Rio de Janeiro 17th July 1826

M. le Vicomte,

I am under the necessity of once more troubling Your Excellency respecting the payment of the Amount due to the British General Post Office for Letters left at Bahia by His Majesty's Packets, from the Month of April 1813 to October 1824; being altogether ~~$~~ 2166 $048. Two Thousand Hundred & Sixty Six Mil and Forty eight Reis.

Without entering into the objections started by The President, or Junta of that City, against the Payment of the Sums demanded, which objections can never be consented to as valid,

To,
His Excellency
The Viscon de de Inhambupe
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I shall content myself at present with stating to Your Excellency that the payment is claimed, and the Sum calculated, upon a positive Agreement between the two Countries in the shape of an Additional Article to the Packet Convention of 1815. —

It is nothing to the British General Post Office, as Your Excellency will readily allow, whether the Post Office at Bahia, did or did not receive Postage upon the Letters left there by the Packets; or that Bahia was the last portion of the Brazilian Territory evacuated by the Portuguese Forces.

The Orders for the payment of this Money so repeatedly sent to the Authorities at Bahia by the Imperial Government, have been constantly evaded; and every

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sort of excuse set up for disobedience. Wherefore, I earnestly request that such further orders may now be issued as will not allow of cavil, but will force those Authorities to liquidate this trifling Claim of ~~$~~ 2166 $040, for the Postage of Letters during Eleven Years and a half.

The local authorities at Pernambuco have long ago settled the Demand upon them for Packet Postage. –

I have the Honour to renew to Your Excellency the Assurances of the profound Consideration and Respect with which I am,

M. le Vicomte,

Your Excellency's

most obedient

Humble Servant,

H Chamberlain