Copy

Rio de Janeiro October 20 — 1825. The Undersigned Plenipotentiary of His Britannic Magesty has maturely considered the Note of their Excellencies the Brazilian Plenipotentiaries under date the 18th Instant, manifesting their apprehension; that the engagements contracted by the British Government with other Powers may cause the effect, which Their Excellencies had contemplated in the Treaty signed on the same day, by preventing the exportation of Slaves during the next four years, or may lead to the interruption of the Brazilian Navigation on the Coast of Africa, while the irritation produced upon the public mind by the abolition of the slave trade, may disturb the internal tranquillity of Brazil, which apprehension has led Their Excellencies to express the hope that the Intervention of his Sovereign will garantee the Brazilian Government against such results.

The Undersigned believes that the fears entertained by Their Excellencies the Brazilian Plenipotentiaries upon both points are greater than can be justified by the present State of things.

The Good Faith of His Britannic Ma-

jesty

pety guarantees the Execution of the engagement not to oppose the continuation of the Slave Trade by Brazil for the space of four years; but this stipulation cannot, with propriety, be considered to affect the other Courts, with whom Engagements have been contracted, upon the same subject, by Great Britain, much less will it enable His Majesty's Government to interfere with the internal arrangements which those Powers may think proper to adopt for the benefit of their own people.

But the Undersigned assures Their Excellencies that, although the same principle prescribes to his Royal Master the propriety of not interfering in the Internal Affairs of Brazil, the Interest which His Majesty feels in the welfare of this Country will induce him to concur in giving every facility which can reasonably be expected for the purpose of remedying any inconvenience, which may result from the important and salutary changes, which the treaty signed on the 10th Instant is calculated to effect

The Undersigned avails

himself of this opportunity to renew to their Excellencies the Brazilian Plenipotentiaries the assurance of his highest consideration = Est Stuard =

Their Excellencies The Brazilian Plenipotentiaries.

No impedimento do Offl. Maior

Izidro Barqueo Leão