Slave Trade.

The Undersigned has the honor to observe, in answer to the Notes of the Vicomte d'Itabayana of the 24th of November last, complaining of the Sentences passed by the Court of Mixed Commission at Sierra Leone, in the cases of the Brazilian Vessels the "Tentadora", the "Eclipse", and the "Venturoso" that upon an examination of these cases it appears, that the Vessels in question were condemned by the Court of Mixed Commission for having been engaged in carrying on the Slave Trade in places where it is not permitted, and under Licenses, which, contrary to the stipulations of the Treaties subsisting between the two Countries, gave permission to these Vessels to touch at St. Thomas's and Princes, and to one of them, (the "Tentadora") even

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even to touch at places on the Coast of Guinea. –

The observations, which it was the duty of the Undersigned, in his note of the 2nd. of December last to the Vicomte d'Itabayana, to make upon the subject of the infraction of the Convention by the issue of irregular licences, and by the abuse of the Licences given for the prosecution of legal Slave Trade, are directly applicable to the present cases. –

The Undersigned has, therefore, only to refer the Vicomte d'Itabayana to his Note of the 2d. of December last in the case of the "Heroina"; and to add, that upon the grounds therein expressed, the claim advanced by the Vicomte d'Itabayana for compensation in the cases of the –

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"Venturoso", the "Tentadora", and the "Eclipse" cannot be admitted by the British Government.

The Undersigned has further to observe that the same fraudulent attempts to account for the deviation of these Vessels from their proper course were resorted to in these cases, as in those of the "Bahia", "Carlotta," and "Independencia", and that the evidence produced in the mixed Commission Court was such as to lead to the inevitable conclusion that they were all, or under fraudulent pretences, engaged in illicitly trafficking for Slaves in prohibited places.

The Undersigned takes this opportunity to renew to the Vicomte d'Itabayana the assurances of his distinguished consideration.

Aberdeen

Foreign Office;
March 10th, 1829.-