Lon 19 de Maio 1829

The undersigned Chargé d'Affaires of the United States of America, has the honor to address His Excy the Marquess of Aracaty, Councillor, Minister & Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and at the request of Mess.rs Maxwell, Wright & Co, to inclose some documents relating to an extra payment of duties on certain vessels to their consignment.

Mess.rs Maxwell, Wright & Co state to the undersigned, that the delay in obtaining these documents from the Custom House has prevented an earlier representation on this subject, respecting which the principal facts are thus stated; That the Ships Hesperus & Potosi and the Brig Lion were in this port to their consignment, at the time the law for the equalization of duties took place, that the two latter vessels being in franquia were by law at liberty to depart, & therefore

without the sphere of the revenue laws, and that they confidently expected, the cargo they discharged after the new law took effect, would only be subject to the existing duties: but on the contrary, the former duties were insisted upon, by which the property was obliged to pay the duty that had been repealed, & that the injustice of this proceeding by the Customhouse would, if duly represented, be remedied by the Minister of Hacienda, and with the hope that this justice may be done them, they solicit that an order may be given allowing the amount thus overpaid to be deducted from their future payments at the Customhouse

Under this representation, & with the additional allegation, that redress was promptly & magnanimously given by his Exc^y the Minister of Hacienda in a similar case, that of the Brig Thule, the undersigned cannot decline inclosing these documents to Your Exc^y with the confidence, that if after

investigation by the proper department this case shall be found justly entitled to revisal & redress, that the requisite orders will be issued to that effect.

The undersigned avails himself of this occasion to repeat to His Exc.y the Marquess of Aracaty the assurances of his high consideration & respect.

Legation of the U.S.A.
Rio de Janeiro May 13th 1829.

W. Tudor.