Berlin Janv. 3. 1802.

Sir

I take the Liberty to address you for information respecting the Ship Hercules Courtenay Capt. Hudson. Mr Audley Clark. supercargo. which I expect is now in your port She was bound from R. Island to Leghorn but was carried into Spain; if she should have arrived with you, you will confer a great obligation on me, if you will be so good as to give the Captain information of my being at Vienna, & that my address is, chez le Comte de Fries, Banquier. —

— Not having the honor of being known to you Sir, I must rest my excuse for giving you this trouble in your politeness & national attachment. — —

I hope Sir to have the pleasure of making your personal acquaintance in the course of a few months at Leghorn, in the mean time I beg you to accept the assurances of my sincere respect. —

with great regard
Your most obt servt
George Gibbs. junr.
of Rhode Island

— Appleton Esqr.
Consul of the United States at Leghorn