

New York the 16th December 854

M^r William Mason

Sir

The actual cargo of the Bark Victory will be under your care. You must direct the said Bark to the mouth of the Mississippi to wait there for further instructions, which you will receive by the person to whom M^r. E. Betancourt or M^r. Frias of New Orleans (176 Royal St. or at the Post Office Box 113) will present to you as the person possessed with the controll of the cargo and whose orders you will obey. To this object you will leave the ship to the mate at the mouth of the river and you will go to New Orleans to report to M^r. Betancourt or M^r. Frias and receive the orders.

Your obedient servant

P. Valiente

New York 18th December 854

Mess^{rs} E. Betancourt & J. Frias

Dear friends

I have the pleasure to introduce to your acquaintance M^r. William Mason captain of the Bark Victory; who is charged with instructions to be fulfilled there about her cargo. You will present him to the person who will give him orders in relation with the said cargo. Advise & direct him & do all you can in his favor as a service which will advance us

Yours truly

P. Valiente