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Monte video 23.d July 1828 N.o 20

Sir – Since the condemnation of the Brig Nestor, I had agreeable to your advice, determined to remain on board of her rather until advices were received from Rio de Janeiro or until by force, I might be driven from her, in accomplishing this determination, I had also hoped, that it might have been done without having occasion to trouble you with claims for the protection of my own person, as well as the crew left on board the Cook and a boy with this desire I have suffered many indignities and insults, and being finally from apprehensions of my life (which has been threatened by the Prize crew) obliged to quit the Vessel, I now am called upon to state to you that in consequence of the illegal condemnation of my Vessel, every means have been since resorted to, to cause me to abandon the charge committed to me by my Employers, things every day became worse until on the 2.d inst. the prize crew absolutely seized upon my person, robbed me of my Watch, and what money was then in my Pocket, and made me a prisoner on board, until they had made their representation to the Prize Court, on the following day I went to the Notary of the Prize Court, to seek redress,

but he refused to hear neither me or Mr Kinnon my consignee on my behalf, I therefore determined as no justice could be had to reconcile myself both to the insult and the robbery and should never have agitated this question, were it not that a continuance of the same outrages have daily been practiced upon me but more particularly on the afternoon of yesterday when after having been on shore for about 24 hours on my return at about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, I found the Prize crew entering my cabin, on enquiring of the boy the cause, he told me that the Prize Master's Trunk, that had been deposited in the cabin, had been broken open immediately afterwards the Prize Master came to me, and begged me to go below and look at it, I replied I was altogether ignorant of the robbery upon which he began to abuse me, the boy and the cook he with the prize crew then went into the forecastle, and after remaining there a short time returned on deck and began to man a boat, that I had lent to me for my own use by the Captain of the Perfection with the intention of going on shore which I protested against as it was not mine upon which objection he the Prize Master took up an axe and struck me

twice in the back with its head, he then raised the axe with its edge towards me and would have struck me had I not fled to the quarter deck, where the Patron of the Sailors came up with a Brazon knife, and attempted to stab me three distinct times, which I avoided by retreating to the companion hatchway, in the meanwhile, the Sailors knocked down the Cook with a billet of wood, and severely beat and maltreated the boy, when this had been done to justify so barbarous and cowardly an act they did as on the 2d go on shore & tell their own story, in consequence of which the Prize Agent and another Officer came off, and took the Cook and boy (an apprentice) away with them, and have since placed them in prison, I find it impossible to remain longer subject to such brutal usage, and have therefore this day left the Vessel to seek your protection & support.

I have to beg you will seek from the Brazilian authorities not only reparation for the maltreatments practised towards me & my crew, but also the return of the Perfection's boat, and also that you will cause the same to be referred to H is Majesty's Government as a proof of the injuries and arbitrary acts practised upon H. M. Subjects in this Port of Monte Video — I am

Sirs = very respectfully = Your mt. ob.t S.t = signed =
John Presley = P.S. I refer you to the Mate and
a Seaman of the Clyde who from their Vessel, saw
I will declare upon Oath the Fact above stated =
To Tho.s Sam.l Hood Esq.r = H. B. M. Consul
Monte Video = I Thomas Samuel Hood
His Britanic Majesty's Consul in the City of
Montevideo do hereby certify the foregoing to be
a true copy of a Letter received by him from Mr
John Presley Master of the Brig Nestor = Mon-
te Video 22.d September 1828 = S. S. = signed
Thomas Samuel Hood = ~

Está conforme
Bento da Silva Lisboa