

p 130] The Origin & Circumstances of Captain  
Dick alias Amaco's Pallastre

[Entyiffero]

Sometime after / Ahantah War w Entyiffero,

Captain Dick (Co's Cabboceer at Dixcove) beg induced by an Invit<sup>n</sup> fm Bossu (another English Cabboceer) to go & live w him at Accoda, way proceed<sup>d</sup> upon such his Journey thither, w his Son, Daughters & O<sup>r</sup>s o his people, but upon such this progress, sd Captain Dick's Chest o Cloths were taken fm off his Son's head, who carried / Same upon / path, through / Bush, near a Room called Tyes, by a Negro man, who made off w / Chest, & Captain Dick neither saw or heard what was become o it, but prosecuted his Journey to Accoda.

A Daughter likewise o / sd Captain Dick upon such her travel to Accoda aforesaid, w her Effects were in like manner panyared in another path by certain Negroes.

Cabocheer Dick on his arrival at Accoda informs Bossu o / Accidents aforesaid, to whom Bossu answered, The persons who panyared yr Daughter & yr Chest, are not Ashanters or Warsaws but are Ahanta people, w<sup>ch</sup> sh<sup>d</sup> find out who took them & I will get yr Daughter & Chest agn f y.

Some time afterwards Entyerry Ahanta King & all / Ahantas beg assembled at Boutry sent f Captain Dick & Bossu th<sup>r</sup>, & on

the arrival began a dispute w<sup>th</sup> Palladre ag<sup>st</sup>  
Dick, alledg<sup>g</sup> t<sup>h</sup> he hd gone or joined in /  
War aforesaid ag<sup>st</sup> his own Country & hd sided  
or took / part o' Entuiffero, f<sup>r</sup> wh<sup>o</sup> offence they  
(Ithantas) wanted his head.

To whom Captain Dick stand<sup>g</sup> up  
Produce me / man t<sup>h</sup> has, or will prove or say  
t<sup>h</sup> w<sup>as</sup> I did or h<sup>ad</sup> at any time sent any assist<sup>ce</sup>  
or so much as a messenger or message to  
Entuiffero &c.

Upon wh<sup>o</sup>, after long considera<sup>ti</sup>o<sup>n</sup> & some debate,  
none o' Ithantas offered to produce ~~me~~  
one w<sup>it</sup>ness to / contrary, or to contradict any  
f<sup>r</sup> his (C. Dick's) Defence, whereupon /  
sd Palladre (regard<sup>g</sup> Captain Dick &  
131 Entuiffero) ended, beg<sup>g</sup> entirely settled, as a  
testimony o' wh<sup>o</sup> Enterry & / Ithantas re-  
stored Dick's Daughter & her effects pan-  
yared as aforesaid.

The Daughter & Effects restored, Captain  
Dick told / Ithantas, partly King Enterry  
he wanted his Chest o' Cloths. To whom  
Enterry - yr Chest was lost in Dixcove Bush,  
not at Busha or Boutry.

As to my Chest, replied Dick, if y<sup>e</sup> find it  
or / person who took it in two or three  
months, I will receive it ag<sup>n</sup> contentedly, but  
if it is detained f<sup>r</sup> seven or eight months, I  
sh<sup>ll</sup> look upon / person who panyared it as a  
Thief & I will make him restore it w<sup>th</sup> a Satis-  
fact<sup>io</sup>n o' Oz. 2 One Ounce & two Ackey's o' wh<sup>o</sup>  
I will send to y<sup>e</sup> Enterry.

To whom Enterry made no answer

The affair above rested sev<sup>l</sup> years  
Captain Dick heard nothg o his Cloths,  
but got Informa<sup>n</sup> o / Negroe who  
t panyared them, & in March  
1750 met w him in Dixcove  
Town & panyared him, o wh  
see / Result & Consequence.

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Letter.

Fm Mr Senior  
to

Dat. March 30. 1750. Dixcove

The Council at C.C. Castle

Yr esteemed favour o / 25<sup>th</sup> Instant h<sup>d</sup> / Honour  
o receiveg yest<sup>y</sup> & observe what I are pleased to  
say abt / Boat Expedi<sup>n</sup>, who will be ready  
to sail fm this tomorrow or next day at farthest.

A few days ago, Captain Dick Cabocher  
bro't a man into / Castle t h<sup>d</sup> stole some  
Cloths belongg to him some time ago, & de-  
sired t I wd put him in Irons, wh I  
consented to, / next day / Pallaver was  
inquired into, & / fellow confessed / Same,  
& sd his Master was as guilty as himself,  
he hasg received part o / Cloths & knew  
them to be stolen. I accordgly sent my Boy  
to tell his Master (whose name is Aheyanky  
Cabocher o a room under this Fort) to come  
down & hear his Pallaver, he sent me word  
he wd not come, but if I had any Pallaver w  
him, wd send my Boys to him to make it  
out th<sup>o</sup> I then dispatched three or four  
o / Cos Slaves & my Boy, w orders if he  
refused, to brg him down by force, wh, so

soon as they acquainted him of, he agreed to come w<sup>th</sup> them, but they had not walked above a mile fm / Croom, before they were attacked by / people belongg to / sd Atheyyankley, togr w<sup>th</sup> those belongg to ~~Quaco~~ Quaco (Croom & Coffee Hydriez (these two are likewise Cabochiers o two Crooms under this Fort) armed w<sup>th</sup> Guns Cutlasses &c & rescued him,

Atheyyankley, after a small Skirmish in wh they broke my Boys & Bomboy's heads, they came back to acquaint me (havg brot w<sup>th</sup> them a Gun wh they took fm 'em) o what had happened, upon wh I sent f / Cabochiers & ordered them to get the people under Arms (gvg them a Quarter Barrel o powder) & to brg down / above 3 Cabochiers if possible, they went to / Crooms, but they were all fled,

at / Same time I sent to my Cabochiers I told / Co's Slaves to go into / Town & see if they cd find any o / people belongg to them. a short time after they brot in two women Cousins to Coffee Hydriez, wh I ordered to be put in Irons.

Yest<sup>r</sup> m<sup>r</sup>g two women, a Boy & Girl (Co's Slaves) go<sup>g</sup> to fetch water, were panyased wh so soon as I heard, I sent / Slaves w<sup>th</sup> my Sex-jean<sup>t</sup> in pursuit o them, & some time after my Cabochiers people, they sendg them w<sup>th</sup> gr<sup>t</sup> Reluctancy, on wh I concluded they had a hand in / Pallawer & ordered them to brg me in some principal people as pawns, untill such time as they brot in / people t<sup>h</sup> had misdemeaned, f<sup>r</sup> I found they were as gr<sup>t</sup>

Rogues as them, they made a g'many Excuses try<sup>g</sup>  
to get off fm / same, at last I told them t if  
they did not do it, I shd be forced to stop them  
in / Fort, at wh they condesended & brot / Parsons  
in, but sd it was not in the power to brg these  
people in.

after my Serjeant, Cos Slaves & Towns  
people had ben absent abt three hours they brot  
in two old women, one a sister to Quacoo  
Cross, / & a Parson to Entery King o  
Athanta, at Busha; giog me an Acc<sup>o</sup> /  
Cos Slaves t were panyared, beg carried  
to Busha, I then ordered these two Women  
to be stoped in / Fort, & my Boy to go to  
Entery & tell him to send / Cos Slaves  
immeditately, & not suffer my Cabocheers to  
stay in his Town, wh if he persisted in, I  
shd be obliged to panyare all / Busha  
people I sd find. He returned me f an-  
wer t he had / Slaves in his Custody, but

"N.B. See / messenger<sup>s</sup>  
Examina<sup>n</sup> hereafter" but wd not deliver them  
up, & as I protected Captain  
Dick, hed panyare all /  
people t belonged to us, but as to Bosku &  
Acca, he had no pallaver w them, neither  
wd he touch any Body t belonged to them  
& if my messenger, who had but one Arm,  
had had two, he wd not let him come back to  
me, as also if I did not chuse to deliver  
up Coffee Hydruic & Cousins, I had better  
provide myself w a good quantity o Corn.

Now, Gentlemen, give me liberty to say  
t if y don't think proper to send me a  
Body o People fm Cape Coast, or elsewhere,  
w orders to burn Busha, & to brg these  
people to the obedience by force, / people here

(you be / most easy & good humoured) will in  
a short time be worse than / Fantoms, if upon  
any misdemeanour, they'll run to Enterry,  
who will always protect them, had I had full  
power & assistance in my last Pallaver w<sup>th</sup> Busha,  
Enterry wd not h<sup>ave</sup> been so troublesome at this  
Juncture, & am sorry to say, it is a common  
talk am<sup>ong</sup> / natives here t<sup>hat</sup> / Dutch always  
get / better o<sup>f</sup> Pallavers w<sup>th</sup> / English, but hope  
Gentlemen y<sup>e</sup> will soon put a stop to t<sup>his</sup> way  
o<sup>f</sup> think<sup>ing</sup>.

136] I h<sup>ave</sup> ordered / Towns people to beg all / Busha  
People they can find into / Fort, but can  
place v<sup>ery</sup> little dependce upon them as they all seem  
to be affraid o<sup>f</sup> Enterry.

I hope Gentlemen, what I h<sup>ave</sup> already sd  
will be no way disapproved of, as I h<sup>ave</sup> no o<sup>ther</sup>  
view whatso<sup>ever</sup> at heart, but to keep up / Hon-  
our & Interest o<sup>f</sup> my Masters my Constituents,  
day<sup>ly</sup> all my dependce on assistance for y<sup>e</sup>.  
I add not now, but w<sup>ith</sup> g<sup>reat</sup> impatience wait f<sup>or</sup>  
to h<sup>ave</sup> / Honour o<sup>f</sup> y<sup>e</sup> answer & remain w<sup>ith</sup> /  
greatest respect imaginable &c.

### Answer

From / Council                      C. C. Castle 2<sup>d</sup> April 1750  
To  
Mr Nassau Senior

As h<sup>ere</sup> before us both y<sup>e</sup> last observe,  
what y<sup>e</sup> say, w<sup>ith</sup> respect to / Brandy &c (vide  
Discove letter Book). As to provisions, y<sup>e</sup>  
have at present a Pallaver, fm / nature o<sup>f</sup>

It (by yr Represent<sup>m</sup>) likely to be a troublesome  
one, we think proper to send y a full Supply  
o provisions & Stores as p Particular o Quantity  
& Prices, y are to issue out / former, & be  
assured we sh support y w all our power to  
protect / undoubted Rights & Priviledges o our  
Constituents & / Honour & Interest o / British  
Hon<sup>r</sup> w Vigour & Resol<sup>m</sup>, if we find any  
Efforts necessary on our receiving an Answer  
fm / Gen to a Letter we intend to write him  
this day, in / meantime we desire t y shd  
Supply / Fort w a proper quantity o Wood & Corn,  
t<sup>c</sup> & continue to pay care upon Enterrij; at  
/ same time take care to secure yr own People.  
Yr<sup>l</sup> receive herewith three white Soldiers  
who are paid to / 31<sup>st</sup> Current, get yr Fort in  
/ best Situa<sup>m</sup> y can, as we know / strength<sup>th</sup>  
o yr Towns people, & are resolved to oblige  
them to do th<sup>r</sup> Duty, wh y are not to use  
any force to do, but endeavour to do it by  
fair means till y hear fur<sup>r</sup> fm us, we  
expect y will daily advise us how y pro-  
~~ceed~~ proceed, if anythg material occurs, but not to  
finish / Pallaver w<sup>t</sup> first acquaintg  
us / Conditions, as we are determin<sup>d</sup>, when  
it is settled to do it in such manner as is  
consistent w good Subjects & faithfull  
Servants &c

J. R.  
W. H.  
T. B.

136] From Mr Senior  
To the Council

Dixson Fort April 2<sup>d</sup> 1750.

Y<sup>r</sup> favour o/ 29<sup>th</sup> hd / honour o receive<sup>d</sup> us  
everything mentioned, for wh I return my sincere thanks.  
(The Original on Business not regard<sup>d</sup> / Pallaver)

Since mine to y o/ 31<sup>st</sup> / Busha people under  
army came within Pistol shot o/ Fort, I fired two  
g<sup>t</sup> Guns at them, one loaded w Lead Ball, / 1<sup>st</sup>  
w an Iron Shot, & sent my bravest people after  
them, but they made th<sup>r</sup> escape &c

M Senior

Examina<sup>m</sup> o Cudjoe Mr Senior's messengers  
sent to Enterry, introduced here tho' examined  
Some time afterwards by Mr Roberts.

Viz<sup>d</sup> I this Exam. sent to Busha & saw  
Enterry under / Cocoa Trees & w him  
Quaco Croom, Akeyyanky, & a g<sup>t</sup> many  
people armed w Guns Cutlasses &c, & he  
went up to Enterry & told him his master gave  
his service to him, & t he heard his Cabochers  
Akeyyanky, Coffee Hydrueel, Quaco  
Croom, & Tye belongg to Dixson, who had  
run away, were w him at Busha, & des<sup>r</sup>  
desired he wd return them, as his mas-  
ter had no pallaver w Enterry, nor any  
Dutch people; & t he desired Enterry wd  
return / 4 Co's Slaves

To whom Enterry — t he had / Co's Slaves &  
wd keep them unless his master wd deliver  
Hydrueel's Cousin, then he wd return / Slaves,

but t he wd not return / Cabocheers f they did  
 belong to his family, & if his Master protected  
 Capt. Dick, he (Enterry) wd pay are all /  
 people, he cd catch belongg to / English, except  
 Bossus Accas & Atchivinnys people, as he hd  
 no pallaver w either o them & if he (Lomes-  
 senger) hd two arms (as he hd but one) he  
 wd not let him return, & t if / Chief Senior,  
 did not deliver up Coffee Hydruis Cousin,  
 he hd better provide himself a good quantity  
 o powder & Ball, & t his Master hd no people  
 to make war, but himself hd enough, as  
 all / Ahanta Country belonged to him &  
 t if he cd catch Captain Dick he wd cut  
 his head off.

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Act o Council

at a Council held Fryday April 3<sup>d</sup> 1750  
 Present

John Roberts President	} Chief Agents
William Husbards	
Thomas Boteler	
John Stewart Secretary	

Haveg received a letter o / 30<sup>th</sup> March 1750 fm  
 Mr Nassau Senior Chief o Dixcove Fort advisg  
 t Aheyanky Cabocheer, native & Subject of sd  
 Fort haveg disobeyed sd Chief's Commands to  
 appear before him on a Pallaver o his receivg  
 sundry goods stoln by his slave &c & t / sd  
 Aheyanky on a fur<sup>r</sup> message o sd Chief (To  
 press & oblige his attendce) w his own people

supported by Quaco Croom & Coffee Hydrue,  
 w<sup>th</sup> the people armed, in contempt o<sup>r</sup> our Chief's  
 command & Authority abused & maltreated /  
 Co's Messengers & Servants, & are fled to, & pro-  
 tected by Enterry King o<sup>f</sup> Shanta, who has  
 since panyared four o<sup>f</sup> / Co's Slaves & upon  
 applica<sup>n</sup> o<sup>f</sup> our Chief f<sup>r</sup> the restora<sup>n</sup> o<sup>f</sup> / Labo-  
 cheers aforesaid, returned an insolent message,  
 abusive, threatening & refus<sup>g</sup> Compli<sup>ce</sup>, wh<sup>ch</sup> we  
 think an Insult & Indignity unworthy our  
 Chief, & dishonourable to our Constituents, o<sup>f</sup>  
 all wh<sup>ch</sup> we sh<sup>l</sup> give full informa<sup>n</sup> by Letter to  
 John Van Vorst Esq<sup>r</sup>, Gen<sup>l</sup> o<sup>f</sup> Elmina.

And wher<sup>as</sup> by a f<sup>r</sup> letter dated / 2<sup>d</sup>  
 April Instant, f<sup>r</sup> our Chief at Dixcove, we are  
 informed, t<sup>h</sup> since / insolent proceed<sup>g</sup>s aforesaid,  
 The Busha People under arms h<sup>as</sup> appeared in a  
 hostile manner before Dixcove Fort

Now in order to settle / sd Pallaver, re-  
 cover / Co's Slaves, obtain Satisfac<sup>n</sup> & reduce /  
 Delinquants to Submiss<sup>n</sup>, Duty & Allegi<sup>ce</sup>

It is unanimously agreed & resolved,  
 t<sup>h</sup> John Roberts Esq<sup>r</sup> President o<sup>f</sup> our Council,  
 & c<sup>o</sup> do go forth w<sup>th</sup> to Dixcove Fort w<sup>th</sup>  
 such force, Arms, Ammuni<sup>n</sup> & Assist<sup>ce</sup> as he  
 sh<sup>l</sup> judge convenient.

[37] And we hereby fully empower him to  
 prosecute & pursue such measures, accord<sup>g</sup>  
 to / nature & Circumst<sup>ce</sup>s o<sup>f</sup> Affairs as he sh<sup>l</sup>  
 judge meet & most proper to suppress & settle  
 / Grievances in manner afores<sup>d</sup>, or as advis<sup>o</sup>-  
 tageous & honourable as / merits o<sup>f</sup> / Affair  
 will admit & allow

And we do hereby full agree & empower / s<sup>d</sup>  
John Roberts President aforesaid to enter into,  
conclude & confirm any Treaty, Agreement, or  
Compact w<sup>th</sup> any / Officers of transacting  
Affairs of / Dutch West India Co, or those of  
any o<sup>r</sup> Ma<sup>n</sup>, so far as may concern any Oc-  
currences & already hath, or may happen to  
windward o<sup>f</sup> Offetu River, & t<sup>he</sup> / same  
be as effectual & valid to all Intents &  
purposes as if we were present to ratifie  
/ Same, And t<sup>he</sup> / Cos Servants o<sup>f</sup> windward  
Forty do, & each & ev<sup>ery</sup> o<sup>f</sup> them are  
~~to~~ hereby required to subject themselves,  
& obey his orders & Commands.

And as Mr<sup>s</sup> Johnson / present Chief o<sup>f</sup>  
Commenda by our former orders is gone to  
Dixcove to inspect into / Reparation o<sup>f</sup> Sloop  
Dolphin, We do judge it convenient &  
necessary on acct thereof, as also o<sup>f</sup> / Pol-  
laver & Difces aforesaid, to h<sup>ave</sup> a proper  
person at Commenda to take charge thereof.

Ordered therefore t<sup>hat</sup> Mr Stewart now  
present do w<sup>ith</sup> utmost Expedi<sup>m</sup> prepare  
himself to go up to Commenda Fort to  
take Charge o<sup>f</sup> Same

And t<sup>hat</sup> Mr Potts do go Assistant  
to him at / Said Fort

Adjourned

John Roberts  
W<sup>m</sup> Husbands  
Thos Boteler

nB. Upon / aforesaid informa<sup>m</sup>  
o<sup>f</sup> Mr Senior, Answers  
thereunto, & Council held /

following letter was sent to  
John Van Voorst Esq<sup>r</sup> at  
Elmina & Mr Roberts set  
on f Succondee in his  
way to Dixcove, leasg by /  
way our John Stewart &  
Mr Pottes at / Fort o Commenda.

138] Letter Dated 4<sup>th</sup> April 1750

From / Council o Cape Coast Castle

To  
The Gen<sup>l</sup> o Elmina

We h received advice fm Mr Nassau  
Senior, English Chief o Dixcove t Atheyankey  
Subject o sd Fort beg accused upon Evidence &  
Confession o his own Slave, o receivg sundry  
goods, such Slave stole fm Captain Dick, /  
Cos Cabocheer & native o Dixcove, knowg  
them to be stolen, / Chief thereupon ordered him  
to attend at / Fort & acquit himself o such  
accus<sup>n</sup>, wh Contrary to his obedie<sup>n</sup> he in-  
solently refused, whereupon Our Chief informs  
us he sent some o / Cos Slaves, w his own  
Boys, to beg or oblige him to such attende<sup>e</sup>.  
t upon meetg w / sd Atheyankey, he ap-  
peared w / willg & did accordgly set on<sup>t</sup> w  
them, but on the progress ab<sup>n</sup> a mile fm  
his Cawom, his people supported by Quaco  
Croom & Coffee Hydru<sup>e</sup> w the people, armed  
w Guns Cutlashes &c in contempt o our  
Chief's Commands & Authority, abused /  
Cos Slaves & Servants, & by force o Arms  
rescued Atheyankey, & are all fled to

& protected by Enterry (Mhanta King) who we  
are amazed shd presume to refuge & protect  
/ Subjects belongg to us, indeed extremely so,  
as / Crime o/ former, is o/ most shamefull  
Scandalous kind, & two latter, an unpardonable  
Insult on our Royal Master (to whom they owe  
Allegiance) a Violation o the Engagements to our  
Constituents & directly repugnant to thir own  
fundamental Laws.

Enterry has not only protected these Delin-  
quents, but further panyard 4 o our Co's Slaves  
wh. part doubtly is an infringement (too  
intolerable) on / Rights & priviledges o our  
masters, & contrary to Engagements confirmed  
between / Principals o each our Honble Cos on  
this Coast to suffer no native dependant on  
either Na<sup>n</sup> (even to attempt), much more  
succeed in such arbitrary Insolce

Under these circumstances our Chief dispat-  
ched his Messenger to demand / Cabocheers  
& Co's Slaves, to whom Enterry returned  
an answer abusive, & positively refused  
Compliance

Now as thir subsists a most sincere  
friendship & / best Harmony between / Honble  
140] Cos our Constituents wh we sh be assid-  
uous to improve & effectually betw yr Honour  
& our selves, we were averse, to prosecute any  
Step in this Pallaver, untill we had well  
& truly informed y o its nature & Particulars,  
bec as Enterry receives yr pay, & in con-  
sequence is yr Servant, we expect & doubt  
not, y will command & oblige him

immediately to deliver to / English Chief at  
 Discove the Cabochers aforesaid (to wit)  
 Theyantey, Quaco Croom & Coffee Hydrue  
 w / 4 Cos Slaves, & all o<sup>r</sup> t may h since  
 b<sup>e</sup>n panyard wh (we cannot flatter our-  
 selves when) we depend upon, fm a Convic<sup>n</sup>  
 o yr abhorrence to countenance any yr  
 people to protect Subservient<sup>s</sup> o British Forts  
 especially when absconded fm Justice &  
 Rebels to Authority, on a Similar Occas<sup>n</sup>  
 We earnestly warrants to yr Honour, no con-  
 sidera<sup>n</sup> sh<sup>d</sup> exonerate our selves in a  
 contrary proceedg, therefore in good con-  
 fidence ~~of~~ your obligg yr Servant afo-  
 said to render us satisfac<sup>n</sup>, We sh<sup>d</sup> not  
 pursue any means to procure it till fav-  
 our'd w yr answer, wh determines / mea-  
 sures we think Just, Equitable, & most  
 Effectual to preserve / Right, Priviledge  
 Dominion & Jurisdiction o our Constituents  
 f if such open Insults in Negroes are  
 suffered w Impunity, it cannot o<sup>r</sup> than  
 depreciate / Honour & Obedie due to both  
 Cos, & will become a precedent f Barbarians  
 to proceed upon, w / future Officers o either  
 man, wh yr Honour fm yr g<sup>o</sup> Experience,  
 distinguishg considera<sup>n</sup> & native Humanity,  
 we are positive never can permit or exculpate,  
 but on / contrary resent such Indignities  
 & expedite / transgressors to justice & delight

in the reduc<sup>n</sup> to submiss<sup>n</sup>. We are ingeniously etc.

J.R.  
W.H.  
T.B.

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Answers.

Fm / Gen<sup>l</sup> o' Elmira  
To  
The Council o' C.C. Castle } Dated April 14<sup>th</sup> N.S. 1750

As I h<sup>ave</sup> no knowledge o' / affairs of commu-  
nicate to me in yr<sup>e</sup> honoured o' letters, I h<sup>ave</sup>  
wrote to / Commander o' Boutry Fort to inform  
me o' them, after wh<sup>ich</sup>, Gentlemen, I sh<sup>ould</sup> not fail  
answering y<sup>e</sup>

In / negatime I greet y<sup>e</sup> w<sup>ith</sup> all my heart &  
am most perfectly & J. v Voost

For<sup>th</sup> Answers

Fm / Gen<sup>l</sup> Dated 20<sup>th</sup> April N.S. 1750  
To  
The Council in W.H. & T.B.

Immediately on / receipt o' y<sup>e</sup> respectable  
letters o' / 4<sup>th</sup> Inst N.S. [sic] we sent a Copy o'  
French translat<sup>n</sup> to our Factor Bacot Chief o'  
Boutry to be informed o' what had passed & he  
received an answer extremely diffr<sup>ent</sup> fm <sup>the</sup>  
Senior's letter

I must first beg leave to let y<sup>e</sup> know t<sup>hat</sup> / sd  
Bacot was here at Elmira when yr<sup>e</sup> Factor  
Senior that proper to begin pany<sup>ing</sup>, by

seizg & confing in Dixons Fort two Negroes  
under / protectn o / Dutch, he also afterwards  
panyared two women Negroes belongg to / King  
called Entery, & carried them into / sd Fort;  
o these Injustices (wh agree so ill w his accu-  
san<sup>n</sup>) he has surely gavg. y no acct in his  
figurative letter, since I find no mention made  
o them in yr favour

But what is still more shamefull, he sends  
y word t / negroe Atheyankay had bin rescued  
fm / hands o / sd Seniors messengers by Dutch

<sup>41</sup> Subjects, w<sup>t</sup> bringg any o<sup>r</sup> prooff, than t  
Atheyankay had fled to Entery King o Aghanta,

Mr Senior goes on to accuse / sd Entery  
o havg panyared four Slaves belongg to /  
Royal African Co; none o those accusations are  
accompanied w any appearance o Truth, since  
it was Atheyankay's people (who belong to us)  
t were / Committers o t Crime, & Mr Senior,  
warmed & incited by an old grudge, seeks  
only to vilifia this King Entery to y

Suppose Entery had done any ill (wh  
by / way is not yet proved) in / absce o / Chief  
he is wonder, why did not Mr Senior acquaint  
/ person who was left in charge o Boutry,  
& if he had refused do g him Justice, it was  
then time enough to trouble y in yr Seniors  
Occupan<sup>s</sup>, but Mr Senior, indulg<sup>t</sup> still his  
Caprice, sends a messenger to Entery &  
receives such an answer as he deserved; thus  
/ whole ac<sup>n</sup> o Hostility was undertaken by  
Mr Senior & begun by him; thus we are

ready to prove to y our attention to protectg  
a Negroe in his Crime, & our readiness, to  
deliver up all those English who are retired  
into / Dutch Jurisdiction, as soon as y sh let me  
know the names & places <sup>tho</sup> abode. Yr dem-  
and concerng / delivery o the yamkey & / four  
Lo's Slaves wd ~~already~~ h bn already complied  
w, w / Chief o Boutry cd h got them on Dutch  
Ground. I don't doubt but abstracted fm  
what has bn sd above, y will, on mattg /  
strictest enquiry, clearly perceive t / Dutch  
Na<sup>m</sup> & its subjects are not at all concerned  
in this Affair, & t / King Enterry is ~~eng~~  
engaged in it w<sup>t</sup> his fault, consequently  
I may w reason beg o y to give / necessary  
orders to our Senior to set at liberty /  
four Subjects belongg to Boutry.

I sh finish w<sup>t</sup> touchg on / subject o /  
Affair o old Dick surnamed Amacoa,  
as it in no manner concerns / Dutch Negroes,  
neither will I prolong my letter w re-  
latg / unwise answer wh / Factor at  
Dixcove sent to / Chief Bacot, who on his  
arrival at his Fort, sent to know / reasons  
o / sd Factor's hostilities, / answer I speak  
o was prodigiously impolite, & tended  
much more to promote discord than any  
Harmony betw / two Na<sup>s</sup>, w this?  
conclude but not w<sup>t</sup> assur<sup>g</sup> y to  
J. V. Vooch.

Postscript

143] Postscript to / letter on / or side

After / enclosed was folded up I received fr  
favour o / g<sup>th</sup> OS. by wh y are pleased to  
acquaint me o hav<sup>g</sup> received advise o a  
news hostility beg committed by / King  
o Athanta & / English Deserters ag<sup>st</sup> /  
Fork o Dixcove & t Mr J Roberts was ar-  
rived thr to revenge himself

We h therefore judged it necessary to  
inform y t Mr Peter Volkmer Keeper o /  
Gen Books will go fm hence this night &  
whom we h commissioned w / Chief John  
Bacot to confer w Mr Roberts to inform  
themselves if / King o Athanta be really  
so culpable as is represented, in wh case  
we are ready to give y any reasonable  
Satisfac<sup>n</sup>.

This is all t at present can be demanded  
to confirm / friendship o y

J. V. Wood

142.] Letter [This shd come before / above.]

Fm / Council The President<sup>t</sup> beg gone to Dixcove  
To  
The Gen o Elmina Dated April 7<sup>th</sup> 1750

We were favoured w y<sup>r</sup> o / 18<sup>th</sup> Instanc<sup>t</sup> N.S.  
& h / hon to acquaint y t / negroe y mean was  
released out o / Castle before / receipt o y<sup>r</sup>  
favour

We are also to acknowledge / receipt o y<sup>r</sup>

respected favours / 14th N.S. & hold ourselves obliged  
to y<sup>e</sup> promise o a fuller answer to our last  
relatg to / Insult offered to our Co by / King o  
Athanta - Country at Busha

We are since informed he & his accomp-  
lices he appeared in arms agst our Fort o Dix-  
cove, but as John Roberts Esqre, who is well  
acquainted w / Rights o our Constituents at  
t<sup>e</sup> place, is gone thither w full Intenn<sup>n</sup> to  
present / Insult, we doubt not t he will be able  
to obtain Satisfaction for / Offenders, in wh we  
flatter ourselves w / assurance o y<sup>r</sup> Honour's con-  
course, as we cannot suppose but y<sup>r</sup> Honour  
must retain as gr a detest<sup>n</sup> to / Justice o  
any neutral Negroe, settg himself up to  
protect / Subjects o either Co. from a just  
punishment o the Crimes, & in consequence  
thereof panyare / Slaves, as it is possible  
f us to do; who he / Honour to assure y<sup>e</sup> re  
W. Husbands  
T. Bolder

The followg letter was wrote from Dixcove  
by John Roberts Esqre hasg not seem / answer  
opposite [i.e. / above letter] from / Gen.  
Vide also letter Book f intercomg letters  
relative to / Pallawre from Mr Roberts to /  
Chief Agents

From Mr Roberts at Dixcove / 4 Slaves be<sup>g</sup> returned  
To Gen Van Vorst Dated April 8<sup>th</sup> 1750

Just y<sup>e</sup> y<sup>r</sup> Chief o Boutry Fort, sent  
back / four Slaves panyarred by Enterry,  
as I imagine he interested himself by y<sup>e</sup>

order to procure the Enlarge<sup>mt</sup> I am extremely  
obliged to y<sup>e</sup> & on a like ~~occ<sup>ion</sup>~~ beg your  
Command / Interest & Authority o / Royal  
African Co o England as thro' it is nothing I  
more desire (or I will give me sincerely in-  
finite Satisfac<sup>ion</sup>) than to pursue w<sup>ch</sup> path  
it may tend to support & preserve / mutual  
power & Jurisdiction o / Hon Cos, & a perpetual  
friendship w<sup>th</sup> yr Honours, I am &c  
J. Roberts

143] From / Gen o Elmina  
To

30<sup>th</sup> 29. April 1750

Messrs Husbands & Boteler

As we h<sup>ere</sup> this instant received news t<sup>hat</sup>  
Mr Roberts has found little good to assemble  
his warlike forces ag<sup>st</sup> / town o Bushra, at-  
tack<sup>ing</sup> / people as Enemies, & from whence  
they h<sup>ave</sup> been drove not w<sup>ith</sup> a few wounds, we  
h<sup>ere</sup> now / honour to assure y<sup>e</sup> t<sup>hat</sup> we look on /  
Affront done ag<sup>st</sup> / Dutch Territory as an  
infrac<sup>tion</sup> on / established friendship sub-  
sist<sup>ing</sup> betw<sup>een</sup> / two nations here on / Coast.  
And t<sup>hat</sup> by this we absolutely protest in / name  
o our Sovereigns, t<sup>hat</sup> f<sup>or</sup> all / Charges & Losses wh<sup>ich</sup>  
may arise from this unreasonable proceed<sup>ing</sup>, we  
sh<sup>all</sup> reimburse our selves where so<sup>ever</sup> we find  
opp<sup>ortunitie</sup> &c  
J. V. Voorsch.

144] Examina<sup>m</sup> o Effabah a Co's slave par-  
yared w three <sup>ors.</sup>

↑ 29<sup>th</sup> March 909 w three o<sup>r</sup> Slaves to  
fetch wood, she & / rest were panyared within sight  
o/ Fort o Dix Cove, by a Captain & Soldiers belong<sup>g</sup>  
to Enterry, beg abt 20 in number, armed w  
Guns & Cutlashes, who beat & abused them,  
to oblige them to run / foster to Busha, when  
they got thr, they were carried to Enterry's  
house, where he was sat down w Atheyankey,  
Quaco (wom & Tye, when / Busha people  
told Enterry they hd panyared / Co's Slaves  
as he (Enterry) hd ordered, & thr they were,  
& t Enterry must give them some Liquor to  
drink, t if he ~~did not~~ wd not Badoo  
( / Captain t assisted in panyaring them )  
told Enterry, he wd carry / Co's Slaves  
back to Dix Cove. Enterry answered (clap-  
ping his hands sev<sup>l</sup> times to his Breast)  
I ordered y to panyare, it is my Pallaver, &  
y sh not carry them back to Dix Cove, but  
carry them into / Busha, & I wish y hd  
catched some o/ white men, then I cd make  
my Pallaver & get my people out o/ Castle.  
↑ This Exam<sup>t</sup> & / o<sup>r</sup> Slaves were carried into  
/ Busha, where they were kept 8 days, & on /  
night o/ 8<sup>th</sup> day were carried by A~~the~~  
Atheyankey's people to Boutry Fort, & / next  
m<sup>g</sup> were sent w / Dutch Chiefs' Boy to  
Dix Cove Fort.

N.B. This Examina<sup>m</sup> was interpreted by Acca  
/ Co's Linguist at Dix Cove, then read  
to Cudjoe Cabochers & Linguist at C. C.  
Castle, who interpreted it to / sd Effabah

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 obliged to y, & on a like occasion, beg your  
 Command / Interest & Authority o / Royal  
 African Co o England as this is nothing I  
 more desire (or will give me sincerely in-  
 finite Satisfac<sup>n</sup>) than to pursue any path  
 t may tend to support & preserve / mutual  
 power & Jurisdiction o / Hon Cos, & a perpetual  
 friendship w<sup>th</sup> yr Honours, I am &c  
 J. Roberts

143] From / Gen o Elmina  
 To

30<sup>th</sup> 25. April 1750

Messrs Husbands & Boteler

As we h<sup>ave</sup> in this instant received news t  
 Mr Roberts has found little good to assemble  
 his warlike forces agst / town o Busha, at-  
 tacking / people as enemies, & from whence  
 they h<sup>ave</sup> been drove not w<sup>th</sup> a few wounds, we  
 h<sup>ave</sup> now / honour to assure y t we look on /  
 affront done agst / Dutch Territory as an  
 infrac<sup>n</sup> on / established friendship sub-  
 sistg betw<sup>n</sup> / two nations here on / Coast.  
 And t by this we absolutely protest in / name  
 o our Sovereigns, t fall / Charges & Losses wh  
 may arise from this unreasonable proceedg we  
 sh reimburse our selves wherso<sup>ever</sup> we find  
 oppy &c  
 J. V. Voorst.

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to oblige them to run / faster to Busha, when  
they got thr, they were carried to Enterry's  
house, where he was sat down w Atheyantkey,  
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told Enterry they hd panyared / Co's Slaves  
as he (Enterry) hd ordered, & thr they were,  
& t Enterry must give them some Liquor to  
drink, t o<sup>f</sup> he ~~did not~~ wd not Badoe  
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catched some o/ white men, then I cd make  
my Pallaver & get my people out o/ Castle.  
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/ Busha, where they were kept 8 days, & on /  
night o/ 8<sup>th</sup> day were carried by ~~Athet~~  
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m<sup>g</sup> were sent w / Dutch Chiefs' Boy to  
Dix Cove Fort.

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/ Co's Linguist at Dix Cove, then read  
to Cudjoe Labochee & Linguist at C. C.  
Castle, who interpreted it to / sd Effabah

in Blacks, who declare d /  
same to be true, & is willg to  
take Fetish thereof

From Messrs Husbands & Boteler

To  
The Gen<sup>l</sup> o' Elmira

LC Castle dated 18 April OS. 1750

We do ourselves / honour to acknowledge  
/ receipt o' yr respected favours o' 20<sup>th</sup> wherein  
as yr honour seems rather to pursue in a Chain o'  
accusations agst Mr Senior our Chief at Dixcove  
(w<sup>ch</sup> respect be it spoken) it is in some degree for-  
eign to / matter o' Complaint we took / ~~liberty~~  
liberty to lay before yr Honour, ~~was~~ We  
sh<sup>d</sup> not now trouble y<sup>r</sup> w<sup>th</sup> any answer, chus<sup>d</sup>  
rather, w<sup>th</sup> yr Honour, to refer / decim<sup>n</sup> o' Affairs  
to John Roberts Esq<sup>r</sup> on our part, & / Gentleman  
y<sup>h</sup> commissioned to treat w<sup>th</sup> him on yr part,  
who beg<sup>s</sup> immediately on / Spot can examine  
w<sup>th</sup> yr facility & Security into / Affairs.

But we cannot omit pray<sup>g</sup> yr Honour  
to allow us in / Interim to repose at least our  
146] equal Confidence in / report o' our Chief o' Dix-  
cove, relat<sup>g</sup> to / Affairs who we h<sup>ve</sup> h<sup>er</sup>to  
no cause to suspect o' fallacy or Equivoca<sup>n</sup>, as  
yr Honour is pleased to put in t<sup>e</sup> made by  
yr Chief fm / report o' Natives, & rather  
than condemn we cannot but applaud Mr  
Senior's mak<sup>g</sup> so early his presentat<sup>n</sup> to us  
o' Affairs as we never think any Occupa<sup>n</sup>

so serious or important as not to be laid aside  
when / Complaints o our Chiefs were to us o /  
Rights Liberties or Honours o our Constituents or the  
Subjects beg insulted or invaded we beg leave to  
assure yr Honour we are w / g<sup>test</sup> Respect &  
Esteem &c  
W<sup>th</sup> H.  
T. B

145] From / Gen

21<sup>st</sup> April N.S. 1750

To  
W<sup>th</sup> Husbands & Boteler

I h / honour o g<sup>ing</sup> y my most hearty  
Thanks f / Assistance y were pleased to afford  
me o / Medicines I took / liberty to ask o y.  
I shd be v<sup>y</sup> glad to know what they come to,  
in order t I may reimburse yr Doctor,  
offerg ab / same time t if th<sup>is</sup> is anythg in  
my Castle wh can be usefull or agreeable to  
y t y will command It.

I am sorry t my Sentiments w<sup>ch</sup>  
regard to / Right o Busha town shd differ  
fm yrs, & as Mr Roberts has thot proper  
to seek his Right by Arms, contrary to all  
Laws o friendship, I refer to t wh I h /  
honour to write to y on t head &c

The above comes after the ~~next~~ one  
on / next page - 24 ]

From Messrs Husbands & Boteler

The <sup>29</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> to  
of Elmira

April 20<sup>th</sup> OS. 1750

We are extremely concerned [it is not  
in our power to supply you w/ medicines you  
write of, having only one article, however our  
Doctor has / honour to send some of ~~the~~ medi-  
cines of much / same nature as those of write of  
& shd be extremely glad they may prove of  
Service to y, We h / honour to assure y we  
are w perfect Esteem re.

W H

T B.

Postscript

Before / above was translated we  
were favoured w yr Honours letter of Protest  
of 30<sup>th</sup> April 1750 by / hands of two of yr  
Officers, to wh we can only say, [what  
Mr Roberts may h acted agst / Town of  
Busha, we beg leave to assure yr Honours,  
mush h be w any Design of giving Office  
to yr Honours, or any of Subjects of / States of  
Holland, as fm / earliest records, we are able  
to hear, our predecessors h always  
claimed / Town of Busha as / property of  
British ~~Nation~~ na<sup>n</sup>. We h / Honour re re

148] The following letter was wrote & sent us ~~the~~ one o / President's inclosed therein wh was dispatched fm / President's fm Dixcove to / above Gentlemen, Mr Roberts, having at t time heard vj little t had passed betw / Council & / Gen

Messrs Hephley & Bignall were sent to Elmina w this & / inclosed o Mr Roberts

From Messrs / husbands & Boteler

To  
The Gen o Elmina

Dated 21<sup>st</sup> April 05  
1750

When we had / honour to receive yr favour o yesty by / hands o two o yr Officers fm Elmina we had not received any acct fm Mr Roberts of therein mentioned, & therefore made no doubt o / Veracity o yr Intelligence, since t we have received a fully acct o / whole Affair fm Mr Roberts, wh he has done himself / honour to write y also, by / inclosed letter, by wh y will find t yr Chief Bacot has greatly imposed on y w fallacious Accts o / whole, f as / matter o Fact is stated to us by Mr Roberts, who can be no otherwise interested in / Affair, than as he is bound by his duty to / protect & to defend / Right Property & Priviledges o / King our present Master, as well as / Co, it appears to us he has acted only on / defensive, on beg attacked at / Gates o Dixcove Fort.

We say as / matter is stated by him, Bushy Town seems to be quite out o / case, any far than as / people thereof were protect'd some o our Deserters whom we were endeavour'd

to beg to Justice, & so far was Mr Roberts from  
commencing Hostilities agst / Dutch, t<sup>h</sup> yr Chief  
Bacot has assembled all / Aphantas, & bribed  
our own Cabochees Bosse, to appear w<sup>th</sup> Arms  
& openly to attack our Fort o Dixcove, where  
howeever they h met w<sup>th</sup> the Deserters.

Ye Honour will find by these impartial  
Accts, t<sup>h</sup> our Intensions are so far from invading  
yr Honour's Territories & power; t<sup>h</sup> we are in-  
deavouring to support & protect them as much  
as we can by supporting & protecting our own, as  
we look upon it as / strength o / European  
Interest ot to write to guard & protect /  
European Property agst / Barbarians among<sup>s</sup>  
whom we dwell, And so far from yr having  
any reason o Complaint agst Mr Roberts f  
150 Just didg<sup>x</sup> ~~to~~ assist to beg those Cabo-  
chees to condign punishment, as we are o<sup>r</sup> y  
sure in / same Case we or our Chief wd  
h be assiduous to h done y / same Service, but  
as much as t<sup>h</sup> yr people under Fortway, &  
/ Aphantas under / Influence o Mr Bacot, h  
openly attacked Dixcove Fort, & endeavoured  
by force o Arms to take / same, we think we h  
sufficient reason o Complaint agst him, &  
if (as he says) he acts in these matters by yr  
Authority, we must tell y, Sir, it is unbecom<sup>g</sup>  
a man t<sup>h</sup> who enjoys / Post o Honour y at  
present fill, under / Cloath o Friendship  
you'd flatter us y endeavour to maintain w<sup>th</sup>  
us, thus unguardedly to levy war upon us;  
And therefore we tell y Sir in / name o / King o  
England, our present Master as well as in / ~~name~~  
name o our Comp, whose Authority we are to

maintain, t y h, if Mr Roberts says truth, broke  
/ peace hitherto subsistg betw / Two Cos, &  
therefore y are liable to / Conseques wh may en-  
sue thereupon, by / same parity o reason fm  
whence you'd charge us w them; namely com-  
mittg Hostilities agst / vrs Subjects, as it ap-  
pears instead o Mr Roberts attackg Busha,  
those people at / Instigan & Assistance o Mr  
Bacot, who declares w yr Authority, h attac-  
ked us at Dixcove Fort

Since writg / Above we h just received an  
Acct fm our Chief o Succondee t a 5 band  
Canoe dispatched hence three days ago, w  
Necessaries f Mr Roberts, has bin pawned  
at yr Fort o Boutry, We beg to know wh  
or not this is by yr order, by way o Reprizals  
agreeable to yr declaran in yr letter under  
our Consideran.

If so, we hope, as fm what we h sd above,  
y will find Mr Roberts did not attack / Vil-  
lage o Busha but on / contrary was him-  
self attacked at Dixcove Fort by those & /  
rest o / Ahanta People, & consequently t we h  
not hitherto given any appearance o Molesta<sup>n</sup>  
to any o / Subjects o Holland, fur than  
as they may h bin concerned in attackg our  
Fort at Dixcove, y will be induced to observe  
/ same Neutrality & give orders to yr Chief  
thr, to make full Restora<sup>n</sup> o our Cos  
Slaves, Canoe, & goods seized thr & not to  
suffer any such just provoca<sup>n</sup> to be given to  
us f makg Reprizals on / Dutch Subjects  
wh in Justice to our King & Country, we sh

otherwise be obliged to do.

But before we proceed to such Extremities, we humbly apprehend it behoves us to represent to y<sup>e</sup> t<sup>e</sup> we think it will not misbecome y<sup>e</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> o<sup>r</sup> Elmina or / Council o<sup>r</sup> Cape Coast calmly & deliberately to consider / Consequences wh<sup>ch</sup> may arise upon fut<sup>r</sup> proceedg<sup>s</sup> o<sup>r</sup> this Sort, they may involve the sevl<sup>l</sup> Constituents into a War, wh<sup>ch</sup> may prove fatal to / ~~One~~ One Side or / Or most likely to both; & therefore we on our parts think it our Duty to tell y<sup>e</sup> t<sup>e</sup> before we wd involve two European powers who are in / most perfect Harmony at home in such Acts; As we h<sup>av</sup>e not hitherto, so neither h<sup>av</sup>e we any Intens<sup>o</sup> o<sup>r</sup> assault<sup>g</sup> o<sup>r</sup> infringg<sup>g</sup> / Rights or properties o<sup>r</sup> Holland<sup>l</sup> Na<sup>n</sup>; we are at present engaged in a quarrel w<sup>th</sup> our people by y<sup>e</sup> demandg<sup>g</sup> Some o<sup>r</sup> them to be brot to Justice this is w<sup>ch</sup> concern t<sup>e</sup> we say it, t<sup>e</sup> spirited up by y<sup>e</sup> Chief o<sup>r</sup> Boutry Mr John Credo Baco<sup>t</sup>. / Phanta People h<sup>av</sup>e made a national Quarrel o<sup>r</sup>, & are aided & assisted by y<sup>e</sup> Chief, who now has / wounded in his Fort, as appears by his letter in our possession to a French Captains ship desirg<sup>g</sup> his Surgeon. Such Countenance to those people, declared our open Enemies, but ill<sup>y</sup> agrees w<sup>th</sup> / professm<sup>o</sup> o<sup>r</sup> Friendship y<sup>e</sup> Honour is pleased to make to us, but as we yet flatter ourselves it is either w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Honour's permision or in consequence o<sup>r</sup> false Accounts y<sup>e</sup> may h<sup>av</sup>e received o<sup>r</sup> Affairs, so we will hope when y<sup>e</sup> Honour sh<sup>al</sup> be set to Rights by our acct thereof. I will give orders to y<sup>e</sup> Chief, to preserve at least a Neutrality rather than force us to open Hostilities in / just Vindica<sup>n</sup> o<sup>r</sup> Honour, Interest & Possessm<sup>o</sup> o<sup>r</sup> British Na<sup>n</sup> &c.

W<sup>th</sup>  
T. B.

Bacot's letter to / French Captain  
mentioned formerly / morning after  
his people had attacked Dixcove Fort.

Sir

As / English h this day attacked my people, so t  
tho' bn some wounds & broken legs received, I beg  
/ favour o y (by / Cause I send y) to dispatch  
y<sup>r</sup> principal Surgeon to assist & dress / Sick  
& wounded w his Medicines & Instruments, I  
sh be highly obliged to y if this re vide Original

N.B. The above letter was sent to Capt<sup>n</sup> Wall  
o a French Smeau called / Providence, who remitted  
it to Mr Roberts, Vide, an Acct o Dr t Sealbom  
Gentleman's good Offices & friendly Assistance / day  
o / Attack o Dixcove, in / Gen letter Book

From Mr Roberts at Dixcove

To  
The Gen o Elmina, beg  
/ letter mentioned to be  
inclosed in / precedg One.

Dated  
18<sup>th</sup> April O.S. 1750.

The 15<sup>th</sup> Current Messrs Volkmer  
& Bacot did me / pleasure o a Visit, & informed  
me by y<sup>r</sup> order, to confer on a just Pallawes I h  
agst Enterry King o Aghanta. I am obliged  
to y of interestg y<sup>r</sup> Self therein, fm a personal  
persuasion y<sup>r</sup> motive is to accomodate mat-  
ters, & desire y to be assured I sh at all times  
be ready to adjust any differ<sup>s</sup> or disputes, t may  
happen on / South Coast o Africa, when in my  
power, as in / present Case (My Colleagues  
in Council have refer'd / Settling o this Pallawes  
to me) w y<sup>r</sup> Self or any o<sup>r</sup> Person y depute, in  
an amicable way (consistent w / Honour &  
Dignity o my Royal Master) in order to pre-  
serve & strengthen / Authority & Jurisdiction o /  
Honble Cos.

It concerns me to inform yr Honour, it was not perceptible, / Gentlemen deputed by y<sup>e</sup> had any dist<sup>o</sup> or accomodat<sup>g</sup> / Affair in questi<sup>o</sup> quest<sup>o</sup> & presume y<sup>e</sup> will allow<sup>e</sup> y<sup>e</sup> reasons of such Conjecture, bec<sup>o</sup> in / whole Chain<sup>o</sup> of the Discourse they laboured at noth<sup>g</sup> so much as to clear & justify Enterr<sup>y</sup> fm / least concern in / Pallaver, wh<sup>o</sup> is a th<sup>g</sup> too impossible to effect, as y<sup>e</sup> sh<sup>o</sup> make appear to yr Honour, wh<sup>o</sup> I fear has not received such impartial Representat<sup>o</sup> of matter as I ed with & desire.

In / first place yr Envoys artfully insinuate some o / people by me demanded are Dutch Subjects, w<sup>o</sup> declar<sup>g</sup> who they are, or the names

I assure y<sup>e</sup> (fm just Inform<sup>o</sup>) / persons I demand & families h<sup>o</sup> lived in Crooms belong<sup>g</sup> to this Fort, & in / Towns under it, sev<sup>l</sup> years; & to my own knowledge were resident & Subject<sup>o</sup> to my Command, when Chief here, & it is a Truth incontestable they inhabited w<sup>o</sup> the families & Stock, Crooms belong<sup>g</sup> to this Fort at / time they committed / Acts o Disobedie, in contempt<sup>o</sup> to / Chiefs Authority & Commands.

As they therefore lived under our protect<sup>o</sup> or offended in our Crooms, I know yr Honour must admit we h<sup>o</sup> a just Right to pursue them whereso<sup>r</sup> they fly fm ~~the~~ Justice & o<sup>r</sup> Allegiance; & to compel them to render Satisfac<sup>o</sup>, & if y<sup>e</sup> prove them Dutch Subjects (wh<sup>o</sup> I am convinced cannot be done) they sh<sup>o</sup> be immediately set at Liberty to go where they chuse, as I never

did not will, permit (whilst I am concerned  
in transactg British Affairs on this Coast) any  
Chief to compel / ~~Natives~~ Natives against In-  
clina<sup>n</sup> to live under our Command, beq<sup>d</sup> or-  
dered & empowered by his Majesty (& well  
enabled by / Subsidy he was pleased to issue  
out) to protect his Subjects in / African  
Trade, & defend / Natives his people, in/  
honest, open, fair way; wh<sup>ch</sup> I sh<sup>d</sup> endeavour  
at, & blush to pursue suffer or connive at  
/ unwarrantable mean methods, y<sup>r</sup> Chief  
Bacot made use o<sup>e</sup> to oblige a Negroe  
Servant o<sup>e</sup> / Royal African Co<sup>e</sup> o<sup>e</sup> England  
to take Felish he wd<sup>d</sup> never enter Dix-  
cove Fort ag<sup>n</sup>, at a time such Negroe  
was considerably indebted to Mr Senior,  
I am satisfied contrary to y<sup>r</sup> Knowledge,  
who hath more Honour & Justice than to  
permit any y<sup>r</sup> Dependants to infringe upon  
on / Priviledges o<sup>e</sup> Brittain, especially  
when contrary to all Agreements betw<sup>n</sup> our  
Honble Cos in Europe & palpable Violan<sup>e</sup> o<sup>e</sup>  
Consens<sup>us</sup> ratified on this Coast.

1587. I now do myself / Honour to ack-  
nowledge / Receipt o<sup>e</sup> y<sup>r</sup> respected favour  
o<sup>e</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup> N.S. forwarded to me fm C.C.  
Casite, by wh<sup>ch</sup> tis evident / Cause o<sup>e</sup> / present  
Pallawer w<sup>ch</sup> Enterry has not b<sup>n</sup> ~~sent~~  
candidly stated to y<sup>r</sup> Honour.

As to / Answer, y<sup>e</sup> received fm y<sup>r</sup> Fac-  
tor Bacot, I fear he will be at a loss to  
clear himself (I am satisfied our Factor can)  
he has b<sup>n</sup> in no Sort an Aggravator.

He told me he does nothing but by yr order, who he had to protect Enterry. I confess such declaracion surprized me, being all along (& am indeed still) convinced I will not protect a Negro in his Insolence & to detain & refuse giving up British Subjects who disobeyed Command & rebelled agst the Chief, Wretches! who violently took Arms to oppose Authority, & powerfully defend & justify the Disobedience. To whom Enterry has not only given protection & Encouragement, but w<sup>ch</sup> provocation ordered his own people to panyare / Co's Slaves, wh they did, & carried four o them to Busha to Enterry; & our abandoned Subjects, who relent I at such an Act, one sd he did not panyare them, another he knew nothing o / matter, & a third t he gave no orders for so doing, whom, one o Enterry's people (to wit) Baddoe his Captain interrupted & sd, he had panyared / Slaves by Enterry's order, wh if he (Enterry) did not think proper to own, Baddoe desired / Slaves not be delivered to him & he wd convey them back to Discove, & surrender himself prisoner to / Chief & submit to his Clemency for / Insult committed, To whom Enterry made answer, t he had given him orders to panyare & / Slaves shd not be returned, t he (Enterry) was sorry they wd not lay hands on / White Men

On / above proceedgs, Mr Senior dispatched a messenger to demand / Subjects

& Slaves, & in / meantime parayard four  
Women, two on Enterry's, & two on / head  
o Coffee Hydume, wh was certainly no In-  
justice, / two latter I am convinced are  
English Subjects Inhabitants o this place,  
& I am confident it will be difcult to prove /  
o's Dutch. Cd or be expected than t  
our Chief wd parayard, after he hd bn so  
grossly insulted by Busha people? I  
approve his conduct, & shd b deemed him  
culpable had he done otherwise

160] Aheyanky (as y falsely suggest) was  
not rescued fm our Chief's Boys & al<sup>a</sup> by  
Dutch but British Subjects belongg to Coffee  
Hydume & Quacco Croom, two o / Deserters  
protected by Enterry. I am convinced Mr  
Seniors accus<sup>no</sup> are just; Enterry's ac<sup>ns</sup>  
demonstrate him a Villain, y are pleased to  
approve his behaviour wh strengthens me  
in a Sugges<sup>n</sup>, y are imposed upon by a too  
partial Representa<sup>n</sup>; as it consisted o / most  
consummate Impudic & disrespect, ever  
perhaps exercised by an African to an  
Englishman; nay, such as a Briton  
wd not put up w fm an European, & sh  
never be passed over, w<sup>t</sup> due Chastise<sup>mt</sup>  
whilst Dire trust w<sup>o</sup>posed reposed in me  
(by my King, Legislature + Royal African  
Co o England) to transact Affairs upon this  
Coast. And 't is almost clear to me, y<sup>t</sup> Honour  
will not side w such a Negroe, or encourage  
or wink at his behaviour, if such fel-  
lows are not made Examples, but

cherished & secluded from Punishment, -  
 Adieu Adieu European Authority

Entony's answer to Mr Senor was, t he  
 hd / Co's Slaves & Subjects & wd keep them: & if  
 / Messenger hd two ~~Arms~~ (as he hd but one) he  
 shd not return

↑ / Messenger not tell his Master if he of-  
 fered to payure any / Busha people, he hd  
 better provide himself w Corn powder & Shot f  
 his Fort.

now I cannot see any necessity Mr Senor was  
 under to acquaint / Sergeant o Boutry (or anyone  
 in charge o it) in / Chief absen o these proceed<sup>g</sup>s  
 proceedg: I think his Duty was to recover  
 himself Justice (as soon as he cd) & to make  
 Reprisals upon / Aggressors at Busha, wh I  
 don't understand is subject or under protec<sup>n</sup>  
 o Boutry Fort, & (when / necessity o Affairs  
 requir'd) it will be a pleasure to my Self &  
 Council at "C. Coast" to preserve & justifie t  
 property o our Constituents, as well as defend  
 our Jurisdiction & Authority o our Royal  
 Master thro' fm / Infringements o any Opponents

I am not suspicious yr Honour concerns  
 yr Self in any Shape in this Affair, or t  
 (Entony beg / Aggression) y will countence /  
 Subjects o Holland to interfere therein. I  
 know yr Love o Justice & Right in private  
 & public concerns & how much I despise  
 a practice t / Contrary.

162] I am ready to deluber any people proved  
 to be Dutch t h fm payured upon Entony's  
 head when he delubers to raze our Subjects.

As to Captain Dick's Pallaver, I am con-  
vinced o its justice, / Prisoner is in / Fort here  
who confesses / Crime he is accused o, & Im-  
peaches Theyankley & Tye.

I cannot conjecture in what terms yr Chief  
Bacot was pleased to couch Mr Senior's ans-  
wer to his Message as this was thought passed  
unpolite, nor in my Opinion tendg to promote  
Faction & Dispute. I dare affirm, w/ Majority o  
/ Gentlemen on / Coast, Mr Senior's word will  
be relyed upon equal, nay preferable, to Mr  
Bacot's, so renowned f Contem<sup>n</sup> & proscribed f  
Disturbce, & who, I th reason to believe (not  
badly founded) concerns himself capitally in  
/ present Affair, yr is / agreeable Satisfac<sup>n</sup>  
tis not by yr Order, Approban<sup>n</sup> or permis<sup>n</sup>,  
but ~~more~~ more Effect o a turbulent, &  
restless Principle inherent in himself

Mr Johnson Chief o Commenda beg here,  
heard / Message Mr Senior sent by Bacot's Boy,  
a its ready (if desired upon Oath) to invalidate  
any contrary Sense or Construc<sup>n</sup> given it  
to yr Honour by / Chief o Bontoy.

I take / freedom (to clear up bad Im-  
pressions & prejudices) To send y Mr Senior's  
message ~~verbatim~~ literally, signed by  
himself, & witnessed by Mr Johnson now present.

I shd not h engrossed so much o yr Honour's  
time, but fm a sincere desire o layg / Affairs  
clearly before y, w<sup>th</sup> prejudice or partiality to  
person or party; as it will ever be an inex-  
pressible Satisfac<sup>n</sup> to me, to transact & de-  
termine Affairs (more ~~partly~~ or less

interestg than I present) w<sup>th</sup> yr Honour in / most  
amicable manner, thereby manifestg I do /  
Duty incumbent on me to my Country, other-  
wise to pursue / Enemies thereof w<sup>th</sup> life, & w<sup>th</sup>  
consideration dear to an Englishman I am &c.

Postscript

Since / above I've b<sup>e</sup>n attacked on all sides by a  
v<sup>ry</sup> numerous Body fm 3 o'clock till past 4, they  
h<sup>av</sup>e discharged so lge a Quantity o Ammunition I  
am satisfied no English Fort or Lovers o English-  
men wd supply them w<sup>th</sup>. Inform<sup>n</sup> has sometime  
164] reached me. / Chief o B<sup>o</sup>untry has issued  
our Guns & powder to / Malcontents (on credit) to  
/ am<sup>t</sup> o 12 Bendiers, wh<sup>o</sup> b<sup>e</sup> fear o Aggrav<sup>n</sup> I  
chose ~~to be~~ till this instant, to be silent upon to  
yr Honour.

Hd not might come on, I shd not h<sup>av</sup>e given them  
time to carry away the Dead, I shd not lament  
(charg<sup>g</sup> Justice on my side) to see this Affaire  
become National  
J. Roberts

163] A Minute o / Attacks mentioned in /  
Postscript, introduced here f / Satisfaction o /  
Reader, refer<sup>g</sup> f g<sup>o</sup>ve Certainly, a f<sup>ur</sup> Part<sup>is</sup>  
to / Presidents Journal. [Q.V.]

Bosse / English Cabochers have b<sup>e</sup>n  
thrice in / Fort<sup>o</sup> Dixcove & thro' beg no pos-  
sibility o gett<sup>g</sup> any Assistance fm him to re-  
cover / English Defectors, or Satisfac<sup>n</sup> fm  
Entery King o Phanta, & it appear<sup>g</sup> (fm o<sup>r</sup>  
part<sup>is</sup> o Bosses Behaviour) t he was

165] undoubtedly in / Busha Pallaver ag<sup>st</sup> de  
Dick, & conniv'd at Enterry's panyasing /  
Co's Slaves, protectg / English Deserters &c.

A Letter was therefore dispatched to Cape  
Coast Castle f / men o War men, & two  
Chests o Buceaneer Guns, / latter by some pro-  
digious Plunder were omitted to be sent up by / Canoe  
w<sup>th</sup> / President, / Misfortune o w<sup>ch</sup> was incredible, as  
upon his arrival at / Disce the were not fire Armes  
sufficient in / Fortress f his Boys &c, otherwise a  
vigourous push upon Busha m<sup>t</sup> h reduced. /  
King to reason, but seel days were spent waitg f  
Arms, & gettg off / Sloop Dolphin, then on shoar  
in / Cove, just repaired f / Gov's use, wh beg w<sup>th</sup>  
g<sup>th</sup> labour, & difeltly affected; & / men o War men  
arrived to / number o abt 75: Bossu deserted  
his Town & retired to / Bush.

whereupon, & Intelligence Acca. / Co's Cabochere &  
dionquist received, (to wit) t / Fort wd be attacked  
in two days & / Garrison drove fm / Guns, the beg  
no Parapet to defend them on / new built Bat-  
lements, all hands proceeded to erect Para-  
pets w<sup>th</sup> Boards, Stone &c, & brot 4 Six pounders  
to bear thence upon / g<sup>th</sup> & little Towns, & put  
/ whole Fortress in as good a posture o Defence  
as Circumstces wd admit.

Durg such proceedg<sup>s</sup> / Interview happened  
between / President & Dutch Envoy's Volkmer  
& Bacot, wh proved a perplex<sup>d</sup> Affair, / whole  
day beg spent in a confused Discourse, not at  
all tendg to / Accomoda<sup>n</sup> o Matters.

The 2<sup>d</sup> day afterwards, beg / day o Attack  
advised to Acca, to wit 18<sup>th</sup> April 1750, /  
President dispatched a Boy to Bossu's Croom, to  
speak to him abt a demand o two Slaves  
Bossu had o Tando's o Commenda, but just

as / messenger was passed through / g<sup>t</sup> Town, he was stoped & turned back by Bossus people who were in arms upon / Path, & told / Boy he shd not go up to Bossus, if / President wanted anythg w<sup>h</sup> him, he must first send Bossus Relations who were Prisoners in / Castle.

Upon / messengers return, a dozen Boys were sent armed into / g<sup>t</sup> Town, to reconnoitre the numbers, & wh<sup>r</sup> they occupied / Paths in Arms as Enemies, betw<sup>n</sup> whom a skirmish happened & / Boys returned, one beg wounded.

167] Past 2 o'clock / same day a party armed appeared in / g<sup>t</sup> Town, & exulted upon / Sand, challengg / Garrison out to fight ag<sup>t</sup> whom a small Party o ab<sup>t</sup> 20 were detached, on whom a numerous Body o Bossus people fell, / Town & paths beg full o them & a v<sup>y</sup> smart Reencounter ensued, / Garrison Corps beg so few & overpowered, retreated into / Fort, w<sup>h</sup> / loss o one man killed (Cudjols Cousin at "CC. Castle") & four wounded, upon wh<sup>r</sup> Acca & Dick Cabocheers (after standg a considerable fire at th<sup>r</sup> own houses fm Bossus people & Bushia men; / Bontrys, Bushas, Succondees, Pompondees, Tacorodas, at alia, beg assembled at / Bushia Corner) retired into / Castle, by wh<sup>r</sup> time all Attenues to / Castle Fort were misteryed by / Enemy to / Amt o 3 or 4000 men, upon whom sev<sup>l</sup> g<sup>t</sup> Guns were discharged, w<sup>h</sup> single Shot, but o such Fires / President was obliged to be v<sup>y</sup> spar<sup>g</sup>, th<sup>r</sup> beg v<sup>y</sup> little Ammunition in / Fort, but one small Keg o Musquet Ball & v<sup>y</sup> few Cartridges filled.

The Enemy maintained an incessant Fire upon  
/ Castle, / Garrison amtg to abt 100 men, returned  
/ Same w small Arms, but / Athantab beg so  
numerous, advanced into / little Town, set fire  
to / Same in sev<sup>l</sup> places, & kept the Ground thro  
the fire continually fm behind, / houses thro / Port-  
holes at / Garrison till half past 6 o'clock,  
when night beg come on & Peccas Town totally  
destroyed, / Enemy retired, settg fire to / Canoe  
Shed, by wh 80 lge Joists in Store underneath  
were destroyed (an irreparable Loss), they also  
burned down / Garden Gates & did w<sup>y</sup> damage  
they possibly cd.

In / Heat o / Engagem<sup>t</sup> a French Sneau  
anchored called / Providence, Captain Wall,  
an Irish Gentleman to whom / President dis-  
patched a Canoe (lettg / men down fm / Battle-  
mts by a Rope) to desire ammuni<sup>n</sup> &c, wh /  
Captain sent v<sup>y</sup> civilly, & did v<sup>y</sup> Signal Services.

The Killed o / Garrison was 1 man, Cudjoo's Coz: ofous aid  
1 Wounded 10

O Bossus people (accordg to th<sup>o</sup> own confes<sup>n</sup>) 70  
wounded, On / Athantab, we cd not ~~hear~~ learn,  
tho by Bacot's Letter (hereafter) to Captain Wall  
many were mortally wounded.

169. Our People next m<sup>o</sup> brok in fm Busha Corner  
pieces o Bone, Skull, broken Guns &c by /  
round Shot o / G<sup>t</sup> Guns.

The 5 Hand Canoe w Stores &c was panyared  
by Pompondee, / m<sup>o</sup> o / 19<sup>th</sup> April - day after / Fight

164] A Second letter fm Mr Roberts (wh) Council  
did not think meet to send)

To  
The Gen<sup>l</sup> o' Ethiopia Dated Duck Cove 21<sup>st</sup> April V.S. 1750

I did my self / Satisfaction to write to y<sup>e</sup> /  
18<sup>th</sup> on / Subject o' present Pallaver ag<sup>st</sup> Entery,  
wherein I set forth a more impartial acct o' matter,  
than I am convinced has hitherto reached yr Honours.  
I cd not forbear touchg tenderly on / Behaviour &  
Share Mr Bacot bears in it tho w<sup>ch</sup> gr<sup>at</sup> Cause, fm  
a Terror o' prejudicg & Gentleman's reputa<sup>n</sup> wh  
wants so much ritrieng, or injur'g him in his  
Credit w<sup>ch</sup> yr Honours, & Ev<sup>ry</sup> good man: but as  
daily informans (well warranted o' Facts flag-  
nantly unjust & insultg) reach me, I dare not de-  
sist fm breakg in upon yr Honours' att<sup>n</sup>, w<sup>ch</sup>  
a few Recital o' t<sup>e</sup> poor mans mischievous dispo-  
sition, bec / Affairs is too concerng / British Pro-  
perty & Prerogative beg at Stake

The m<sup>o</sup>g o' 19<sup>th</sup> pass, a French Vessel pas-  
sed this Fort, to whom Mr Bacot dispatched a  
letter o' wh<sup>ch</sup> herewith is a Copy

Vide letter before to Captain Wall.

The Original I sh<sup>d</sup> submit w<sup>ch</sup> o' matters  
to / Ministry o' England, however I observe  
to yr Honours t<sup>e</sup> / first Sentence is a falsity (not  
at all surprisg fm a man so propense to Un-  
truth, & Strife as / Author) fm / purport yr  
Honours therefore can no longer doubt o' Mr  
Bacots beg a Principal in / Pallaver

166] The English Subjects made no attack  
upon his people, or his Allies, on observg a  
party in Arms, exultg & vapourg on / Sand in my  
Town under / Guns, abt a dozen persons went

To see who they were, but did not advance fm  
under / Fort, & if they had, I am sorry Mr Bacot  
shd be concerned in sending so lge a Body o  
Men armed into my Town. I know o no busi-  
ness his people had off Dutch ground, or under  
my Fort especially to attack it & / Town, so  
many hours as they did, & in the at least 4,000.

Mr Bacot has also parpared a Canoe  
fm C-C-C - w Stores & letters on his Majesty's  
Service f his Sloop here & this Fort, wh he has  
detained.

Mr Bacot has fur sent his Boy & Came w  
repeated Messages to Aggebah &c, chargg  
those people to keep continuedl watch &  
parpare wth English Canoe.

It will surprize / world, a Factor o /  
States shd presume (w<sup>th</sup> Cause) to seize Canoes  
loaded w / thing o G<sup>t</sup> Britain's Stores & Cre-  
dentials, at a time / Fort they were destined  
f to was attacked on all sides, it is an aggr<sup>ess</sup>  
C<sup>o</sup> w<sup>o</sup> parts o his (conduct) too insultg on a  
Crowned Head, & can only tend to embroil  
two / most friendly powers in Europe.

This really shocking a Man shd be  
honoured w an Employment, who wd dare  
to let an unhappy Spleen & unquiet Dispos<sup>in</sup>  
prevail over him beyond / Bounds o Duty  
& Justice, & so conveniently contrary to his  
Gen's Inclination, as p<sup>er</sup> tenor o his letters to  
/ Council wh he so candidly purported / most  
Sincere Dispos<sup>in</sup> to good Harmony & friendship  
to each o<sup>r</sup> in our appointments on this Coast,  
as well as preserve it betw both our Honble



149] Answer 4<sup>th</sup> May N.S. 1750

Fm / Gen. o Elmira

To

Messrs / Husbands & Boteler

N.B. The only answer to 3 Letters fm / Council  
& President

I am honoured w<sup>th</sup> yours o / 21<sup>st</sup> April O.S.  
by wh<sup>ch</sup> I am informed t<sup>h</sup> y<sup>e</sup> continued still to  
think t<sup>h</sup> / Troublers at Dixcove hd th<sup>e</sup> Origin  
fm / Hollanders or fm / people at Busha  
(assisted by / Hollanders) & t<sup>h</sup> / Detail Mr  
Roberts hd made to y<sup>e</sup> o it t<sup>h</sup> he hd acted only on  
/ Defensive, to w<sup>ch</sup> / answer I received fm  
him are absolutely Gospel, w<sup>ch</sup> I judg<sup>e</sup> it fitt<sup>g</sup>  
f<sup>r</sup> / to reflect.

T on one side Mr Roberts approves o  
everythg done by Mr Senior & is not at all  
inclined to attend to / answer o my Envoys  
on / Side o / Dutch sayg in reply to those  
Gentlemen, wh<sup>ch</sup> I t<sup>h</sup> / honour to send y<sup>e</sup> inclosed  
The was so well persuaded o / Justice o his  
Cause, as to want no fur<sup>r</sup> informan<sup>t</sup> and t<sup>h</sup> if  
my Envoys wd not deliver up his Subjects -  
The yem Key, Coffee Hydrus, Quacoo Croom,  
& The w<sup>th</sup> King Entrey, t<sup>h</sup> Busha shd not remain  
Busha, & t<sup>h</sup> he wd ruin ~~the~~ It in what<sup>r</sup> manner  
he cd.

The sd Gentleman fr President has kept his  
word, f<sup>r</sup> as soon as he hd received his Soldiers  
fm Cape Coast, he in / Afternoon sent his Troops  
to fire upon Busha / Town o Busha, after

wh / Inhabitants came unto & pursued the  
 Enemies wnt to / fort o Duxcov, & set fire to /  
 Town o / sd Fort.

Can this manner o act<sup>g</sup>, wh I h / honour  
 to relate to y ( & wh v<sup>y</sup> plainly is / Truth ) be called  
 Defensiv<sup>e</sup>, & such as wd not interrupt / friend-  
 ship wh subsists betw / two respective na<sup>es</sup>,  
 indeed I can't think so, & I fancy w<sup>y</sup> neutral  
 person wd be o / same Opinion

I can't therefore help be<sup>g</sup> much surpris'd  
 t<sup>h</sup> Mr Roberts sh<sup>d</sup> come to Duxcov, to accomodate  
 151] & to assert & maintain / Rights o his most  
 Respectable King, sh<sup>d</sup> not think proper to  
 listen to / Defence on / side o / Dutch Subjects as  
 it is / Duty o a Judge never to condemn a person  
 till he has heard his Defence.

now as th<sup>gs</sup> cannot be settled in an amicable  
 manner but by this means I sh<sup>d</sup> be glad Gentle-  
 men t<sup>h</sup> Mr Roberts wd appoint a day o  
 Interview w<sup>th</sup> my Envoy's in order to examine /  
 Messengers, wh he pass'd betw<sup>en</sup> Mr  
 Senior & King Enterry, wh<sup>o</sup> / sd King really  
 sent him so s<sup>h</sup>ock<sup>t</sup>g an Answer as Mr  
 Roberts sets down in his letter.

According to / Informants receiv'd on my  
 side fm / sd King, he appears entirely innocent  
 Surely Gentlemen y wd not h<sup>ave</sup> the condemn  
 a person who is ready to take his Oath o his  
 Innocence when I h<sup>ave</sup> not heard his Accusers in  
 his pres<sup>ent</sup> presence, wd not such a proceed<sup>g</sup> be  
 contrary to all Christian Law's.

y are pleas'd to persist in affirm<sup>g</sup> t<sup>h</sup> y was  
 only endeavour<sup>g</sup> to do y<sup>r</sup> Selves Justice upon /  
 people o Busha, as they protect'd y<sup>r</sup> Deserters,

but nevertheless t / Chief o Boutry had thot  
proper to raise all / Athantas & soon to corrupt  
yr own Cabocheer Bozee: I shd be ashamed  
to commit such a meanness, & defye any man  
breathy to conferra / Truth o what y so expressly  
asserth.

y say t yr intentions are so far fm univrsal /  
Dutch territories, t y seek to protect them, by  
protecty yr own, as y think t / Interest o Euro-  
peans shd to be united in order to preserve thir  
powers amg / Barbarians, & t I h no reason  
to complain o / proceedy o Mr Roberts, who is in-  
deavouring to do himself Justice, but on / contrary  
y hd gt reason o Complaint agst Mr Bacot f  
not havg assisted y in punishy / fugitive  
Cabocheers.

To wh I h / honour to answer t I am  
vry glad to find we agree in our Sentiments  
w regard to / punishm<sup>t</sup> o any one who sh  
commit a Crime upon either / two names, &  
in such a case y sh always find me ready to  
assist.

Permit me to ask y Gentlemen, if  
Messrs Volkmer & Bacot h refused Mr Roberts  
to act in t manner?

If they not bn ready to own t / Negroes  
Coffee Quindor (ic) Hydrue, & Quacoo Croom  
153] were culpable & therefore a reasonable Satisfac<sup>n</sup>  
shd not be refused Mr Roberts, provided  
he wd remedy / Male practices o yr Chief  
Senior in / Dutch Town o Samcor, & t he  
wd also release / two Subjects o Enterry.

But Mr Roberts, not content w this, thot It  
more conducive to his Glory to seek his Right  
(if I may call it by t name) upon / Territory

o an allied na<sup>n</sup>, by attacking / Inhabitants w arms  
 in hand, & wd of h / Chief o Bonting remain  
 in / meantime inactive, & suffer / people under  
 his protec<sup>n</sup> to be defeated & cut to pieces  
 good might then to / Sovereignty o our States  
 Gen & o / West India Co when they submit  
 thus to / English na<sup>n</sup>

I am pleased to ask next if / taking /  
 Cannon w / necessaries of War Roberts, wh con-  
 sists o Guns, Cutlasses &c, is a Reprisal on my side,  
 to wh I h / honour to answer, t / Capture  
 was made on t part o / Coast where you (or wh  
 is / same thg) Mr Roberts that proper to fire  
 upon yr Seal o War, and I think / Right o  
 War permits / intercept<sup>g</sup> any Arms &c wh may  
 be assist<sup>g</sup> in my ruin.

Ih never had any design to push / Affair  
 to Extremities (or its utmost length) a con-  
 vincing proof<sup>o</sup> o wh is t nothg belong<sup>g</sup> to /  
 English has ben stoped in any o<sup>r</sup> place, as w<sup>t</sup>  
 mt h ben / Case, had I ben inclined to th I  
 wished only to terminate / matter in an  
 amicable manner, & since it is now no  
 longer in doubt t / Bishha people are ~~also~~  
 assisted by / Chief Bacob, by my orders,  
 as a people belong<sup>g</sup> to / States Gen,  
 owing it all, w all my Soul,

I protest solemnly t my real desire is rather  
 to accomodate / Affair in an agreeable manner,  
 than to take advantage o y, w / superior  
 forces wh God almighty has put into my hands,  
 & wh are certainly on my Side. I sincerely

offer to stop / Affairs (w<sup>t</sup> / least Vanity) as soon as  
y<sup>e</sup> sh<sup>d</sup> please to put an end to all Acts o<sup>f</sup> Hostilities  
agst<sup>st</sup> / Inhabitants o<sup>f</sup> Busha; & to permit an  
interview w<sup>th</sup> my Envoys, in order to examine all  
hands t<sup>h</sup> are concerned as y<sup>e</sup> h<sup>ad</sup> before h<sup>ad</sup> /  
155] honour to tell y<sup>e</sup> in / beginning o<sup>f</sup> this letter,  
f<sup>r</sup> truly / Continuanc<sup>e</sup> o<sup>f</sup> Hostilities cannot  
be but w<sup>th</sup> bad End, & little honourable either to /  
Council at Cape Coast Castle or to / Gen<sup>l</sup> o<sup>f</sup> /  
Mine, as y<sup>e</sup> h<sup>ad</sup> well remarked. Gentleman,  
I expect y<sup>e</sup> answer to be

J V Voorst

Postscript

After this was finished I received just  
when / Gates were opened, y<sup>e</sup> letter, by  
wh<sup>ch</sup> I perceive y<sup>e</sup> Intenc<sup>s</sup> o<sup>f</sup> ending  
Hostilities at Dixcove. I am go<sup>g</sup> to write /  
same th<sup>g</sup> to my Envoys, & sh<sup>d</sup> order them  
to conclude w<sup>th</sup> Mr Roberts as soon  
as possible.

155 cont<sup>d</sup>]

Representa<sup>n</sup> o<sup>f</sup> Messrs Volkmer &  
Bacot o<sup>f</sup> Interview they h<sup>ad</sup> at Dixcove  
w<sup>th</sup> Mr Roberts / President, enclosed in  
/ above letter fm Gen Van Voorst to  
Messrs Husbands & Boteler

27<sup>th</sup> April 1750  
NS

Viz

After hav<sup>g</sup> made due Inform<sup>n</sup> & after  
hav<sup>g</sup> provided ourselves w<sup>th</sup> / Interrogatory  
accord<sup>g</sup> to / Tenour o<sup>f</sup> / Comis<sup>n</sup> y<sup>e</sup> w<sup>as</sup> &  
pleas<sup>d</sup> to give us, We went to / English  
Fork at Dixcove, where was Mr Roberts,

Chief Agent o / Royal African Co o England,  
 157] w design to show / Innocence o King  
 Enterry, & to desire / givg back / Two negroe  
 Women payared in / Town o Sancer & to be  
 also release / Two Subjects o Enterry.

But Mr Roberts not content w this, that  
 it more conducive to his glory!

Women payared in / Town o Sancer, belong  
 to / sd King Enterry, by / order o Mr Senior,  
 Chief o Dixcaro, & them to own sincerely t  
 Two negroes Coffee Guidor & Quacoo Croom  
 were culpable, & therefore t he we wd not re-  
 fuse / English man a Satisfac<sup>n</sup> equal to  
 tll committed, provided they wd reciprocally  
 do / Same on occasion o Mr Senior havg tres-  
 passed on / Dutch Town o Sancer, by sendg  
 a number o people armed w<sup>th</sup> & Cutlasses [sic  
 "Guns" omitted] in order to attempt an  
 aformal attack upon / Dutch Subjects, & after-  
 wards by payaring & keepg Two negroe  
 Women belongg to Enterry King o Phanta.

Immediately on our arrival we endeavoured  
 to enter into conversac<sup>n</sup> w Mr Roberts concerng  
 this Affaire, in order, after all informac<sup>n</sup> were  
 well looked into, to finish it.

But to our gr<sup>t</sup> Surprise, we were given  
 to understand by him, t he wd not make  
 up any Affaire w any one till Enterry King  
 o Phanta delivered up / negroes Aheyankoy,  
 Coffee Hydruet, Quacoo Croom & tye.

And even after receivg negroes, he  
 wd hold no sort o Conversac<sup>n</sup> unless Enterry  
 himself in person did Surrender himself up to /  
 Fort.

Say I fear t he was so well assured o /  
Justice o his Cause, t he wd bear no  
159] more, as in truth We h<sup>ve</sup> found f he neither  
see nor hear King Enterrys answer to / Accu-  
sam, nor our Demand

I will easily conceive them by what I h<sup>ve</sup>  
told y, t we cd do nothg more, since / about  
mentioned Gentleman Mr Richards wd not hear-  
ken to / Innocence on our side, & all t was got  
on one side & / O<sup>ur</sup> Amts on this to this-  
vizd.

t / Negroes before named (t is to say)  
Atheyantey, Coffee quedor (ie) Hydru, ~~Quaco~~  
Quacoo (wom + tye, are English Subjects, &  
t King Enterry has taken them under his Protec<sup>on</sup>.

t Enterry is / person & no one else  
who took / four Cos Slaves, & therefore t he  
will first h<sup>is</sup> Subjects, after wh he sh see  
what he has to do w Enterry

But in case his ~~Subj~~ Subjects are not  
restored immediately, he will endeavour to  
do himself Justice to / do himself last  
extremity

To this We sd t Atheyantey was no  
longer on Dutch Ground & t Coffee quedor  
quedor & Quacoo (wom were Dutch  
Subjects

moreover, t / Negroe Tye at Accoda  
was in / Bush, & consequently out o our power,

161] t King Enterry was innocent &  
unculpable, w regard to paying 3 / four  
Cos Slaves, as well as to / Accusam agt him

But all this signified nothing, We received  
 f answer.

† / sd Mr Purberts was well assured  
 by his people o / Justness o his Cause, may  
 he even justified our Senior, when we com-  
 plained o his having sent his people to Samcor  
 (a Town belongg to / King) to fight & also  
 to panyare Two Negroe Women belongg to  
 / sd King, as accordg to what he says, Bushra  
 & Enterry / King belonged much more to /  
English than Samcor, consequently t our  
 Senior had no occas<sup>n</sup> to give any acct o what  
 had passed before this

And fur, t if he did not receive present  
 Satisfac<sup>n</sup>, he wd take Care t Bushra shd not  
 long remain Bushra, as having a design, we  
 suppose to kill

Continu<sup>g</sup> our demands in order to pre-  
 vent his beginn<sup>g</sup> Hostilities, before we had  
 made y acquainted w this, & informed ourselves  
 if certainly Quacoo Croom, Coffee quedown,  
 & Tye were English Subjects, to wh he wd  
 not answer.

at our return home, we enquired abt it, &  
 h bn told t Coffee quedown was a Native  
Subject to / Dutch Na<sup>n</sup>.

\* Quacoo Croom is a Negroe o  
Enterrys, who first lived at Dicose, & within  
 these three years in / Country behind Bentry.

And t Tye was an Inhabitant in /  
Country o Accoda, wh also belongs to / Dutch Na<sup>n</sup>.

\* Enterrys

2 - a second letter from Mr Roberts, p 40 supra

169] From Wm Husbands & Thomas Boteler Esqrs

To  
Gen Van Vorst

Dated 22<sup>d</sup> April 1750

Sent instead o/ above after Messrs Hippiusley & Bigonal had bin thro' & brot a verbal message back o/ appointing a Cessa<sup>n</sup>.

The President an entire stranger to all these proceed. no advice reachg thereof at Dixcove, or till on his departure at Succoonde.

By / return o/ Messrs Hippiusley & Bigonal, who had / hon<sup>r</sup> to wait on y w our letters, yesterday date, we are informed t your ["Honour omitted"] is pleased to declare t y were as much adverse to all Acts o/ Hostilities as we ourselves are, & wd therefore readily consent to any proposals we cd make to your Honour preparatory to / accomodatg & settlg / present Quarrel at Dixcove, & t in order thereto, y was pleased to intimate to them, as / first Step necessary to be taken, must be, to order all Acts o/ Hostilities to cease, so if we wd write to Mr Roberts desiring It to be forbid, on our parts, y wd likewise give orders to yr Chief o/ Bontroy to / same effect.

It is, Sir, w / great Satisfaction we find yr Hon<sup>r</sup> so willing to put an end to / gr Effusion o/ Blood, wh can be o no Service to either party, & therefore, Sir, w pleasure t we embrace / proposal.

This then waits on y, to desire y will be pleased to give orders to yr Chief Mr Bacot to cease all Hostilities agst / English, & we sh this night dispatch a Canoe f Dixcove to Mr Roberts, t it may cease on our part, in order t a meeting may be proposed f settlg this Affair, when we doubt not but to convince y how ready we still continue to be w all imaginable Respect t  
W H.

169] Fm/Gen  
 To  
 W<sup>th</sup> Husband & Boteler Sps } May 10<sup>th</sup> N.S. 1750

I did me / pleasure to inform me in  
 yr agreeable o / 23<sup>d</sup> O.S. t<sup>y</sup> had dispatched a  
 Canoe t<sup>y</sup> night to Discover to Mr Roberts abt  
 ceasing all Hostilities on yr Side, in order t<sup>y</sup> an  
 Interview shd be determined on f setle<sup>d</sup> / Affair.

Upon wh<sup>ch</sup> I had / honour o answering y / next  
 day (viz) / 4<sup>th</sup> o this month N.S. abt bottom o my  
 Letter in / followg manner [cf p 47 supra].

(<sup>1</sup>) after this was finished I received just  
 as / Gates were opened yr Letter by wh<sup>ch</sup> I  
 perceive yr Inclination to put an end to  
 Hostilities abt Discover.

I am go<sup>g</sup> to write to my Envoys to do / same  
 & to seek an accommod<sup>n</sup> w<sup>th</sup> Mr Roberts, so t<sup>y</sup>  
 / Affair may be finish<sup>d</sup>

It seems to me Gentlemen t<sup>y</sup> this manner o pro-  
 ceedg on both sides cannot but appear laudable in /  
 Eyes o / Sovereigns we / honour o serving

And I had flattered myself so much o having all  
 finished t<sup>y</sup> I began to rejoice abt see<sup>g</sup> a Correspond<sup>ce</sup> put  
 an end to, wh<sup>ch</sup> indeed only wearies me.

But now I begin to find I am to be / Dupe  
 in this Affair. F<sup>r</sup> my Deputies inform me t<sup>y</sup> Mr  
 Roberts had set on<sup>ly</sup> f<sup>r</sup> Discover three days before  
 after having supplied / Fort w<sup>th</sup> provisions f<sup>r</sup> a Bristol  
 & a New England Ship; w<sup>th</sup> having had any Interview  
 w<sup>th</sup> them, & had surely left v<sup>y</sup> diff<sup>r</sup> orders f<sup>r</sup> what  
 y wrote me.

F / Day before yest<sup>r</sup> / King o Aghanta go<sup>g</sup> into  
 / Borth under / Assurance given him by / Envoys  
 at Boutry, t<sup>y</sup> had forbid all Hostilities & w<sup>th</sup> en-  
 deavours o to firmimate / Pallawez (in a friendly  
 manner) w<sup>th</sup> abt Ten or Twelve o his people to

plant his corn, he was attacked by a Co o ye Negroes  
at / head o wh was a Boy o his Seniors called  
Tamus, they discharged the Guns, after wh a shot  
was fired fm Dixcove Fort

171] I leave entirely to yr decision if this is hon-  
our & in use amongst Christians, wher it  
shows / least mark o friendship & desire o an  
accommoda<sup>n</sup>

I therefore find myself obliged to ask if y  
still wd keep to what y wrote in / letter o /  
13<sup>rd</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> mentioned above

In wh case beg y<sup>o</sup>ld be so good as to  
begin / work, or if not to let me know if /  
sd concern subsists no more

Waitg f this favour, I remain w all my heart  
J. V. Voors<sup>r</sup>

170] Fm / Council }  
To } Dated 30<sup>th</sup> April 1750  
Gen Van Voors<sup>r</sup>

We do ourselves / honour to inform y t  
John Roberts Esq<sup>r</sup> President o / Council &c. is  
arrived here, meetg a letter at Succowee to  
acquaint him o a mutual desire for a ces-  
sation o Hostilities, he dispatched his or-  
ders to Dixcove f / same to be observed, in  
order to enter into a Treaty f settlg / present  
Disturbce in / Ahanta Country, especially  
such part thereof, as yr Honour may judge  
concerns / W. I. - Co o Holland, where British  
Property & Prerogative remain secure fm En-  
croachmts, we are not ambitious o makg  
new Acquisitions, but to preserve / Honour &  
Jurisdiction o / King our Royal Master, & / British  
Nan; & sh always study to do / same amicably

but if attacked cannot sit down tamely & observe such Right invaded (as in / present Case at Discove), it will give us infinite pleasure to convince y<sup>e</sup> of Justice o our Cause & / Veracity o our Asser<sup>n</sup>; wh we are in no doubt, to find any Difficulty to do, & L<sup>ty</sup> Chief Bacon has grossly deceived y<sup>e</sup> in his Inform<sup>n</sup>.

We h flattered our selves some time in expectation o a Visit fr y<sup>e</sup> to Mr Roberts; as / Stranger, if y<sup>e</sup> will do us t<sup>e</sup> honour (when it suits y<sup>e</sup> ~~convenience~~ conveniency) we shd be extremely proud o so favourable an oppy to treat w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> in / Affair in ques<sup>n</sup>, & we expect fr Honour, before we enter into Treaty, will give orders f / Restitu<sup>n</sup> o / s hand Cannon, People, Stores &c, belongg to / King o G<sup>t</sup> Britain, t was seized at Bonting in / way to Discove f / Defence o His Majesty's Fort th<sup>er</sup>, when it was in danger, & was afterwards attacked by a N<sup>o</sup>. o Barbarians.

172] Sir, it with surprize / world an Officer o States shd so seize his Brit<sup>ish</sup> Britainick Majesty's Stores & Credentials, as we had no int<sup>n</sup> to give Offense or Disturbce to / Subjects o States o Holland; ~~we~~ we declare our aser<sup>n</sup> to any mean private way o breedg Disputes, it is our Amb<sup>n</sup> amb<sup>n</sup> to set all matters in a clear Light, & t<sup>e</sup> fr Honour shd be nicely informed o s<sup>t</sup> minute Circumst<sup>es</sup>, wh cannot be done by / Interpret<sup>n</sup> o Negroes, fr one to / O<sup>r</sup>, who by want o Compreh<sup>n</sup> generally destroy / Sense & meaning proposed, wh often times breeds Confu<sup>n</sup>.

As you've declared, it wd be agreeable to y<sup>e</sup> to settle this Affair by Treaty, we are o opinion, it will be soon completed when / Two European Powers are so inclined &c.

Postscript

While / above was under Transla<sup>n</sup> we received  
 yr Honours letter o / 10<sup>th</sup> May 1750. to wh<sup>ch</sup> as y  
 desire a short answer, we beg leave only to ob-  
 serve to y, / late advice y received fm yr Deputy  
 appears but to well to agree on falacy w / former  
 advice fm / same hands; it appears Mr Roberts  
 hd dispatched orders f a Cession o Hostilities, how-  
 ever / Spanish y ~~in~~ mention be happened  
 before those orders arrived, yet not begun by  
 our, but by / Busha people, as will appear by /  
 acct<sup>s</sup> we've received fm them inclosed [in o<sup>r</sup>], y  
 will give leave to a little Reflex<sup>n</sup> it will not  
 be difficult to discover t our Fort o Discover & Ho  
 o people th<sup>er</sup> are in no sort o condin<sup>n</sup> f detach<sup>g</sup>  
 armed parties, & as to providg our Fort w  
 provins Stores & Ammunition, we can't ap-  
 prehend t can give yr Honours offence. Give  
 us leave to repeat agn to yr Honours, t th<sup>is</sup>  
 is nothg we more earnestly wish f than /  
 Settl<sup>g</sup> & adjustg this Affair, to our Con-  
 stituents' & yr full Satisfac<sup>n</sup>, as it will be our  
 ambit<sup>n</sup> always to convince y<sup>r</sup>.

171] Fm Gen Van Kersst

To  
 The Council at Cape Coast Castle

} Dated 12<sup>th</sup> May 1750

I thank y f / inform<sup>n</sup> y give me  
 o Mr Roberts return to Cape Coast, who I hope  
 is in health

And w regard to answer to yr favour,  
 permit me to tell y t / 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph o it  
 seems ~~to~~ so equivocal to me, t before I  
 can make Reply it will be necessary t y

shd enlighten it a little.

It wd h bin dog myself gr Pleasure & hon-  
our to h pd my respects to Mr Roberts on his  
arrival on / Coast, but it was impossible f  
me to leave Elmira (as I hd / hon. to inform / sd  
Gentleman in appropriate Letter some time ago) & as /  
same Obstacle still remains (viz) not havg an Officer  
whom I cd delegate f / Command in my absence, I  
hope t One o y Gentlemen will honour me w his presce  
at Elmira, in order to consult abt fallg on some  
means, by wh / Affair in Agitam may be regulated.

I am ready to restore yr Carol, People, & Am-  
munition, as soon as y sh think proper to set at di-  
berty / Two Negro Women belongg to / King o  
Phaonta, wh yr Chief o Dixcove, Sir Senior, par-  
yared agst all manner a reason & right via /  
Dutch Town o Sancow.

Y are pleased to remark t / World wd be  
surprized when it sees an Officer o / States  
Seizg / Stores & Credentials o his Britannick  
Majesty, as y hd no Intenn to offend / States o  
Holland.

173] I believe w y neutral man wd make a v y  
diff t Observan, & I shd h thot my Officers w y  
blamable if they hd they not acted in / man-  
ner. they did, f they did not parryare yr Carol  
& <sup>x</sup> kill such time as yr English Gentlemen thot  
fit to attack & kill / inhabitants or people who  
live under / protectm o / States o Holland &  
who serve & know no o / Sovereign than / Dutch;  
this is a proof o yr havg no sort o Intenn  
to offend / Dutch, but as nothg o this is to be  
believed, to gr w / Relations fr my Envoys, wh I  
hd / honour to communicate to y Gentlemen, I  
say, as nothg o this is to be believed, it is then v y neces-  
sary & ogt Consequet t Some Body or d shd repair  
to / place o Dispute, in order to terminate it if it is f  
this reason, Gentlemen, I reiterate what was contained  
in my last & am to

J. V. Voorst

172] Fm / Council at "C.C.C."

to  
Gen Van Voorst

Dated May 4<sup>th</sup> 1750

We h / honour o yr favour o / 12<sup>th</sup> Inst<sup>r</sup>  
N.S. & after examining / first Paragraph in our letter  
o / 30<sup>th</sup> OS must confess t we cannot perceive any  
~~part~~ 174] part therein t savours o Equivocan. We  
hope in so just a cause (as we take ours to be) we h  
no occasion f any Artifice, however you'll at all  
times find us ready to clear up any point t may  
appear mysterious, if I will please to signify  
what part thereof appears so to y.

The reason o our desiring Yr Honours Co at  
"C.C.C." proceeded fm being convinced / present Tu-  
mult in / Athanta Country can't be settled  
unless y & our Roberts meet, then it will soon  
be found who gave occ<sup>n</sup> thereto, but it is we  
apprehend o such a nature as cannot be settled  
by Deputies, if, then, Sir, y prove t we or any o  
our Officers h unbringed or invaded any part  
o / property, Rights, or priviledges o / W. Y. Co o  
Holland, we sh be ready to make f or / par-  
ticulars impaired, Satisfac<sup>n</sup>, but if it be proved  
t / British Rights & Priviledges were broke in  
upon We sh respect / Same, at / same time give  
us leave to assure y, t we are not only willg, but  
desirous to end this Dispute by treaty w y in a  
candid friendly manner, but being attacked  
when endeavouring to preserve our rights (wh was  
actually / Case at Dixcove) We presume it was  
no Crime to defend ~~ours~~ our Selves, or to take  
such methods as we thot proper to bring / Aggres-  
sors to Justice, who hd insulted us w<sup>t</sup> provo-  
cation, & we hope our acts will appear to any  
impartial Judge t we are not desirous to make  
new Acquisitions, but t our Aim was to defend or  
preserve / property & jurisdiction o / British na<sup>n</sup>  
when invaded, in / security ~~o~~ whereof we

are accountable to / King our Royal Master, as his  
 Servants, & as Englishmen to our Country

We wd gladly refer / dec'n o this Dispute to  
 any neutral person if sufficiently acquainted w  
 Affairs on both sides, but we surprized y charge  
 us w havg attacked & killed / Subjects of States o  
 Holland when, on / contrary, after repeated in-  
 sults fm Busha people, we were attacked in our  
 Fort, as will appear by / people killed & wounded  
 havg received such hurts fm / Guns o Dixcove  
 Fort, & we are gely surprized what yr Subjects did  
 thro, we havg no Pallaver w / people we looked  
 upon to be under yr protect'n & we cannot con-  
 ceive our defendg / British Prerogative shd give  
 y offence, It was foreign to our Int'n.

As to / restora<sup>n</sup> o / Canoe we apprehend  
 it to be no connect'n w / two women. pariyared  
 by our Senior as those women were pariyared &  
 176] detained on Entury's head on his first pariyar<sup>d</sup>  
 our Cos Slaves & refusg to deliver to our Chief /  
 English Subjects, Phey ankey, Coffee Hydrwe,  
 Quacco Cwom & Tye, when demanded, & f  
 his (Entury's) people appearg afterwards in  
 arms within Pistol Shot o our Fort, whereas y ac-  
 knowlege / Canoe was seized by yr order on yo  
 or Dec<sup>r</sup>, than in consequence o / English havg first  
 attacked & killed yr Subjects (as y are pleased to  
 assert). Now, Sir, give us leave to say, We  
 know o no person on either side beg<sup>d</sup> so much  
 as wounded till / afternoon o / 18th Ult. OS.  
 when / gen Attack was made, & / Canoe in  
 quest<sup>n</sup> was pariyared next morning at Bontry.  
 Now y cd receive advice o t Engagemt & yr  
 orders arrive thro in time to seize / Canoe, we  
 cannot conceive, & therefore we hope you' l agn  
 allow us to demand / restit<sup>n</sup> thereof

We, Sir, can't but firmly believe / Accto we h / Honour  
to transmit y o / Pallaver, as we h our informa<sup>ns</sup>  
fm a person who is desirous this affair shd be  
fairly stated & debated, & Satisfac<sup>n</sup> made to /  
Injured. Our President was upon / Spot & care  
fully examined into all / Transac<sup>ns</sup> t occurred  
before his Arrival ther & was himself Actor & can  
attest what past fm t time if yr Honours hd re-  
solved to h supported this Pallaver & hd taken  
/ same steps, we are Satisfied this Affair wd  
not h come to / height it is.

He is ready to return to Disceuse to meet  
y thr, or to any o<sup>r</sup> place y Judge proper, in or-  
der to settle this Dispute, consistent w his  
Character as President o this Council, & his  
Honour as an English man, but must beg  
you'l excuse his waitg on y of Edmunda.

It is our desire sincerely to live in Union &  
friendship w y durg our Appointm<sup>ts</sup> on this  
Coast & it gives us concern / unhappy Splain  
& unquiet Dispos<sup>n</sup> o yr Factor Bacot shd  
occasion it to be o'wise, or prevail upon him  
to go beyond / Bounds o his Duty & Justice, & if  
we h / Honour to h a meetg w y, / proper  
Swidces on both sides examined, we doubt not but  
to convince y, t he is in a g<sup>d</sup> measure / Occan o /  
late Engage m<sup>t</sup> & t he has stretched if not ex-  
~~ceeded~~ cceeded yr orders. We fear a Dispute o  
this Sort cannot be settled w<sup>th</sup> such meetg,  
therefore we beg leave to assure y, we most  
ardently wish f / Same. &c

J. R.

W. H.

T. B.

119] From Gen Van Vorst }  
 To } Dated 19<sup>th</sup> May 1750  
 The Council at "CCC"

By / Honour o yrs o / 4<sup>th</sup> OS. I perceive t  
 / g<sup>l</sup>est part o it is no more than a Recital o what  
 you've already sd in yr preced<sup>g</sup> letters (viz) de-  
 fendg yr affair as an entirely just one

145] I find nothing in / Accts<sup>y</sup> by my Envoys to  
 make me distrust them, Gentlemen, they were  
 upon / Spots as well as Mr Roberts, they took care  
 to get / most part<sup>r</sup> informants o / beginning o this  
 Quarrel, as the Accts seem to me to tally v<sup>y</sup> justly  
 w<sup>th</sup> one ano<sup>r</sup> in short I am not afraid to pur-  
 sue those methods they h<sup>e</sup> begun, f / defence  
 o / Authority o my Sovereigns.

I really do ~~not see~~ don't see why / Dis-  
 pute, m<sup>t</sup> not be regulated on my side by Envoys,  
 f<sup>r</sup> this & it was [sic] t as soon as he [sic]  
 heard Mr Roberts was gone to Dixcove, I sent  
 Mr Volkmer to Bontuy w<sup>th</sup> orders to wait on  
 Mr Roberts & treat w<sup>th</sup> him in Dixcove Fort;  
 but after they h<sup>d</sup> done themselves t honours yr  
 President wd not hear any o th<sup>r</sup> reasons, hence  
 arises / Cause o Affairs tak<sup>g</sup> / Turn in wh<sup>ch</sup>  
 they now remain

If are pleased to say t if he [sic] h<sup>d</sup>  
 resolved to manage / Pallaver w<sup>th</sup> Mr Roberts  
 h<sup>d</sup> done, it never wd h<sup>e</sup> gain'd this head,  
 why this is absolutely ridiculous Gentlemen, do  
 y imagine / Gen o Elmira is to set out w<sup>th</sup> all ex-  
 pedim like a Post Boy where<sup>n</sup> / English Gentle-  
 men sh please to enter into Disputes w<sup>th</sup> /  
 Inhabitants o / Dutch Na<sup>m</sup>

But t it is a truth beyond all contra-

die in (a o wh / Consequences are a Proof) & Mr  
Roberts had no design to finish / Affairs amicably  
f immediately on his arrival at Dixcove, he sent  
orders f Soldiers to come in Canoes fm Cape Coast,  
after whose arrival he made / first attack on  
/ Dutch Town & Inhabitants o Bushra, those  
~~people~~ people pursued / attackers under Dixcove  
Fork, so t yr wonder o Dutch Subjects be g thro:  
ot to cease.

I say t Mr Roberts is ready to set off out  
f Dixcove in order to meet me, & excuse him fm  
dng me t honour at Elmina, this makes me  
think y h a mind to enlarge / Dispute, as I h  
hd / honour to give y my reasons in my last  
o / 12<sup>th</sup> Instant why it was impossible f me  
to go to C-C-C in person, & youd now h me  
perform a Journey o much gter length, wh  
indeed, I cant do. I am resolved, how-  
ever, as I sd before, & ~~if~~ (if y continue in  
/ mind o finishing / Dispute by / means o  
Mr Roberts or any Body else) to send my  
first Councillor Mrs Sandra, Governour o  
Chama Fork, as soon as swi I sh be informed  
o Mr Roberts departure f Dixcove, I send  
this Gentleman in / room o Mr Bacot, as y  
complain so much o him, tho at / same time  
y prove no hurt t he has done; by this  
means, perhaps, / Offendg Party may be  
convinced he ot to render Satisfac<sup>n</sup> to /  
Injured, shd mine be in / wrong, assure  
yourselves Ients o fair & just Satisfac<sup>n</sup>.

I must now inform y, I can give no orders f / Delivery o anything parayed by / Busha people, as y Judge / two women parayed by Mrs Senior belongg to / King o Achantia, h no connexion w those thgs.

I dare say / people o Achantia wd o themselves h kept quiet, & I foresee v dangerous consequences, if I don't get yr selves to work to scrutinise this affair, f / report t goes abt o yr seekg assistance fm / ffeture & fanyrn people, perhaps incites & provokes them evy day to acn & I am certain / acn - counter wh y tell me o, in yrs o / ych Instant, has this Origin, indeed I know nothg o It but fm yr letter. I am re.

J. V. Vorosh

178] fm / Council at C.C.C. } Dated y<sup>th</sup> May 05. 1750  
 The Gen<sup>To</sup> o Elmira

We do ourselves / honour to transmit y Mr Andrew Johnson's Original letter, received last night [next], added to what we h before informed, we flatter ourselves we sh not h been occ<sup>n</sup> to amplify to convince y o / treacherous inform<sup>ns</sup> you've received concerning / Dispute at Discove, please to observe Sir / frequent Attacks made by Entery & his people upon our Subjects, notes I owe consent to an interm<sup>n</sup> o Hostilities, so I we cannot entertain a thot t / insolent behaviour o / people at Busha is by yr orders & consent, any more than our Canoe

beg panyard & detained off Pompondee by one man  
& six two hand Canoes, but as it consists [sic] w  
our knowledge that is not a Capochere in  
Ahantha Country who has a nine hand Canoe in  
his possession in consequence surely must be seized by  
yr Chief, Basco's Orders, Sir it is an aggress<sup>n</sup>  
w<sup>o</sup> parts o his conduct too insulting on a  
Crowned head & can only tend to interrupt two  
most friendly passages in Europe, & is an ac-  
tual violat<sup>n</sup> o yr agreem<sup>t</sup> w us to cease  
Hostilities.

I was pleased to intimate in yr former o/  
10th N<sup>o</sup> a Suspicion we were not actg upon  
Square in regard to / proposed Cessa<sup>n</sup>  
Now Sir permit us to men<sup>n</sup> if / violat<sup>n</sup>  
mentioned in Mr Johnson's letter committed by  
Entery's people & / stoppage o / Canoe from Pom-  
pondee be either by yr orders or tacit consent,  
we h<sup>o</sup> gr reason to suspect t we are become  
Dupes in this Affair, as y declare to protect &  
support him & them, but if, Sir, yr intentions  
are really pacific to assure us thereof let  
Negro belong<sup>g</sup> to Acca be returned safe  
into our hands & give such orders t henceforth  
we may h no more occas<sup>n</sup> to trouble y w any  
more acts o such Breaches.

We sh not trouble yr Honour w a long  
Detail o Facts concerng / above affairs, as  
we don't chuse to intrude upon yr time, but  
as we think it necessary we sh<sup>d</sup>, so we must  
desire y will please to inform us, what y intend  
by a Cessa<sup>n</sup> o Hostilities, we flatter ourselves y  
don't mean f / Negroes to come vauntg & brand-  
ishg th<sup>r</sup> arms even under our Guns, to Kill & seize  
our Subjects, & we sit idle Spectators w<sup>o</sup> seeing  
such Injuries & Disrespect, yr Answer will deter-  
mine our resolv<sup>s</sup> &c &c.

JR.  
W H  
T O.

180] Fm / Council at C.C.C. } Dated May 15<sup>th</sup> 65 1750  
 To  
 Gen Van Vorst }

We shd h done ourselves this honour  
 sooner, but h bn waitg f advice fm Dixcove, as we  
 don't think / Summises, or Reports o / Natives  
 sufficient Authority to proceed upon in a national  
 Affair, or even to trouble yr Honour w, till con-  
 firmed by Europeans.

This day we h received advice fm Dixcove  
 t Hostilities on / part o / Phanta people agst t Fort,  
 are more violent & frequent since our last to y, &  
 t it is agn closely besieged, our Canoes on the Pas-  
 sage thither insulted, attacked & obliged to return;  
 or if they reach thither parties in ~~the~~ ambuscade  
 are always ready endeavouring to prevent our Land  
 by forg upon them.

Five t / Sloop Dolphin, we lately purchased  
 f transports / Stores w<sup>ch</sup> His Majesty o G<sup>l</sup>  
 Britain was pleased to grant f / Support o  
 these Forts & Settlements, & f protecn o his Subjects  
 in the Trade to Africa, was on Sunday / 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Instant, at Yoilok in / Swem<sup>g</sup>, attacked by  
 a No o Canoes off o yr Fort at Oentry, & it  
 is reported ( / Certainly o wh we sh endeavour to  
 come at ) t yr Chief, Mr Bacot, was in one o the  
 so t instead o / proposed Cessa<sup>m</sup> acceded to, as  
 we apprehended on both sides, we are closely  
 besieged in our Fort, & all intercourse cut off,  
 as much as in / power o our Enemies to do.

In our last we desired yr Honour to de-  
 clare to us, what y intended by a Cessa<sup>n</sup>  
 o Hostilities, & t if y was desirous to settle this  
 dispute in / Phanta Country by treaty, t y wd be  
 pleased to give orders t nothg tendg to a  
 renewal thereof w<sup>ch</sup> interfere before a meetg  
 cd be concluded upon.

In answer to ~~us~~ wh y was pleased only to  
 say you apprehended / Remcounter we men-

tioned to y in our letter must h its rise fm a re-  
port o our seekg assistce fm / people o Fetu &  
Famlyn but t y know nothing more o it than  
fm our letter. We hope Sir, you'll not say /  
attack upon / Sloop in / open Sea in sight o y  
fort & fm whence / Canoes t attacked her came  
& to where part o them retired, was also  
committed w<sup>t</sup> yr knowledge. This then, Sir, is  
so violent a Breach o Faith upon yr part, as  
obligez us in justifi<sup>n</sup> o our Selves to / bring  
our Royal Master, / Legislature o G<sup>t</sup> Britain,  
our Constituents & in defence o / Rights & Pro-  
162] perties o / Royal African Co o England, pub-  
lickly to protest agst / Same, as well as yr  
precedg Conduct in / present Dispute in /  
manner & form followg (t is to say)

We do in / name o His Britannick Majesty  
& in / Just Ass<sup>ts</sup>ms o / Rights & Possess<sup>ns</sup> o his  
Subjects in / Gold Coast o Africa, Protest agst  
yr usurped Claim to / Town & Inhabitants o  
Bussa and agst yr arming aidg, & assistg Enterpry  
King o Ahyanta, & / Towns people o Bussa in their  
unprecedented Insults on British Authority, in  
protectg & with holdg our Subjects fm Justice, & like-  
wise yr arming yr Subjects in their Defence

We also do protest agst y f seizg in /  
open Seas a 5 hand Canoe w / People Stores, &c  
belongg to our Royal Master, then destined to  
/ relief o Dixcove Fort, at t time besieged, as  
by t Seizure British Property was in danger  
& wh<sup>ch</sup> Cargo y h<sup>ad</sup> thot proper to detain, w /  
People Stores &c, notwithstanding our frequent demands  
f Restit<sup>n</sup>

We also do protest agst y f / frequent Attacks  
made by Enterpry's people upon / British Fort &  
Subjects at Dixcove partly / those two Ac<sup>ts</sup>  
wherein One o our Subjects was seized & car-  
ried away, An o<sup>r</sup> mortally wounded since yr  
accedg to a Cessat<sup>n</sup> o Hostilities.

We also do protest ag<sup>st</sup> y<sup>r</sup> / Attack & firing  
made upon / Sloop Dolphin by Cannon fire under  
y<sup>r</sup> Fort at Boutry, when laden w<sup>th</sup> Prov<sup>is</sup>ion & Stores  
of Discom<sup>od</sup> Fort, this also since y<sup>r</sup> accordg to a  
Cess<sup>ion</sup> o<sup>f</sup> Hostilities.

We do also protest of a Reimburse<sup>ment</sup> o<sup>f</sup> all  
Losses, Charges, or Damages, / Supplies given by  
his Majesty of / Support o<sup>f</sup> / British Forts &  
Settlements & trade to Africa, h<sup>er</sup> already or may  
be put to, in / defence o<sup>f</sup> / British Rights among  
nations first invaded by them, & continued by y<sup>r</sup>  
assistg them w<sup>th</sup> Supplies & giving them protect<sup>ion</sup> & or  
Aids & Countenance, as is above set forth in this  
our Protest.

We do ourselves / honour to depute Messrs  
Hippesley & Stokes to deliver y<sup>e</sup> this, by whose  
return we entreat / favour o<sup>f</sup> y<sup>e</sup> to signify to  
us if y<sup>e</sup> are ag<sup>re</sup> willing to renew / Suspens<sup>ion</sup> o<sup>f</sup>  
Hostilities, in order to refer / Dispute in /  
Ahan<sup>ta</sup> Country, to be determined by treaty, or if  
y<sup>e</sup> are determined to continue / renew'd  
Hostilities, & cut us off from all Communica<sup>tion</sup> w<sup>th</sup>  
our Fort at Discom<sup>od</sup>.

184] In case o<sup>f</sup> former, we doubt not but your  
renew y<sup>r</sup> Order f<sup>or</sup> t<sup>he</sup> purpose, & then our  
President will (so soon as / weather permits)  
set out f<sup>or</sup> Discom<sup>od</sup> to meet Mr Sandra, to treat  
upon / matter.

In case o<sup>f</sup> latter, I will be generous to  
let us know it; & we may use our Endeav<sup>ours</sup>  
to prevent / Same, & therein approve  
ourselves Englishmen &c

J. R., W. H., T. B.

See an Acc<sup>ount</sup> o<sup>f</sup> attack made on / Sloop in Mr  
Gardner's Journal.

The following is a Protest o<sup>f</sup> / Commanders o<sup>f</sup>  
Dolphin & Crew, f<sup>or</sup> leav<sup>ing</sup> / Road o<sup>f</sup> Discom<sup>od</sup> &  
returning to C- E- C- contrary to Orders,

Protest o / Dolphin Crew  
Upon / Coast o Guinea }  
to leeward o Dixcove }

By this Publikt Instrument o Protest, be it known to all men who sh see these Presents or hear / same read, t ~~John~~ Jonathan Wickham, Commander o / Sloop Dolphin on / 13th May OS 1750 towards night as / Sloop lay at Anchor in Dixcove Road, saw a Sail (to wit) a Smeau proceedg to Windward, as She hd / Wind + Current in her favour, & stood in f Dixcove, wh all hands took to be / same they hd seen in / Road o Elmina as ~~they~~ the [Y] passed by fm "C. C. Castle."

t they observed / sd Smeau plyg to windward three or four days, but a little before ~~Sun~~ Sunset, she anchored in / road o Boutry, fm wh they saw a lge Canoe put off & go into Boutry.

t they saw lge Canoes pass to & fm her two days to go, when / sd Smeau was fur to leeward, whereupon all / Crew o / Dolphin thot it best to weigh Anchor, to stand off & on & to hold / Sloop in readiness to make / best defence agst any thing t mt attack her, it be g agreed by all Parties, t / Sloop when at Anchor was quite unfit to engage, or to h her Guns fired so as to do any Execution (by reason o her Rollg), therefore as / Current was windward, we weighed, as it looked in / Judgmt o wry Body, as if / Smeau had before mentioned w / Canoes hd a mind to attack / Sloop t night.

186] That g only three men, two Boys & / Commander to fight. The Captain wrote on shore to Mr Johnson t he wanted more men, who returned no answer than t he shd h brot 16 or 17 men fm "C. C. Castle"

Thys seemed to work plain t they hd a mind  
to attack / Sloop, by ~~bring~~ bring<sup>g</sup> up 1/2 doz Canoes,  
& / Crew driv<sup>d</sup> them away after a long Attack /  
6th Inst<sup>r</sup> tho they hd a 1/2 doz number No. some  
sd nine, some more, but / real number ths is no  
certainty o.

At 11 o'clock after standg off & on as afore-  
said we came to an Anchor & beg calm, & in /  
morn<sup>g</sup> found ourselves to leeward o Dixcove,  
& a No o 1/2 doz Canoes not far fm us, who  
seemed to hem us in w a Circle, hadg a Breeze,  
we weighed & made Sail, / Canoes seemed to  
follow us some time, & as / wind breezed up,  
turned tail, some to Bunby, some to Busha,  
& all / Crew agreed & it was plain they hd  
bn in pursuit o us all night, & beg only Six  
to fight a dozen Canoes, we thot proper f /  
Owners' Interest to preserve / Sloop fm beg  
taken, & beg to leeward & Sloop mak<sup>g</sup> a  
Deal o Water, hadg no Boat, & want<sup>g</sup>  
more ~~Hands~~ hands, a Cable & Anchor, to  
pretend to lye at Dixcove, we do by these

Presently protest agst, & we thot it / best th<sup>g</sup>  
to make / best o our way down to "C.C. Castle"

Rich: Chapman Joseph Cummins Barn<sup>d</sup> Boyer } Jon<sup>m</sup> Wickham  
Rob<sup>t</sup> Purcell Fran<sup>s</sup> L Come Peter Smith } Comm<sup>t</sup>

181] From Gen Van Voorst

To  
The Council at C.C. Castle

Dated 30 May 1750

It was but on / 28<sup>th</sup> Inst 1750 t<sup>y</sup> hon-  
oured me w<sup>th</sup> an answer to my letter of 19<sup>th</sup>  
o this ~~the~~ month, but in a manner quite con-  
trary to my expectan. f I had promised my self  
y wd h fixed a day f / Interview w<sup>th</sup> you

Sandra, in / Athanta Country, instead o wh<sup>ch</sup>  
y are pleased to make a new Harraugue on  
/ Hostilities committed by / King o Athanta's  
negroes both on / Fort o Digoue & on / Sloop  
loaded w<sup>th</sup> provin & f / sd Fort. t<sup>as</sup> these  
Attacks were made since / Convent<sup>n</sup> betw<sup>n</sup> us,  
y conceived such proceedgs were absolute

Breaches o Faith on my Side y were obliged  
in Justifican o yr selves to make a Protest  
set forth at length in yr letter o / 15<sup>th</sup>  
Inst<sup>t</sup> 65. wh<sup>ch</sup> y did me / honour to convey  
to me by two o yr Gentlemen.

To this I h / honour to answer t<sup>h</sup> I cannot  
tell how y wd attribute / Breach o / Cessan o  
Hostilities to / Dutch Side, Since it was o mani-  
festly broke by yr Whites & Negroes in /  
attack wh they made on / King o Athanta's  
people when they were go<sup>g</sup> to plant the  
Corn, as I had / honour to inform y in my  
letter o / 10<sup>th</sup> Inst<sup>t</sup> wh want o Faith I can  
easily prove by / Wounded on King Enterry's  
Side, as soon as y sh please to depute some  
Body into / Athanta Country to look into  
/ Dispute.

I appeal to any neutral person wh<sup>ch</sup> yr man-  
ner o Actg is honest & accord<sup>g</sup> to / Custom o Europeans.

When we are able means to finish / Dispute, of  
 Endeavour to fill yr Fort in / Athanta Country  
 w<sup>th</sup> all kinds o<sup>f</sup> Communion & Stores durg / Cessant  
 o<sup>f</sup> Arms.

A whole month is elapsed since I h<sup>ave</sup> waited for  
 a time to be fixed upon for an Interview, & wh<sup>ich</sup>  
 y<sup>ou</sup> still defer from day to day, in order to assail  
 yr<sup>self</sup> & yr<sup>self</sup> oppy to reinforce (& then  
 God almighty knows / send o<sup>f</sup> yr<sup>self</sup> designs)  
 to make a second Attack on / Dominions &  
 people of States from my Sovereign Lords.

But let me come to yr<sup>self</sup> Honest Gentlemen.

183] In / first place y<sup>ou</sup> think proper to protest  
 ag<sup>st</sup> my pretensions (wh<sup>ich</sup> are pleased to christ-  
 ian w<sup>ith</sup> / epithet Usurped) to / Town &  
 Inhabitants o<sup>f</sup> Busha, & ag<sup>st</sup> / Assistance o<sup>f</sup>  
 King Entery.

How Gentlemen does this agree w<sup>ith</sup> yr<sup>self</sup>  
 precedg letters, in wh<sup>ich</sup> y<sup>ou</sup> expressly say (as f<sup>rom</sup> ~~was~~  
 inste<sup>ad</sup> in l<sup>etter</sup> o<sup>f</sup> / 30th April) & y<sup>ou</sup> do not desire  
 to acquire anythg, but to preserve only / Honour  
 & Jurisdiction o<sup>f</sup> / British Man

In l<sup>etter</sup> o<sup>f</sup> / 4th May y<sup>ou</sup> write t<sup>hat</sup> y<sup>ou</sup> do not wish  
 to make any Acquisition, but to keep / English  
Jurisdiction & Property.

Permit me now to ask y<sup>ou</sup> by what  
 Legal manner y<sup>ou</sup> can prove t<sup>hat</sup> / sd  
Town & Inhabitants o<sup>f</sup> Busha, do not  
 belong to / Dutch Man, and t<sup>hat</sup> / King,  
 who the keeps his Residence, is not  
 Tributary to / Fort o<sup>f</sup> Bombay.

Are y able to make appear off E / In-  
habitants o / above mentioned  
Town h ever served / English Man<sup>n</sup> or b<sup>n</sup>  
under yr Command, as they h b<sup>n</sup> f more  
than an Age, & were before / English had a  
Settlement at Dixcove, to / West India Co  
o / Holland? To this none o yr Predecessors  
h in / least disabled to accede (except  
perhaps some turbulent man or <sup>or</sup>) know<sup>g</sup>  
full well E / River at / Foot o / mountain  
o Dixcove makes / Separation o Territories,  
& E / Town by N. B. Westward on / Or  
Side off / River, is an absolute proof o  
Its be<sup>g</sup> under / Jurisdiction o Boutry

Since then y h thot proper to make  
an Invasion on / sd Territories o my  
Sovereigns I here ratifye my letter o / 30<sup>th</sup>  
April, wh<sup>ch</sup> I had / honour to send y on E  
Acck. Acck.

185] In / 2<sup>nd</sup> place y protest f panying yr  
Canoe upon / open Sea laden w<sup>th</sup> Stores &c des-  
tined f / Assistance o Dixcove Fort, & wh<sup>ch</sup> on yr  
demand I wd not enlarge

For answer to this, it is needless to make  
any long Detail as in my letter o / 12<sup>th</sup> Inst<sup>t</sup>  
y will find / true reasons f this proceed<sup>g</sup>  
o mine set down.

In / third place y protest agst / frequent  
Attacks made by / King o Phantia's people on  
Dixcove Fort, since / Access<sup>n</sup> to a Cess<sup>n</sup>  
o Hostilities

To this I h / honour to say, if any  
Skirmishes or Attacks h b<sup>n</sup> made agst

yz Fort, 'twas not by / Athanta people but  
 by / people o yz own Cabocheer Bossu,  
 who keeps his Camp, as I am informed,  
 behind / town o Dixcove, & I fancy  
 you'l h a q'deal o trouble in provg t /  
 people o Busha h bn any of'emz under yz  
 Fort, than t time they were in pursuit o  
 thz Enemies, havg bn attacked (by yz  
 orders & yz Negroes) at Busha

In / 4th place y protest agst / brig on /  
 Dolphin Sloop fm Canoes unde Boutry Fort  
 I cannot help rather maky a remark  
 than a reply to this Part o / Protest.

Now, Gentlemen, wd y h it permitted  
 t whilst / time is brig f an Interview, whilst  
 t time is lengthened on purpose onl, y shd  
~~pro~~ provide yrselves w all kinds o Stores  
 & Ammunition, & t yz Enemies (as at  
 present / people o Athanta are) shd  
 remain quiet, & w thz arms across, see  
 all sorts o Stores pass by them (as they  
 well knew t Sloop sailed fm Succoonde  
 laden in t manner) destined f thz  
 destruct<sup>n</sup> & to be / Instrument o thz  
 deaths in a Second war?

I dare say such a piece o Kindness wd  
 not be shewed y by Europeans, & y expect  
 it not w<sup>g</sup> fm these Natives

187] In short, Gentlemen, I must say to yz  
 Protest, t / Negroes h done nothg but  
 what is customary w all Enemies, viz<sup>t</sup> to  
 endeavour to intercept everythg wh mt  
 prove hurtfull to thm.

In / 5<sup>th</sup> place, I protest ag<sup>t</sup> all Losses,  
Expenses & Damages wh may occur, & wh /  
Supplies may suffer &c.

To this I h / honour a reply, & it is proved  
more than once in my Letters, t / Dispute was  
begun by yr people, f wh reason I explained  
myself so openly in / last letter o 19<sup>th</sup> Inst<sup>r</sup>,  
I feared not to pursue those methods wh  
were begun w, to defend / Authorities o my  
Sovereigns, & I now ratifie all I h sd

It is needless to answer / last paragraph o  
yr letter, as I h done me / honour in yr ag-  
reeable o yest<sup>r</sup>! to communicate to me t /  
President will set out this night f / Ahanita  
Country if / weather permits in order to begin  
w Mr Sandra endeavouring to settle  
this Dispute in an amicable manner.

Indeed this is / true & shortest way o ead<sup>g</sup>  
yr Selger o an Affair, wh I confess is become  
v<sup>y</sup> fatigues to me, I h therefore wrote to  
Mr Sandra to set out f Bentry, & to ac-  
quaint Messrs Volkmer & Bacot o /  
Departure o / President, in order t / negoti-  
o Busha may also be~~nd~~ informed o it.

I h Honour to be &c J. V. Voss

186] From / Council at CCC  
To  
The Gen<sup>l</sup> o Elmira } 19<sup>th</sup> May O.S. 1750

We were honored w yr letter yest<sup>r</sup>  
but hav<sup>g</sup> acknowledged yr favour o /  
Mr Hipplesley on his return acqu<sup>d</sup> us t / <sup>sent</sup> by

are desirous to know what time our  
President intends to set out for Dixcove.

We h/ honour to inform y<sup>e</sup> t<sup>h</sup> he  
proposes go<sup>g</sup> to morrow night, or as  
soon after as / weather will permit him  
to travel in a Canoe w<sup>th</sup> Safety. We are ac  
J. B. W. H. T. B.

Fm / President &c }  
To  
The Gen<sup>l</sup> of Elmira } 19 May OS. 1750

My Colleagues have referred /  
Settle<sup>d</sup> / Disturbce in / Ahanta Country  
to me, for w<sup>ch</sup> place I intend to set out to mor-  
row or / morning follow<sup>g</sup>, if / weather permits  
It will be proper & I think it best  
reasonable. I sh<sup>d</sup> be inform<sup>d</sup> whether I be  
185] may expect to be attacked in my way, or if  
y<sup>r</sup> Gov<sup>nt</sup> Guarantee of a cessation of Hostili-  
ties will be observed or adhered to by  
/ Ahanta people, who I am perswaded  
desist not to be attacked / Sloop / Past  
time she went to Dixcove if they had not  
ben countenanced by y<sup>r</sup> Chief of Bantry.  
I think it proper to inform y<sup>e</sup> of  
sh<sup>e</sup> carry w<sup>th</sup> me Cudjoe, / Co's dingy  
here, in hopes to come at / truth o /  
Pallever (wh<sup>o</sup> I sincerely wish f) a not  
fear to Boys of dingyists, who often  
find it their Interest to embroil &  
cause a Dissension betw<sup>n</sup> / most sincere  
Friends.

y<sup>r</sup> answer wh<sup>ether</sup> y<sup>e</sup> are Guarantee or  
not of / peaceable behaviour o all /  
Ahanta people dur<sup>g</sup> / proposed Treaty  
will oblige &c.

J. R.

187] From Gen o Elmina  
to  
The President.

In answer to yr favour o just I beg  
youd examine / inclosed Copy o my letter to  
Messrs Volkmer & Bacot, after receipt o y<sup>r</sup>s o  
day before yest<sup>d</sup>, & you'll see, Sir, t<sup>t</sup> I only desire  
to finish / Dispute & t<sup>t</sup> y may depend upon re-  
ceiv<sup>g</sup> no hurt ~~hurt~~ hurt fm / Dutch negroes in yr  
passage.

I thank y<sup>e</sup> for inform<sup>g</sup> me o yr inten<sup>n</sup> to take /  
Cabecheer Cudjoe w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup>. I sh also send some Min<sup>or</sup>  
people to wait f<sup>r</sup> Interpreters to Messrs Sandra &  
Volkmer, hop<sup>g</sup> all good consequence fm this. I remain  
J. Van Vooch

The enclosed letter mentioned fm / Gen to  
Volkmer & Bacot viz

29 May N.S. This m<sup>o</sup>g We received / follow<sup>g</sup> answer  
fm / Agents at "C. Coast". We h / honour to inform  
y<sup>e</sup> t<sup>t</sup> our President sets out tomorrow night (wh<sup>ch</sup> will  
be Sak<sup>g</sup> just Saturday night) if / weather will  
promyt him to travel in a Canoe w<sup>th</sup> Safety.

You'll be pleas<sup>d</sup> to take all necessary & precau<sup>n</sup>s  
t<sup>t</sup> our Roberts, in his way to Deco<sup>o</sup>, may meet  
w<sup>th</sup> no manner o Molest<sup>n</sup> fm / Natives & t<sup>t</sup> you'll  
order all Hostilities to cease.

Mons<sup>r</sup> de Sandra is inform<sup>d</sup> o / departure  
o our Roberts, & o his (Sandra's) beg to set out  
f<sup>r</sup> Bontuy in order to deliberate w<sup>th</sup> our Volkmer on  
everyth<sup>g</sup> t<sup>t</sup> may contribute to / Accomoda<sup>n</sup> o this  
Pallaser in an amicable manner.

J. V. Vooch

186] Fm / President John Roberts Esq  
at Succondee

Mr Sandra <sup>To</sup> at Bontroy

Dated  
24<sup>th</sup> May O.S. 1750

Findg. I h. passed this place it will  
give me extreme pleasure to find or be informed  
t y are arrived at Bontroy safe & in perfect health,  
as / present Season is bad to travel in

The Occasion o troubleg. of w this is to  
inform of t Cudjoe my Cabocheer & Linguist, who  
is go9 to Discease w me, o wh I informed Mr Van  
Voorst who agreed to send a proper person to be  
yt Linguist to meet him etc.

Cudjoe this moment tells me t he some  
days ago sent his Che Che to go to Entroy  
& Bossie to know if his people shd be safe to  
travel by Land to Discease, if so, f them to send  
messengers to conduct them, he says he hears  
his Che Che is panyarred & detained by her  
Bacot in Bontroy Fork. Such his Behaviours  
appears diametrically opposite to tndg to ami-  
cably settlg / Disputte, as well as to his Son's  
Inten<sup>ns</sup>, unless I am deceived, wh I cannot in  
/ minutest part suspect.

Therefore Sir, desire you'd release / Che  
Che & permit him to go on / Message before  
mentioned as t will determine my Departure  
fm this place wh I shd h left this m9  
190] but must first be satisfied t wlv my  
people t belong to Cudjoe will be permitted  
to pass in Safety. I am expectg yr answer &c &c  
J. R.

187] Fm Mr Sandra at Bontroy

To  
The President at Succondee

Dated  
4<sup>th</sup> June N.S. 1750.

This moment I h / Honour to receive yr  
most agreeable letter dated 24<sup>th</sup> May O.S. &  
rest highly obliged to y f / notice of take o



is possible for a Canoe to get up the ~~river~~ & t I am re  
JR.

191] Fm Mrs Sandra at Boutry } Dated  
To The President at Succowdec } / 4<sup>th</sup> June 1750

This moment I h / honour to receive fr most  
respect<sup>a</sup> favours o / 24<sup>th</sup> May OS. wherein y are  
so kind as to inform me o / impossibility o pursu<sup>g</sup>  
y<sup>r</sup> Voyage, f wh I am infinitely obliged to y. had I  
observed here my self, t y were yest<sup>r</sup> detained  
by / gr Rain, & to day by / strong Sea Breeze &  
bad Sea, wh I hope will ~~become~~ be soon calmed,  
so t I may h / honour & pleasure to testify to y<sup>r</sup> TC  
of Sandra

192] Fm / President at Discover } Dated  
Mrs Sandra at Boutry } / 28<sup>th</sup> May OS. 1750

N.B. The follow<sup>g</sup> letter was write on / President's  
sendg a Boy to acquaint Mrs Sandra at  
Boutry t Mr Roberts was arrived. at  
Discover, wh Boy was stopped by / Busha  
people & not suffered to carry / message.  
but turned back.

Sir I am extremely obliged to y. f sendg my Boy  
off, by whom I received y<sup>r</sup> polite favours o June  
4<sup>th</sup> NS. On my arrival I dispatched a  
messenger by Land to advertise y thereof, who  
was stopped by / people o Busha, who<sup>a</sup> little  
time afterward came under / Walls o / Fort



proceedg<sup>s</sup> o yr people, who also sent back / above  
 mentioned Co's Slave, unless he did something  
 bad, wh I am not acquainted w<sup>t</sup>  
 . W regard to yr 2<sup>d</sup> Complaint o an Act o  
 Hostility beg committed by some people o Busha,  
 under / Walls o yr fort, my Boy, who jesty<sup>ly</sup> hd  
 I hon our o presentg<sup>s</sup> o my most humble respects,  
 told me t<sup>t</sup> y bade him tell me o all these Affairs,  
 t<sup>t</sup> indeed he saw no Act o Hostility, but t<sup>t</sup> he hd met  
 on / Path a Party o King Enterry<sup>s</sup> who were  
 standg<sup>g</sup> Centin [il] w<sup>t</sup> the Guns, as they hd seen  
 so many strange Negroes arrive tog<sup>g</sup> w<sup>t</sup> an  
 armed Party, & as they cd not conceive /  
 meang<sup>g</sup> o such a Reinforcem<sup>t</sup>, they thot more-  
 over, t<sup>t</sup> as y were come w<sup>t</sup> a N<sup>o</sup> o Pge Canoes,  
 y hd also ~~bro~~ brok a gr<sup>o</sup> No o People, & a gr<sup>o</sup>  
 Quantity o Ammunition wh seemd v strange  
 to them, as y & I were actually come to make  
 up / Palladre in a friendly manner. I ha-  
 acquainted Mr Volkmer w<sup>t</sup> what y wrote me,  
 upon wh We h judged proper to send our  
 Boys fast night in order to prevent any such  
 bad affair happen<sup>g</sup> ag<sup>n</sup>, we sh look into /  
 Truth o it, & upon my honour Sir, I Guilty  
 sh be punished & y sh receive full Satisfac<sup>n</sup>  
 I sh be glad to know by return o my Boy  
 if I sh be troublesome in do<sup>g</sup> myself / honour o  
 o com<sup>g</sup> to see y tomorrow to assure y o my  
 most humble respects, at / same time to  
 assure y o / Informans I h received o jesty's  
 Affair      &c      &c      Godfrey Sandra

# The Meeting or Interview

Account

194/5

30th May 05. / President & Mrs Sandra had an interview at Dixcove at which, after / Complimenting o Course, & before any word was mentioned abt / Pallastre, / President made a proposal to Mrs Sandra to / Effect & purpose - / If it shd happen upon the Enquiry into / merits o / Affairs & / Troubles, <sup>st</sup> shd not be accommodated, a limitan o Twenty days shd be agreed upon, after breakg up / Assembly of all Parties to return to the respective homes, to wh Mrs Sandra made no Objec<sup>n</sup>, but on / contrary in / Judge mt o wry Body expressed his Consent, whereupon / Origin o Amaco's & Pallastre & / President's ag<sup>t</sup> Enterry were talked over betw themselves & Intentionally, to give Mrs Sandra a light into sev<sup>l</sup> Facts, it was supposed he had not b<sup>n</sup> truly informed o

Whereupon / Interviews ended

194] N.B. The letters on / or side [ie p 195] were sent to / President in answer to Verbal Messages sent by / Boys to enquire after each o<sup>r</sup> health & so forth.

195]

From Mrs Sandra at Bontry } Dated  
 to  
 The President at Dixcove } / 11<sup>th</sup> June N.S. 1750

I h<sup>o</sup> / honor to give y my most humble thanks f all / Civilities you d be so kind to shew me, assurg y to nothg cd give me more pleasure than to h<sup>o</sup> / honour to be able to shew my gratitude & give proofs t I am &c

G. Sandra

From Mrs Sandra at Bonting }  
 To  
 The President at Dixcove } Dated 12<sup>th</sup> N.S. 1750

As at our return from yr post, we dispatched a letter to / Gen. to ask permission o him to make / Pallawre under Dixcove post & as we fixed Thursday 6 / day, this is to inform y t we h not yet received any answer from / Gen. We shd be glad o a day further & to come on Fryday instead o tomorrow, not doubtg but we sh hear from Elmira to morrow, & also t Mr Volkmar will be in a better state o health & to testify to y t we are as

Y S  
 P. V

rows  
 196-7]

{ It is to be observed from hence t }  
 { Mrs Sandra leads / Correspondence }

196] From Mrs Sandra at Bonting }  
 To  
 The President at Dixcove } Dated  
 14<sup>th</sup> June N.S. 1750

After I had done my self / honour o presenting y my respects I informed myself o all y did me / favour to tell me, concerning / Pallawre, / Accomodation o wh in an amicable manner is now our Business, & as I wish f nothing more than to see friendship reestablished betw / two ~~names~~ names, I can't help lettg I know what I hear, & wh indeed seems often v reasonable.

In / first place, Sir, I find t / Affairs o / Negro Annacoe is ~~not~~ absolutely / Source & first mover o all / succeedg Troubles, f wh reason I think it shd to be discussed before we go any fur.

In / ~~the~~ 2<sup>d</sup> place, I find t / Towns o Diats or  
Athuma & also t / Tye belong to / Dutch, & /  
sole reason Ahey yankey's people worked f /  
/ English Commanders at Dixcove proceedy  
fm this, t Ahey yankey has g Occas<sup>n</sup> f  
money borrows a Bandy o Gold off / Cabbo-  
cheer Bossu, & pawns himself f / sd Sum to  
him, ngs when a negroe is pawned / mortgage  
expects his Pawn to do all his work, & as  
Ahey yankey heard t Bossu's people were up  
he sent him Assistance, thus it happens t / Com-  
manders o Dixcove, see g t / people o Athuma  
did thr worse mistook them f thr people, but  
when / Affair is looked into accurately, it  
will be found t / negroe Ahey yankey, had it  
vy much in his power to pawn himself, but  
not a Town wh belongs (not to him but) to /  
Dutch, & Grantg this I find Mr Senior (blame  
ed by a certain promise o / negroe Amacoe)  
is vy much to blame f exerty an Authority  
over a Territory belongg to / Dutch Co: & wht  
was a Conquest o thr Army over / Negroes &  
as if it was not enough to dispossess / Dutch  
here, he also takes / Liberty to send his  
people or Slaves belongg to / most respectable  
English Comp<sup>t</sup> to panyare two o Enterry's  
negroe Women.

Are these thgs just Six? & can y still ap-  
prove o Mr Senior's Conduct? surely no, /  
thgs we believe wt sh set in much / some  
light & we doubt, to make, [sic] t many  
thgs h bn laid to / charge o Enterry, wh  
h bn done by o<sup>rs</sup>, may even by yr own Subjects.

I must inform f t some o Accas  
people attacked some o ours who were standg  
Centinel at Busha, but were repulsed, how  
can y see what passes in / Path betwn Dixcove  
& Busha, Six, It is impossible to see any  
thg f / Woods & mountains obstruct yr

Views, pray Sir, when I drive my Enemies to the  
 198] own habitans am I to look upon my Self as  
 / first Attacker? Inform me Sir

How can I expect me to take / attesta<sup>n</sup> o  
 Messys Johnson & Gardener, t Entery's peo-  
 ple first began Hostilities? / first, its true,  
 was formerly on / Coast, & has also bn also  
 some time since, but he has never bn at Dix-  
 core enough to know Entery's Negroes, who  
 moreover were so considerable a Dist<sup>ce</sup> fr<sup>m</sup> him,  
 & he was in / Fort, & they in / Town.

As to / o<sup>r</sup> Gentleman, it is but 4 months  
 since his arrival at "C. Coast", & at Dixcore  
 only since / Troubles began, consequently ed<sup>d</sup> he  
 he no sort o knowledge o Entery's Negroes,  
 I therefore can't think o admitt<sup>g</sup> those two  
 Gentlemen any o<sup>r</sup> wise than as reporters, but  
 on condin too t I also produce mine, who I'll  
 assure y, will relate quite diff<sup>t</sup> thgs.

It will then, Sir, be / shortest & most amic-  
 able way f y to fix on some neutral place  
 where we may assemble w all / Cabocheers or  
 Negroes who h anythg to do in this Affair,  
 where I may debate w them, & consider on /  
 Asser<sup>ns</sup> o those who accordg to yr wise opin-  
 ions speak only Truth, I sh do / same on  
 my side in order to finish this Affair & ~~as~~  
 / Town o Busha is also a thg in Question,  
 I think it wd not be amiss f y to make t  
 / place & sh await yr answer.

If y think proper however t we shd  
 meet once more before we begin / Pallawra, be  
 pleased to let me know, & y sh always find  
 me ready to shew I t nothg can give me  
 more pleasure &c G. S.

197] Fr / President at Dixcove }  
To  
Mrs Godfrey Sandra at Bontry } Dated  
3<sup>rd</sup> June O.S. 1750

I this moment received yr favour by yr Boy  
& do assure y I am ready & willg to conform to  
anything t is consistent f / President o / Council f  
transactg / British Affairs on this Coast to do, in  
order to settle / present Pallasse, & to clear up  
some parts thereof, wherein y are deceived es-  
pecially such as consist w my own knowledge  
& I cd w little trouble confute & invalidate  
/ remarks, y<sup>e</sup> made on / Pallasse in yr letter,  
wh I think at present unnecessary to enter upon  
as I conjectured my comg here was to confer  
w y to come at / truth o / Affairs, w a de-  
design to settle it amicably.  
So Sir, if it suits y to do me / honour  
to come here tomorrow, we can agree on methods  
in order to make a beginng, yr answer by  
my Boy will g<sup>ly</sup> oblige re J. Roberts

(across)

198-9] After / Letter & Answer before trans-  
cribed, there was a second Interview between  
Mrs Sandra, Volkmer & / President at  
Dixcove, in wh agn was mentioned / Limit<sup>n</sup>  
o Twenty Days Cession, provided upon / Examina<sup>n</sup>  
into / Cause o (a Aggressors in) / Pallasse, it shd  
happen not to be peaceably terminated, in wh  
Limit<sup>n</sup> all Parties concerned, were at Liberty to  
return to th<sup>e</sup> respective habitams at / Sand End  
o dissolv<sup>g</sup> / Assembly, wh both / Dutch Envoys ag-  
reed to [in margin - "v: letter to y<sup>e</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> fo. "] & at  
this meetg / Flight o Atchuma was talked on o wh<sup>e</sup>  
Athey yankey was a Dutch or an English Subject, / whole  
Affair o his beg a Pause to Bossu canvassed, & concerng Tye.  
Also a debate upon appointg a proper place to hear / Pall-  
asse at, / Envoys' objec<sup>n</sup> to Dixcove, wh w /  
usual Compliments o Coast, ended this days meetg.

200] From Mrs Sandra at Boutry } dated  
 To  
 The President at Dixcove } (18<sup>th</sup> June N.S. 1750

I was extreme sorry to hear from my Boy last night, who came from you, & your Sickness yet continued, & likewise you was obliged to keep your Chamber & Bed from time we had / Honour oblig'd us you. We hoped that you would not last a long time & that you would be soon established in a perfect State of Health, which we pray God to be willing us all our Parts [sic]

We / Honour to communicate to you that we received last night a Letter from his Excellency / Gen acquaint'd us that meeting would be more agreeable than to determine / Affairs amicably, but that there is a great deal of reason to believe it will not be very easy to get / Athanta people to come to make their / Palisade under your Fort & Cannon, & after they had attacked it so dishonestly. Thus Sir, we take / Liberty to propose to you another place, a little distant from your Fort, & only behind / Hill, it is / first nearest to you on this Side, where Ours is nothing to fear from your Cannons, nor yours from those of Boutry.

At / Same time / People of Athanta will get / Negroes Bossue to give us two people as Pawns, & to guarantee that he will neither meddle with you nor your Fort.

At / Same time we will send our Boy to tell him to wait peaceably, & that we were to Six or Seven hundred Negroes ready to fall upon him, at / least when he makes either on one side or / on / or, which we shall really be to frighten & regard him in the case.

We wait your answer & time your Disposition will permit you to hear / Dispute

Mrs Volkmer has got / Belly Ach, & was attacked last night by a violent violent fever which hindered him from rest. We are &c. G.S.

21] From / President at Duxcove

To

Misses Sandra & Volkmer } at Bontoy

Dated

9<sup>th</sup> June O.S. 1750.

I received yr letter o yesty's date & am much obliged to y / Concern o Express respect my health. I am, thank / Almighty, somewhat better, & hope to h / pleasure o hearing Mrs Volkmer is in a fair way o getting / better o her Disorder

I observe / part o his Excellency / Gen's wh y did me / honour to communicate

Viz I thrs was gr reason to believe it will not be easy to get / people o Aphantanta to come & make ths Pallatze under yr Fort (meaning Duxcove) & Cannon & after they hd attacked it so dishonestly (wh I conjecture y mean), And next t

Y are so kind to propose my meetg his Excellency's Envoy's & Aphantanta people (I latter my enemies) behind a Hill where yr people will h nothg to fear fm my Cannon, nor (as y truly judge) more fm ths at Bontoy & to palliate such proposal y say t / people o Aphantanta will get / Cabochers Bossu to give two People Paunes to y as hostages t he will neither meddle w my People nor Fort in my absce & fur t cor adorate such Guaranties t y will send yr Boy to / sd Negrol Bossu to tell him to wait peacefully & t y will h 6 or 700 Negroes ready to fall upon him (Bossu at / least motion he makes &c.

Mrs Happsley is indeed so ill as not to be able to translate yr letter but if such is / meaning, wh I really think (accordg to / little knowledge I h in French) I can't help saying, th such proposals are exceedg / crazy & try, as to / part o / Gen's, I doubted not but his Excellency's Comm<sup>ds</sup> to / Aphantanta

to come & settle the Pallader wd h b a obeyed,  
 as (in his own words) / Allmighty has put / sup-  
 erior power in his hands, but as this is a  
 doubt o' it, I am persuaded thereby t' his En-  
 voys cannot guarantee my own & my peoples  
 safety, was I weak enough to be prevailed up-  
 on, to go fm under / Cannon o my Fort, to a  
 place environed by w Negroes (my Enemies)  
 to an amt ont o my Count & conjecture ready  
 on / least, pique, affront, or perhaps effect o  
 liquor, to fall upon myself & small Corps / Con-  
 sequence o wh perhaps / Gen & yr Selors, Gentle-  
 men mt be sorry f, but need ed recompense  
 or retaliate.

Such a Condescension wd be an argum<sup>t</sup> o  
 madness in me, not to say anythg o my pre-  
 sent infirm State o Health, wh o itself (not  
 aggravated by / bad Season) forbids my going  
 Dixcove Fort to sit upon / side o a Hill (es-  
 pecially to examine into an Affair, like /  
 present) at wh One o yr own Cabochers is  
 determined to attend & has w least o his ~~prop~~  
 203] people taken fetish w / Poil o his own  
 life to kill some o my people & put / whole Affair  
 in Disorder & Confusion, wh / Allmighty alone  
 knows / Consequence o, this Affair, Gentlemen,  
 h' not do Birth fm Surmise, but real truth,  
 o wh, & / person, we sh personally give yr  
 Insight  
 Pray Gentlemen under / above Considera<sup>ns</sup>,  
 dont ye think myself, European & Negroes (in  
 yr own Conscience) will be more in danger by  
 go'g to / Hill o Congress y propose, than /  
 Phantoms com'g to Dixcove, a Fort Entering  
 says he can take any day he pleases, & to be  
 be sure, we must suppose what t' g<sup>t</sup> thing

says to be Fact, yet at / w<sup>ch</sup> o<sup>r</sup> times we sh<sup>d</sup> rest  
content to sit down & defend it ag<sup>st</sup> / gr<sup>t</sup> Entury  
& all his Allies

I cannot w<sup>th</sup> honour & justice agree to yr pro-  
posal, t<sup>h</sup> Bossu sh<sup>d</sup> give y<sup>e</sup> two Negroes as  
Hostages t<sup>o</sup> myself or Partison o<sup>r</sup> Dixcove, sh<sup>d</sup>  
not be hurt. Gentlemen are y<sup>e</sup> sure Bossu him self  
will go to make a Pallaver fm under Dixcove  
Fort, in my opinion he will not, but t<sup>h</sup> I must  
refer to those Gentlemen whose Boys w<sup>ch</sup> comes  
h<sup>e</sup> so constantly attended him w<sup>ch</sup> false relays o<sup>r</sup>  
Sale o<sup>r</sup> his Family & such particulars, calculated  
rather to embroil than reconcile / present Dif<sup>er</sup>es

Was an Offer made / Gen<sup>l</sup> o<sup>r</sup> Elmina o<sup>r</sup> two  
negroe Pawnts, in a Case like / present, f<sup>r</sup> / safety  
o<sup>r</sup> himself & people, how dejectedly wd it ~~be~~  
meet his Abhorre, as in faith it does mine.  
President o<sup>r</sup> "C.C. Castle", & as such Officer I  
am ~~left~~ led to inform ye, t<sup>h</sup> any proposal made  
me to come to an Eclaircissement o<sup>r</sup> the /  
present Dispute, or to be such as in a similar  
Case wd be acquiesced to by / Gen<sup>l</sup> o<sup>r</sup> Elmina,  
f<sup>r</sup> what<sup>r</sup> is beneath him to concede to, is g<sup>r</sup>ly  
unbecomg myself, & I sh<sup>d</sup> lament / day, a prin-  
cipal Director o<sup>r</sup> British Affairs will be re-  
duced to a necessity o<sup>r</sup> desertg<sup>g</sup> his Fort to bear  
a Pallaver in / Bush, I sh<sup>d</sup> blush in / most  
pressg<sup>g</sup> Circumst<sup>es</sup> to ask / meanest Officer o<sup>r</sup>  
States such a Condescen<sup>tion</sup>, however Sir, it has b<sup>e</sup>n,  
is, & sh<sup>d</sup> be my max<sup>im</sup> to overlook Personal Af-  
fronts when / publick Good is in Que<sup>stion</sup> to  
convince ye thereof & how much I h<sup>e</sup> at heart  
/ terminatg<sup>g</sup> / Disturbce o<sup>r</sup> Athant<sup>as</sup>, I will  
give up bearg<sup>g</sup> / Pallaver in / Fort, wh<sup>ch</sup> ye know  
is / Custom, & what I h<sup>e</sup> a right to insist on, as  
/ Gen<sup>l</sup>'s Letter o<sup>r</sup> / 19<sup>th</sup> May N<sup>o</sup> 5 rightly  
witness, V. 7.

I h sent Mr Volkmer to Bontu  
w orders to wait upon Mr Roberts &  
treat w him in Dixcove Fort & ab  
/concl<sup>n</sup> t he sends her Sandra w/  
wom o Mr Bacob

I therefore advance / followg proposal, viz,  
Tif ye will come (whenver ye think proper)  
to Dixcove w yr people, I do take upon me as  
President o / Council aforesd, & principal Direc-  
tor o / British Affairs on / South Coast o Africa,  
&c to warrant & assure neither ~~ye~~ your-  
205] selves nor a single person o yr people, or those

o / Phantah sh sustain or receive hurt, or / least  
molesta<sup>n</sup> in any shape what<sup>r</sup> durg / time / pre-  
sent Pallaver may be debated, or f any num-  
ber o days afterward, provided / sd Pallaver shd  
not be settled, & guarantee g / like number o  
days on yr parts f my people to pass & repass.

I will also h a proper place made before /  
Gates o / Fort (to shew how ready I am to ex-  
amine into / Truth o / Pallaver) where ye & myself  
may sit & / Cabochers convene to examine /  
Evidence on both sides,

I can vouch Gentlemen, f yr safety, as  
well as yr people, as I sh h all my Negroes  
within / Walls o / Fortress, / Majority o  
whom are no way interested in / Pallaver, ye  
are absolutely under my Command, & the Lives  
in my power, if they disobey, now f all my  
Negroes are within / Gates as aforesd, if any  
Disturbce shd happen w<sup>t</sup>, it must be betw  
yr own people, f none o mine sh h Sight  
or Inter course w them.

I will fur permit t yr people sh h any

no men in arms, not exceed 1000 to be at  
Justice as we sh agree upon for / Castle, as a  
guard of yourselves & people & a Line to be  
drawn & they are not to presume to come over,  
~~with~~ w Arms or warlike Weapons, w<sup>t</sup> / free  
shd be broke, & they h yr orders to pass / Same

For if any offence sh be committed or  
Insub done to any One on either Side, / Offender  
sh be given up instantly on / Spot, to be dealt w  
as / Injured Party sh judge proper.

The innumerable Objections in regard ~~to~~ to  
my hearing / Pallaces only under / Guns o my For  
a such Sort, & I am confident must appear reason-  
able to impartial Hearers but it will be unneces-  
sary to enlarge fur, as I imagine what I h  
advanced will be efficacious w ye.

I sh be glad to know what part / Gen  
really bears in it, wh<sup>t</sup> a principal One fm /  
Beginning o / Negro Amacoe, or fm / 30<sup>th</sup> April  
N.S. & reasons he gives in his Letter o same  
date, & of myself & he are to refer / part  
to concurre w to / Decision o Negroes, these  
Points seem reasonable, in my opinion, to be  
discussed & adjusted before a Congress, wh  
fm my Soul I wish was begun J. R.

204] From Messrs Sandra & Volkmer } Dated  
To  
The President at Dixione } 21<sup>st</sup> June N.S. 1750

In Answer to / honours o / 20<sup>th</sup> / 9<sup>th</sup> OS. we  
h / honours to inform y, & to convince y o our real  
inclination to determine this Dispute amicably, &  
upon yr facts We sh set out w our people o  
Humbly to y (or else Mrs Sandra alone) next  
Wednesday, hopg to be or like sh find you

perfectly re-established in yr health, when we  
sh testify to y<sup>e</sup> we are &c 95. P.V.

205] From / President at Dixcove } ~~Letter~~  
To Messrs Sandra & Volkmer at Banting } 11th June O.S. 1750

I h not b'n able till this instant to make  
a french Translan<sup>n</sup> o my last<sup>r</sup> tis (through my  
imperfection in / language) but a v'y indif<sup>r</sup>  
one, as ~~it~~ flippis ley still continues extreme  
weak & bad

I h / honour to acknowledge yours, wh I  
h just read & am exceedg glad y will, & yr peo-  
ple, come to Dixcove on Wednesday, to exam-  
ine into / present Pallaver. I sh rejoice from  
207] my heart to h it settled as amicably as  
possible

I am Gentlemen, v'y weak & much un<sup>l</sup>  
o Order, if I shd be taken worse, & be very  
bad on Wednesday next, I hope ye will not  
think it inconvenient if I beg in such Case to  
put it off a day, wh I sh not ask but on /  
grest Emergency & am &c.

206-y.] Upon / above Letter & Answer prepar'd  
went on & a proper place was made before /  
Gate o Dixcove, f' hearg / Pallaver on /  
Wednesday appointed. Mr Sandra came by  
Water (& contrary to all expect<sup>n</sup>) inform'd  
/ President, t / Phantals were concern'd  
upon / Top o Accas plantan, to enquire

into / Pallaver thr, this unexpected Disappointment  
occasioned a long Debate, Mr Sandra persisting  
he cd beg / King & all / Rhantals into / Fork  
to make / Pallaver if he wd, but t he cd not w  
a special order fm / Gen to do it, a proposal  
was made t Cudjoe shd go thither & hear what  
they hd to say & so return w / Dutch Linguist  
a Boy to hear what / Presidents' people hd to  
offer, but many Objections were started to such  
a backward & forward Enquiry, & in / end  
Cudjoe often proposed to Sandra to go thither  
he foreseeing it was no likelihood o bringg  
matters to a hearing, but his proposals were dis-  
regarded & / whole matter referred to Mr Sandra  
to write to / Gen w<sup>t</sup> less o time, to ask him  
wh<sup>r</sup> / Rhantals shd make / Pallaver before  
Dix come Fork, or not, upon wh this third &  
last Interview ended.

2 The President leads / Subject o these  
Two Letters

206]. Fm / President at Dixons?

To  
Mr Sandra at Boutry } 15<sup>th</sup> June O.S. 1750

When we parted Wednesday evg, I  
conjectured thgs were to go on in / same  
peaceable manner as hath b<sup>n</sup> observed since  
our meetgs to adjust / Pallaver

I find / Busha people h b<sup>n</sup> alarmed  
t I desire 20 days to provide my self w Am-  
munition to make War upon them, wh<sup>r</sup>  
whereupon they h forbid my people any  
intercourse w them, or elsewhere in /

/ Bush I can't charge my Memory any such  
Discourse passed in Conversa<sup>n</sup> ~~jest~~  
between us yesterday.

Pray satisfie me if / some Pacifica<sup>n</sup>  
is to be observed, or if / Bushia people  
h<sup>ad</sup> orders to / contrary & you'll oblige me  
J. Roberts

207] From Mr. Sandra at Boutry } Dated  
To  
The President at Discove } 27<sup>th</sup> June N.S. 1750

I am surpris'd t<sup>h</sup> I c<sup>o</sup> not remember t<sup>h</sup>  
wh<sup>o</sup> pass'd betwixt us in yr Conversa<sup>n</sup> Wednesday  
last, or much more as two o<sup>r</sup> fr Gentlemen were  
upon / Spot. to be (as I ot t<sup>o</sup> think) witnesses o<sup>f</sup>  
our Misdeed, / sd Gentlemen, as I suppose m<sup>o</sup>  
y<sup>r</sup> easily h<sup>ad</sup> acquainted w<sup>th</sup> t<sup>h</sup> We were t<sup>o</sup> wait  
till I wrote to his Excellency / Gen<sup>l</sup> & afterwards  
to communicate to y<sup>e</sup> my orders, & t<sup>h</sup> I sh<sup>d</sup> order  
/ people o<sup>f</sup> Bushia, to keep upon / same footg  
as before, untill fur<sup>r</sup> orders.

I sh<sup>d</sup> sooner h<sup>ad</sup> answer'd yr letter o<sup>f</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> ch N.S.  
but waited f<sup>r</sup> true inform<sup>n</sup> o<sup>f</sup> a certain affair  
t<sup>h</sup> has happen'd, wh<sup>n</sup> I receiv'd some time  
afterwards; t<sup>h</sup> affair is t<sup>h</sup> I sh<sup>d</sup> given orders to  
my Second, to send my Boat to Succowee, only  
load'd w<sup>th</sup> liquor, not to mention a piece o<sup>f</sup>  
Chello, t<sup>h</sup> / sd Sloop beg<sup>g</sup> come out o<sup>f</sup> my road  
was attack'd by gr<sup>o</sup> English Sloop wh<sup>o</sup> fired  
two gr<sup>o</sup> Guns at him load'd w<sup>th</sup> Partridge  
& Shot, & w<sup>as</sup> so good a design, t<sup>h</sup> they fired  
into a Negro's Cloath t<sup>h</sup> was in her, tellg them  
moreover t<sup>h</sup> they wd sink her. I don't know, Sir  
209] how I ot to take such a Procedure, & so fat  
fatal an It<sup>em</sup> likly t<sup>h</sup> they h<sup>ad</sup> done to a Sloop

neutral

go on out o a neutral Bay, as Channah, & as / Master  
is a part<sup>r</sup> person o y<sup>r</sup> much more so in a time we  
were determining? Difus if it were possible.  
I sh h / honour o writ<sup>g</sup> f<sup>r</sup> yr answer & am  
G S.

over  
05-9 ]

Abt this time / Two follow<sup>g</sup>  
letters passed bet<sup>wn</sup> / Gen &  
Council at "C.C. Castle"

05] Fr<sup>m</sup> / Gen at Elmina }

The Agents <sup>to</sup> at "C.C. Castle" } 26<sup>th</sup> June N.S. 1750

I shd be well pleased to know if y<sup>r</sup> h  
Commissioned fr President Mr Roberts to adjust /  
Dispute in / Abantah Country w a full power, or  
to act in concert w y<sup>r</sup> Case  
In / first place permit t<sup>e</sup> h / honour to tell  
y<sup>r</sup> Gent<sup>l</sup> t<sup>e</sup> it appears to me t<sup>e</sup> / glory o y<sup>r</sup> Council at  
Cape Coast demand<sup>g</sup> t<sup>e</sup> y<sup>r</sup> write to t<sup>e</sup> Gentleman, to  
give better reasons to / Generous Officers t<sup>e</sup> Mr  
De Sandra has made ~~to~~ him f<sup>r</sup> / Subjects o  
whom y<sup>r</sup> complain are not under / Command o /  
English Man & consequently they are under no  
manner o Obligam<sup>t</sup> to submit to / Will o Mr  
Roberts, f<sup>r</sup> to h / Interview in / Fort o Dixcove,  
or before / Gate o / Castle, but in a neutral place  
where / Guns o / Fort. can do no harm, w<sup>ch</sup> wh<sup>ch</sup> I  
foresee t<sup>e</sup> / Interview will break up w<sup>th</sup> Accom-  
modat<sup>n</sup>, I wish / contrary &c. J. V. Voort

05] Fr<sup>m</sup> / Agents o "C.C. Castle"

The Gen at Elmina <sup>to</sup>

} Dated 15<sup>th</sup> June O.S. 1750

We h just received yr answer in answer  
where<sup>to</sup> We h / honour to tell y<sup>r</sup> in / 1<sup>st</sup> place, We  
h refered / Determinat<sup>n</sup> o / Dispute in / Abantah  
Country entirely to our President, flatter<sup>g</sup> our

Selves thereby & having no occasion to trouble y<sup>e</sup> w<sup>th</sup>  
any further Correspondence on t<sup>e</sup> head.

In regard to / proposals made by Mrs  
Sandra to him & meeting at a neutral place,  
we think Mrs Roberts's reply was w<sup>th</sup> as g<sup>d</sup> Con-  
cessions as was consistent w<sup>th</sup> his Honour's  
or Safety to make, those we doubt not ~~that~~

but Mrs Sandra has acquainted y<sup>e</sup> of  
y<sup>e</sup> Honour is v<sup>y</sup> sensible. Our own / Phantah  
Subjects, as well as those of / States, h<sup>av</sup> taken  
Part ag<sup>st</sup> us, whome it follows, no part of  
Phantah Country can be termed neutral,  
therefore Mrs Roberts's meet<sup>g</sup> Mrs Sandra any  
where in t<sup>e</sup> Country (for under his Guns) must  
be g<sup>o</sup>g into / midst of his Enemies to settle /  
Dispute, wh<sup>ic</sup> is what we imagine y<sup>e</sup> Honour  
wd not ~~require~~ a him desire a him, nor do  
we think y<sup>e</sup> wd be to / Glory of / Council of  
him to consent to y<sup>e</sup>, besides y<sup>e</sup> is well in  
Mrs Roberts's power to guarantee / Phantah,  
& Mrs Sandra under Discove, where his force is  
but small & confined within / Walls, but it  
wd be v<sup>y</sup> difficult for Mrs Sandra to engage of  
Mrs Roberts's safety &c ag<sup>st</sup> / violence of whole  
Country, a Part whereof own no Allegiance to  
/ States of Holland.

We most sincerely wish a happy conclu<sup>si</sup>  
to this Dispute, to wh<sup>ic</sup> good end th<sup>er</sup> is nothing,  
consistent w<sup>th</sup> our Safety or Honour, we sh<sup>d</sup> not  
be ready to contribute, but to throw ourselves  
naked & unarmed into / hands of our Enemies,  
is what (as we sd before) we hope y<sup>e</sup> Honour will  
not insist upon, as we cannot consent to y<sup>e</sup>, not w<sup>th</sup>  
/ g<sup>d</sup> Desire we be o<sup>u</sup> app<sup>ro</sup>ach<sup>ing</sup> ourselves &c

W.H.

T.B.

[unclear] with omitted

10] From Godfrey Sandra at Boutry }  
To The President at Duxcovc } Dated  
29th June O.S. 1750

I h/honour to communicate to y. t. I h. re-  
ceived orders from his Excellency / Gen to inform my Self  
if y still hd / same Designs, & if yr Inclina-  
was not changed o lookg into & hearg / Justice o  
this. Palaver Pallaver betw y & / King o Phantah  
a t people only under / Cannon & before / Gate o /  
Fort, or in / Fort itself, & if y will not agree w  
me abt some o<sup>r</sup> place where / people may be  
safe from yr Guns, where over Interpreters may  
hear each Party, & inform us what they say, & where  
we may determine / Affairs if possible in an amic-  
able manner

yr answer will be v<sup>y</sup> agreeable to me &c  
G. Sandra

21] From / President at Duxcovc }  
To Mr Godfrey Sandra at Boutry } 17th June O.S. 1750

I received both yr favours o / 27th & 28th  
O.S. in yr former y are pleased to intimate Surprize t<sup>o</sup>  
did not remember / Discourse t<sup>o</sup> passed, wh<sup>o</sup> I did  
perfectly well in so much t<sup>o</sup> I thot y had no reason to leave  
such orders (as rumoured) y did, at Busha e.s. t<sup>o</sup>  
my people were to go no more thither, & t / 20 days I  
wanted was to reinforce my Fortress w Ammunition  
to carry War on agst t<sup>o</sup> place &c.

Now for, w respect to / Boat y are so friendly  
to mention. I rec a letter from my Chief at Succovc o  
/ 14th O.S. wherein he tells me Mr Weston & com-  
plained t / Captain o / Dolphin insulted his Boat,  
upon wh I instantly wrote to / aforesaid Chief, to  
acquaint Mr Weston t in case / Captain o / Sloop had

fired into his Boat w<sup>th</sup> provoca<sup>n</sup> he (Mr Ulston) m<sup>t</sup>  
 depends on due Satisfac<sup>n</sup> & I h<sup>ve</sup> since a letter o/  
 16<sup>th</sup> O.S. fm my Chief wherein he advises a Cap-  
 tain Gregory of Sloop Dolphin having been ashore at  
 Succoudet & t<sup>h</sup> he went to / Dutch Fort & proved to  
 Mr Ulston t<sup>h</sup> he did not fire into / Boat but  
 ahead o<sup>r</sup> her, & gave his reasons f<sup>r</sup> so doing to Mr  
 Ulston, w<sup>h</sup> t<sup>h</sup> Gentleman was well satisfied  
 & I doubt not. Sir, if / Boat belongs to y<sup>e</sup>, but  
 on Captain Gregory's arrival here, he will give y<sup>e</sup>  
 as satisfactory an Acct o/ Affairs as he hath al-  
 ready done to Mr Ulston.

I can't see what part o/ Coast is neutral, as  
 his Excellency / Gen has declared War agst / Eng-  
 lish, so t<sup>h</sup> / Captains o<sup>r</sup> our Craft as well as his Ma-  
 jesty's & / British Traders are obliged to be upon the  
 guard, be where they will, t<sup>h</sup> Sloop (y<sup>e</sup> well know)  
 was once resolutely attacked, wh<sup>ch</sup> is a due Care<sup>n</sup> f<sup>r</sup>  
 Captain to be on ~~his~~ upon his guard.

In answer to yr kind Epistle o<sup>r</sup> this day I  
 consider & what y<sup>e</sup> relate fm / Gen (viz) to know  
 if I still h<sup>ve</sup> / same designs, & if my Inclina<sup>n</sup> is  
 not changed o<sup>r</sup> lookg into & hearg / Justice o/  
 Pallawer, betw<sup>n</sup> myself, Phantah King & people  
 only under / Cannon & before / Gate o/ Fort or  
 in / Fort itself.

[Why] why really Mr Sandra, / Gen cannot be  
 or than sensible, how modest such Design or  
 Inclina<sup>n</sup> is. It is a truth incontestable t<sup>h</sup> w<sup>h</sup>  
 man fears his Pallawer under his own Guns, but  
 as I find / Gen can by his order brg / Phantahs  
 to Dixcove, or not; as they don't come thither, I  
 sh<sup>ll</sup> always conclude no or than t<sup>h</sup> his Excellency  
 forbids them, & t<sup>h</sup> Entury et al. are no  
 more in fault f<sup>r</sup> not comg to Dixcove to make  
 the Pallawer. ~~As to~~ AS to hearg it in / Fort,  
 I know I gave up t<sup>h</sup> point howsoever at present,  
 to shew my forward Disposit<sup>n</sup> to peace.

213] Observe, if / Phantahs will come to / Cocoa Tree  
on Accas plantan. Cudjoe my Linguist sh attend  
a hear what they h. to say, & thence return w/ yr Lin-  
guist to hear what my people h. to say at Discourse,  
both Accts sh be delivered to myself & J in this  
Fort, to form our Judgm<sup>t</sup> thereon.

I cannot do w<sup>t</sup> than is proposed. If Enterry  
is so choice a person, as not to be ~~trusted~~ entrusted  
under / Guns o this Fort, I am positive I can't take  
his word or Accomplies for / Security o my  
people fm under them, whom I think, o both  
Complexions, as valuable as himself & his Abetors &  
J. R.

212] Fm Mrs Sandra at Bontry }  
To } dated  
The President at Discourse } 30<sup>th</sup> June N.S. 1750

I received / Letter wh y did me / pleasure  
to write to me / 14<sup>th</sup> OS. in wh I am surprized to find  
y say, t / Wednesday last, when I was w/ y, I had  
given certain orders at Busha, contrary to those I  
had promised y to give.

I am ready, Sir, to clear my honour upon Oath,  
as well as / fidelity o my word, & I will rid my Self  
o this Aspersions by / Testimony o mine [sic] Lin-  
guists who were present.

Why shd y be angry w a man bec he will  
not sacrifice / honour o his Lords & Masters? why in  
such Cases will y listen to / Sugges<sup>ns</sup> & reports o  
Negroes? if y proceed in this manner, an  
honest man will find it no easy matter to  
guard ag<sup>t</sup> Cavillers.

I cannot pass in Silence One thg wh is a  
proof to / Contrary o what y lay to my Charge, y  
cannot be ignorant t yr Linguist Cudjoe was  
Fryday last at Busha w/ yr permission, w<sup>t</sup> receiving  
any manner o hurt, but on / Contrary, w<sup>th</sup>

fired into his Boat w<sup>th</sup> provoca<sup>n</sup> he (Mr Ulston) m<sup>t</sup> depends on due Satisfac<sup>n</sup> & I h<sup>ve</sup> since a letter o/ 16<sup>th</sup> P.S. fm my Chief wherein he advises o/ Captain Gregory of Sloop Dolphin having bn ashore at Succowda, & t<sup>h</sup> he went to / Dutch Fort & proved to Mr Ulston t<sup>h</sup> he did not fire into / Boat but ahead o/ her, & gave his reasons f<sup>r</sup> so doing to Mr Ulston, w<sup>ch</sup> t<sup>h</sup> Gentleman was well satisfied & I don't m<sup>t</sup>. Sir, if / Boat belongs to y<sup>e</sup> but on Captain Gregory's arrival here, he will give y<sup>e</sup> as satisfactory an Acct o/ Affairs as he hath already done to Mr Ulston.

I can't see what part o/ Coast is neutral, as his Excellency / Gen has declared War agst / English, so t<sup>h</sup> / Captains o/ our Craft as well as the / Justys & / British Traders are obliged to be upon the guard, be where they will, t<sup>h</sup> Sloop (y<sup>e</sup> well know) was once resolutely attacked, w<sup>ch</sup> is a due Cau<sup>n</sup> f<sup>r</sup> / Captain to be on his upon his guard.

In answer to yr kind Epistle o/ this day I consider & what y<sup>e</sup> relate fm / Gen (viz) to know if I still h<sup>ve</sup> / same designs, & if my Inclina<sup>n</sup> is not changed o/ lookg into & hearg / Justice o/ Pallawer, betw<sup>n</sup> myself, Phantah King & people only under / Cannon & before / Gate o/ Fort or in / Fort itself.

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a hear what they h to say, & thence return w y & lin-  
guist to hear what my people h to say at Discourse  
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under / Guns o this Fort, I am positive I can't take  
his word or Accomplies for / Security o my  
people for under them, whom I think, o both  
Complexions, as valuable as himself & his Abetors  
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To The President at Duxrose } Dated  
30<sup>th</sup> June N.S. 1750

I received / letter wh y did me / pleasure  
to write to me / 14<sup>th</sup> OS. in wh I am surpriz'd to find  
y say, t / Wednesday last, when I was w y, I had  
given certain orders at Busha, contrary to those I  
had promised y to give.

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as well as / fidelity o my word, & I will rid my self  
o this as persion by / testimony o mine [sic] dis-  
guists who were present.

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not sacrifice / honour o his Lords & Masters? why in  
such Cases will y listen to / Suggestns & reports o  
Negroes? if y proceed in this manner, an  
honest man will find it no easy matter to  
guard ag<sup>t</sup> Cavillers.

I cannot pass in Silence One thg wh is a  
proof to / contrary o what y lay to my Charge, y  
cannot be ignorant t y<sup>r</sup> Linguist Cudjoe was  
Fryday last at Busha w y<sup>r</sup> permission, w<sup>t</sup> receivg  
any manner o hurt, but on / Contrary, w<sup>t</sup>

back to / Fort quite satisfied, fm whence it follows t I am vj wrongfully blamed.

As regard to / Declarat<sup>n</sup> o War wh y politely say / Gen made by attack<sup>g</sup> y<sup>r</sup> Sloop ( Laden w Stores f Duxcove Fort) off Boutry, I sh not find much defecty in defendg t when it sh be a prosper time.

The interview y propose to me in Accas plantam, under yr Guns, where yr Linguist will be ready to hear what Enterry & his people h to say, & afterwards to hear what yrs say in / Fort is a proposal to lose time, f <sup>to</sup> stand a Pallaver properly, both Parties must be togr. Moreover, I yett y spoke to Enterry & / O<sup>r</sup> interested people to know th<sup>r</sup> resolution, they answered, t as they hd bn once & were duped, & as they hd received certain reports, they were obliged to be upon th<sup>r</sup> guard, but if y were willing to make / Pallaver at Busha or here, they wd be vj well satisfied, & wd give me as many Hostages f / Security o yr people as I shd desire. Y<sup>r</sup> answer will Oblige me  
G. Sandra

213] Fm / President at Duxcove

To  
Mr Sandra at Boutry

Dated

22<sup>nd</sup> June OS. 1750

I am honoured w yrs o / 30<sup>th</sup> 25, yril please to remark by / Tenor o both my former t I only expressed my surprize at / Rumour t reached me fm Busha o orders y hd given th<sup>r</sup> re, wh I did not nor cd not credit at my heart, nor did I lay it to yr Charge or impeach / honour or fidelity o yr word, but was willing to inform y o / report I hd received f

wh / Inhabitants o Busha are only to blame, who  
I believe, were / Promoters o it.

As to what Cudjoe did then, it was a Ceremony  
between Blacks, it is not worth while to trouble each  
o'r obr. I am not angry (as I express myself) &  
hope you'll rest assured, I am Superior, to desirg  
any Gentleman to sacrifice & honour o his Lords &  
Masters. I shd deem yrself or any o'r man  
culpable I did yr.

Only wish & desire / merits o / Pallaver ma  
be heard in a candid just manner, wh I now  
again give y my honours, my Oath, or anythg more  
Saired as Guarantee if youl brg / Athantahs  
conformable to my letters o / 9th & 14th, they  
sh depart unhurt, unmoled.

It in my former letters expatiated fully  
upon / dangers & improprie o sufferg my people  
to go to Busha, as they wd h more to dread this  
than / Athantahs can possibly h fm Discove,  
as I sh guarantee none o them sh be hurt.

Were my People, Sir, to go to Busha ~~or~~ or  
elsewhere, I shd think f the safe return Dis-  
cove Forb / place Hostages shd be secured, I sh  
be glad to know what part o / Athantah Country  
is more neutral, on / condns I offer.

Will y hear / Pallaver at Commda. I am  
only anxious to brg yr to a hearg. If I am wrong  
in its origin, retribue is at hand f / Dutch or  
yo, if I am right, am I not worthy o / same  
equitable redress? & why then are / Parties with-  
held fm Attendance? & why is t Right perverted &  
Equity detained, wh I am ready to discharge  
& recompence, on adjustg / Pallaver, if my  
proceedgs h bin unjust? I deny / Athantahs  
were duped by me, y made no men<sup>n</sup>, nor

Sandra, in yrs o/ 21<sup>st</sup> N.S. in answer to mine  
 215] o/ 9<sup>th</sup> OS. intimatg any o<sup>r</sup> than t /  
 \* Phantasies w<sup>o</sup>ld come & make the Pallaces  
 before / Fort, & when y favoured me w/ last  
 Interview I expected no o<sup>r</sup>, & was never more  
 surprized than when I found / Contrary,  
 & / Phantas condensed half way, & determined  
 to enquire the into / part<sup>rs</sup> o/ Affairs.

On another perusal o/ yr Letter (wt cou-  
 idly Sir' a word y are pleased to ~~know~~ <sup>know</sup>) y will find  
 a promise o bringing them, as indeed I that & any  
 reader wd. to Dix w<sup>o</sup>ld, had it so happened, Difus  
 had e'er this b<sup>e</sup>en far accommodated.

If y approve not o Com<sup>o</sup>enda, can y  
 think o any o<sup>r</sup> neutral place. I am advise to  
 prolongg / matter, or usg any means tendg thro'to.  
 Bupha & Bonty are too connected f me to think  
 o those plans.

I think myself much oppressed in this  
 Affair, & / almost disrespect paid / Royal  
 African Co, whose Subjects commended / Pallaces  
 & in whose Fort It ot to be settled, however I  
 am induced by / Injustices exercised agst me  
 & thro' a desire o determining Difus, as well  
 as to satisfie / Ambitions, to forsake such  
 High<sup>t</sup>, in hopes thereby to accomodate matters  
 / Sooner, wh I find y advise to, & prompt ra-  
 ther to parry off, & load me w Invectives  
 & designs o carryg on matters f / Sake o  
 Delay, & prolong Time, wt / least expect to  
 my Weak bad State o Health wh no man  
 can warrant a day, & / Almighty may rather  
 be deemed culpable f / delay o this, tho I re-  
 member not to receive any answer to my last  
 fm Mr Sandra (who is in good S<sup>o</sup> / spirits) in  
 less time than three days, however I am

content under these Circumstances, & tho' I dispose  
 o my Adversaries are to distress my Self & my  
 Patrons, by detaining the Subjects, conspiring  
 agst the Dignity & Trade, as well as levelling at  
 the possessors. Time will come, I good Parliament  
 o England will not be over passive therein, &  
 lament / day o my Conveye to them, to appeal  
 f Justice agst / Oppressors, who withhold it from  
 me here. If I can get my people to go to Bush  
 I sh be glad to hear what Hostages will be  
 delivered in Duxov Fort f the return. I sh  
 be rejoiced at yr answer, & much more so see  
 I hitherto, as I am really scarce able to carry  
 on Correspondence, in / meantime, &c  
 J. Roberts

F  
 Fm Mrs Sandra at Bontay } Dated  
 To  
 The President at Duxov } / 3<sup>d</sup> July NS. 1750

As it appears to me t y seek nothg but to  
 prolong time in / concludg / present Dispute, I  
 write this to enquire if y h determined to  
 send yr Linguist w yr Party to King Enters  
 here at Bontay, or at Busha, or not, in order  
 t I may take such measures as to be able to  
 give proper Acct how thgs go. I beg you'd  
 send me an answer by / Bearer o this, or if  
 I do not receive I sh be obliged to take as a tacit  
 refusal &c  
 G S

215] Answered by / ofore said letter  
 Fm / President

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 to enquire the into / part<sup>rs</sup> o/ Affair.  
 On another perusal o/ y<sup>r</sup> letter (w<sup>ch</sup> say-  
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agst the Regency & Trade, as well as levelling at  
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o England will not be over passive thro' a  
Parliament / day o my Conveye to them, to appeal  
f Justice agst / Oppressors, who withhold it from  
me here. If I can get my people to go to Bush  
I sh be glad to hear what hostages will be  
delivered in Dixons Fort f the return. I sh  
be rejoiced at yr answer, & much more so see  
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J. Roberts

41  
From Mrs Sandra at Bontay } dated  
To  
The President at Dixons } / 3<sup>d</sup> July NS. 1750  
As it appears to me t<sup>y</sup> seek nothing but to  
prolong time in / conclude / present Dispute, I  
write this to inquire if yr determined to  
send yr Linguist w<sup>th</sup> yr Party to King waters  
here at Bontay, or at Busha, or not, in order  
t<sup>y</sup> I may take such measures as to be able to  
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I do not receive I sh be obliged to take as a tacit  
refusal &c  
G S.

215] Answered by / of a said letter  
From / President

216] From Mrs Sandra at Boutry,

The President at Dixcove } 4<sup>th</sup> July 1750

I received / honours o yrs o yesterday ( & by mistake w<sup>th</sup> a Date ) in answer to wh I h<sup>d</sup> / honour to tell y, I sh relate yr proposal o making / Pallaver at Commenda, in yr words, & also what y sd ab / terms I h<sup>d</sup> / honours o beg w<sup>th</sup> Mr Volkmer at yr Fort, & as y h<sup>d</sup> occasion f yr whites & people in / Pallaver, y sd not go to any place

As regard to / Hostages, / Negroes will put them into my hands in order & I may be in a condition o ~~pass~~ pass<sup>g</sup> my word f / Security o yr people, fm any kind o Hostility, wh mt come fm / Party o King Entery. As to / yr Articles I make no answer to them, as they h no relation to / Affairs in Debate, & wh I sh be ready to terminate when<sup>r</sup> / place sh be fixed on f dog it

f Sandra

217] From / President at Dixcove, dated

Mr Sandra at Boutry } / 24<sup>th</sup> June 1750

I am favoured w<sup>th</sup> yr letter o yesterday & am obliged to y f yr promise to relate my proposal o making / Pallaver at Commenda, & sh wait yr answer therunto. If / Pallaver is not made at Dixcove Fort (wh is certainly / place it ot to be made at) I take Commenda to be a proper place, beg neutral, & / Fort o each Party so contiguous, ite case be no force or compulsion exercised on either side.

Iobrowse yr mention t / Negroes will put  
Hostages into yr hands, f / safety o my people  
I sh be glad to know / No & who they are, as  
they will naturally be expected to be persons o some  
consideration, y h not b'n pleased to perform yr re-  
peated promise o sendg / Pawn back t deserted  
fm hence, wh I doubt not yr performance o  
& wish w most sincere esteem. re J Roberts

Fm Mrs Sandra at Bontny }  
To } Dated  
The President at Dixcove } / 5th July N.S. 1750

I received / letter wh y did me / honour  
to write to me to day, in answer to wh & to enlighten  
to y my first y's letter, must tell y t at / time  
ht / honour w Mr Volkimer o beg at yr Fort, & t  
t Gentleman proposed Accoda Fort, y sd y cd not  
agree to it, since y shd b' owner of all yr white  
people in / Pallawis, & as y think proper now  
to propose Commedia, I must inform y t /  
King Entury can't leave this Country to go into  
any o' place.

The Negroes see y were not satisfied w my  
word & Guarrantee, f / safety o yr people at Budha,  
h offered to deliver into my hands (t is to say)  
into Bontny Fort, as many Hostages as I shd  
demand, to make appear to all / world t they h  
nought but a good design to see this Affair de-  
termined, & by wh means I may be more secure  
& h more trust in my word.

Indeed Sir 'tis I am to think o Hostages, bec  
if any Accident shd happen fm our Negroes,  
y wd w'doubt, demand satisfac'n fm

me, & truly w<sup>g</sup> Justice.

I beg to ~~be~~ you'd declare yr Self so t I may take my measures.

I agn offer y payment o / runaway Negro's Debt, bec in truth he cannot be ~~called~~ upon called or looked upon as a Deserter, as he has not bin in Service &c  
G. Sandra

24] Fr<sup>m</sup> / President at Duxine }  
To } Dated 25<sup>th</sup> June O.S. 1750  
Mr Sandra at Boutry }

I received yr oblig<sup>d</sup> letter yest<sup>r</sup> Evng & am rather alarmed at yr mention o Mr Wolffmire's proposal to hear / Pallaver at Accoda, wh<sup>ch</sup> I told y them was absurd, no place beg neutral in / Athantah Country, especially pertaining to / Dutch, as it is clear most o thr Subjects were in / Attack o this Fort, & equally manifest by whose orders they engaged.

I are pleased to say (to wit) I request see y are not satisfied w my word b / safety o yr People at Busha &c. What reasons can thr be why my Self shd be satisfied or depend upon yr word more than yr Self on mine, not a v<sup>y</sup> just one I am inclin<sup>d</sup> to think. It is not evident to me Sir! t y are fully empowered to settle an affair o such Consequ<sup>ce</sup>. it appears fm yr Discourse & sufficient Circumsties y are determin<sup>d</sup> in w<sup>g</sup> motion by / Gen o Elmoria's orders, therefore shd any unfortunate Incident happen betw<sup>n</sup> / Parties, to my Detrim<sup>nt</sup> an Applic<sup>n</sup> b relief m<sup>t</sup> be reject<sup>d</sup>, as y<sup>r</sup> Superior cd perhaps allege y had exceeded yr Commis<sup>n</sup> &c &c, upon wh<sup>ch</sup> Casualty my people m<sup>t</sup>

sit down w/ loss & myself be deceived in address

I understand not truly, nor Sandra, what I mean by desiring I wd declare myself, & I may take for measures. I h no Declaration of them to h a peaceable fair hearing o/ Pallaver, As to / measures I propose to take on such Declaration o mine, ye Prudence be ye Guide, this Fort has once resisted its Enemies & may withstand them again

I respect / deserted Negroes be sent back, as he bore arms in my Service, wh Arms he has not delivered to me, & if his friends be them a mind to redeem him It will be of satisfactory to us

J. Roberts

218-19] It is to be observed t upon receipt o / President's answer above Mr Sandra went / following day privately fm Bantrey, w<sup>o</sup> sendg any message to inform / President o his & Intensions to depart thence, upon w<sup>h</sup> two messages were sent to Cudjoe, One fm Baco, 1<sup>st</sup> fm Entrey, / first orderg him to depart fm Dixcove w his people in three days, / Or in four days, & he (Cudjoe) shd be looked upon by them both, as a Party in / Pallaver, notw<sup>g</sup> / Discourses before mentioned at two Interviews o a Linnitan o 20 days f all Parties to retire us & / following letter, was also sent to / President, / day after Mr Sandra's departure.

218-19] Am Mr Sandra } dated  
To } Bantrey 8<sup>th</sup> July N.S. 1750  
The President at Dixcove

Considering / Respect & good Intensions, shewed by his Excellency / Director Gen & joined to these / Diligence o his Commissaries, h<sup>o</sup> not in / least be able to move & to facilitate an Interview f determining this Dispute betw<sup>o</sup> y, / King o Aphantah & some o his people, & even on / 24<sup>th</sup> last June, when I & my self went to yr Fort o Dixcove, / King o Aphantah also w his Peimins & o<sup>r</sup> people interested

in / Pallaver (all under / Gov o / West India Co o  
 Holland) com<sup>d</sup> to visit a small Dist<sup>c</sup> o Dixcove  
 Fort & under its Guns, just by / Cocoa Tree w<sup>ch</sup> / late  
 Town o / negroe Bossu, subject to / English na<sup>ns</sup>, y<sup>e</sup>  
 refused to send yr Linguist<sup>t</sup> Cudjoe, w<sup>th</sup> / Negroes o  
 yr Party to / King o / Ananta, & his people, notw<sup>th</sup>  
 I my self in Person was in yr Fort & power, & had  
 given of my word & honour in / name o / Director  
 Gen, t<sup>h</sup> yr people shd come to no hurt, & t<sup>h</sup> / above  
 Assembled people shd only serve to confront & hear  
 yr Party, before our Linguists, & w<sup>ch</sup> br<sup>g</sup> the  
 report to us, after wh<sup>ch</sup> we shd h<sup>av</sup> noth<sup>g</sup> to do  
 but to confer to<sup>g</sup>, & to render Justice fairly &  
 conscientiously as we found / Affairs go, notw<sup>th</sup>  
 this, I say, my Instances met w<sup>th</sup> no manner  
 o / Atten<sup>n</sup>, & y<sup>e</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> refused yr Linguist<sup>t</sup> Cudjoe  
 own request to go & pay his Compliments or  
 Devous to Entery, tho' y<sup>e</sup> permitted him a  
 day or two after to go to Bushia, a town belong<sup>g</sup>  
 to t<sup>h</sup> King, & fm whence he returned w<sup>th</sup> receiv<sup>g</sup> /  
 least hurt to Dixcove, all wh<sup>ch</sup> is a certain Proof  
 o / King o / Ananta & t<sup>h</sup> peoples good Dispos<sup>n</sup>  
 but wh<sup>ch</sup> proof cd not touch yr heart, as neither  
 cd / generous Offers I made, if / Safety o yr  
 people, but on / contrary y<sup>e</sup> answered them w<sup>th</sup>  
 new & unacceptable proposals & Complaints  
 w<sup>th</sup> any just Conclusion, & I think t<sup>o</sup> one  
 was in yr letter o / 25<sup>th</sup> June OS. in wh<sup>ch</sup> y<sup>e</sup>  
 are pleased to say, t<sup>h</sup> my word was not o suffici-  
 aent force to guarantee yr People, & t<sup>h</sup> it is not  
 sufficiently Evident, I am duly authorized to  
 determine an affair o such Consequ<sup>ce</sup>, t<sup>h</sup> my  
 motions are in such manner regulated by  
 his Excellency / Director Gen, t<sup>h</sup> in case any  
 bad Accident shd happen to yr Detriment  
 my Superior<sup>s</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> perhaps be deaf to all  
 Exc<sup>pt</sup> postulations, by say<sup>g</sup> I had overshoot my

Commis<sup>n</sup> in such case yr people wd be obliged to sit  
down content w<sup>th</sup> the Loss, & yr w<sup>o</sup> / want<sup>o</sup> Reparation,  
fm wh<sup>o</sup> Argument it is plain (1<sup>st</sup>) t<sup>h</sup> you'll h<sup>ave</sup> no<sup>t</sup>  
Interview, but such where y<sup>e</sup> h<sup>ave</sup> / ~~whole~~ sole Authority  
& Disposal o<sup>f</sup> thgs, (in / 2<sup>d</sup> place) t<sup>h</sup> y<sup>e</sup> cannot, look  
upon any Sentence or Accomodam<sup>n</sup> as valid (f<sup>r</sup> wh<sup>o</sup>  
reason y<sup>e</sup> delete an Interview w<sup>th</sup> me) since t<sup>h</sup> m<sup>ay</sup>  
be disapproved & annulled as well as / proceed<sup>g</sup>  
Article, (in / 2<sup>d</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> place) it appears more over  
t<sup>h</sup> as / above reason was not before made use o<sup>f</sup>  
& also by yr letters o<sup>f</sup> later date than / 24<sup>th</sup> o<sup>f</sup>  
last June, & by / proposals therein contained, by  
these, I say, it appears y<sup>e</sup> h<sup>ave</sup> no<sup>t</sup> Inten<sup>n</sup> than  
to avail yr Self o<sup>f</sup> / length o<sup>f</sup> time, in order to /  
lucky Comple<sup>n</sup> o<sup>f</sup> yr Schemes, w<sup>h</sup> regard to my  
Commis<sup>n</sup> o<sup>f</sup> wh<sup>o</sup> / Gen gave an Acer to / whole Council  
assembled o<sup>f</sup> / Royal African Co o<sup>f</sup> England, dated  
/ 20<sup>th</sup> April, first o<sup>f</sup> t<sup>h</sup> o<sup>f</sup> Bookholder & Councilors  
Peter Volkmer & John Credo Bacot, in / place o<sup>f</sup>  
latter Gentleman I was deputed, I must say h<sup>ave</sup>  
/ Affairs be<sup>ing</sup> accomodated to yr 'Emolument' &  
likg<sup>ing</sup> you'd h<sup>ave</sup> acknowledged it, but f<sup>r</sup> / contrary  
(you'd as at present) reject it.

I ask likewise why y<sup>e</sup> sh<sup>ould</sup> h<sup>ave</sup> more Confid<sup>ence</sup>  
in my Word, than I in yrs. I. Sir h<sup>ave</sup> given  
sufficient proofs o<sup>f</sup> my trust in y<sup>e</sup>, on / 24<sup>th</sup> June last.  
Considering all these Circumstances, I must conclude  
t<sup>h</sup> y<sup>e</sup> certainly (or positively) refuse to send yr people  
to Bushra, & as y<sup>e</sup> give no<sup>t</sup> o<sup>f</sup> declarati<sup>o</sup>n to my  
letter o<sup>f</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> July, than in gen<sup>er</sup> t<sup>h</sup> you'd find  
much pleasure in heary<sup>ing</sup> / truth o<sup>f</sup> / Pallaver, ~~at~~  
addg<sup>ing</sup> y<sup>e</sup> h<sup>ave</sup> no<sup>t</sup> o<sup>f</sup> Declarati<sup>o</sup>n to make to my letter  
5<sup>th</sup> July re, so it follows, you'll receive no<sup>t</sup>  
o<sup>f</sup> or far Eclaircisement o<sup>f</sup> / Affairs, but in yr  
Fortress o<sup>f</sup> Dixicou, & thus it will be needless f<sup>r</sup>

ans  
220-1] Fall ~~the~~ / above reasons, & bec. o' good  
 Inclination o' his Excellency & me, to reestablish  
 quiet, I am constrained to break off all futz  
 personal Communion w<sup>th</sup> to / above end, And  
 to Protest in / name o' his Excellency John  
 Van Voorst Director Gen o' North & South  
 Coast o' Africa, & o' noble Council o' Coast,  
 agst all fatal accidents, Damages & losses  
 wh may result & h<sup>th</sup> the Origin fin fr un-  
 reasonableness & obstinate refusal, in order to  
 / procure Indemnifica<sup>n</sup>, whereo<sup>r</sup> it can be found &c.  
 Godfrey Sandra

ans  
220-1] Note. Bossu / English Cabocheer having had  
 sev<sup>l</sup> Interviews w<sup>th</sup> Cudjoe / Linguist  
 (to whom in order to excuse his taking up arms  
 agst / Fort, he had made many Complaints (to  
 wit) o' his having bin long neglected, & hav<sup>g</sup>  
 never had a Co<sup>s</sup> Came, or Flag given him &c.)  
 came into / Fort twice, & in order to induce  
 him to Peace, & his Allegiance it was proposed  
 to return him his three Women, two pan-  
 yared on ~~the~~ Coffee Hydrum &c. a One t<sup>o</sup> Bossu  
 gave as a Pawn f<sup>r</sup> his own good behav<sup>our</sup>,  
 accordg<sup>ly</sup> / President<sup>l</sup> dispatched an order  
 Express f<sup>r</sup> them to "C.C. Castle" to be brot to  
 Succoonde, where Baddo, English Cabocheer  
 sh<sup>d</sup> way to meet them & br<sup>g</sup> them to Dixcove  
 to be delivered back to Bossu, but / send<sup>g</sup> ~~the~~  
 them fr<sup>m</sup> "C.C. Castle" beg<sup>d</sup> delayed sev<sup>l</sup> days /  
 Dutch got Intelligence o' it & upon the arrival  
 at Succoonde, beg<sup>d</sup> committed to Baddo who  
 embarked w<sup>th</sup> them in / night f<sup>r</sup> Dixcove,  
 panyared them off Pompondee in 2

eleven hand Canoes, w<sup>th</sup> a No<sup>o</sup> of Yambes, Two  
Hogsheads o<sup>f</sup> Rum &c. by near 30 Canoes g<sup>o</sup> a  
small, on wh<sup>ch</sup> / following letter was wrote to Bacot  
Chief o<sup>f</sup> Bontry

Observe henceforward / President leads  
/ future Correspondence

220] Fm / President<sup>to</sup> at Discove } dated  
Mr Bacot Chief o<sup>f</sup> Bontry } 12<sup>th</sup> July O.S. 1750

'tis surprizing y<sup>e</sup> panyared / British  
Canoes, Subjects, & effects last Sunday in ~~the~~  
violan o<sup>f</sup> / Agreement entered into betw<sup>en</sup> Mr  
Sandria & myself, & t<sup>h</sup> y<sup>e</sup> persist in not restor<sup>ing</sup>  
them. y<sup>e</sup> Conduct is likewise ~~amaz<sup>ing</sup>~~ amaz<sup>ing</sup> in  
send<sup>ing</sup> to a Crown under t<sup>h</sup> protect<sup>ion</sup> o<sup>f</sup> Discove Fort-  
ress & threaten<sup>ing</sup> Bossu a British Cabocheer  
if he or his people don't quit / British Terri-  
tories, they & th<sup>er</sup> Ancestors h<sup>ad</sup> enjoyed & occu-  
pied time on<sup>ly</sup> a mind, y<sup>e</sup> will send people to fight  
& drive him (Bossu) or fm thence. I must  
observe to y<sup>e</sup> t<sup>h</sup> such a proceed<sup>ing</sup> will be a second  
Invasion o<sup>f</sup> British Jurisdiction w<sup>ith</sup> / least Cause or pro-  
voca<sup>tion</sup>. I do intend tomorrow to advertize / Gen<sup>l</sup>  
Such y<sup>e</sup> proceed<sup>ings</sup>, & at / same time, ask wh<sup>o</sup>  
he has given y<sup>e</sup> orders to warrant y<sup>e</sup> in these  
unreasonable Acts.

I agn, Sir, demand / People, Effects, & Canoes  
panyared as aforesaid, especially / Cabocheer  
Baddo, a Subject, as well as / t<sup>h</sup> s, belong<sup>ing</sup> to /  
King o<sup>f</sup> G<sup>o</sup> Britain &c.

J. Roberts

221] fm Bacot / Chief o Boutry } Dated  
 The President at Duxore } 23 July NS. 1750

Tho yr letter does not abound w<sup>th</sup> so many  
 untrue accus<sup>ns</sup> as did yr former ones (f<sup>r</sup> wh<sup>ch</sup> mercy I  
 am much obliged to y<sup>e</sup>) nevertheless I say w<sup>th</sup> ~~it~~  
 unjustly, I was / man who entrapped yr people

As to / message sent to / English Cabocheer  
 Bossu, indeed I had no hand in it, but I'll assure  
 y<sup>e</sup> was / work o / Phantah King, obliged to it by ne-  
 cessity, as I had resolved to be deaf to any<sup>thg</sup> he shd  
 say, & had also some time ago refused to listen to any  
 his proposals f<sup>r</sup> terminatg / present Affair in a  
 Pacifick manner, urged on them by necessity or not  
 by a hostile Disposition, / King was obliged or forced  
 to act in t<sup>e</sup> manner, or if I shd pretend to h<sup>ave</sup> opposed  
 it, I m<sup>ight</sup> h<sup>ave</sup> made myself liable to those demands,  
 wh<sup>ch</sup> w<sup>ould</sup> justice he makes on Annacoe, who by his  
 impudent Insolence is / Cause & Source o all / for-  
 mer troubles, & o all t<sup>e</sup> may here after happen.

fm what has bin s<sup>aid</sup> tis evident how  
 badly you've bin informed o / Circumsties relatg to /  
 message sent to Bossu, & I sh<sup>ould</sup> refer to / report o yr  
 Boy, who heard / truth o what I say, fm / King's  
 own mouth, wh<sup>ch</sup> I hope he will faithfully relate,  
 yr letter to his Excellency (be / purpos<sup>d</sup> wh<sup>at</sup> tis will)  
 sh<sup>ould</sup> h<sup>ave</sup> by / promise o / King, free passage, & sh<sup>ould</sup> be  
 honestly conveyed as directed.

223] The Cabocheer Baddo, departed this day  
 f<sup>r</sup> Succondes, & w<sup>as</sup> regard to / demand o effect<sup>s</sup>  
 I desire to be excused fm comply<sup>ng</sup> w<sup>th</sup> it, as they  
 are not at my disposal, but entirely in /  
 possession o / King. Phantah King, fm whom I  
 can't take them by force, w<sup>ould</sup> make my Self  
 answerable f<sup>r</sup> all o them, & so expose my Self to  
 / danger o be g<sup>one</sup> in / same cond<sup>n</sup> & conform<sup>ity</sup> wh<sup>ch</sup>  
 I feel at presen<sup>t</sup>, a thg I ed never answer.

I have nothing more to say than that I am ready to embrace  
w/ most sensible pleasure, w<sup>ch</sup> opp<sup>d</sup> in my power to  
convince y<sup>e</sup> how unreasonable y<sup>e</sup> h<sup>ve</sup> formed an op-  
inion o<sup>f</sup> me, & also to efface, by y<sup>e</sup> force o<sup>f</sup> my Be-  
haviour, those Ideas o<sup>f</sup> me, wh<sup>ch</sup> by report you've got  
in y<sup>e</sup> head, time will show my real Sentiments  
in / meantime &c

J. C. Bacotr

27] Fr<sup>m</sup> / President at Duxcov

Dated

To  
The Gen<sup>l</sup> o<sup>f</sup> Elmira

14<sup>th</sup> July 05. 1750

Mr Sandra was pleased to send me a  
letter o<sup>f</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Current 75. hav<sup>g</sup> left Bontny / Eng before  
intended by its tenor as a Recit<sup>n</sup> or memorial o<sup>f</sup>  
Passages w<sup>ch</sup> o<sup>f</sup> my letters, Messages &c dur<sup>g</sup> his Em-  
bassy at Bontny, but in / Abstract<sup>g</sup> some parts  
were extremely aggravated & Obs<sup>d</sup> (as appear to me)  
not clearly understood, in short / whole determined  
y<sup>e</sup> Correspond<sup>ce</sup> & concluded w<sup>th</sup> a Declara<sup>n</sup> or  
Protest rather ambiguous but yet hostile

It wd be needless to give y<sup>e</sup> Honour a mo-  
ment's trouble abt any part o<sup>f</sup> / Confer<sup>ce</sup> held or result  
o<sup>f</sup> them, dur<sup>g</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Deputie's sojourn<sup>g</sup> in this Country,  
as my letters undoubtably pass<sup>d</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Inspect<sup>n</sup> fr<sup>m</sup>  
time to time, to those therefore I refer, as Testimonie's o<sup>f</sup>  
my Dispos<sup>n</sup> to peace

It wd also be rather weak in me to remind  
y<sup>e</sup> o<sup>f</sup> sev<sup>l</sup> answers to those letters, purport<sup>g</sup> to a  
Case in / Bush, Acoda, Busha, Bontny &c were pro-  
per places (& not Duxcov Fort) to hear / Pallawer<sup>at</sup>  
at.

I am truly sorry y<sup>e</sup> Envoy's dared not consent to  
/ adjust<sup>g</sup> matters in this Fortress, or under / Guns,  
where they m<sup>gt</sup> in a v<sup>ry</sup> fair peaceable manner h<sup>ve</sup>  
prov<sup>d</sup> (if they cd) / Attack my Warlike Troops  
made on Dutch Territories, wh<sup>ch</sup> gave rise to y<sup>e</sup> ~~the~~  
Wrath, vicens<sup>d</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Indignat<sup>n</sup>, to panyare & declare  
War, It concerns me likewise y<sup>e</sup> people shd pre-  
fer / Fatigue o<sup>f</sup> Invent<sup>g</sup> (w<sup>ch</sup> g<sup>th</sup> Industry) Diffulties

+ Objec<sup>ns</sup> plainly, to prolong Troubles, to so good  
 an oppy<sup>n</sup> o' justify<sup>g</sup> / Attack upon good thing  
 Enterr<sup>y</sup>, when he was innocent by reason<sup>s</sup> of his  
 people + a Cession agreed upon, However to be  
 brief I must inform y<sup>e</sup> / first Interview I had  
 w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>r</sup> Commissioner Sandra + Second (Mr  
 Volkman beg them w<sup>th</sup> him) it was agreed (in v<sup>l</sup>  
 plain English) y<sup>e</sup> / present Troubles happened  
 224] not to be adjusted, a Suspens<sup>n</sup> o' Arms shd  
 be observed on both Sides for 20 days, after  
 break<sup>g</sup> up / Congress, in wh<sup>ch</sup> time all Parties  
 were to pass + repass unimpeded, wh<sup>ch</sup> Compact  
 I was induced to consider (tho' not reduced to  
 writ<sup>g</sup>) as Obligatory + Effectual, y<sup>e</sup> b<sup>o</sup> y<sup>e</sup> well  
 know y<sup>e</sup> Chief Baco<sup>t</sup>, not w<sup>th</sup> many days o' /  
 Cession were undetermined, parryed two Eng-  
 lish Canoes (not laden w<sup>th</sup> Stores f<sup>r</sup> use o' Dic-  
 w<sup>l</sup> Fort, as may be agr<sup>d</sup> suggested) + carried  
 them into Bantuy, imprisoned / British Sub-  
 jects, + detain<sup>s</sup> o' / Effects destined f<sup>r</sup> Sloop  
 here, trad<sup>g</sup> to Windward, under these Pre-  
 dicaments, what awaits a Cession? Compact?  
 or Honour? nought! to people who triumph  
 in improv<sup>g</sup> Defec<sup>ns</sup> + are Intent<sup>d</sup> + Sedulous  
 upon Acts Oppressive

I cannot help observ<sup>g</sup> also t<sup>o</sup> w<sup>th</sup> afore-  
 said Canoes was Baddo English Cabocheer o'  
 Succondee, whom Baco<sup>t</sup> beat + abused shame-  
 fully, may w<sup>th</sup> diffe<sup>l</sup>ty, in / Ramours o' his Soul, was  
 he prevailed upon fr<sup>m</sup> break<sup>g</sup> / sd Cabocheer's  
 Car<sup>y</sup> in pieces (bec it was / Royal African Cos)  
 ab<sup>t</sup> his (Baddo's) head. Such acts, I must say,  
 demonstrate gr<sup>t</sup> Malice, Disrespect to / Co. +  
 no small Barbarity towards / poor old Caba-  
 cheer, who was only a passenger hither, on  
 Busyness o' no Significan<sup>t</sup> to y<sup>r</sup> Honour or

Chief Bacot, To / latter I sent my Boy to desire a  
forebearance o his Cruelty, & indeed wrote f Restora<sup>n</sup>  
o People, Effects, & Canoes, / latter intended  
to carry back Cudjoe & his people, wh Mr Bacot  
refused, his Plea beg / want o Orders fm Elmina,  
I sh therefore be glad yr Honour will order the  
Delivery, as / Limita<sup>n</sup> o Twenty days Cessa<sup>n</sup>  
was far fm beg repaired, when they were parryared.  
Yr Chief aforesaid has likewise (w his  
usual ~~modesty~~ modesty) sent his Messengers to /  
inglish Capocher Bossu, residg in a Croom under  
/ protec<sup>n</sup> o this Forters, threatening t if himself & people  
dont retire & dwell under Bontry, Accoda, or Cape Three  
Points, he will in a few days (by yr order) fight & drive  
him on<sup>t</sup> o / British Jurisdiction, / Site whereof Bossu  
& family h occupied time immemorial. If Mr Bacot  
shd put these 9<sup>t</sup> Designs in exec<sup>n</sup>, I am apt to think it  
will be construed an<sup>d</sup> Inva<sup>n</sup>, commencing w<sup>t</sup> Cause o  
Droovca<sup>n</sup> wh a former Atchievmt<sup>s</sup> o t renowned man  
will not be buried in Oblivion, as a day will come o  
vramiza<sup>n</sup>, when truth sh make its appearance How-  
ever f / present I rest content, & sh forbear tormentg  
yr Honour fur<sup>r</sup>, than to aver my Design in comg  
hither w Cudjoe was to finish Troubles & intro-  
duce peace in / Aphantah Country, all most<sup>ly</sup> at any  
rate w<sup>t</sup> fique to Mr Bacot, or prejudice to / Sacred  
person o his Majesty Interroy, but / Difficulties &  
Objections o my Enemies (in whose hands / Almighty  
has put / Superior power) were so manifold &  
great<sup>er</sup> that there was no possibility o proving it, f wh  
good & desirable Work, I repeat agn (as yr Honour  
continues averse to / Pallaver beg heard at  
Diacore Fort) t I am willg & ready to attend  
at Comenda, or any neutral place on<sup>t</sup> o / Aphantah  
Country, y sh propose, as soon as ever yr Honour sh be  
pleas'd to fix / place & order / Attendance o / Persons,  
whose Cause y h that proper to espouse & support.  
As to / report current amg / Blacks t yr  
Honour is assiduous in proving Mercenaries

at all places y<sup>e</sup> least probability o' gett<sup>g</sup> hid I sh<sup>d</sup>  
not trouble my Self, or yr Honour abt it, but  
rather take of a favour yr answer, wher y<sup>e</sup>  
please to appoint a place neutral f<sup>r</sup> purpose  
above, or prefer a Continuance o' Pallaser &c  
J. Roberts

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L<sup>o</sup> Fr<sup>o</sup> / Gen<sup>l</sup> at ElmiraTo  
The President at Disceve

Dated

31<sup>st</sup> July N.S. 1750

We did not expect any more writ<sup>g</sup> fr<sup>m</sup>  
y<sup>e</sup> touch<sup>g</sup> / Disputes in / Athantah Country, as fr<sup>m</sup>  
y<sup>e</sup> strange behaviour & disagreeable Treatm<sup>t</sup> o' our  
Envoys (who went to inform themselves o' Diff<sup>c</sup>lties  
arisen at Bonting & were three sevl times at yr  
Fort o' Disceve) We sufficiently saw y<sup>e</sup> did not  
want to make up matters w<sup>th</sup> them, but w<sup>th</sup> /  
Athantah King (wh<sup>o</sup> however did not succeed)  
unknown to us, & f<sup>r</sup> t<sup>e</sup> Purpose h<sup>d</sup> employed y<sup>e</sup>  
Linguist Cudjoe to put in Practice w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Inbrigue  
to disgrace / Authority o' my Lords & Dear Masters.

Having read & read over agn, / French  
Translat<sup>n</sup> o' yr Letter dated / 14<sup>th</sup> Inst<sup>o</sup> I find  
nothg but a Chain o' Accusans agst / Dutch  
Officers in it, toge<sup>r</sup> w<sup>th</sup> an old assurance o' yr peace-  
full Intents to adjust / Affairs, w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> think<sup>g</sup>  
proper to give me any sufficient Proofs o' just<sup>ice</sup>,  
or propos<sup>g</sup> any equitable Expedient f<sup>r</sup> / Last.

We find nothg in Mr De Sandras last  
Letter (o' 8<sup>th</sup> July) but a pure Explanam<sup>n</sup> o' /  
Truth, w<sup>th</sup> any Aggravam<sup>n</sup> o' Treatm<sup>t</sup> received  
fr<sup>m</sup> y<sup>e</sup>, f<sup>r</sup> he cd no longer bear to see / Honour  
o' Co rallied, so was obliged to break off  
all Interviews, & th<sup>is</sup> is no Ambiguity to be  
found in / Concl<sup>u</sup>sion o' his Letter

It wd be endless to repeat anythg o' /  
Confid<sup>en</sup>ce our Envoys reposed in y<sup>e</sup> Promise,

with a sincere Affec<sup>n</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> we recommend them, in  
order to / concluding all Animosities in / Aphantah  
Country, Since / Com<sup>d</sup> o<sup>r</sup> Mr De Sandra w<sup>ch</sup> yr well  
belov<sup>d</sup> Amacoe & Acca, under yr Canon, & into  
yr Fort o<sup>r</sup> Dixcove, w<sup>ch</sup> design accord<sup>g</sup> to / Convers<sup>n</sup>  
to hear & judge / Affairs Jointly w<sup>ch</sup> yr, are uncon-  
testable Proofs o<sup>r</sup> them.

But y<sup>e</sup> expected still more Concess<sup>n</sup>s, & first, t<sup>h</sup>  
/ People sh<sup>d</sup> appear in / English Fort, when all was  
ready f<sup>r</sup> a gen<sup>l</sup> Attack, & / Guns loaded w<sup>th</sup> Cartridge  
& Shot, or before / Gate, to wh<sup>ch</sup> Mr Sandra  
25 not beg able to persuade them, he desired y<sup>e</sup> to per-  
mit yr own Linguist to go out o<sup>r</sup> Fort to hear /  
natives as accord<sup>g</sup> to the Custom they had guarded  
themselves ag<sup>st</sup> all Violence.

But all these friendly & reasonable Representa<sup>n</sup>s  
w<sup>ch</sup> not gain / desired Effect on yr Heroic Disposi<sup>n</sup>,  
as it usually happens when a man makes use o<sup>r</sup> an  
ill Design to convert a bad Cause (if possible)  
into a good One.

And as we h<sup>av</sup> more than once had / honour to  
assure y<sup>e</sup> & / Council o<sup>r</sup> Royal African Co, t<sup>h</sup> after  
serious Examina<sup>n</sup> o<sup>r</sup> Subject o<sup>r</sup> this Dispute, & had  
informed Our Selves & plainly found, t<sup>h</sup> to oppress  
/ Dutch Subjects was / Beginning & Continua<sup>n</sup> o<sup>r</sup> yr  
Inten<sup>n</sup>, wh<sup>ch</sup> has appeared moreover fm yr pride  
in refus<sup>g</sup> to hear or finish / Dispute when Cas  
before sd<sup>d</sup> Gentlemen came to y<sup>e</sup> / t<sup>h</sup> purpose, So  
w<sup>ch</sup> fm / Obliga<sup>n</sup> we owe to protect / Subjects o<sup>r</sup>  
limited Provinces in the Effects & Possess<sup>n</sup>s on this  
Coast, b<sup>eing</sup> forced to grant power to entering King  
o<sup>r</sup> Aphantah, & to yr People concerned, to do  
all possible Hurst to the Enemies wh<sup>ch</sup> are so  
kindly protected by y<sup>e</sup>, in order to obtain an equi-  
table Repar<sup>n</sup> o<sup>r</sup> the Losses, & to oblige them to a  
reasonable Accomoda<sup>n</sup>, & to a fast<sup>g</sup> Union,

wh<sup>ch</sup> wh<sup>ch</sup> power has given occas<sup>n</sup> to /

parmyar & securg two lge Canoes go9 to Dixcose,  
 as y<sup>r</sup> feigned Agreement o a Suspens<sup>n</sup> o Arms f 20  
 days after / Congress was broke, is Contradicted,  
 & by Messrs De Sandra & Volkmer, in good  
 Dutch, proved to be a gr<sup>d</sup> lie, & indeed Sir, y<sup>r</sup>  
 accusg letter to Mr De Sandra o/15<sup>th</sup> OS. giv  
 a plain proof t in t Point, at t time, y was also o  
 another way o thinkg, We h / honour o knowg  
 Mr Roberts too well to neglect puttg in writg  
 a Circumstee wh wd h b n so v<sup>y</sup> advantageous  
 t to him.

The Gold Taker o Succondee, Badlo, can  
 bear witness himself in what manner he was  
 received by / Comis Bacot, when / King brot  
 him into / Fork, & he followed his own pleasure  
 f / two days he was thre, was well used by at  
 Entervy's, & afterwards returned to Succondee.

Y<sup>r</sup> accusa<sup>n</sup> t he was ill used by / sd Bacot,  
 is ill founded & / Express<sup>n</sup> g<sup>ly</sup> aggravated, wh  
 y are obliged to make use o, it to be placed here.

The Message you say was sent by  
 Bacot to / Cabocheer Bossie has b n so well  
 & clearly answered & falsified in his Letter wh he  
 hd / honor to write to y / 23<sup>d</sup> Inst<sup>t</sup> ~~it~~ t  
 It wd be unnecessary to say anything on t head.

In like manner we sh say nothg ag<sup>st</sup>  
 / Reports brot y, t we are continually busied  
 in lookg evywhere f Mercenaries (by wh we  
 understand people to be hired) & are at work  
 to brg them to our Aid.

As y are pleased y<sup>r</sup> Self to say, Superior  
 Force are in / hands o my Enemies, does it seem  
 227] likely t / last Accusa<sup>n</sup> is just, true, we are  
 Superiour, & what are we more to get, as our  
 Trade & Inter<sup>o</sup> Affairs, Sir, now stand, & are

likely to remain. We shd think ourselves highly  
to blame, & unreasonable to exact anything by wh<sup>t</sup> /  
power of Royal African Co m<sup>t</sup> suffer or become  
despicable.

The words of make use o (nevertheless of <sup>a</sup> time  
I am content) appear obscure to me. & I cannot  
well believe or understand by them t they mean  
a kind o ~~the~~ Threat, or t when an Opp<sup>y</sup> offers, you  
take o<sup>r</sup> bad methods, to make Disturbances, & fo  
present y only seek to screen yr self by some  
Subterfuge fm / Affairs, in wh<sup>y</sup> h taken up /  
giddy folly o Mr Seniors

Consequently we h need o yr more accurate  
elucidat<sup>n</sup> before we can come to a second Interview,  
in one w<sup>h</sup> already bn duped.

J. V. Voors<sup>h</sup>

26. Fm / President returned  
to "C. C. Castle"

To  
Mr Van Voors<sup>h</sup> was at Abomina

Dated

1<sup>st</sup> Aug<sup>r</sup> O.S. 1750.

I received yr letter by my Boy / day before  
I departed fm Duxovne, & sh do my self / honour to  
answer it in a few days, wh delay is occasioned by  
my long absence fm my Affairs here, & some Dispatches  
th<sup>o</sup> Europe by / Ships t part tomorrow, I am &c  
J. R.

27] Fm / Gen }  
To  
The President

Dated 12<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>r</sup> 1750

I shd / honour to write to y / 31<sup>st</sup> l<sup>tr</sup> &  
delivered / letter to yr Boy to convey it to y at Duxovne, I've  
bn assured since o yr return to "CCC" f wh reason I take /  
freedom to inform my self if / sd letter has bn delivered  
to y by myr Servant<sup>h</sup>.

J. V. Voors<sup>h</sup>

n.B. Answered by a former letter

From / President<sup>r</sup> at CCC. } Dated  
 To } / 11<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> O.S. 1750  
 Gen Van Voorst<sup>r</sup> at Elmina

By / Tenour o<sup>r</sup> yrs / 31<sup>st</sup> N.S. It appears to me yr Envoys were disgust<sup>d</sup> at / Treat<sup>mt</sup> they met at Dixcove. I can only say it was o<sup>r</sup> best I had & perhaps good as m<sup>t</sup> be expected in a Fort (my Visitors well knew) had bin blocked up by Sea & Land, as much as in / Abilities o<sup>r</sup> my Enemies to accomplish. I was also in hopes my Complaisance to those Gents wd<sup>l</sup> bin far fm giv<sup>g</sup> offence, as I earnestly endeavoured to avoid it, but as / contrary has happened, I rest Satisfied th<sup>r</sup> is a want<sup>in</sup> me o<sup>r</sup> those African Accomplish<sup>mts</sup> such Gentlemen are happily inured to, fm th<sup>r</sup> long residee on / Coast, therefore w<sup>l</sup> all my heart I confess myself ignorant o<sup>r</sup> such Local Educa<sup>on</sup> wh<sup>ch</sup> I suppose is in propor<sup>on</sup> polite & compleat, as more or less replenish<sup>d</sup>, w<sup>l</sup> / Art<sup>or</sup>

Secret o<sup>r</sup> those underhand dealgs w<sup>l</sup> / Negroes, you'd so kindly parry off upon my Self, wh<sup>ch</sup> I abhor, as beneath a Gentleman, & Reproach to my Office.

As to Cabocheer Cudjoes' go<sup>g</sup> to Busha, 'twas entirely ag<sup>st</sup> my Consent, & when he persisted to / last he wd<sup>l</sup> go, to pay his ~~Desire~~ Desire to / King Entory, he left not Dixcove Fortness w<sup>l</sup> repeated Admon<sup>on</sup> to mention ~~nothing~~ nothing o<sup>r</sup> Pallaver to yr Ally, Dread Monarch, or hear ~~at~~ any<sup>g</sup> his Majesty m<sup>t</sup> propose, relative to k Affairs, o<sup>r</sup> wh<sup>ch</sup> th<sup>r</sup> subsist<sup>ts</sup>

2] uncontrollable. Evidence (omitted / Testimony of Judge) who can justify my Conduct therein, so sh<sup>d</sup> be charge upon such yr Officers no further than to submit / Purposes of mem<sup>m</sup>. To persons who are no strangers to, & less Honour & more Negroe Disposition than any So

If I find Accusations agst<sup>r</sup> Deputies, they are founded on Truth & Justice. / proposals made them cannot be ~~judged~~ adjudged & than reasonable by any man, but yr Self, too plainly bent upon Commo<sup>m</sup> & to accumulate Trouble upon my Self & Colleagues by infringing / Rights of yr Constituents & upholdg<sup>r</sup> the Rebellious Subjects in th<sup>r</sup> disobedience.

Sedulous are I to raise force yr Self & by yr Chief, (by dint of flogg<sup>r</sup>, Imprisonm<sup>t</sup>, & such like punishments, exercised upon / Troops of h<sup>r</sup>) compel them in aid of yr disaffected Subjects, for yr own bad Cause to attack / British Settlements by a Land & Craft by Sea.

As to what of mem<sup>m</sup> of yr own & Envoys good Disposition to peace, a proof of latter I sh<sup>d</sup> recite (ie) when Mr Sandra was at Bunting & thgs seem'd most likely to be adjust'd, what I did he do to promote it & but to hurry away a messenger to Borne in an Alarm t<sup>h</sup> his sister was ~~was~~ at Cape Coast Castle had bin some time sold & carried off / Coast, did such Behaviour, Sir, indicate a Disposition to peace. No quite / contrary, as did many Acc<sup>s</sup> of t<sup>e</sup> Gentleman.

My letters of / 9<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>d</sup> of June last demonstrate my desire to be concluded / Disturbed, to corroborate / Same, consult a letter of / 28<sup>th</sup> wherein it's proposed of Mr Sandra wd give me Hostages in / Fort of the Discove, & / safe return of my people, I wd endeavour, to prevail w<sup>th</sup> them, to run / risque of go<sup>g</sup> to Busha, but yr Deputy afores<sup>d</sup> rejected / Same.

This letter of June / 9<sup>th</sup> contained no bad reasons why yr Envoys were safer in comg to Discove w<sup>th</sup> the people than my Self & mine were in go<sup>g</sup> to Busha. / Observam<sup>t</sup> I make on / Fort Quarts being loaded w<sup>th</sup>. I confess, true, wd it h<sup>d</sup> bin prudent /

Ordin<sup>e</sup> sh<sup>d</sup> h<sup>ve</sup> b<sup>en</sup> in / contrary Condi<sup>ti</sup>o<sup>n</sup>? when 3 or  
4000 Negroes armed surrounded / Fortress? whom,  
I repeat, Mr Sandra had no Command over,  
suppose he had, & upon any little Disturb<sup>ance</sup>, a  
Quarrel ensued? / Forth int<sup>o</sup> h<sup>is</sup> b<sup>ea</sup>tt<sup>en</sup>, my-  
Self incapable o<sup>f</sup> making a necessary Defence, upon  
wh<sup>ich</sup> little less cd<sup>d</sup> h<sup>ve</sup> b<sup>en</sup> / Consequ<sup>ent</sup> than a  
Slight Representat<sup>ion</sup> o<sup>f</sup> Amboyna.

The feigned Agree<sup>ment</sup> as I are pleased to  
know it / Twenty days Suffern<sup>ce</sup> I sh<sup>d</sup> delu-  
date, n<sup>o</sup>t / first day Mr Sandra came to Dix-  
cove, before any Topic came upon / Tapir I ad-  
dressed myself to him in / words followg  
(25) Mr Sandra if / Pallaver sh<sup>d</sup> happen  
not to be settled, it will be proper to agree  
upon 20 days ~~time~~ time / Parties on both  
sides to pass & repass, to wh<sup>ich</sup> Mr Sandra,  
~~to be 230~~ to be sure Sir! it's but reasonable, w<sup>as</sup>  
all my Heart - / second time he came to Dix-  
cove w<sup>ith</sup> Mr Volkmer, I told them both I sh<sup>d</sup>  
insist upon / 20 days to be agreed upon (before  
we entered into / merits o<sup>f</sup> Pallaver) f<sup>or</sup> all  
Parties to pass & repass, to wh<sup>ich</sup> both expressed  
themselves in / words o<sup>f</sup> consent above, only in-  
largg<sup>ing</sup> on / reasonableness o<sup>f</sup> th<sup>is</sup> w<sup>as</sup> / add<sup>ed</sup> o<sup>f</sup>  
Mr Volkmer hopg tw<sup>o</sup> be needless, as he thot  
/ Pallaver wd<sup>d</sup> undoubtedly be made up, Mr  
Sen. o<sup>f</sup> Mr Sandra or Volkmer deny<sup>ing</sup> / abuse  
in good Dutch (as I are pleased to say) th<sup>is</sup> is  
more than one Gentleman in as good English  
(to answer y<sup>e</sup> in / polite Stile y<sup>e</sup> make use o<sup>f</sup>),  
ready to confront & prove them both Lyars, in  
short, I was deceiv<sup>ed</sup> in my Dutch men, had I  
thot less favourable o<sup>f</sup> th<sup>is</sup> Honour, I had reduced  
such Agree<sup>ment</sup> to writg, but Good God! I m<sup>ust</sup>  
availed myself as little o<sup>f</sup> t. Mr Sandra's  
surely cannot forget / above particulars, bec  
on his departg<sup>ure</sup> f<sup>rom</sup> Dixcove a few days after,  
he made a Handle o<sup>f</sup> it privately, to visit<sup>ate</sup> /  
Aghantahs, & th<sup>is</sup> Monarch Entervy, wh<sup>ich</sup> gave ~~birth~~  
birth to my letter o<sup>f</sup> June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Ye tell me / Affair is a Lye I detest & scorn as  
much as any man, & had I adhered to Truth alone  
as my self I done, / British Territories had bin at  
this time free from Invasion as those o' States, &  
Subjects enjoyed perhaps far more peace, how-  
ever I be truth on my side & am convinced o'  
Justice o' my Cause, on wh I rest, & may obtain  
in / end t' Equity I depend on, w<sup>th</sup> Oppress<sup>o</sup> or  
Barberness

as to yr Sentence (i.e.) when a man makes use  
o' w<sup>ch</sup> designs to convert a bad Cause (if possible)  
into a good one, I not only despise, but return / Same  
asserty it's more applicable to yr Self, & proceed  
to / wage / Succor the English Cabocheers met from  
Bacot, wh I palliate prettily, but upon a second  
Examination o' Baddo, it was not at all less  
heinous than represented, unless / Addin o'  
Bacot & his Boys takg a second time / Cabo-  
cheers Cloths, turning him home naked, & p force  
gettg / small Pittance o' Gold from him, wh I  
sent to buy Tobacco, or such triflg necessaries  
w<sup>ch</sup> mitigate / matter.

As to Bacot's Letter thereupon it beg / Con-  
veye o' Falsities merits as little my Note, as /  
Anchor, whose Reputation is too notorious to be fur  
sacrificed

The Mercenaries I signified, if Sir are an-  
xious ~~not~~ after, (not to mention / Promises &  
Threats I make use o', to engage & terrifie into  
yr Service, may even / British Subjects) my  
Authority for same was & is from persons, such  
practices had bin put in execution upon. It was yr  
own Asserion (only my Quotam) t' / Almighty  
had put / superior power in yr hands, & a  
true arrogant one I must say, however do  
not be intorsicated (admittg it true) ~~Provide~~  
Provide did not invest of us it, as a Dispensa<sup>n</sup>  
from w<sup>ch</sup> Act o' Justice

'tis y<sup>e</sup> want terrific Sea to augment & aggrandize yr Glory. Mr Roberts wd be / most senseless Creature breathing to exercise his Heroic Soul to acquire fame for a Negro or Dutch Palliser, w<sup>ch</sup> Mr Van Vorst who I'm in high Opinion o his Dear gr<sup>d</sup> Self & few Demerits can't give up / least Punctilio o renoun for his Pride, as he looks upon all people underw<sup>g</sup>, & w<sup>ch</sup> such abominable Contemp<sup>t</sup> as if they were not o / same Species, but to return, The fortress Dixcove Formidable Gen<sup>l</sup> has hitherto withstood yr Superior Force, it is well enabled to continue / Resistce & baffle / Schemes o yr Self & Lieutenant Bacot.

As to Senior's Behaviour in / whole Affair, his endeavours extend no far than to oblige a British Subject to clear himself o a Crime he was accused, as y<sup>e</sup> call t Folly (oh Head o Iron) ? prefer Supportg it, to / direct measures o yr Dear Dear Bacot.

From my Soul I wish August Sir you'd blend amb<sup>ion</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> modera<sup>tion</sup> & Rigour w<sup>ch</sup> Humanity, then wd y<sup>e</sup> prove / Attack o Dutch Territories, wh<sup>ch</sup> gave rise to yr Warlike Declara<sup>tion</sup>, 'tis really p<sup>ity</sup> so gr<sup>d</sup> a man shd act so right upon false facts, & be flagrantly imposed upon by his favourite, / Adored Comis o Bontuf, in whom th<sup>is</sup> is neither Honour, Peace or Truth.

The Language o / harsh long-laboured Issue o yr<sup>s</sup> Sir, is far fm Polite, yet beg a picture o / Sire, I return t no man gives me / Eye w<sup>ch</sup> Impunity, nor durst not, not w<sup>ch</sup> / tremendous Gen<sup>l</sup> o Elmina dared to do it, but fm a Confidce o his Security intrenched as he is.

My Character is well known & reputa<sup>tion</sup> perhaps unblemished at home & ab<sup>road</sup> where, what I can advance to lessen it, I defy y<sup>e</sup> to, / mistakes I long ago experienced o yr<sup>s</sup> probity & truth. I am well satisfied are recent in yr Conscience, & t<sup>hat</sup> th<sup>is</sup> is not / least

Occa<sup>n</sup> to remind y<sup>e</sup> o<sup>r</sup> them, it's upon t<sup>e</sup> private Pique, /  
Pen o<sup>r</sup> Elmina, is become t<sup>e</sup> implacable, & through /  
Inveteracy o<sup>r</sup> his Rancour, instead o<sup>r</sup> taking a private  
redress (f<sup>r</sup>om a propensity to err) blunders upon a  
publick revenge. f<sup>r</sup> my part I lay it down as  
a Rule to overlook personal Affronts, (I publick  
Good be<sup>g</sup> in Que<sup>s</sup><sup>n</sup>) y<sup>e</sup> Sir, are quite o<sup>r</sup> another  
way o<sup>r</sup> think<sup>g</sup>. I want to adjust matters amicably,  
I struggle to prolong Troubles & to raise y<sup>e</sup> own  
Respect & Dignity in proportion as I think to ec-  
lipse & diminish y<sup>e</sup> mine. Otherwise why wd y<sup>e</sup>  
not suffer / Pallaver to be heard under / For  
o<sup>r</sup> Discease, but endeavor to reduce me (afflicted  
w<sup>th</sup> a violent fever) to / necessity o<sup>r</sup> hearing y<sup>e</sup> under  
a tree in / Bush (in / rainy Season) or debat<sup>g</sup>  
it's Justice before / Pallace Gate o<sup>r</sup> Entry.  
I continue to harp, Sir, upon beloved

Amacoo's Pallaver, I do tell y<sup>e</sup> agn<sup>l</sup> tell y<sup>e</sup> I h<sup>ave</sup>  
noth<sup>g</sup> to do w<sup>th</sup> Amaco, / Beloved's affair. My  
Cause is to br<sup>ing</sup> / Brit<sup>ish</sup> Subjects absounded f<sup>r</sup>om  
Justice, to / allegie they owe my Royal Master  
& whom y<sup>e</sup> h<sup>ave</sup>, & do think meet<sup>ly</sup> to, Countenance  
in the Offence, to screen & protect f<sup>r</sup>om Justice &  
w<sup>ith</sup>em, empower & aid to levy War ag<sup>st</sup> the  
234] Sovereign to be brief as / R - A - Co ac-  
cord<sup>g</sup> to my advice, are disjoined by Parliam<sup>ent</sup>,  
whence / Forts & Settlements become his  
Majesty's, & as I hear the are lay<sup>ing</sup> men o<sup>r</sup> War upon  
/ Coast, if y<sup>e</sup> think proper Hostilities sh<sup>ould</sup> be  
stopped on all sides, y<sup>e</sup> a hearing had o<sup>r</sup> / Dispute,  
when his Majesty's Officers are present, w<sup>ith</sup> all  
my Heart

If y<sup>e</sup> prefer call<sup>ing</sup> y<sup>e</sup>s people to a neutral  
Place, as before proposed, I agree thereto & am  
ready to attend w<sup>ith</sup> my Parties concerned, as  
ther is noth<sup>g</sup> I wish more than to see / Affair  
finished

J. Roberts

229] From / Gen o Simina } Dated  
 To  
 The President of "C.C. Castle" / 26 Aug<sup>r</sup> 1750

We can perceive no passage in our letter, wh<sup>ch</sup> I sent y<sup>e</sup> / last o' / forego<sup>g</sup> mo<sup>nth</sup>, t<sup>h</sup> has / least men<sup>n</sup> o' any<sup>th</sup> one th<sup>g</sup> to wh<sup>ch</sup> / answer y<sup>e</sup> th<sup>o</sup> proper to cons<sup>er</sup> to us, in y<sup>e</sup> letter o' 11<sup>th</sup> Inst<sup>s</sup>, is at all applicable

In such a case then I appeal to / Judge<sup>m<sup>t</sup></sup> o' disinterested people to find out t<sup>h</sup> / Author be<sup>g</sup> incapable o' an amicable & real Refut<sup>m</sup> has fallen in / most vile & despicable method, a method unfit f<sup>r</sup> one to give an answer to.

We sh<sup>o</sup> nevertheless pass over to / last para- graph o' y<sup>e</sup> letter & say (to convince y<sup>e</sup> & all / world) t<sup>h</sup> far fm any private Passion be<sup>g</sup> lodged in us, to prevent a mutual Prosperity

If y<sup>e</sup> real Int<sup>er</sup>ests are (as ours has bin fm / begin<sup>g</sup>) to terminate amicably / Affairs in debate

We are ready to set out f<sup>r</sup> Succ<sup>o</sup>es in Person & th<sup>er</sup> between / Boundaries o' Dutch & English Territory (in case y<sup>e</sup> make any hesi- tation o' honoring Jus w<sup>o</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Pro<sup>o</sup> in / Dutch Fort) to hold / Assembly

Upon cond<sup>it</sup> t<sup>h</sup> y<sup>e</sup> order / Negroes Amacoa & Acca to appear th<sup>er</sup> as be<sup>g</sup> / Causa movens o' this Dispute.

As also / o' Interested Negroes in order t<sup>h</sup> / Parties may be heard by y<sup>e</sup> & me, & judged as we sh<sup>o</sup> find / Affairs will admit, o' reestab- lish<sup>g</sup> a common Repose, in / meantime we await y<sup>e</sup> answer & remain &c.

J. Van Voorsh

4] From / President at "C.C. Castle" } Dated  
To  
en Van Voorst at Elmina } 16<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>r</sup>. O.S. 1750

I h before me / translat<sup>n</sup> o yours o / 26<sup>th</sup>  
h<sup>g</sup>. I sh w g<sup>r</sup> pleasure refer to / decim o any impar-  
tison acquainted w / Pallaver, & Circumst<sup>s</sup> on both  
Sides, wh<sup>r</sup> my answer to yrs o / 31<sup>st</sup> was such as  
merited or not, & what treatm<sup>t</sup> it m<sup>o</sup> deserves who  
gives / dese direct to another (by no means inferior)  
in an Affairs so interestg & national.

The prosecu<sup>n</sup> o any means vile or contempt-  
ible, I abhor. It sh ever be my ambi<sup>n</sup> to ascer-  
tain, my Study to assert Facts, & maintain / Cause  
it is right.

If y are determin'd to let / Pallaver in /  
Aphantah Country be honestly & fairly debated in or-  
der to accomodate / Same, to convince y o my sincere  
Desire to end / Dispute amicably, notw<sup>g</sup> I h a  
right to hear / same in / Fortress o Dixcove (f<sup>m</sup>  
/ Circumst<sup>s</sup> thereof & reasons heretofore set  
forth) I will waive such Claim tho' justly my  
Due, & as soon as y think proper to depart f  
Succorree, & order / people y support to attend, I  
will do / same, be g ready & willg to acquiesce to  
any proposals t diminish not / Dignity o / Brit-  
ish Na<sup>n</sup>. I sh likewise order Acca & Amacoa  
to attend, tho' neither has any concern in / Pallaver,  
shd it be insisted / former has, / latter I am satis-  
fied has troubled himself no<sup>t</sup> than (as a good  
servant o<sup>t</sup>) f defence o his Majesty's Property.

The Affairs hav<sup>g</sup> already taken up much  
time & protracted many thgs relatg to my Affairs,  
to present coastg more, I think we shd set upon  
a sure foundat<sup>n</sup>. & know each o<sup>r</sup> o<sup>r</sup>s mind perfectly,  
t no Obje<sup>n</sup> at our meetg may be introduced, to  
impede a headg o / Pallaver, thereby to establish  
peace in / Aphantah Country, f wh<sup>r</sup> desirable Work I  
submit / proposins followg.

viz. That Hostilities cease in / Ahantah Country,  
when or as soon as / Parties can be advised our  
Resolutions & designs to adjust matters.

That all Paths be opened in / Ahantah Country  
w<sup>th</sup> / free & uninterrupted liberty o w<sup>th</sup> Acca,  
Amacoa, & the people are to enjoy as well as  
any o<sup>r</sup> / Ahantahs, havg bin excluded / same,  
in / Last nominal Conven<sup>n</sup> or Cessa<sup>n</sup>.

That above Particulars be complied w<sup>th</sup> & ob-  
served on all sides. durg / time / Preliminaries  
are settl<sup>g</sup> & Pallaver debat<sup>g</sup>.

That / sd Cessa<sup>n</sup> & Paths do continue as  
afore<sup>s</sup>d fm / time o break<sup>g</sup> up / Congress intended  
f / space o 20 days, in w<sup>th</sup> time all Parties  
may be at liberty to return to the respective  
Habitations.

N.B. These Articles to be observed under some  
certain Penalties &c.

Please do excuse my disagree<sup>g</sup> to an  
Assembly's beg held in Dutch Succondee. I  
wd not make a precedent f settl<sup>g</sup> Pallavers  
English Officers, may hereafter be w<sup>th</sup> Negroes,  
but in the own Forts, on such occasion I  
shd h waited on y w<sup>th</sup> hesitan, & w<sup>th</sup> some  
reason respect<sup>g</sup> y will Summons / Parties  
concerned & honour my self w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>r</sup> Co (to  
settle / disturbes) in / English Fort, how-  
ever shd it be disagreeable to y, to convince  
y o my sincere desire to end Troubles, I will  
attend y on / limits o / English & Dutch Ter-  
ritories as proposed, in / meantime rest &c

J Roberts

15] From / Gen<sup>l</sup> o Elmira } Dated  
To } / 29<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>r</sup> N.S. 1750  
The President of "C.C. Castle"

It appears plain enough from many of our  
Letters, how / difficulties wh<sup>ch</sup> occurred h<sup>av</sup> b<sup>een</sup> set to  
rights, to be convinced of truth & equity o my  
Affair, I sh therefore spare all superfluous  
Allegans & go on to / bring<sup>g</sup> abt an Union.

I are pleased to send me certain Articles in  
y<sup>rs</sup> o / 16<sup>th</sup> Inst O.S.

First. It is reasonable all Hostilities cease as soon  
as we are agreed to fix a day o Assembly.

2ndly We are ready to order & oblige / King  
& Peinins o Athantah to permit / Negroes  
Acca & Amacooa to enjoy / advantage o /  
Cessa Cessa<sup>m</sup>. w<sup>th</sup> the people, & to h<sup>av</sup> also  
free passage.

3rdly The v<sup>ry</sup> nature o / th<sup>g</sup> teaches t<sup>h</sup> no  
Hostility sh<sup>d</sup> be committed dur<sup>g</sup> / time /  
Assembly sh<sup>d</sup> last.

But w<sup>th</sup> regard to / last Article o a Suspend<sup>n</sup> o Arms  
wh<sup>ch</sup> y<sup>ou</sup> fix f<sup>r</sup> twenty days, in case / Accomoda<sup>n</sup> can't  
be made I must say it is a strange one, & makes me  
still doubt y<sup>ou</sup> Indign<sup>ment</sup> to justify / Dispute, f<sup>r</sup> wh<sup>o</sup>,  
wh<sup>o</sup>, can hinder / Pallaw<sup>er</sup> fm<sup>be</sup> g<sup>o</sup> scrutinized &  
stopped, since it owes its origin to / Negroes, & if y<sup>ou</sup>  
I agree to meet w<sup>th</sup> a resolution to hear / Debate, in  
friendly manner, f<sup>r</sup> / reestablishm<sup>t</sup>? so t<sup>h</sup> there is  
no occa<sup>s</sup>ion to agree t<sup>o</sup> Article, or four days instead o  
20 will be enough.

If therefore y<sup>ou</sup> will consent w<sup>th</sup> us in this Case, to  
1st a Perfect Cessa<sup>n</sup> o Hostilities sh<sup>d</sup> be observed in  
1 Athantah Country, & a free passage also f<sup>r</sup> all  
English & Dutch Subjects, in wh<sup>o</sup> / Negroes

Acca' & Amacoa sh be comprehended, & this  
 Cession to take its beginning fm / 15<sup>th</sup> of September  
 N.S. till / Affairs has been heard by y & I, upon  
 this condition y leave / For a Dispute in /  
 Same condition sh be found / first a next  
 month, w<sup>t</sup> carryg either provin or Province<sup>n</sup>  
 thr by Land or by Sea durg / Suspension, so t<sup>h</sup> y may  
 may not be in a condition to reject our real  
 desire o peace by any unwarrantable Deeds.

2<sup>dly</sup>. To go to Succowdee / end a next week  
 (as it will be impossible f us to go sooner) &  
 thr to begin / Affairs, just in / Boundaries o  
 Each o<sup>r</sup> Territories

3<sup>dly</sup>. One y intored t We shd fix a cer-  
 tain time f our return home in case / Union  
 shd not be made. I think / four days  
 already mentioned will serve f t purpose.

We beg yr answer to this (bec if y shd  
 agree) We may take w<sup>t</sup> necessary preparation t  
 no Refrignce m<sup>t</sup> be made by / Dutch Subjects,  
 & in like manner we expect / Same fm y.

J. V. Voorst

236 ] Fm / President at (C. Castle) Dated  
 Gen Van Voorst at Elmina } 21<sup>st</sup> Aug 1750 O.S.

20 days Cession<sup>n</sup> o all Acts hostile, in my opi-  
 nion is most unreasonable, if yr Intent<sup>s</sup>  
 are to finish / Dispute in / Rhantia Country  
 conformable to Reason, Equity & Justice, wh<sup>o</sup>  
 I wish sincerely was complicated, ~~proposed~~

provided / Jurisdiction of British Nav<sup>y</sup> & Liberties of  
its Subjects are not infringed, but yr Offer of 4  
days gives Cause of Suspicion y<sup>t</sup> h<sup>e</sup> a design to op-  
press / latter (for Justice) if / Congress is broke up  
not adjourning / Differences, & / Sea proves bad, or of the  
Event of 4 days after, how are my people to re-  
turn to Dixcove?

It appears to me as x try yr proposition dur<sup>g</sup> /  
Cessation I wd engage not to supply Dixcove w<sup>th</sup> such  
Necessaries as I judged proper. I've done it fm /  
beginning of Pallaver to this time, beg<sup>g</sup> near  
five ~~years~~ months, not w<sup>g</sup> / unjust Practices  
& Efforts of my Enemies to prevent / Same, so  
I can't expect me to acquiesce to it, wh<sup>ch</sup> /  
I h<sup>e</sup> Craft upon / Coast, belong<sup>g</sup> to / God, wh<sup>ch</sup>  
leads me to inform y<sup>e</sup> it prudence points out, &  
I can't find y<sup>e</sup> to convene a Congress, & be  
restrained fm supply<sup>g</sup> my Royal Master's Forts  
w<sup>th</sup> such Stores as are requisite for its Defence I  
am extremely concerned y<sup>e</sup> sh<sup>d</sup> propose any  
Thing I can't w<sup>th</sup> ~~the~~ honour accede to, in order  
to put an end to / troublesome Affair in debate.

It is demonstrable t<sup>h</sup> I h<sup>e</sup> no unwarrantable Deeds  
to pursue when I ~~acquiesced~~ acquiesced to Rear / Pallaver  
at Succowdee, on<sup>g</sup> / Fort, surrounded by my  
Enemies, I apprehend Sir / will rather give  
room to Conjecture y<sup>e</sup> h<sup>e</sup> some such in view, by  
not Commenda, a neutral place to both Parties,  
was proper to hold a Congress at, wh<sup>ch</sup> is much  
near<sup>er</sup> nearer Elmina than t<sup>h</sup> proposed, fm wh<sup>ch</sup>  
[30] place y<sup>e</sup> wrote me y<sup>e</sup> cd not be absent, when  
I before informed it was absolutely necessary  
we sh<sup>d</sup> meet to accommodate / Dispute. had y<sup>e</sup> at  
t<sup>h</sup> time done me / honour, I may venture to  
affirm / Contest wd h<sup>e</sup> b<sup>e</sup> finished before this.

I can't be unconsilable o / frequent Attacks t  
 h. & are daily made upon Dixcove Fortness &  
 his Majesty's Subjects therein, fm wh place  
 't is reported / people o Benary, Pusha &c  
 were beat on Fryday last, & fm t they h  
 a design to attack Succondee, if they do, I  
 don't doubt but they'l meet such treat<sup>mt</sup> as  
 the Insolence deserves, durg / time such un-  
 heard o Practices are put in execu<sup>n</sup> by peo-  
 ple y support, I can't think o a meet<sup>g</sup>  
~~before~~ unless I will put an end to them,  
 then I will w<sup>th</sup> pleasure, treat w<sup>th</sup> y in / most  
 sincere, friendly, honest manner, to pro-  
 mote a lastg Union betwixt / Atharatah  
 People. f such desirable end I reiterate /  
 offers made in mine o / 16th Inst, & c a Sus-  
 pension Commence in three days fm / date  
 hereof, & to continue 'till / arrival o his  
 Majesty's Ships, wh I daily expect, & /  
 Pollaver to be debated before y, my Self  
 & / commandg Officers thereof, in order  
 to put an end to all Objecns & establish  
 peace & harmony upon a sure & lastg  
 Founda<sup>n</sup> &c

J Roberts

1] From Gen Van Voorst } Dated  
To } / 4<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1750.  
The President at "C.C.C." }

I am v<sup>y</sup> sorry to see in yr letter dated /  
21<sup>st</sup> ult. t / more we make reasonable proposals to  
obtain a truce, / more y draw back & advance  
methods entirely contrary to all Custom, between  
people in Debate.

We confess t y h sent Necessaries to  
Dixcove durg / whole time o yr Pollwter w /  
Athanta people, & t y are able (tho' at a con-  
siderable Expence) to continue yr transport<sup>ns</sup>

Permitt me then to ask if it is not far  
better (takg it f granted t y h an Inclina<sup>n</sup> to  
finish / Dispute) f y to consent to a gen  
Cess<sup>n</sup> o Hostilities & all transport<sup>ns</sup> to  
Dixcove durg / whole time o / Assembly at  
Succondee, wh place as well as Comenda has  
hitherto ben neuter, & sh remain so as long  
as y think proper

Is not this better, I say, than to put off /  
Congress, wh we h made such reasonable  
Offers of, in our letter o / 29<sup>th</sup> ulto.

And as Men o Honour & th<sup>r</sup> word, allways  
take one another's word in / good natured Sense & al-  
low (tho' it be not expressed) f what may prove  
to be impossible, so Sir, if / Sea shd be bad, or /  
Affair shd not be adjusted, We in such Case oblige  
ourselves to agree w<sup>y</sup>, but if y choose a certain time  
suppose We take Ten days instead o four days.

We hope you'll consider / above & not dis like  
this our last bre, so shd be in Conjun<sup>n</sup> labour f a  
need establish<sup>mt</sup> o Quick.

J. V. Voorst

236] From / President of C.C.C. } Dated  
 Gen Van Voorst at Elmina } / 25<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>r</sup> OS. 1750

In yr last / 4<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1750. I am concerned to see such an unkind Suggestion & Turn given to my Endeavours to reestablish Tranquillity. As to / expence o convey<sup>g</sup> Succours to Discom<sup>d</sup> Fort, had such compassionate Sentiments reached yr heart earlier, peace had long ago restored, however as / Finances to defray such Charge & o<sup>r</sup> Contingencies are bounty full Allotments o his Majesty o gr<sup>t</sup> Brittain, (wh<sup>o</sup> tho' on t<sup>e</sup> acct<sup>t</sup> I wd be far fm beg<sup>g</sup> profuse in disburs<sup>g</sup>) when / Necessity o Affairs set aside all frugality, I'en let / money go, it can't be better expended than to support Property o Subjects o t<sup>e</sup> Royal Master, wh<sup>o</sup> who fm his Rec<sup>o</sup>gn<sup>o</sup> Vouchsafed to furnish / same & wh<sup>o</sup> is so far fm beg<sup>g</sup> exhaust<sup>d</sup> as to be sufficient to discharge any o<sup>r</sup> occurr<sup>g</sup> demands, & doubt not / receipt<sup>t</sup> o such fur<sup>r</sup> Aid fm time to time, as will enable me to defend his Majesty's Prerogative & resist Oppression, however I am obliged to y<sup>e</sup> f<sup>r</sup> yr advice upon / Article o expence, & in / next place take / liberty to assure y<sup>e</sup> (as I h<sup>e</sup> frequently done) t<sup>h</sup> y<sup>e</sup> cannot h<sup>e</sup> a more sincere Propensity to terminate / Aphantah Troubles than myself, nor to enter

into / merits thereof w more strict honour &  
justice fm whence I am led to agree to / gen  
Cessa<sup>n</sup> o Hostilities, y propose, w<sup>o</sup> limita<sup>n</sup>, to  
commence fm / time y shall judge proper to  
appoint, but I must observe touch<sup>g</sup> /  
Cessa<sup>n</sup>s not extendg to / supply<sup>g</sup> Dixcove Fort  
w requisites, I am truly concerned I can-  
not w<sup>o</sup> honour consent to, was I to be led in-  
240 to such a restrict<sup>n</sup> (fm / w<sup>o</sup> nature, o / Case)  
my Country wd deem it an indignity to  
/ nam<sup>n</sup>, & my Self superlatively culpable, upon  
wh I ruminate, & not / necessity, th<sup>o</sup> is, or may  
be, Supplies shd be sent to / Fortress o Dix-  
cove. I am too convinced fm / abundance o all  
thgs / Garrison is already provided w, ~~it~~ it  
cannot f many months feel / least distress,  
but not w<sup>g</sup> t, to be tied up, Sir, in / man-  
ner y propose, instead o forwardg an Union  
wd be / w<sup>o</sup> means o widening / Breach & pro-  
long<sup>g</sup> / War as it wd w<sup>o</sup> day afford Subject  
f Clamours, & give birth to unforeseen troubles.

Why! a vessel cd not anchor in / wad o  
Dixcove, w whom / Chief m<sup>t</sup> or m<sup>t</sup> not make a  
Barter, but a report<sup>t</sup> wd prevail she was send<sup>g</sup>  
on shore Supplies. Our own Craft (in the  
Trade Expedi<sup>n</sup>s) durst not take in a little  
water, or land to deliver our orders, but it  
wd be construed a land<sup>g</sup> Supplies, Ag<sup>n</sup>, a  
few necessaries on<sup>t</sup> o / Bush, as a Dash<sup>e</sup>  
fm one Negro to an Other, cd not be sent

but it must be adjudged Supplies, whence  
 endless Alarms & new Disturbances

Such part o' Terms are therefore too  
 severe for me to comply w, unless all /  
 British Affairs on this Coast were on /  
 w<sup>y</sup> Crisis o' Ruin & irretrievable Destruc<sup>n</sup>.

It is no small pleasure to me to ag-  
 ree in Sentim<sup>t</sup> w respect to / word & hon-  
 our o' Gentlemen, & allow all if advances  
 on t head, to be quite right & fit, but in /  
 present Case, Sir, you've put it out o' my  
 power to conduct myself in / manner  
 y prescribe, & my Confidence in y w<sup>d</sup>  
 prompt me to. The Affair in debate is not  
 a private matter betw Man & Man, but  
 a Concern so publick & National, a thou-  
 sand reasons forbid verbal Dependce, &  
 urge / necessity o' reduc<sup>g</sup> care & Oblig<sup>s</sup>  
 to Writg. / World may impeach my  
 prudence f / contrary behaviour, not t<sup>y</sup>  
 doubt yr word & honour in a person of  
 Consc<sup>nc</sup>, no more than y doubt mine.

I must desire likewise t / destined  
 time f / return o' English Subjects to  
 Dixcore may be 20 days instead o' 10.  
 What signifies 10 days, y<sup>r</sup> people can-  
 not be prejudiced thereby, nor mine ad-  
 vantaged, but will be better satisfied,  
 if granted, Sir, give me leave to

premise, if an Assembly's appointed at Suc-  
cedee, & we repair <sup>thither</sup> w<sup>th</sup> honest ami-  
able Intents to adjust matters, / oforsaid  
Concession a 10 days, may / whole Limita<sup>n</sup>  
will be formal, o no Consequence at all, & I  
flatter myself by our Enquiry & mutual in-  
deavour to come at truth We sh soon dis-  
cover / Aggressors, & by such means exting-  
uish a Disunion, & has given each of  
trouble, & in my Conjecture little Emolu<sup>ment</sup>  
After mature delib<sup>erations</sup> therefore on / sever  
heads o / Affairs, / above are my resolves  
if desir<sup>ing</sup> of your approbation I sh receive infinite  
Satisfac<sup>tion</sup> not alone from / hopes o adjusting  
matters, but as well / Opp<sup>ort</sup> o convincing of  
personally &c

Jno Roberts

7 From Gen<sup>l</sup> o Elmina } Dated the  
To the President at CCC } / 4<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1750

The first Paragraph o yours o / 25<sup>th</sup>  
tells us makes us h small hopes o any union  
or friendship, when we reflect on / Subject & /  
beginning of present Troubles, & by / succeeding part  
of your letter we find y cannot agree to a stop beg  
put to / Dispute Transporta<sup>n</sup> dur<sup>ing</sup> / time t /  
cessa<sup>n</sup> o Hostilities sh last, & / Assembly at  
Succedee of regulat<sup>ing</sup> / Athanta Pallaver be held

Nevertheless It is v<sup>y</sup> manifest we don't  
make of a proposal contrary to Equity,  
Since absolute reason allows t<sup>h</sup> when a  
Cessa<sup>n</sup> is agreed upon, Everything of to  
cease wh can in any manner prove detri-  
mental to either Party

If what I advance be true, it follows  
t<sup>h</sup> I ask nothing in / Articles of / sd Suspen<sup>n</sup>  
but what is right & may be necessary to /  
bring<sup>g</sup> abt a reestablishment o Peace.

Neither (if what I go upon be just) do  
I ask anything wh<sup>ch</sup> cd be called unworthy o /  
English nam<sup>e</sup> to grant, much less o y<sup>r</sup> Sir,  
tho' y seem to relish it so v<sup>y</sup> ill.

As to / Except<sup>n</sup> wh y conceive may  
be made when any Ships or o<sup>r</sup> Craft  
anchor in / Road o Dixcove t<sup>h</sup> need not  
24) ] trouble y, b<sup>y</sup> y<sup>r</sup> word t<sup>h</sup> they sh not  
furnish or transport anything will quite  
Satisfie me

We hope this elucidation o our Sincere  
mean<sup>g</sup> will meet w some Approb<sup>n</sup>, &  
consequently shorten / time between this &  
that, wherein we sh be honoured in person  
w y<sup>r</sup> Co, & assure y how much we are

J. Van Voorst

27 From / President at "CCC." } Dated  
Gen Van Voorst at Elmira } 29<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> O.S. 1750

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