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51Rio, Feb^r 10th 1837
Hunter to Forsyth

O tratado de Comercio com Portu-
gal especialmente no que respeito a
redução das Tarifas de importação redu-
zida inevitavelmente as rendas bra-
sileiras, não em beneficio de Portugal,
mas de outras nações - as manufatu-
ras inglesas com embalgem selos e
certificados portugueses penam entre
deixados no país, e nos os ingleses
cham francos e de outras nações.
Sempre nominalmente portugueses
mas de facto ingleses etc. Parece
que mas considerações deviam o Rejei-
to a duxar pe' o legislativo dar-lhe
o caminho que deu. Acreditá-se que
haveria outras concessões no sentido de
revisar as negociações na mesma base.

"I have lately yielded to a persuasion
that we can and ought to become
toward this country [Brazil] (not by
any formal alliance, but by a diplomatic
understanding) a tutelary friend, a promo-
ter of its plans as a respectable Ame-
rican power, and that we may now
safely though with becoming caution open
more largely our views - encourage a

more definite independence of Europe and permit a hope of one collateral not belated grand aid in case of difficulties - We have perhaps committed a mistake in placing Brazil on the same platform with other American powers. The immense extent of her territories which though occasionally disturbed, our admixture might influence to confirmed reunion - her feeling of rising superiority to Portugal, and by consequence a diminishing ~~and~~ dependence and of England. These considerations and many others combined with our neighbourhood, our increasing mutual ~~commerce~~ commerce - our early favour bestowed - our forbearance continued, might influence Brazil to a sense of her true interest and embolden us to an expression of it

No
52 March 16th 1837
Hunter to Forsyth

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53 March 23^d 1837

Refer-se a respeito de esse plano de portugueses no sentido de prejudicar todos os outros estabelecimentos comerciais no RJ, com excepção talvez do império.

March 30th 1837

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54 April 17th 1837
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55 June 21st 1837
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"The rule of the Regent [Feijó] is unpopular, his course has been unsteady, tho the temper exhibits has been obstinate. He has changed his ministers but not his advisers. This I regret because it is contrary to my personal wishes, it renders useless the good will. ~~The~~ The Regent affects to over country, and influences as I think naturally interests important to our standing and honour. Simão de Abreu is ~~not~~ no longer minister of Foreign Affairs or of Justice, he ~~was removed~~ was removed just as I believe he was on the point ~~to~~ of yielding most of that I have been so solicitous to obtain viz. the compensation in the prize cases. Montenegro his successor is the sixth minister of foreign Affairs with whom I have had to deal in two years and a half. Your first impression will probably be that this change must be advantageous - as this name ~~occurs~~ occurs in any previous communication marked with a favorable notice, and as professionally connected with the law concerns of our citizens.

I am apprehensive however that the ministers will forget or reform some of ~~the~~ his advocate opinions, at last he has done so in some instances and especially in one that alluded to my last dispatch, ~~where~~ where he has asserted a government priority against general creditors in direct contradiction to his once written opinion."

"My fear is that every Secretary who deals in prize reclamations expects a donneur. What we shouts indignantly but lower as corruption has been and perhaps is regarded here as a matter of course; - a mere payment of a hundred marks upon the signature of a Treaty, a mere continuance of the old ~~custom~~ ~~tribunal~~ tribunal custom of presents. There are some secret agents ~~as~~ connected with the matter whose interference I presume, but whose persons are unknown.

It is thought that the only difference between the present Minister and his predecessor is his superior faculty in avoiding detection. The avowed agents in these prize cases, mercantile houses of great respectability, were (?) confident of success. They knew they have secret means of knowledge. For my own part I have been so often and so ~~severely~~ severely disappointed that I dare not hazard a favorable prediction.

"The government is administered upon no uniformity of system... To alternate from a democracy crude from inexperience, to an absolutism which seems not to startle, or surprise, as it ~~is~~ easily amalgamates with previous ~~not~~ habits. You look in vain for the union of high talents with high integrity. The Regent has shown an excessive sensibility at the licentiousness of the Press he withers (?) and bleeds under its lacerations - He has directed various persecutions but in no one has he been triumphant. The verdicts of acquittal by jury have in every instance been prompt and unanimous.

The military enterprises of the Empire have been but partially successful. The whole open country of Rio Grande is still in possession of the insurgents.

Acha H. p. o. planos de oposi-
sões e outras eleições de Re-
pública... No poderio no país na próxima
ma. Legítima. Quem diz dentro de 2
anos. A tentativa, bem ou mal su-
cedida, "will create a crisis in the Con-
stitution." o p. o. acentua demora, maior na
política em novas deliberações.

S. informa sua opinião anterior co-
mo as ~~as~~ boas perspectivas económicas
para o Brasil. Intervenções informais
sobre o modo de corrigir o que corre

americanos no Brasil (através de fin.
nos ~~comprados~~, bancos ingleses) - 6 com
no americanos no B. ou apanchamento
americanos. Este sistema nem sempre tem
valore tem been para o comercio geral
com a China, India, a maioria
do Antilhas "and" our own southern
States."

Rio July 29th 1837
Hunter to Forsyth

Refer. n. ao annexo n.º 4 dyed.
"The circular of Baring Brothers & Co.
under date of the 22^d May is transmitted
on account of the ruinous statements of
its second introductory paragraph; it is con-
vincent proof (if any one is so sceptical
as to doubt it) of the intimate connexion
of Great Britain mercantile and financial
concerns with our own. It is the first time
I ever saw from that side of the water
so plain an admission of the importance
and extent of our trade, its influence
and potentiality. (Em annexo n.º 4 do memo.)

Rio 29 August 1837
Hunter to Forsyth

Rio Sept 15th 1837
Hunter to Forsyth

Rio Sept 25th 1837
Hunter to Forsyth

... a complete change has
been effected. The Regent has abdica-
ted, the old ministry dismissed and
the opposition are seated in power.

Rio October 20th 1837
Hunter to Forsyth

Ruina de firmas respeitaveis co-
mo a casa de Carroll Forbes & Co., David
à primeira ou aqui fê de peças e cadernos
ingleses. Birkhead & Co. and Maxwell
Wright & Co. are now the only american
houses of general business in Rio de
Janeiro. They both have suffered, the
first named the most, but both are
firm ~~as~~ in the bank credit and likely to
not only to weather the storm but to
reach port after a perilous but saving
voyage. -

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Rio de Janeiro November 10th 1837
Hunter to Forsyth

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Rio, October 8th 1837
Hunter to Forsyth

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Rio, November 18th 1837
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Rio 15th December 1837
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Rio, December 16th 1837
Hunter to Forsyth

"The depression of our commercial af-
fairs is sorely felt here. The americans
were the principal ~~vendors~~ purchasers
of Coffee and of course the principal
vendors of bill of exchange on England,
of which they were ~~possessors~~ possessed on the
previous credit plan, now they have no
bills to sell, and there are few of any
kind in the market. 27 pence sterling
now purchase a milreis, but a few months
since a milreis was worth 42 pence or
more. This affects and disorders every
thing

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Rio, January 16th 1838
Hunter to Forsyth

Rio, February 12^d 1838
Hunter to Forsyth

Rio, Feb 22^d 1838
Hunter to Forsyth

Vinda do Principe a Joinville, com
o dit. Terceiro de u depois ao U.S.A., It.
manda uma "dixina" dele.

Feb. 25

A mercaderia da ao Palácio a Joinville,
embora menor e + exclusiva, mas ainda
assim bem mais do que qualquer outra
naí magnifica) da muito fúria.

Em anexo a circular de Birkhead
Co. n.º 5

"So far as I can observe our trade
with Brazil is now placed on a more sub-
stantial and independent footing than
ever - the facility of procuring London
credits, diverted the attention of our mer-
chants from other ~~measures~~ measures of re-
mittance"

Rio, March 7th 1838
Hunter to Forsyth

71 Rio, March 15th 1838
Hunter to Forsyth

72 Rio March 28th 1838
Hunter to Forsyth

Decisão do governo sobre o
desfavorável, as petições do E. U. A no caso
dos prosas. A alegação de H. de que a fiação
Bretanha obtém indemnização em caso

exatamente igual por respondido por a f.
 B. deidia empregar force negligencia
 can meq pme attelidion e seu o B.
 pape rob potesto.

March 31th

April 2^d

Onota so rebelles in Sabinaud.
 Centenas e Hundreds and hundreds of
 miserable creatures ~~were~~ have been mas-
 saced in cold blood and their bodies
 thrown into ~~flames~~ the flames of the
 burning city set fire to by the order of
 the assassin Sabino the worse than
 Marat of this revolution. Captain Slidell
 has dispatched to Commodore Bealson has
 detailed the progress of events in quite a
 graphic style. They will be transmitted
 to you the Navy Department need to
 them I must refer you, as my best
 recital could be but poor plagiarism.

Rio, April 16th 1838

Hunter to Forsyth

Rio, May 4th 1838

Hunter to Forsyth

Rio, May 15th 1838

Hunter to Forsyth

"The speech ^{from} the throne as it is
 called appears to me indicative of
 this administration or rather its mas-
 ter spirit farconcellos. It is monar-
 chical and is so in the highest sen-
 se. It was intended as I believe, to
 transcend its models the speeches of
 Louis Philippe and the young emperor
 been. I was meant - to mean no
 thing. Now you will recollect that since the
 additional act making an elective Regency first

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of three, than of one, it was fair to presume that the Regent elected would disclose himself fully and relate what had taken place - avoiding of course detail, and what he meant generally to pursue. It was intended that the Regent's speech should be measurably formed upon the model of the message of the President of the U.S.A

Em anexo folhetto impreso e Relatorio da Republica do Defensor Estrangeiro a Assembleia Geral Legislativa, na sessão de 1838 pelo respectivo ministro do e Gabinete de Estado Antonio Peregrino Maciel Gontijo, Rio de Janeiro, Typographia Nacional, 1838 - 28 pags.

Rio, May 27th 1838
Hunter to Forsyth

"... in my view the insurrection of Bahia and Rio Grande were always clearly contradistinguishable. The first was an outburst of assassins heading mulattoes, free negroes etc. undoubtedly stimulated by men of higher purpose and character, but who remained in darkness or the back ground, ashamed of the violence of their agents, and ~~and~~ awaiting events. This rebellion had neither legitimate motives, nor available support in public opinion, it was a toron against the the country, all those circumstances are contradicted by the affair of Rio Grande.

Rio, June 16th 1838

Hunter to Forsyth

Rio, July 4th 1838

Hunter to Forsyth

Rio, August 13th 1838

Hunter to Forsyth

The new system of court parade lately adopted by the Emperor, the Regent and the Ministry. This system however as explained to me deserves ~~a~~ from its ~~designs~~ design a better name than court parade. The present ministry taking office upon the principle of devotion to the monarchy, and meditating at the time, accelerating the investiture of the Emperor have felt it incumbent on them to study to form or ~~reform~~ rather reform the character of the youth whom they meant to flatter, a much needed govern. They found him (if the accounts I have received are correct) rather weak than innocent, full of fears and prejudices. His mind had been stored with enmities against individuals whom he had never or seen, and he associated with the names of many Senators, Representatives, Judges etc., the ideas of rebellion, impiety, Jacobinism and assassinations. He had been subjected to a selfish priestly, bigotted influence. His physical constitution is found to be rather precarious than robust, and an hereditary taint of lasciviousness had become aggravated by the voluptuousness of the climate, and the facilities of the palace. The danger of amendment of these defects mental and physical seems to be sincere and the plan adopted judicious and practicable. To accustom him to the sight and converse of persons of all parties and politics, the Palace which before had been closed to ministers; was thrown open, and a dinner given every Sunday, to which a certain number of senators, representatives, ~~and~~ ministers, judges and other dignitaries ecclesiastical and civil are by some rule selected. In this way, in the course of the season the Emperor will see repeatedly all those who have any important concern in the government, and ~~finds~~ as his fears are groundless or superstitious, it is rationally expected, they will be gradually dispelled or mitigated, and he be initiated into the forms bearing and courtesies of imperial life. Two foreign ministers proceeding

according to rank, one in turn invited. Mr. Lourensoff was my colleague in my turn. I made what advantage I could of the occasion. In relation to the ~~part~~ other part of the subject, the plan is to improve the Emperor's bodily health by cold bathing and equestrianism, as to a ver-
nal regime, courses, balls, music, with invitations to all that can rightfully claim an entree to the palace of beauty, elegance and fashion are the remedies recommended. The Emperor's taste is to be elevated and refined, and a gallant, sentimental and chivalrous, dashing lady love inspired.

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Rio August 22^d 1838
Hunter to Forsyth

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Rio, September 12th 1838
Hunter to Forsyth

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Rio, September 28th 1838

Hunter to Forsyth

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Rio, 21st October 1838

Hunter to Forsyth

Maciel Monteiro

"Complaints against him abound. He has talents; - up to a fair point memory, and fits and starts of industry and exertion. But report says, he is habitually indolent, and too much devoted to les affaires de la société".

but responde for excuse as given
was so verbally

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87Rio, January 12th 1839
Hunter to Forsyth

Acusita que a tirania de Rosas sera brevemente encerrada pela ~~vitória~~ rebelião do povo indignado e opressor da Argentina.

Na circular de Birkhead diz-se que os comerciantes, ~~se~~ apressados ou desconfiados tem aprendido da recente crise uma lição de prudência e de cautela ~~em~~ e o governo ha de ter medidas com as instituições monetárias: aos negociantes, o mais compassivo de mais nas facilidades bancárias, os Bancos e os banqueiros a necessidade de aderir à boa fé e as obrigações equitativas aos contratos; seja como for (nevertheless), but for the arrogance and ignorance of the Directors of the Bank of England in discrediting the paper of certain Houses, and consequent bad faith of the Banking agents.

Importações de Vinho (1838) & Meito no Rio

	Vinho (barros)	Vinho (id.)	Rosé (id.)	Agente (id.)
Tanagra	1.195	—	578	41
Rento de Espanha	1.089	95	2.641	198
Italia	—	—	548	57
Sicilia	389	—	1.045	60
Cette	2.436	162	4.808	100
Marsella	1.512	49	1.171	190
Total de				
Mediterraneo	6.661	306	10.791	647
Rento de France	719	21	416	9
Portugal	4.017	361	3.390	621
Outros Portos	680	201	3.303	209
	<u>12.037</u>	<u>889</u>	<u>17.900</u>	<u>1.034</u>

Rio, Feb^y 5 1838
Hunter to Forsyth

Sobre prêmios ao bloqueio
de Baier.

Rio, April 16th 1839
Hunter to Forsyth

Eu preferiria logo the joys of
Holland to the solar splend^r of
Brazil. [H. croalense de longa impermanência]

Oleiro

"He is annoyed with solicitations for office. With the show not the efficacy of patronage, he has the maledictions of the rejected without the gratitude of the favored. With some real and great nominal political power, with great wealth and undeniable personal respectability it is natural he should have some self estimation, some object to be attained, some persons to be rewarded or gratified."

Escolha de Senadores. (D. R. G.?)

"The Regent has the right of selection. The Ministry insist upon the selection of their fellow minister [Calmon]. The Regent chose to select [Lopes] Lima, whereupon the whole ministry have sent in their resignations."

I had written thus far, when a note from the city was received announcing the dismissal of all the ministers and the appointment of others. The ground taken by Varnhellen is that the decision of the Regent is against the principle which has hitherto prevailed in similar cases, inasmuch as the preference has always been given to a natural of the Province on advantage which the minister Calmon it is said enjoys. 2. The preference is always awarded to the candidate who is a minister, of

no special overbalancing personal objection existed, which in the present case is not even perceived".

Jauchos

"A Jauchos cavalry reminding not only of the ancient ~~part~~ parthian or modern Arab, but realizing the fable of centaurs..."

Bernardo de Vasconcelos

Sua propriedade foi repudada desde que diro a Camara, pois de suas antipias proezas fura in ~~o~~ Senado. "But whenever he is, he is formidable. He is as able in the contrivance of schemes, as in debate, as ingenious in weaving nets for ~~these~~ the capture of his game as he is vigorous in its open field pursuit".

Marcil Montier

"He was negligent, pleasurable and indolent. As to personal courtesies always polite and prompt in small favors".

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Rio 17th April 1839
Hunter to Forsyth

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Rio April 29th 1839
Hunter to Forsyth

"There is another event combined with the subject [postos com ingenuidade] which perhaps it is proper to mention, viz. the dismissal of the Portuguese Council General, and change of affairs for José Baptista Moreira. His ~~own~~ countrymen here as capitalists are deeply interested in the slave trade directly, or at least of money. Their losses in consequence of the English captures

have been severe, and their clamors have
 or been loud and threatening. They were
 indoubtly the principal promoters of the
 late tumults. The new Secretary of State
 with the Chief of Police waited personally
 on Pereira to request him to issue to
 me a note or proclamation, advising his coun-
 trymen to a legal and pacific course. He
 not only refused, but responded to the oral
 communication by a dispatch written in
 a style of extravagance and violence, ad-
 dressing to the Secretary of Foreign Affairs,
 and what was worse and altogether un-
 pardonable, forthwith published the dispatch
 in one of the daily papers. His coward
 resignation was instantly cancelled, his
 conduct declared incompatible with the
 dignity of the Imperial Government, and
 the act of the Government was announ-
 ced in a circular to the corps diplomatique.

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Rio, May 15th 1839
 Hunter to Forsyth

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Rio, June 2nd 1839
 Hunter to Forsyth

"The present Report [Ruyos Lima] and
 his friends having been abandoned by the
 same agent [Vasconcelos?] and left "in
 their utmost need" to do what they could,
 are moderate if not compliant with all
 that Feijo's party and the preceding ones
 may suggest. In regard to the ~~late~~
 late resignation Vasconcellos ordered his
 men to abandon a sinking ship.

Decret impozi uma taxa de 50% no-
~~to~~ vinho e aguardente, a "produce of coun-
 tries who have no treaties "em vigor". This
 affects and offends Portugal, France, Spain
 and in some degree Sardinia and Austria.

A Inflatuna disposto da forma que
intimida e de diu heio que corrompe
tudo para por impedio que Brasil ele-
ve suas terras aduaneiras em 1842-3-4.

Em anexo

Correio Oficial n.º 104
de 10. Maio. 1839

com o decreto n.º 36 de 6 de Maio
de 1839 elevando os direitos dos vinhos e
bebidas espirituosas (direitos de 50% nos
alfandegas). Exceptuando-se os vinhos e
bebidas produzidos em paragem com os
grais o B. Tem traktado em vigor

n.º 94 Rio July 16th 1839
Hunter to Forsyth

n.º 95 Rio July 24th 1839
Hunter to Forsyth

n.º 96 Rio 12th August 1839
Hunter to Forsyth

"The debates in the chamber of Repre-
sentatives are acrimonious and personal
and reports of a total change of ministry
are daily in circulation."

n.º 97 Rio August 29th 1839
Hunter to Forsyth

"From my observations I should deem
the 1^o party [absolutist] to be not large
but strenuous, inextinguishable and prophetic
now hardly uttering its complaints or opinions
but waiting the full age of the Emperor
the acceleration of which I think they
have resisted, not only on the obvious sug-
gestions of impropriety and independency,

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but on those of a long sighted politician self
interest". Se o Imprensa recebeu por
declarado maior aporia, e ressaltou a
via lauda no Brasil de pastores católicos.
"The republicans are not among of them
here, but in the provinces. The constitution-
alists with a real present attach-
ment to monarchy and the future
monarch constitute as I believe the
true majority of the Brazilian nation".

Uncommercial & Commercial:

Desde das questões jurídicas com a In-
stancia em torço do crime contra o
tráfico e outras referentes a decisão
do tribunal superior a questão se
aporia e um problema. The country has
lately passed a law by which a tax
is imposed upon every mercantile firm
for the foreign clerks it may employ.
The law is general in its language &
was meant to operate alike on all
foreigners and Brazilians. But the en-
glish chose to ~~to~~ think themselves exempt
by the 5th and 10th articles of the treaty.
The question arose in the time of the
last Ministry and the note claiming
exemption was referred to Calmon, then
Secretary of the Treasury. He decided
against the exemption. Upon the resig-
nation of that Ministry, the english
charge renewed his application to Candido
Baptista and besides presenting argu-
ments drawn from the intent language
of the treaty he indulged in some expres-
sions about extortion, Brazilian indolence,
etc. There were impolite and har-
dly perhaps called for by the occasion.

Candido Baptista suscitou de anglophi-
lia e de adverso ao tráfico negro, por con-
victos de Euzébio contra a decisão de Calmon,
suspendeu a execução da lei contra a
taxação dos foreign clerks dando uma
vitória ao charge d'affaires, torção se via
popular ao extremo e, afastado de todos o

lados acabe, neste momento de rejei-
var as duas partes p' occupar o Regu-
to accion immediatamente a petição. Devo
parar aqui por ter sido convidado confiden-
cialmente a participar de uma conferencia
com o q' se pode chamar uma comissão mista.

Anexo: circular de James Birkhead

Rio, 23th November 1839
Hunter to Fossyth

"But there is some reason for the
belief that the ministry is too english
to be just to us, or others, and that
the favor (q) the country are meant to
obscure the vigilance that would detect
and ~~the~~ silence the frankness that would
expose a favoritism at first unjust in
itself, now obsolete as to its motives
and objects, and altogether incompatible
with our present condition as a nation
to say nothing of our distinguished
characteristic progressiveness. As that
present advised, my opinion is that we
ought not to hurry any new connexion
with this country; why should we
yield a jot to english or even portu-
guese pretension."

Sua opinião é derivada de um
que elle possui o genuino sentimento
brasileiro que proclama a liberdade e a
solicitude. That sentiment is in our fa-
vor, against english, french or even
portuguese effort or assumption. The
ministry has at least an apparent
english tendency. Lopes Gama the se-
cretary of foreign affairs, the near rela-
tive of the Regent's wife, his intimate friend
his selected Senator, was and legally is
the chief justice of the english court
here, he was selected by the english, he
has been conversant in english con-
cerns, he has handled (I do not say cor-
ruptly) english money

"I ought however to observe that it is confidently said here, and by the English themselves, that the reason why Lopes Jaena was desirous of a Senatorship and of another office is his conviction that the article of the Treaty establishing his English Judgeship will never be renewed."

"Their (English) most liberal minded statesmen seem to speak of Portugal and Brazil as tho they were English colonies."

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ra no momento ~~em~~ E. U. ~~em~~ ~~certa~~
mente grande ~~pequeno~~ ~~por~~ ~~ora~~. "But why should we submit to usurpation and acquiescence in the subversion of the great fundamental principles of national law - equality and reciprocity. What service have the English ever rendered to Brazil, that has not been long ~~and~~ since more than compensated?"

"...and favoritism towards England and the adoption of a fair frank scheme of national policy founded on a perfect national equality. For this very reason the administration cannot last long, it will probably not survive July. Public and legislative opinion is against England, and unfairly so, because all the just causes of discontent and dislike, are aggravated and explained by what are deemed the high handed measures against the slave trade. It cannot be concealed that an immense amount of Brazilian capital and credit are engaged in the traffic, that it is countenanced by the indifference ~~and~~ ~~fact~~ or favour of the public, has been connived at by the Government and corruptly protected by the courts of justice. The English captures have occasioned numerous bankruptcies and ~~are~~ excited at once

alarm and indignation. The clamor here is no treaty with ~~England~~ England, no more ~~treaty~~ treaties with any nation of the old world. For it is singular that France is altogether out of favor. There is even a club or association lately formed here in Rio, the bond of whose union is the non-consumption of french goods, and the non-employment of french mechanics artists, savers, etc. The french population here male and female is much larger than that of any foreign nation, the portuguese excepted. Most all the delicate and decorative employments those of milliners, dress makers, jewellers, dentists, artificial hair workers, pastry cook, etc. etc. are in the hands of french. They are the arbiters of taste and ~~and~~ ~~and~~ fashion, and their opinions and their wares are recommended by their talents and politeness. Of course they engross custom and accumulate fortunes. This naturally excites the envy and jealousy of their indolent and less accomplished neighbours. But their cupidity and chagrin borrow the hues and tones of political philosophy and claim to be untroubled by elevated notions of the rights of nations and mankind. They deprecate the conduct of France as that of a great armed power, oppressive of smaller states and seeking their degradation or subjection, and appeal with rather fortunate aptness to the instances of Mexico and Bahia, and occupation of their own territory at Oiapoco: you must take this for what it is worth. The main fact is true.

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Rio, Sept 18th 1839

Hunter to Forsyth

Rio, 11th Sept, 1839

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Prolegue o despacho de 29th August
mencionado de modo abrupto por
usar uma insinuação confidencial de
que minha presença em certo lugar poderia ser

de utilidade. Isso requer uma explicação.
"The resignation of Baptista [Candido de Oliveira] foi causada por um discurso sua na Câmara chamado não apenas por um discurso habilidoso de Venturoso [Brasil] mas também pelas deserções de alguns que ele julgava seus amigos pessoais e políticos e cujas deserções foram tão ~~por~~ representadas como insuperáveis e intempestivas. Baptista é homem de considerável capacidade literária e científica, mas que não tem a capacidade para debates extemporâneos e ~~uma~~ nem aquela presença de espírito, fortaleza incontestável e repulsa no debate tão necessárias a um ministro. Colocado numa defensiva sem barreira diante de duplicatas ou triplices hostilidades. Despediu-se da mesa e partiu na mão do Repente dizendo que não se sentia capaz de prestar-lhe mais serviços. O Repente levou tempo para concluir o caso e permaneceu 2 ou 3 dias em tentativas para que Baptista retornasse ao menos a ponta de Estamparia ao passo que a das Finanças permania ~~se~~ outas mais".

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I must admit that last events have led me to moderate my opinions as to the positive value of our Brazilian commerce as has of late years been considered, that is to say, the it ~~has been~~ employed and has been nationally advantageous in as much as it has ~~been~~ employed our ships and sailors, it has seldom resulted in the benefit of the shippers. The owner of the goods must always and presently the ship owner when he was

engaged in the general concern have been sufferers and severe sufferers. Capital has not been accumulated but dissipated. The temptation of British credit was irresistible, that credit at first in very few instances was advantageously employed. But in proportion as it extended, its benefits become uncertain and eventually disastrous.

I have no doubt you have a complete acquaintance with this subject in the United States. But at the hazard of being uninteresting I will explain its operation here, fully exposed by the various cases which I have been called upon to examine.

The whole or nearly the whole of our foreign ~~export~~ export trade from Brazil has been conducted for many years in this manner - viz - Agents of the London and Provincial Banking Houses, many members being citizens of the United States - say Brown & Co. of Liverpool, Wildes, Wise, Wilson, Wiggins The Rothschilds and Baring & Co. gave power to their agents in the U.S.A. to grant letters of credit to merchants and shipowners who engaged to ship to Europe or to the United States an amount ~~to~~ in produce at least equal to the credit, consigned to the agents of the Bankers, with endorsements of Bill of Lading Invoices etc, [commitments, facturas] etc. This gave an absolute title to the Bankers, and power to sell for their own indemnity. It gave the property two owners one a mortgagor with absolute power to sell the other the mortgager, a passive and disinterested return, with only the power of looking on - to see the arrangements for his own sacrifice. The London Banker borrowed the money by which he was to pay the Bills of exchange drawn upon the authority of his letter of credit at 2 1/2 or 3 per cent, he obtained at least five or six per cent as interest and a per cent or so as commission from his American cor.

unrepentant. How much he gained by an understanding with his European or American consigner is not exactly known. He presents a state of things from its very commencement unsound and unsafe and subject to inevitable abuse. If the London Banker wished to expedite as he naturally did the return of his money and profits he ordered any sale - that would indemnify him. -

The goods were forced upon the market. Those great elements price, time, supply, season and opportunities were disregarded. Even in a period of not over supply - an artificial glut was created - for the only ill consequence of a glut is a sacrificed sale. -

The shipper or house owners had already charged upon his adventure say 6 per cent to his London Banker, 7 1/2 per cent to his commission house at Rio de Janeiro, 5 1/2 per cent to the consignee in Europe - besides freight insurance etc etc. being upwards of thirty per cent for his credit. How ruinous must you suppose the generality of these voyages to be when I assure you I have seen cases where the produce sold for much less than original cost in Trieste - Bremen - Hamburg etc. etc. and of course some amount of the Bills drawn were returned under protest, with all the ruinous results of that process - or else taken up - for the honour of the drawers with results hardly less ruinous. This is not that sort of commerce which ~~leads~~ leads to solid prosperity. It is not only over trading but false trading. It deludes its victim - it deceives the Nation.

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