Mr Mdall. Nov em 5 de 7bro 1827

Most Excellent Sir

By your Excellency's Note of the 6th Ults, I learned for the first time, that the Authorities at St Catharines, had adopted the charge of Piracy, as an apology for their unjustifiable treatment of Capt Simmonds, an a fisman (of the Schooner Hero) I delayed replying to Your Excellency, until I should be enabled to obtain a copy of the process against them; On the 29th ults the Concelho Supremo de Justiça, decided, that the charges against them were unfounded; but they are still in confinement, from the neglect or intention of the Minor Authority to whose duties it appertains to grant the Order for their discharge.

It is thus Sir, that the liberties of Americans are shorten both, arrested and imprisoned upon unfounded charges; and even kept in confinement after the Authorized Tribunal has declared their Innocence

May I claim for them, the protection of Your Excellency from such gross injustice, may I hope that you will furnish me with an Order for their liberation, with all convenient dispatch.

I renew to your Excellency the declaration of

My high regard and distinguished consideration.

Consulate U. S. A.
Rio de Janeiro
Sept 3 1827

W. K. Lobenzo

To His Excellency
The Marquess of Queluz
Counsellor, Minister,
and Secretary of State,
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