Consulate of the United States of America.

Rio de Janeiro. Octo. 8. 1822.

To His Excellency
Jozé Bonefacio de Andrada e Silva
Minister and Secretary of State
for Home and Foreign affairs.

Sir.

The American Ship Mohawk,
Pamphilion Master, bound on a voyage
from Baltimore to Lima, encountered near
Cape Horn, great masses of ice which
compelled her to return, and on the 6th Inst.
she put into this port, where the Supercargo
is desirous of disposing of her cargo, pre-
vious beer induced to abandon his con-
templated voyage. as this vessel cleared
out for a Spanish port, she is of course
not furnished with the certificates of
a Portuguese Consul, and on this account

as I am informed, has been refused an
entry at the Custom house.

As your Excellency was pleased
to inform me on the 27th ult. that American
vessels might enter freely the ports of Brazil
without such certificates, and as I have caused
the said communication to be made publick
in the United States, I solicit the interference
of your Excellency in this case in order, that the
practice of the officers of the Customs, may be
in conformity with what I suppose to be
the intention of the Government.

I take this occasion, to
repeat the assurances of my esteem for
your Excellency, and have the honour to be
with sentiments of great respect
your Excellency's Obed. & Hbl. Servt

Condy Raguet

Consul of U.S.