Creio q/ os individuos mencionados já se gozão, e talvez valerá
muy mas respondes nada a este homem

Most Excellent Sir

On the 19th Ulto I had the honour of addressing your Excellency upon the subject of the imprisonment of Isaac Perry a Citizen of the United States, And was informed by your Note of the 21st that you had asked information relative thereto from the Minister of Marine - but to this moment I am without a definite reply, while the subject of my communication is borne down with chains.

In reply to my note of the 12th inst. relative to the imprisonment of the Captain and Mate of the American Schooner Flexo, I am told by your Excellency's note of the 13th, that information is again requested of the Minister of Marine. - I cannot forbear expressing my regret, that the rights and liberties of American Citizens are matters of so little consideration with His Excellency the Minister of Marine as not to meet with earlier attention -

I beg leave most respectfully to inform your Excellency, that on the 2nd inst. I visited that most disgusting of prisons the Presiganga, that I there found Capt Simmonds and his Mate shackled together, the right leg of one to the left of the other, and Isaac Perry chained

in the same manner, to some Companion of his misfortune, and incredible to relate, those three Citizens of the United States, who have legitimate claims to the protection of their country, have in their state of degradation and suffering been converted to the purposes of this Government, have been actually forced to make gun wads for the service of this Empire.

I thought the period had paped when prison-ers were made slaves, I believed it was a principle of Law among civilized nations, that previous to conviction they should be treated with every clem-=ency consistant with safe keeping, but in the case of those men, arrested upon the most flimsy of pretexts, the severest of punishments have abso-lutely preceded any inquiry into their case.

For to an American, the first lesson of whose infancy is the sacredness of his liberty, what punishment can be more severe, than to be thus manacled, and crowded Together with hundreds of convicts into a loathsome prison, where depri-=ved of every comfort of life, inhaling infection with every breath, he is doomed to pass day after day, week after week, until the Authority upon whose whim his destiny is pending, can spare a moment from his more important concerns

to decide upon the trifling matter of his liberty;
or until he is thought sufficiently punished, for
some offence, unknown to any code of Law.

Will your Excellency do me the favour
to inform me as to whether the treatment receiv-
-ved by those wronged Americans, has been
authorized by this Government, and if not,
whether subaltern officers can with impunity
thus violate the rights, and liberties, and all
the feelings of American Citizens.

I beg leave to renew to your Excellency
the assurance of my high regard, and distin-
-guished consideration

Consulate of the United States of America
Rio de Janeiro August 5th 1827.

W. H. Wheelwright
Consul
U. S. A.

To His Excellency
The Marquis of Queluz-
Counsellor, Minister, and Secretary
of State for Foreign Affairs
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