Copy Preparations being now making for the Equipment and Manning of a Naval Expedition, which, according to publick Report, is to sail in the course of a few days, Mr. Chamberlain His Britannick Majesty's Consul General, requests His Excellency the Commander Luis José de Carvalho e Mello, Councillor, Minister, and Secretary of State for Foreign affairs, will take the trouble to give the requisite directions, not to compel any British Subject to serve, by force on board the Imperial Ships of war; nor even to accept the voluntary Services of such as may belong to the British Shipping in the Harbour. — which Request Mr. Chamberlain makes with the view of preventing the necessity for Complaints and Representations, such as it has been his Duty to prefer heretofore on these subjects.

He further begs leave to submit to His Excellency, that the British Government wholly disapproves of the Employment of His Majesty's Subjects in Hostilities against the Flag of a Power, the ancient ally of England, with whom His Majesty is in peace and Friendship, and

considers such an Employment of His Subjects as inexcusable.

Mr Chamberlain in thus fulfilling a duty that comes within the scope of his Instructions, profits with much pleasure of the opportunity it affords him to renew to His Excellency the Commander de Carvalho e Mello the protestations of his profound Respect and Consideration = Rio de Janeiro 5th May 1824 =

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