The Undersigned, Consul of The United States of America presents his compliments to His Excellency, Joze Lainero de Campos. Ministro and Secretary of State for Home and Foreign Affairs and acknowledges the receipt of His Excellency's note of 10. Instant. Having ascertained that at the hour of closing the Custom House this day no additional instructions had been there received in relation to the Rodney Bay expression used in the said note, that the Government of His Imperial Majesty will always earnestly endeavour to observe to the American nation the particular consideration and friendship which it contemplates her ought to be understood in the sense which he had pretended himself it was intended. He therefore begs to the said note that taken the particularly to — no doubts in any liberty under that

exist as to the rank and character of Mr. Rodney, to transmit to His Excellency for his perusal, the passport granted him by the Government of the United States, desiring him to be the Minister Plenipotentiary from that Republick to the Government of Buenos Ayres, and calling upon all whom it may or doth concern to permit him to pass whereever his lawful business may call him freely without let or molestation in going and returning, and to give to him all friendly aid and protection, as the United States would do in like cases, extending the same civilities to his family and suite."

In transmitting however this document to His Excellency it is distinctly understood, that it is not done with the view of claiming for the diplomatic character or his family or suite any aid protection or civilities of a private nature but it is exhibited solely as the credence pointed out by Vattel where he speaks of the respect due to an ambassador, in the following words — "these passports sometimes become necessary to him in the

countries through which he passes on his way to the place of his destination; and in case of need he shews them in order to obtain the privileges to which he is entitled." What those privileges are, the same writer declares to be "those regards to which The Minister of a Sovereign is entitled and which nations reciprocally owe to each other" and His Excellency appears to have had this maxim in view when he intimated in his note of 7 Inst. that the same proceedings had been observed towards The American Ambassadour in relation to his baggage, as was practiced towards Ministers accredited at this Court.

The Undersigned has the honour to tender to His Excellency, the assurance of his High consideration.

Rio de Janeiro.
October 14. 1823.

Condy Raguet
Consul of The United States of America

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