The undersigned H. B. M. Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotenty. is under the disagreable necessity of laying before His Exy. the Marquis of Aracaty, Minister Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, the Report of an act of violence committed by one of the Vessels of the Imperial Squadron in the River Plate, upon a British Brig called the Lord Eldon.

For the particulars of the transaction, the undersigned refers His Exy. to the accompanying Documents wherein they are correctly detailed.

The undersigned is convinced His Exy. will see that there is no justification of the proceedings of the Brazilian cruizers, and he will find that the statements of the Admiral Baron do Rio da Prata, are distinctly asserted by H. B. Majesty's Consul, to be entirely unfounded, and that they are also denied upon oath by the Master of the Lord Eldon. It is further asserted that the topography of the Port itself renders it evident that the Admiral's account is, and must be incorrect.

The undersigned confides in the wisdom and justice of the Imperial Government

to cause prompt reparation to be made to the injured Parties.

The undersigned has to remark that in the case now before His Excellency, is to be found an additional instance of the contravention of the instructions of His Imperial Majesty, so often before practised in the Rivier Plate, by the Admiral, Baron do Rio da Prata, to the injury of the Subjects of H. B. Majesty, and the destruction and plunder of their property;— His Ex.cy knows the tenor of various Imperial Instructions addressed to Admiral Lobo, and to the Baron do Rio da Prata ordering that no neutral Vessel should be detained or captured, unless it had been previously warned off, and its Register signed by the Commander of some Ship belonging to the Blockading Squadron. It is not even pretended that the Lord Eldon was so warned, or the Register signed: and the Emperor's orders were therefore disobeyed. — It is not even pretended that the Port wherein the Lord Eldon was burned, under the orders of the Baron do Rio da Prata, was blockaded. It cannot be

persuaded, by any body, that the Lord Eldon was not known to be a British Ship, for, not only was the British Ensign flying but the Lord Eldon was visited for the purpose of destruction by the Officers and men of the Brazilian Cruizers. The violence committed, was done illegally, and the British Ship was destroyed by the Brazilian Officer, with the full knowledge that it was a British Vessel he destroyed. His Excellency the Marquis will see that this proceeding, and the conduct of the Officer have been approved of, and applauded by the Baron do Rio da Prata: His Excellency will not therefore be of opinion, that the undersigned can avoid claiming from the friendly sentiments of His Excellency Gov.t towards the Governm.t of Great Britain, such disapprobation of the proceedings enumerated, as may appear to His Imperial Majesty's Government proper to be expressed. The undersigned avails himself of this occasion to renew to His Excellency the Marquis of Barbacaty the assurances of his high consideration and regard. = Pon=

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Está conforme.

Bento da Silva Lisboa