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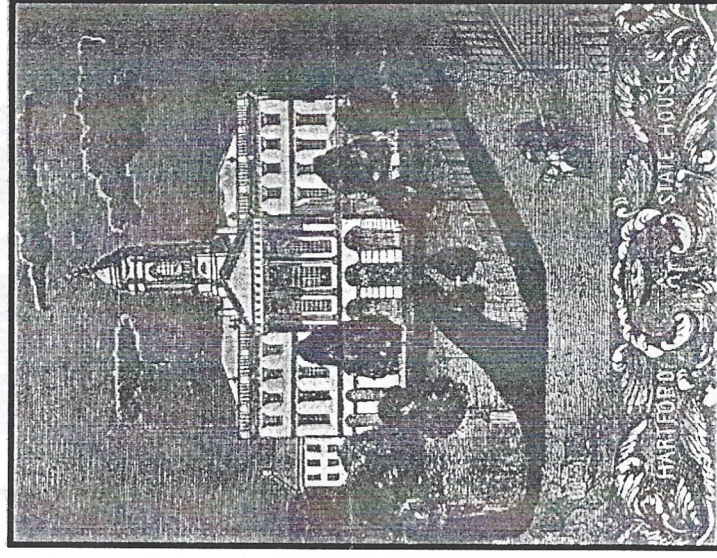
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*Setting the Record Straight
The Amistad Trial
at the
Hartford State House
September 17, 1839*



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In order of appearance

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Wilson H. Faude

Ralph Ingersoll
Attorney for the Spanish owners of the
Amistad, its cargo, and slaves
Michael Salvaggio

Don Pedro Montez
Reputed owner of Negroes
aboard the Amistad
Jorge Erazo

Andrew Judson
Federal Judge,
Court of the District of Connecticut
John Trainor

Setting the Record Straight is a dramatic presentation of events surrounding the capture and trial of the African's aboard the *Amistad* in 1839. For dramatic purposes, some speeches and scenes in the script are recreations based on available historic records. Where possible, we have used the exact text from the historic record. We would like to thank the Amistad Committee of New Haven, Connecticut for making available to the public a large number of historic documents and interpretations. These were invaluable to us. We would also like to thank the Connecticut State Library and The Connecticut Historical Society in assisting us with our research. We would especially like to thank Ralph Elliot for helping us understand the legal proceedings of the U.S. Circuit Court and U.S. District Court of Connecticut that occurred at the Old State House during the *Amistad* trial.