

U.S. Ship John Adams

Rio de Janeiro

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Commodore

The iron tanks provided for the package of Rice and beans I fear will not fulfill the intention – they do not keep out the parasitic bug which feeds upon them, and the quantity of each stored in bulk in so close a vessel produces fermentation in this climate which (increasingly ?) destroys the grain—

We have had to condemn as you know, all our beans – though every precaution was taken to preserve them.

Those kept in the smaller packages as in barrels keep well – Whisky barrels might – perhaps remedy the evil of spilling in the hold which the tanks were intended to provide against----they occupy an area of nearly 36 square feet each in the berth deck.

Very Respectfully

Yr obedt Servt

Com. G W Storer

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Comd'g U.S.N Forces

Commander

Coast of Brazil