

1824 Lat. 24. deg. 30 min. South, and Long.
16. deg. 54 min. West of Greenwich, deeming
that in consequence of the vessel being in
a leaky state they found it necessary to
steer their course towards the Islands of St.
Thomas or of Princes, in order that the
vessel might be there repaired to enable
her to proceed on her voyage to the
places mentioned in her Passport. It
did not appear, however, that they were
touched at those Islands, but it appeared
from the declarations of the master and
of the seamen examined, that they went
into the River Bonny and that there
finding the trade advantageous they
commenced trafficking in slaves. Whilst
they were pursuing this traffic, the Donna
Eugenia was captured on the 26th March with
eighty three slaves on board, by boats from
H. M. Ship Tartar, Commodore Sir George
Collier, and from H. M. Brig Thistle,
Lieutenant Hagan. Five of the slaves died
on the passage to Sierra Leone.

The Court on a review of the evidence
of which the foregoing is the abstract
decreed the condemnation of the Ship Donna
Eugenia, her tackle apparatus and furniture
and decreed the emancipation of the seventy
eight slaves remaining on board of her

and that they be delivered over to the
Government of the Colony to be employed
as servants or free labourers.

*and the suggestion
made by
S. Collier*
The British Commissioners having
taken into consideration the suggestion
conveyed in Commodore Sir George Collier's
letter to the Registrar, and I am to desire
that measures may be taken to secure
the person of Manuel Jose Silveira,
the Master, in order to his being tried
"by the laws of his Country," cannot
abstain from expressing their regret that
Sir George Collier's regard for the judicial
station and character of the Commissioners
did not point out to him the propriety
of employing language less imperative,
if upon due reflexion he could have
thought it necessary or proper to convey
a suggestion of this nature in any way.

It was left to M^r. Altavilla to
determine whether he would send the
individual pointed out to be prosecuted
in the manner desired.

M^r. Altavilla observed that he
had no facilities of conveying such
persons to a proper tribunal with the
means of convicting them. but he had
no

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no objection that this should be done
by Sir George Collier, if Sir George
should think fit to do so.

The British Commissioners think it
right to say that they do not find any
thing in the case to call for an
extraordinary measure. The firing on
~~the~~ the boats is explained on the assurance
that owing to the darkness of the night,
they were taken for native canoes: as
soon as it was ascertained that they
were English the firing ceased.

Sierra Leone, May 19th 1816.

C. Gregory
Edward Fitzgerald

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