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The undersigned, His Britannick Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary has the honor to acquaint His Excellency the Marquis of Aracaty, Minister and Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, that he has applied to the Officer Commanding H. B. Majesty's Ships in this harbour for all the information he might have it in his power to give concerning the proceedings of the Commander of His Majesty's Ship - Sapphire - in the River Plate and of which His Excellency has complained.

The Officer above mentioned has replied, that he professed no knowledge whatever of the orders which the Captain of the - Sapphire - might have received from the British Admiral, and that he was ignorant of the facts themselves to which His Excellency the Marquis of Aracaty referred.

The undersigned will forward to the British Admiral the report of His Excellency Statement and sentiments, as expressed in His Excellency's

Note of yesterday, and the undersigned has no doubt of satisfactory explanations being given to His Excellency's Government as soon as possible.

The Undersigned avails himself of this opportunity to renew to His Excellency the Marquis of Aracaty the assurances of his esteem and high consideration.

Rio de Janeiro October 22th 1828 – Consonly –

His Excellency the Marquis of Aracaty &c &c –

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Copy – The Undersigned, His Britannick Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary has had the honor to receive His Excellency the Marquis of Aracaty, Minister and Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs' Note dated this day, and hastens to acquaint His Excellency that the explanations relative to the proceedings of His Majesty's Ship – Sapphire – have been delayed, because that Vessel is expected to arrive at Rio de Janeiro, and afford the advantage for enquiry which the presence of her Commander will give.

The undersigned will forthwith

reply to subject of His Excellency's Note, and avails himself of this opportunity to renew to His Excellency the Marquis of Aracaty the assurances of his high esteem and consideration

Rio de Janeiro November 26th 1828 =

Bordondy – His Excellency the Marquis of Aracaty – &c &c &c –

Está conforme.

Bento da Silva Lisboa.