

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> of the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Comptrol<sup>r</sup>  
 to the Treasury  
 No. 4  
 St. James's  
 4th June 1822

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Confidential given by Don Miguel  
 de la Riva y Rodriguez Don  
 Benjamin Navarro, Officer of  
 the Royal Treasury, the latter  
 has been paid a good sum  
 to be embarked on board of  
 the Spanish Schooner  
 Maria destined for the Gulf  
 of Mexico - ordered by Don  
 Garcia, December 2, 1820.

British and Spanish Court of Mixed Commission  
 16th May 1822. 56

Before, Edward Gregory Esquire His Britannic  
 Majesty's Comptrol<sup>r</sup> Judge and Edward Fitzgerald  
 Esq. H. B. M. Commissioners of Arbitration.

Present James Woods Esq. Ad<sup>l</sup> Reg<sup>l</sup>

Examination of George Gardiner Mate of the  
 Spanish Schooner Anna Maria upon special Interrog-  
 atories put to him by the Court.

2. How many Slave trading vessels were then in  
 the River Bonny at the time of the Capture of  
 the Anna Maria distinguishing the flags under  
 which they sailed.

A. Only one Ship which was under Portuguese  
 Colours. - She was taken by the Men of War's  
 Boats on the same night of the Capture of the  
 Anna Maria.

2. Did any vessels sail from the River Bonny with  
 Slaves from the time of your arrival in the  
 River to the time of your departure.

A. Yes, One Hermaphrodite Brig, under French  
 Colours, and a Schooner under Dutch Colours,  
 both with Slaves, I believe the Brig took two  
 hundred and fifty Slaves. but I do not  
 know the number taken by the Schooner.

2. Do you know how many Slave trading vessels  
 there were in the Rivers adjacent to the River  
 Bonny

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Q. I heard there were some Slave trading vessels in the Old Calabar River, but I do not know the number, I have also heard there were some vessels Slave trading in the New Calabar River.

2. When you sailed from St. Jago were any vessels fitted out for a Slave trading Voyage to the Coast of Africa.

A. Yes there were two vessels, a Ship and a Schooner, the Schooner was under Spanish Colours, but I do not know under what Colours the Ship was fitted out, she had only a short time arrived from America under the United States Colours. - The name of the Schooner was the Rebecca, and the Ship was called the Corsair. The Ship was to be heavily armed I believe both of them are now on the Coast of Africa.

Q. Did you hear that any vessels were to be fitted out at that place for a Slave trading Voyage to the Coast of Africa.

A. Only the two before mentioned.

Examination closed.

Signed, George Gardiner