

British and Spanish Court of Mixed Claims

Before Edward Duguesne Esquire his Britannic Majesty's Commissioner, Judge, and Sir G. Fitzgibbon Esquire his Britannic Majesty's Commissioner of Habitation.

Present James Mackay Esquire Acting Registrar

Tuesday 13th day of May 1838.

Spanish Schooner Anna Maria

The Marshal having stated to the Court that the whole of the slaves belonging to the Schooner Anna Maria were on the morning of this day landed, and it appearing that no authority or sanction was granted by this Court for such proceeding, it is therefore deemed necessary to institute an enquiry into the circumstances which led to a measure of such irregularity.

Mr. Chas. Bennett, made affidavit of the facts of the case which came within his knowledge.

Mr. Hudson Page Master in charge of the Schooner Anna Maria, and Mr. Puffett Chief Superintendent of Captured Negroes and widows, with witnesses appointed by the Court, by which it appeared, that in landing the slaves from the Schooner they acted under the authority of the Honor the Acting Governor.

Ordered That the Affidavit of Mr. Chas. Bennett and the Recommendations of Mr. John Hudson and Mr. Puffett be filed in the Registry of this Court.

On the same day By the Court That we do back the depositions of

