Copy The undersigned His Britannick Majesty's Consul General has already had the honour to state to His Excellency the Commander Luiz José de Carvalho e Mello, Councillor, Minister, and Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, that the British Government having received the Circular notification from the Brazilian Government, requiring all Vessels Foreign or National to hoist a particular Signal at Fore to signify their desire for Pilots, objected in the strongest manner against this fresh attempt to impose Regulations upon the Shipping of other Countries, and he now repeats that Intimation in writing and in very distinct Terms for the purpose of preventing any misconception of their fixed Sentiments on this matter.

His Majesty's Government think it necessary to protest in the strongest manner against the arrangement proposed by that of Brazil.

The British Government consider that it is wholly unprecedented except perhaps in the case of quarantine,

concerning which there is a common consent, for any Nation to prescribe what flag the Ship of any other Power shall wear, for any purpose whatsoever. In principle, therefore, this proposition is untenable, but it would also be highly inexpedient, as creating expence and inconvenience to the several National and Mercantile navies, if, instead of each Country having, as at present, a single flag which, all over the World, is understood as a Pilot Flag, every Ship is to be provided with as many different Pilot Flags as there are maritime Nations.

The expence, trouble, and confusion, likely to arise out of such an innovation, will, at once strike the Brazilian Government, who must be aware, that so far from multiplying Pilot Flags, it would be a great advantage to Commerce if one common Pilot Flag could have been adopted for all Countries. The late modification of the Pilot Flag of Great Britain had (besides other advantages) a tendency to this point, for on its being communicated by the British Government

to Foreign Powers, several of them have imitated her example by adopting a Pilot Flag analogous, and in some degree similar, to that established by the British Government but this has been, and must be, entirely voluntary on the part of every State, and no one has ever yet endeavoured to impose its Pilot Flag upon any other Country

The Undersigned has great satisfaction in renewing to His Excellency the Commander Luis José de Carvalho e Mello the assurance of his high Consideration

Rio de Janeiro 23d September 1825.

H. Chamberlain = Consul General =

No impedimento do Official Maior
Bento da Silva Lisboa