Condy Raguet, Consul of the United States of America, presents his respectful compliments to His Excellency Joze Bonifacio de Andrada e Silva, Minister and Secretary of State for Home and Foreign Affairs, and, having understood that on the 24th of the present month, there are to be some interesting ceremonies in the Imperial Chapel, which it would be gratifying to him and Mrs Raguet to see, wishes to know from His Excellency, whether the arrangements made for that day, will admit of their presence in the Church.

Mr Raguet takes this occasion to express to His Excellency Mr Bonifacio, the sincere regret he experienced in consequence of an incident which took place on the 13th of October, during the performance of the Te Deum in the Imperial Chapel, upon which occasion, Mrs Raguet, not having been apprized of the intended ceremony, nor that the customs of the Catholick church in Brazil, did not warrant

the wearing of a hat by a female, a practice which is universally allowed in the Catholick churches of The United States, had the misfortune to appear to be guilty of a disrespect, which was as foreign to her feelings, as it was painful to mine, when I was first informed of the inadvertency.

Mr Raguet upon this occasion renews to His Excellency Mr Bonifacio, the assurance of his very particular esteem —

Rio de Janeiro. November. 13. 1822.