Baltimore Decemr 1st 1828

Mr Rebella
Charge of affairs of the E. of Brazil &

Sir,

A few days ago I wrote to Mr Lima, Consul Gen. of E. Brazil, in Phil. But as I have not yet received his answer, I fear he may be out of town, & therefore take the liberty of addressing a few lines to you & giving you a copy of the letter which I wrote to Mr Lima. — As I am anxious to leave this place for Brazil, I wish your advice, whether it would be best for me to await here the answer of the Capt. Gen. of Cuba, to whom I have written, or if it would be as well, for me to leave a power of Attor. with Mr Lima, with full powers for him to act for Mr Almeida & myself. Your answer, addressed to the care of R. H. Douglas & Co, will much oblige

Your Obt. Servt
John Hammond

Balt. Nov 24th 1828

Copy of Mr Lima's Letter —
Mr Lima, Consul Gen. of the Emp of Brazil &.

Sir,

When I was in Philadelphia, I waited on the Spanish Minister, to whom I related all the facts concerning my unfortunate case, & that of Jeronimo

Jeronimo de Almeda, stating, what portion of the property belonged to him & what to myself. I also gave him a copy of those documents which I presented to Mr. Clay Sec. of State, to be forwarded to the Captain Gen. of the Island of Cuba. Mr. Talmon Sec. to the I. Minister, is in possession of every circumstance relating to this affair & would be able to explain every particular to you more clearly, if you will call on him, than I can by writing. I shall remain in Baltimore untill I receive an answer from the Captain Gen. who's answer I will transmit to you as soon as possible, I shall then be guided by your advice, in the manner in which I must act. —

Whatever portion of the property may be restored to Mr. Almeda & myself, I should wish to be shipped in produce to your address, as there is a more regular trade between Phil & St. Jago, than there is between that place & Balt. — I understand from Mr. Backus, Am. Consul of St. Jago, that Mr. Almeda has laid claim to the Vessel & Cargo in his own name. If this information is correct, it will cause a great deal of confusion in the business, the Governor will not know to which of the two claimants the property really belongs, & so perhaps withhold it from both of us. I remain Sir

Yours &c

John Hammond