Falmouth 16/6 mo 1831

Esteemed Friend

We are indeed very sorry to find by thy favor of the 14th Inst, that the mentioned circumstance of the 3 boxes by the Lapwing is likely to produce so much inconvenience —

These boxes were taken on board of the Packet by E Johnson direct from the Steamboat & did not pass through our hands — He subsequently said that he would prefer not taking them but we were unwilling without thy or their authority to take the responsibility of landing them again, & we hoped, notwithstanding the resolution which he felt that he might consent to keep them under his charge, but just as the Packet was in the point of starting he sent the boxes on shore by our friend J. T. Rice who had them conveyed to our office, when it was impracticable to take any other measures for transmitting them by that Packet — We further beg to remark

that Mr Price said the contents of the boxes were
of no use without the despatches which he could
not forward— This leaded to reconcile us to
the disappointment which we had experienced, as
we regarded him as the confidential agent
of our absent Fox Lawents having acted
inconsistently with etiquette towards the great respect
due to the office, but he was not aware that he was
committing such a painful mistake when he gave
another passport (without cancelling these) to
E. Johnson who earnestly requested it & strongly
represented that under the extraordinary & unexpected
alteration in the Brazilian Government, the clause
"Bearer of despatches" inserted in his original passport
might subject him to considerable inconvenience
on his arrival at Rio, a consequence which our Mr
imagined then would not wish him to avert by every
means in his power, without interfering with the safe
delivery of the boxes—

We trust that the foregoing explanation will induce

fee to acquit us of having at least intentionally neglected
to do what was practicable toward us believed to be best
to carry thy instructions into effect, but we were full
very anxious to express our sincere regret that the
untoward circumstances of the case prevented us from
fulfilling thy wishes

There was no post Saturday the 10th & as
J. Frères went by that evening's coach & would report
what had occurred 24 hours before any letter from
us could reach thee, it seemed superfluous to trouble
thee with a written communication by the following
post, though we now regret not having done so

We shall with pleasure attend to
further instructions whether or not to send the
boxes to Rio by the Buenos Ayres Packet of next week,
and in case of thy desiring it to Ships them by her
we will do our best to send them in their present
state under the admiralty order without disturbing
the contents, but if we are required to open them
for the satisfaction of the Customs or postmaster, which
we hope will not be the case, we consider that we

Charles

was have they authority to do so —

We remain

Falmouth 15 December 1831

Dear Sir

Yours respectfully

Thos Wood Fox & Co

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JUN 13
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To the
Chevalier Bello Bellos
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