The undersigned Chargé d'Affaires of the United States of America, has the honor to address His Excellency the Marquess of Ainsworth, Counsellor, Minister and Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and to request his kind intervention in the case of the four American seamen now in prison, whose names are, - William Spinner, David Crowell, Joseph Gordon, and Francis Gandy. Having already in previous letters, and in conversation stated the several facts in their cases, the undersigned will not now repeat those details, but merely remark generally, that, as these men have been already at least adequately punished by their long imprisonment, for the fault they were accused of: as the transactions for which they were imprisoned, occurred with aliens like themselves; and as they may yet continue to languish in prison for

an indefinite period; the undersigned on the eve of his departure, is induced to ask His Exc.y to mention this subject to His Imperial Majesty the Emperor, in the hope, that He will deign from motives of benevolence to exercise His Imperial prerogative to command the release of these unfortunate men; who in such an event, may be delivered to the order of Mr Wright, the Consul, under the condition of being immediately embarked and carried out of the country.

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

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Rio de Janeiro June 30th 1829.

W. Tudor.