

TREATY
BETWEEN
HER MAJESTY
AND THE
REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA,
FOR THE ABOLITION OF
THE SLAVE TRADE.

Signed at Caracas, March 15, 1839.

Treaty on the abolition of the Traffick in Slaves, concluded between Her Majesty the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland and the Republic of Venezuela.

Tratado sobre abolicion del Tráfico de Esclavos, concluido entre la República de Venezuela y Su Majestad la Reyna de la Gran Bretaña é Irlanda.

HER Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and the Republic of Venezuela, being mutually animated by a sincere desire to co-operate for the complete extinction of the Traffick in Slaves in all parts of the world, have resolved to proceed to the conclusion of a Treaty for the special purpose of immediately attaining this object, so far as relates to the total and final abolition of this barbarous Traffick, and therefore have named, for this object, as their respective Plenipotentiaries, to wit: Her Britannic Majesty, Sir Robert Ker Porter, Knight, and Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Her Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires in Caracas; and the Republic of Venezuela, Señor Jose Santiago Rodriguez, Judge and Attorney-General of the Supreme Court of Justice; who, having duly communicated to each other their respective Full Powers, and found them to be in proper form, have agreed upon and concluded the following Articles:—

LA República de Venezuela, y Su Majestad la Reyna del Reyno Unido de la Gran Bretaña é Irlanda, mutuamente animadas del sincero deseo de co-operar á la completa extincion del Tráfico de Esclavos en todas las partes del mundo, han resuelto proceder á la conclusion de un Tratado con el fin especial de obtener inmediatamente su resultado, en todo lo que concierne á la final abolicion de este barbaro comercio, y al efecto han nombrado como Plenipotenciarios: la República de Venezuela, al Señor Jose Santiago Rodriguez, Ministro Fiscal de la Corte Suprema de Justicia; y Su Majestad Britanica, á Sir Robert Ker Porter, Caballero, y Caballero Comendador de la Real Orden Hanoveriana de Guelph, y Su Encargado de Negocios en Caracas; quienes, habiendo comunicado reciprocamente sus Plenos Poderes, y hallados en debida forma, han acordado, convenido, y concluido los Articulos siguientes:—