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British Consulate,
Lima, May 10th 1830.

Sir,

It has been represented to me that the Specie and Bullion belonging to various British Subjects which had been removed from on board of the Mexican Vessel "Hidalgo", now under detention in Callao, and deposited under three Keys, one of which was delivered to the Supercargo, in the Castle at that Port, to abide the issue of the legal Proceedings instituted against the Vessel, have by an Order of the Government been conveyed to Lima and lodged in the Treasury; the Supercargo having been obliged by force, or by intimidation, to surrender the Key which had been placed in his possession.

As this is a manifest appropriation of the Property, antecedent not only to Condemnation but to trial, I have the honor to request that you will inform the Government of Peru, that I Protest in the strongest terms, in the name of His Britannic Majesty's Government, against the Proceeding; and demand that the Property be immediately restored to a place of deposit, with the intervention and under the joint custody of the Supercargo, as before, or of this Office.

For the Present, I refrain from any further notice of this extraordinary case, (however much it may be called for after the recent and nearly similar one of the British Schooner "John Catto") lest any delay in my application should leave room for a further and irretrievable disposal of the

Señor D. José M. de Pando
&c. &c. &c.

property.

I have the honor to be, with dis-
-tinguished consideration and respect,

Sir,

Your very obedient
humble Servant.

/ Signed / Hol. S. Willimott

A true Copy

W. Kelly