

Attorney General's Office.
Sept. 2. 1858

Sir:

Mr. MCarty [sic], whom you saw yesterday has procured from the State Department some information in relation to the Agent appointed under the provisions of the Act of Mar. 3. 1819 entitled "An act in addition to the acts prohibiting the slave trade."

The last Agent was John Sezes, who was appointed Nov. 29, 1856 and who resigned May 7, 1858. There has been no appointment to fill the vacancy.

While making an examination of the precedents under the act above referred to, I have found some documents accompanying the reports of the Secretary of the Navy in 1830 1831 1832 which may throw some light on the subject, but I presume you are already aware of their existence. They relate to the expenditure of general appropriations for the suppression of the slave grade and to the application of specific appropriations for the relief of Africans in particular instances under special laws. If desirable, I will make an abstract of such points as I have noticed.

Yours very respectfully

Aepra B. McCalmont

The President

I send dispatch to Judge Black
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