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In consequence of an other official Report which the Undersigned His Britannic Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires has received from the British Commissary-Judge, he is again compelled to call the serious attention of his Excellency Snr Francisco Carneiro de Campos, Minister and Secretary of Stat for Foreign Affairs, to the subject of the Note which he had the honor to address to His Excellency on the 19.th Instant, respecting the alarming mortality that is stated to have taken place, and to be daily increasing amongst the Slaves belonging to the Vessels detained by order of the Imperial Government.

From the inclosed statement His Excellency will perceive that 981. Slaves were imported into this Harbour on board the three Vessels = Africano Oriental, Eliza, and Dr Estevão d'Atayde =, and that of this number 562 are alleged to have died since their arrival.

This fact appears to confirm the worst suspicions of the conduct of those under whose care these unfortunate beings have been placed.

The Undersigned has already had occasion to express his doubts as to the correctness of the reported number of Deaths, and, from information since received, he is the more inclined to beleive that, altho' meany of the Slaves may have unfortunately fallen victims to bad treatment, the quater part have been clandestinely and illegaly sold by the connivance of those very Individuals who were appointed by the Imperial Government to prevent the commission of similar acts.

Having put His Excellency in pomession of the above information, the Undersigned leaves the case in His Excellency's hands, and relying upon His Excellency's well known sentiments of justice, he feels assured that His Excellency will exert his utmost vigilance in detecting the

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transgressors, and causing them to be brought to condign punishement.

The Undersigned has the honor to renew to His Excellency the assurances of his high consideration and esteem = Arthur Aston = Rio de Janeiro November 23.^ 1830. =

Mixed Commission 20. November 1830.

Return of Slaves sequestered belonging to the Brig Africano Oriental
Barque Eliza
Brig D. Estevão de Attayde —

Sequestered

9.^ Septr.	265.	Slaves	Africano Oriental
9. Septr.	435.	"	Barque Eliza
30. Octr.	281.	"	D. Estevão d'Attayde
	981		

Existing of the above

17. novr.	72.	Slaves	Africano Oriental
20. novr.	148.	"	Barque Eliza
20. novr.	199.	"	D. Estevão
	419		

= W. Pennell =

Está conforme
Bento da Silva Lisboa