= The Envoy Extraordinary & Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States of America presents his compliments to His Excellency Senhor Barão de Cairu, Minister and Secretary of State for Home and Foreign affairs, and has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of His Excellency's communication of 30th ultimo, in answer to one of the 26th of December, in which he states that he had just made the necessary communications to the Secretary of the Department of the Treasury to give the customary orders for the permission to transfer the property of the American Minister at Rodney for the frigate Congress to the ship Sally. He begs to thank His Excellency for this polite attention and regrets the inconvenience that this disposition to cultivate the feelings of friendship between Brasil and the United States by acts of courtesy and hospitality, has not found a correspondent spirit with some subordinate agents of the Government, who,

as if to frustrate, His Excellency's intentions, have left no other alternative to permit the transfer still unexecuted.

In the present situation of the Portuguese mind after the enormities of Liberty die mad dating the destruction of all free Governments, the unnecessary delay of an American ship of war in a foreign port, cannot be regarded by the Government of the United States with indifference, and de Mr Roquette would therefore be pleased to know from His Excellency whether any further detention will be necessary before the promised permission can be granted. Mr Roquette renews upon this occasion to His Excellency the assurances of his

Rio de Janeiro October 7th 1823

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Respondido en 7 de Octubre de 1823.