Mr. Raguet, Consul of the United
States of America, presents his respects to
His Excellency José Bonefacio de Andrada e
Silva, Minister and Secretary of State for Home
and Foreign Affairs, and has the honour to
acknowledge the receipt of His Excellency's com-
munication dated on the 17th Inst. relative to
the Ship Tea Plant. Mr. Raguet, while he ex-
presses his satisfaction at the liberal views
entertained by his Excellency, takes this occasion
to assure him, that so fully aware was he
of the intentions of His Majesty's Government
in its intercourse with foreigners, to pursue the
course pointed out by the laws of Hospitality
Justice and Harmony, that he was convinced
nothing was required in the case alluded to,
but a detailed exposition of the facts, which

by lapse of time, a multiplicity of documents
and a complexity of forms at the custom house,
had been in a manner involved in obscurity.

Mr. Raguet also has the honour to
acknowledge the receipt of His Excellency's notes of
10th and 15th " current, the former stating the reception
of a Diploma, the latter announcing the existence
of an Embargo. For this latter communication, so
evincive of a disposition to consult the conveni-
ence of foreigners, by exempting their vessels from
the liability of being stopped by the ports, Mr
begs His Excellency to accept of his thanks. He
also avails himself of the present occasion to tend
to His Excellency, a further assurance of his par-
ticular consideration and esteem.

Rio de Janeiro. March 21. 1823.