

I have been most shamefully abused
since the seizure of the American fishing vessels
at the Falkland by the American minister
Mr Baylies ~~and~~ ^{and other} Americans whose interest
it was to give some colouring to the outrageous
~~the~~ ^{the} attack ~~and~~ ^{and} dispersion of my settlement. ^{By}
~~person of high rank, was moved by political motives have sided with Mr Baylies against~~
~~was but~~ the most innocent and insignificant
actions were construed by ~~them~~ ^{their} faults into heinous
crimes - ~~though~~ ^{though} ~~no~~ ^{no} ~~no~~ ^{no} their slander was despised,
because the proofs of their falsity were ^{clear} at hand
besides, notwithstanding ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~help~~ ^{help} of fortune,
I had many friends left among ~~such~~ ^{such} as
do not look upon poverty as a crime & who
afflicted in depending me - In Rio ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~case~~ ^{case} most having
different, ~~that~~ ^{that} was the reverence of all my
sisterest enemies after, & being totally unknown
to them and consequently without friends, they
were at full liberty to make a dread full
havock upon my reputation, which they no doubt
did, and may thus have biased many an
honest ^{unsuspecting} mind against me. * ~~After~~ ^{After} ~~approving~~ ^{approving} the
appearance ^{at Rio} of the ~~numerous~~ ^{numerous} ~~Falkland~~ ^{Falkland} ~~agents~~ ^{agents}
whose interest it was to speak against me & my
agents the late Brisbane to give at least some
colouring to their ~~black~~ ^{black} ~~deed~~ ^{deed},
were rather calculated to increase the
prejudice against me if such existed. ^{Adding}
these circumstances altogether it would not
be in the least surprising to me if in
Rio a strong prejudice should exist against ^{me}

apprehension
Brisbane
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