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British and Netherlands Mixed
Court of Justice Sierra Leone.

Before Thomas Gregory Esquire the Brittanian
Majesty's ~~Judge~~ Judge and David Davis
Lortman Esquire ~~Judge~~ Judge on the part
of His Majesty the King of the Netherlands.

Present Daniel Holby Hamilton Esquire
Notary Public Registrar.

Monday the 15th day of
November in the Year of our
Lords 1840.

Virginia Schooner
Carnegie Master

In pursuance of parties cited and not appearing,
the said ~~Judge~~ Judge having examined the papers
of the said Schooner and received the deposition on
oath of John Peterson the only seaman remaining on
board the said Schooner and brought here therewith
as well as the declarations of Robert Hagan Esquire
the captor; pronounced the said Schooner Virginia
her tackle, apparel, and furniture, and the goods,
wares and merchandises laden therein to have been
at the time of the capture and seizure thereof engaged
in the illicit traffick in Slaves, and as such subject
and liable to confiscation, and condemned the said
Schooner her tackle, apparel, and furniture, and the
goods, wares, and merchandises laden thereon, and
lashed there, and as taken in such illicit traffick by
His Brittanian Majesty's Brig of War the ~~Robert~~
Hagan Esquire 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 it had been proved that

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8 Men
7 Boys
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at the time of passing, the said sentence seven
 Men, eight Women, fourteen Boys, and four girls
 children under fourteen years of age, did compose
 the whole of the slaves so decreed to be emancipated.
 I do consent to the condemnation of the Schooner Virginia because she
 had 27 slaves on Board most of the children apparently from 12 to 15 years
 old and without their parents being with them, which prove some of
 they were certainly bought and conveyed on Board the Schooner from
 their purchase from illicit traffic in slaves, and in this my opinion I am
 confirmed by the clear answer on the question put by the Court to
 John Peterson formerly Sailor on Board said Schooner when she was
 captured, the Master and the crew having left her a moment previous
 to the Brig of War taken possession of her. But I do myself on duty
 bound to state, that I object and distrust that any effect either in
 the Netherlands or British Navy and regular command of the
 search before according to the treaty between the King of the
 said Kingdom of Great Britain and the King of the said
 past on the 4th of May 1818. I shall in any way violate from
 the above mentioned treaty and their instructions, as has
 been done in my opinion, by Lieutenant Logan
 commanding H. B. Magill's Brig. I do not think in the
 Board the Brig of War, this sailor as being the only man
 on board the Virginia ought on no consideration to
 have been removed, as Article 3. of the instructions for the ships
 says "the crew, Master, and part at least of the crew shall be left on board
 and in the 2^d place for removing half of the slaves without respecting
 the necessity of doing has written certificates in form as is otherwise
 specified, by Article 3. of said instructions.
 The said ~~Commissioner~~ Judge also decreed
 a Commission of Appraisement and sale to
 James Wood Esquire; that he reduce into writing a full
 true and perfect inventory of the said Schooner
 Virginia 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 so appraise
 and value or cause the same to be so appraised and
 valued and the appraisement being taken that
 he expose or cause the aforesaid Schooner Virginia
 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
~~Commissioner~~ Judge together with the said Commission
 of Appraisement and Sale.