

2438 Washington Street,  
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My dear Sir,

I am beginning to feel a good deal of uneasiness at the non-arrival of the "Index" at Madrid, your last letter of the 31<sup>st</sup> of March having informed me that it had not reached you: - more than three months having elapsed since it was sent from here - I have consequently addressed letters of enquiry to Mr Christie, the Consul General of New York, and also to the consignees of the vessel by which it was forwarded; and I beg herewith to enclose you copies of their replies -

It seems, that, after a detention of six or seven weeks in New York, the package was sent by the Spanish Brig "Mercedes" which vessel left that port on the 16<sup>th</sup> of Feby, and has since been repeatedly reported as having arrived at Barcelona on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March, six days previous to the date of your letter - It was

It was suggested to me as most advisable to forward the package through Mr. Uriarte, as <sup>intended</sup> for the Government, under the idea that it would go more safely & securely with his official despatches, usually sent, as I understood, by the way of Havana.

Had I known that Mr. Suarez would obtain his leave of absence so soon, or that this arduous work of mine would be regarded as an ordinary package, which could be sent by any sailing vessel, I should most assuredly have retained it to go by him.

Having instituted all the enquiries possible to me on this side of the water, I must hope, if the package be still delayed and the interest in it still continues, that all necessary and proper enquiries will be made of the Collector at Barcelona, to whom it was especially commended by Mr. Uriarte.

This work was undertaken by me at the very pressing and repeated solicitations of Mr. Aperecha, after much hesitation and many serious misgivings; and I have given to it the almost exclusive attention and labor of fifteen months.

months - a matter of much moment to one at my advanced period of life - ; and I naturally feel some degree of solicitude that my labor of love should finally and safely reach its destination, whatever may be the intrinsic value of my effort, and whatever may be the appreciation it shall be its good or evil fortune to meet with at the hands of the Academy.

As regards the package itself, it was most carefully and thoroughly done up here - in double boxes and double wrappers of cloth and paper; and it was plainly and legibly addressed to the "Royal Academy at Madrid" -

It has been intimated (how truly I do not know) that it was opened in New York, for what purpose or reason I am unaware. If this be ~~xxx~~ the fact, I should deeply regret it, on account of the exposure to injury or defacement.

A copy of the title and Preface had been previously forwarded, so that the character of the contents must have been plainly manifest, and going, as I supposed it did, as a packet for the Government, there would appear to be no need of examination; and if one occurred at all (which I trust did not) it would seem to have been more to gratify curiosity than a case of necessity.

I am the more concerned at the delay, as  
in your later letters you assure me that you  
will give immediate advice of the arrival of  
the package, as soon as it reaches your  
hands -

I am the more concerned, too, from the fact,  
before stated to you, that, owing to my desire  
to send the work as speedily as possible to  
its destination, I was unable to retain a  
copy of it in its present form -

I am, dear Sir, with much respect  
and regard,

Sincerely yours,

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