

British and Spanish Court of Mixed Commerce
Lima Cases

Before Edward Gregory Esquire His Britannic Majesty's
Commissioner Judge and Edward Fitzgibbon Esquire His
Britannic Majesty's Commissioner of Patents and

Present James Mads Esquire Acting Registrar

Wednesday the 16th Day of May
1838.

The Court resumed the consideration of the
case of the Spanish Schooner *Dama Maria* ..

The Court examined George Gardner the
Chief Mate of the said Schooner on special Interrogatories
Also, Archibald Jones, and Francis Maria,
Negro Seamen belonging to the said Schooner, upon
questions taken from standing Interrogatories.

Spanish Schooner *Dama Maria*

From the depositions of the whole of the
Witnesses examined concerning the said Schooner
Dama Maria, it is manifest to this Court that she
has been illegally engaged in the Slave Trade.

The Commissioners duly considering
the declarations of the Captain, the Ship's Papers, and
the depositions of the Witnesses - concerning & established
the manifest illegality of her said, and also considering
the actual condition of the Slaves composing the
Crew conceive themselves bound in duty to pronounce
without delay their judgment respecting the said
Slaves, as well as the said Schooner.

The Court doth decree accordingly that the
said Schooner, her tackle, apparel, and furniture
and the Goods, Wares and Merchandises on board the
same be condemned as good and lawful Prize to
the British and Spanish Governments, and the
Slaves on board thereof being an inalienable Slave
Hundred and thirty eight to be consigned for

Sheweth and to be delivered over to the Colonial
authorities.

The Court postpones its decree on the
comprehensions of the slaves removed from
the said Schooner on board His Britannic
Majesty's Ship Factor, until the arrival of Commodore
Sir George Collier with the said Ship at Sierra Leone
where their numbers can be positively ascertained.

Ordered

That the Marshal do proceed forth
with on board the condemned Schooner Anna
Maria, and take charge thereof.

By the Court

On the same day

Mr. George Rendall petitioned the
Court praying it may be pleased to appoint him
Commissioner of Appraisement and Sale, and
the Court having taken into its consideration the
said Petition, acceded to the request made of Mr.
George Rendall to be Acting Commissioner of
Appraisement and Sale.

Ordered

That a Commission be issued to
Messrs. Messrs. Rendall & Bond of an Appraisement and Sale of
the said Schooner her tackle, apparel and furniture
and the goods, wares, and Merchandise on board
thereof.