

was on board. Some of the original papers were; but the log books had not any date of year, and the whole were extremely indistinct and difficult to be fixed; some of the Slaves taken in by the Spaniards in the Rio Pongo were however still on board when the vessel was brought in here.

Captain Sandilands was exceedingly desirous that proceedings should be taken against this vessel as a Spanish ship illegally trading in Slaves and with a view to this object the papers were sent successively to all the members of the Commission and perused by them.

The British Commissioners on communicating together on the subject were of opinion that although the case appeared to involve many points altogether foreign to the objects of the Commission yet it might be taken into consideration if any disposition should be shown on the Spanish side to take cognizance of it. But the Spanish Commissioner Judge Mr. Lopez having more than once distinctly refused to enter into it; and Mr. Camp the Spanish Arbitrator after a very attentive examination not being able to find any actual proof of the original Spanish character to warrant him in taking any step to cause it to be brought under discussion, nothing could be done in the Mixed British and Spanish Court respecting it.

The vessel being we suppose found to be liable in any other way, has been allowed

to depart - the Slaves on board her at her arrival, taken by Northrop forcibly from several Slaving Vessels of all nations, were landed here while she was thought likely to be subject to a charge of piracy and remain in the interior of the Colony.

We think it proper to put Your Lordship in possession of these particulars of this case as we are aware that a communication on the subject has been sent to the Admiralty by Cap^t Sandilands.

We have the honor to be with the greatest respect.

My Lord,
Your Lordship's
Most obedient and
very humble Servants.
Thos. Gregory
Edward Fitzgerald

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