Slave Trade.

The Undersigned, His Majesty's principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has had the honour to receive the Note of the Viscount d'Itabayana, dated the 16th of February, 1829, requesting, that orders may be given to His Majesty's Commissioners at Sierra Leone, that His Brazilian Majesty's Commissioner may examine and take official cognizance of the proceedings had there against Brazilian Vessels from the year, 1822, to the 23rd of November, 1826, in order that the same may be submitted for the approval of His Imperial Majesty.—

To
The Viscount d'Itabayana
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In answer to this request, the undersigned has the honor to observe, that the Convention of the 23rd. of November, 1826, between Great Britain and Brazil, for the abolition of the African Slave Trade, adopts and renews the several articles and provisions of the Treaties concluded between His Majesty and the King of Portugal on that subject, on the 22d. of January, 1815, and the 28th. of July, 1817, and the several explanatory Articles which have been added thereto; and that the 3rd. Article of the same

Treaty

Treaty expressly declares, that all matters and things done by the respective subjects of the Contracting Parties under the said Treaties, and in execution thereof are thereby ratified and confirmed.

It is manifest, therefore, that no further confirmation or approval by His Majesty the Emperor of Brazil is requisite, to give effect to those sentences of the Commissioners, with respect to Brazilian Vessels, which were passed between the year, 1822, and the month of November, 1826; — — and the Undersigned, taking into consideration

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the request of the Viscount d'Itabayana in connection with its avowed object, is bound to decline the issuing of the orders requested by the Vis-count d'Itabayana, not merely as being, for the reasons above-stated, unnecessary, but also because the issuing of them would appear to imply the admission of a principle which His Majesty's Government cannot recognise. —

The Undersigned avails himself of this opportunity to renew to the Viscount d'Itabayana the assurances of his distinguished consideration.

Aberdeen

Foreign Office;
March 24th, 1829.