

ORIGINAL LETTER OF DR. JOSÉ GASPAR DE FRANCIA,
PROBABLY PRE 1814. FRANCIA, DICTADOR PERPETUO OF
PARAGUAY 1818 - 1840, WAS A LEGEND EVEN IN HIS OWN
TIME. HIS LONG RULE AND STERN POLICIES REINFORCED
HIS COUNTRY'S TRADITIONAL ISOLATION WHILE, AT THE
SAME TIME, INSURING DOMESTIC PEACE. THE EARLY FORM
OF STATE "SOCIALISM" THAT HE ESPOUSED AND THE
PERSONAL HONESTY OF HIS ADMINISTRATION LED THOMAS
CARLYLE TO INCLUDE HIM IN HIS CATALOGUE OF GREAT
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The
 21st of May 1865
 Los Angeles - Cal
 Dear Mr. [illegible]
 I have the honor to
 acknowledge the receipt
 of your letter of the 19th
 inst. in relation to the
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 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

James M. Smith