Slave Trade

The Undersigned, His &c
Majesty's Principal Secretary of State
for Foreign Affairs, has to acknowledge
the receipt of the Note, which, under
date of the 4th of September 1830, was
addressed to His Majesty's Secretary of
State for Foreign Affairs by the &c
Chevalier de Mattos, Chargé d'Affaires
from His Majesty the Emperor of
Brazil, urging, in favor of the Owners
of the Brazilian Vessel the "San João
Voador", an indemnification beyond the
amount awarded to them by the
Commission

The Chevalier de Mattos
&c — &c — &c

Commission at Sierra Leone, and suggesting, that the amount thereof shall be settled by a Special Commission to be named for that purpose. —

This case having been submitted to the proper Law Officer of the Crown, the Undersigned, in accordance with the opinion expressed by that Officer, has to refer the Chevalier de Mattos, on the subject, to the 8th. article of the Additional Convention of the 28th. of July, 1817, in which it is expressly stipulated, that the decisions of the Commissioners shall be without appeal, excepting only under circumstances not applicable to the present case. —

Referring to this article the

Chevalier

Chevalier de Mattos will at once perceive, that His Majesty's Government have no choice, but to decline compliance with his request.—

The Undersigned avails himself of this opportunity to renew to the Chevalier de Mattos the assurances of his distinguished consideration.—

Palmerston

Foreign Office,

December 10. 1830.—