Monsieur le Marquis,

I have the honor to acquaint

Your Excellency, that I have been

entrusted with a letter from the

King, My Master, for His Majesty

the Emperor of Brazil, notifying

the melancholy intelligence of

His Excellency

the Marquis of Aveley

&c &c &c

The Death of His Royal Highness

the Duke of York at twenty

minutes past nine o'clock on the

Evening of the 5th of January of

the present year. –

As His Imperial Majesty is

absent in the Country, I beg leave

to request Your Excellency will

convey to His August Presence,

the

the said Letter, which is herewith

enclosed.—

I am persuaded His

Imperial Majesty will condole

with the King My Master on this

Melancholy Event, which has —

occasioned such heartfelt Sorrow

to His Majesty, and to all Classes

of His Majesty's Subjects.—

I

I avail myself of this

opportunity to renew to You

Excellency the assurances of my

Esteem and high consideration. -

C. Gordon

Rio de Janeiro.

March 22. 1827