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The Undersigned, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the Note which the Chevalier de Mattos, Brazilian Chargé d'Affaires at this Court, addressed to him on the 24th of July, inclosing the Morning Herald of June 17th in which is contained the decision of the Court of King's Bench, acknowledging the justice of the condemnation of the British Ship Anna by the Brazilian Authorities, for the violation of the Blockade of the river Plate.

The Undersigned has the honor to observe to the Chevalier de Mattos that His Majesty's Government are perfectly ready to abide by the rule of condemnation, which has governed the decision of the Court of King's Bench in the case of the Brazilian; — it is only against the partial application of this Rule that they protest. His Majesty's Government have always been prepared to respect the exercise of the

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principles of the law of Blockade, in their fullest extent, by others, — as they have exercised them in their own case, when Belligerents, — but it is essential that those principles should be applied by the Belligerent equally to all Neutrals.

The Brazilian Government, as His Majesty's Minister at Rio de Janeiro has, on more than one occasion been instructed to declare, are at liberty to adopt or reject the British practice with respect to the observance of Blockades by Neutrals, — but they are not at liberty to vary their practice.

If Brazil holding the same rule as Great Britain, applies that rule impartially to all Neutrals, Great Britain will submit to it cheerfully. But it must not be supposed that Great Britain will submit to see it

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relaxed towards others, and enforced towards herself.

The Undersigned takes this opportunity of renewing to the Chevalier de Mattos the assurances his high consideration.

Aberdeen

Foreign Office
August 3. 1829.