12 March 1829

My Lord

The honors ~~approbation~~ which H.I.M was personally pleased to confer on me ~~bestow on~~ in consequence of my successful endeavour to extend H Imperial authority throughout the maritime provinces of Brazil creates a deep anxiety in my breast to prove to H.I.M that since my active command ceased under H. I. Authority in conformity with the decree published on the ~~of the~~ 28th February 1824, ~~my endeavours~~ my exertions (though less extensively useful) have met the approbation of a Government also contending for Independence.

Could I have hoped to obtain an acquittal from the then ministers of H.I.M, such as that I now enclose, it would have been as gratifying to my ~~feelings~~ mind as the decrees of the Superior Court of Rio Janeiro (awarding costs, damages, and inflictions) were at the moment distressing to me feelings and injurious ultimately to the Interests of the Empire.

I send for your perusal an original document with an official translation which last I beg that you will transmit to Rio de Janeiro being persuaded that H.I.M. whose Glory & prosperity ~~will~~ must ever continue [1] to be subject of deep interest to me, ~~may~~ will be graciously pleased to order the settlement of my ~~claims~~ accounts and grant me a final testimonial of His Imperial approbation.

Baron Bragança