Consulate of The United States of America.

Rio de Janeiro. Octo. 28. 1822.

To His Excellency
Jose Bonefacio de Andrada e Silva
Minister and Secretary of State
For Home and Foreign affairs.

Sir.

I had the honour to receive the com-
munication addressed to me by your Excellency un-
der date of the 13th Inst. accompanied by a copy of
a Decree issued by His Imperial Majesty, on the same
day, remitting the unexpired term of their sentences
to nine seamen, of whom five were citizens of The United
States, who had been sentenced by the laws of this
country, to transportation. This act of generosity, on the
part of The Emperour, unsolicited by the Government

to which the unfortunate individuals belonged, and the very flattering and complimentary manner, in which your Excellency has been pleased to express Yourself, in relation to The United States, are calculated to promote the cultivation of those amicable feelings, which I trust, will ever characterize the intercourse between the Independent and Free Governments of, which your Excellency has been pleased to style, "The Hemisphere of Liberty." Copies of the decree, and of the communication which accompanied it, have been transmitted to The Government of The United States, with the information that the prisoners referred to, have been duly released.

I have this day, been called upon to represent to His Majesty's Government, that a seaman named Thomas Mosely, a native citizen of The United States, is now on board the Brazilean frigate Union, having been impressed and forcibly carried thither on the 9th of June last. I am aware that in order to procure his discharge nothing is requisite, but a simple communication of the fact, and I would esteem it as a favour, if your Excellency would enquire into the truth of the statement, and if he finds it correct, that he would give the necessary orders.

With sentiments of the highest regard

and esteem —

I have the honour to be

your Excellency's

Most obedient Servant

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Consul. U. S. of A.