Plymouth 16 May 1831

Esteemed Friend

We have not replied to thy esteemed favor of the 27 Ult^o because His Excellency the Marquis Santo Amaro was still detained waiting for H.M.S. Druid to be applied to the Admiral for the customary honors to be paid His Excellency on embarcation and altho it was not done at the time he and his Suite went on board the Frigate because it was very late on Friday evening yet he was saluted the following morning The Druid sailed on Saturday evening

We are very respectfully
Thy assured friends
Fox Sons & Co

To His Excellency
Chevalier de Mattos
Charges d'affaires of Brasils
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London