

Sierra Leone 20th February 1820

My Lord.

I have the honor to inform Your Lordship that, on the 5th instant, His Majesty's Ship Tartar, Commodore Sir George Collier, brought into this Port for adjudication the Spanish Schooner the Francisco; which vessel was captured at an anchor on the night of the 30th January by the Tartar's boats in the River Ponga in Lat 10:10 North.

There were found on board the Francisco, when the Boats took possession of her sixty nine Slaves, who have been landed, emancipated, and delivered over in the usual way to His Excellency Governor MacCarthy, in consequence of the condemnation of the Schooner, which took place on the 8th instant, as stated in the copy of the case here enclosed for Your Lordship's Information.

Right Hon^{ble} Viscount Castlereagh
His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

Wm. S. Ferguson
20th Feb 1820

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