The Undersigned His Britannic Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires, hastens to lay before His Excellency Senr Francisco Carneiro de Campos, Minister and Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, the details of an occurrence which took place today in this harbour, and which from the circumstances attending it, can scarcely be considered in any other light than as a wilful and malicious attempt on the part of certain individuals in the employment of the Brazilian Government (but hitherto unknown) upon the life of a British Subject in His Majesty's Service:-

Early this morning

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a small boat, belonging to H. M's
Schooner Adelaide, containing
one man, was run down and
upset by a large Brazilian boat
proceeding from Villagañon
towards the City. The British sailor
was, during a considerable time,
in the water, and, altho' in
imminent danger, he did not
receive the slightest assistance
from the Brazilian crew. –
At length, and with great
difficulty, he succeeded in
righting his boat, which was
still floating, when, as if
dissatisfied

dissatisfied at not having accomplished their design, the same individuals returned to the attack, and again ran down the British Boat!

Such conduct requires no comment.—

The facts above stated conclusively prove that the occurrence was not accidental; and they also afford strong grounds for believing that the mouth and injury to which a British Officer was subjected only a few days ago by a Brazilian Boats' crew, were equally premeditated.—

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The undersigned cannot too earnestly call the attention of His Excellency to the present case, which, from its aggravated character demands a most rigid investigation; and the undersigned confidently ++ ++ expects from the equity of the Mauritian Government that no delay will take place in instituting these inquiries, that the offenders may be discovered and brought to merited punishment -

I remain
Respondent

evident to His Excellency that unless prompt and effectual means are adopted by His Excellency's Government, to repress these unprovoked aggressions on the part of the Brazilians, and to afford that protection to British Subjects, which, from the friendly relations subsisting between the two Foots, they have a just right to expect from the Govt. of Brazil, feelings of irritation will be excited, that may be productive of consequences which the Undersigned sincerely believes

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His Excellency is as desirous as he is himself, to avoid. —

The undersigned has the honor to renew to His Excy the assurances of his high consideration and esteem. —

Arthur Aston

Rio de Janeiro
4th October 1831