Rec. 10 Feb 1851

Montevideo Nov. 24, 1850

Dear John,

I hope that by this time you have rec'd my parcel by Mr. [illegible] & the [illegible] of the vessel is telegraphed through the [illegible] is not in [illegible]. I only write now to you but I have already written at some length to [illegible] letter to Mr. [illegible] which I also [illegible] you to write to [illegible] Bell [illegible] to [illegible] my [illegible] on my legal prospects. They [illegible] it [illegible] you know [illegible]. It is a part of our [illegible] another receipt book. The writing [illegible] be at least [illegible] hundred years old but [illegible] to any [illegible] of the [illegible] looking [illegible] I think the [illegible] must have been copied [illegible] this [illegible] just [illegible] another receipt book [illegible] as [illegible]

[illegible]

The use of the word "Sack" the meaning of which was lost more than a century ago & is now supposed to be Sec or Dry wine distinguished from the sweet wines, shows the Sugar age of the receipt. I should like to see the receipt tried using Sherry. Falstaff says "Sherry's Sack". That is Dry or mature wine of Xeres which we call Sherry by corruption. The Rice Pudding must be horrible but our ancestors thought these messes wholesome. The dose of eggs & butter in the others would be intolerable to a modern palate

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An answer to this letter & later ones will be found in Dai press copy book pages 115, 116 & 117 dated May 2 1851 also a list of the papers weighed by Mr Vane & sent on to (pp 47, 48, & 49) Hilbert