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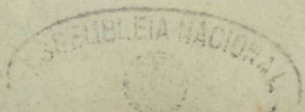
The following Letter was addressed to the Editor of the Sun.

Oporto 13th of May, 1833.

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SIR,—Observing how much you sympathise with, and how constantly you recommend the Marquess of Palmella, in order to place him again in the ministry of Don Pedro, I beg you will be so kind as to read, and answer, if agreeable, the following observations. If any foreign cabinet pretended to appoint the prime minister of the British empire, would you approve of king William submitting to such a humiliation? Don Pedro, tired of the endless negotiations of the Marquess of Palmella, and his natural apathy, deprived him of his confidence: soon after, a foreign diplomatist, remonstrated, and Don Pedro was forced to raise that nobleman to a dukedom, and perhaps employ him again! Is it fair: And what was the consequence of such an interference? To give the Portuguese an opportunity to question the authority of His Majesty to confer such titles and dignities. A series of facts, and long experience, since 1820, have proved that the Marquess of Palmella is so covetuous of power, and money, and so indifferent to principles and political morality, that he is capable of associating himself to-day with Pitt, to-morrow with Despard; one hour with Santerre, another with Calomarde. For such flexibleness he is hated and despised by all parties in Portugal, particularly by the high nobility: I am therefore at a loss to guess the motives that may induce some diplomatists to be so anxious to place the Marquess of Palmella at the head of the Portuguese administration. Will you, Mr. Editor, who seem so familiar with that nobleman deign to substantiate the services of the Marquess of Palmella; and admit the discussion of them in your valuable paper? If so, be assured I will not decline a fair trial; because I know that the report inserted in the decree by which the Marquess has risen to a dukedom is but a puff. It is said, to impose on the public, that the Marquess of Palmella is in England a great favorite with Whigs and Tories; it may be: but I observe that my Lord Grey pays no more attention to the notes of that nobleman than to mine: and I hope the Portuguese, either of the WHITE OR RED ROSE, will never forget the kindness of the gallant duke, that to pay the blood shed to make him a hero, was graciously pleased, when in power, to send some frigates to murder us at Porto da Praia. You have repeated a hundred times, that the Marquess of Palmella has lost his fortune, but you seem to forget, 1. That all the Portuguese refugees are in the same situation. 2. That the Marquess lives, and has always lived on the public money, while his countrymen starve or live on the generosity of the French Government alone

I remain, Sir, yours,  
X. J. C. dos REIS.



The following letter was addressed to the Hon. Secretary of the Navy, Washington, D.C., on the 10th of August, 1862.

Dear Sir:—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th inst., in relation to the proposed purchase of the steamship "Albatross" for the service of the Navy. I have the pleasure to inform you that the same has been referred to the proper authorities, and it is the intention of the Government to purchase the same as soon as it can be procured. I have the honor to inform you that the same has been referred to the proper authorities, and it is the intention of the Government to purchase the same as soon as it can be procured.

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