Rio de Janeiro 23rd. Sept. 1826

M. le Vicomte,

Once more I am under the necessity of appealing to Your Excellency's Humanity, on the behalf of the unfortunate British Seamen who were sent Prisoners in Irons on the 2d. of February last, from the Piranga Frigate on board the — Presiganga, under a charge of — Insubordination, of which no proofs — have ever yet been produced.

One of these unhappy men, Hinckman, has sunk under his sufferings. He is dead. – Another is represented to be very ill, and they will probably all die unless a speedy termination be put to their Imprisonment, and to the privations which they have so long and so unjustly undergone.

To,
His Excellency
The Viconde de Inhambupe
&c — &c. &c.

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Nearly eight Months have elapsed since these poor Men were first removed to the Presiganga; and Fifty days have passed by since Your Excellency last assured me that peremptory Orders had been sent to the River Plate to forward hither the proofs of the trivial Crime with which they are charged.

I implore Your Excellency to interfere on their behalf, – at least so far as to procure their being put upon Trial. If they are innocent let them be liberated; – If guilty, punished. – Any thing is better than indefinite and hopeless Imprisonment.

Trusting that this fresh appeal will be more successful than the many others by which it has been preceded, I beg to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of distinguished Consideration

with

with which I have the honour to be,

M. le Vicomte,

Your Excellency's

most obedient

humble Servant

H. Chamberlain