Rio de Janeiro 9th May 1826

M. le Vicomte,

The Diario Mercantil of this day, No. 127, contains an Official Edict, (Edital) dated the 8th Instant, signed by the Dezembargador Dor José Francisco Leal, and declared to be published by his order, announcing his intention to proceed on the 12th Instant to the adjudication of the Prize = Pilar =.

This Vessel, M. le Vicomte, at the time she was seized, (and, as it is asserted, plundered,) by the Brazilian Schooner of War Emprehendedor, was a prize to His Britannick Majesty's Ship, Redwing; she had the British colours flying; and she was in the possession of a British Officer, as prize Master, and Crew.

Under these circumstances

His Excellency
The Visconde de Inhambupe
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I take the liberty to submit to Your Excellency that the Maritime Rights of Great Britain are deeply concerned in this case — and that it will be proper to proceed in such manner as may not raise a Question between the two Governments.

I am perfectly ready, with the view to prevent misunderstanding, to take such part in the proceedings as His Imperial Majesty's Government may permit, and I wait with much anxiety Your Excellency's Answer to this proposition.

I beg to renew to Your Excellency the Assurance of perfect Respect and Consideration with which I have the Honour to be,

M. le Vicomte,

Your Excellency's

most obedient

Humble Servant,

H. Chambulain