UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

STATE OF MARYLAND—TO WIT:

I, **JOHN GILL,** *Notary Public, by Letters Patent, under the* ***Great Seal*** *of the* **State of Maryland,** *Commissioned and duly Qualified, residing in the* ***City of Baltimore,*** *in the State aforesaid, do hereby* Certify, Attest, *and* Make Known. *That, on the day of the date hereof, before me personally appeared*

Edward J. Coale, Esquire, Vice Consul of His Majesty The Emperor of The Brazils for The State of Maryland, one of the United States of America, residing at this City of Baltimore, and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, That he has been credibly informed, That the Buenos Ayrean armed Brig Flor de Mayo commanded by Captain James Harris, lately arrived at this Port in Distress, has, while in this Port, had her Bulwarks repaired so as to render her more fit for a Vessel of War than a Merchant Vessel, thereby adding to her Military Strength.

Wherefore, the said Edward J. Coale did declare to protest, and hereby does protest, against the Officers of the Customs of this Port, and all other persons whom it doth, shall or may concern, for permitting said Brig to encrease her Military Strength while in the Port of Baltimore.

Thus Done and Protested at the City of Baltimore.

E. J. Coale

Of which an Act having been of me requested, I have granted these presents, to serve and avail as need and occasion may require.

In Testimony Whereof, *the said Deponent hath hereunto subscribed* his *Name, and I, the said Notary, have hereunto set my Hand and affixed my Notarial Seal, the* Tenth *day of* March *in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight hundred and* Twenty-eight.

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