The undersigned Chargé d'Affaires of the United States of America has the honor to address His Excellency the Marquess of Abrantes Councillor, Minister & Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, on the subject of the examination of the claims, having understood yesterday from Dr Bivar, that the Commissioners doubted their competency to proceed further than the five first cases placed before them, until they received express authority from Your Exc.y to take up all the cases submitted to them. The undersigned can have no doubt of Your Exc.y's intentions on this subject, & therefore solicits that the necessary instructions may be given for the prosecution of the business, as any delay must inevitably prevent the fulfillment of the assurances which Your Exc.y gave the undersigned that the examination should be completed by the 1st of Feb.y next, & which were transmitted by the Messenger, recently despatched to Washington.

The undersigned will again ask Your Exc.y's consideration of the case of the unfortunate seaman who has been so

many months lingering in prison, for an offence committed in a state of mental derangement & which would therefore be passed over, by the justice of every humane code of laws. The undersigned is further induced to revive this subject, because it has been intimated to him that the unsuccessful application in a former instance, was owing to the particular, (and certainly illjudged) scruples of the then Minister of Justice, and that his successor may probably make a different decision. Strong considerations of humanity encourage the belief, that this wretched prisoner who is confined not by any deliberate sentence of the law, but by the revengeful passions of an obscure individual, will be mercifully set at liberty; and as at this peculiar season the injunctions of religion urge the visiting of prisons, that the most sacred feelings of Christianity, as well as the obligations of justice & political considerations towards a friendly nation, will secure Your Excy's intervention to terminate the long imprisonment of the sufferer.

The undersigned avails himself of the occasion to renew to His Excy the Marquess of Aracaty the assurances of his very high respect and consideration.

W. Tudor.

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