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Lima, Octr 25<sup>th</sup> 1823.

My dear Sir

It is long since I am without any letters from you. In one from Mrs Thwaites, received not long ago, she tells me that Echegaray had paid her other 200\$, making, with 100\$ delivered before, 300\$, for which I am your debtor, and which sum I am desirous to repay you as early as possible, & with thanks for your kindness in this particular.

I have lately recd from Mr William Cochran the note which I now enclose, and, if correct, & it be your desire, I will pay the sum into his hands; therefore I await your reply, before taking steps to pay you out of funds in Chile belonging to me.

You will have heard of the disastrous overthrow received by General Santa Cruz between the Desaguadero & Moquegua. Of more than five thousand men under his command it is said he has not saved one thousand. In consequence of this affair, General Sucre, commanding the Columbian troops, and who was in Arequipa, was obliged to retire, and re-embark his army, & we just now hear of his having arrived at Pisco. Sucre has still about four thousand men there and here with Bolivar more than

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four thousand, almost all Columbians; &  
more of these are expected. An auxiliary  
expedition from Chili was to sail in all this  
month, composed of about 2500 men —  
Therefore Bolivar will still have a considerable  
force with which to make head against  
the Spaniards, and acquire in Peru new  
laurels.

I shall be glad to hear  
from you at your moments of leisure —

I am dear Sir

Yours ever truly

John Swatts.



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