The Undersigned His

Britannick Majesty's Envoy —

Extraordinary & Minister

Plenipotentiary has the honor

to acknowledge the receipt of

the Note which has been —

addressed to him by His —

Excellency the Marquis of Louliz,

Counsellor, Minister & Secretary

of State for Foreign Affairs,

stating, that the Convention

for the final Abolition of the

Slave Trade which has been

His Excellency

The Marquis of Louliz.

&. — &. -&.

ratified

ratified by His Britannick Majesty
& the Emperor of Brazil has
not been countersigned —
/referendada/ by His Britannick
Majesty's Minister for Foreign
Affairs, & requesting the —
Undersigned to point out an
expedient for supplying
this omission in order that
the said Convention may be
duly published.

The Undersigned
will not take upon himself
to say whether the Signature
of

of His Britannick Majesty's
Minister for Foreign affairs
has been) omitted in consequence
of the promptitude with which
the Ratifications were exchanged
& owing perhaps to the severe
indisposition of Mr Secretary
Canning at that Period, or
whether it may not altogether
be contrary to the General
Practice of the British Secretary
of State to affix on similar
occasions his Signature to the
Act of Ratification & Signature
of

of the King his Master.

In either case, the

Undersigned does not see

why the absence of the -

signature of Mr Secretary -

Canning should impede the

due publication of the Convention,

since it does not appear to

be necessary, nor is it always

the Custom to publish the

Act of Ratification together

with the Treaty; witness the

printed Copy of the Treaty

of Commerce signed at

Rio

Rio de Janeiro in 1810; — and
also in England the Convention
for the Abolition of the African
Slave Trade has been published
and presented to both Houses
of Parliament according to
the form of the printed Copy
herewith enclosed. —

At the same time, the
Undersigned begs to assure
His Excellency the Marquis
of Queluz that he will write
immediately to His Government
and procure this slight
informality

informality to be repaired,
if it should appear
that it has been usual to
affix the Signature of His
Majesty's Secretary of State
to similar Documents, —
which however the Undersigned
does not believe to be the case.

The Undersigned avails
himself of this opportunity to
renew to His Excellency the Marquis
of Lucleur the Assurances of his
esteem & high consideration. —

Rio de Janeiro May 8th. 1827. —

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