

commissioner and British arbitrator shall resume the duties of their said offices respectively.

And it is further ordered, that every such commissioner and arbitrator, so appointed by Her Majesty, shall, before he shall enter upon the execution of any of the duties of such his office, take an oath in the presence of the principal magistrate then residing and acting in the colony, settlement, or place, whether belonging to Her Britannic Majesty or to the Crown of Portugal, in which the Commission shall be established; which oath any such magistrate is hereby authorized to administer in the form following (that is to say):

"I, A. B., solemnly swear that I will, according to the best of my skill and knowledge, act in the execution of my office as faithfully, impartially, fairly, and without preference or favour, either for claimants or captors, or any other persons; and that I will, to the best of my judgment and power, act in pursuance of, and according to the Stipulations, Regulations, and Instructions contained in the Treaty between Her Majesty and the Queen of Portugal, signed at Lisbon the third day of July one thousand eight hundred and forty-two."

And every secretary or registrar appointed by Her Majesty under the provisions of the said Treaty, and of this Order, shall, before he enters on the duties of his said office, take an oath before one of the Judges of the said Commission, who is hereby empowered to administer the same in the form following (that is to say):

"I, A. B., do solemnly swear, that I will, according to the best of my skill and knowledge, act in the execution of my office, and that I will conduct myself with respect to the authority of the commissioners and arbitrators of the Commission to which I am attached, and will act with fidelity in all the affairs which may belong to my charge, and without preference or favour, either for claimants or captors, or any other persons."

And it is further ordered, that it shall be lawful for the said commissioners or arbitrators, or either of them, or for any such secretary or registrar, and they are hereby respectively empowered to administer oaths to, and take the depositions of all parties, witnesses, and other persons who may come or be brought before them to be examined, or for the purpose of deposing, in the course of any proceeding before the said commissioners or arbitrators, under the said Treaty and Articles, and this Order; and it shall also be lawful for the said commissioners and arbitrators to summon before them all persons whom they may deem it necessary or proper to examine in relation to any suit, proceeding, matter, or thing under their cognizance, and to send for and issue precepts for the producing of all such papers as may relate to the matters in question before them, and to enforce all such summonses, orders, and precepts, by such and the like means, powers, and authorities, as any Court of Vice Admiralty may do.

And it is hereby further ordered, that immediately after sentence of condemnation upon a vessel charged with being concerned in illegal

slave trade, shall have been passed by the Mixed Commissions established under the said Treaty, all negroes or others who were on board of such vessel, and who were brought on board for the purpose of being consigned to slavery, shall be delivered over to the Government to whom belongs the cruizer which made the capture; and that the negroes so liberated and delivered over to such Government, shall be placed under the care and superintendence of a Board, consisting of two members or commissioners, with a power to call in a third member, under the circumstances stated in the said Treaty.

And it is further ordered, that in those colonies or possessions of Her Majesty, in which, under the Treaty, Mixed Commissions are to sit, the Boards of Superintendence of the liberated negroes shall consist of the Governors of the said colonies or possessions, and of the Portuguese commissioners in the said Mixed Commissions; and that when the Portuguese commissioners are absent, then the Portuguese arbitrators of the said Mixed Commissions shall sit in the place of the commissioners, in the Boards of Superintendence of liberated negroes; and that in those colonies of the Queen of Portugal in which, under the present Treaty, Mixed Commissions are to sit, the Boards of Superintendence of the liberated negroes shall consist of the Governors of those colonies or possessions, and of the British commissioners in the said Mixed Commissions; and when the British commissioners are absent, then the British arbitrators of the said Mixed Commission shall sit in the place of the commissioners in the Boards of Superintendence of liberated negroes.

And it is further ordered, that the several members of the Boards of Superintendence shall, before entering upon their offices, respectively take an oath, in presence of the principal magistrate of the place, which oath the said magistrate is hereby empowered and required to administer, that they will faithfully execute their office without favour or partiality, according to the true intent and meaning of these Regulations.

And it is hereby further ordered, that a fit and proper person shall be selected and appointed by the Board of Superintendence, to act under its directions, with the title of Curator of liberated negroes; and that such Curator may, under the sanction of the Board, employ such persons as may be necessary to assist him in the execution of his duties.

And it is further ordered, that the Curator so appointed shall, previously to his entering on the duties of his office, take before the Board of Superintendence an oath in the following words:

"I, A. B., do solemnly swear, that I will act, to the best of my skill and knowledge, faithfully and impartially in the execution of my office; and that I will conduct myself with due respect to the authority of the Board of Superintendence of liberated negroes to which I am attached.

"So help me God."

And it is hereby further ordered, that it shall and may be lawful for the said Boards of Super-