

Letter.

I must give you a short account of
our cases at Washington; meaning to defend
the negroes, when I can command a better name.

1. The *San-Juan* & the *Enano*.

The Court having passed the day for
argument, Mr. Telford abandoned the principal
point in the case, - viz: the land by law; but
pressed a postponement of the argument on the other
point, - viz: the independence of St. Domingo, on ac-
count of the situation of Mr. T. which obliged
him to leave home. The Attorney General, on
that ground, assented to the postponement. The
Judge, however, very plainly said, that the point
could not be maintained. I believe, the parties
will pay the money without any further difficulty,
at the next Term. You may consider the cause

The *Coleridge*.

Copy of the *San-Juan*
Washington

as stated.

2. *U. vs Goodwin*. The defendants' Counsel moved to quash the Writ of Habeas, on the ground, that there was no ~~opportunity~~ ^{opportunity} in such a case, from the decision of the Circuit Court. The case is submitted, on a written argument, to the Judges, and it will be decided during the Term. If the appeal is allowed, the case will be argued in February or the month. It is so low on the list, that a hearing during the present Term could not be obtained.

3. *U. vs The Abo, Shipless Canoe*. This case is argued, and will be decided, I have no doubt in favor of the United States.

I am, very respectfully,

The A. S. Dallas

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