Most Excellent Sir,

I have been honoured by the receipt of Your Excellency's Note of the 18th inst.-, by which I am informed, that after the expiration of Six months from it's date, the Stores remitted to the ports of this Empire, for the use of the United States' Squadron on this Station, will be subjected to duties; A copy of which Note, I shall avail of an early opportunity to transmit to my Government.-

The privilege heretofore accorded to the United States, of landing or transhipping at this Port, the Stores for their Squadron, exempt from duties, was granted by an Arrangement made with Condy Raguet Esq.r late Charge d'Affaires of the United States at this Court upon condition, that the United States would under similar circumstances, allow the same privilege to Brazil; Your Excellency, will therefore observe, that an equivalent was stipulated for, and that the privilege was not a gratuitous concession.-

Presuming, that it is not the intention of His Imperial Majesty, to deny to the United States, those immunities, which have been, and continue to be uninterrupted-ly enjoyed by other powers, who maintain Squadrons on this Station; I beg that Your Excellency will do me the favour, to communicate to me, for the information of my Government, as to what are the formalities required of those Powers, who enjoy an exemption from duties, upon the Stores remitted to this Empire, for the use of their Squadrons.-

I renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my high regard, and distinguished consideration.-

Rio de Janeiro, Dec.r 26.th 1827

To His Excellency
The Marquis of Aracaty
Counsellor, Minister, & Secretary of State
For Foreign Affairs
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H. H. Dobbin