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To Commander Commd. General Sir. H. H. Wellesley. Rio de Janeiro 3d. November 1825

Sir — I have the honour to inclose the Copy of a Letter which I have received from Lieutenant Pritchard who arrived here a few days ago in charge of the Naval Transport the Shipley, informing me of his having been fired at this morning on having the Harbour by the Fort of Santa Cruz, one of the Shot having struck the Ship — and although from the Ship having proceeded on her voyage I am unable to enquire into the particulars of the transaction, yet I must observe that the Shipley is a Vessel employed exclusively on His Majesty's Service, and under the charge of a Lieutenant in the Navy carrying the Colours and Pendants of His Majesty, which no Merchants Ships are permitted to wear — And it appears from an account sent me by the Commanding Officer of the Flag Ship, that the Shipley which had been at anchor in that part of the Harbour above all the Ships of War, weighed at day break this morning and with so light a breeze as to require all the Boats of the Squadron to tow; consequently the Guard Boat could have had no difficulty in boarding her, but it was not till she was abreast of Santa Cruz that any boat was observed to be pursuing her, and when

the Fort fired two Guns without shot; the Commander of the Transport never imagined, under all the circumstances that they were intended for him.

I had flattered myself that after the Complaints which have already been made to this Government of similar transactions, such precise Orders would have been given as would secure His Majesty's Ships, or any immediately in his Employ, from such grading a treatment as the one I have now stated, and it is with great regret and disappointment that I am under the necessity of requesting your prompt and decided Remonstrance upon the subject. I have the honour to be, Sir, &c &c (Signed) Geo. Eyre Stbn. Commander in Chief — To Henry Chamberlain Esq. Consul General &c &c.

J. Gutbarques Lisboa

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H. Chamberlain Consul General = Copy Signed Geo Eyre His Majesty's Naval Ship Shipley of Rio de Janeiro 3d Novr 1825 = Sir I beg leave to acquaint you, that the Fort fired two shot at the Transport this morning and one of them has shot away the Rudder Chain

A Boat also came from the Fort and requested the Master to go on shore and pay for the shot — on the Boat quitting I have requested the Officer to forward this the Officer does not speak either French or English and I cannot further understand what he requires

I consider it my duty to acquaint you with the circumstances and have the honour to be = Sir George = Your most humble Servant = Signed J W Pritchard Lieut & Agent To Geo. Eyre Rear Admr and Commander in Chief &c &c South America

Está conforme —
José Marques Lisboa. —

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