

British and Spanish Court of Mixed
Commission.

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Before - Edward Gregory Esq. His Britannic
Majestys Commissioner, Judge & Edward
Fitz Gerald Esq. H. B. M. Commissioners of
Arbitration.

Present. James Woods Esq. Acting Registrar
Sierra Leone 15th May 1824

Examinations on Oath of Joseph Keffell
Esquire, Chief Superintendent of Captured
Negroes, respecting the landing of the Slaves
from the Spanish Schooner Anna Maria

M^r C. Barrett the Acting Marshall having
made affidavit before the Court that
on his repairing on board the Spanish
Captured Slave Schooner Anna Maria
this Morning for the purpose of executing
an order of the Court he found the whole
of the Slaves on board that vessel in
course of being put into Boats in order
to be landed under the charge of M^r
John Morgan who said he received orders
to that effect from you;

Will you state to the Court whether you
gave such orders, and what authority you
gave them.

Mixed Commission, May 15, 1824

Spanish Schooner Anna Maria

Examinations on oath of

M^r John Morgan, Chief Master

of the said Schooner, respecting

the landing of the Slaves

from the said Schooner

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In the Order of H. B. M. Commissioners
to the Spanish Court of Mixed
Commission
No 4
of the 6th June 1824

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Answer. I did give such orders to Mr. Morgan
it was by my directions he went
board the Anna Maria Spanish Scho
R superintend the landing of the
The Governor signified to me that
permission had been given for the
landing of them, and that they
be brought on shore in the morning.
I received only a verbal order, from
Governor to that effect; such orders
as the Governor communicates to me
are in general given verbally.

Q. What did you understand the Governor
to mean, when he said to you permission
had been given for landing the

A. Mr. Barrett called on the Governor
about 5 o'clock - and had a commu-
-tion with him, I was present at
time the Governor was called out
on the Governor's return, he spoke
me respecting the landing of the
of the Slaves the next day. I inferred
the Governor had received an impres-
from Mr. Barrett that leave had
given by the Court for the land-
of the whole of the Slaves. - In
prior conversation with the Governor,
few minutes before Mr. Barrett came
Signed, the Governor's impression as commu-

to me, was that permission had been
granted for the landing of the Sick
Slaves only, and that they may be
landed immediately -

Q. Had you personally any previous
communication with Mr. Barrett on
this subject.

A. Yes about 4 o'clock yesterday Mr. Barrett
mentioned to me, that a Medical gentleman
had gone off to see the Sick in the Slave
vessel, and that it was probable it might
be necessary to land some of them, wishing
to know where I would ^{take} ~~take~~ ^{them} ~~take~~
and whether I could take charge of
them. I stated the improbability of my
taking charge of them, the Hospital being
three miles distant and having no means
of conveying them up, the day being too
far advanced to procure means. At this time
Mr. Barrett did not know the number.
I added I would be ready to receive them
at any hour in the morning, I do not
recollect any thing further passing
respecting this business between Mr.
Barrett and me at that time. I have
some faint recollection of Mr. Barrett
having called on me a second time,
but I do not recollect any thing
particular