Slave Trade

The Undersigned, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the note, which, under date of the 4th of October last, was addressed to His Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs by the Chevalier de Mattos, Chargé d'Affaires from His Majesty the Emperor of Brazil, complaining, that the Agents to the Creditors of M. Altavilla, formerly — — Portuguese Commissary Judge at Sierra Leone, were allowed to seize £393.4.3. — — Brazilian Money of the produce of the Brazilian

The Chevalier de Mattos.

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Brazilian Prizes "Esperanza" and "Vingador", and urging the interference of His Majesty's Government to produce a revisal of the sentence in this Case.

The subject of the Note from the Chevalier de Mattos has been referred to the proper Law Adviser of the Crown, who has reported, that it is not in the Power of the Undersigned to — interfere in this Case in the manner suggested by the Chevalier de Mattos.— The attachment having issued from a Court of Law, the question as to

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its legality must be there determined; & if the decision should not be satisfactory, an appeal must be prosecuted in the usual course.—

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

Palmerston

Foreign Office;
December 10th, 1830.