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H. Chamberlain Wellesley Rio de Janeiro 22nd December 1825, Sir, As I shall probably proceed to the River Plate in the course of a short time, I am desirous before I leave this Harbour to assure His Imperial Majesty's Government that, I shall on all occasions preserve the strictest neutrality with respect to the war in which His Imperial Majesty is unhappily engaged, nor shall I interfere with this Blockade of the River Plate, any further than to claim those rights, which have been generally allowed to belong to Neutral Powers; but from an anxiety to prevent the possibility of any misunderstanding or alteration between the Commanders of the blockading Squadron, and those of His Majesty's ship employed on that part of the Coast, I wish it to be clearly understood (and should hope that if necessary, proper instructions may be sent to the Commander of the Imperial Squadron) that a free and unre-

rupted intercourse is at all times to take place between any of Her Majesty's Ships of war, or Packets, and the Town of Buenos Ayres.- I am, Sir, &c &c Signed Geo Eyre Rear Admiral and Commander in Chief = To Henry Chamberlain Her Majesty's Consul General. &c &c