31 de Agosto 1826.

The Undersigned, His Britannick Majesty's Charge d'Affaires, will not fail to transmit to his Government the Note which he has had the honour to receive from His Excellency The Visconde de Inhambupé. Councillor, Minister, and Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, dated the 26th Instant, representing that the British Packets are accused of carrying Passengers, and large Sums of Money for the vivification of the Bank of Buenos Ayres, in contravention of the terms on which the Imperial Brazilian Government acceded to the Request of His Britannick Majesty's Government, that The King's Packets might be allowed to communicate with the City of Buenos Ayres notwithstanding the Blockade. Further, requesting The Undersigned to make known his ideas on the subject, and in the mean time to take such measures, in conjunction with His Majesty's Consul at Monte-Video, as may prevent the continuance of the

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The Arrival from Buenos Ayres of his Majesty's Packet "Dove", on her Voyage to England, has enabled the Undersigned to make the enquiries suggested by M. le Vicomte de Inhambupe, and to reply to His Excellency, he hopes, in a satisfactory manner.

With respect to the large sums of Money stated to have been landed from the Packets, for the purpose of lending Succour to the Bank of Buenos Ayres, he is enabled to state, positively, upon the Authority of the Commander of the Dove, that no such succour has been afforded; and that, of the small sums of specie which the Packets may have shipped in Falmouth destined for that Port, (but not for that purpose) the greater part is already on its return to England, and the rest about to follow, without being landed. — Nay he is even able to assure His Excellency, on the same authority, that such circumspection has

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been observed to avoid trespassing upon the regulation laid down by the Brazilian Commander in Chief Admiral Rodrigo Pinto Guedes, that, since the protest, made by him to His Majesty's Consul at Monte-Video, against the shipment of Specie from Buenos Ayres for England, was known in Buenos Ayres, such Shipments have been wholly suspended.

As respects Passengers, it appears to be undeniable that some have been allowed to land: with the consent (as it is stated) of the Officer commanding the immediate Blockade of the Port of Buenos Ayres. But these Individuals have been few in number; and all British Subjects going thither on their own private Affairs, neither concerned, nor in any wise connected, with the Government.

Having thus stated the result of the Enquiries he has been able to make, The Undersigned feels no hesitation in acknowledging, that, according to

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his understanding of the concession granted by the Imperial Brazilian Government in favour of the British Packets, the permission extended solely to the landing and receiving on board the Dispatches and Mails;— that the Government have the clear right to insist, if They should be so pleased, that nothing else whatever should be either landed or received on board:— And that, if they should decide upon requiring this positive restriction, it will be his Duty to use his best efforts to ensure a due observance thereof on the part of the Commanders of the Packets.

But, at the same time, he cannot but hope that the Imperial Brazilian Government, which have ever expressed their good will towards British Commerce, may even their desire to consider it favourably during the present Hostilities, will feel disposed, in all cases where the Interests of Brazil are not likely to suffer, and especially

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in those where no Inconvenience can arise from favour shewn, to consider that the Port of Buenos Ayres is the only outlet for British Merchants, and British Capital, suddenly set fast within the Territories of the Republick of the River Plate, by the Declaration of War, and the immediate institution of the Blockade; and will therefore allow of such a relaxation in their favour as may enable both to retire to their own Country.

The Undersigned having thus replied to all the points of His Excellency's Note has the honour to renew to Him the Asurances of His high Respect and Consideration.

Rio de Janeiro 31st August 1826.

H Chamberlain