Rio de Janeiro 7th September 1826

Monsieur le Vicomte,

I enclose to Your Excellency for the information of the Imperial Brazilian Government, the Copy of an extract from the Report of Lieutenant Gray to Commodore Bullen, the Commander in Chief of His Britannick Majesty's Squadron on the Coast of Africa, after having boarded the Brazilian Brig of War Emprehendedor, on the 15th of March, off Cape St. John.

This paper, which has been transmitted to me by Mr. Secretary Canning, I solicit Your Excellency to lay before The Emperor, that His Majesty may be made acquainted with the duplicity practised by M. Pauthier: and I request Your Excellency to remark, that at the time he falsely told Lieutenant Gray "that he had sent the Pilar" or

To,
His Excellency
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(or, as he called her, the "Pylades;") "to the English Consul at Rio de Janeiro, "there was on board the Emprehendedor, besides the four Groomen belonging to His Majesty's Ship Redwing, the unfortunate British Seaman 'Henry Thomas" (whom he afterwards flogged and then cruelly abandoned to his fate amongst Savages on the Sea Coast of Africa,) whom he ought to have produced, but did not.

I renew to Your Excellency with much pleasure the Assurance of perfect Respect and high Consideration with which I have the honour to be,

Monsieur le Vicomte,

Your Excellency's

most obedient

humble Servant,

J Chambulain

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H Chamberlain

Extract.

"On the 15th Ultimo, Lieutenant Gray boarded the Brazilian Brigantine Emprehendedor, Clementi Pauthier, Commander, who acquainted him that he fell in with the Schooner Pylades off Cape St. John a few days previous, without either log, paper prize order or prize Master, but, that the people on board informed him she was a prize to His Britannick Majesty's Sloop Redwing, and on her way to Sierra Leone. It appearing to him, that she was steering so contrary a way to her destined route, and suspecting some treachery had taken place between the Crew and the Prize Master, that he took possession of her, and sent her with full particulars in charge of an Officer and Crew to the English Consul at Rio de Janeiro."