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Court of the British and Spanish  
Mixed Commission Sierra Leone.

Before Thomas Gregory Esquire, District Judge  
His Majesty's Commissary Judge and Don Francisco  
Lopez Commissary Judge on the part of His  
Catholic Majesty the King of Spain.

Present Daniel M'Ilroy Esquire  
Notary Public Registrar.

Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November  
in the Year of Our Lord 1819.

Surriella Spanish Schooner  
Juan Baptista Nunez Master.

The said Commissary Judges having examined  
the Papers of the said Schooner, and received the Deposition  
on oath of Juan Antonio Montel Boatman of her  
having the superior officer on board the said Schooner  
at the time of capture and of her being brought into the  
Port of Sierra Leone, as well as the declarations on oath  
of Lieutenant James Henderson the captor pro and  
the said Schooner furnished her tackle, apparel and  
furniture to have been at the time of capture and acquired  
there of engaged in the illicit traffic in Slaves and  
such subject and liable to confiscation and condemnation  
the said Schooner her tackle, apparel and furniture  
as lawful prizes, and captured in such illicit traffic by  
His Majesty's Brig of War Snapper Lieutenant  
James Henderson Commander and moreover pronounced  
the said Slaves Natives of Africa to be emancipated  
from Slavery and to be employed as Servants or free  
Labourers, and also that if it had been proved that the  
time of passing the said Sentences seven Men and four  
Boys did compose the whole of the Slaves or Servants to  
be emancipated.

The said Commissary Judges also Decreed  
Confiscation of the said Schooner and Tackle to James Henderson



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That the residue into writing a full true and  
perfect inventory of the said Schooner Junetta and  
that he choose two good and lawful men well experienced  
in such affairs and swear them faithfully and justly  
to appraise the same according to their true value and  
that he do appraise and value or cause the same to be so  
appraised and valued and that appraisement being taken  
that he expose or cause the aforesaid Schooner Junetta  
to be sold to the best bidder, and that he pay or cause  
to be paid the produce money arising from such sale  
into the hands of the Registrar of this Court within  
two months from the day of the date hereof and that  
at the same time he truly transmit the Appraisement  
subscribed by himself and the two Appraisers together  
with the account of such sale also subscribed by  
himself to the said Commissary Judge together with  
the said Commission of Appraisement and Sale.

The following was ordered to be entered in the <sup>Public</sup> Secret Book  
Book of Don Francisco Le Fer His Catholic  
Majesty's Commissary Judge - The article fifth  
of the Instructions given to the Officers Commanding  
His Britannic Majesty's Ships of War says  
"That in no case shall the search be made by an  
Officer holding a rank inferior to that of Lieutenant  
in the Navy of Great Britain, or of Ensign of a  
Ship of the Line in the Spanish Navy"

In the case of the Junetta Capt. Anderson  
of His Britannic Majesty's Brig Snapper sent  
his Master first to reconnoitre the Schooner Junetta  
which is contrary to the said Article - but as the  
Captain went himself on board immediately  
afterwards and made the search himself; I do  
not see a reason for not condemning said  
Officer on so slight an informality - I will only  
expect in the future that His Britannic Majesty's  
Officers will conform themselves strictly to the  
said Article of their Instructions.