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Com a Nota inclusa por copia respondeo Lord Palmerston a ultima das reclamaçoens que eu havia apresentado ao seu antecessor. Agora batalho nas competentes replicas com a assiduidade que me permittem tantas outras occupaçoens. Acontecendo porem que esta nova tentativa seja ainda mal succedida, parece-me que nos não restará outro recurso immediato, além de propormos entregar-se o negocio á decisão imparcial de um terceiro Governo, por exemplo, o da Hollanda, ou o Francez. Aquelle foi escolhido a bem pouco tempo para cortar assim uma interminavel questão de limites entre este Bayz e os Estados Unidos.

Peço a V Exª que haja de transmittir-me as Imperiaes Determinaçoens sobre este objecto, e entretanto irei fazendo o que couber em minhas fracas forças.

Deos

Deos guarde a V. Ex.ª Londres em 19 de
Janeiro de 1831.

Ill.mo e Ex.mo S.r Francisco Carneiro de Campos.

Eustaquio Adolfo de Mello Mattos

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The undersigned, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign affairs, has the honor to acquaint the Chevalier de Mattos, Chargé d'Affaires of His Majesty the Emperor of Brazil, that His Majesty's Government have had under their consideration the note which was addressed on the 2d of October 1830 by the Chevalier de Mattos to His Majesty's Secretary of State, urging the claim of the owner of the Brazilian Vessel "Principe de Guine" to an indemnity for the loss which he had sustained by the capture, and condemnation of that Vessel, in the Mixed Commission Court at Sierra Leone. In reply the undersigned begs to recall to the recollection of the Chevalier de Mattos, that the Vessel, of the capture of which he complains, was, as he himself admits, condemned by the Commissioners appointed under the Convention of the 28th of July 1817, between Great Britain and Portugal, confirmed by the Convention of the 23d of November 1826 between Great Britain and Brazil. The undersigned begs also to remind the Chevalier de Mattos, that by the 8th article of the same Convention, the decisions of those Commissioners

are declared to be final. Under these circumstances the undersigned is compelled to state in reply to the Chevalier de Mattos, that he does not feel himself justified in attempting to disturb the decree of which the Chevalier de Mattos complains, and still more is he discouraged from the attempt by the fact, that, whether or not there was any informality in the instructions under which the Commander of the capturing Vessel acted, the Vessel captured was not only employed for the illicit conveyance of Slaves, but that at the time of capture, 608 of these unhappy beings were actually on board. The undersigned avails himself of this opportunity to renew to the Chevalier de Mattos the assurances of his distinguished consideration. = To the Chevalier de Mattos. = Palmerston. = Foreign office December 28, 1830.

Esta é outrosim

Custagnio Adolfo de Mello Mattos