United States Frigate Macedonian.
Off Monte Video. December 20th: 1827.

Sir.

I have received your letter of the 6th: instant, covering a communication to you from His Excellency the Marquis of Aracaty, upon the subject of the exportation of Specie.—
Be pleased to make known to His Excellency, that upon my arrival on this Station, in August 1826 I gave orders to the Commanders of the public vessels of the United States never to receive Specie on board, unless it was accompanied by a Certificate from the Custom House that it was embarked according to law; and that no specie whatever has been received at any of the ports of Brazil, on board any of the public vessels of the United States, except for the sole use of the vessels.

Desirous of conforming exactly to the laws of the Empire, while I continue in its ports, I shall repeat the order; and His Imperial Majesty's Government may be assured, that the Decree, forbidding the exportation of the Copper Coin, shall be faithfully observed by the public vessels of the United States.

I am, Respectfully,
Your Most Obedient,
Humble Servant.
James Biddle

W. H. D. C. Wright, Esquire.
Consul of the United States.
Rio Janeiro.