25 de Março 1824

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em conseq.cia de despo.ho
de Canning.

The Undersigned, His

Britannick Majesty's Envoy

Extraordinary & Minister

Plenipotentiary, has again

received orders from his Gov.t

to remonstrate with the Gov.t

of Brazil, upon the violent Acts

of injustice which have been

committed upon the Persons

& Property of British Subjects

His Excellency

The Marquis of Queluz.

by

by the Brazilian Authorities

at Monte-Video & in the

River Plate.—

I've again addressing

His Excellency the Marquis of

Queluz, Counsellor, Minister, &

Secretary of State for Foreign

Affairs, in obedience to his

instructions upon this Subject,

the Undersigned is bound to

admit, that these are dated

on

on the 20th. of January, at

which period Information

had not yet reached his

Govt. of the Orders of the 18th.

& 29th. Inst.. These, together

with the Imperial Decree of the

1st. Feb.: - are doubtless well

calculated to give satisfaction

to the British Govt., in so far

as they testify the desire of

the Emperor of Brazil to

correct

correct measures, which from

the manner in which they

have been enforced throughout

the Blockade, have deeply

affected the feelings, the

interests, & the honor, of the

whole British Nation. - The

Undersigned is also willing

to admit, that the perpetration

of many if not all of those

Acts against which it has

become

become his duty now to complain,

is solely to be attributed to the

illegal & unauthorized behaviour

of the Individuals in command

of the Blockading force in the

River Plate. - Nevertheless, as

British Subjects are still

smarting under the injustice

of those Acts, many of which

are of a description that is

not provided against by the

late

late provident orders of this

Govt.; & as the same —

Commanders may therefore

partly pursue the same line

of Conduct as heretofore, it is

the duty of the Undersigned

to call the attention of His

Excellency the Marquis of Ducles

to those injuries - in particular,

of which constituting as they

do an evident abuse of

the

the Rights of war His Britannick

Majesty's Gov^t. has resolved

upon demanding immediate

reparation. —

Among the foremost

of these the Undersigned

places the Treatment used

by the Brazilian Commander

towards the British Prize Crews

either by disbanding them or

placing them on board

Brazilian

Brazilian Ships of war.

Neutral Sailors -

forming the Crew of a -

Captured Ship are not to be

separated from their Vessel

till she is brought to -

adjudication. - Such Sailors

may be required to perform

their usual work in the

navigation of their captured

Vessel, but they may not be

taken

taken on board the Ship of

war & compelled to serve as

part of her Crew.

The conduct of a Danish

officer named Pritz who is

said to have pursued a System

on board the Donna Paula of

maltreatment towards British

Sailors on account of National

resentment, growing out of

former) wars, calls for the

severest

severest censure,

The Undersigned

has further to remonstrate

against the circumstances

attending the detention of

the Brig "Pioneer." — The refusal

of the Brazilian Admiral

to release the British Cargo

on the same grounds on

which he released the Vessel

upon the demand of an

American

American Officer, she being an
American Vessel, is an act
of partiality which can
never be submitted to, & which
the Undersigned is convinced
can never be countenanced
by the Brazilian Govt.

The doctrine main =
tained by Great Britain upon
this head, is too just, not
to be recognized by Brazil —
the

the rule applied by a -

Belligerent to one Neutral

must be applied to all: -

If Brazil could have -

established the same Law

of Blockade & applied it

impartially to all Neutrals

as Great Britain has done

in times of war, it would

cheerfully have been -

submitted to; but Great

Britain

Britain will not see the Law

relaxed towards others & enforced

towards herself.— The Undersigned

is well aware, that the Brazilian

Govt. actually entertains this

same doctrine with regard to

the exercise of their belligerent

rights; but the above remarks

have been called forth by the

erroneous view taken upon this

subject by the Brazilian Admiral

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It is not intended

here to recount the numerous

instances in which captures

have been made of British

vessels by the said Admiral,

not only contrary to the spirit

of the Decree of H. I. M., but

contrary to the rights of -

blockade, under the most

rigid interpretation of them; -

as these cases are now pending

in

in the Brazilian Court of

Admiralty, it would be super-

=erogation in the Undersigned

to remonstrate upon them,

previously to the decision of

that Court, which he has every

reason to believe will be-

guided by very different

principles from what are

entertained by the Captors,-

that is to say, by the Principles

which

which have been enounced

with so much justice in the

Sovereign Decrees of H. I. Gn. —

But the case of

Mr Brown a British Subject

commanding the Merchant

Vessel the "Hulton" is one in

particular, upon which the

Undersigned has been desired

to make a representation to

the Brazilian Govt. — Upon

the

the bare plea that this Gentleman

was Brother to an Officer of that

name in the Service of Buenos

Ayres, after having been exposed

to the worst of Treatment,

he has been forced to quit

Monte-Video at 14 days Notice,

& this when his Cargo was on

shore, thereby obliging him to

sell it by public auction pre-

paratory to his leaving the Country,

when

when the State of the Market was

such that he sustained a loss

by the sale equal to ½ the value

of the Cargo.

The British Govt. considers

this as an additional proof of

the unfriendly disposition, which

the Govt. of Brazil has all along

shewn to those British Subjects

whose interests have been

compromised by transactions

growing

growing out of the hostilities

existing between Brazil & Buenos

Ayres; & the Undersigned

calls upon His Excellency the

Marquis of Queluz to reflect

before it be too late, upon the

expediency of correcting these

Impressions.

However desirous Great

Britain may be, to preserve

that good intelligence with

Brazil

Brazil, which has never yet

been interrupted, She considers

it would be a stain upon

her national honor, to witness

the continuation of such

proceedings, as have been

quoted in this Note, without

looking to Her own measures

for redress. —

The Undersigned

avails himself of this opportunity

to

to renew to His Excellency the

Marquis of Queluz the assurance

of his esteem and high

consideration.

Rio de Janeiro March 25th. 1827.

R Gordon