The Undersigned, Chargé des Af-
=faires of the United States of America,
presents his respectful compliments to
the Viconde of Indamburipe, and con-
=gratulates His Excellency upon His
appointment to the administration
of the Foreign affairs of the Empire,
of which notice was conveyed in
His Excellency's despatch of "18" Mex.

Having been this day inform-
=ed by the American Merchants James
Pirckhead & Co. that a sentence had
been pronounced against them, by
the "Juizo da Superintendencia
dos contrabandos," upon a seizure
of 147 pieces of sail cloth (lonas) and
~~that~~ an appeal to the Most Excel-
=lent Council of State, will be in order,
on their part, the Undersigned
takes this early occasion to com=
=municate to His Imperial Majesty's

Government, that such appeal will be made, but as time has not yet been afforded, for an examination of the Autos, it is respectfully requested, that His Excellency will cause a suspension of the sentence, untill that can be accomplished.

The Undersigned, upon this his first communication to the Viscount of Inhambupe, begs that His Excellency will accept of the assurance of his great respect and high consideration.

Rio de Janeiro.
February. 13. 1824.