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Most Excellent Sir

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's Note of the 24th Ult., in relation to the recent (by a "Junta Consultiva,") of the decisions upon American Captures Vessels.

To Your Excellency's request that I would designate the cases whose recent may be desired, I have to reply, that as none of those Captures are justified by the principles of blockade admitted by My Government, I can discover no grounds upon which to base a destinction in the cases, but conceive that they have equal claims to reconsideration.

Even in those cases in which the Vessels have been restored, no dam-ages having been awarded for their (acknowledged) illegal detention, it is not to be presumed that the decisions have been satisfactory to My Government. I doubt not that Your Excellency will see an equal motive for the rescind of the whole, and the greater the number of restorations, together with suitable damages, the fewer will be the cases remaining for discussion, when-ever an Agent may arrive from the United States, with Authority to

make a final adjustment of those matters.

All the documents establishing the circumstances of the various captures, are to be found in the Archives of the Conselho Supremo de Justiça, and to the information conveyed by the said documents, I have nothing to add.

I beg Your Excellency to accept the assurances of My high regard and distinguished Consideration

Consulate U. S. A.
Rio de Janeiro
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H. H. Wheaton.

To His Excellency
The Marquess of Aracaty
Councellor, Minister
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