The Undersigned, Chargé d'Affaires of the United States of America has the honor of stating to the Most Excellent Sr. Francisco Carneiro de Campos, of H. I. Majesty's Council, Minister and Secretary of State for Foreign affairs, that the American (U.S.) whale-Ship Cincinnatus, which arrived in this port in a very leaky condition, with a cargo of oil and bone, having been condemned as unseaworthy, the Consignees, who landed the cargo, by permission, have since shipped a part of it to the U. States; and intend to ship the remainder. They have petitioned the Judge of the Customs to be freed from the payment of duties on this Cargo, landed of necessity, from the ship in distress and unfit to prosecute her voyage, no part of said cargo being intended for consumption in the Empire. The Judge has refused the prayer of the petition; for which reason application is made to to the undersigned, for his intervence; with which he complies, by requesting the M. Ex. Minister of Foreign Affairs to represent the affair

to H. Ex. the Sec. Ministro of Fazenda; trusting that this Ministro will be pleased to order the Juiz da Alfandega to release these duties.

The U. S. Chargé d'Affaires is not informed of the grounds on which the Judge insists that the duties shall be paid; nor does he imagine any reasonable cause for the Exaction.

The Undersigned regrets that he should again have occasion to appeal to the X.th Article of the Treaty between Brazil and the United States, in order to protect the vessels of his Country, arriving on this coast in distress, from the land exactions of duties, by the Custom House officers of the Empire; which he does not believe can be sanctioned by their superiors; who, (he supposes,) had they been previously informed of the Judge's refusal, would have prevented the necessity of this reference to an explicit contract, between the two Governments, recognising a claim so reasonable, in the nature of things, as an exemption from duties, under such circumstances.

Relying, therefore, on the friendly disposition of H. I. Majesty's

Government, and on its desire to give full
Effect to a provision of the Treaty so honorable
to humanity, the Undersigned has the honor
of requesting the Sr. Minister of Foreign Affairs
to lend his attention and good offices to the
case above mentioned; and to permit the
Undersigned to reassure Sr. Excellency of his
very distinguished consideration and respectful
Esteem.

Legation of the United States.
Rio de Janeiro November 19th 1831.

Thos. L. Brown

To His Excellency
Francisco Carneiro de Campos.
Minister and Secretary of State for
Foreign Affairs, &c &c &c

25 de Novembro 1831