Rio de Janeiro 7th June 1826

M. le Vicomte,

I have this day learnt from Mr. Fauconer, the Officer placed in charge of the Spanish Schooner Pilar, by the Commander of His Britannick Majesty's Ship "Redwing", that himself and six other British Subjects (being part of the Crew of His Majesty's said Ship) have been removed from the "Pilar" since her arrival in this Port, and placed in confinement on board the Prison Ship. —

Without meaning, at present, to occupy Your Excellency with any remarks upon the seizure of this Vessel by a Brazilian Vessel of War, (which will form the matter of a future Representation) I would venture to submit to Your Excellency

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the hardship upon these Men, who are unquestionably part of the Crew of a British Man of War, of being confined amongst Criminals of the worst and most abandoned description.

Only partially informed upon the facts of the case, I do not at present question the necessity for securing their persons, but I respectfully suggest that this could be sufficiently done by keeping them on board the Vessel in which they arrived here; and I flatter myself with the hope that Your Excellency will have the goodness to take steps to cause their being released from their present ignominious Durance, either by directing their return to the Pilar, or their being put in some other less objectionable place of safekeeping than the Prison Ship.

His Excellency the Minister of Marine, to whom I had an

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opportunity of saying a few words on the subject this Evening, has been kind enough to assure me that he would use his good Offices towards obtaining the liberation of Mr. Fawconer the British Prize Master of the Lilar, and I beg to solicit Your Excellency's Aid to the same end, it being of importance that I should have free Communication with him at all times.

I request Your Excellency to accept the Assurances of perfect Respect and Consideration with which I have the honour to be,

M. le Vicomte,

Your Excellency's

most obedient

humble Servant,

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