

Analysis of the legislation on Blacks edited in the Province of Bahia during the last years of the slave trade (1835-1850)

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The research consists in gathering the full texts, and analyzing the normative production on Blacks edited in the Province of Bahia in the last 15 years of the slave trade. These are laws, resolutions, positions, regulations, acts and instructions that were instituted and dispersed throughout the provincial territory in a scattered manner and which, to this day, have not been studied as a whole. The chronological landmarks of the investigation are set between 1835, when the Legislative Assembly of Bahia began to function, and 1850, when the trafficking of slaves from Africa to Brazil finally ended. The research seeks to gather the integral wording of these normative dispositions, in order to contextualize them from a historical and socio-juridical perspective. It will also study procedures related to the vessels involved in the slave trade, as well as to the Luso-African colonies where the illicit trade was practiced. Other elements of interest for this study will arise according to the themes dealt with by the norms, such as work, daily life, emancipation, repression of resistance, flight, criminality, etc. The goal is to elaborate a comprehensive analysis of the ensemble of legislation on the Blacks, particularly in Bahia, in a period of political crisis, popular revolts, continuity of the illicit trade and maintenance of slavery.