Copy – Montevideo, 27 Augt 1828 – Sir – In reply to your letter of this day's date requiring to be informed, for the information of Rear Admiral Otway, of all the particulars relative to the detention of the English Brig – Nestor – by the Brazilian Admiral, under the pretence of a claim for salvage,

I have the honor to acquaint you that the Nestor having taken in part of her cargo at Rio Janeiro and finally completed her cargo at Santos, sailed from thence on the 10 April last, bound for Valparaiso, and was detained by the Buenos Ayres Privateer – Triunfo Argentino – on the 16 of the same month in Lat 32° 30' S.° Long.de 50° 02' W, under the allegation, that, the cargo, being Brazilian Produce, might also be Brazilian property.

The Prize crew put in charge of the vessel abandoned her near Cape S. Antonio in consequence of falling in with some Brazilian Cruizers. The master of the Nestor, then, with two or three of his crew that had been left on board, wore the vessel and stood towards the Brazilian Squadron to solicit assistance to carry his vessel into Port: Upon their joining, they took possession of

the Nestor, and brought her in this port, where, for some time, she was detained without any claim being made against her. On the 28 April I requested the Brazilian Admiral to advance his claim or to give up the vessel. He then stated that he was entitled to salvage, but made no definite claim as to the portion he conceived himself entitled to. I continued to urge him to develop this point without effect, until, greatly to my surprise, I learnt, that on the 19 of June, the vessel had been condemned as a good prize of war, in consequence of her having been upwards of 24 hours in possession of the crew of the Buenos Ayres Privateer.

I cannot close this statement without informing you, that, in consequence of information of the existing proceedings of the Brazilian Admiral and Judge of Prizes, forwarded by me to the Right Honorable Robert Gordon, an order was sent from the Brazilian Government ordering the the Admiral to release the vessel upon the Master entering into a Bond to abide the final claim of

salvage.

Before this order arrived, viz on the 27 Ultimo, the vessel had been condemned. The Master had, after the condemnation, been robbed by the Prize Crew on his own Quarter deck and subsequently on the 22 Ult.o knocked down by the Prize Master with an axe, and barely escaped assassination by some of the sailors: his cook and boy were abused and beat and finally thrown into Prison under a charge of having robbed the Prize master of money, that it is believed he never possessed.

This Brutal outrage has caused the Master to quit the vessel from apprehension of his life, and thus the Master has by violence as well as injustice, been severed from his Ship and from all means of being longer useful to his Employers.

I have also to inform you that the Prize Agent has seized a boat belt by the Masters of the English Ship Perfection to the Master of the Nestor. I have applied to the Brazilian Admiral to procure her release, but, he refers me to the Magistrates on

share, and they pretend that the Perfection's Boat cannot be given up, as the Prize Agent alleges he has claims against the Master of the Nestor.

It is clear that the motive for detaining this Boat arises altogether out of a spirit of annoyance; for, if the Prize Agent has any claim against the Master of the Nestor he is in Monte Video and within the operation of a process at law, which ought to decide the question rather than the arbitrary act of seizing another person's property to answer claims upon Captain Bresley.

I ought also to inform you for the information of Sir Robert Otway that, the Nestor, owing to her having been a ground nearly the whole time of her detention, has become leaky and would require her cargo to be discharged, and careened before she could proceed to sea. — I have the honor to be — Sir — Your most obedient humble Servant —

Signed Thomas Samuel Wood —

Está conforme.

Bento da Silva Lisboa