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Before the Most Noble and Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners of Appeals in Prize Causes.

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ISAAC ISAACS, Master.

GEORGE LUKE, Esq. Commander of His Majesty's Ship HERON, the Captor, and ILTID NICHOLL, Esq. His Majesty's Procurator-General, } APPELLANTS.

WILLIAM GEORGE CRABB, and WILLIAM ROGERS ISAACS, of Tortola, Merchants, Claimants of the Vessel and Cargo generally, on behalf of the Government of Venezuela, as having been taken out of the Port of Lagaira, in breach of the Neutrality of that Port, } RESPONDENTS.

Appeal from the Vice-Admiralty Court at Tortola.

APPELLANTS' CASE.

THIS American Vessel, furnished with a Letter of Marque to cruise against Great Britain, was seized as Prize in the Harbour of La Guaira, on the 7th of July, 1814, on the Evacuation of that City by the Spanish Insurgents, in consequence of the Successes obtained by the Royal Troops of Spain, by His Majesty's Ship Heron, George Luke, Esq. Commander, and carried to St. Thomas, and Proceedings were instituted in the Vice-Admiralty Court of Tortola, against the said Vessel, and the Goods on board her, as Prize.

Claims were given in the said Vice-Admiralty Court, for specific Goods, laden on board the Vessel at the Time of the Seizure, as belonging to different Refugees, which Claims were admitted by the Court, and the Property, so claimed, was decreed to be restored.

1814. 3d Sept. App. Fol. 1.

A Claim of William George Crabb, and William Rogers Isaacs, of Tortola, Merchants, the Respondents, upon the present Appeal, was given for the Ship and for the Cargo generally, on Behalf of the Government of Venezuela, as having been cut out of the Port of La Guaira, in Breach of the Law of Nations, and of the Neutrality of that Port.

Exhibit B. annexed to said Claim.

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Letter, dated St. Thomas, 30th August, 1814, from Josef de Sata y Buffly, addressed to Messrs. Crabb and Isaacs, being their Authority for interposing the Claim of Territory.

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