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The undersigned His Britannick Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires is again under the necessity of calling the serious and immediate attention of the Brazilian Government to the repetition of an unwarrantable act of discourtesy towards the British Flag on the part of the officers in the Imperial service, stationed at the Port of Sta Cruz. This morning H. M.'s Schooner Adelaide, upon proceeding to sea after having been previously visited, according to usual practice by the Port Officer, was fired at twice from the Fort of Santa Cruz. The undersigned had the honor in his Note of the 26th ultimo to His Excellency Senhor Francisco Carneiro de Campos Minister and Secretary of State for foreign affairs, to remonstrate against similar conduct of the officers on duty at the before mentioned Fort. The undersigned cannot refrain from expressing his surprise that the Brazilian Government, taking into their consideration the urgent request contained in that representation to put a stop to such extraordinary and unjustifiable proceedings on the part of their officers, should not have caused orders to that effect to be issued. But from what has this morning occurred, he can only

conclude that no such measures have as yet been adopted. H. M. Schooner Adelaide has so often left and returned to this Port, that it is difficult to conceive that the officers, whose duty it is to observe the departure of vessels, should not have recognised her, particularly when it is considered that a ship of war with a Pendant flying at the mast head cannot easily be mistaken. The undersigned was willing to believe that the impropriety, before complained of, originated in error or negligence, but this repetition of the offence, almost induces the belief, however reluctant the undersigned may be to admit it, that other motives have influenced the officers at the Fort. The undersigned nevertheless, feels persuaded that this irregular and indecorous proceeding has taken place, without the knowledge of the Imperial Government; but, however disposed he may be to entertain this belief, he cannot but express his strong disapprobation of the conduct of the Brazilian officers, so contrary to the rules of courtesy observed by all Governments towards the ships of War of friendly powers, and so manifestly calculated to excite misunderstanding between

the British and Brazilian authorities.
The undersigned considers it therefore incumbent upon him to require a full and explanatory satisfactory explanation respecting this renewed offence; and he has also, most urgently to request His Excellency will cause the most positive and explicit orders to be issued to the effect that, in future, His Majesty's Ships, in now leaving, or arriving in this harbour, may not again be exposed to receive a similar affront. Trusting that His Ex will shortly enable the undersigned to assure the Commanding Officer of H. M. Naval Forces in Brazil, that these orders have been issued, he has the honor to renew to His Excellency the assurances of his high consideration and esteem. Arthur Aston =
Rio de Janeiro 4th October 1831 =

Está conforme
Bento da Silva Lisboa