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British and Portuguese Mixed Commission.  
Sierra Leone.

Before Thomas Gregory Esquire Commissary Judge, and  
Edward Fitz Gerald Esquire Commissioner of Arbitration on  
the part of His Britannic Majesty (the Commissary Judge  
and Commissioner of Arbitration on the part of His  
Most Excellent Majesty the King of Portugal, not either  
of them having yet arrived in the said Colonies.)

Present. Robert Barry Fitz Gerald Esquire  
Acting as Deputy Registrar in this cause.

Thursday the twenty fourth day  
of February in the Year of  
our Lord 1820. -

Portuguese Schooner Nova Felicidade  
Antonio Joaquim da Trindade. Master

Our Sovereign Lord the King  
against

the said Schooner Nova Felicidade,  
whereof Antonio Joaquim da Trindade  
was Master, her tackle, apparel and  
furniture and Slaves on board the  
same and therewith seized and taken  
by His Majesty's Ship Pheasant,  
B. Manwood Kelly Esquire Commander,  
and brought to Sierra Leone, and  
against all reasons in general.

The said Commissary Judge, and Commissioner of  
Arbitration, having perused, and received the  
Deposition of Antonio Joaquim da Trindade the  
Master, Antonio Sacramento the Boatswain,  
Manuel de Grace, Manuel Don Rosaris, Domingos  
Pereira, Joaquin Coef, Manuel Gava, Sebastiana Dos  
Salvador Levid, Balde Lawson, Seaman, belonging  
to the said Schooner, Nova Felicidade, as also the  
Declaration of Captain B. Manwood Kelly, the  
Captor, pronounced the said Portuguese Schooner

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Mona Felicidade, her tackle, apparel and furniture is  
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 Schooner, her tackle, apparel, and furniture,  
as lawful Prize, and as taken in such illicit traffic  
by His Majesty's Ship of War Pheasant, R. Harwood  
Kelly Esquire 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  
17 Men 11 Women, 20 Boys and 23 Girls, did compose  
the whole of the Slaves so decreed to be emancipated.