The Undersigned, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has the honour to acquaint the Vicomte d'Itabayana, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from His Majesty the Emperor of Brazil, that His Majesty's Government has recently received from His Majesty's Minister at Rio de Janeiro, a Copy of a Decree issued on the 24th of September last, by His Majesty, the Emperor of Brazil, reducing the Duties on the ~~Im~~ im=portation of all Foreign Goods into Brazil to 15 per Cent, without distinction of Countries whence such goods may have been exported. —

The Undersigned considers the present to be a proper opportunity for

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for recalling to the recollection of the Vicomte d'Itabayana, the correspon=
=dence which has taken place between this Department and the Vicomte d'Itabayana upon the Subject of the exorbitant fees exacted by the Brazilian Consul at Liverpool, upon his attestation of the Documents required to be produced by the Masters of British Vessels arriving in the Brazils, in order to entitle them to the Privileges conceded to His Majesty's Subjects by the Treaty of 1827. —

There is now no occasion for recapitulating the arguments which have been brought forward for & against the continuance of the practice of the Brazilian Consul: — By His Imperial Majesty's Decree, that practice is virtually acknow=
=ledged to be no longer requisite; for even granting that the counter=
=signature of the Consul to each

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separate Cocket, may have hitherto been deemed necessary, as maintained in the Vicomte d'Habeyanne's Note of the 31st. of January of last year, for the purpose of distinguishing the nationality of the goods, there cannot be a shadow of a pretence, for compelling the British Shippers to submit to a continuance of that Practice, now that the Duties upon importations from all Countries have been equa= =lized, & consequently all necessity for its' continuance, so far as the interests of British Commerce are concerned, done away with.

The Undersigned therefore, hopes that the Vicomte d'Habeyanne will consider himself, authorized to instruct the Consul, hence= =forward to desist from demand= =ding more than one fee for affixing his attestation to the Manifest "with the original Cocket

"tickets attached thereto with the
"Official Seal of the British Custom House",
and which fee is stated in the Table
of Consular Fees transmitted to the
Foreign Departments by the Chevalier
de Cinthra in his Note of the 15th of
March 1827, to be, in English Money,
<u>nine shillings</u>. — Should the Brazilian
Consul, however, contrary to the
just expectation of His Majesty's
Government, persist in the
practice which he has hitherto
pursued, the Undersigned begs leave
to intimate to the Viscomte d'Olavaõ
=ra, that in such an event,
His Majesty's Governments will
be compelled to instruct the British
Minister at Rio de Janeiro, to demand
from the Brazilian Government,
the dismissal of that Officer from
his situation. — His Majesty's
Government will have the less
difficulty in adopting this course,

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from having ascertained that the Brazilian Consul at Havre, having attempted & pursue the same practice there as that pursued by the Brazilian Consul at Liverpool, the French Government remonstrated upon the subject with the Government of Brazil, which has fully admitted the Justice of the complaint brought against the conduct of the Consul at Havre, and has in consequence recalled him. — It is hardly necessary for the Undersigned to assure the Vicomte d'Itabayana, that His Majesty's Government will not suffer a change to be made upon the Trade of Great Britain with Brazil, from which that of France, of a like nature has been relieved. —

The Undersigned has the honour to renew to the Vicomte d'Itabayana the assurances of his high consideration.

Foreign Office
January 23 1829.

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