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British and Portuguese Court of Mixed Commission.-

Sierra Leone

Before His Honor Hugh Lumley His Britannic Majestys Commissary Judge, and Joseph Reffell Esquire His Britannic Majesty's Commissioner of Arbitration, Acting in the absence of Commissioners on the part of His Most Faithful Majesty the King of Portugal.-

Present William Smith Esquire Registrar

Monday the Thirtieth day of April, in the Year of Our Lord 1827.

Brigantine "Providencia" João Pedro de Souza Master

Our Sovereign Lord the King

against

The Brigantine or Vessel called the "Providencia" whereof João Pedro de Souza was Master her Tackle, Apparel, and Furniture, and all and Singular the Goods, Wares and Merchandize on board the same and therewith seized and taken by His Majesty's Ship Maidstone Charles Butler C.B. Commander, and brought to Sierra Leone and against all persons in General.-

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In pain of Parties Cited, thrice called and not appearing. William Henry Savage, Proctor on behalf of the Captors, prayed the Said Brigantine and Cargo to be condemned.- The Said Commissary Judge and Commissioner of Arbitration having heard the proofs read pronounced the Said Brigantine "Providencia" her Tackle, Apparel and Furniture, and the Goods, Wares and Merchandize Laden therein to have been at the time of the Capture and Seizure thereof Engaged in the illicit Traffic in Slaves, and as Such Subject and liable to Confiscation, and Condemned the Said Brigantine "Providencia" her Tackle, Apparel and Furniture and the Goods, Wares and Merchandize laden therein as good and lawful Prize, and as taken in Such Illicit Traffic by His Majesty's Ship of War Maidstone Charles Bullen C.B. Commander: and also that it had been proved that at the time of passing the Said Sentence, No Slaves were on board but that the Said Brigantine "Providencia" was Captured off Lagos in the Bight of Benin in 6° 23 Latitude North of the Equator, being irregularly licenced to touch at Sierra Leone, Coast of Guinea and the Islands of St Thomas and Princes on the West Coast of Africa in her Imperial Passport marked N°. 47. dated Bahia 15th December 1826 which said Imperial Passport made it obligatory upon her to enter Solely Such Ports on the Coast of Africa where the Slave Trade is permitted to the Subjects of the Empire of Brazil which by the Second

Article

Article of the Convention to the Treaty between Great Britain and Portugal Signed at London on the 28th = July 1817 is Confined to the Territories of His Most Faithful Majesty the King of Portugal to the South of the Equator, and against the true intent and meaning of the said Second Article, and of the first Article to the Treaty Signed at Vienna the 22nd January 1815.-

These are to Certify that the foregoing is a Just and true Copy of the Original Decree or Sentence made in the British and Portuguese Court of Mixed Commission Established at Sierra Leone in the Cause therein mentioned Extracted from the Registry of the said Commission.-

In Faith and Testimony whereof I have hereunto Set my Hand, and affixed the Seal of the said Court at Freetown in the Colony of Sierra Leone, the Eleventh day of May in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Seven.-

Jos. Russell
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