

Government House 96
Sierra Leone 6th June 1822

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Gentlemen,

In reference to your letter of the 16th Ult^o with its enclosures I have now for the sake of regularity to repeat what I have already verbally communicated to His Majesty's Commissioner of Arbitration regarding the landing of the Slaves from the Spanish Schooner Anna Maria previous to their final adjudication. — That there should have been any irregularity or want of form in releasing the negroes of that Schooner from their miserable condition on board, I equally regret with His Majesty's Commissioners particularly so as I felt anxious from the absence of the Spanish Judges that every necessary precaution should be attended to in order to prevent the possibility of any difficulties arising in the case. — On the receipt of your first communication by the Registrar I immediately ordered Acting Colonial Surgeon Hastings to inspect the Slaves on board, with his report you were their

Edward Gregory & C. Fitz Gerald Esq^{rs}
B. Majesty's Commissioners

The Majesty's Commissioners
to Capt. Grant, Acting
Governor, asked Sierra
Leone, May 16, 1822.

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then made acquainted; on the Marshall
waiting on me on the subject of having the
rick handed, I lost no time in communicating
with M^r. Reffell and from the lateness of the
hour, he concurred in opinion with Surgeon
Washkins that they would be better on board
during the night, as they could not then
possibly be sent to the Captains Negro Hospital.
A communication to that effect was made to
the Marshall, adding that he should have
very assistance in the morning, when I
fruehened from the tenor of his conversa-
tion with me it was his intention to land
them all, and particularly so from his having
requested me to furnish him with the
large Government Boat. On his coming
to me next morning and applying for
boats I felt convinced that the Slaves were
to be landed, and I referred him to M^r.
Reffell to whom I had the evening before
communicated the impression made on my
mind by the Marshall, on which impression
it would appear, ^{the} former Gentleman acted;
the mistake therefore entirely rests on
the Marshall in not being sufficiently
explicit in his communication, a mistake
which on his going on board the vessel if
inclined he might readily have rectified as
would have induced
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By a reference to me and consequent explanation,
at all events you can have little difficulty
in agreeing with me that the case was
one of indispensable necessity, nor can I
looking over the Treaty for a moment
conceive that it was the intention of either
Government to keep the negroes on board
Slave Ships an hour after their arrival
in the harbour provided there is a proper
place for their reception on shore to wait
the decision of the Mixed Court.

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your Most obedient

Humble Servant

(Signed) A. Grant
Acty^r Gos.

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