Foreign Office, January 21, 1845. —

The Undersigned, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, received the Note, which M. Lisboa, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotenciary from His Majesty the Emperor of Brazil, did him the honour to address to him on the 20th Ultimo submitting, for the consideration of Her Majesty's Government a Claim brought forward by the Owner of the Brazilian Brig "Relampago" for an indemnity of £ 4.456$192 with interest thereupon as reparation for the alleged illegal detention of that Vessel by Her Majesty's Brig "Dolphin" on account of her having been found of Macahé, unprovided with a manifest, in April last.

The Undersigned, has submitted that Representation, together with the

whole of the Correspondence which had occurred in Brazil upon the subject to the proper Law Adviser of the Crown for His opinion whether the Claim put forward for indemnity is well founded.

And the Undersigned has now the honour to observe to Mr Lisboa that the absence of so important a Document as the ship's manifest which, for some secret and unexplained motive, was in this case sent on board another Vessel constituted to suspiccous a circumstance, as to justify an Officer employed under the Convention with Brazil in suppressing the Slave Trade, in taking the "Relampago" back to the port from which she had sailed the previous day; and that Her Majesty's Government must for this reason feel themselves justified in declining to make the required compensation.

The Undersigned, avails himself of this occasion to renew to Mr Lisboa the assurance of his distinguished consideration. . . . .

The Commandeur Marques

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