The undersigned Chargé d'Affaires of the United States of America, has the honor to address His Excellency Mr Calamon, Councillor, Minister & Secretary of State for Foreign affairs, and to make a statement at the request of Commodore Cassin commanding the Squadron of the United States on this station - About from his ship was sent to board the American Brig Horatio on the 15th inst, to take any despatches for him. The Officer sent, received some Letters & newspapers for the Commodore, but the Custom house Officer objected to his taking them; he explained that they were letters for his commander, which he was ordered to receive, but as he was going to leave the vessel, the Custom House officer placed himself in the way, & laid both hands on the breast of the Lieutenant who was in uniform, with his sword, but his self-command prevented any disagreeable result; a private individual on

board interfered with his advice, and the Custom House officer gave way. In consequence of this occurrence, the solitary one and probably owing to mistake, the Commodore anxious to prevent the slightest collision, writes to the undersigned, to know whether the regulations prevent his sending to board the vessels of his country, & to take any despatches for the Squadron, and if so he will conform to them; though the practice is universal in every country, for Commanders of Ships of war to send to make inquiries on board vessels of their own nation, entering the port where they are. The custom has never before been interrupted here, except partially, during a period of last year, while it was thought necessary to quarantine vessels from the Mediterranean, it was requested by the Government, that the boat from the Ships of war, would not board vessels until they had been visited by the Health Boat, which was punctually

complied with by the American Com-
manders. It is the practice, for obvious
reasons, of all Foreign ships of war to send
onboard the vessels of their respective nations
as they enter, and take from them any
letters addressed to themselves; and this
practice is the more important to the
American Officers, as all their despatches
come by merchant vessels, the European
Commanders receiving most of their
by the packets, which are delivered to
them immediately on their arrival. +

The undersigned wishes now
to call the attention of His Excy to
the subject of a Memorial from
the South American Steam Boat
Association, which he inclosed
with some comments to His Excy the
Marquess of Aracaty on the 8th of
October last, and on the 29th of the
same month, received a reply to
say that as Mr Rebello, who held an
agency in that business was soon
expected, it was wished that the sub-
ject should be deferred till his arrival

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to which the undersigned imme-
diately acceded. As Mr Rebello is
now here, the undersigned request
His Excy to be good enough to have
the Subject examined.

The undersigned avails
himself with pleasure, of this
occasion to repeat to His Excellency
Mr Calmon the assurances of
his very high respect and conside-
ration

Legation of the U.S.A.
January 15th 1830.

H. Tudor.