

LETTER
OF
THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

IN ANSWER TO

Resolutions of the Senate of the 19th instant, calling for information in relation to persons who have been arrested in the southern district of New York, from the 1st day of May, 1852, to the 1st day of May, 1862, charged with being engaged in the slave trade; also the names and number of vessels arrested and bonded, from the 1st day of May, 1852, to the 1st day of May, 1862, in the southern district of New York, charged with being engaged in the slave trade, &c.

MAY 30, 1862.—Ordered to lie on the table and be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
May 29, 1862.

SIR: Agreeably to the directions of Senate resolutions of May 19, 1862, I have the honor to transmit herewith a statement of the names and number of vessels arrested and bonded, from the 1st day of May, 1852, to the 1st day of May, 1862, in the southern district of New York, charged with being engaged in the slave trade, together with the names of the bondsmen, the amounts they were bonded for, and the amounts realized by the government; also, a statement giving the names of all persons arrested, and who have been bailed, during the same period, in the southern district of New York charged with being engaged in the slave trade; the names of the bondsmen, amounts of the bonds, and amounts realized by the government.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

CALEB B. SMITH,
Secretary of the Interior.

Hon. H. HAMLIN,
President of the Senate.

Names and number of vessels arrested and bonded from the first day of May, 1852, to the first day of May, 1862, in the southern district of New York, charged with being engaged in the slave trade, together with the names of the bondsmen, the amounts they were bonded for, and the amounts realized by the government.

Names of vessels.	Where arrested.	When libelled.	When bonded.	Names of bondsmen.	Amount bonded for.	Disposition of case, and amount realized on forfeiture.
Schooner Geo. H. Townsend.....	.....	Dec. —, 1854	Dec. 29, 1854	T. W. Hutchinson.....	\$5,000 00	Libel dismissed.
Schooner Falmouth and cargo.....	.....	Mar. 18, 1856	.....	.....	.....	Condemned and sold for \$5,000.
Schooner Onward.....	.....	Jan. 31, 1855	.....	.....	.....	Never arrested.
Brig Braman.....	Coast of Africa.....	June 9, 1856	June 18, 1856	Sovereigns bonded by José B. da Cunha, B. da Cunha Reiz, Henry M. Barnes, and M. B. da Cunha Reiz. Vessel bonded by Mannel J. Frazer, by J. Braddick, attorney, Thos. J. G. Blumenrother, and John Levi. Cargo bonded by Patrick McGrary and Henriques da Costa.	217 sover ^{ns} 61 j. do... †\$6,200 00 †857 95	Case still pending.
Bark Orion.....	Coast of Africa.....	June 21, 1859	Aug. 6, 1859	Rudolph Blumenberg and H. S. Vining for vessel; Rudolph Blumenberg and J. F. D. Miranda for cargo.	†12,000 00 15,923 00	Condemned; execution returned " <i>nulla bona</i> ." Blumenberg's conviction for perjury, in justification as bail, recently procured by United States district attorney; State prison five years.
Bark Ardennes and cargo.....	Coast of Africa.....	June 30, 1859	Sept. 20, 1859	Horace F. Parish and Merrit N. Craft....	7,029 68	Case still pending.
Brig J. P. Hooper.....	.....	Nov. 1, 1859	.....	(Vessel remained in custody).....	.....	Libel dismissed May 2, 1860.
Ship Emily and cargo.....	Coast of Africa.....	Nov. 15, 1859	Jan. 14, 1860	Wm. M. Arnold and Stephen Kelly....	4,776 80	Case still pending.
Bark Charlotte E. Tay and cargo.....	New York.....	April 24, 1860	May 10, 1860	Jesse A. Braddick and Fred'k Myer.....	6,354 71	Do.
Bark Cora and cargo.....	New York.....	May 18, 1860	June 23, 1860	Robert Griffiths and Chas. Newmann....	22,128 23	Condemned and execution issued; returned " <i>nulla bona</i> ."
Schooner Josephine and cargo.....	New York.....	May 28, 1860	June 22, 1860	David Decker and Benjamin Isaacs....	12,174 59	Case still pending.
Brig Falmouth and cargo.....	Coast of Africa.....	June 18, 1860	.....	.....	.....	Sold as perishable property for \$1,058 32, and amount paid into court; case still pending as to \$272, amount of proceeds above costs and sailors' wages.
Schooner Mariquita and cargo.....	New York.....	June 16, 1860	July 10, 1860	James E. Ward, James A. Van Brunt, Michael Rupp, Pierre L. Pierce, Henry M. Barnes, and H. C. Lyon.	24,500 00	Libel dismissed January 28, 1861.
Bark Kate and cargo.....	New York.....	July 6, 1860	Aug. 30, 1860	John J. Diehl.....	9,300 00	Case still pending.
Brig Thomas Achorn.....	Coast of Africa.....	Aug. 16, 1860	Dec. 4, 1860	Joseph Santos and Geo. H. Blanchard...	3,485 00	Do.
Brig W. R. Kilby.....	Coast of Cuba.....	Aug. 4, 1860	.....	.....	.....	Condemned and sold for \$4,551 47.
Bark Weathergauge.....	New York.....	Oct. 1, 1860	.....	(Still in custody).....	.....	Condemned and argued on appeal, and awaiting decision of the court.
Ship Eric.....	Coast of Africa.....	Oct. 4, 1860	.....	.....	.....	Condemned and sold for \$7,823 25.
Schooner William J. Cogswell.....	New York.....	Nov. 23, 1860	.....	(Vessel remained in custody).....	.....	February 4, 1861, libel dismissed.
Bark Cora and cargo.....	Coast of Africa.....	Dec. 10, 1860	.....	.....	.....	Condemned and sold for \$9,596 62.
Bark Sarah and cargo.....	New York.....	April 6, 1861	Feb. 2, 1862	Joseph W. Yates and Robert Porterfield.	16,886 21	Condemned and argued on appeal, and awaiting decision of the court.

Ship Nightingale	Coast of Africa	June 20, 1861	Oct. 23, 1861	Isaac Peck and Joseph Wagler.....	4,250 00	Condemned and sold for \$13,501 10.
Bark Augusta and cargo.....	Greenport, Long Island..	June 19, 1861	Oct. 1, 1861	George H. Leinas and Wm. Watts	1,665 00	Condemned and case pending on appeal.
Brig Falmouth and cargo	Coast of Africa	Aug. 2, 1861	§ Aug. 6, 1861	Peyton A. Key, John S. Pearson, and J. A. Leland.	2,379 00	Case still pending.
Brig Triton and cargo	do.....	July 12, 1861		(Still in custody).....		Do.
Bark Augusta.....	Greenport, Long Island..	Nov. 11, 1861				Do.

* Money found on board bonded; Sept. 16, 1856, vessel bonded; Nov. 1, 1856, cargo bonded.
 † Vessel bonded; September 2, 1861, cargo bonded.

† Vessel.

‡ Cargo.

Names of all persons arrested who have been bailed from the first day of May, 1852, to the first day of May, 1862, in the southern district of New York, charged with being engaged in the slave trade, together with the names of the bondsmen, the amounts of the bonds, and the amounts the government has realized from the forfeiture thereof.

Names.	When arrested.	When bailed.	Names of bondsmen.	Amounts of bonds.	Disposition of the cases, and amounts realized on forfeitures.
Manuel Echeverria	June, 1855	Sept. 25, 1855	Andrew Patullo and Francisco del Hoyo.....	\$20,000	Bond not forfeited; defendant tried and acquitted.
Stephen E. Glover	October, 1854	April 25, 1855	John J. Boyd and Joseph McMurray	20,000	Bond not forfeited; no bill being found by grand jury.
Jeronimo Hermes	June, 1855	June 29, 1855	John A. Machado	10,000	Bond not forfeited; complaint dismissed.
I. Kraft alias G. Filenti.....	January, 1855	Jan. 29, 1855	George Van Staveren and Ramon Palanea.....	5,000	Do. do.
William F. Martin.....	May, 1855	July 14, 1855	Philo V. Beebe	2,500	Bond not forfeited; tried and acquitted.
Theodore A. Myers	do.....	May 26, 1855	Robert J. Walker, A. C. Washington, C. H. Ring.	5,000	Do. do.
Bartolomew Blanco	October, 1854	Oct. 11, 1854	Edward Baulker and Charles G. Staffani	20,000	Bond not forfeited; no bill found.
William C. Valentine.....	Sept 20, 1854	Sept. 20, 1854	David T. Valentine, Bassett B. Boerum, and James S. Libby.	20,000	Bond not forfeited; defendant tried and acquitted.
Gasper M. Da Cunha.....	April, 1857	June 5, 1857	George M. Rea	2,500	Bond not forfeited; nolle prosequi entered, 1858.
Placido de Castro	June, 1856	July 17, 1856	José Varoni	2,500	Bond not forfeited; defendant tried and acquitted.
Rudolph E. Lasala	May, 1855	Nov. 14, 1855	Nicholas Del Rio, Daniel Curtis.....	7,500	Do. do.
Philip S. Van Vechten	May, 1857	May 2, 1857	Junnis R. Van Vechten and John P. Weeks	5,000	Bond not forfeited; complaint dismissed.
J. De Aranga	do	do	Peter Gilsey and Edwin P. Christy	5,000	Do. do.
Lewis Pulver	do	May 25, 1857	Edwin R. Kirk	5,000	Bond not forfeited.
John Jones	do	May 27, 1857	Jesse A. Braddick	500	Do.
Lenia Vianna	October, 1857	Oct. 26, 1857	Zopbar Pearsall	10,000	Bond not forfeited; nolle prosequi entered, 1858.
José Santos	April, 1857	do	Jesse A. Braddick	2,000	Do. do.
Jos. A. Yates	1857	July 21, 1857	Joseph W. Yates	1,000	Bond not forfeited.
Benj. F. Wenberg	October, 1856	Oct. 22, 1857	Horace J. Moody	2,000	Bond not forfeited; tried and acquitted.
Juan M. Smith	October, 1857	do	Robert Porterfield and H. M. Barnes	2,000	Bond not forfeited; nolle prosequi entered, 1858.
Basilio La Cunha Reis	June, 1856	June 26, 1856	Geo. W. Roosevelt and G. J. De la Figanieri.....	5,000	Bond not forfeited; tried and acquitted.
Placido de Castro	do	do	Joseph Varona	2,500	Do. do.
Henrico de Costa	do	June 21, 1856	Henry M. Barnes	5,000	Defendant surrendered by his bail, and afterwards escaped.
Auguste C. de Mesquite	October, 1856	Nov. 11, 1856	Geo. M. Rea and John Radway, jr.....	5,000	Bond not forfeited; tried and acquitted.
Benj. F. Wenberg	do	Nov. 5, 1856	Thos. A. Gerry and Jacob R. Telfair	5,000	Do. do.
John P. Weeks	do	Nov. 6, 1856	Benj. Newhouse .....	.....	Do. do.
Wm. C. Stewart.....	June, 1859	June 16, 1859	Thos. Collins	250	Bond not forfeited; complaint dismissed.

Names of persons arrested and bailed, &c.—Continued.

Names.	When arrested.	When bailed.	Names of bondsmen.	Amounts of bonds.	Disposition of the cases and amounts realized on forfeitures.
John Williams.....	June, 1859.....	June 16, 1859.....	Jesse A. Bradick.....	\$250 00	Bond not forfeited; complaint dismissed.
Joe. Williams.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	250 00	Do. do.
Henry Williams.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	250 00	Do. do.
Richard Welch.....	do.....	do.....	Thomas Collins.....	250 00	Do. do.
Thomas Morgan.....	do.....	do.....	Jesse A. Bradick.....	1,000 00	Do. do.
George Paul.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	250 00	Do. do.
Wm. Fisher.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	250 00	Do. do.
Robert Horn.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	250 00	Do. do.
Harmon Beeker.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	250 00	Do. do.
Jonathan Brown.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	250 00	Do. do.
Tristas P. Conboo.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	1,000 00	Do. do.
Thos. Carrollon.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	250 00	Do. do.
Wm. C. Carter.....	May, 1860.....	May 20, 1860.....	John J. Diehl.....	3,000 00	Defendant was indicted, June 25, 1860, and could not be found; but the bond was not forfeited.
John A. Machado.....	August, 1861.....	Sept. 11, 1861.....	George A. Vogel.....	5,000 00	Bond not forfeited, complaint being dismissed.
Wm. Pratt.....	April, 1861.....	July 27, 1861.....	Charles M. Terry.....	1,000 00	Bond not forfeited, no bill being found.
Antonio Orsc.....	December, 1860.....	May 3, 1861.....	John F. Broderick.....	500 00	Bond not forfeited, <i>nolle pros.</i> being entered.
Nathaniel Carrier.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	500 00	Do. do.
José Sanchez.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	500 00	Do. do.
Manuel St. Savara.....	do.....	Feb. 21, 1861.....	Garrett Erkson.....	500 00	Do. do.
Sidney Oaksmith.....	November, 1861.....	Nov. 20, 1861.....	Orvin D. Case.....	500 00	Bond not forfeited, complaint being dismissed.
Walter R. Haven.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	500 00	Do. do.
Bartolo Grau.....	December, 1860.....	Oct. 8, 1861.....	Alex. Melville.....	500 00	Bond not forfeited, <i>nolle pros.</i> being entered.
Erastus H. Booth.....	September, 1861.....	March 24, 1862.....	Pliny S. Mills.....	2,000 00	Case still pending.
Do.....	do.....	Feb. 27, 1862.....	Wm. Albatson and Benj. Wells.....	3,000 00	Do.
Joseph E. Santos.....	August, 1861.....	Aug. 14, 1861.....	James Murphy.....	5,000 00	Do.
Albert Horn.....	April, 1861.....	Aug. 13, 1861.....	W. R. Beebe and Guy R. Pelton.....	5,000 00	Do.
Minthurne Westervelt.....	June, 1861.....	Nov. 25, 1861.....	John S. Westervelt and Francis Mann.....	5,000 00	Do.
Frederick Otto.....	July, 1860.....	July 10, 1860.....	Jesse A. Braddick.....	1,500 00	Bond forfeited, and suit commenced; suit still pending.
Henrico Da Costa.....	do.....	Sept. 18, 1860.....	Philo V. Beebe.....	5,000	Do. do. do.
George H. Licnas.....	Sept., 1861.....	Sept. 19, 1861.....	W. R. Beebe.....	2,000	Bond not forfeited; complaint dismissed.
Alberti Givins.....	Nov., 1861.....	Nov. 22, 1861.....	do.....	500	Do. do.
J. M. Smith.....	February, 1862.....	Feb. 10, 1862.....	C. Donohue.....	3,000	Case still pending.
Albert Horn.....	April, 1861.....	May 4, 1861.....	W. R. Beebe and Guy R. Pelton.....	5,000	Do.
Pierre L. Pierce.....	Sept., 1860.....	Oct. 6, 1860.....	Ward A. Work.....	5,000	Bond not forfeited; <i>nolle pros.</i> entered.

INFORMATION RELATIVE TO THE SLAVE TRADE.