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Repeated representations having been made to the Undersigned His Britannic Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires, respecting the unusual detention of several British merchant Vessels, about to quit this Port, by the Brazilian Officers on duty at the Port of Santa Cruz, he feels it to be his duty to bring the subject before His Excellency Sr. Francisco Carneiro de Campos Minister and Secretary of State for foreign affairs, and he has therefore the honor to state to His Exy. the circumstances under which these vessels have been detained. On the 21st Instant the British Brig Amity, after being duly cleared at the Custom House, and visited, according to established usage, by the guard boat, proceeded to sea at 4 o'clock the same evening, the wind not proving favorable sooner, and when outside of the Port S. Cruz was fired at twice from the Fort, the last time with shot, and obliged to return into Port, and the Master fined 10$ rs on the plea that the vessel had not fulfilled the regulations of the Port. Yesterday morning the British Ship Harmony was likewise compelled under threat of being fired at, to return into

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Port, although the vessel had passed through all the formalities and regulations required by the Brazilian Authorities. These practices on the part of the officers at the Port, whether originating in error or neglect, which the undersigned is willing to believe, cannot, the undersigned feels assured, fail of being considered by His Doy as extremely reprehensible, not only as causing improper obstructions to the prosecution of legitimate commerce, but likewise as incurring the risk of serious accidents. Previous to the occurrences above referred to, H. M's Schooner Adelaide was also fired at and prevented going to sea. In this case, however, the Brazilian Officer on duty apologized for the mistake, and the undersigned does not prefer any complaint upon this point, having merely made mention of the circumstance, as constituting an additional motive for calling the attention of the Imperial Government to the subject. Relying upon the disposition uniformly evinced by His Doy's Government, to afford all lawful facilities to foreign Commerce, the under-

undersigned has to request that Vis Exy will be pleased to cause such explicit orders to be issued, as may prevent the recurrence of the practices complained of. The undersigned has the honor to renew to Vis Exy the assurances of his highest consideration and esteem = Arthur Aulon = Rio de Janeiro 26 Sept. 1831

Está conforme
Bento da Silva Lisboa