of Seringapa-
tam in 1799, when he had the honor of serving under General
Baird, as Brigade Major. - In 1801 he accompanied the
General, & the Indian Army, into Egypt, to which he was
appointed Deputy Quarter Master General. - Upon the

expulsion

expulsion of the French from that country he returned with
the Army to India; and early in 1803 he sailed for England
in company with General Baird. - During their passage,
their vessel was captured by a French privateer from Bour-
deaux, when Capt. Falconer, in order that General Baird
& his family might be permitted to continue on board of
the prize, voluntarily offered himself as an hostage for them,
in the event of their being retaken, and which afterwards
did take place by an English Frigate.

Capt. Falconer was carried into Bourdeaux by the privateer, but General
Baird & the rest of his family arrived in England. - From Bourdeaux
Capt. Falconer was permitted to go to Bordeaux, near Meuse, where he has
been detained as a prisoner of war since Decr 1803.

Soon after the prize, General Baird procured the release of the
French General Morgan, & his two Aids de Camp (then prisoners
in England) in order that they might be exchanged for him
(General B.) & his two Aids de Camp, & some Capt. Middlemore,
& Falconer. - The French Government consented to the exchange
so far as respected the two Generals, but objected to that of the
Aids de Camp, on account of those of General Morgan being only
sub Lieutts, & General Baird's being Captts. - It was however
found that the difference of rank between General Morgan (and
Major General Baird) more than compensated in favor of the French,
for the differences of rank between the Aids de Camp, and the
British