

Enclosure in No 95 -
Abstract of the Evidence in the case of the
Spanish Schooner Relampago -

Lieutenant Lizardet declared in his Affidavit that he had detained this Schooner on the 14th December in latitude 23° 8' North. Longitude 79° 17' West, with 158 Negroes on board. (which Number was afterwards altered to 159, an infant at the Mother's breast having been omitted); - and that he found on board only five papers which he produced and which were regular Ship's papers issued at this Port of Havannah in April 1824, authorising the Relampago to proceed to the Coast of Africa for the purpose of trading in articles of lawful Commerce, but by no means of engaging in the Slave Trade.

José de Garay deposed that he was a native of New Orleans, but from his infancy had resided in Spain: - that he was Captain of the Spanish Schooner Relampago, of which Lucas Patron an Inhabitant of the Havana, was owner; - that he sailed from this Port early in May last for the Coast of Africa for the purpose of engaging in lawful Commerce; that, having arrived at the point on that Coast called Menarock, he delivered his Cargo to the King of the district under a promise of receiving Ivory, Gold dust &c for the same, which promise was not performed; and after waiting on the Coast for

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Mr. Lizardet

No 95

10 Enclosures

Rec. 2 March 16. 1825.

Copy of the Affidavit taken
by the Spanish Schooner
Relampago detained by the
British Ship, and contained
in the British Consular
papers.

Copy of Ship's papers

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a considerable time, during which he lost his two principal officers, and fell sick himself, he was under the necessity of receiving Negroes as the only return he could obtain for the goods he had delivered:— That he accordingly embarked 162 Negroes for the maintenance of whom he obtained a quantity of rice; but that he had no other cargo:— That the five documents he delivered to the Captain at the time of his detention, were all the papers existing on board:— That he received on board Felipe Lorada and six other individuals belonging to the Spanish Schooner Bicayna, which was lost on the Coast of Africa, the said Lorada acting as Mate but without any Salary:— That the number of Negroes on board the Schooner at the time of the detention was 158 or 159. Three or four having died during the passage.

Felipe de Lorada deposed that he sailed from this Port of Havana as Mate in the Spanish Schooner Bicayna, for the purpose of trading in lawful Commerce on the Coast of Africa:— That four days after her arrival on that Coast the Vessel was lost; this deponent escaping to the American Settlement there:— That having subsequently learnt that the Relampago was at St. Marks, he proceeded to that point and obtained from her Captain

José de Garay, a passage for himself and six of his Companions to this Port:— That the number of Negroes received on board the Relampago was 162. of which three or four died during the passage.

Manuel del Pino deposed that he sailed from this Port in the Schooner Relampago as a Sailor and Helmsman (Timonel). His deponent confirmed the statements of the two preceding.

Havana Dec 29. 1824.

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