

The Case of the Portuguese Schooner the
 a Felicidade, Antonio Joaquin da Trindade
 Master. -

The nova Felicidade - a small
 Schooner measuring only 11 tons, was fitted
 out on the 23rd of June last at Princes Island.

The Owner of her, Jose Ferrara Gomez
 the acting Governor of that Island - granted
 the vessel a Pass, authorizing her to
 proceed to the Portuguese Settlements of
 Cabinda and Moembo, south of the Equator
 there was no royal Pass on board.

In lieu however of going to the
 abovementioned Portuguese Settlements,
 the nova Felicidade proceeded to Old
 Calabar situated in Lat 0 north, where
 she took 71 Slaves on board: - Seven of these
 Slaves were the property of Joaquin da
 Trindade the Master of the Schooner, and
 were put on board by himself. one belonged
 to her Boatwain, and another to one of his
 Seamen, the remainder of the Seventy one
 Slaves were shipped on board by one Barros
 a Portuguese Captain of a Schooner belonging
 to Princes Island.

The

Antonio Joaquin da Trindade
 Master
 4th Aug 1841
 Account of the Capture
 of the Nova Felicidade
 Captain & Boatwain
 of the Nova Felicidade

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The Vessel was captured on the 30th of July last in Lat 2.23 North, and Long. 9.50 West by His Majesty's Ship the Pheasant Capt. B. M. Kelly, and brought to Sierra Leone on the 15th of August.

Although the Master of the Nova Felicidade first declared that he had taken in his Slaves at Cabinda, yet when he, his Officers and Crew were interogated on oath, they all declared that they had been at no other Port than Old Calabar, where they took in the before mentioned Seventy one Slaves.

The proof being so clear that the Nova Felicidade was engaged in an illicit traffic in Slaves, the Members of the Court pronounced sentence of condemnation against her; and ^{been} emancipated the Slaves who had ^{been} provided for by His Excellency Governor MacCarthy on their being landed in August last.

Sierra Leone 24th Feb^y 1820.

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