Seeking Capture, Resisting Seizure
An International Legal History of the Anglo-Brazilian Treaty for the Suppression of the Slave Trade (1826–1845)

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The treaties to suppress the slave trade were the subject of intense legal battles in the first half of the 19th century. This book explores the legal disputes about the Anglo-Brazilian treaty to highlight the political importance of what initially looks like mere argumentative hurdles over the rules and proceedings regarding the search and capture of ships. It reveals the complex legal translations of state inequality, abolition and slavery, as well as war and peace.

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