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To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Wm L. Marcy  
Secretary of State  
of the United States of America

Sir  
Unacquainted with the customary channel  
through which to address the Authorities  
of this Country, whose protection I have  
the honor to enjoy, I take the liberty of  
addressing you these lines as the only  
means of obtaining reliable information  
upon the following case

I was born in the Island of Cuba  
under the Spanish Flag, in which place  
I have hitherto resided, and exercised  
my profession as a Lawyer - (some few  
journeys to Europe excepted)

By a decree of Genl Jose de la Cordera  
dated April 1851 I was banished from  
my Country. I succeeded in reaching Madrid  
where I sued in vain for justice, and

I came here some few weeks ago  
~~to look for repose~~ tranquility and  
safety. —

My health being impaired, and  
being medically advised to try whether  
I could it is my intention to go to the port  
of New Orleans by one of the Steamers  
of the United States Mail Steamship Company.  
These Steamers touch at Havana in  
the Island of Cuba, and as I will  
not leave the Steamer's Deck, nor act in  
any way imprudently, I would respectfully  
desire to be informed whether I can have  
to be in any way interfered with as  
being a Passenger in a vessel hoisting  
an American Flag — from hence to New  
Orleans. —

May I request your consideration  
of this subject, and whether it be in  
your power under the circumstances to  
grant me a protecting letter to the  
American Consul at Havana or to give  
such instructions as hat the Spanish  
Authorities may not be permitted to  
take me from, or molest me whilst

on board of the American Steamer

Repleased Sir to accept the assurances  
of esteem and respect

of your most obedient servant,

Jos. Partridge Bombardier