Rio de Janeiro 24th June 1826

M. le Vicomte,

I feel it to be my duty to acquaint Your Excellency, that a Portuguese Vessel called the "Conde dos Arcos" sailed from Lisbon last November, for Rio de Janeiro viâ Angola and Benguela; and that she is daily expected to arrive at this Port with a Cargo of Three hundred Slaves, taken on board, I believe, at Ambriz.

As it is impossible that this Vessel can, under such circumstances, be provided with the Imperial Pass requisite to authorize her being engaged in the Traffic in Slaves between Africa and Brazil, I beg to call your Excellency's Attention to the facts herein stated, and to denounce this Vessel as one illegally engaged in the Slave Trade

To,
His Excellency,
The Visconde de Inhambupe
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Trade, not doubting but that on her arrival at this Port, with her Contraband Cargo, the Imperial Government will cause such steps to be taken in the matter as the flagrant illegality of the Proceedings demand.

I profit, with pleasure, of the opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the protestations of the high Respect and Consideration with which I have the honour to be,

M. le Vicomte,

Your Excellency's

most obedient

humble Servant,

H Chamberlain