

British and Spanish Court of Mixed Commission Examinations on oath of M^r John Hudson Prize Master in charge of the Spanish Schooner Anna Maria - respecting the landing of the Slaves from the vessel.

Terra Leone 15th May 1824.

Before - Edward Gregory Esq. H. M. Commissary Judge and Edward Fitzgibbon Esq. H. M. Commissioner of Abstraction.

Present James Woods Esq. Acting Registrar

By what Authority or by whose order or direction were the Slaves of the Anna Maria Spanish Schooner under your charge as Prize Master landed on the Morning of this day. -

A. Last night I received a verbal order from the Governor to land them this morning. The Governor said he had given directions to M^r Reffell to send Boats for them this morning. M^r Reffell was present when the Governor mentioned this to me. - about 8 o'clock this morning the Boats came alongside.

Examined and sworn before me of Terra Leone this 15th May 1824. James Woods Esq. Registrar. Affirmation of M^r Hudson Master of the above Schooner, respecting the landing of the Slaves from the said Schooner.

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In the City of Terra Leone Commission to M^r James Woods Esq. of the 2nd June 1824.

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the Schooner M^r. Morgan told me that
 M^r. Reffell requested that I would
 send the Men and Women first, and
 send the Boy and Girls afterwards,
 when I was putting the women in
 the Boats M^r. Bonrett came alongside
 M^r. Bonrett showed me His order from
 the Commisioners, and said he was
 come to take an account of the Slaves,
 at the same time he did not tell
 me the Slaves were to be landed,
 nor that there was any order against
 it, after getting the Women into the
 Boat, they put off for the shore, after
 the women left the vessel M^r. Bonrett
 took the number of the men and Boys.
 After M^r. Bonrett had taken the account
 of the number of men and Boys, he
 was leaving the vessel, and I asked
 him if M^r. Reffell would give me a
 receipt for the Slaves he said no, that
 he would himself give the receipt.
 shortly after the Boats returned, and
 I sent the whole of the Male Slaves
 on Shore. - This completes the landing
 of the whole of the Cargo - which
 was in my charge. - (Signed) John Hudson
 Examination closed

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