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British and Netherlands Mixed Court of Justice  
Sierra Leone

Before Thomas Gregory Esquire, Judge on the part of  
His Britannic Majesty and Dove Kan Sertima Esquire  
Judge on the part of His Majesty the King of the Netherlands  
Present Robert Barry Fitzgerald Esquire Deputy Registrar

Tuesday the fifteenth day of February  
in the year of our Lord 1820.

"Maria" Brig.

Francisco Vigne Master

Our Sovereign Lord the King  
against

The said Brig her Tackle, Apparel  
and Furniture, and the Goods, wares,  
~~and~~ Merchandise and Slaves on  
board the same, taken by His  
Majesty's Ship of War Tartar  
Sir George Collier R. C. B. Comman-  
der, and brought to Sierra Leone.

The said Judges having examined the paper Writings  
of the said Brig and received the Depositions of the said  
Francisco Vigne the Master, Francis Burdon the Boatswain  
and Joseph Pearson a seaman on board the same as  
well as the Declaration of Sir G. H. Collier the Captor, and  
having refused to admit the Interrogatories exhibited by the  
said Captor to be put to the said Francisco Vigne on the  
ground

ground that the same were unnecessary, and that the said Francisco Signo was too ill to be brought to the Court or to be moved from the Hospital in which he was lodged pronounced the said Brig Maria her tackle, Apparel and Furniture and the goods, Wares and Merchandize laden therein to have been at the time of the Capture and seizure thereof engaged in the illicit traffic in Slaves and as such subject and liable to confiscation and condemned the said Brig her tackle, Apparel and Furniture and the Goods, Wares and Merchandize laden therein as lawful Prize and as taken in such illegal traffic by His Britannic Majesty's Ship of War "Tartar" Commodore Sir George Ralph Collier Part 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 at the time of passing the said Sentence Two Boys did compose the whole of the Slaves so decreed to be emancipated.