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Rio de Janeiro May 3d. 1821.

I had the Honor to receive the letter in which Your Excellency was pleased to communicate to me the Royal Decree and Instructions of the 22d. Ultimo, and lose no time in assuring Your Excellency of my intention to lay them before my Government, who I am persuaded will not see without particular pleasure that His Most Faithful Majesty has in his absence from this Kingdom provided for its Government in the manner which appear'd best calculated to promote its Peace, Union and Prosperity.

As to the very obliging wishes by which Your Excellency's letter closes I beg you to be assured that I reciprocate them

His Excellency
The Count dos Arcos
Minister and Secretary of State of the Kingdom of Brazil, and of Foreign Affairs.
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them most sincerely and that I am with
the highest respect and consideration
Your Excellency's
Most obedient
and humble Servant.
J. J. Appleton