Rio de Janeiro 20th Septr. 1826.

M. le Vicomte,

Having duly considered the Contents of Your Excellency's Note of the 2d Instant, touching the Claim of Francisco Xavier Coelho Teixeira to be paid his Salary as Meirinho of the British Conservatorial Court, and stating the opinion of the Mesa do Dezembargo do Paço, whom His Imperial Majesty had been pleased to order to be consulted on this subject, to be in favour of the demand of the said Meirinho, and further signifying to me, by Order of His Imperial Majesty, what may be the consequences of a denial of justice to that Individual, whose Claim, (it is wished,) should be settled without any proceedings at Law, I have the Honour to reply to Your Excellency That His Britannick Majesty's Government

To,
His Excellency
The Visconde de Inhambupe
&c. &c. &c.

Government, being aware of the necessity for paying the Officers of the Conservatorial Court for the Services, rendered by them in those capacities, have directed me to satisfy their claims out of the publick Monies, at present improperly and illegally retained by the Treasurer of the Contribution Fund; the recovery whereof forms at this moment the object of a Suit at Law. And I beg to assure Your Excellency that so soon as I shall have succeeded in wresting those funds from the hands of the Treasurer, whatever may be due to the beforementioned Individuals shall be duly paid.

If, after those funds are expended, the British Subjects resident in the Brazil do not choose to pay for the Services of the Officers of the Conservatorial Court, the consequence will naturally be such as Your Excellency predicts; there will be no Court for want of the necessary Agents and Executors of its Orders, until the two Governments shall come to an

understanding

understanding upon the subject.

The course which His Imperial Majesty has graciously been pleased to direct to be taken on this occasion, adopting in preference the mode of friendly Arrangement between the two States, rather than a Suit at Law against His Majesty's Consulate, cannot but be most agreeable to the Government of His Britannick Majesty: Who are never so unjust as to refuse to listen to fair claims for Remuneration for Services performed. But who would never consent to the unprecedented pretension, once attempted to be set up in this Country, of making His Majesty's Consuls personally responsible for Services rendered to their Countrymen, or to the British Nation.

I shall, consequently, have much satisfaction in transmitting to my Government Your Excellency's Note of the 2d Instant, and in the mean time beg Your Excellency once more to accept

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the Sentiments of distinguished Consideration
with which I have the honour to be,

Monsieur le Vicomte,

Your Excellency's

most obedient

humble Servant,

H Chamberlain