By a law of the United States of America, it is enacted, that every Master of a vessel from a foreign port is bound, immediately on his arrival at a Sea Port of the U. States, and before he is permitted to report, make Entry or break bulk, under a penalty not exceeding 100 dollars, to deliver into the Post Office all letters direct=ed to any person within the United States or their Territories, which are under his care and within his power, and brought in his vessel; except such as are for the owner or consignee of the vessel.

For each letter and packet, two cents are paid to the Master of the vessel, by the Post Master.

Masters of foreign vessels are not to be paid for letters delivered into the Post Office; yet such letters are to be charged with ship postage.

If the letters are deliv=ered into the Post office by a passenger or sailor, and not by the master, or in his behalf; nothing is to be paid for them by the Post Master, yet he is to charge ship postage for them on delivery.

The postage on Ship letters, delivered into the Post Offices at Sea Ports, is as follows viz.

If to be delivered to the person addressed at the office where they are first received, six cents, for each letter or packet, without regard to weight, or the number of pieces contained in them.

If to be forwarded to any other Post office in the U. States, two cents, in addition to the usual rates of postage.

The usual rates of postage, as fixed by law, are as follows, viz.

On single letters,

6 cents, if carried a distance not over 30 miles.

10 " , if over 30 and not over 80 " .

12½ " , if over 80 and not over 150 " .

18¾ " , if over 150 and not over 400 " .

25 " , if carried over 400 miles.

Letters composed of two pieces of paper should be charged with double postage — three pieces with triple postage, and four pieces with quadruple postage.

Packets composed of one or more pieces of paper, and weighing one ounce, avoirdupois, are chargeable with quadruple postage, and in that proportion for

all greater weight.

The usual rates of postage for news-
-papers &c, are as follows, viz.

All newspapers conveyed in the mail shall be under cover, open at one End, and charged with a postage of one cent each, for any dis-
-tance not exceeding one hundred miles; and one and a half cents, for any greater distance. Provided, that the postage of a single news-
-paper, from one place to another in the same State, shall not exceed one cent.

When the mode of conveyance and the size of the mail will admit of it, such magazines and pamphlets, as are pub-
-lished periodically, may be transported in the mail to subscribers, at one and a half cents a sheet, for any distance not exceeding one hundred miles; and two and a half cents, for any greater distance; and such maga-
-zines and pamphlets as are not published periodically, if sent in the mail, shall be charged with a postage of four cents, on each sheet, for any distance, not exceeding one hundred miles; and six cents for any greater distance.

(Note. The cent is the hundredth part of a dollar.)

Having received the Note which the Most Excellent Sr. Francisco Carneiro de Campos, did me the honor of addressing to me on the 27.th of last month, covering the copy of a declaration made by the Juiz de Fora at Santos, denying the exaction of duties on the goods left by Capt. Cooper, I have to request Y.E. to accept my thanks for his attention to that affair.

The succession of important political events, and the changes in the administration of this Government, since the date of my note of the 7.th of last March, may be supposed to have retarded an answer to my representation relative to the double duties exacted on the goods saved from the wreck of the Brig Orient. It is believed that the Sen.r Minister of Foreign Affairs will find in these reasons, and in the lapse of time, a sufficient excuse for my request that he will be pleased to renew his good offices, in this respect, by drawing the attention of His Excellency the Sen.r present Minister of the Farendas, to this subject.

I have the honor to

to present to H. Ex. the Sr. Francisco
Carneiro de Campos the expression of
my unabated respect and perfect
Esteem.

Legation of the United States,
Rio de Janeiro, August 2d 1831.

Wm A. Brown.

To the Sr. Francisco Carneiro de Campos,
Councillor, Minister and Secretary of
State, for Foreign affairs,
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