17 de Março 1827

Rio de Janeiro
ce 17 Mars 1827.

Monsieur le Marquis,

Je ne sçais pas ce

que Votre Excellence pense

du départ de Monsieur Condy

Raguet, et si elle croit avec

moi, que cet événement

est de nature à ce que

à Son Excellence

Monsieur le Marquis de Queluz. le

f. — f. — f. —

le Gouvernement Brésilien

doit désirer qu'il n'eût

pas lieu.

C'est dans ce sens

et avec le plus vif désir

d'éloigner les grands inconvéniens

que pourroient résulter à ce

Gouvernement d'une querelle

avec celui des Etats Unis, que

je

je l'ai cru être de mon devoir

d'adresser la Lettre particulière

à M. Raguet, que j'ai l'honneur

de vous envoyer ci-inclose.

Quoique je sois bien

loin de donner raison au

Chargé d'affaires des Etats-Unis,

je ne suis pas moins —

convaincu que ce n'est pas

le

le Moment ou le Brésil

devroit risquer à se brouiller

avec cette puissance.

Votre Excellence peut

bien croire que c'est parce-

-que mon Gouvernement prend

le plus haut intérêt à la

conservation de la paix, et

parce qu'il s'interesse surtout

à

à ce que la prospérité du

Brésil ne soit pas troublée

que je me suis engagé comme

l'organe d'un des meilleurs

amis de Sa Majesté l'Empereur,

dans la susdite démarche

vis-à-vis du Chargé d'Affaires

américain. — Je prie votre

Excellence de venir à mon

secours

secours, afin d'effectuer une

réconciliation convenable aux

deux partis, et surtout de ne

pas mal interpréter les vrais

motifs qui me dirigent dans

cette affaire.

Je profite de

cette occasion pour —

offrir à Votre Excellence

les

assurances de mon estime et

de ma haute considération.

F Gordon

Copy

Rio de Janeiro March 17th
1827.

Dear Sir

I regret sincerely to have learnt
during my illness, that you have
considered the conduct of this Government
towards you in the affair of the detention
of the American Vessel, the "Spark," as
being of a nature, which authorises you
to demand your Passports and abruptly
to quit this residence. — In writing to
Mr. Consul Rayner Esqre

Your

you upon this occasion, I trust you will
not misconstrue my object; which is, first,
that of expressing my personal regret for
your departure; and secondly, — my regret
as British Minister, that any events should
take place here, which may furnish grounds
for a serious misunderstanding between
two Powers with both of whom Great Britain
is upon a footing of the strictest amity —
During my long confinement, I
have

have not been able to inform myself of the
exact details of the affair which has led you
to take the above determination:- But I
frankly confess to you, Judging from the
knowledge I have of it, that it does not
appear to me to be one, which authorises
a step on your part, so evidently calculated
to endanger the publick tranquility,
but rather that it is an affair upon
which satisfactory explanations might be
given, and such as are suitable to the
dignity

dignity of the important Office with which
You are charged at this Court.—

I must again beg of you to put a
fuller construction upon my motives, when I
say, that being aware of the service which
in similar cases has been rendered by
the intervention of a third Party, and
being under the idea that you have no
wish to persist in your determination
to quit this residence, if it could be
conveniently and honorably avoided,

I

I should be most happy, with your concurrence, to use my efforts towards effecting a reconciliation with this Government, which without being derogatory to the honor of either Party, might prevent the occurrence of a state of things which may ultimately be inconvenient to both. —

I write only further to state, that I should possibly not have ventured to address this letter to you, but for the

the friendly relations which, I am happy to say, exist between us, and which cause me to feel your departure with real sorrow.—

I have the honour to be

&c &c &c

Signed

R Gordon