Rio de Janeiro
27th April 1826.

M. le Vicomte,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's Notification, dated the 22d Instant, signifying that, His Majesty The Emperor having resolved to order the 4th Article of the Regulation respecting the Classification of Diplomatick Agents made at the Congress of Vienna, to be put in full Execution at His Court, Your Excellency communicates the same to me for my understanding, and in order that I should take the place that belongs to me at Court in conformity therewith.

Having ascertained that this Notification, which at first I presumed to be circular, has been

To,
His Excellency
The Visconde de Inhambupé
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been addressed to myself alone of all the Diplomatick Agents present in Rio de Janeiro, I take the liberty to request Your Excellency to be pleased to make known to me the motives for such a distinction; as well for the purpose of its being laid before my Government, as for my own guidance. Accustomed ever since the Year 1815 to conform most carefully with the Regulation referred to by Your Excellency, I am not aware of having yet deviated from it.

It is true that I have, upon all occasions in which I have been present at Court at the same time with His Excellency The Right Honourable Sir Charles Stuart, His Majesty's Plenipotentiary Extraordinary at this Court, considered myself as forming part of, or as merging, as it were, in His Excellency's Suite; and I have, consequently, always followed him when admitted to

His

His Imperial Majesty's Presence. — And I beg to inform Your Excellency that in doing so I have acted according to the directions of His Majesty's Plenipotentiary Extraordinary, who is still of opinion that when he is present at Court, all the Agents and Officers of His Sovereign should follow, and attend him.

And I am also authorized to request Your Excellency will be pleased to address yourself to him upon the subject: — to which Request I hope Your Excellency will accede without delay, as my Duty calls me to be present at Court on the 1st. of next Month, and it is most desireable that this question should be settled previously.

Being at all times anxious to conform entirely with the Regulation quoted by Your Excellency, I would further presume to ask the favour

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of Your Excellency to make known
to me the place which, according
to that Regulation, it becomes me
to take at Court when His Excellency
the Right Honourable Sir Charles
Stuart may not happen to be there.

I profit of this occasion
to renew to Your Excellency the
Assurances 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 Chambellan