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H. Chamberlain

Mary Hope Rio Janeiro

15th February 1826

Sir,

Having been placed under many restrictions since my arrival in this harbour in consequence of a Guard of ~~three~~ Soldiers being stationed on board I request you will be pleased to cause the necessary communication to be made to His Majesty's The Emperor's Government that ~~the~~ same be removed, as this Ship has been taken up by me expressly for ~~the~~ conveyance of myself and family from New South Wales to England and has consequently no article whatever on board of merchandize except some timber by way of Ballast; that as I have touched at this port merely for the purpose of getting a few supplies requisite in making so long a voyage

— Chamberlain Esquire

British Consul General

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voyage I trust when the case is
properly represented through your
kindness I may be relieved from
further restraint. — I need not
add the inconvenience experienced
by my family by having a guard
placed on board such a small Ship
as this. — May I also beg the favour
of your putting me in the way for
obtaining the indulgence of the
floating Water-tank supplying
this Vessel with Water necessary
for the prosecution of her voyage.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
&c. &c.

/Signed/ Thos. Brisbane