

British and Spanish Court of Mixed Commission

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Sierra Leone 16<sup>th</sup> May 1824.

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H. P. G.

Sir,

On the meeting of this Court yesterday for the purpose of taking evidence in the cause of the Spanish Schooner Anna Maria, His Majesty's Commissioners learned with extreme surprise that the whole of the Slaves belonging to that Vessel had been already landed under the superintendance of M<sup>r</sup>. Morgan acting by order from M<sup>r</sup>. Keffell, who was understood by M<sup>r</sup>. Morgan to have received your Honor's sanction for the proceeding. The landing of Slaves before adjudication being contrary to the Treaty, unless in special cases of indispensable necessity, His Majesty's Commissioners are pained in the painful situation of having to explain to Viscount Castlereagh for their justification to His Majesty's Government and to the Government of His Catholic Majesty, the King of Spain, a violation which, under the circumstances of increased responsibility

Honor  
Captain Grant  
of the Commission

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of May 1824  
I am Sir  
Your obedient Servant  
No. 4  
J. M. Keffell  
Commissioner

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