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SLAVE VESSELS.

RETURN to an Address of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 23 June 1847;—for,

“ RETURNS showing the Particulars of the several DISBURSEMENTS constituting the Difference between the Sum of £. 1,679. 6. 3. the Gross Proceeds, and £. 1,152. 18. 10. paid as the Net Proceeds of the Slave Vessel “Jehovah,” into the High Court of Admiralty; and the several Disbursements constituting the Difference between £. 619. 2. 2. the Gross Proceeds of Sale of the “Diana,” and the Sum of £. 168. 14. 11. paid into the said Court as the Net Proceeds :”

Also, “ Of the Registrar’s Copy of the CONDEMNATION and the Marshal’s CERTIFICATE of the breaking up of the Hull, and of the Sale of the Cargo of the Slave Vessel “Diana,” condemned in the Vice-Admiralty Court at the Cape of Good Hope, and transmitted by the Agents for the Captors to the Treasury, on the 11th day of September 1846.”

SHIPS' NAMES.	Gross Proceeds of Sale of Vessel and Cargo.			Net Proceeds of Sale of Vessel and Cargo.			When paid into the Registry of the High Court of Admiralty.
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	
“JEHOVAH” -	1,679	6	3	1,152	18	10	12 December 1842.
“DIANA” -	619	2	2	168	14	11	8 December 1846.

SLAVE VESSEL “JEHOVAH.”

Amount of the proceeds arising from the sale of the above-named Vessel, &c. - - - - -	£.	s.	d.
	1,679	6	3½
Deduct Payments:			
Marshal’s Bill of Disbursements and Fees hereto annexed, marked No. 1 - - - - -	£.	s.	d.
	476	18	9
Paid Merrington, proctor’s bill - - - - -	39	3	-
Paid fees for vouchers sent to the Lords of the Treasury - - - - -	-	12	-
Paid poundage - - - - -	9	13	8
	526 7 5		
	£.	1,152 18 10	

No. 1.

“JEHOVAH.”

BILL of DISBURSEMENTS and FEES of the MARSHAL of the Vice-Admiralty Court at the Cape of Good Hope, relative to the Brig or Vessel “Jehovah,” whereof *Antonio Joaquim de Mello* was Master, sold by virtue of Decree of Condemnation and Sale, bearing Date the 22d day of February 1840.

DISBURSEMENTS.

1840 :	£.	s.	d.
Jan. - 24. To paid boat hire serving monition on Captain de Mello, on board the “Jehovah” - - - - -	-	9	-
Feb. - 28. To hire of four men to get remainder of casks, firewood, &c. on shore, and to take care of vessel until hauled on shore, eight days at 1 l. 1 s., being at the rate of 5 s. 3 d. each man per diem - - - - -	8	8	-
To boat hire, shipping men - - - - -	-	6	-
	9 3 -		
Carried forward - - £.	9	3	-

		£.	s.	d.
1840:	Brought forward - - - -	9	3	-
Feb. 28.	To Coolie hire, rolling casks to Custom-house, and removing a lot of firewood - - - -	-	4	6
	To hire of an anchor and cable for two months, boat and Coolie hire, shipping and re-landing ditto - - - -	15	-	-
	To recovering anchors and chains shipped from, hauling the vessel on the beach, and landing anchors and cables - -	10	-	-
March 4.	To Bartlett, taking masts out - - - -	12	-	-
" 15.	To Watkins, on account of breaking up vessel - - - -	30	-	-
	To Ramsden, removing anchors and cables - - - -	1	18	6
" 25.	To Watkins, in full for breaking up - - - -	10	-	-
	To watching broken portions of the vessel - - - -	3	17	6
	To wagon hire, sundries, ex "Jehovah" - - - -	1	10	-
	To Coolie hire, arranging and laying out broken portions of the vessel for public sale, 29 February - - - -	1	15	-
	To Coolie hire, arranging, sorting and exposing cargo for sale, 14 March, weighing copper, &c. - - - -	3	15	6
	To advertisements of sales in the Government Gazette, Zuid African, and Commercial Advertiser - - - -	2	17	6
	To lockers, over-hours, Queen's Warehouse - - - -	1	2	-
	To Customs, entry, permit and duty - - - -	163	10	6
	To Customs, wharfage dues - - - -	9	10	3
	To Customs, Queen's Warehouse rent - - - -	5	15	6
	To paid Coolie hire, sundry sales - - - -	2	15	6
	To extra Vendue extracts - - - -	-	10	-
	To Mr. Ebden, interest on cash advances - - - -	8	6	6
	To Mr. Ebden, commission five per cent. on 1,679 l. 6 s. 3 ½ d., including guarantee (i. e. two per cent. del credere) on sale at three months' credit, and for assistance rendered in conducting sales, &c., as ordered and decreed by the Vice-Admiralty Court, no commission being allowed on cash advances - - - -	83	19	4
	To cash paid E. Christian, agent for the captors - - - -	58	2	4
FEES.				
Jan. - 24.	To serving monition on J. A. de Mello, on board the "Jehovah" - - - -	-	7	6
	To affixing ditto on the Commercial Exchange - - - -	-	7	6
Feb. - 10.	To attendance in Court when decree was pronounced - - - -	-	10	-
" 22.	To ditto (provisional sale), extra - - - -	-	10	-
	To superintending sales, three separate days, at 2 l. 2 s. per diem - - - -	6	6	-
	To possession fee, from 29 February to 28 March (29 days, at 4 s. 6 d.) - - - -	6	10	6
	To superintending breaking up vessel into separate parts, 132 tons, at 1 s. 6 d. per ton, pursuant to decree of the Vice-Admiralty Court - - - -	9	18	-
	To executing decree of sale, and bringing proceeds into Court, one per cent. on 1,679 l. 6 s. 3 ½ d. - - - -	16	15	10
		41 5 4		
		£. 476 18 9		

(signed) *J. Bance,*
Marshal V. A. Court.

SLAVE VESSEL "DIANA," *Manuel Francisco da Costa,* Master.

THE following are copies of accounts, showing the proceeds of this vessel and cargo, and were forwarded to the Treasury, annexed to a Memorial of Messrs. Stilwell & Sons, the agents in England, to Her Majesty's Ship "Mutine," the captors.

The Marshal's account of sales of the hull, cargo, furniture and apparel of the barque "Diana," (the vessel having been previously broken up and demolished pursuant to Decree of the Vice-Admiralty Court); sold as under; viz.—

1846:		£.	s.	d.
Jan. - 31.	Sale proceeds of sundries sold by public auction this 31st day of January 1846, at the usual credit of three months, as per Vendue extract due 1st May 1846 - - - -	559	1	-
	Sale proceeds of 24 gold coins, 104 pillar dollars and 8 Mexican dollars, sold by public tender - - - -	60	1	2
	£.	619	2	2
	Deduct Marshal's Bill of Disbursements and Fees as annexed, marked No. 2 - - - -	273	17	3
	Net Proceeds - - - £.	345	4	11

No. 2.

"DIANA."

BILL of DISBURSEMENTS and FEES of the MARSHAL of the Vice-Admiralty Court, relative to the Barque or Vessel "Diana," whereof *M. Da Costa* was Master, sold by virtue of Decree of Condemnation and Sale, bearing Date the 22d day of January 1846.

DISBURSEMENTS.

	£.	s.	d.
To cash paid Honourable J. B. Ebden for the following cash advances and disbursements, (£.242. 11. 6.):			
To Customs duties - - - - -	43	19	3
To Custom-house officers, over-hours - - - - -	59	1	-
To Queen's Warehouse rent - - - - -	8	11	9
To Government fee, 116 l. 13 s. 6 d. - - - - -	-	1	6
To Kilgour boat hire, landing sundries, ex "Diana" - - - - -	16	1	-
To seamen, discharging cargo, rigging - - - - -	10	13	-
To Coolie hire, receiving sundries into Queen's Warehouse - - - - -	8	17	6
To wagon hire on sundries from wharf to Queen's Warehouse - - - - -	2	15	-
To Coolie hire, laying out sails, rigging, &c. for public sale - - - - -	2	18	9
To advertisements in colonial newspapers - - - - -	1	12	6
To cash paid Knott, breaking up vessel into separate parts - - - - -	9	-	-
To recovering anchor and cable parted from - - - - -	7	10	-
To E. Christian, as per Voucher, marked (A.) - - - - -	41	-	-
To interest on advances, £. 171. 1. 3. - - - - -	2	11	-
To five per cent. commission on 559 l. 1 s. including guarantee del credere, 2½ per cent. on sales at three months' credit, and for assistance rendered in conducting sales as ordered and decreed by the Vice-Admiralty Court - - - - -	27	19	-

FEES.

	£.	s.	d.
To serving monition on the Captain - - - - -	-	7	6
To affixing monition on Commercial Exchange - - - - -	-	7	6
To attendance in Court when decree was pronounced - - - - -	-	10	-
To superintending sale - - - - -	2	2	-
To possession fee, from 22d January to the 31st, nine days, at 4 s. 6 d. per diem - - - - -	2	-	6
To superintending breaking up of vessel into separate parts, pursuant to decree of the Vice-Admiralty Court, 271 tons, at 1 s. 6 d. per ton - - - - -	20	6	6
To executing decree of sale, bringing proceeds into Court, one per cent. on 559 l. 1 s. - - - - -	5	11	9
£.	31	5	9
£.	273	17	3

VOUCHER (A.) referred to as above.

		£.	s.	d.
1846:				
Jan.	To cash paid Coolies, landing stores	-	-	-
	To wagon hire of crew to Simon's Bay	-	-	-
	To Lieut. Meuds	-	-	-
March.	To J. Brooman	-	-	-
	To ditto	-	-	-
	To postage of documents	-	-	-
	To interest on advances	-	-	-
		£.	41	-

No other accounts have been forwarded to the Treasury by the agents of the captors at the Cape of Good Hope, or any one else, and no explanation can therefore be given of the other charges which reduce these proceeds from the said sum of 345 *l.* 4*s.* 11*d.* to 168 *l.* 14*s.* 11*d.*; such accounts, however, are no doubt either in the custody or possession of the Registrar of the Vice-Admiralty Court at the Cape, or of the agent for the captors at that place.

The condemnation of this vessel and cargo having taken place under the Act of the 2d & 3d of Victoria, chapter 73, the captors become entitled to the whole of the proceeds; and it is only in consequence of the said sum of 168 *l.* 14*s.* 11*d.* having been paid into the Commissariat chest at the Cape, as being the net proceeds, that the Lords of the Treasury acquired any knowledge whatever as to that sum being so stated, as will appear by the following document from the Deputy Commissary-General, attested by the Registrar of the Vice-Admiralty Court; viz.—

In the Vice-Admiralty Court of the Colony of the Cape of Good Hope.

Barque "Diana," M. F. da Costa, Master.

Prize to H. M. S. "Mutine."

Received from John Reid, Registrar of the Vice-Admiralty Court of the Cape of Good Hope, the sum of One hundred and sixty-eight pounds Fourteen shillings and Elevenpence, sterling, stated to be the net proceeds in the registry in the above case.

£. 168. 14. 11.

(signed)

Charles Palmer,

Deputy Commissary-General's Office,
Cape Town, 5 Sept. 1846.

D^y Com^r General.

I certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the original receipt granted me by Charles Palmer, Esq., Deputy Commissary-General.

(signed)

John Reid,

Registrar.

THE following are copies of the Condemnation, and the Marshal's Certificate of the breaking up the hull of the "Diana," transmitted by Messrs. Stilwell, annexed to their Memorial, dated the 11th day of September 1846; viz.—

In the Vice-Admiralty Court of the Cape of Good Hope.

At a Court holden on Wednesday, the 14th day of January 1846, before his Honour the Worshipful Sir John Wylde, Knight, Doctor of Laws, Judge and Commissary.

Present, John Reid,

Notary Public.

Our Sovereign Lady the Queen against the barque or vessel called the "Diana," whereof Manuel Francisco da Costa is master, not justly entitled to claim the protection of the flag of any state or nation; her tackle, apparel and furniture, and the cargo laden therein, taken and seized by Richard Borough Crawford, Esquire, Commander of Her Majesty's ship "Mutine," and brought into Table Bay, Cape of Good Hope.

The certificate is continued.

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In pain of parties cited not appearing, Merrington returned the monition duly executed, and referred to the affidavits of George Pechell Mends, Esquire, First Lieutenant of and belonging to Her Majesty's said ship "Mutine," heretofore exhibited and remaining in the registry of this Court.

The Judge, at his petition, having heard the said affidavits read on motion of counsel, on behalf of Her Majesty, by interlocutory decree, pronounced the said barque or vessel the "Diana," her tackle, apparel and furniture, and the cargo laden therein, to have been at the time of the seizure thereof equipped for or engaged in the slave trade, or employed in the illegal transport of negroes or others, for the purpose of consigning them to slavery; and as such to be, under and by virtue of the statute or statutes in such case made and provided, or otherwise, subject and liable to forfeiture and condemnation to our Sovereign Lady the Queen, Her heirs and successors, and condemned the same accordingly.

And further pronounced, That the said cargo should be sold, and that the said barque or vessel "Diana," not having been taken into Her Majesty's service, should be broken up and entirely demolished; and the materials thereof should be sold in separate parts, as by law in such case made and provided.

Extracted at the instance of Merrington, from the registry of the Vice-Admiralty Court of the Cape of Good Hope.

(signed) *John Reid,*
Registrar.

To the Worshipful Sir *John Wylde*, Knight, Doctor of Laws, Judge and Commissary of the Vice-Admiralty Court of the Cape of Good Hope.

I, James Bance, Esquire, Marshal of the said Court, do hereby certify and report, That by virtue and in pursuance of a certain decree, bearing date the 14th day of January 1846, issued under the seal of the said Court in a certain cause or business moved and prosecuted before you, on behalf of our Sovereign Lady the Queen, against a certain barque or vessel called the "Diana," whereof Manuel Francisco da Costa was master, her tackle, apparel and furniture, and the cargo laden therein, taken and seized by Richard Borough Crawford, Esquire, commander of Her Majesty's ship "Mutine," I caused the said barque or vessel to be broken up and entirely demolished, and the materials thereof so broken up and demolished to be exposed to sale to the best bidder, and also caused the cargo of the said barque to be sold to the best bidder.

The account of which sales are now hereunto annexed, subscribed by me.

As witness my hand, at Cape Town, Cape of Good Hope, this 6th day of May 1846.

(signed) *J. Bance,*
Marshal.

(signed) *W^m Rothery,*
Stratford-place,
30 June 1847.

SLAVE VESSELS.

RETURNS showing the Particulars of DISBURSEMENTS constituting the Difference between the Gross Proceeds of the Sale of the Slave Vessels "Jehovah" and "Diana," and the Net Proceeds paid into the Vice-Admiralty Court; also, Copy of the CONDEMNATION, and CERTIFICATE of the breaking up of the Hull of the "Diana."

(*Captain Pechell.*)

*Ordered, by The House of Commons, to be Printed,
5 July 1847.*

609.

Under 1 oz.