Most Excellent Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's two notes, one of the 4th inst. relative to the bonding of prize vessels, the other of the 5th in relation to the destruction of the American Brig Brutus.-

In reply to the former, I have to inform Your Excellency, that the only American prize vessel at this port is in such a state of decay as to be utterly unfit for any purpose, consequently there can be no motive to bond her.-

In the latter Your Excellency observes, that it was not the intention of the Brazilian vessels, to capture the Brutus, but merely to order her off, but that she fled from them, and run on-ground, thereby rendering herself criminal, and justifying them in destroying her.-

It cannot be admitted that it is the duty of a Neutral vessel, to deviate from her course, in order to be spoken with, or that she incurs any penalty, from pursuing her way with all possible dispatch; The Brutus had received no warning of the blockade, and agreeably to the principles laid down by this Government, and previously and subsequently acted upon, was not liable to capture.-

And her misfortune in getting on-shore, so far from constituting crime, should have secured her the hospitality, of all, in whose power it was, to render her assistance.-

I wish not however, to occupy the time of Your Excellency with any further discussion of the Matter, as the case will be embraced with the Mass of others, remaining for future settlement, by a duly authorized Agents of the United States, daily expected in this City.-

Your Excellency will please accept the assurance of
my high regard and distinguished consideration

Rio de Janeiro, Feby 12th 1828.

H. W. Dallonghet.

Consul.

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To His Excellency,
The Marquis de Aracaty,
Counsellor, Minister and
Secretary of State,
For Foreign affairs.
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