
**ROYAL ORDER, prohibiting the fitting out of Spanish Vessels
in the Ports of Portugal and Brazil, for the Slave Trade.
17th February, 1817.**

(Translation.)

His Majesty, wishing to take those precautions that may best contribute to the strict and inviolable execution of the Treaty of the 22nd January, 1815*, whereby he was pleased to prohibit to his subjects the trading for slaves in all the ports of the coast of Africa, on the equator, and in others to the southward of the line where the Crown of the United Kingdom has no dominion or right; and being persuaded that one of the most efficacious measures to prevent the stimulated violations of the aforesaid Treaty, is, without doubt, that of prohibiting all Spanish ships from fitting out in the ports of this kingdom, for the purpose of trading for slaves, to those of the coast of Africa, where they have still the right to continue the same traffic; and which are those comprehended between the equator and the 10th degree of northern latitude: the same Lord is pleased to order that, 3 months after the date of the present Avizo, all Spanish ships are prohibited from fitting out in the ports of the United Kingdom, for the purpose of trading for slaves in those ports of the coast of Africa above-mentioned, it being necessary for the authorities to whom it belongs, to fiscalize the cargo and preparations of such vessels, and take every measure they may judge necessary to secure the full effect of this prohibition: which I impart for your information, and that you may cause it to be exactly fulfilled in what concerns you. God preserve you.

Palace of Rio Janeiro, 17th February, 1817.

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* See Vol. II. Page 73.
