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

GUSTAF ADOLPH,

PAUL SNEIDAU, Master.

(An Appeal from the High Court of Admiralty.)

The said PAUL SNEIDAU, the Master and Claimant of the Ship and Cargo, on Behalf of Messrs. JOHAN SAHLSTEEN, and JOHAN JOACHIM LAURIN, of Gottenburgh, Subjects of His Majesty the King of Sweden, the Owners thereof, } Appellant.

SIR THOMAS WILLIAMS, Knight, Commander of His Majesty's Ship UNICORN, and THOMAS BYAM MARTIN, Esq. Commander of His Majesty's Ship SANTA MARGARETTA, the Captors, and JAMES HESELTINE, Esq. His Majesty's Procurator-General, } Respondents.

The APPELLANT'S CASE.

THIS is a Swedish Ship, laden with a Cargo of Sugar, Cotton, Coffee, Cocoa, and Drugs, also Swedish Property, and bound on a Voyage from Surinam to Gottenburgh, when she was captured, on 7th June 1796, by his Majesty's Ships Unicorn, Sir Thomas Williams, Commander, and Santa Margareta, T. B. Martin, Esq. Commander, and brought to Cork, and afterwards to Portsmouth.

Mr. Johan Joachim Laurin, the sole Owner of the Ship, is a Native of Gottenburgh, and a Subject of his Majesty the King of Sweden, but in the Year 1783 went to Holland, and formed a Partnership with Johannes Fabreus, of Amsterdam, under the Firm of Messrs. Fabreus and Laurin, which Partnership continued until the Irruption of the French into Holland, when the same was dissolved, viz. on 1st January 1795; and Mr. Laurin thereupon returned Home to Gottenburgh, which has ever since been his fixed and established Domicil.

At the Time of the Dissolution of the said Partnership of Fabreus and Laurin, they were possessed of a Ship, named the *Standvastigheid*, (being the Ship in Question) which was lying at Surinam, and upon the Division of the Partnership Stock, the said Ship became the sole Property of Mr. Laurin, and was provided with a proper Pass, and other Swedish Documents, by the new Name of the *Gustaf Adolph*, and also with a Swedish Master and Crew, to navigate her to Gottenburgh, on the Voyage in which she was captured as aforesaid.

Upon the Return of Mr. Laurin to Gottenburgh, as aforesaid, he commenced a new Partnership with Mr. Johannes Sablsteen, of Gottenburgh, under the Firm of Messrs. Johannes Sablsteen and Johan Joachim Laurin, and the Cargo in Question was purchased at Surinam on their Account, partly with the Proceeds of a Cargo sent out from Gottenburgh to Surinam, and

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