Londy Raguet, Consul of The United
States of America, tenders his respects to His Ex=
cellency Ze Bonefacio de Andrada e Silva, Mi=
nister and Secretary of State for Home and Foreign
affairs and having observed in "The Gazetta of
Rio" of the third of December last, that the Edi=
tor in his description of the ceremonies which
took place on the first of that month, has
taken particular pains to declare that The
Consul of the Republick of the United States,
had solicited as a favour that which ap=
pears to have been granted to the consuls of
the Monarchies of Europe without solicitation.
— and intending to give to His Government
the explanation upon this heads which it
will undoubtedly expect — begs of His Excell=
to inform him whether there is in posession of
any note from the Raguet except one dated
on the 13th of November, written at the especial re=

quest of His Excellency, made in consequence of
M. Raguet's having expressed in conversation a
desire to be present with Mrs Raguet, at some
ceremonies which he had understood were to
take place at the Imperial Chapel on the 24
of that month — amongst which ceremonies that
of a coronation was not mentioned by His Ex-
cellency, nor had M. Raguet heard that such
a proceeding was to take place.

It is in consequence of a perfect
recollection of this fact and from an entire con-
viction that His Excellency knows too well
how to respect the feelings of those with whom
he has intercourse, to permit the editor of a
paper to construe a note invited by the pari-
ty to whom it was addressed upon one subject
into an original solicitation upon another
that M. Raguet is persuaded that the
source from which the Editor of "The Fayette" de-
rived his information could not have been
the said note of the 13th of November — and de-
fore he writes to His Government a statement
of the case, he has adopted the precaution
of thus endeavouring to ascertain, whether he
had written, without retaining a copy of it

any other note, which might warrant the editor in his declaration.

M. Raguet takes this occasion to repeat to Yr Excellency, the assurance of Yr high regard.

Rio de Janeiro. January. 11. 1823.