To His Excellency
José Bonefacio de Andrada e Silva,
Secretary of State for Home
and Foreign affairs —

Most Illustrious and Excellent Sir

The very prompt and satisfactory
manner in which Your Excellency was pleased to
notice my communication of 13th Inst. relative to
the impressment of a seaman, represented to be
an American, has afforded an additional evidence
of the desire of His Majesty's Government to protect
the seamen of the United States, from all acts of
violence by subordinate officers, which might de-
prive them of their personal liberty. Such just and
liberal dispositions, merit a frank and candid
return on the part of the agents of that Government

and I now hasten to inform Your Excellency, that the person represented as "Gardner Eddy," w was on board "the Maria da Gloria" called upon m this morning for his protection, stating that he had deserted from the said ship, and that I refused to deliver it to him, because I was satisfied from his dialect, and from the want of similarity be tween the description and his person, that he was not a citizen of The United States.

I regret that this attempted imposition should have been the occasion of any trouble to your Excellency, and with the assurance of my continued esteem —

I have the honour to remain

your Excellency's Obliged Servt

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Consul. U. S.

Rio de Janeiro. Dec.r 17. 1822.