

The Earl of Aberdeen
Foreign Secretary
Whitehall

British Comⁿ Spanish
N^o 3.

Sierra Leone 5th April 1820.

My Lord,
On the 24th of July last, I had the honor of enclosing to Your Lordship in my Dispatch of that date the Case of the Spanish Ship the Josefa with the following remarks thereon. viz. - "As my Colleague Don Francisco Lefer, the Spanish Commissary does not conceive himself authorised to take the abovementioned case of the Josefa into consideration, on account of its being unknown whether or not Capt^l Willis the Captor was provided with the special Instructions alluded to in the 9th and 11th Articles of the Treaty of the 23^d of September 1817, I have not deemed it necessary to press the matter upon him, especially as I conceive that no detriment can happen either to the Captor or to the Captured by delay, the Ship being sunk and the unfortunate Slaves who were landed from her are profiting by

The Right Hon^{ble} Viscount Castlereagh
The Miscellaneous Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs

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by the humane care and protection of
Governor Mac Carthy

I have now the honor
to enclose for Your Lordship's information
the copy of two notes (Nos 3) written
by Don Francisco Lefer the Spanish
Commissary Judge of the mixed Commission
on the subject of the Capture of the
beforementioned Spanish Ship - Josefa -
with copies (No 2 & 4) of my answers
thereto.

I should not have presumed
to trouble Your Lordship with these
trifling details, were I not impelled to
do so in order to meet the statements
which the Government of His Catholic
Majesty may make to Your Lordship
in consequence of any misrepresentation
that might be made by Don Francisco
Lefer to his Government on the subject
in question. - The real fact of the case
as stated in the foregoing extract of
my Dispatch of the 24th July, Your
Lordship will perceive is apparent
even from Don Francisco Lefer's own
note (No 1) of the 10th March, and so
far was he from seeking every occasion

(as stated in No 3) of coming to an
understanding on the subject of the Josefa
that, on his being expressly invited to
join in the adjudication of that Ship
on the 14th of July the day when the
first General Meeting of the Members
of the British and Spanish mixed
Commission took place, he declined
altogether the invitation. - Of this
fact the other Members of the Commission
who were present can give ample
testimony. - I have the honor to be
with the greatest respect

My Lord

Your Lordship's
most obedient and
very hble Servant
Thos Gregory

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