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The Guerrero Project Homeward Bound: On behalf of the joint effort to retelling the epic and historic narrative of the Guerrero Slave shipwreck that occurred off the Florida Coast on December 19, 1827, carrying over 561 Africans to Cuba, (41 Africans drowned entrapped in the hold of the sunken ship), being pursued by the Royal British Navy patrol ship, the Nimble. This will lead to both interviewing, a symposium and filming in West Africa from December 3-15, 2024 with the living descendants and exploring the possibilities of building of a memorial Park in their honor. We thank **Diving With Purpose, David Kushner, The United Global Research Center,** and **PIFF** for forming this unique alliance that will collaborate and raise the necessary resources for the next stage of this extraordinary journey. It is a profound honor that we are united to carry out this work, especially the time when the dominant American culture and several US states like Florida, have cracked down on Black History, reducing it to mere footnotes of history or ahistorical. We came to know about the Guerrero over twenty years ago, thanks to Karuna Eberl, producer and director of the documentary “The Guerrero Project,” Gail Swanson, author of “Slave Ship Guerrero,” former Biscayne National Park Service Archeologist, Brenda Lanzendorf, the not-for-profit maritime archaeology and coral reef restoration training program Diving With a Purpose, and Archeologist Dr. Cory Malcom, lead historian at the Florida Keys History Center and former Director of Archaeology with the Mel Fisher Museum, for finding what is most likely the remnants and other artifacts of the Guerrero off the Florida Keys. Since 2004, the DWP mission has been to document and tell the story of the Guerrero.

The culmination of this story has evolved into being able to locate the descendants who currently reside in New Georgia, and other parts of Liberia. This is a dedication and commitment of love, courage, and perseverance in our pursuit to uncover hidden but real stories of the victims of the Transatlantic Era of African Enslavement that happened on these American shores and abroad. We now can bring closure to a twenty-year mission for the DWP team and some semblance of peace to the souls of those kidnapped and lost Africans of the Guerrero story. In less than 100 days, we will be embarking on an epic mission of discovery to Liberia to connect to the descendants’ community of the Guerrero in Africa. Be a part of this historic and epic journey through your moral and financial supports!