pleased to inform him, what measures have been adopted, or are in contemplation by the Imperial Government with respect to this case? The Undersigned has the honor to avail himself to renew to this Excellency Sr Francisco Carneiro de Campos Minister and Secretary of State for Foreign affairs, the assurances of his high consideration and esteem. Arthur Aston

Rio de Janeiro November 3th 1830.

The undersigned, His Britannic Majesty's Chargé d'affaires has received official information that the final sentence on the case of the Portuguese Slave Africano Felix Americano/ Oriental, was yesterday passed by the mixed Commission, by which the slaves, belonging to that vessel, have been emancipated. It appears however, that the Commissary Judges, being of opinion, that, in their capacity of a mixed British and Brazilian Commission, they are not invested with the competent authority to confiscate the property of a Portuguese subject, have consequently released the vessel.

It can scarcely be necessary to remind His Excellency Sr Francisco Carneiro de Campos Minister Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, that, according to the Treaties existing

between Great Britain and Portugal, to which Treaties Brazil, by the Convention of 1826 became a Party, the importation of Slaves into this Empire in Portuguese Vessels, ceased to be legal, upon the separation of the two Countries. As the present transaction therefore involves a question of infraction of Treaty, the undersigned considers it to be his duty to call upon His Excellency to cause the execution of that part of the sentence of the Mixed Commission Court, relating to the restitution of the Vessel, to be suspended, until reference shall have been had to His Majesty's Government; and he has moreover the honor to suggest to His Excellency, either, that the Vessel be detained by the Imperial Government, or, that she be delivered up into the keeping of the British Admiral, until the decision of His Majesty's Government upon this subject, shall have been made known. The Undersigned has the honor to renew upon this occasion to His Excellency Sr Francisco Carneiro de Campos, the assurances of his high consideration and esteem = Arthur Aston = Rio de Janeiro 13 de November 1830 =

Está conforme
Bento da Silva Lisboa