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Sierra Leone, November 10, 1821.

My Lord,

We have the honor to enclose to your Lordship an extract from a letter written by Lieutenant Knight, Commanding His Majesty's Brig, together with the Minutes conveying the details of particular enquiries made by Mr. Knight at Sierra Leone Town and Old Calabar, for the purpose of ascertaining the real state of the facts touching a transaction which furnished ground at this place for a criminal charge against Antonio de Castro, Treasurer of the Portuguese Slave-trade, Brigadier's Commissary, and was reputed to belong to that rebel.

We have already thought it our duty to notice this matter in the letter mentioned General No. 10 which we have the honor to address to your Lordship.

The Right Hon. The Marquis of Londonderry, K.G.
His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs

Enclosure
 Minute, March 1821
 Memoirs for Commissioners
 Copy of the letter to
 the Marquis of Londonderry
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Lordships under date of the 23rd June last.

The matter of charges against Duke and his accomplices was, as subsenses, that they had seized and imprisoned confined in the hold of their vessel, two men of Calabrian named Duke and Offen, and two boys named Thomas and Opang who came on board with these men to sell peas, peas beans and other provisions and refreshments of the country.

Scutime, and his defence, alleges that he had bought these persons as slaves from Duke Epheime.

The information obtained by Lieutenant Knights confirms that defence with respect to Duke who being a person of superior stuff and speaking English with some degree of fluency, made a considerable impression by his statement here.

It appears that this man being subject to death by the laws of the country for having had criminal intercourse with some of his father's women, was, according to the provisions

usage when on board ship is at once sold into slavery.

M^r Knight's information does not particularise the other individuals, his enquiries having, probably, been limited to the one most prominent. He was told, however, that the Partique was not culpable, and it may be supposed that this exculpation is general, inasmuch as no accomplices were named in conjunction with it. The crime charged was but of one transaction in which Duke was the principal persons.

Before this information was received in the Colony, Scutime and the two seamen confined with him had been sent as prisoners to the Bricks by the Acting Governor who had previously ascertained on reference to the proper Authorities, that the transactions which had furnished the grounds of charges against them could not legally be brought to trial under any jurisdiction existing here.

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We have the honor to be with
the greatest respect,

My Lord,

Your Lordship's

Most obedient and

Most humble servant,

C. Grey.
Edward Fitzgerald

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