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Rio de Janeiro October 20. 1825.

The Undersigned Plenipotentiary of His Britannic Majesty 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 annul the effect, wich 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 guarantee the Brazilian Government against such results.

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The undersigned believes that the fears entertained by Their Excellencies the Brasilian Plenipotentiaries upon both points are greater than can be justified by the present state of things

The good faith of His Britannic Majesty guarentees the execution of the engagement not to oppose the continuation of the Slave trade by Brasil for the space of four years; but this stipulation cannot, with propriety, be considered to affect the other Courts, with whom Engagements have been contratade, upon the same subject, by Great Britain, much less will it enable His Majesty 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 affaires

of Brasil, 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 inconveniences, which may result from the important and salutary changes, which the treaty signed on the 18th instant is calculated to effect.

The Undersigned avails himself of this opportunity to renew to Their Excellencies the Brazilian Plenipotentiaries the assurances of his highest Consideration. =

Their Excellencies - The Brazilian Plenipotentiaries &c &c &c Charles Stuart.

Secretaria d'Estado dos Negocios Estrangeiros em 24 de Outubro de 1825

No impedimento do Official Maior.

Bento da Silva Lisboa.