11 de Febro 1839

The Undersigned, His Britannick

Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and

Minister Plenipotentiary, has received

orders from his Government to state to

His Excellency the Marquis of Lucchesini,

Counsellor, Minister, and Secretary

of State for Foreign affairs, in reply

to His Excellency's Notes on the subject

of the supposed informality in the

Act

His Excellency
The
Marquis of Lucchesini

Act of Ratification of the Convention

between His Britannick Majesty

and the Emperor of Brazil for the

abolition of the Slave Trade, by the

omission of the Counter-signature of

the British Secretary of State, — that

the Instrument in Question is

in all respects drawn up and

Executed in the form in which

Ratifications by His Britannick

Majesty

Majesty of Treaties with Foreign

Powers have constantly been prepared

and executed from time immemorial.

It is not the practice of His

Britannick Majesty's Secretary of

State for Foreign Affairs to annex

his signature to acts of Ratification,

such Instruments being considered

acts of the Sovereign alone, declaring

His Majesty's personal confirmation

of

of Instrumento previously signed

by His Minister.—

The omission noticed by His

Excellency the Brazilian Minister

for Foreign affairs, is not the result

of any oversight, but is in strict

conformity to the long-established

Rule of Great Britain.—

The undersigned has the

honor to avail himself of this

opportunity

Opportunity to renew to His Excellency

the Marquis of Queluz the

assurances of his esteem and high

consideration. —

R Gordon.

Rio de Janeiro Septr. 11th 1827.