Most Excellent Sir

As far back as the 25th Inst
all the Certificates, in relation to the
Brig Ontario of Philadelphia Commanded
by Hugh McKenzie, which are required
by this Government previous to granting
the Passports of Vessels from this Port,
were left at the proper Offices, since
which period many Others have received
the necessary documents to proceed to
Sea; but those of the Ontario have
been withheld; Upon Captain McKenzie
together with his Consignee calling
this Morning to ascertain the cause of
such unusual delay, they were
informed that before the Passports
of that Vessel could be granted, the
Captain must give bond to abide
the decision of a suit brought against
him, upon the charge of his being an
accomplice with the Privateer by which
his Vessel was Overhauled on her
Passage from Belize to this Port.

It is entirely Out of the Power
of Captain McKenzie to comply with
this unreasonable and unprecedented
demand, and as the charge against
him is so grossly absurd, I indulge

the hope that Your Excellency will interpose your high Authority, and order that the necessary papers, for his departure from this port may be given him without loss of time, as he chooses to sail for the United States during the present week.

I embrace the present occasion to renew to Your Excellency, the assurance of my most distinguished consideration.

Rio de Janeiro 30th 1827

To his Excellency
The Marquis of Queluz,
Counsellor, Minister,
& Secretary of State,
For Foreign Affairs.
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H. M. Dearborn
Consul
U. S. A.