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^{No. 1}
 The Case of the Schooner the Cintra, Juan Dupony Master captured under Portuguese Colours.

The Cintra was seized by the Boats of H. M. Ship the *Morgiana* Capt. Strong on the night of the 26th of October last in Lat: 6: 29 N. & Long: 11: 12 W. at an Anchor off Nanna, a notorious Slave trading Place on the Coast, where the *Vespa* had, two days prior to her capture embarked Twenty Six Slaves, who were still on board, which, probably would not have been the case had there been time to land them; but the night favoured the approach of the Boats, and they boarded the Schooner unperceived.

The Master of the Cintra Juan Dupony declares on oath that he is a French Subject, but at present domiciled at Trinidad de Cuba, that James Dorley, of Baltimore, an American Citizen, appointed him Master of the Cintra, that her

3 The *Morgiana*
 H. M. Ship

- Portuguese Schooner
- The Cintra (Alagoa)
- Slave Schooner
- The *Vespa* - (London)
- The *Morgiana* Schooner
- The *Virginia* - (London)
- The *William* Schooner
- The *St. John* - (London)

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her crew consisted of Nineteen in Number, two of whom were Spaniards, Nine Americans, and the rest Frenchmen - most of whom were shipped at Bristol in the United States where the Schooner took in her cargo to trade on the Coast of Africa, that the Voyage began at Bristol in the United States, and was to have ended at Trinidad de Cuba, that he believes the Owners to be the before mentioned James Dorley, of Baltimore, and W. Baker, now residing in Trinidad de Cuba - both American Citizens, that he took the Twenty Six Slaves on board himself for account of the before mentioned Owners & that they were to be delivered to the said W. Baker at Trinidad de Cuba, that the Slaves were all taken on board at Manna, where the Cargo was landed.

The Centra had no Royal Passport to authorize her to trade in Slaves even south of the Equator; nor had she any Document whatever to identify her as a Portuguese Vessel, except a Passport

Passport granted in the year 1818 by the then Governor of Port Praya, 107 wherein she is called a Portuguese Vessel. Her being however captured under Portuguese Colours with Twenty Six Slaves on board taken in at Manna in Lat: 6:29 North, and destined for the Island of Cuba will be quite sufficient, I conceive, for the Commissioners of His Most Faithful Majesty to join in the condemnation of the Vessel, when they arrive here. But at present all that could be done was to request His Excellency Governor MacCarthy to take charge of the Slaves, who have been accordingly landed and delivered over to him, in the same manner as those who were brought in here in a Portuguese Vessel by Cap: Kelly, on the 19 Aug: last.

Sierra Leone
22. November 1819.
Thos Gregory

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