The Undersigned His Britannick Majesty's
Chargé d'Affaires is again under
the necessity of calling the serious
and immediate attention of the
Brazilian Government to the repetition
of an unwarrantable act of
discourtesy towards the British Flag
on the part of the officers in the
Imperial Service, stationed at the
Port of Santa Cruz.

This morning H. M.'s
Schooner "Adelaide", upon proceeding
to Sea after having been previously
visited, according to usual practice,
by the Port-officer, was fired at
<u>twice</u> from the Fort of Santa Cruz.

The Undersigned

feels

had the honor in his note of the
26th ultimo to His Excellency Senhor
Francisco Carneiro de Campos,
Minister and Secretary of State
for foreign Affairs, to remonstrate
against similar conduct of the
officers on duty at the before-
mentioned Fort. The Undersigned
cannot refrain from expressing
his surprise that the Brazilian
Govt, taking into their Consideration
the urgent request contained in
that representation to put a
stop to such extraordinary and
unjustifiable proceedings on

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the part of their officers, should
not have caused orders to that
effect to be issued:- But, from
what has this morning occurred,
he can only conclude that no
such measures have as yet
been adopted.

H. M. Schooner Adelaide
has often left and returned
to this Port, that it is difficult
to conceive that the officers,
whose duty this to observe the
departure of Vessels, should not
have enquired her, particularly
when

when this considered that a
ship of War with a Pendant
flying at the Mast-head cannot
easily be mistaken.

The Undersigned was
willing to believe that the
misconduct, before complained
of, originated in error or
negligence, but this repetition of
the offence, almost induces the
belief, (however reluctant the
Undersigned may be to admit
it,) that other motives have
influenced the Officers at

the

the Port.-

The undersigned, nevertheless,
fully persuaded that this
irregular and indecorous proceeding
has taken place, without the
knowledge of the Imperial
Government;- but, however
disposed he may be to entertain
this belief, he cannot but
express his strong disapprobation
of the conduct of the Marshal
of officers, so contrary to the Rules
of courtesy observed by all
Governments towards the
Ships of War of friendly
Powers.

powers, and so manifestly
calculated to excite misunderstandg
between the British and
Brazilian Authorities.—
The Undersigned
considers it therefore incumbant
upon him to require a full and
satisfactory explanation respecting
this avowed offence; and he
has also, most urgently to
request His Excellency will cause
the most positive and explicit
orders to be issued to the
effect that, in future, His
Majesty's

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Mapeiro ships, upon leaving,
or arriving in this harbour,
may not fire under be exposed to
receive a similar affront.

Trusting that his Exy will
shortly enable the Undersigned
to assure the Commanding
Officer of H. Bn. Naval Forces in
Brazil, that these orders
have been issued, he has the
honor to renew to His Excellency
the assurances of his high
Consideration and esteem. —

Arthur Aston

Rio de Janeiro
7th October 1831

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