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## SLAVE VESSEL ("BELLA ANGELLA").

#### ABSTRACT

#### Of a RETURN to an ADDRESS of the Honourable The House of Commons, dated 9 February 1848;—for,

- A "RETURN from the Court of MIXED COMMISSION at the Cape of Good Hope, of the undermentioned Particulars relating to the Portuguese Slave Vessel, "Bella Angella," condemned in that Court, August 14, 1844:"
  - (1.)—" THE AMOUNT of the VALUATION of the said VESSEL and CARGO, as shown in the Manifest:"
  - (2.)—" Of GROSS PROCEEDS of Sale of VESSEL and CARGO, with the Date when the same were realized :"
  - (3.)—"Of the NET PROCEEDS, when Received, and when Paid over to the Authorities on behalf of the Crown :"
  - (4.)—" The PARTICULARS of all CHARGES and EXPENSES incurred relative to the SALE of VESSEL and CARGO:"
  - (5.)—" Of all FEES and LAW EXPENSES charged for the Condemnation of VESSEL and CARGO:"
  - (6.)--" Of all SUMS charged for breaking up the VESSEL, pursuant to the Act :"
  - (7.)—" The AMOUNT and NATURE of all FEES, with the Names of the Persons who received the same, and the Office held or performed by each, and whether holding any other Office or Place; and an ACCOUNT of all Charges for Commission, Del Credere, Agency and Superintendence, with the Names of the Persons to whom the same were paid."

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, 6 March 1848.

J. PARKER.

(Captain Pechell.)

Ordered, by The House of Commons, to be Printed, 9 March 1848. (1.)—AMOUNT of the Valuation of the said VESSEL and CARGO, as shown in the Manifest.

THE amount of the valuation of the "Bella Angella" and cargo, as shown in the abstract of the manifest, is as follows:

|  | £.     | s. | <b>d</b> . |
|--|--------|----|------------|
| Total value of goods shipped                       | 10,000 | -  | ` <b>—</b> |
| Freight of ditto                                   | 1,945  | -  | -          |
| Value put on the "Bella Angella," as per Letter of |        |    |            |
| Instruction  | 1,300  | -  |            |
| TOTAL Value of Property £.                         | 13,246 | -  |            |

(2.)—GROSS PROCEEDS of Sale of VESSEL and CARGO, with the Date when the same were realized.

| The gross proceeds of the sale of vessel and cargo, as | £. s. | <i>d</i> . |
|--|-------|------------|
| shown in the Account, dated 14 August 1844 -           |       | 71         |
|  |       |            |

(3.)---NET PROCEEDS, when Received, and when Paid over to the Authorities on behalf of the Crown.

| Moiety of net proceeds received 14th August 1844, and<br>paid to Portuguese Commissioners 6th November | £. s. d.   |
|--|------------|
| 1844   | 1,556 19 - |
| Ditto, paid into the military chest on account of the<br>British Government                            | 1,556 19 - |
| TOTAL of the Net Proceeds $  \pounds$ .  | 3,113 18 - |

(4.)—PARTICULARS of all CHARGES and EXPENSES incurred relative to the Sale of VESSEL and CARGO.

The Registrar in account for the proceeds of the Portuguese barque "Bella Angella," condemned by Decree of the Court of Mixed British and Portuguese Commission, dated the 14th of August 1844.

| DATE.          | DATE. RECEIVED.   |       |    |                |  |
|----------------|---|-------|----|----------------|--|
| 28 August -    | Marshal—Proceeds of sale of three horses, as per order                          | £.    | s. | d.             |  |
| 11 September - | of 19th August 1844, as per Account marked (A.) -                               | 16    | 17 | 10 <u>‡</u>    |  |
| 10 October -   | Simon's Town, as per order of 5th September 1844,<br>as per Account marked (B.) | 160   | 8  | 2 🖁            |  |
|                | order of 18th September 1844, as per Account<br>marked (C.)                     | 4,127 | 12 | 6 <del>]</del> |  |
|                | TOTAL received £.   | 4,304 | 18 | 7 3            |  |

Dr.

### SLAVE VESSEL, BELLA ANGELLA.

|     | DATE.     |     | PAID.   |       | -     | <u></u> |            |    |
|-----|-----------|-----|---|-------|-------|---------|------------|----|
|     |           |     |   | Voucl | hers: | £.      | <b>s</b> . | đ. |
| 1 J | July -    | - 1 | Lieut. Forsyth, expenses of attendance -                                      | No.   |       |         | 10         | -  |
|     | · · ·     | -   | Mr. Maze, interpreter   | No.   | 2     | 22      | 10         | -  |
|     | September | -   | Messrs. Hewson and Simley   | No.   | 3     | 60      | 6          | -  |
| 4   | •         | -   | S. Deas Thompson, Esq   | No.   | 4     | 6       | 2          | 4  |
| 2 ( | October   | -   | Agent's charge for advancing money for the                                    |       |       |         |            |    |
| _   |           | - 1 | payment of Lieut. Forsyth and Mr. Maze  | -     | -     | -       | 15         | -  |
| 4   |           | -   | Mr. Šinclair  | No.   | 5     | 74      | 7          | -  |
| 5   |           | •   | Captain Bance, Marshal  | No.   | - 1   | 309     | 8          | 8  |
| 9   |           | -   | Mr. Thomas  | No.   | -     | 40      | 15         |    |
| 9   |           | -   | Mr. Gie   | No.   | -     | 35      | -          |    |
| 1   |           | -   | M. Pike   | No.   |       | 46      | 15         | 10 |
| 1   |           | -   | Her Majesty's ship "Winchester"   | No.   |       | 35      |            | 6  |
| 2   |           | -   | Mr. Watkins   | No.   |       | 108     | 9          | -  |
| 4   |           | -   | Mr. Willett   | No.   |       | 138     | 1          | 6  |
| 4   |           | -   | Mr. Willett   | No.   |       | 28      | 7          | -  |
| 5   |           | - ] | Insurance office  | No.   |       | 93      |            | -  |
| 5   |           | -   | Lieutenant Forsyth  | No.   |       | 12      | -          | 4  |
| 9   |           | -   | Mr. Greig, allowance for making catalogues                                    | No.   |       | -       | 15         | _  |
| 1   |           | - ! | Mr. de Wet  | No.   |       | 29      |            | .9 |
| 1   |           | -   | Mr. Bain, attending as witness  | No.   |       | 1       | -          | -  |
| 1   |           | -   | R. Parkinson, ditto   | No.   | -     |         | 10         | -  |
| 1   |           | -   | Commercial Advertiser   | No.   |       | -       | 16         | 6  |
| 1   |           | -   | Cape Town Mail  | No.   |       | -       | 7          | 6  |
| 2]  | November  | -   | Mr. Merrington, for captors   | No.   | 22    | 130     | 14         | 8  |
| 6   |           | -   | Moiety paid to the Portuguese Commis-<br>sioners                              | _     | -     | 1,556   | 19         | -  |
| 6   |           | -   | Moiety paid into the military chest on ac-<br>count of the British Government | -     | -     | 1,556   |            | -  |
|     |           |     |   | ł     | £.    | 4,304   | 18         | 7  |

Cr.

(signed) James R. Macleay, Registrar.

ACCOUNT, marked (A.)

Sold at public auction, by R. J. Jones, auctioneer, on the 24th day of August 1844, by order of the Mixed British and Portuguese Commission, three horses, landed from the condemned slaver "Bella Angella," as follows:

| Rds.        |
|-------------|
| 120 0       |
| <b>85 0</b> |
| 80 O        |
| 285 0       |
| 59 6        |
| 225 2       |
| 16 17 10 1  |
|             |

(A true extract.)

(signed) Rice J. Jones.

### **RETURN RESPECTING PORTUGUESE**

Cape Town, 27 August 1844.

The Marshal of the British and Portuguese Mixed Commission Court to Norkett & Brown, Dr.

To three horses at livery, from 19th to 25th August - £. 1. 17. 6.

Received payment.

(signed)

Norkett & Brown.

ACCOUNT, marked (C.)

Dr, J. R. Macleay, Esq., Registrar of the Mixed Commission, in account with George Greig, Cr, in the matter of the "Bella Angella."

| J | Dr. |
|---|-----|
|---|-----|

|                                      |   |         | _              |             |              |          |                 |
|--------------------------------------|---|---------|----------------|-------------|--------------|----------|-----------------|
| 1844.                                | To auction duty, 4 per cent. on gross<br>amount of sales, as per contract<br>To cash paid collector of customs for<br>duties, wharfage, store rent, extra at- | £.<br>- | <b>S.</b><br>- | d.<br>-     | £.<br>215    | s.<br>12 | d.<br>6         |
|                                      | tendance of officers, and customs'<br>charges at Simon's Bay<br>To less amount received from purchasers   | 812     |                | 7           |              |          |                 |
|                                      | of 28 kegs liqueurs sold in bond -  |         | 18             |             | 793          | 17       | 7               |
|                                      | To Gazette printing-office, for advertise-<br>ments and placards<br>To Advertiser office account<br>To Zuid Afrikaan  | 1       | 15<br>11<br>11 | 9<br>6<br>3 |              |          |                 |
|                                      | To Shipping List  |         | 14<br>6        | -           |              |          |                 |
|                                      | Vendue Rolls  | 3       | 18             | -           | 10           | 17       | 9               |
|                                      | To my commission, including auctioneer's<br>4 ½ per cent. on gross amount of sales,<br>as per tender  | _       | _              | _           | 242          |          | ~               |
|                                      | Net proceeds to credit of the registrar<br>of Mixed Commission  | -       | -              | -           | 4,127        |          | 7<br>6‡         |
|                                      |   |         |                | £.          | 5,390        | 11       | 11‡             |
| 19 September -<br>10 October -<br>21 | Cash paid this day  | -       | -              | -           | 4,000<br>112 | 15       | -<br>6 <u>1</u> |
|                                      |   | -       | •              | £.          | 14<br>4,127  |          | -<br>61         |

Cr.

| -   Di | tto – | nount o<br>~- | of sale | , this day | - | - | - | _  | £. s.<br>1,146 12 | d.<br>6 <del>3</del>                       |
|--------|-------|---------------|---------|------------|---|---|---|----|-------------------|--|
| -   Di | tto – | <b>^_</b>     |         |            |   |   |   |    |                   |  |
| _   D; |       |               | -       | ditto      | - | - | - | -  |                   | 9  |
|        | tto – | -             | -       | ditto      | - | - | - | -  | 2,614 8           | 101  |
|        |       | -             | •       | ditto      | - | - | - | -  | 267 17            | 3 ໌  |
| - Di   | tto – | -             | -       | ditto      | - | - | - | -  | 18 7              | 6  |
|        |       |               |         |            |   |   |   | £. | 5,390 11          | 11‡  |
|        |       | Ditte         |         |            |   |   |   |    | - Ditto ditto     | - Ditto ditto 267 17<br>- Ditto ditto 18 7 |

By Balance, Net Proceeds, brought forward - £. 4,127 12 61

Cape Town, 21 October 1844.

(E. & O. E.)

P' George Greig, (signed) R. P. Solomon.

At the request of Mr. George Greig, agent to the condemned slaver "Bella Angella,"

This is to certify, that the sum of 812 l. 15 s. 7 d. sterling has been paid by him into my hands on account of the Crown, as undermentioned; viz.

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| Port of Cape Town:         |   |   |    |     | £.          | <i>s</i> . | <b>d</b> . | £.  | <i>s</i> . | d. |
|----------------------------|---|---|----|-----|-------------|------------|------------|-----|------------|----|
| Duties                     | - | - | -  | -   | 624         | 5          | 4          |     |            |    |
| Government fee             | - | - | -  | -   | -           | 1          | 6          |     |            |    |
| Wharfage – – –             | - | - | -  | -   | 42          | 16         | 9          |     |            |    |
| Queen's warehouse rent -   | - | - | -  | -   | 22          | 15         | -          |     |            |    |
| Officers' extra attendance | - | - | -  | -   | 30          | 18         | -          |     |            |    |
| Port of Simon's Town:      |   |   |    | Ì   | <del></del> |            |            | 720 | 16         | 7  |
| Wharfage                   | - | - | -  | -   | 21          | 19         | 8          |     |            |    |
| Queen's warehouse rent -   | • | - | -  | -   | 40          | 2          | 4          |     |            |    |
| Officers' extra attendance | - | - | -  | -   | 29          | 17         | -          |     |            |    |
|                            |   |   |    | ł   |             | •          |            | 91  | 19         |    |
|                            |   |   | To | TAL |             | -          | £.         | 812 | 15         | 7  |

Given under my hand at the Custom-house, Cape Town, Cape of Good Hope, this 10th day of October 1844.

> (signed) A. M'Kenna, Pro Collector of Her Majesty's Customs.

(5.)—FEES and LAW EXPENSES charged for the Condemnation of VESSEL and CARGO.

BRITISH and PORTUGUESE MIXED COMMISSION, in the case of the "Bella Angella."

MARSHAL'S FEES and DISBURSEMENTS.

|           |  | £. s.   | d. |
|-----------|--|---|----|
| 17 June - | - Executing monition on Exchange   | - 7   | 6  |
|           | Paid clerk of Exchange the usual charge for same -   | - 2   | 6  |
|           | Journey to Simon's Town  | 6 6   | _  |
|           | Serving monition upon captain  | - 7   | ß  |
|           | Arresting vessel   | $     \begin{array}{r}       -2 \\       66 \\       -7 \\       11     \end{array} $ | _  |
|           | Two days' superintendence unlivery of cargo  | 4 4   | _  |
|           | Subsistence at Simon's Town, two days, at 15 s   | 1 10  | -  |
| 20 June - | - Arresting captain  | 1 1   |    |
|           | Ditto condermestre   | 1 1   |    |
|           | Ditto pilato   | 1 1   |    |
|           | Paid for bringing two pilots to town per mail  | - 15  |    |
| 24 June - | - Journey to Simon's Town  | 66  | -  |
|           | Attending unlivery of cargo, from 25th June to 6th July,   | •••   |    |
|           | 11 days, at 2 l. 2 s. per diem   | 23 2  | -  |
|           | Subsistence at Simon's Town 11 days at 15 a  |   | -  |
| 28 June - | - Serving monition on Lieutenant Forsyth Ditto on William Newman   | - 7   | 6  |
|           | Ditto on William Newman  | - 7   | å  |
| 7 July -  | Journey to Simon's Town  | -7<br>6<br>5<br>2<br>2<br>2   | _  |
| 8 July -  | - Survey upon vessel's fittings, &c. &c  | 55  | _  |
| -         | Paid to Mr. Brown, assistant surveyor  | 2 2   | -  |
|           | Ditto Mr. Taylor for measurement   | 2 2   |    |
| 17 July - | - Paid for extract from post-office books of all vessels that  |   |    |
| •         | arrived in Table Bay from Rio de Janeiro during the  |   |    |
|           | last 20 years  | 22  | -  |
| 27 July - | - Journey to Simon's Town  | 66  | -  |
| •         | Survey on vessel's fittings, &c  | 55  | _  |
|           | Paid Mr. Brown, assistant surveyor   | 2 2   | _  |
|           | Ditto Mr. Taylor, for measurement  | 55<br>22<br>22  |    |
|           | last 20 years       -       -       -       -         Journey to Simon's Town       -       -       -       -         Survey on vessel's fittings, &c.       -       -       -       -         Paid Mr. Brown, assistant surveyor       -       -       -       -         Ditto Mr. Taylor, for measurement       -       -       -       -         Serving citation on Captain Eden       -       -       -       - | - 7   | 6  |
|           |  | •   | ** |
| - 6 -     | ·  |   | -  |

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### **RETURN RESPECTING PORTUGUESE**

|               |   | 1         |     |    |
|---------------|---|-----------|-----|----|
|               |   | £.        | 8.  | d. |
|               | Serving citation on Mr. G. Burnet                         | ! _       | 7   | 6  |
|               | Ditto J. Cornish  |           | 7   | 6  |
| 6 August -    | Ditto J. de Costa   | _         | . 7 | 6  |
| 19 August -   | Journey to Simon's Town                                   | 6         | 6   | -  |
| ~ <b>_</b>    | Survey on vessel's masts, rigging, sails, &c              | 5         | 5   | -  |
|               | Paid Mr. Kelly, shipwright, for examining masts           | Ľ         | 10  | _  |
|               | Superintendence reshipping cargo, from 19th August to     | l         | •   |    |
|               | 4th September, 17 days, at 2 l. 2 s. per day              | 35        | 14  |    |
|               | Subsistence at Simon's Town, 17 days, at 15 s. per day -  |           | 15  | -  |
|               | Executing commission of sale upon horses                  | 2         |     | -  |
| 8 September - | Journey to Simon's Town                                   | 6         |     | -  |
| •             | Executing commission of sale on part cargo                | 2         |     | -  |
| 8 September - | Paid hire of anchor and cable, and secure vessel in Table | -         |     |    |
| •             | Bay, 101.; mooring, recovering anchors and cables         | [         |     |    |
|               | shipped from where vessel was hauled on the beach,        |           |     |    |
|               | coolie, waggon, and coach-hire, 10 l                      | 20        | _   | -  |
|               | Paid Mr. Welsh, for coopering casks, as per voucher -     |           | 16  | -  |
|               | Possession fee, from 18th June to 30th September, 102     | -         |     |    |
|               | days, at 4 s. 6 d. per diem                               | 22        | 19  | -  |
|               | Breaking up vessel, 314 tons, at 1 s. 6 d. per ton        | 23        | 11  | -  |
|               | Attendance in court, 23 days, at 1 l. per diem, as per    |           |     |    |
|               | minute of the court                                       | <b>23</b> | -   | -  |
|               | Executing commission of the sale, including superin-      |           |     |    |
|               | tendence, landing the cargo, assorting same, and attend-  |           |     |    |
|               | ance during 4 days' sale, 1 per cent. upon gross pro-     |           |     |    |
|               | ceeds, 5,390 l. 9 s. 6 d.                                 | 53        | 18  | 2  |
|               | Boat-hire and postage on several occasions                | 2         | 2   | -  |
|               |   |           |     |    |
|               | £.  | 309       | 8   | 8  |
|               |   |           |     |    |
|               |   | -         | -   |    |

Received the above amount from the registrar, this 12th day of October 1844.

(signed) J. Bance, Marshal.

(6.)-SUMS charged for Breaking up the VESSEL, pursuant to the Act.

Extract from Mr. Rothery's Report, dated 11th March 1846:

"THE marshal has also charged 22l. 19 s. for possession of the vessel from the 18th of June to the 30th of September, 102 days, at 4s. 6d. per day, which is agreeably to the Table of Fees; but he is not, in addition thereto, also to charge the man he hires to keep possession of the vessel, which he has done. And again he has charged 23l. 11 s. for breaking up the vessel, 314 tons, at 1s. 6d. per ton; whereas your Lordships will find amongst the items in Mr. Watkins's account of 108l. 9 s., the following items:

| Breaking up ship<br>Hire of tools, &c. | - | - | - | - | -  | £.<br>10<br>1 | s.<br>-<br>2 | <i>d.</i><br>-<br>6 |  |
|--|---|---|---|---|----|---------------|--------------|---------------------|--|
|  |   |   |   |   | £. | 11            | 2            | 6                   |  |

"I am therefore of opinion that the charge made by the marshal cannot be sustained without further and more satisfactory explanation."

This charge has been since disallowed.

# (7.)-FEES and LAW EXPENSES.

THE vessel was condemned in the Court of Mixed Commission, in which no fees are payable. The charges made by the marshal, who acts as agent in cases of this description, is annexed.

The Marshal claims the following FEES as allowed by the Court of MIXED COMMISSION. [Some of these have been since disallowed.]

|   | [                 |         | <del>~</del> | 1   |  |  |  |
|---|-------------------|---------|--------------|---|--|--|--|
| SERVICE.  | AMOUNT<br>OF FEE. |         |              | OBSERVATIONS.   |  |  |  |
| For arresting a vessel, goods, or person •  | £.<br>1           | s.<br>1 | d.<br>-      | Scale of fees annexed to<br>printed regulations issued un-<br>der Act 2 Will. 4, c. 51.                       |  |  |  |
| For keeping possession of a vessel and cargo,<br>jointly, or either of them singly, when the<br>same are not under the responsible charge<br>and custody of the officers of the customs,<br>for each day in which they remain in the        |                   |         |              | uci net 2 wint <del>2</del> , c. 51.  |  |  |  |
| marshal's charge -<br>For inquiring into and certifying the suffi-<br>ciency of persons proposed as sureties in<br>any suit, for each surety.   | -                 | 4<br>6  | 6<br>-       | - ditto - ditto.<br>- ditto - ditto.  |  |  |  |
| For release of a vessel, goods, or person from arrest.  | -                 | 6       | 8            | – ditto – ditto.  |  |  |  |
| For executing every monition or decree for<br>answers of a party, or compulsory, or other<br>instrument not specified.  | -                 | 7       | 6            | - ditto - ditto.  |  |  |  |
| For attendance in court, each day   | 1                 | -       | -            | Amount fixed by the<br>Commissioners; the sittings<br>occupying the greater part of<br>a day.                 |  |  |  |
| For executing every decree or commission of<br>appraisement, exclusive of the appraiser's<br>fees, but including the making of the<br>inventory, if the value should not exceed<br>500 <i>l</i> . sterling.                                 | 1                 | 6       | 8            | Scale of fees annexed to<br>printed regulations.  |  |  |  |
| For like duty, when the value exceeds 500 l.  | 2                 | -       | -            | - ditto - ditto.  |  |  |  |
| sterling.<br>For attending execution of decree of unlivery<br>of cargo, daily.  | 2                 | 2       | -            | Scale of fees annexed to printed regulations.   |  |  |  |
| Ditto, of reshipment of ditto, ditto  | 2                 | 2       | -            | Fixed by the Commis-<br>sioners, as the duties are the<br>same with those done on the<br>"unlivery of cargo." |  |  |  |
| Ditto, of survey on board   | 2                 | 2       | -            | - Ditto, as allowed by<br>Vice-Admiralty Court of the<br>colony.  |  |  |  |
| Ditto, ditto, on shore, occupying only a few hours.   | 1                 | 1       | -            | - ditto - ditto.  |  |  |  |
| Ditto, ditto, at Simon's Bay  | 5                 | δ       | -            | - ditto - ditto.  |  |  |  |
| Ditto, of sale, per cent. on the gross proceeds.  | 1                 | -       | -            | Scale of fees annexed to printed regulations.   |  |  |  |
| Ditto, for breaking up a vessel, on each ton  | ~                 | 1       | 6            | Fixed by the Commis-<br>sioners, as allowed by the<br>Vice-Admiralty Court of the                             |  |  |  |
| Note.—Should it be necessary for the<br>marshal to go any distance to execute<br>any of the above duties, there should<br>be paid to him for loss of time and<br>travelling expenses, in addition to the<br>preceding fees, the following : |                   |         |              | colony.   |  |  |  |
| If the distance exceed two and be under four miles.   | 1                 | 1       | -            | Scale of fees annexed to printed regulations.   |  |  |  |
| 161.  |                   |         |              | (continued)   |  |  |  |

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| SERVICE.   |    | OUN<br>FE  |    | OBSERVATIONS.  |  |  |
|--|----|------------|----|--|--|--|
|  | £. | <b>s</b> . | d. |  |  |  |
| If above four and under eight miles  | 2  | 2          | -  | Scale of fees annexed to<br>printed regulations.<br>- ditto - ditto.                         |  |  |
| If the distance be still greater, the allowance<br>to be reasonably increased.   |    |            |    |  |  |  |
| If in the execution of any of the above duties,<br>the marshal is detained from his place of<br>residence beyond two days, for each day,<br>for subsistence. | -  | 15         | -  | Fixed by the Commis-<br>sioners, as allowed by the<br>Vice-Admiralty Court of the<br>colony. |  |  |

The above fees and allowances do not include such payments as may be made for the hire of persons necessary for the execution of the several services.

RETURNS of Particulars respecting the Por-tuguese Slave Vessel, "Bella Angella," conat the Cape of Good Hope, 14 August 1844. demned in the Court of MIXED COMMISSION, Ordered, by The House of Commons, to be Printed, (Captain Pechell.) 9 March 1848.

SLAVE VESSEL ("BELLA ANGELLA").