

U.S.

March 17. 1846.

vs.

Nathaniel J. Davis,

Captain of Schooner Patuxent

Under act 10 May 1800 § 2 & 3

Prohibiting carrying on Slave Trade

1 Story laws 780.

William Chandler sworn - In Lieutenant in U.S. - Was attached in Sept. last to U.S. Yorktown - She was bound on her Southern Cruise. Commander Bell was Capt. The Patuxent was first seen at Monrovia on or about the 25 Sept & was boarded by one of the Yorktown boats. She was only detained the usual time to make the usual inquiries. I did not board her. Lt. Stute boarded her. She was again boarded the day afterwards at Cape Mount about 50 miles N.W. of Monrovia in the afternoon or evening by the same officer. She was at anchor close in with Cape Mount & the Yorktown at anchor near her. Lt. Bell took possession of her & her papers at about 9 A.M. of 27<sup>th</sup> Sept. I was ordered to the Patuxent about 1 P.M. to relieve Lt. Stute & to take command. I took her to Monrovia the greater portion of the time in company with the Yorktown leaving Cape Mount on the 28<sup>th</sup> & arriving at Monrovia on 1<sup>st</sup> Oct & leaving again to meet the Yorktown again arriving on 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct. Left Monrovia on 4 Oct & arrived at N.Y. 9 March. Were compelled to put into Bermuda twice - Staid there 1<sup>st</sup> time one month repairing & the 2<sup>d</sup> time about 2 months during the whole time engaged in getting the vessel in a seaworthy condition. Davis the person now on examination was in command of the Patuxent when she was taken. I examined the vessel on the 29<sup>th</sup> but did not des.