Consulate of the United States of America.

Rio de Janeiro, July 25th 1825.

The Undersigned, Consul of the United States of America, has the honour to present his due respects to His Excellency Jose Joaquim Carneiro de Campos, of the Council of State of His Majesty the Emperour, Minister and Secretary of State for Home and Foreign affairs, and acknowledges the receipt of His Excellency's note of 21st Inst. The Undersigned feels highly flattered by the expressions of regard for the United States on the part of the Government of His Imperial Majesty, which are therein contained, and regrets that those expressions have not been followed by an act, calculated to confirm the dispositions of friendship. Had the case of Captain Austin, been a simple question of property, the Undersigned would have felt no desire to have pressed it, with unreasonable or ubecoming urgency, but as it was one which involved the unjust and arbitrary incarceration of an honourable and innocent American citizen, he felt himself bound as the

only Representative of his Government at this Court to exert all the efforts of his feeble powers in claims for redress — and he will moreover say, that from his uniform experience under the administration of His Excellency Jose Bonifacio de Andrada e Silva, who had invariably ordered the prompt liberation of American citizens improperly deprived of their liberty, he had every reason to expect, that his representations would have merited in Ten days, the attention which they had sometimes received in one.

The Undersigned is aware of the arduous and multifarious labours of His Excellency just entering upon the duties of an important and highly responsible office, and does not therefore pretend to complain of any neglect on the part of His Branch of the Government, but he cannot avoid thinking that the communication of 15 "Instant, relative to the imprisonment of Captain Austin, which was on that day transmitted to the Department of Justice by His Excellency Jose Bonifacio de Andrada e Silva, has met with unmerited delay.

The Undersigned, placed here by his Government to advocate the just claims of

his fellow citizens, having in the present case
far as his humble abilities enabled him
deavoured to discharge his duty as became
e born and nurtured in the bosom of a free
nd generous nation but having ascertained
the inadequacy of his pen to clothe even a righteous
cause in language worthy to be listened to
feels it due to his own sense of propriety, and
the honour of his country, to cease his functions
as Consul of the United States, and therefore begs
that His Excellency will furnish him with the
necessary passports, drawn in such a way, that
should he for the want of a direct opportunity
be obliged to go by the way of Bahia or Pernam
buco, he will not be liable to interruption, or to
the necessity of proving to the local authorities
his citizenship, or his claims to protection.

The Undersigned most deeply
regrets the occurrence which has imposed
upon him the necessity of resorting to this step,
and whilst he expresses his sorrow, that
circumstances have not permitted him to enjoy
the honour of a personal acquaintance with

His Excellency, he takes this last occasion to r
peat the assurance of his very particular res
and esteem.

Lucy Raguet