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British and Netherlands Mixed Court of Justice
Sierra Leone.

Before Thomas Gregory and Dove Van Hartema Esquires
Judges of His Majesty the King of Great Britain &c. and
His Majesty the King of the Netherlands.

Present Daniel Molloy Hamilton Esquire Notary
Public Registrar.

Thursday the 25th day of
November in the year of our
Lord 1819.

"Eliza" Schooner.

John Discombe Master

The following declaration of objections of the said
Dove Van Hartema Esquire was ordered to be inserted.

Objections of the Judge of the Netherlands in the 1st
place to the manner in which the search was made
on Boarding the "Eliza," because an attempt was made
to wound the Captain of said Vessel as is stated by
him: This is against the 2nd Article of Instructions for
Vessel, where it is said "the search shall be done in
the mildest manner, and with every attention which is
due between allied and friendly nations" & c. for removing
said Captain and the whole of his Crews from on board
his Vessel, and keeping him nearly two Days on board
of the Brig of War, and returning him to his Vessel without

any or part of his crew, being contrary to the 3^d Article of his Instructions; likewise for taking the only one Slave from on board, without producing a written certificate of so doing as is stated in the said Article. And lastly for putting fifteen Kroomen and fifteen Slaves on board the "Eliza" exclusive of the Midshipman and six Sailors, quite sufficient for navigating said Schooner and feeding the said Kroomen and Slaves from the Provisions of the "Eliza".

Afterwards on the same day.

Before the said Judges and Eli Pierre Guillaume Bonnouvie Esquire Arbitrator on the part of His Majesty the King of the Netherlands.

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The said Judges and Arbitrator having examined the Papers of the said Schooner and received the Depositions of John Discombe, Charles Nelthorpe, James Rogers, John Hatchett, Bax, Robert Truman, and P. Holyoak as well as the declaration of Robert Hagan Esquire the Captain, pronounced the said Schooner "Eliza" her tackle apparel, and furniture, and the Goods, Wares, and Merchandize laden thereon to have been at the time of the capture and Seizure thereof engaged in the illicit traffic

traffic 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 Merchandize laden thereon, as lawful Prize, and as taken in such illicit traffic by His Britannic Majesty's Brig of War "Hutche" Robert Hagan Esquire Commander and moreover pronounced the said Slaves, Natives of Africa to be emancipated from Slavery and to be employed as a servant or free labourer; and also, that it had been proved that at the time of passing the said sentence, one Man did compose the whole of the Slaves so decreed to be emancipated.

The said Judges and Arbitrator also Decreed a Commission of Appraisement and sale to James Woods Esquire, that he reduce into writing a full, true and perfect inventory of the said Schooner "Eliza" 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 a cause the aforesaid Schooner "Eliza" and all and singular the Goods, Wares and Merchandize on board the same to be sold to the best bidder, and that he pay a cause to be paid the produce money arising from such sale into the hands of the Registrar of this Court within two Months from

from the day of the date hereof, and that 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 Judges and Arbitrator together with the said
Commission of Appraisement and Sale.