

The Case of the Spanish Schooner the Esperanza
Pedro Martin Ruiz Master.

This Vessel was fitted out in August last at Puerto Rico, furnished with a Royal Passport and the other requisite Documents for the Slave Trade South of the Equator. She was captured on the 10th of December, by the Boat of His Majesty's Ship the Morgan Capt. Strong, in Lat. 5. 49 N. and Long. 9. 57 W., and brought to Sierra Leone for Adjudication on the 33rd. She had on board when taken possession of, Forty Slaves one of whom died on the passage up to Sierra Leone: they were kept very near the Latitude in which the Vessel was captured - namely, at Petty Basses, Grand Basses, Grand Core, Mannas, River Taster &c., as stated in Capt. Strong's Declaration, which Statement is corroborated by the Oaths of the Master, Mate, and Boatmen of the Schooner.

The crew of the Esperanza, when she

Witnessed

Capt. Strong's Declⁿ

In W. Strong's
30 Dec 1789
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She arrived on the coast of Africa
 consisted of twenty four in number
 including the Master, and a person named
 Stephen Charles, who acted as
 Supercargo, and is supposed, by the
 Master, to be a Scotchman, but is
 described, in the Muster roll to be from
 London: This Stephen Charles, with two
 of the crew were left at Grand Bassa.
 And, the Schooner having made all
 possible exertions to beat off the Morjian's
 Boats, two more of her crew were killed,
 and the Master severely wounded, on
 being boarded: Lieutenant Head and
 three Seamen of the Morjian's were also
 wounded.

In the 27th Instant sentence
 of Condemnation was pronounced
 against the Schooner Esperanza.

Sierra Leone

30th December 1819.

Thos Gregory

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