Legation of the United States
Rio de Janeiro Dec: 28th. 1820.

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's Note of the 27th. Instant containing the information that H.E. the Count of Palmella had taken charge of the Department of Foreign Affairs & War to which he had previously been appointed by H. M. F. Majesty.

While I thank Y.E. for this communication and the very obliging offer of services with which it is accompanied I should do violence to my feelings if I did not at the same time express how sensible I am to the very liberal manner in which I have found Y.E. uniformly disposed to treat me, and my Countrymen and to contribute thus what lay in your power to maintain the Relations of Friendship so happily existing between the two Countries.

Sincerely

His Excellency
Thomas Antonio de Villanova Portugal
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Sincerely wishing that Your Excellency may never meet but with sentiments like these these on the part of those with whom Y. E. may come in contact in administering the momentous Affairs of the Kingdom, and that Y. E. may find at last in the prosperity of Your King & Country a suitable reward for Your arduous and indefatigable labours in their service I beg leave to offer to Your Excellency the assurance of my profound veneration and most distinguished consideration.

Your Excellency's
Most humble
& obedient
Servant
T. T. Aspinwall.