Consulate of The United States of America

Rio de Janeiro. Dec[illegible] 22. 1823.

To His Excellency

Luiz José de Carvalho e Mello.

Minister & Secretary of State

For Foreign Affairs.

Most Illustrious & Excellent Sir.

A boy named John Bann, about fourteen years of age, belonging ~~to the American~~ Brig Morris of Baltimore, having been charged with a robbery committed on board the said vessel on the 20th Inst. made his escape and has been received on board The National and Imperial Schooner of War, The Atalanta, the commander of which has refused to deliver him up to the Captain from whose service he deserted. As I am sensible that His Majesty's Government does not sanc-

-tion on the part of its naval Officers,
the detention of deserters from the ser=
=vice of foreign vessels, I have to soli=
=cit the interference of Your Excellency
in this case at some early period, in
order that the sailing of the Atalanta
within a short time may not defeat the
object of the application.

I have the honour to be
With great consideration
your Excellency's
most obedient & humble servant

Otto Rayneth

Consul of the
United States of America.

Remettido ao Min.º da Mar.ª
em 22 de Fev.º 1893