11 de Março 1826

Mr. Chamberlain presents his Compliments to M. le Vicomte de Inhambupe de Souza, Councillor, Minister, and Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and encloses to His Excellency the Copy of a Letter he has just received from Mr. John Wilkinson, Master of the British Brig Grace, at the same time requesting His Excellency will be so good as to notice, as it deserves, the Conduct of the Commander of the Brazilian Imperial Brig, Praya, in entering two deserters from the Grace, contrary to the Imperial Order forbidding Brazilian Naval Officers to receive into His Majesty's Service all foreign Seamen not provided with, and presenting, the Certificate described in that Imperial Order. Mr. Chamberlain trusts, that His Excellency will see the necessity for noticing, still more strongly, the improper and indecent Conduct of the Officer who

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boarded the Brig Grace, and forcibly carried away the Chests and Cloaths of the two Deserters; which, by the Law of England, and their Agreement when they shipped on board her, had become forfeited to the Master by the Act of their Desertion.

He particularly presses upon His Excellency, as a necessary measure, and part of the Satisfaction expected in this case, that His Excellency will be pleased to direct the immediate delivery of the two Deserters, Lawrence Whitaker, and Thomas Bagly, and their Chests and Cloaths on board the Brig Grace, to which they belong.

Mr. Chamberlain profits with much pleasure of this Opportunity to renew to His Excellency, Mr. le Vicomte de Inhambupe de çima, the Assurances of his profound Consideration and Respect.

Rio de Janeiro
11th March 1826

Copy H. Chamberlain

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Sir,

I beg leave to inform you that an Officer from the Brazilian Brig-of-War Pirajá came on board the English Brig Grace, of which I am Master, and demanded the Chests, Clothes &c. of Lawrence Whitbaker and Thomas Bagly, Deserters from the Grace. At the time the Officer came on board I was on shore, and on the Mate's refusing to comply with his demand, he went into the Cabin, and forcibly carried off every Article belonging to the said Deserters.

I beg that you will interfer in this Business and protect the Interests of the Brig Grace.

I am, very respectfully &c &c.

(Signed) John Wilkinson

To, Henry Chamberlain Esqre.
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H. M. Consul General.