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Courts of the British and Spanish
Mixed Commission

Before Thomas Gregory Esquire His
Britannic Majesty's Commissioner, Judge and
Don Manuel Tenor Comissary Judge on the
part of His Catholic Majesty the King of Spain

Present Donib Molloy Hamilton Esquire
Notary Public Registrar

Munday the twenty seventh
day of December in the year of our
Lord 1819.

Esperanza a Spanish Schooner
Pedro Martin Pina Master

The said Comissary Judge having
examined the Papers of the said Schooner and
received the Depositions on oath of Pedro Martin
Pina the Master, Anastasio Payote the Mate and
James Finis the Boatman and also the
Declarations of Captain Charles Burrage
Strong the Capt. Pronounced the said Spanish
Schooner Esperanza her tackle, apparel and
furniture, and the goods, wares, and merchandise
laden thereon to have been at the time of the capture
and seizure thereof engaged in the illicit traffic
of slaves and as such subject and liable to
confiscation, and condemned the said Schooner
her tackle, apparel, and furniture and the goods,
wares, and merchandise laden thereon as taken
in said illicit traffic by His Majesty's Ship the
Hesperona Master C. Strong Esquire
Commander, and moreover pronounced the
said slaves & others of Africa to be manumitted
from Slavery and to be employed as servants
or free labourers, and also that he had been
proved that at the time of seizing the said Schooner

the said Trustees W. more Trustees Bay and
other parts and compass the whole of the slaves
as usual to be emancipated.

The said Commissary Judge also Declares in
Commission of Appraisement and Sale to
that he reserves into writing a
full true and perfect inventory of the said
Cape Town and Cape and that he shall 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 on value, or cause the
same to be so appraised and valued, and the
appraisements being taken that he repair in
cause the aforesaid several Cape Towns, and
all and singular things of the said
merchandise on board the said 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 Receiver of the said
One Month from the day of the date hereof and
that at the same time he truly transmit the
appraisements 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 undersigned have done the above in
consequence of no Oath being made by the
Commissioners of Appraisement and Sale
J. S. J. Sawyer