Slave Trade.

The Undersigned, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has to acknowledge the receipt of the Note, which, under date of the 18th. of May, 1830, was addressed to His Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs by the Chevalier de Mattos, Chargé d'Affaires of His Majesty the Emperor of Brazil, urging the appointment of a Special Commission for ascertaining what amount of damages, beyond those already awarded by His Majesty's Commissioners

The Chevalier de Mattos,

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Commissioners at Sierra Leone, should be further awarded to the owners of the Brazilian Vessel "Vencedora", for her illegal detention by Captain Owen of His Majesty's Ship "Eden".-

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

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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 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.-

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Lord Palmerston

resp.ou em 14 de abril 1832

Sencedora.

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