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David Hoffman

Baltimore Jan 17. 1830

I hasten to reply to your letter requesting information of the progress of certain Criminal proceedings against persons who have been charged with violating the Laws of the U S for the preservation of her neutral relations with foreign Powers, and particularly for misdemeanors, and perpetrated acts towards His Majesty the Emperor of Brazil.

All of these cases stood for trial at the late session of the Circuit Court, but owing to the absence of some very important Witnesses (whose Recognizances to the Court have forfeited by reason of their absence) the cases were continued with one exception, viz that of Thomas G Raybourn, who stands indicted for the illegal Sale of Buenos ayres

commissions. His trial was brought on, and
after occupying the Court for two days
one of the Jurymen became seriously ill,
and the cause was necessarily continued.
I hope that most of the cases will be
tried in May next — As to their
result it is difficult to speak with
any certainty. Witnesses for the prosecution
speak with great reluctance; and
show in favour of the accused have
seldom any conscience — There are also
other reasons which render success in
these cases rather doubtful, be the
evidence ever so clear. These I shall
detail to you personally, when I shall
have the pleasure to call on you in
Warkington. There are also several
civil proceedings for the restoration of cap
tured property. These are in a like
situation; and the details of which I

shall also furnish you in the course of a few weeks, when in Washington.

I am Sir with great consideration
your most obedient servant
David Hoffman

To/
The Hon'l
J. de Araujo Ribiero
Washington.

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Não tem resposta —

Do Illmo Sr. Manoel de Araujo Ribeiro

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