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8] 1754 Wednesday January 30. . . .
fo. 24-27 Thursday, January 31. Present:- Earl o Halifax, Mr. Grenville, Mr. Fane, Mr.
Trade. Townshend, Mr Oswald.
Africa. Ec 1. Read a letter fm / Duke o Newcastle fo / Board, dated / 4th instant, relative fo / disputes subsisting between / Royal African Co here & / Dutch West India Co & inclosg:-

Ec 2. Copy o a Letter fm Colonel Yorke fo / Duke o Newcastle, dated Hague, November 20th, 1753.

Ec 3. Mémoire touchant les Droits des Hollandois sur les Villages d'Atchuah et Busha sur la Côte de Guinée.

Ec 4. Copie d'une lettre de Monsieur le Colonel Yorke à Monsieur Dedel, dated La Haye, le 28me Novembre, 1753.

Ec 5. Copie d'une lettre de Monsieur Dedel à Monsieur le Colonel Yorke, Amsterdam, le 4 Decembre, 1753.

Ec 6 Extract o a Letter fm Colonel Yorke fo / Duke o Newcastle, Hague December 4th, 1753.

9] 1754 Ec 7. [not noted] Extrait des resolutions de Messieurs les Directeurs de la Compagnie des Indes Occidentales de la Chambre d'Amsterdam le 11me Decembre, 1753.
fo. 27-30
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Trade.
Africa. Ec 8. Copie d'une Lettre de Monsieur Dedel à Monsieur Yorke, Amsterdam le 14 Decembre, 1753.

Ec 9. Extract o a Letter fm Colonel Yorke fo / Duke o Newcastle, Hague, December 18th, 1753.

Their Lordships agreed fo take / sd Letter & papers into considern on Tues. / 12th o February, & / Secretary was directed fo write fo / Committee o / Co o Merchants trading fo Africa fo desire their attendce thereupon.

1754 Tuesday, February 12, Present:— Mr Pitt, Mr. Grenville, Lord Dupplin
fo. 31-33 Mr Oswald.
Trade, Africa. The lordships took into consideran / letter frm / Duke o Newcastle, referrg / copy o a letter frm mr. Yorke, his Majesty's Envoy in Holland, & o[r] papers relative to / dispute betwn / Dutch upon / coast o Africa, mentioned in / minutes o / 31st o last month, & two o / Committee o / Co o Merchants trading to Africa, attendg w[th] mr Hollier, the Secretary, / papers were read, & / Committee moved for a copy of wch states / right o / Dutch to / Villages o Buxha & Acheuah, whereupon the lordships acquainted them, they were not at present authorized to act further therein to give copies o any o these papers.
The gentlemen beg with drawn the lordships agreed further to consider o this affair at another opportunity.

1754 Monday, February 24. Present:— Earl o Halifax, Mr. Grenville,
fo. 34-36. Mr Oswald.
Vol. 61. Pr[s]. The Earl o Halifax having acquainted / Board o his Grace / Trade. Duke o Newcastle referrg his consent to copies o / papers relative to / Africa. disputes betwn / Dutch upon / coast o Africa, referred by him to / Board, mr be given to / Committee o / Co o Merchants trading to Africa, / Secretary was directed to send copies o / sd papers to / Committee, & to desire their opinion upon / such points therein contained.

Tuesday, February 26. Present:— Earl o Halifax, mr. Pitt, mr. Grenville, Mr Oswald.

1754 [Ex 10] Read a letter frm mr. Harding Secretary to / Lords Commissioners o /
fo. 37-40. Treasury, to / Board, dated 18th February, 1754, referrg to the lordships
Trade. consideran / claim o mr Roberts, late Governor of / Cote Africa Co, for
Africa. extra charges incurred in 1750, & some certificates produced by him in testimony o his services.
The lordships agreed to take / sd petn into consideran on

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Thursday, March 7th, & / Secretary was directed to desire Mr. Roberts attendance on ye day;

14] 1754. Thursday, March 7th. Present:- Earl o Halifax, Mr. Pitt, Mr. Grenville, Mr Oswald.

15] 1754. Bo. 43-46 Vol. 61. Pt. 2. Trade. Africa. Thr lordships pursuant to / minutes o / 26th o February, took into consideran / Letter from Mr. Harding, referrg / claim o Mr Roberts & money due to him on acct o services performed on / coast o Africa; & Mr Roberts attendg, was called in, & thr lordships made some progress in this affair, & agreed fur to consider o it on Tuesday next.

16] 1754 Bo. 50-53 Trade. Africa. Tuesday, March 12. Present:- Earl o Halifax, Mr. Pitt, Mr Grenville, Mr Oswald.

Thr lordships pursuant to / minutes o / 7th instant, took into fur consideran / Letter from Mr. Harding, referrg Mr Roberts petin & / reimbursemt o his expences in defendg / British forts & settlemts upon / Coast o Africa in / year 1750, & had made some progress therein, agreed ~~to consider~~ fur to consider o it on Thursday next, & / Secretary was directed to write to / Committee o / Co o Merchants Tradg to Africa, to desire they wd order thr Secretary to attend ws / Journal o / transacns at Dixcove Fort durg Mr Roberts's administran, wh Mr Roberts acquainted thr lordships he had fin delivered to them by him.

17] 1754 Bo. 53-56. Vol. 61. Pt 2. Thursday. March 14. Present:- Earl o Halifax, Mr. Grenville, Mr. Oswald.

18] 1754. Bo. 60-63. Vol 61. Pt 2. Trade. Africa. Thr lordships pursuant to / minutes o Tues, took into fur considera mr Roberts's petin & a reimbursemt o expences in supportg & maintaing / British forts & settlemts upon / Gold Coast o Africa in / year 1750, & Mr Briscoe fm / Committee o / Co o Merchants Tradg to Africa attendg, was called in & acquainted thr lordships t / book o / Journal o / transacns at Dixcove desired by thr lordships, cd not be found, & fm a receipt o Mr Roberts's & / sd book, wh he

produced, it was supposed to be in Mr Roberts's possession; Mr Roberts beg called in, alledged he had redelivered it to / Committee, & offered to produce a copy of it in proof of / allegans of his petn; but the Lordships declined entring into proof of this part of his petn, until fur search had bn made of / book; the Lordships then proceeded to / consideran of ye part of Mr Roberts's petn wh states / expenditure of / publick money on / 30th of August, 1750, & he produced in evidce thereof a certificate of / deputy auditore, yt Mr Lascelles had passed his accts of / £10,000 issued to him in 1749 for / service of / forts & settlemts upon / Coast of Affrica, as also / books of his, Mr Roberts's accts of / expenditure of part of / money imprest to him up to / 30th of August, but Mr Roberts not beg able to make out his facts & some difficlties arisg, he was ordered to withdraw, & / fur considran of this affair was postponed.

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o] 1754
fo. 63-67 Wednesday, March 19. Present:— Earl of Halifax, Mr Pitt, Mr Grenville.
Trade. The Lordships tooke into fur considran / petn of Mr Roberts, prayg / a reimbursemt of his expences in supportg & defendg / British forts & settlemts upon /
Affrica. Coast of Affrica in / year 1750, & havg examined evidce to prove / hostilities alledged by / petitioner to have bn committed by / Dutch, & also made a fur examinan of / expenditure of / publick moneys vested in his hands, the Lordships ordered / draught of a report to / Lords of / Treasury to be prepared.

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2] 1754. Wednesday, March 27. Present:— Earl of Halifax, Mr Grenville, Lord Dupplin,
fo. 70-73 Mr Oswald.
Trade. The draught of a report to / Lords of / Treasury . . . havg bn prepared pursuant to / minutes of / 19th instant, was agreed to, & ordered to be transcribed.
Affrica.

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Trade. Thursday, March 28. Present:— Earl of Halifax, Mr Pitt, Mr Grenville, Mr Oswald.
Affrica. The draught of a report to / Treasury upon Mr Roberts's petn, havg bn transcribed, pursuant to / minutes of yesty, was signed.

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Wednesday, April 3. Present:- Earl o Halifax, Mr Grenville, Mr Oswald.

28] 1754. [Ec 12] Read a Letter fm Mr Hollier, Secretary to / Committee o/ Co o Merchants Trading to
fo. 90-93. Africa, inclosg
Trade. Ez. 13. Memorial o/ Committee o/ Co o Merchants Trading to Africa to / Lords Commis-
Africa. sioners of Trade & Plantas relative to / points in dispute w / Dutch upon /
Coast o Africa.
Ordered t / draught o a Letter to Lord Holdernesse thereupon be prepared.

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29] 1754 Thursday, April 5 [sic]. Present:- Earl o Halifax, Mr Grenville, Mr Stone, Mr
fo. 93-96 Oswald.
Vol. 61. The draught o a Letter to Lord Holdernesse upon / papers relative to / disputes
Pt 2. w / Dutch upon / Coast o Africa. having been prepared pursuant to / minutes o yesterday,
Trade. was agreed to, transcribed & signed.
Africa.

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34] 1754. Tuesday, May 21. Present:- Earl o Halifax, Mr Grenville, Mr Fane,
fo. 109-112. Mr Pelham.
Miscellaneous. His Majesty's Commissn under / Gt Seal, bearing date / 6th o April last
appointg George Dunk, Earl o Halifax, John Pitt, James Grenville, Francis
Fane, Andrew Stone, James Oswald, Esqrs w / Honorable Richard Edgcumbe & Thomas
Pelham, Esquires (in / room o Thomas, Lord Viscount Dupplin & Charles Townshend, Esquire)
to be his Commissioners for promotg / trade o this Kingdom, & inspectg & improvg /
plantas in America & elsewhere, was opened & read.

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Wednesday, June 26. Present:– Earl o Halifax, Mr Pitt, Mr Grenville, Mr Oswald, Mr Edgcumbe

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1754. Vol. 61. Pt 2. fo. 146-179 Trade. Africa.

The Secretary laid before / Board / follow'g paper receiv'd fm / Committee o / Co o Merchants trad'g to Africa, viz.:–

EE 14. Copies o sundry letters fm Thomas Melvil, Esquire, Governor o Cape Coast Castle, Christopher Whytell, Esquire, Governor, & John Apperley, Esquire, Chief Engineer o Annamaboe, & / Council at James Fort to / Committee o / Co o Merchants.

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Thursday, October 24. Present:– Earl o Halifax, Mr Grenville, Mr Oswald, Mr Pelham.

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1754. Vol. 61, Pt 2. fo. 247-250. Trade. Africa.

Read / follow'g papers receiv'd fm / Committee o / Co o Merchants trad'g to Africa, viz.:–

EE 15 State & condn o / forts & settlemts on / Coast o Africa.

EE 16 Copy o a letter, wt date, fm Thomas Melvil, Esquire, Governor o Cape Coast Castle, to / Committee o / Co o Merchants trad'g to Africa

EE 17. Copy o a letter fm Thomas Melvil, Esquire to / Committee o / Co o Merchants trad'g to Africa, dated 30th May, 1753.

EE 18. Copies o sundry letters relat'g to affairs at Cape Coast Castle in Africa, etc., 1754.

EE 19. Copy o a letter fm Mr Apperley, Chief Engineer at Annamaboe, to / Committee, relative to his build'g a fort thr.

EE 20 Copy o an acct o / expenditure o / money issued to / Committee

EE 21 anno 1752. & 1753.

Ec 22 { Copy o a letter fm Mr Apperley, Chief Engineer at Annamaboe, & fm Thomas Melvil, Esquire, Governor o Cape Coast Castle, to / Committee o / Co o Merchants trading to Africa. Dated in June, 1754.

... [Gambia] ...

Ec 24. Copy o sundry letters fm Thomas Melvil, Esquire, Governor o Cape Coast Castle, to / Committee, dated 24th February, 11th March & 24th April, 1753, &

... [Gambia] ...

Ec. 26 Copy o two letters fm Thomas Melvil, Esquire, to / Committee, dated 10th & 14th March, 1753.

Ec 27. Copy o a letter fm / Committee to Thomas Melvil, Esqre, dated 31st October 1753.

Ec 28. Copies o letters fm Thomas Melvil, Esquire, to / Committee, dated 10th & 5th November, 1753.

Ec 29. Copies o sevl letters fm Cape Coast, etc., & an acct o lime & bricks sent out fr / erecn o a fort at Annamaboe, dated in November, 1753, & January, 1754.

Ec 30 List o nine Committee men chosen by / Co o Merchants trading to Africa, fr / cities o London & Bristol, & / town o Liverpool for / year 1754.

Ec 31 Copy o a letter fm / Committee o / Co o Merchants trading to Africa ... to Thomas Melvil, Esquire, Governor o Cape Coast Castle, ...
The accts o / Committee for 1753.

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6] 1754 Friday, November 29. Present:- Earl o Halifax, Mr Grenville, Mr
fo. 241-244 Oswald, Mr Pelham.
Trade. Read / follog papers received fm / Committee o / Co o Merchants trading
Africa. to Africa, viz.:-

Copies o sev[l] letters fm / Committee o / Co o Merchants trading
E2. 33 to Africa to / Governor o Cape Coast Castle, ... & James Apperley,
Esquire, Chief Engineer at Annamaboe

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1] 1754. Tuesday, December 17. Present:- Earl o Halifax, Mr. Grenville, Mr Fane,
vol. 61. pt 2 Mr Edgcumbe.
fo. 295-298.

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6] 1754. E 33. Read a letter fm Mr Harding, Secretary to / Lords o / Treasury, dated /
fo. 299-302 14th November, 1754, referrg to / consideran o this Board:-
Trade. [n.c.] Memorial o / Committee o / Co o Merchants trading to Africa,
Africa. setting forth / expences incurred in erecting a fort at Annamaboe,
& prayg / sum o £10,000 for compleating / sd work.
letter fm Sir Thomas Robinson, Secretary o State to / Lords o /
Treasury, dated 1st November, 1754.

Ordered that / Secretary do acquaint / Secretary to / Lords Commissioners o / Treasury by
letter that this office is not an office o accot, & consequently not authorized or directed to enquire
into / expenditure o publick money, / Board cannot take that part o / above memorial into con-
sideran, & as to / utility & expediency o / fort at Annamaboe, their Lordships have already
reported their opinion upon it to his Majesty's Secretary o State.

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2] Journal for / Year 1755.

Wednesday, February 5. Present:– Earl o Halifax, Mr Pitt, Mr Grenville, Mr Oswald, Mr Edgcumbe.

111] 1755 Fz. 39. Read a letter from Sir Thomas Robinson, one o his Majesty's Principal Secretaries o State, dated 14th instant, inclsg / following resolun o / House o Commons o / 29th o January, & signifyg his Majesty's commands t / papers therein mentioned be laid before / House o Commons, viz:–

Vol. 62. fo. 65-68. Trade. Africa.

[Wednes] Mercurii 29 die Januarii, 1755. Resolved, That an humble address be presented to his majesty that he will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House, a copy o / memorial presented by / merchants o Bristol & Liverpool to / Commissioners of Trade & Plantations in / year 1753,* in relation to / African trade with copies o / entries o / orders given before / said Commissioners in support o / said memorial, & / resolun o / said Commissioners thereupon.

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Thursday, February 6. Present:– Earl o Halifax, Mr Oswald.

Trade. Africa. Ordered, That / papers mentioned in / resolun o / House o Commons entered in / preceding minutes be copied with all possible dispatch & be laid before that House.

112] 1755. fo. 68-72. Trade. Africa. Tuesday, February 11. Present:– Earl o Halifax, Mr Pitt, Mr Grenville, Mr Pelham.

The papers mentioned in / resolun o / House o Commons o 29th o January last, entered in / minutes o 5th instant, having been copied pursuant to their Lordships' order, a list thereof was laid before / Board & read, & Mr Pitt was desired to present / same papers together with / list to / House.

* Vide Journ. Minutes o June 6, June 20, June 26 & Nov 16, 1753 [Transcript, pp 80-83, 85].

Friday 21. Earl o

7] 1755 Thursday, February ~~20~~. Present:- ~~Lord~~, Halifax, Mr. Pitt, ~~Mr. Edgcumbe~~, Mr. Grenville,
Vol. 62. Mr. Osbald, Mr. Edgcumbe.
fo. 78-81. The Secretary laid before / Board / copy o a letter fm / Committee o / Co o
Trade. Ez 40 Merchants Tradg to Africa, to / Governors o Cape Coast Castle & James Fort in /
Africa. river Gambia. Dated London, February 12th, 1755.
The draught o a letter to Sir Thomas Robinson one o his Majesty's Principal Secretaries o State, enclosg a copy o / aforementioned letter havg bn prepared, was laid before / Board, agreed to, transcribed & signed.

7] Wednesday, April 23. Present:- Earl o Halifax, Mr. Grenville, Mr. Fane, Mr. Edgcumbe.
8] 1755 The Secretary laid before / Board / followg paper received fm / Committee o /
fo. 151-161. Co o Merchants Tradg to Africa, viz.:-
Trade. Ez 46. Copies o a letter fm Thomas Melvil to / Committee, dd October 8th 1754;
Africa. fm William Husbands to / Committee, October 29th, 1754;
& fm John Apperley to / Committee, dd October 30th, 1754.

7] Friday, May 9th. Present:- Earl o Halifax, Mr. Pitt, Mr. Grenville, Mr. Pelham
3] 1755.
fo. 192-196. Read / followg papers received fm Mr. Pairier, Secretary to / Committee o / Co o
Trade. Merchants Tradg to Africa, viz.:-
Africa. A narrative o / proceedgs o / Committee o / Co o Merchants Tradg to
Ez 48. Africa, relative to / buildg / fort at Annamaboe, July 1752. to June, 1754.
Ez 47. An acct o / expences incurred in buildg / fort at Annamaboe.

155] Wednesday, June 11. Present:- Earl o Halifax, Mr Fane, Mr Pelham.

156] 1755. Read / follog paper receivd fm / Committee o / Co o Merchants trading to Africa, viz:-
fo. 221-225. Trade. Africa. Ex 49. Copies o two letters to / Committee o / Co o Merchants trading to Africa fm Thomas Melvil, Esquire, dd. Cape Coast Castle, October 12th, 1754 & January 9th, 1755.
Ex 50. Copy . . . o sundry letters wch passed on / coast o Africa, relatg to a Portuguese ship drove ont o Annamaboe Road by sevl British captains; o a letter fm Thomas Melvil, Esquire, Governor o Cape Coast Castle, to / Committee, etc. & o a letter fm / Governor o Elmina to Thomas Melvil, Esquire. etc.

160] 1755. Tuesday, July 1. Present:- Earl o Halifax, Mr Grenville, Mr Pelham.
fo. 235-239. Trade. Africa. Read / follog paper received fm / Committee o / Co o merchants trading to Africa, viz:-
Ex 51. Copies o sevl letters relatg to affairs at Cape Coast Castle & Annamaboe 1754.
Ordered, t such parts o / sd letter as relate to / dispute concerng / right o / Village o Atchuma be extracted, to be transmitted to one o his Majesty's Principal Secretaries o State, & t / draught o a letter inclosg / same be prepared

161] Thursday, July 3. Present:- Earl o Halifax, Mr Grenville, Mr. Pelham.
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162] 1755.
fo. 242-246. Trade. Africa. The draught o a letter to Sir Thomas Robinson inclosg copies & extracts o sevl letters lately laid before / Board by / Committee o / Co o Merchants trading to Africa, relative to / dispute wt / Dutch concerng / Village o Atchuma upon t coast, having bn prepared pursuant to / minutes o / 1st instant, was agreed to, transcribed & signed.

1755. Tuesday, July 15. Present:— Earl o Halifax, Mr Grenville, Mr Pelham.
Vol. 62. Ex. 53. Read a letter fm Mr. Poirier, Secretary to / Committee o / Co o Merchants
fo. 253-256 trading to Africa, inclosg a list o / Committee f / year 1755, dd. 7th / 12th instant.
Trade.
Africa.

Tuesday
1755 Wednesday, September 16 Present:- Earl o Halifax, Mr Pitt, Mr. Grenville.
fo. 282-285 Ordered, t / Secretary do give notice to / Committee o / Co o Merchants trading to
Trade. Africa to attend / Board on Thursday next & to come prepared to lay before them an
Africa. exact acct o / actual state o defence o / respective forts & settlemts upon / coast o Africa.

Wednesday, September 17. Present:- [Idem]
Trade. Ex. 54. Read a letter fm Mr Cleveland, Secretary to / Lords o / Admiralty, dated /
Africa. 18th o August, 1755, inclosg a copy o / state & condn o / seal forts on / coast o
Ex. 55. Africa transmitted by Capt Edwards o his Majesty's ship Gosport.
Vide Admlty 'n bk (5)

1755. Thursday, September 18. Present:- [Idem]
Vol. 62. The Lordships beg informed t / Committee o / Co o Merchants trading to Africa were
fo. 286-289 attending att, pursuant to their Lordships order o / 16th instant, they were called in, & beg desired
Trade. to lay before / Board some acct o / actual state o defce o the forts & settlemts upon / coast o Africa,
Africa. w their opinion o what mt be fit done f the security. Mr Poole in / name o / Committee ac-
quainted / Board t / forts were in gen in very indiff repair; t Gambia has ever was
only place likely to be attacked by / French in case o a rupture, as / 3rd sd is difficult be attacked by a
ea force, & t / only effectual method o defending / coast o Africa was by having a superior naval force in
those seas. The Committee having nothing fit to offer were ordered to withdraw.

1[6] Thursday, October 9. Present:— Earl o Halifax, Mr Pitt, Mr Pelham.

1[7] 1755. Ez 57. [Inc]
Vol. 62. A letter fm Mr Poirier, Secretary to / Committee o / Co o Merchants trading to Africa, dd. 11th o August
fo. 292-296. 1755, transmitting:—
Trade. Ez 59. Copies o sundry letters relating to affairs on / coast o Africa in / year 1755.
Africa. Ez 58. Copies o letters & instructns fm / Committee o / Co o Merchants trading to Africa, to the Governors at James Fort, Gambia & at Cape Coast Castle.

18[2]. 1755. Tuesday, November 4. Present:— Earl o Halifax, Mr Grenville, Mr Edgcumbe.
fo. 310-319. The Secretary laid before / Board / following papers received fm / Committee o / Co o
Trade. Merchants trading to Africa, viz.:—
Africa. Ez 61. The acct o / Committee o / Co o Merchants trading to Africa for / year 1754.
Ez 60. Copies o letters fm Thomas Melvil, Esquire, Robert Dawrie, Esquire, etc. to / Committee o / Co o Merchants trading to Africa. Dated in March, June–July, 1755.

19[]. Journal for / Year 1756.*

21[] Thursday, February 5. Present:— Earl o Halifax, Mr Oswald, Mr Pelham, Mr Talbot, Mr Jenyns, Mr Rigby.

21[] 1756. The Secretary laid before / Board / following papers received fm / Committee o /
Vol. 69. Co o Merchants trading to Africa, viz.:—
fo. 68-73 [Gambia]
Trade. Fg. 3. Copies o letters, etc., fm Thomas Melvil, Esquire, Governor o Cape Coast Castle, to /
Africa. Committee o March / Co o Merchants trading to Africa, anno 1755.

* Seven Years' War 1756–63 [Hayman Emeject].

Fb 4. Copies o sevl letters to & fm / Committee relatg to affairs on / coast o Africa, 1755.

Ordered, t / sd papers be taken into considera^n on Wednesday next, & t / Secretary do give notice to / Committee to attend.

2] 1756
fo. 93-94. Wednesday, February 11. Present:- Earl o Halifax, Mr. Oswald, Mr Talbot, Mr Jenyns.
Trade. The Lordships took into considera^n / sevl letters betwn / Committee o / Co o Merchants
Africa. trad^g to Africa & / chief officers upon / coast, mentioned in / minutes o / 5th instant, & / Committee o / Co o Merchants trad^g to Africa attend^g as desired, they were called in, & had^g explained to the Lordships t part o Mr Melvill's letter to them, dated / ... [sic] wh seemed to the Lordships to express an apprehen^n t / price o slaves upon / coast m^t fall, they withdrew.

6] 1756. Friday, February 20. Present:- Earl o Halifax, Mr. Fane, Mr. Talbot.
fo. 91-96 The Secretary laid before / Board a draught o a letter prepared by / Committee o /
Trade. Co o Merchants trad^g to Africa to be transmitted to / Board o Ordn^ce relatg to /
Africa. necessity o speedily sendg out materials & compleatg / fort at Annamaboe, to wh draught the Lordships proposed an amendm^t & ordered / Secretary to return / sd draught to / Committee w^t / amendm^t.

7] 1756 Friday, February 27. Present:- Earl o Halifax, Mr. Oswald, Mr. Pelham, Mr Talbot, Mr Jenyns, Mr Rigby.

8] 1756 Fb 5. Read a letter fm Mr Poirier, Secretary to / Committee o Merchants trad^g to Africa, to
fo. 100-105 / Secretary o this Board, dd February 25th. 1756, acquaint^g him t / Committee agreed
Trade. to / amendm^t made by / Board to / Committee's letter to / Board o Ordn^ce concern^g
Africa. stores to be sent to Annamaboe & compleat^g / fort.

222] Tuesday, March 29. Present:— Earl o Halifax, Mr. Oswald, Mr Talbot, Mr Jenyns.

229] 1756 The Secretary laid before / Board / following paper received fm / Committee o/
Vol. 63. Co o Merchants trading to Africa, viz.:—
fo. 123-126
Trade. Ff 6. Copies o two letters fm / Committee o / Co o Merchants trading to Africa to /
Africa. Governor & Council at Cape Coast Castle, & to / Governor & Council at
James Fort in / river Gambia.
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232] Tuesday, May 4. Present:— Earl o Halifax, Mr Oswald, Mr Talbot, Mr Jenyns,
Mr Rigby, Mr Hamilton.

293] 1756. The Secretary laid before / Board / following papers received fm / Committee
Vol 63. o / Co o Merchants trading to Africa,
fo. 161-164. ... [Gambia] ...
Trade. Copies o letters fm ~~Committee~~ ... Thomas Melvil to / Committee;
Africa. Ff 12. fm John Apperley to Thomas Melvil; & fm John Apperley to
/ Committee, in 1755.
... ...

296] 1756. Tuesday, May 18. Present:— Earl o Halifax, Mr Oswald, Mr Pelham,
fo. 171-174. Mr Talbot, Mr Jenyns, Mr Hamilton.
Trade. Read a letter fm Mr Fox, one o his Majesty's principal Secretaries o State, dd.
Portugal. 15th instant, referring to / Board a memorial signed by several merchants trading to
Portugal, complaining o several grievances wh / trade fm Gt Britain to t Kingdom at present
lies under; together w a comparison o / duties paid there on certain merchandizes by / English & other nations; &
a letter fm several merchants in Norwich to their representatives in Parliament in behalf o / above mentioned
memorial.

Ordered, that / Solicitor do obtain fm / records in / Rolls Chapel a copy o / several articles o / Treaty of
Portugal in 1654.

[N.B. does not refer to W.A. no further reference to this in / Index. F / Treaty - vide Postage in "Chapters
in Anglo-Portuguese Relations" pp. 142 – 146].

1756. Tuesday July 13. Present:- Earl o Halifax, Mr Oswald, Mr Talbot, Mr Hamilton

1756. Read / following papers received fm / Committee o/ Co o Merchants trading to Africa, viz:-
fo. 229-231.
Trade. Africa.

Ff 27. Copy o a letter fm Mr Charles Bell to / Committee o/ Co o Merchants trading to Africa, dated Cape Coast Castle, February 14th, 1756, w^th Minutes o Council at Cape Coast Castle o December 1st 1755.

Ff 28. Copies o letters fm / Committee o/ Co o Merchants trading to Africa to the officers on / Gold Coast & Gambia; & fm / Officers on / Gold Coast & at Gambia to / Committee.

Ff 29. List o/ new Committee men o/ Co o Merchants trading to Africa, elected July 3rd 1756.

1756. Friday, October 1. Present:- Earl o Halifax, Mr Oswald, Mr Pelham.
Vol 63. The Secretary Paid before / Committee Board / following papers received fm /
fo. 249-250. Committee o Merchants trading to Africa, viz:-
Trade. Africa.

Ff 33. Copies o letters fm Charles Bell, Esquire, Captain Justly Watson, Mr John Apperley [Tobias Lisle o Council - Gambia] in march, April, May & June, 1756, to / Committee o/ Co o Merchants trading to Africa.

Ff 34. Copy o . . . one letter fm / Committee to / President & Council o Cape Coast Castle, 1756.

Ff 32. The Acct o/ Committee o/ Co o Merchants trading to Africa, distinguishg each part; anno 1756.

Secr o / Committee attendg w^ch were called in & acquainted the Lordships w^th the apprehens^n & great danger the was in / present conjincture, t^t our trade & settlem^ts at Annamaboe & / Coast o Africa wd fall into / hands o/ French unless speedy measures are taken to compleat / fort building thr, / Workmen o wh are entirely at a stand for want o materials, & / chief [fn:- ie chief engineer] thr under whose direc^n / works h^th hitherto carried on, is in so bad a state o health t^t his life is despaired o, as a proof o wh they laid before / Board / following paper, viz:-

Ff 35. Extract o a letter fm Mr Farquar, dated at Tantumquerry, March 12th 1756, relatg to / indispon o Mr Apperley, Chief [fn - ut supra] o Anamaboe, & / state o/ fort etc.

258] 1756. The Committee beg withdrawn, the lordships, after some time spent in / consider[n]
fo. 250-254. o/ affair, ordered / Secretary to transmit to / Secretary o / Board o Ordnce, a copy o Mr
Trade. Apperleys letter / Chief o Anamaboe's letter, & o/ above mentioned extract o/ letter fm
Africa. Mr Farquar, & acquaint him & / inform[n] o t Board, t the lordships think
think it o very gt consequce t this fort shd be compleated as speedily as possible,
& t they hope t/ engineer sent over etc to survey / said forts, & who they are informed has b[n]
sometime since returned, will be called upon & his report, t / Ordnce may give such
direc[ns] therein as they shd think most advisable

276] 1756. Friday, November 19. Present: — Earl o Halifax, Mr. Oswald, Mr. Pelham, Mr.
fo. 313-316 Jenyns, Mr Hamilton.
Trade. The Secretary laid before / Board / following papers received fm / Committee o / Co o
Africa. Merchants tradg to Africa: —

Copy o one letter fm / Committee to C. Bell, Esquire, & Council at Cape
Ff 36. Coast Castle, 4th November, 1756.

Journal & / Year 1757.

211] 1757. Wednesday, March 30. Present: — Earl o Halifax, Mr. Oswald, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Sloper.
Vol. 64 Read / following papers received fm / Committee o/ Co o Merchants tradg to Africa, viz.: —
fo. 119-123 Ff 41. Copies o ... two Letters fm C. Bell, Esquire, to / Committee o/ Co o Merchants tradg to Africa,
Trade. dated September 1st 1756 ...
Africa. Ff 42. Copy o a Letter fm / Committee o/ Co o Merchants tradg to Africa to C. Bell,
Esquire, etc, at Cape Coast Castle, dated March 19th, 1757.

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Thr Lordships upon considera^n o these papers were o opinion t as / Board o Ordnce appears to be more entrusted w / direc^n o compleatg / fort at Annamaboe, t Board shd be forthwith acquainted w / death o Mr Apperley, / principal engineer, & w / resda^n wh Mr Bell, / Cos chief agent at Cape Coast Castle, has taken o returng to England, to / end t they may take such measures thereupon as / impce o t fact, to / preserva^n o his majestys rights & / Commercial interests o this country sh appear to them to require, & / Secretary was ordred to prepare a letter to / Secretary o t Board thereupon.

922] 1754. Wednesday, May 18. Present:— Earl o Halifax, Mr. Oswald, Mr Pelham, Mr. Jenyns,
fo. 159-162 Mr Sloper. . . .
Trade. The Secretary laid before / Board / follows papers received fm / Committee o / Co o
Africa. Merchants trading to Africa, viz.:—
[Gambia] Copies . . . o an affidavit made by Captain Bostocks mate, etc., o 15th o Feb:,
relatg to his long boat seized by Captain Hughes, etc., & o a
Ff 46. letter fm Charles Bell, Esquire, dd. Cape Coast Castle, October 10th. 1756

923] 1754. Tuesday, May 24. Present: Earl o Halifax, Mr. Oswald, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Jenyns,
Vol. 64 Mr. Hamilton, Mr Sloper.
fo. 162-166 . . . [Gambia] . . .

335] Thursday, November 3. Present:- Mr Oswald, Mr Jenyns, Mr Sloper.

335] 1754. Ff 50 Read a letter fm Mr Cleveland, Secretary to Lords of Admiralty, dated 28th of July,
Vol. 64 Ff 51. 1754, inclosg copies of Accts of state & condn of forts & settlemts on Coast of Africa
fo. 206-209. transmitted to the lordships by Captain Weller of his Majesty's ship Assistance
Trade.
Africa. The Secretary laid before Board following papers received fm Committee of Coo Merchants
336] 1754. trading to Africa viz:-
fo. 210-219 Copies of a letter fm C. Bell, Esquire, to Committee of African Co, dated 12th December, 1756
Trade. and fm same, 13th February 1754; of a letter fm Thomas Westgate, Chief of Dixcove,
Africa. to commandant of Dutch fort at Accoda, & his answer, both dd 30th November 1756;
Ff 64. also of a narrative of proceedgs of French Squadron upon Gold Coast in January,
1754, & of a letter fm Captains of ships in Anamabo Road at ye time, dated
11th February 1754.
Ff 65 Copies of two letters fm Charles Bell, Esquire, to Committee of Coo Merchants trading to
Africa, dated Cape Coast Castle, March 16th & April 23rd, 1754. also of a depositn by
Captain Edward Gregory respectg King of Popo's son carried off Coast by Mr John Roberts
Ff 66. A list of all Committee's servants on Gold Coast, 20th April, 1754.
The acct of Committee of Coo Merchants trading to Africa, distinguishg every article of expence
under its proper title, anno 1756.

352] 1754. Friday, December 16. Present:- Earl of Halifax, Mr Jenyns, Mr Sloper
354] fo. 280-283. Read a letter fm Mr Secretary Pitt, dd. 13th of December 1754, inclosg a proposal made
Trade. to him by Mr Thynne relatg to gold mines on Coast of Africa, & desirg Board's opinion upon it
Africa. Ff 68. Resolved, yt 5d letter be taken into considern on Tues. next, 20th instant.

55] 1754. Tuesday. December 20. Present:- Earl o Halifax, Mr Jenyns, Mr Hamilton, Mr. Sloper
Vol. 64. The Lordships pursuant to / minutes o / 16th instant, took into consideration / Letter from Mr
fo. 283-284. Secretary Pitt referg Mr. Thynnes proposal relatg to gold mines upon / Coast o Guinea, &-
Trade. Mr. Thynne attends wt, was called in, & the Lordships hadg had some discourse wth him upon
Africa. / subject matter o / sd proposal he then withdrew; & a doubt hadg arisen whr / right
to gold mines upon / Coast o Africa granted to / late Royal African Co by ther charter, was
or was not vested in / Co o Merchants tradg thither by / Act o / 23d o his present Majesty for ex-
tendg & improvg / Trade to Africa, / Secretary was ordered to write to / Committee o / sd co, desirg to
be informed what ther opinion is upon this point.

360] Journal of / Year 1758.

1758
Trade. Tuesday. January 17. Present:- Earl o Halifax, Mr. Oswald, Mr Pelham, Mr Jenyns,
Africa Mr Hamilton, Mr. Sloper
Ff 42. Read a letter from Mr Porrier, Secretary to / Committee o / Co o Merchants tradg to Africa,
to / Secretary o this Board, dd. January 4th, 1758, in answer to his letter o / 21st o December last, relative
to gold mines on / coast o Africa.
Ther Lordships took / sd letter into consideration togr wth Mr Secretary Pitts letter referg Mr.
Thynnes proposal, respectg / discovery & workg o gold mines upon / coast o Guinea, mentioned in /
minutes o / 20th of December last, & after some time spent therein ordered / draught o a report to
Mr Secretary Pitt thereupon to be prepared.

361] 1758. Thursday, January 19. Present:- Earl o Halifax, Mr Pelham, Mr Jenyns, Mr Sloper.
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...
fo. 4-8. The Secretary laid before / Board / follow'g papers receiv'd fm / Committee o / Co o
362] 1758. Merchants trad'g to Africa, viz.:- ...
fo. 8-12. Copy o a letter fm C. Bell, Gournor o Cape Coast Castle, to / Committee o / Co o
Trade. Merchants trad'g to Africa, dd. / 6th o July 1754; ... ...
Africa. Fb 74 Fb 77 Copy o a letter fm / Committee o / Co o Merchants trad'g to Africa to / Gournor & Council o Cape Coast Castle, dd. / 9th o December 1754.

364] 1758. Monday, January 23. Present:- Earl o Halifax, Mr Oswald, Mr Pelham,
fo. 17-21 Mr Jenyns, Mr Hamilton, Mr Sloper.
Trade. The draught o a letter to Mr Secretary Pitt upon Mr Thynne's proposal f
Africa. work'g gold mines in Guinea, having been prepared pursuant to / minutes o / 17th
instant, was agreed to, transcribed & signed.

377] 1758. Wednesday, February 22. Present:- Earl o Halifax, Mr Jenyns, Mr Hamilton,
Vol. 65. Mr Sloper.
fo. 69-73.
378]. 1758. ... ...
fo. 73-76. The Secretary laid before / Board / follow'g papers receiv'd fm / Committee o / Co
Trade. o Merchants trad'g to Africa, viz.:-
... ...
Africa. Copies o three letters fm Charles Bell, Esquire, to / Committee o / Co o
Gg 2. Merchants trad'g to Africa, dd. Cape Coast Castle, July 6th, 20th September 20th
& October 3rd 1754.

394]. 1758. Friday, April 21. Present:- Earl o Halifax, Mr Oswald, Mr Pelham,
Vol. 65 Mr Hamilton, Mr Jenyns, Mr Sloper
fo. 153-154. The Lordships beg inform'd y Mr Touchet, fm / Committee o / Co o
Trade. Merchants trad9 to Africa was attend9 w^th & hd something to offer to / con-
Africa. sidera^n o / Board, he was called in, & acquainted the Lordships, y / Committee
o / Co o Merchants trad9 to Africa hasg b^n inform'd, y an applica^n was intended
to be made to Parlia^mt, y / direc^n o / affairs o Africa & o / trade therewith, m^t be put under
this Board, they hd deputed him to signify to / Board, y if y was tho^t a proper measure,
they shd in no shape oppose it, hopg at / same time, y / Board, if satisfyed o thr conduct
in / direc^n o this branch o publick service, wd support / present system.
Whereupon the Lordships acquainted Mr Touchet, y / applica^n, wh he mentioned to be
intended to be made to Parlia^mt, was entirely w^th thr consent or approba^n; y they considered
themselves as unfit & unable to undertake / direc^n o / affairs & trade o Africa, not only fm
thr nature & / manner in wh they are carried on, but also fm / multiplicity & extent o
/ d^r business within thr depart^mt, assurg Mr Touchet at / same time, y they are well
satisfyed w / conduct & manage^mt o / Committee. Mr Touchet then withdrew.

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415] Wednesday, July 26. Present:- Earl o Halifax, Mr Oswald, Mr Hamilton.
1758. The Secretary laid before / Board y following papers receivd fm / Com-
Vol. 65. mittee o / Co o Merchants trad9 to Africa, viz^t:-
fo. 232-236 Gg 4. Copies o two letters fm Nassau Senior to / Committee o / Co o Merchants
Trade. trad9 to Africa, dd. Cape Coast Castle, 28th October & 4th December, 1754;
Africa. also o two letters fm / same, dd. Cape Coast Castle, January & 21st
February, 1758.
Gg 5. Copy o a Letter fm Charles Bell, Esquire, to / Committee o / Co o Merchants
trad9 to Africa, dd. Barbados, 2nd February, 1758.

...

Gg. 8. Copy o a letter fm / Committee o / Co o Merchants trading to Africa to Nassau Senior, Esquire, President & / Council at Cape Coast Castle, dd. 22nd July, 1758; ...

The Lordships took / said papers into consideration, & ordered extracts to be made o such parts as relate to / ill conduct & behaviour o / Governors o / Dutch settlements upon t coast, to be transmitted to Mr. Secretary Pitt; & a letter to him, inclosing / said extracts, was prepared, agreed to & signed

436] Tuesday, December 19. Present:- Earl o Halifax, Mr Jenyns, Mr Hamilton, Mr Cooper

437] 1758. Vol. 65. fo. 332-336 Trade. Africa. The Secretary laid before / Board / following papers received fm / Committee o / Co o Merchants trading to Africa, viz.:-

Gg. 13. Copy o a letter fm John Hippisley to / Committee o / Co o Merchants trading to Africa, dd. 24th February, 1758, & postscript o 23rd March; also o a certificate o Thomas Herring, gunner at Winebah, 12th March, 1758.

Gg. 14 Copies o letters & papers received by / Committee o / Co o Merchants trading to Africa fm Cape Coast Castle, November 20th, 1758.

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Ee. 1

Read Jan 5th
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Whitehall January 4th 1754.

My Lords I send y Kings Command, a Copy & two Extracts o letters fm Colo Yorke H. Mts Minister Plen: ch / Hague, inclosg sevl Papers relatg to / Disputes subsistg betwn / R-A-C-here & / Dutch W. I. C. And I am to signify to yr Lordships, H. Mts Pleasure t y shd forthwith take / same into ye Considern & report ye Opinion what Orders may be proper to be sent to Mr Yorke thrupon. I am — &c —

Holles Newcastle [Duke o Newcastle]

Lords Comrs &
Trade & Plantas

Ee 2

Read
Read [vide infra]

Copy Africa

Col Yorke To Duke o Newcastle

Hague November 20th 1753.

Vide Red Notebks p 391

Ee 3.

Endorsed Memoire touchant les Droits des Hollandois sur les Villages d'Achuah et Busha sur la Côte de Guinée

In Col Yorkes Letter o Decr 1753

Del Amsterdam 9 Nov. 1753. Signed by Mr Van de Poort de Gueze

Vide p 56 post

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Ez 4.

Endorsed :. Copie d'une lettre de Mr le Col. Yorke à Mr Dedel
la Haye le 28 Nov. 1753.
ou Col Yorke's letter o Decr 4th 1753.

vide Red Robbs p 896.

Ez 5.

Copie lettre de Mr Dedel à Col Yorke
Amst. 4 Decr 1753. vide Red Robbs P 898

Ez 6.

Extract letter Col Yorke to Duke o Newcastle
Hague Decr 4 1753 vide Red Robbs. P 896

Ez 4.

Copie
Traduction

Extrait des Resolutions de Messrs les Directeurs
de la Compagnie des Indes Occidentales de la
Chambre d'Amsterdam le 11 Decr 1753.

A été rapporté a l'Assemblée, par le Sieur Backer, qu'en consequence de la Resolution Commissoriale de l'Assemblée du 27 novembre dernier, les Maitres des Comptes conjointement avec le Sieur Pietersen auroient examiné le Rapport des Sieurs Dedel et Pietersen touchant la Conference tenue entre eux et Mr Yorke Envoyé Extraordinaire de sa Majesté le Roi de la Grande Bretagne, sur les differens Survenus sur la Côte de Guinée entre les Officiers de la Compagnie des Indes Occidentales d'Hollande, et ceux de la Compagnie Royale d'Afrique d'Angleterre ; Que les dits Maitres des Comptes ayant

Considéré que Monsieur l'Envoye ne pouvoit pas avoir si tôt des ordres ultérieurs de sa Cour sur les Propositions qui lui ont été faites dans cette Conference, par les deux Srs Deputés susdits, et sur la Memoire qui lui a été communiqué depuis par ecrit de Monsieur le Directeur General Nicolas Matthieu Van der Noot de Sieur, contenant les preuves du Droit de cette Compagnie sur les Villages de Busha et d'Alchmah, Ils avoient été d'avis que conformement à la Proposition faite par Mons.r l'Envoye, l'Assemblée pouvoit declarer provisionellement et preliminairement qu'elle est prete à la premiere occasion d'envoyer ordre au Gouvernement d'Elmina de laisser aux Anglais le libre usage de la Baye de Commenda, sur le même pied que cela a été pratiqué cy-devant sans leur causer aucun empechement.

Que outre cela, la Compagnie pour prevenir toutes les Difficultés qui pourroient arriver par la Suite, est prete à donner des Ordres pareils a ceux que la Compagnie Royale d'Afrique d'Angleterre envoyera a ses Officiers respectifs, qu'en cas qu'il survient a l'avenir quelque different sur la Côte entre les deux Nations, sur l'usage tant de la Baye de Commenda, que de quelque Baye, ou sur les pretendus Droits de Proprieté dans quelque District ou Village, ou enfin sur le Droit de Protection sur quelque Nation du Pais; aucun Chef des deux Compagnies respectives ne commencera des hostilités aux ou des voyes de fait à ce Sujet, mais que voyant qu'on ne peut pas s'accommoder s'accommoder a l'amiable, sur le lieu, ils en donneront immediatement connoissance à leurs Superieurs respectifs en Europe, avec les details et preuves necessaires, afin que ceux cy en puissent decider finalement.

Sur ce voyant [illegible] été deliberé on a remercié les dits Maitres des Comptes de leur peine, de même que du Sieur Backer pour de son Rapport: et il a été trouvé bon et qu'il sera approuvé par les Presentes; Et que le Sieur Dedel sera prié et chargé d'envoyer pour cet effet, Copie de ce que dessus à Monsieur l'Envoyé Yorke pour lui pouvoir servir d'Information.

S'accorde avec l'original

(Signé) Richard Karsseboom

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Fe. 3

Memoire pour prouver le Droit de la Compagnie des Indes Occidentales des Provinces Unies des Pais Bas, sur les Villages d'Atchuah et Busha, situés, le Premier, entre le Fort Hollandois Dorothée à Accoda, et le Fort Anglais de Dixcove : l'Autre, entre le même Fort et Dixcove, et le Fort Hollandois Batestein à Boutry sur la Côte de Guinée ; Remis à Messieurs les Directeurs de la dite Compagnie par Nicolas Nicholas Matthieu Van der Hoot de Pietère, cy devant Conseiller sur la dite Côte de Guinée

Hol. le dit Sr. Van der Hoot de Pietère, est le même qui va se rendre sur la Côte de Guinée au Printems prochain, comme Directeur Général de la Côte.

En consequence des Ordres des Mess.rs les Directeurs, le Soussigné a l'honneur de les informer que LL. H.H. P.P. des Etats Generaux et leur Compagnie des Indes Occidentales ont été en possession des Forts Dorothée à Accoda et Batestein à Boutry dès le Commencement du Siecle passé

Qu'en 1691 le Fort Dorothée fut cedé et remis à la Compagnie de Brandenbourg ; Mais qu'en 1717 et 1718, la Compagnie des Provinces Unies a acquis par Achat de celle de Brandenbourg le Château de Grand Fridericsbourg, appellé Hollandia, avec tous les Droits de Preeminences.

Qu'en consequence de cet Achat, le Fort Dorothée est retourné à son ancien Maitre et Proprietaire, comme Dependance du Château Grand Fridericsbourg

Que, dès le Commencement, le Village d'Atchuah a appartenu aux Sujets du Fort Dorothée, c'est à dire aux Negres d'Accoda. Ce qui se prouve, selon le Temoignage des Gens de Pais meme, de ce que

1.mo les Negres d'Accoda regardent ce Village comme leur Ferme, ou ils ont leurs Maisons et leurs Granges, pour y conserver leurs Graines comme Froment, Millet et autres ;

2de leurs Esclaves, qu'ils entretiennent pour le labourage y demeurent.
3tio Ils y ont leurs Troupeaux, leurs moutons, Poules et autres.

Qu'en avant l'année 1691, Personne n'a jamais douté qu'aucune autre Personne puisse avoir Jurisdiction à Atchuah, comme les Possesseurs du fort Dorothée.

Que les Anglais n'ont commencé à bâtir leur fort à Dixcove qu'en 1691 et qu'en Conséquence le Gouvernement Anglois n'a pu avoir aucune Autorité sur la Côte ou sur les Habitants du dit Village avant ce Tems là.

Que le Soussigné doute fort que les Anglois puissent produire aucun Acte, ou Preuve, qu'une pareille Concession leur ait été faite depuis l'année 1691.

Que le Soussigné a commandé au fort Dorothée pendant les Années 1735 et 1736, et qu'il pourrait déclarer sur sa Conscience que, pendant ces deux Années il n'a pas eu la moindre Dispute à ce Sujet avec les Chefs Anglois du fort de Dixcove, nommé Dreibotre [sic]; qu'au contraire il y a maintenu paisiblement l'Autorité de la Compagnie Hollandoise.

Que tout ce qui vient d'être dit du Village d'Atchuah, doit être pareillement appliqué à celui de Busha, avec cette seule difference, que celui-ci est habité par les Negres de Boutry, c'est à dire, Sujets ou Dependants du fort Batenstein, comme l'autre l'est par ceux du fort Dorothée, l'un et l'autre étant sujet à la Compagnie Hollandoise.

Qu'il est vrai, qu'il y a souvent eu des disputes entre les Chefs Anglois de Dixcove et les Commandants Hollandois du fort Batenstein, au sujet de Busha; mais à la certaine cognoissance du Soussigné, elles

ont toujours été decidés en faveur de ces Derniers

Que le Soussigné ne scait pas sur quel Fondement les Anglois peuvent prétendre a aucune Jurisdiction sur Busha; car quand meme quelques Negres du Fort de Dicoor y auroient bati quelques Granges ou fermes à l'Imitation de ceux de Boutry, les Anglois n'auroient par là acquis aucun Droit ou Jurisdiction sur le Village meme; mais tout au plus, seulement sur les Personnes de leurs Sujets, qui s'y seroient ainsi établis, en cas de Debts.

Que cette Dispute pourroit encore etre decidée par les Usages des Naturels du Pais, qui sont Sujets de l'un ou de l'autre des Chateaux et Forts respectifs des deux Nations;

Les Naturels du Pais ont entre eux, dans chaque Village, grand ou petit, un Conseil des Anciens, qu'ils appellent communement les Homme Grandes, et lorsqu'il arrive quelque different de peu d'importance entre eux, ce Conseil decide; mais lorsqu'il s'agit de quelque Affaire plus importante, ce dit Conseil la porte devant le Chef ou Commandant du Chateau ou Fort duquel il depend, et lorsque l'Affaire est criminelle, le Chef ou Commandant est obligé de la renvoyer devant le Grand Conseil de la Côte.

Or la presente Dispute pour pourroit etre aisement decidé, si les Anglois peuvent prouver que les Differends qui surviennent entre les Habitans Naturels des Villages de Busha et d'Atchuah sont portés, directement par leur Conseils ou Homme Grandes, par devant le Chef Anglois de Dicoor pour qu'il en decide en Juge competent

Mais le Soussigné est bien assuré que dans tous les Differends qui s'élevent dans les dits Villages de Busha et d'Atchuah les Conseils du Pais s'adressent toujours directement aux Commandants Hollandois des Forts ~~Batistin~~ Dorothée et Batelstein, pour les faire decider par Eux, et que par là ils se soumettent Eux Memes a la Jurisdiction du Gouvernement Hollandois, et le reconnoissent pour leur Souverain.

Au reste, on ne peut pas dire qu'aucune Jurisdiction sur la Côte de Guinée ait lieu que dans les Endroits qui sont à la portée du Canon de chaque Fort ou Château.

Toute autre Autorité ou Jurisdiction depend de la bonne Volonté des Naturels du Pais, parcequ'il n'est pas practicable de les contraindre par aucune force des Europeens quand ils sont hors de la portée de leur Canon.

C'est pourquoi la Pratique ordinaire est de s'attacher les Naturels du Pais par de certaines Generosités, et de se faire par là, ou craindre ou aimer. Et c'est de là que depend absolument le bon ou mauvais Succes du Commerce sur cette Côte.

Le Soussigné espere avoir satisfait aux Ordres de la Compagnie par le Rapport cy-dessus et a l'honneur d'être &c.

(signé) H. M. Van der Hoot de Guitère

Amsterdam
le 9 Novembre 1758

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Ee. 8.

Letter to Bedel to Col Yorke. Amst. 14 Dec 1753. Vide Red Books p 899.

Ee. 9.

Extract letter. Col Yorke to Duke of Newcastle. Hague 18 Dec 1753 " p 900

Ee. 10.

Read Feby 18 }
Read - 26 } 1754.

My Lords. Mr Roberts late Governor &c / late Royal Co on / Coast of Africa at Cape Coast Castle having applied by Petn to / Lords Comrs of H Mys Treasury for a reimbursement of / sums & Charges necessarily incurred &c by him as he alledges in / year 1750, & having produced in Testimony of his Services / sevl Certificates herewith transmitted to yr Lordships; My Lords are pleased to refer / same to yr Consideran, desiring yr Lordships to enquire into / amt of his sd Claim & / Proofs offered in Justificn thereof & report yr Opinion thereof to their Lordships

I am — &c —
N Hardinge

Treasury Chambers
15 Feby 1754

Comrs of Trade.

To / Right Honble Lords Comrs of H. Mys. Treasury

The Humble Memorial & Petn of John Roberts Governor &c / late R-A-C- of England at C-C-C- in Africa on behalf of himself, William Husbands & Thomas Boteler Esqrs Chief Agents &c / sd Co at C- C- C- aforesd

Sheweth. That yr Lordships having issued / sum of £10,000 granted by Parlt in 1749 Towds Supporting / sd Cos Forts & Settlemts in Africa &c Jonny Casselles Esqre, He consigned &c yr Memorialist then in England & to sd William Husbands Esqre

one o/ Chief Agents at C-C-C- a Supply o Goods, Stores & Provisions for ye purpose amtg to £7268-10-3

T to enable ye Memorialist effectually to superintend / due applicn o such supplys. He was on 26th October 1749 appointed President o/ Council, One o the Chief Agents & Treasurer, & 6th July following, Governor o C.C.C - & Dependencies thereof

Tyz Memorialist on his arrie in Africa in Feb 1749 found t/ Cos Servants had been involved in a dispute w/ Dutch concerng / Town o Busha in / Kingdom o Ahanta & Territory o Dacoora: wh / Dutch laid Claim to / sole property o, notwtg / equal Right & Power o / English; but 14 of his Ships at Anchor & Surprize carried away them upon / Coast, / Dutch dropped the pretens tile / Departure o those Ships, & then renewed / same w insufferable Insolence as a fix Claim made to / Forrest o Ahchua in / Jurisdicn & Territory aforsd.

Tyz Memorialist & Colleagues did all they possibly cd to adjust / Dispute in an Amicable manner, untill / Dutch to make good their pretentions, stirred up & assisted / King o Ahanta, w his Troops at diffr times & upon various pretences to attack & insult / English & their Black Subjects by Sea & Land, & even to invade the Castle & Territory o Dacoora, when ye Memorialist & / rest o/ Cos Servants were necessitated to exert their utmost endeavours to defend & preserve / British Rights & Possessions from falling into / hands o our grt Rivals in Trade.

Tos / Cos Forts & Castles are supplied fm Dacoora & Forrest o Ahchua w Lymestone, Timber & Repairs &c &c / British Ships comg fm / windward part o / Coast, are furnished fm thence w Wood, Water, & Provisions, ye Memorialist humbly conceives / preservan o / sd Castle, Territory & Forrest to / Nat are an object o / grt Consequce to / Trade thereof.

T by means o / sd Contest & Attacks, yz Memorialist & Colleagues were put to such xtry Expences, as in abt seven months entirely exhausted / Supply

52. consigned by Mr Lascelles (/ Accts wbrof to be duly exd in H. Mis Office & Audit & approvd by yr Lordships) & Land them under / Mis agreeable Determon & either deserg the Trust, or & defendg / same & maintaing / Cos Officers, Servants & Slaves out & their own private Fortunes & Personal Credit

T on / 20th June 1751 (when yr Memorialists Commissn was superseded by / arrival & Thomas Melvill Esqr from / New Co & Merchants Trading to Africa) ~~£~~ was due to yr Memorialist & Colleagues, on acct & ye Services cfsd, £10500-12-4, / largeness & wh Debt arose not only from / extry Expences & attended / sd Contest wr / Dutch during a Course & Ten months, & / defeating an attempt made by two French Men & War to establish a Settlemt at Annamabo, / Principal Mart & / British Trade, but also from / necessity yr Memorialist & Colleagues were under & taking up Goods for those purposes upon / Coast at Coast prices.

T Mr Melvill beg applied to ye paymt & / sd Sum refused noticg it part & it wh had arisen before / 1st February 1750 (amtg to £5934-7-1) as what did not relate to his Constituents but paid £1000 in part & / Sum accrued since ye time referg yr Memorialist & Colleagues to / New Co for Satisfacn & / remainder.

T yr Memorialist accordingly since his return to England has applied to / Committee & / New Co, who in like manner declined taking Notice & / Accts preceding / sd 1st February 1750, but have received / subsequent ones, paid part thereof & agreed to reimburse yr Memorialist & Colleagues / remainder due thereon.

T / late African Co beg dissolved by Parliamt, yr Memorialist & Colleagues have no legal demand upon / present Co for any part & / remaing Sum & £5934-7-1 accrued since / Expenditure & Mr Lascelles Supply to / Commencemt & the Term, nor in Equity any Remedy, but from His Mts goodness, upon / favourable Representan & the Case by yr Lordships.

Ye Memorialist therefore, on behalf of himself & fellow sufferers whose whole Fortune & Credit has been exhausted in Defence & support of / Reputation Power & Interest of / Nation on / Coast of Africa (of Facts of wch he is ready to verify in such manner as shall be most Satisfactory to Yr Lordships, & to corroborate / same wt Evidence) most humbly prays yr Lordships to take the hard Case into Consideration & to recommend them to His Majtys Favour & permission to apply to Parliament for such Relief therein as to their great Wisdom & Goodness shall seem meet

And yr Memorialist shall ever pray &c &c

Jon Roberts

London 12th February 1754.

Ee 12.

Read March 25
Read April 3d } 1754

Coopers Court Cornhill 21st March 1754

Sir The Cttee of / Coo of Merchts trading to Africa have directed me to send you / inclosed Memorial & to beg ... you to lay it before / Rt Hon. / Lds Comrs of T. & P.
... of their Lordships will have / attendance of / Cttee when they shall take this Memorial into consn ... be pleased to signify / same to Sir — &c. —

Wm Hollier

John Pownall Esqr

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~~The Memorialist therefore, on behalf of himself & Fellow sufferers whose whole Fortune & Estate has been~~
~~exhausted in~~

Ee. 13.

Read w^th Governors letter of 21 Mar 1754

To / R^t Honble / Lords
Comm^rs of T. & P.

In obedce to y^r Lordships Commands / Clée o/ Co o M. Trade to Africa, begs leave to enter into consideran / read letters & papers received from the York wch y^r Lordships were pleased to refer to them, are o/ opinion & / Memorial w / several proofs upon Oath annexed. thereto wch they had / Honour to lay before y^r Lordships in May 1753. o contains not only a vindican o our Right to / Territory o Akkinah. (/ principal point now in dispute) but a confutan o what / Dutch Commissaries have advanced in defce o their unjust Encroachments upon our Right & Property, & / Clée humbly hope t / reconsideran o / following Abstract o / Evidence then delivered to^gr w / annexed letter will induce y^r Lordships to be o / same Opinion.

No. 1. Examinan o Quobino an ancient Native upon Oath, prov^g our possesn in / time o / Brandenburghers. [Vide ½ Fcap O P 89]

No 2 Affidavit o David Lamb Lieutenant o / Guard at Cape Coast Castle, prov^g possession & Jurisdican fm 1728 to 1742. [Red Books P 445]

No 3. Affidavit o Mr William Daires formerly Chief o Dixcove prov^g possesn Jurisdicn. Applican fm / Dutch for leave to build some Stones. & fm / Natives for Certificates o the beg English Subjects fm 1742 to 1745 [Red Books p. 449]

o Red Books. p 428.

No 4. Affidavit o Mr Nassau Senior. Chief o Dixcove, prov'g Possession, Jurisdiction, Right o Trade, & his forbidding / use o Canoes at Ahkwah wh was submitted to by / Natives fm 1744 to 1750, when / dispute commenced. [Red Mbks. p 204]

No 5. The personal Evidence o Thomas Chalmers Esqre formerly Chief Agent at Cape Coast Castle, who besides provg possessn & Jurisdiction asserts t / Dutch payed a Toll for leave to buy Palm Wine in t Territory

No. 6. Affidavit o personal Evidence o John Roberts Esqre formerly Chief Agent at C- C- C- provs possessn Jurisdiction &c &c. [Red Mbks pp 189 & 191]

No 7. Copy o a letter fm Mynheer Desborders Gov o Elmina dd 14th March 1739 N.S. in answer to a letter o / Chief Agents at C-C-C- dd 2d March 1738 O.S. in wh he admits / English Right to / Territory in dispute [½ Sheet ① pp 92-95]

To oppose this Evidence o our Right / Dutch Commissaries h produced a Memorial o Mr H M. Van der Voot de Feebie formerly Chief o / Dutch Fort Dorothy at Accodah, who says t Ahkwah belonged fm / beginng to / subjects o / Dutch Fort t is, says he, to / Negroes o Accodah, & proof o wh he asserts t / sd Negroes considered this Village as their strong Hold, where they hd Granaries & their Corn, where they kept their Slaves & where they hd their Cattle, their Sheep & their Poultry.

As a fur proof he says he has bn well assured t all Differs betwn / Natives were referred by / Council o / Country to / Dutch Chiefs & their Decision ch, says he, was a submissn to their Jurisdiction, & an acknowledgmt o their Sovereignty, but o this he gives no Instances.

This beg all / new matter in / sd Memorial, / Ctee communicated it to our Diver a Gentleman o Character & Fortune, lately returned fm / Coast o Africa, where he resided sixteen Years, & was a considerable time Chief or Governor o Dixcove Fort (to wh / Territory o Atchuah belongs) whose letter (a copy o wh is humbly annexed) / Ctee doubt not but yr Lordships will think w them is a sufficiently full & clear answer to / sd Memorial.

This is likewise another Gentleman in Town, Mr Greaves, who was formerly Chief at Dixcove, & perfectly remembers & a Chief o / Dutch Fort at Boutry, applied to him & leave to pick Limestone in Atchuah & / repairs o / sd Fort.

As Mr De Pietre asserts in his Memorial & / Dutch h / same right to Busha as to Atchuah, / former beg subject to the Fort at Boutry as / latter is to & at Accodah, / Committee cannot avoid observing to yr Lordships & / Evidence o Mr De Pietersen seems to contradict & assert, & he acknowledges to the Fort " & "Busha has been in his remembrance sometimes subject to us & sometimes to them, & "as it was nearer our Fort, it was natural to suppose / people inhabiting it had more "to do w us."

The Ctee cannot leave this Argument o Mr De Pietersens wh remarking to yr Lordships & / same Reason wh determines his Opinion upon Busha holds equally strong in regard to Atchuah, wh is as much nearer to Dixcove than it is to Atchuah Accodah, as Busha is nearer to Dixcove than to Boutry.

Mr De Pietre appeals to / English & proof o / Natives ever having submitted their differs to / decision o our Chiefs, an Appeal wh / Natives must have made w propriety if our Dispute had been w them, but surely o no consequence to / Dutch after such strong & undeniable Evidence upon Oath & their own Chiefs & applied to & ours & leave to pick Lime stones, & paid a Duty & Liberty to buy Palm Wine & Queen Yanflie one o / principal Inhabitants o Atchuah

& in / most distant part fm our Fort, applied to / Chief o Dixcove f a certificate o his beg an English Subject

Having thus established / English Right to / Territory o Akkuah, / Clee now proceed to observe to yr Lordships t to the last proposal wh consists o two Parts viz^r,

"That each party do agree ~~t no trade sh be carried on~~ f / future "t no Trade sh be carried on at / Forts o either Nat^n w^ch any o^r "Europeans except / Portuguese", and "That / Clause in / Treaty o "1708 relatg to / English & Portuguese shd be conformed in this."

The Dutch Commissaries h only given an Answer to / former part, wh they say "was too delicate a point f them to say anything fm themselves, "though they wod report it, but at / same time they cd almost take upon "themselves them to say / Co wod never-consent to it, as / French traded w^th "them & gave g^t prices f the overplus Negroes wh advantage it wd be "impolitick in them to deprive themselves of especially as they wd get "them elsewhere. Besides was such an Exclusion to be given it wd not "depend upon / Co alone as they had not power to do it, but must be "referred to / States Gen."

But they take no notice o / Treaty o 1708 by wh it was agreed that any Portuguese Vessel takg an English Officer at a Windward Fort & hoistg English Colours ~~sh be~~ no trade wd be molested at any English Fort & shd go off / Coast undisturbed. This is now no more reasonable as since t Treaty / time is expired f / paym^t o / Duty o 10 pr cent. wh / Dutch then claimed fm / Portuguese by Treaty, & wh they now exact only by Force.

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The Committee wd be glad therefore to h an explicit answer upon
t head.

Ye / Dutch h agreed to send orders to ye Chiefs to leave us / free use o / landg place in / Bay o Commenda, / Clee propose t gve / like orders to ye Officers to allow / same to / Dutch, but before they send orders to ye Officers ~~to allow / same to / Dutch~~ relatg to any disputes wch may happen hereafter, a wh not beg determinable upon / Coast in an amicable manner, are to be referred to / decision o / two Cts in Europe, ye Clee think they ot to insist t / Dutch sh agree to let / English property remain upon / same footg as it stood before / commencemt o / dispute in March 1750 as it appears plainly by / forego g Evidce t / English were in quiet possn o / Territory o Akkuah till t time, when / Dutch (taking / advantage o / distressed condn o / late Royal African Co) pretended to set up a right thereto, & still continue to exercise diffn acts o Jurisdicn over it.

To send Orders above mentioned wd ye concession fm / Dutch West India Co wd be to acknowledge ye Right & to leave them partly in possn o / Territory o Akkuah, wh wd / glve Satisfacn to yr Lordships, / Clee are o opinion they shd by no means consent to

London 20th March 1754

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Signed & sealed by order o / Committee o / Co o Merchants trading to Africa

Wm Hollier Secretary.

Copy o a letter frm Mr William Dacres to / Committee o / Co o Merchants trading to Africa.

Gentlemen

As y h hr pleased to send to me f information o / Right o / English to / Town or Territories o Atchuah on / Coast o Guinea, I having maturely considered throf, beg leave to refer y h to a Deposition o mine taken before / Honble Capt Hume ah C- C- C- in October 1751. To wh I sh now add, t it has bn / constant practice o / Chief o Diccora to clear / Paths (or repair / Roads) quite thrô / Town or Territory aforesd f / conveniency or better accomodation o Black Merchants coming frm / inland Country to Trade, wh hd / Dutch Known themselves to h a right to, they wd never h suffered, as it was depriving them o part o the Trade.

As to what Mr De Poitre asserts o / Natives o Accodah keeping the Corn, Cattle, &c in this Town o Atchuah, it is rather a proof o its not beg a Dutch Territory; it beg well known by coy Gentleman t has resided in Guinea, t / Chiefs o both / English & Dutch Forts h always (by consent o / Natives themselves originally) assumed a power o buying what corn or live stock they h occasion f in any Town or Territory under the respective Jurisdiction, paying a stated price f / same, but as they are very often unwilling to part w it on those terms, having frequent opportunities to sell / same to much more advantage to / shipping, nothing is more common than f / Subjects o one Nation to send their Cattle, Corn &c to the Friends in Subjection to / other Nation to prevent its being forcibly taken frm them.

As to what Mr De Poitre further asserts, t / inhabitants o Atchuah always referred the Disputes to / Chief o Accodah f his Decision, I must beg leave to dissent frm him, as / last paragraph o my Deposition before mentioned is a proof to / contrary. f hd Owen Yankie looked upon himself as a Dutch Subject, he wd never h thot o making a formal complaint to / Chief

& head Cahogiers o Dixcoon, & a Dutch man had seized his Sheep & fowls, wh had his Town (or Croom) in a Dutch Territory / Chief o Newdah had certainly a right to do, & Owen Yankee wd h submitted to wt complaint.

This Gentleman, is all & I can at present recollect concerng / affairs, to / truth o wh I am ready to attest upon oath if required. and farther, t fm / year 1742 to / year 1750. I never knew or heard o / Dutch makg / least claim, or exercisg / least Jurisdicn in Achua Town or any o / Territories thereto belongg.

I have — &c —

(Signed) William Davies

Plaster Street
March 19th 1754

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State & Condition
of Forts & Settlements
on the Coast of Africa

recd w[th] Mr Cleveland's
letter of 9 Jan[y] 1754
[not here]

Recd Jan[y] 15 }
Read Oct 24 } 1754

[Summary]

Dixcove Fort. March 9. 1753

Captain Senior Chief. 1 Serjt. 1 Gunner 3 white 3 mulatto Soldiers. Condition of Fort, in tolerable good repair
Cannon 10 6P. 11 4P. 7 1P. old mud fit for service

Succondee March 11. 1753.

1 Chief 1 Serjt 1 Gunner 6 Soldiers. Slaves (6 m. 8 B. 2 W. 2 G.) The out-walls & Bastions so bad & dry may be expected to fall down shortly. Form of Fort is a Square w[th] a Bastion at each angle
Cannon 3 9P 10 6P 9 4P 6 2P 1 9P 1 Brass Coborne. Very bad. all honeycombed w[th] Rust & Worms. Carriages in good order

Commenda March 12 1753.

Wm Tymewell Chief. 1 Serg[t]. 1 Gunner. 1 Boy. 5 Soldiers The out-wall facing Dutch now rebuilding. The other walls want repair

Cape Coast Castle March 29. 1753

This medical. President of Cl. Chief Agent & Receiver & Paymaster. 2 Assistants Chief Agents, 1 Surgeon 31/12/52
Ebenezer Young Civil " " Mast[r] Mackaile Physician & Surgeon. 1 Gunner Barrack Master & Constable. Chaplain & Schoolmaster
Fort of Mine. Fort Fetu Agent, 1 Assistant Surgeon, 3 Factors. Chief Dell Fort of Wood. 2 Factors, 2 Writers
Dept & Surveyor, Secretary, Comptroller, Land Waiter, Searcher & Guard pay £50 pa, Serjt, 10 white Soldiers. 14 mulatto Soldiers
Gos Slaves 14 m. 12 5 w. 40 50 B & G (including 39 [25 m. 11 w.] for Tantum.)
Guns - allego - 12 12 pdr: 11 9 pdr, 14 6 pdr, 11 3 pdr, 1 2 pdr, 10 1 pdr. 5 Brass Mortars & Shot powder & military stores
Tantumquerry April 5. 1753. 7 white men; Slaves 4 m & 1 w. Cannon 2 9 pdr, 4 1 pdr [Castle in very indifferent repair
10 3 & 4 pdrs unmounted. Fort in good condition but wants plastering & whitewashing
Winnebah April 5. 1753. Cannon 16. 4 bad. Fort in very bad repair. all Soldiers absent every time cannon fired
wall in danger of falling in
Accra April 6th 1753. Gov[r] Sergt, Gunner, Barboy, 7 Soldiers, 30 Slaves. Guns 2 18 pdr 2 12 pdr 15 6 pdr 4 4 pdrs & 3 pdrs 2 2 pdr. all unfit. 24 pdr on platforms facing sea fallen down. North Bastion fallen in
out Walls tolerably good. needed small plastering. Fort built of Stone, & Clay instead of Lime

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Ee 16. Letter Melvil to Clée & w Diary n.d. Pat Rbts. pp 816-857

Ee 17. Letter Melvil to Clée. 30 May 1753 " p 880

Ee 18.

"Copies o Sundry Letters relatg to Affairs at C. C. C. in Africa rec^d 1754

Read Sept^r 21 } 1754
Read Oct 24 }

Copy o a Letter frm Thomas Melvil Esqr Gov^r o C-C-C- to / Clée o/Co o merchts tradg to Africa. dd. 4th April 1754

Gentlemen Since my last o January 26th [not here] I h yrs o Octr 31st by Capt Macdonough who brot yr Goods & Stores but any agreemt to hand / Bricks & lime at Annamaboe, nor / grant a Commenda, I was therefor obliged to allow him 30 Ounces f those services. If he had not accepted it I must h been obliged to send back / Hands to England to come by another ships If they had come on shore here they never wd h got to Commenda unless we had hd / assyste o a W I. ships boat & a Man o War's crew wh we had no reason to expect.

The Negroes y have are / buyers o Goods & will be / judges, determine who will; they will take nothg more but Kruyers half says, especially when there are enough o them to be had. Some o Hornyolds are in / Warehouse returned frm / Out-forts & will never go off but in Ground Rent or Baskees. Yr judgmt f Jam v^y sensible I get much ill will by dirtg agst Goods. Yr are best judges f what purpose. I h no hatred at Hornyold nor affection f / person o Mrs Kruyer, but am obliged in Duty to represent matters as they are

Inclosed No 1 is a letter concerng lowerg / price o Goods on pay. w an Acct No 2. o / prices they are now paid away at, wh will serve y to compute / Amt o / £5,000 £1500 y h paid Mrs Roberts

When I examine Roberts's accts I intend to call in two or three to assist me. All we can do is to look if the be no extry charge, for I do not find they h any Vouchers, but t y must know as they were before y.

I am glad to find y approve o my proceedgs w / Fantasy. I was astonished to see a copy o / Treaty published in / American Newspapers before it cd reach y. it was / first & sh be / last paper I will ever give a copy o; it. I gave only one. By / publishg one Treaty & not ano / or I can guess at / publisher & / motive. all I ask o y is to believe I bd no hand in any such piece o Indecency

I hope y will send / hostage by next ship & likewise Aguah now he is in yr power ffor he is kept Anama will expect we are to give him a Bank w Ansah & support it.

I am glad / Justificn o my conduct meets w yr approbn & hope to h / satisfacn by yr next to hear t / Lords o Trade are now convinced t they were much misinformed

I sh be very glad to find y succeed in yr Treaty w / Dutch. We h plague enough tho we h no quarrels w them.

Accordg to yr orders I sent copies o yr Regulations to / Outforts. Inclosed is Mrs Husbands letter concerng some o them, wh shews t Mrs Roberts either knows nothg o his own Interest, or t he does not care what becomes o his partner provided t he can distress me.

I see / Consequnces both o / Lords o Trades Regulations, & o yrs, but as my opinion may offend, I sh be silent, & hope what I am gog to ask

will be that Just & equitable: as it is, as I came out w a liberty of
Trade, & in consequence of it run in debt both in England & Holland
as far as they wd trust me, if I may be now granted me to sell off my Effects.
Capt McDonough can tell yr Lt I am disposg of my Goods as fast as I can.
when I am realizg what I h got wth / least prospect of getting more I take leave
anybody to judge whr I will endeavour to keep up / price of Slaves, when
every Acky saved is an Acky got?

If after what I h met w since I came here I cd be surprised at any thg
it wd be at / boldness of any beg attacked by people who either know not what
they are about & are imposed on by others; or by people who know they are publicg
falsehoods. As, for example, is not Mr Roberts ashamed to have me accused of
Tradg w / publick money when I tell him how I acct for / Supplies. ask him
for his Vouchers & especially his Garrison Ledger. If I not reason to be
surprized at / facility w wh one friend Mr Wansey swallows evy story
it is told him, & exclaims agst my Tradg, after he commanded me so much
for it since I came here & wanted me to engage to slave off his ships.
offerg to send me one directly if I wd encourage him. My method was
to attach myself to nobody, but to do all / service I lay in my power to
evy Trader. Hence / Visits of evy one who brot a letter of recommendatn, & found
me ready shew equal Kindness to and one who brot none.

I daresay Mr Wansey will be glad to furnish yr w a sett
of Governors. I know & very well what they must engage; they must not
neglect / hints of beg concerned as I did. Is / African so diffr frm all Trades
that common principles of Reason cannot be applied to it? If more ships go to

Marseilles w corn than will answer / demand o / Market, will not / corn sell / Cheaper? Is the anything else / Case here? Pray send f. Books o Trade & Buy wh / price o Slaves to Windward, where y h no forts, has not advanced as much as it has done on / Gold Coast? I wile venture to say you will find it has more; if so, why accuse yr Servants. Is it the interest to buy dear when they can buy cheap? ~~to take~~ / same profit on 10 ct. they mt h on seven? will / private Trader sell cheaper than those in / Forts? will they ~~sell cheaper~~? buy Cheaper? Mr Husbands is an instance to / contrary. he gives such a price t / chiefs o / Forts can & do afford to trade w him.

I sent this paragraph o yr letter to Mr Brew who having served his time demanded his discharge & is gone to settle a private Trader at Mumford. Farquhar is Chief o Tantumquerry accordg to yr Orders & Mr Lobyt assists me here. He has wrote home f. Security. I beg leave to recommend him to y as second to none upon this Coast in anything t is necessary f. yr Service.

Mr Stapylton's Servts / charge agst him. I do remember when he went ~~from~~ first to Succondee & he seized some Knives. I took upon my pay o Solid to a Negro who carried them there, & wrote me t the White men mt h Liberty to Trade, / Act'd nothg o Negroes. I only asked him what effect his Liberty o selling wd h if no body hd Liberty to buy? He then owned / absurdity o his Conduct & I h heard no complaint since, except some little uprisals upon / Dutch, who sedjc anything t is brot into the Towns mst not in the Castles. I shall continue to h an eye upon his Conduct.

We are ye much at a loss f. Factors in / Accots' office. Beg y will send us three or four. but pray let them be examined as to the capacity in Accts that them write well. y' had better pay a Factor his salary at home than send out some t I h seen since I ~~have~~ came here. Our Supplies cannot afford many such cares.

. . .

Mr Apperley is quite recovered I hope he or Whytell will give you an acct of proceedgs at Annamaboe, we have said very little to them

Corbet arrived lately from Gambia with 21 men & 9 Women I have sent him to succeed Mr Levine of Annamaboe. I cannot expect to see him till the Fort is finished, at least / Seasons past.

Our Soldiers will be wanting their discharges soon, & we have no Gambians yet. nor can we enough in some years to come to act as Soldiers so I beg you will send out 20 Soldiers by / next Ships

The Fantees have lately been fighting among themselves. The King of Ashantees Messengers have been waiting for an Audience some months. They were to have it this week. You know / result. This is a sort of a Smuggling trade carried on now by / Akims & Ashantees, & by / Fantees at / River Volta, from whence / Chief part of / Trade comes to / English at Annamaboe; it must go to / Dutch & Danes wholly

Included No 2 is a letter from Mr Whytell abt his Expences at Annamaboe I already allowed £100 a year w^th your Authority & I believe must allow £50 more wch still he does not think sufficient . . . Asks for Orders how to act —

. . . . . I am — &c —
Thomas Melvil.

Copy of a Letter from Christopher Whytell Esqr Gov^r of Annamaboe to Thomas Melvil Esqr Gov^r of C.C.C. dd 2 February 1754

— Asks for increase of his allowance for his Table.

Copy of a Letter from five persons to Thos Melvil Gov^r of C.C.C. dd 8 Feb 1754

— ask for relief from
— Pressure / for hardships of having to receive / Goods in wch the Salaries are paid at a much higher price than they will sell for in Gold especially / following arts wch are charged to them at least 15 % above the Current Value among / Natives
consequently they lose so much in / disposal of them for Gold or other Commodities Viz
long Ells. Half Says. Courses, Checks Pysis, Cotton Romals. Bejutapauts
Negane pauts &c. Signed by Thos Westgate Chr Whytell & 10 Rs

Copy o a letter frm Mr William Husbands o Cape Coast Town
dd 10th March 1754 to Thomas Melvil Esq Governor etc.

Sir

As y h informed me t angst / regulans / Clee h lately sent y to be observed
ere is, T y sh not suffer to be kept in any o / Forts or Castles under yr direc n
/ Slaves, Pawns or prisoners belong to / private Traders or any person whatsr:
by wh I understood y meant I shd prepare myself to receive all such Slaves,
Pawns or prisoners y h now in / Castle at Cape Coast upon wh I beg leave to lay
before y / consequcs o this regulan as it affects myself in partr, / private traders
in gen, & likewise / National Interest angst / Natives. As f myself, it is impossible
f me or any other person who sh settle under / Castle, or any o / Cos Forts, by / Authority
o / late Act o Parliamt, to build houses or any conveniencs sufficiently strong &
secured to lodge one or two hundred Slaves wh perhaps my business may oblige
me sometimes to keep by me f a Month or two tog wh / gtatr acquc to my
person & effects; as there are neither Materials to build wt or any sort o Tradesmen
to be got in this Country f any money or at any rate, to erect any such houses
or Conveniencs.

Y h in conformity to / sd Act a Parliamt built me a House lge enough
to contain myself, my Family, Stalls / Goods & Merchandize neces ary f my
trade, but this is built after the / Fashion o / Negroes & of such materials as they make
use of. The walls are composed o mud & / covers is nothing but thatch: / Mud w
a very little labour can be dug through in one night, & / Thach in a moment can
in a Blaze. Now then is it possible in such houses to keep confined
any number o Fourteen Slaves ev one o whom is to be expected will run
any desperate risque o his own life to regain his Liberty. Y h now in /
Castle near upon 100 such Slaves, Shd they be turned out o / Castle,

(where they h bn hitherto securely lodged) & put into my own keeping. one night is more than they wd require to put / house to / ground, push a desperate end to my life & so take to themselves / liberty they wd naturally aim at. This beg / case as touchg my own part^r situa^n. I shd next proceed to / private Traders in gen who will lose by t regulat^n / gr advantage they h hitherto (by yr indulgce) enjoyed; t o landg the disordered Slaves at the arrival fm / Windward Coast & leavg them in / Castle o Cape Coast while they made good their purchases at / Annamaboe, fm whence, in yr time sevl Cargoes h bn preserved since all those who h tryed / experim^t h not only found t those Slaves so disorderd & landed h bn recruited perfectly cured & reshipped in good health, but t also they h in gen suffered less in / mortality o the 3^d Slaves than since they mt h expected. Capt Boucher o / Dayton Galley o Bristol was / first who made / tryall tryal after yr arrival, & by yr method landed at Cape Coast upwards o 250 o his windward slaves who were else very much worn away by / Flux wh raged in ye Ship throughout / whole ship. Most o these Slaves recovered fm / distemper & were reshipped in good health & full o flesh, & those wh he kept on board as well those he afterwards purchased escaped / contagion. Capt Hawkins o Bristol very lately landed at Cape Coast 120 o his slaves. & tho' there was none dis^d yet they were so worn out by beg so long confined on board his ship t they were worth at t time but little. & in all human probability he wd h lost / half had they not bn so recruited on shore. They were all agn shipt off in perfect health & spirit & t is very possible he carried them all safe to market. Southworth o L^pool landed upwds o 100 o his windward slaves to / same success. Capt Darbyshire has now in /

Castle abt 40 o his wrongfull Slaves who were all at Landg very low & far gone on / Flux. They h bn but a short time on shore, & yet they recover surprizingly & it is to be expected they will most o them escape / death w wh they were threatned ye moment. This advantage, in my opinion o no y small consequence to a Slave ship they will lose by a due execn o / orders I say is contained in / new Regulns

How far / same will affect / National Interest amg / Natives o Africa? am confident I know better than myself, but as a person who has taken particular notice o / late Act o Parliamt to settle under / Govt & / conference o Trade & am likely to continue on / spot for some years to come & therefore can't but expect to feel / bad consequences it must ensue thereupon, so I presume to lay before y my suggestns upon ye matter. The Forts & Castles all along / Coast wh Dutch or English h gvts bn considered by / inhabitants throf & ye Dependencies, as a sort o County Jail or place o security (wh they cd not build o their own) for all their prisoners o War, deserters & Mutineers, Slaves & shipg or disobedient house Slaves, as well as a repository for ye Treasure in case o necessity, or a safe place o retreat in case o attacks fm their foreign Enemies. The Europeans also h hitherto found it absolutely necessary for / good o their Inhabitants & Dependants to suffer it to be so, & h therefore built in wy Fort places contrived not only securely strong but convenient to lodge & keep confined such Malefactors: when once y determine therefore to shake off this Custom & no longer to suffer / Forts & Castles under yr directn to be ye place o security & / reception o such prisoners Mutineers &c, you then open a door to all sorts o Mischiefs. Thevg. Murdrg. Mutiny & Desertion o Slaves fm their Masters, & all sorts o Evils must inevitably follow; since it is most certainly known to it is only to ye are such secure places o confinemt & punishmts & are to be had fm wy Fort & such disobedient men who does preserve any order decency & regularity in any one Town upon / Coast. How then can y expect but ye / moment y put those orders into execn y break up ale sort o Friendship.

Cabbaceers & my concern what's to all ye Towns people settled under ye Forts, Annamaboe, Tegga & all / Fanteen Nation in gen, as well as all ye / people upon / Coast. Wd / Comittee Cttee turn out o / Castle those prisoners & mutineers o Corroo Corrantee's he sent ye on / 8th day, or any o/ ye prisoners yt h were in / Fort belongg to / principal Caboseers o Abbra wd ye turn out / man who attempted / 8th day to murder first his own child & then / person who prevented him fm perpetrating ye murder; / Villain was immediately seized by / Towns people, carried into / Castle, & is now kept there in double Irons. Wd ye turn loose all those people & yet expect to preserve / Friendship w those considerable men who confined them? Surely it may be easily perceived ye by so doing You wd put those considerable men to / utmost despair & drive distress & drive them even to despair. Ye wd oblige them to seek an immediate place o Security even if themselves agst / attempts o such Desperadoes as would be then set loose amgst them. Where then cd they find ye shelter but fm ye good Neighbours / Dutch who wd not fail in such case to encourage them to seek & take it at the hands; tho they wd in all probability remain under the new Masters hatchg all / evil agst ye the utmost malice cd invent till time & oppy shd favour them to renew the intrest w / French in order agn to invite them to a Settlemt. After such an act o Jail delivery how long cd ye expect to go on in ye Buildgs at Annamaboe; an immediate stop in my opinion wd be made to ye put thirto, & in time wd follow ye total desertn o all / people settled under ye Forts as well as those o / inland Countries who h hitherto styled themselves ye Friends & Allies. So wd ye remain shut up in ye own Castles by yourselves encircled round w enemies & not one friend to aid or assist ye upon any Emergency or distress whatsoe Such as these are / bad consequnes wh seem to me must inevitably follow / due observance o such orders as I inform me ye have received fm / Cttee angst the new Regulatns

Wherefore I h taken / liberty to represent them to y as they appear to me. to y knowg / probability there is to expect / evils I h therein suggested may so enforce them to / Ctee they may be induced to send out by / first oppy fresh instructns upon y head. & prevent those evils so naturally to be expected & dreaded. And in / meantime I beg y wch still continue to indulge me w^th privilege o keepg in / Castle what Slaves Pawns or Prisoners I h now the as well as those I may hereafter purchase. in doing wch y will very much oblige

Sir — &c —
Wm Hustwhanes.

Copy o Hon Melvills answer to / foregog letter.—

C.C.C. 11 March 1754. Letter The Melvill to Wm Hustwhanes — Letters above I is so fully satisfied w^t / strength o his reasons. & / good effects to flow from his [Melvills] present managemt & I sh continue to keep my bodys Slaves Prisoners as formerly till / further pleasure o / Co be known. I shall send them y^r Letter wch contains very Argum^ts I can suggest upon / subject"

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Copy o a letter from John Apperley Esqre Chief Engineer o Annamaboe To / Ctee o / Co o Merchants trading to Africa dd 9th September 1763

Gent^n I beg leave to acquaint y^r I attempted to lay / foundn o / Fort three, but was as often interrupted by / Inhabitants o this Town by firing up / foundn wch I dug / third time y^e 16th o Augt last laid / foundn o / S^e East Bastion by / consent o /

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Cabeceers & Pioneers o/ Town (beg / chief magistrates) & h hitherto gone on w as much success as may be expected fm so few people (have but 8 Bricklayers & 14 Labourers) & h / foundn o/ above Bastion one foot above / Surface wh has taken up all / Stone & h hitherto blown. I must next week turn / mason & Labourers fm / Wall to blow more Stone, as I am obliged to build / two Bastions facg / Sea & ½ o a third Bastion facg t way entirely w Stone as beg more durable than Bricks, & those parts o / Wall beg most liable to be attack'd than any other part o / Fort, besides, Stone is much cheaper & if I cd get Coals Slakes to blow them, as / inhabitants will not work at t Work, nor can much difficulty at any rate tho they [get?] all / encouragemt imaginable

On consulting Mr Melvill yesterday (agreable to yr orders) I found it necessary to raise / Walls o / Fort six feet higher than I first intended by my plan & estimate & / common Custom o building in Europe, as high walls are / principal & surest defence agst / inhabitants o this Country, when / Fort is at / same time capable o beg defended agst an Seaw/ force proportioned to / Cargeness o/ place. Lime is an article I shd very much want as / expense o bringg Stone fm Duncow, burng req, besides loss o time, barg so few hands, will make it dearer on / Spot than if it was sent fm England stacked & packed as before (as what answers / Africa Sloop when she arrives may give us in bringg home Stone fm Duncow) I doubt not but it will answer many good ends, besides forwardg / Works & inclosg / Fort soon, wh will enable y to retrench many xtry expenses t y are now obliged to be at, as Fanteens must eat, & rum a little will serve them on this occn, they expect / French fleet next month who h promised them Xtr presents besides what they h already got. I hope my Letter o 10th March per / Gloucester [Red mss p 90] Man o War & duplicate o 12th April per Africa Sloop h met w yr approbn, & a favourable construcn o my intentns when I assure y t I h / good o / Service I am now upon, sincerely, at heart.

Pam fur to inform y t / whites & Brot out w me are all dead, but five (viz.) one Smith & 4 labourers wh past y are of no manner o use to me; / Smith & one o / Labourers are v ill & have not ye hopes o their recovery.

While men as artificers & labourers are quite useless to me here, therefore look upon the wages as money thrown away. As I am pretty well acquainted w / Country people & nature o / Country I hope to be able to go thro w this work wt / assistce o any more Artificers for England, except they are sober men & workmen, people I can hardly expect to come here; & those I have o no use to me, if they work one day they are sick a fortnight after it & perhaps die. I have had very few days work from any o them, & some none at all.

John Currantee & / Labourers o Annamaboe promised to deliver pawns at Cape / Founday o / Fort, t / work shd not be interrupted, wh they have not yet done, but put it off fm day to day. Those they say they will deliver the pawns must work, but how far I may believe them y sh know in my next pr Capt Chilcote o Bristol who sails from y / w? I am in hopes of finding a Spring or Lake in / Fort, I have blown y ye in / Rock but no little success o finding but little water. Shall go deeper when I have more men. If I can get no good spring I shall make a convenient Tank for supply o / Fort.

If (on consulting the whole rca) I make any alterans in / plan wh y do not approve o (as I am acquainted y w very parts) I shall be glad to know y^r further pleasure, & assure y^rselves t I shall obey y^r orders on t head v punctually, as I endeavours to y^r utmost all / advantages t may be made both for / defence of Fort & / Health o / people t live in it.

I shall long for to acquaint y w at present . . . . I conclude

Honrd Sirs &c

John Apperley.

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Recd Octr 24 1754

Anno 1752.

The acct o/ Money rcvd & Expended by / Clee o/ Coo mentd Rels to Africa &. / Support & impt o/ Forts & Settlemts upon / Sd Coast - - - -

[Summary]

Rcd o/ Clee &. 1751 beg Balce o the acct
from / Lords o/ Treasury by the Warrant
deducty the Fees

£10.000
267.3.0

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Advancm o 3 pr cent to / Freedm o/ Co.
from / Lords o/ Treasury by the Warrant
deducty the Fees

6.000
164. 11. 6

5.832. 6. 6

15.599. 4. 1

Anno 1752

Expenditure on. Goods stores, Directn of new Fort at Atta.

Total &. brot o Fort { Cloaths 904. 15. 3
Shews 574. 4. 2
Stores 4.635. 19. 10

Balce 18. 2. 3

Gambia
Cape Coast
(includg £1500 pd to Patentees
&. 1 Feb 1751 - 20 June 51

1289 5 8
5648 14 3

11895 5. 12

Sundries - - -

Total 67. 19. 2
800

Charges o Managemt by Act o Parliamt

12.763 4. 4
2635 19. 9

Balce due to Clee &. 1753

15.599 4. 1

Rcds audited on 14 Augt 1753 by
Edwd Barker one o/ Barons o/ Chr o Exchequr

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Anno 1753

Acct o money expended Recd & expended by / Clie o / Co o Merchts trading to Africa
& / Support o / Forts & Settlemts on / sd Coast the Clie consisting o . . . . . .

Recd o / Clie & 1752 beg the Balce o Acct £2835 19 9

Sundry receipts 112 10
23 10
349 16 6
489 15 6

Rec'd o Treasy by Warrant 10.000
deducting the Fees 264 13 6
9732 6 6
Recd & Fees 27 10
Admission fees for Freedm Anno 1753 12
£13.094 11 9

Expenditure Goods Stores & Forts Settlemts & erection o new Forts in Africa.

Total for Gorea 416 11 4
Sheep 266 16 2
Cows 2539 8 8
3442 14 2
Gambia 1631 2 7
Cape Coast 6.646 7
11.750 3 9
Sundries 64 19 10
800
Charges o Management by Clie o Parliamt 12.618 3 7
Balce due to / Clie & 1754 479 8 2
£13.094 11 9

Ee 22.

Recd Oct 4 } 1754
Read " 24 }

Copy o a Letter fm John Apperley Esqr Chief Engineer at Annamabor
to / Clee o / Co o Merchts trading to Africa.

Dated Cape Coast Castle 13th June 1754

Gentlemen Since my last o 22d January by Capt Barrington o / Crown Man o Wars
I beg leave to acquaint y t I received fm Capt Mc Donough 10.000 Bricks 30 puncheons
Lime 8 Spars 18 ft long 12 Ballast Baskets & the wheelbarrows & / use o this Fort with
all / Stores I h received since / 5 Store Ships wch came out w me. As y are sensible therm
5 Store Ships did not beg out a fourth part o / Bricks & Lime contained in my Estimate
to / Clee & building this Fort, y not conclude t quantity wd soon be expended when we
began building as I cd not get / least supply o Bricks & Lime on / Coast. All Lime
/ few Stone I cd get fm / Rock within / Fort did me much service in / deep foundo
but t is all Expended, & / Natives will not suffer us to break any o the superstitious
Rocks, f they look upon them as Sacred (this any Gentn who t has been on / Coast can
inform y). We h endeavoured by good usage & promises o presents to prevail
w them to suffer us to blow some o / Rocks in or abt / Town but all to no purpose,
therefore I h no hopes o / least assistce fm them as a Supply o Bricks & Lime for England
wh I earnestly beg y will forward us soon as possible.

I h by / Clee's Sloop in Africa hd one Cup o Lime fm Dixcove
containg abt 40 puncheons, wh was Expended in 10 days by wh prospn y may
judge o our demands o Lime whilst we continue buildg on / thick part o / Wall
near / foundn. The Sloop sailed fm Annamabor for Dixcove / second Cup /
6th May, but is not yet returned. Therefore / Assistce we may expect fm her
will be but very little (tho necessary) hd we a Edge stock o Lime on hand [Exc]

"where?

We h lost 7 weeks work since Capt Mc Donough's time has bn out. 4 / last part o / above suffer by / Sloop was only / 14th May, when we left off Work & h bn idle ever since for want o lime. The many difficltis we h labord under since / Works were broke up Sh refer y to our Melvis' Letter where I believe you will find over Gambia Slaves deluded away, our Storehouses & Sheds broke open, a deal o Boards & working tools stole by / Fantees as we are possess'd, we do not intend to proceed any fur in building / Fort, by having no supplys o Bricks & lime & breaking off Works. Expected Store Ships w lime & bricks to come out in April last was twelve months as / Clee promised me before I left England & 9 h bn in expectn o them ever since. By my last acct for England I expected Capt Gorman to be loaded w Bricks & lime for Annamaboe, but to my great disappointmt I find he has neither o / above Articles, or any other Stores for y place, as his whole Cargo is landed at Cape Coast. I now beg leave to make a demand for part o / Bricks & lime remaing accordg to / Estimate I gave to / Clee for building / Annamaboe Fort viz. one Million o Bricks & 400 Tons o lime this The above demand I hope will meet wth yr speedy concurrence as / building of Fort entirely depends on yr dispatching Store Ships w / above Stores lime in partr beg / article immediatly wanted. — May consult Our Melvis for time to time what lime & Stone cd be got on / Coast & cheaper than if sent from England — As to lime by Jamaica calculate be fonds to 2 or 3 Sloops o equal burthen to / Africa will nearly answr / need o lime, wth / expence o getting lime Stone & wood for / Kilns, carrge, hire of hands, / Sloops at Discove & unloadg at Annamaboe besides / article o Co Slaves &c W^d or expenses, wear tear & wages we will make / lime much dearer than if sent for England, besides / gt^t defice

in strength — but allowg for ye extra expenses such as loss o time &c. as / Fanteens must be fed & humoured now we are idle / same as if we were workg — wh bears no small part in / Expenses o / Fort — as per / accts — The extra expense must attend bringg stone for Incisive — Half / expense will be saved by them lendg out Bricks as well as home for England — Of / 4 Bricklayers sent out, one is a useful man, 2 are dead & 1 sent home (as a Cooper & a Labourer both out last year) as useless.

In my former letters to y Hon[ble] / Secrety I was under ye necessity to mention some alterations in / inside o / Fort & likewise raisg / outside Walls 5 ft higher ... beg / appar defce agst / Natives on all / Forts on / Coast, & absolutely necy as the houses are built so near / Walls & / Forts are always in danger o beg possessed by them when they please unless guarded by high walls & nowhere more necy than at Annamaboe as y will see by / inclosed Plan No 1.* If they wd not suffer me to fix on any 2[d] spot o ground in ye wh / Town but ye wh / English had formerly the Fort upon — For / Houses inside he intends to make / tops flat, / Boards covered w Bricks set in lime & covered w Terras wh he can make on / spot — this instead o pitched roofs liable to be damaged by / high winds — 2 Foot odd in / estimate for a Ditch round / Fort wh will not be necessary as / height o / walls will be a sufficient defence agst / Natives or / nature o / place will not admit o / Ditch beg any gt defce agst an European Enemy, if it shd be attacked by Land wh no European Enemy will attempt after / Fort is built so long as / Natives continue in / English interest — there is little doubt o their being so when / Fort is finished ... they behave w a good deal o Insolence at present & will continue so till / Fort is finished but when they

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are convinced of the error, by making it their Int to behave otherwise . . . . . .
remain — &c —
John Apperley

PS. I beg y wise send / foremention'd Stores supplied as soon as y possibly can as / English Trade wants some protection at Annamaboe, & / private Traders distressed by / unbridle'd / Fantees Knavery they h us in their power, & we not able to redress them (/ traders) by reason we are obliged to keep a good understanding w / Fantees or bear their insults w patience, t we may execute what we came here to upon, in hopes o / performce, I shall bear my share w pleasure. I am blessed w a gd state o health wh I hope will continue, & want but materials to go on w / Fort briskly as I h done hitherto — —

Copy o a letter fm Thomas Melvill Esqr Governor o Cape Coast Castle to / Cttee o / Co o Merchts trading to Africa. dd 21st June 1754

Gent^m I wrote y last by / Robert. Capt^n McDonough, a Copy o wh is inclosed, I h now exhd / books o accts belong'd to Messrs Roberts. Husbands & Botelor with all possible attent^n, & beg leave to observe t / Discover Quarrel is / subtraction or ground o many charges in the accts wh must be allowed or not allowed accord^g to / Judgmt passed at home on t affair. T wch beg on / Cause I am as much a stranger to / matters o fact alleged in these books as y are, nor is there anybody here t can inform me. T fm / relation I h heard o / situation o our affairs at t time & / gt expences incurred by our Affrantah transactions, there does not appear any unreasonable charges in / above books. T by / African Cte's Instructions / Council (Roberts Husbands & Botelor) were / Auditors o their own Accts, & therefore all I can now get is / oath o our Roberts t to / best o his Knowledge & belief

90 / charges contained in these books are true. T'is no Garrison Ledger here of / time Mr Roberts was Treasurer, t' wd h shown exactly at what rates Goods were paid away to / White men upon the Salaries. T Messrs Roberts & Co h now bn 3 years or more out o' the money. t / smallest sum any person cd adjudge f / maintence o' these Forts f / time mentioned in / accts must pd in 1751. h, by beg employed in Trade, produced a sum gtly above what is now asked. . . . . to respect to / payment o' Messrs Roberts & Co for wh you h me pay them what shall appear to be due to them when it suits yr convenience. wh I hope I will be able to do either out o' this cargo or / next wh we sh send abt six weeks hence to near / same Value. This was wrote by / Roberts. The cargo by / Roberts amtd to £4.683. wt by Gorman, wh was to be h to nearly to / same Value, to £1196. If you will be pleased to look back to 1752 & 1753 you will find £1000 in Goods at prime cost given away among / Favorites, besides perpetual presents to Annamaboe. You will find 5 Storeships unloaded, agt two o' white men & to Slaves kept at Annamaboe, / foundation o' / Fort laid & / work brot nearly to its present state. What was / cargo sent in 1750? only £3095, abt half / cargo wh wd probably h bn sent had Annamaboe never bn dist off. But this year I imagined / Parliament had granted money to build Annamaboe, & t' all arrears wd be paid off directly. Instead o' t' we h still only a share of £40000 as we may expect, or nearly so. Yr books will shew of how ye affairs stood 31 Decr 1753. In them you will see not only what wd h become o' Annamaboe & / 3 Forts if I had not supported them. Now abt £2700 is owing me. wh debt is daily increasg by / demands made on me for Annamaboe & the / people here & Cags on the pay to sell f Gold. Brit rum & Soap sell f Gold. Gorman has not / may see has not one piece o' silk or India Goods, not one brass pan, not a Birdg gun, or in short one bit

goods in demand, except a few pewter basons. How his goods will go off w^ch better to me w^m them I cannot tell. If I do not send such a Cargo as I wrote for by Robert Ish be ruined, as I do not doubt but by the time I am to £5.000 in my debt. What designing men who stick at nothing may assert I know it is not possible to get such a Cargo as will all sell for Gold here. I want only such an assortm^t as will serve to buy Slaves, time to invest it in Slaves, & liberty to send them to British Colonies. When I gave the Credit, I did all these Circumstances, & will not debarr me of them, as far as relates to this debt, be somewhat like taxg Funds, or a Gov^t altering nominal Value of money? What Sum is agreed to be paid to Roberts & Co I beg it may be paid in England. They can invest it then as they please. Whereas when they are paid here they will want nothing but good Goods & Ish want them to take as many indifft as I can, so we sh[all] strangle to no purpose as I will save nothing by it. Our Affairs wants are become so pressg & such Impce that I think myself bound in duty to take ye speediest method to lay them before you. & that most effectual measures to supply them may be taken. For this purpose I have dispatched a small sloop that you may not be diverted from carryg home to Annamaboe. I beg deliberated to do anything my mind can suggest to forward & work what you are to allow of this express or what you are to allow anything is left entirely to yourselves. If it conduces to help us out of this miserable way into wh[ich] this languid manner of proceedg has thrown us, my ppal aim is gained. Behold our condⁿ Our Jamaica Slaves are either stole or destroyed away in order to plunder us of the redemp^n Our white men are beat & abused by negroes & no redress to be had from Caboceers at Annamaboe, when we talk of carryg our complaints anywhere else we are told to go & build our Forts in Bush. The ground first marked out has been refused us when we began to build, & we obliged to pay for it agⁿ & agⁿ, & after all are obliged to curtail one of our

Bastions. If John is not paid by us in any case, he is agt us. If he be paid to procure us Justice, & undertakes it, / moment he receives our goods he secretly sends to / other party, who must buy off / effect o / first fee, thus doubly paid he tells us he is sick this time & / boys are saucy. So evades / matter until fresh impunity produces fresh insults, these fresh bribes, so agn impunity. This is / blessed orb in wh our matters move. When our Apperley now attempts to blow rocks to stone he is sure to be stopped by / rocks he has declared a Fetiche (God). To tear it down will be Theocide. These proceedgs at Annamaboe corrupt all / negroes who h any communican w t place, as they do not enter into / reasons o our perseverce. Tho' they are out o lime, yet I cannot get / Bricklayers to repair Winnebah, Succondee & Commanda. Mr Apperley tells me he has employmt for them, & I h / Board o Trades observations too well fixed in my mind to dispute it, nor indeed do I doubt his word, tho' perhaps o's may get got to supply the places in common work. Mr Apperley is here & has read part o his letter to me. I hope what he writes for will be sent. I will find / shortest / cheapest way. By next Christmas we had bt as Security within our walls if the ha bn lime & bricks enough, now it will be one year longer at least provided I do send materials. The Sloop can do nothg in this season. She has taken above 6 weeks in bringg 5 or 6 days lime. The walls at Annamaboe beg built all w t lime & very thick consume a gt deal. . . . Some time one o our Soldiers was killed, accordg to / enclosed affidavits. I h kept / man who fought w / deced & / two seconds in Irons ever since. Not t I imagine anything can be done to them, but t such proceedgs may be discouraged. They are a worthless set. If Capt Clark will take them home he sh h them.

We h hd no disturbce on / Coast lately (Annamaboe troubles excepted) unless at Mouree, whose inhabitants quarrelled w this town & were beat as they deserved. They beat Cudjo's Chi Chi or Messenger wt any provocn & sent him a challenge to fight them. He did so. They then got John Currantee to become mediator, & he gave his heir Quassah as a pawn t Cudjo shd h satisfacn. But on a further bribe fm Wm Vossr, Quassah ran away & Cudjo cd get no satisfacn, thanks to quarrells w John, & he will know[s] we were not to do it at present. Such is / honesty o John. Ps / Chi Chi was returng w a Messenger o mine fm / Braffo o Fantee on publick business I cd not keep quite out o / quarrel; but did not appear openly. I gave away betwn £20 & £30 in gunpowder & brandy. The Country news is t / Ashantees are going to destroy ~~Fantee~~ Warsaw. now Fantee is divided, but no body pays any regard to it. They must take their own way, / meddlg w them at present wd be to no purpose.

I hope / legislature will provide f Annamaboe next year exclusive o / £10,000 & likewise f / payt o Roberts & Co. / ~~debts~~ The diffce o / Expence betwn a 40 & a 20 Gun ship in one voyage wd build / Fort & not starve us, or / £20 is as good f / Service & more convenient in some respects . . . . . .

I h embraced this oppy o sendg home such of / Annamaboe Artificers as are actually good f nothg, some o them, when I came to expostulate w them abt the decency of, told them o my intn o sendg them home, agreed to become Soldiers. We now pay, £40 p a. f one man at Annamaboe, who does nothg but mix Mortar w / Cos Slaves who are paid abt 2/6 sterlg p month

Trade here I think pretty much as it used to be. I buy a Slave here in 6 months, or in 3 at most. Inclosed is a list o / persons sent home & their Salaries. likewise yr Accts to December 1753

I am — &c —

Thomas Melvil

Ee 24	Letter. Melvil & Clee	24 Feb 1753.		Red Hills	P	811
	" "	11 Mar "		"		861
	" "	24 April "		"		874
	Whytte "	22 " "		"		906
	Apperley "	10 Mar "		"		903
	" "	22 April "		"		909.
Ee 26.	Letter. Melvil "	10 [4] Mar "		"		860
	" "	24 Mar "		"		872.

Ee 24.

Copy o a letter bm / Clee & Co o Merchts Cradg to Affrica to Thomas Melvil Esqre. Governor o Cape Coast Castle. dd 31st October 1753

Sr

As we h bn long wt an opty o writg to y & h recd sevl o ye Letters containg a Variety o matter, we sh answer them distinctly & sh begin wt ye letter o / 20th June in wh we see wt satisfacn t y are repairg / Fort at Commenda. Y write exercise / fourteen 12 pounders y desired by this Ship, wh we hope will effectually put a stop t / disputes s / Dutch, & we recommend it to y to lose no time in putg them o / Forts into repair & to acquaint us wt / progress from time t time. Ye complaints o / half Says we h attended to minutely. & this is a material defect in / price wh we cannot find a satisfactory reason f. We h sent y 150 fm Knupe, 150 fm Hornyold & 150 fm Phoenix, t y may by a strict Comparison determine which sort sh hereafter be sent.

We propos'd ye Scheme f. Mr Thompson t / S.P.G. but it was not consistent wt the Method, as the Secretary has informed him by letter -

Yr reasons for not liking John Currantee's French Son into / English service are Satisfactory to us

1 part o yr letter relatg to / Ashantees will fall under our Answer to a subsequent letter as well as / 1st part o yr letter o / 20th August wch relates to yr proceedgs w / Fantees upon / death o Intiffiro; The / Remainder o t letter consists only o Observatns upon Goods sent or to be sent, we shall refer y for an Answer to / Invoices in wch y will find we have attended to all yr Remarks upon those Heads

Our Answer to yr letter o / 23d September will be included in a gen Answer to yr proceedgs upon an Accomplishmt o / Fantee Treaty. We have only to approve yr Conduct in refusg / Rochelle Ship to land her Slaves as it was given Suspicious o yr breakg thro / orders not to trade w Foreigners.

Yr letters o / 30th October & 13d December will be likewise answered under / gen Heads before mentioned, nor is there anything in yr letters o / 1st & 26th January wch requires a parte answer except / Agreemt we made w / Artificers wch Mr Apperley was privy to, & wch as it differed not for in any thing Circumstance from / usual agreemt sent w Artificers sent to / Coast was not partly noted

The Subjects o yr letters o / 24th February, 10th, 11th & 14th March, / 24th April & 12th & 30th May are / Fantee Law & Treaty, / Justification o yr own Conduct & yr progress in [illegible] / Erection o a Fort at Annamaboe. As to / first we think your Conduct very Commendable & recommend it strongly to y to endeavour to avail us o / Advantages o / Treaty by yr interest among / Natives upon / Coast. We hope / benefits they receive in gen from our Commerce, / Presents wch y are able to make / ppal people, & a proper behaviour to all will produce / End y propose, & prevent / French from gaining a Settlement upon t Coast tho / Expense & the fruitless endeavours shd deter them from any future attempts

The Hostage brot over by Capt Colebourn & Aninas son who came here w t Gentleman, we shall Educate properly, & if possible by our behaviour secure them warmly in our Interest.

Copies o/ letters & Papers relatg to yr Justification we h sent to /Board o Trade, & hope they will prove Satisfactory to the Lordships. We are glad to approve yr Conduct likewise so far as y h yet gone in forwardg /work at Annamaboe, /gr expense attendg it is so obvious a reason f /utmost expedition, t we sh urge no other Motive. We h taken parte notice o coy chty y desire f t service, & hope we h procured y a number o Artificers whose experice will allay yr fears. Copies o the Agreemts are inclosed. We are very sorry to hear o our Apperley's illness... we hope by this time he has got /better o his fears as well as his distemper.

The state o our Affairs to /landg Place ch Commendo & to /Territory o Akkumah, w proposals f a Treaty betwn /two Cos h bn transmitted by... /Duke o Newcastle to Mr York, H.M. Ministr at /Hague, & we hope will produce peace & quietness upon /Coast. Having bn informed t /Dutch are sendg one a new Gov to Elmina, we sh present a Memorial to his Grace desirg t Instrucns may be sent to Mr York to get /affair settled before his departure, if possible.

Since our last letter to yr, we h had complaints fm some o /Merchants o Bristol & Liverpool & Mr Roberts rea o /bad effects produced to /trade o /Ships & /private Merchants settled upon /Coast, by /permiss granted to /Servants o /Co to trade in Negroes, a copy o wh is inclosed. Hope w the reasons & proposals f obtaining t permiss. And having cast /Eurdice, we do believe Mr Brew's conduct at Tantumquerry has bn of

blameable in having so insisted upon by such persons to be not only laid upon Ships & private Traders, but had publickly declared that they shd have no Trade else. for if they gave & he wd give 8½ oz. & so on. — a proceeding so contrary to Orders given to assist Ships & private Traders, we directed him to suspend him & let him know that unless he can prove himself innocent of Charge laid agst him to entire satisfacn of Ctee he must not expect any future employ in our Service. We hope Farquhar by care of York Fort will have secured our Brewis before. considered what will be proper to do upon occasion. You will see in 10th Artic: a Charge agst one of Chiefs at an Outfort for threating to whip a Linguist for having goods on shore to sell to an English Commander. This is said to be an Ippishay who we are surprized to hear has on quitting such an Imployment as we have before had a good account of his behaviour, but we desire you to inquire into Foundation of it, & if it shd appear to be true to inform him that Ctee are very much displeased at it & shd dismiss him Service if he continues so imprudent. As regard to 10th Charges, as they relate to Advantages which Servants have over private Traders, Ctee having taken them into Consideration resolved to send inclosed Resolutns, a Copy of which we direct you to deliver to Chief of each Fort & acquaint him that Disobedience to these Orders will be punished with instant Dismission.

The Merchants not being satisfied with these Instructns laid their Complaints before Board of Trade, upon which their Lordships were pleased to give inclosed Opinion, & if we were not fully convinced that Liberty allowed Servants of Co to trade in Negroes wd be if properly conducted, be at all times advantageous to Man, & very beneficial frequently beneficial to Trade of Ships, & a strict observance of inclosed Instructns wd remove Cause of these complaints, we shd be entirely of their Lordships' opinion. You see therefore necessity Servants

98. we under o conducting the Trade in such a manner as neither to interfere w / Trade o / Ships nor to raise / price o Slaves upon them, if these two points cannot be obtained / Merchants will certainly apply to Parliament for a total Restrict.

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The Sloop Africa was dispatched at / beginng o last Month w a Cargo to purchase 60 Slaves in / River Gambia, & upon her arrl we doubt not but y will immediately place them under / dirt Tradesmen, & / Fort at Annamaboe may go on w spirit, as well as / Repairs o / sd Forts. this is / more necessary as we find it very difficult to supply y w Artificers from hence. If the is no absolute necessity o'ca'n for / Sloop upon / Coast y may let her come away immediately w / State o Affairs at Annamaboe & / sd parts o / Coast, that we may judge where we shd send her upon / same service y'rward agn or employ her in any sd Service.

We are convinced the Squadron o Men o War upon / Coast must of y'r course increase / Expence o / Publick Table; but unless we had a part'r acct thereof, it is impossible for us to determine what allowce will be reasonable. We hope these Expences will be much diminished next year as we have reason to believe there are not any Ships bilg one for Africa from / Ports o France: if they shd hereafter, y need not doubt / continuce o the protection wh y have already experienced.

We have applied to / Board o Trade & Admralty to adjust / Ceremonials to be observed by y for / Officers o Fr'ch Ships & hope they will be regulated before / departure o / next Man o War.

We wd have y send us a distinct acct / Ships wh have arrived upon & sailed from / Gold Coast within / last twelve months, & / numbers o Slaves they carried off: distinguishing / Windward & / Gold Coast Slaves, & continue to give us / earliest accts y can o / arrl & departure o all Ships upon & from / Coast

— Approve his apptmt o Mr Christopher Cobylell Gov o Annamaboe & first Councellor — & his apptmt o / Gov o Commenda [Tymmerell] tobe one o / Council. —

We h inclosed y Agreemt made w Mr Roberts & a copy o a Bond wh he has signed, & after / Value o / £1500 Sterlg paid him here, as if it had been invested in goods & paid him at Gold price, we wd h y pay them wh sh appear to be / Value, when it suits ye Convenice, wh we hope y will be able to do on o this Cargo or / next wh we sh send about Six weeks hence, & to bear / same Value

In yr last Letter we observe y mention t / Parties h not been shut some months. By / Parties, we suppose y mean / Ashantie Parties wh y formerly attempted to get opened by means o Cudjo, & fm whence y represented a prospect o a vy considerable Trade. But tho' / Parties are not shut we find / Trade is not so much increased as we cd wish, we shd be glad y wd give us as perfect an acct o / Nature o / Ashantie Trade as y can, & / means o extending it. —

Inclosed y h B/L & Invoice o Goods amtg to £4683-15-4 also B/L & Invoice o Stores amtg to £1034-19-1 wh we wish safe w y.

[no sigrs.]

[Answered by Melvil in his Letter o 4 April 1754. P. 2d Sylva]

Ec 28. Letter Melvill to Ctee 10 Oct 1753. Red Hills p 884.
" " 5 Nov " " p. 886.

Ec 39.

Read July 20th 1754.
Read Oct 24th 1754.

Copy o a letter fm John Apperley Esq Chief Engineer at Annamaboe to / Ctee o / Co o Merchts trading to Africa
Dd. 11th November 1753.

Gentn.

I beg leave to acquaint y Since my last to y hr I am obliged to alter my scheme o raising / 3 E Bastion to 17 or 18 feet high & to cover it fr / present ab 12 feet high. The two Towns differg among themselves has greatly occasioned / above alteran in my first proposal I hr stretched / each Curtain & carried it two feet above / foundan, with Curtain partly divides / the Towns as I find it very much for my Interest to keep them in peace w each other whilst I go on w / Works ... beg y hr speedy compliance in sendg me more Lime & Bricks

I remain &c — John Apperley.

Copy o anr fm / same to / same dd. 22d January 1754

Gentn

I hope y hr recd my letters o 8th Sept [supra p. 81] 11th October [red tables p 820] & 11th Nov. [supra] wherein I hr Last before y / gr distress I am in for want o Lime & in parte o Bricks. I hr applyed to y by three sevl letters fr a Supply o ye

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200 Tons o Lime 4 400 000 Bricks. As to / Lime I ch want it immediately have no more left than will last me till / 2nd o next month when I sh be obliged to leave off work till I get Lime fm England. If y choose this work shd go on w any Expedn (as I h no reason to doubt otherwise) in my humble opinion / sooner / better. I send out / Lime as there is no small Craft here on / Coast to carry me / least supply o Lime & Lime Stone fm Dixcove or any other place till I can get send me a supply fm England.

I am fur to acquaint y. t I h caused / East Curtain 12 feet above / Foundn & covered it w mortar to defend it agst / weather in / rainy season: in / above Curtain I h made a Sally Port (the / Governors House is to face / sea fm / North Curtain) in hopes when / body o / Fort is inclosed / Fanteens will allow me so much ground as will build a Spur fr / lodgemt o / Cos Slaves on this beg / only side where there is a good o ground to spare for ye purpose. I h likewise laid / foundn o / N East Bastion (some part beg 6 feet underground for / sake o continuing upon a rocky foundn / rose sand beg too uneasy to build on) & caused it to 13 feet high above / foundn & sh cause it in / same manner as / Curtain & other Bastions is covered. Next week I intend to begin a Lodgemt within / above Bastion about 14 feet broad & abt 40 long in / clear, for Slaves or any other use. I h consulted w Gov Melvill. His Advice is to arch as many as I can o / lower apartmts as European Timber is not durable in this Country, beg soon eat up by / worms. I hoisted / Flag on / S E. Bastion o / new Fort / 23d December when / inhabitants seemed extreamely well pleased, but I h great reason to expect they (/ not Fanteens) will be in an uproar when they find it is / want o materials has occasn'd ye / Negroes / works, & will think we are deluding them w a sham intention o building a Fort here, by several hints they h already given me by seeing no Store Ships beg sent on a fresh supplies for / Fort — Pray use yr best & speedy supply o Lime & Bricks. I heartily wish for / arrival o / Store Ship for Cape

Coast &c / Brandy is just out. & Brandy is our chief Article & stopping / mouths o / Fanteers & curbing / insolence o / French party, wth wh, we cannot be able to proceed in buildg / Fort

I am — &c —
John Apperley

PS. I h 6 Bricklayers & 2 boys Co Slaver wh is all / bricklayers I can get in / Coast I hope & / arrd o more Slaves soon from Gambia as I want labourers y^y much & sincerely believe Mr Melvil has / good o disposition so much at heart & I h all / assistce & his in his power

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Copy o a letter from Christopher Whytell Esqr Gov^r o Annamaboe to / Clerk o / Co o Merchants trading to Africa dd 26th January 1754

Gentn the last I did myself / honour & pleasure o writing y was o / 11th Octr by / Snow Elizabeth Capt Carpenter o Rhode Island to wh I beg leave to refer y. [Letter p920]
As Mr Apperley is to write to y. I state o / best Works of this place I shall say nothing o them. The people are at quiet & 'tis to be hoped they will continue so unless / French come back (who are daily expected) & put them mad wth Brandy, & something else happens to disgust them. For my own part I h done wtg in my power to gain / goodwill o / Natives & I flatter myself I h not been unsuccessful. I hoped if I cd persuade the / Fort was finished I shd be repaid for all my Fatigues Sickneses & Many Expenses. but Fame tells us we are to expect nothg o advantage in yr Service after / appraisal o yr Store ships. I know how this will affect / people here, who expect the Credit for us after / Fort is finished & who indeed only want a Fort to sell & to be trusted in the distress at present I put them off under pretce o having no place o security to keep the goods, but when they perceive I am debarred from trading & that they h nothg but Stone walls & Guns to expect from / Fort. I fear y will then be cause o / trouble o building it

I am — &c —
Chr Whytell

Copy o a letter from Wm John Hippisley Chief o Succoondee Fort
to Thos Melvill Esq Gov o C-C-C. dd 24 January 1754

Sir I received two letters fm England 10th day by wch I learn I & his Bn accused o beating a man cruelly & selling his Gold on board a ship 'tys at Bristol I am accused o'this. Now Sir, as I know my Innocence (& if I did not I should be / most impudent creature alive to mention / affairs to Y.) I shd be glad Y wd hear what my Sergeant Soldiers Boys / Cabocseers & Town people h to say. They all to a man offer to swear to the knowledge (& such a thing cd not be Y secret) I never once ill treated (even by words) any creature Y Dog to purchase this on board ship. I cannot conceive how such a report cd rise unless any of Chiefs (wh indeed I never heard o) has done such a thg & / reporters h changed his name to mine. I am heartily ashamed at / affair, & as I am determined to stay here a long time & h no other chance o living comfortably upon it but by / favor o / Clee I cd not h it even for a moment suspect I did not deserve to be in its service. I know I am secure o Y countenance while I act according to my Instructions & wh reason I cannot be afraid / will be angry at this long letter. I am — re — Jno Hippisley

Copies o 2 letters fm Thos Melvill .. to / Clee ... dd 26 January 1754

Sir Inclosed is a copy o my last Y see h a state o / Works at Bmanabar for Jno Hippesley. No appearce o any supplies. No news but except via Bristol & we shd be deboured for all manner o Trade even reading / Sy goods we are now advancing & / support o / Forts. So strong is this report to / Detriment h loaded the Guns at some o the forts to fire inland / same sh be confirmed, & Sy o having / Trade restored to them. The French will h as good reason to enforce Ted prophecy many things, but think it more prudent to hold my hand. By this Conveyce I add see Y Accts to 16th December 1752.
I am — re — Thomas Melvill

Sir Since writg Y this mg. I h received / enclosed wh in Justice to / Author I cannot defer sends as it may perhaps suspend some resolves to his prejudice ... I am re Thomas Melvill

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List o those Comtee been chosen by / Co o Merchts trading to Affrica for 1754
— 3 names each fr London, Bristol & Lpool

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Ee 91.

Read Sep 21 } 1754
Read Oct 24 }

Copy o a Letter fm / Clerk ... to Thos Melvill ... dd y September 1754

Sir We wrote y 20th July last pr Capt Adams, & 15th Aug. by / Hanover Planter o Bristol o wh y h copies inclosed [in h] We h since writ yu o 4th Sept. last [& P y2 subsq] by / Robert late Capt Mc Donough w / sundry letters, Indent &c which forwarded. The contents o all are duly noted & sh be answered in course. We are also to own / recn o y2 several Letters o Oct 10, Nov 5 & 26, & Jan 26 Jan. wh requiring no partr Answer, we sh proceed to yu o April 4th next before wh We expected / Sloop wd h fm on / Gold Coast in time to h carried / Guns fm on board / Robert to Commenda, but as she was not, we cannot but approve / Agreemt y made w Capt Mc Donough & to stay service. We observe what y say o Brooks Says & o / future sh send y all o ye sort till we h diff orders ...

We h read / letter No 1 in yrs signed by why Tell 1000 but as / prices o Goods in payt o Salaries &c was fixed by / old Co & no doubt fm good reasons & long experience we cannot take upon us to make any alteration or abatement therein. The Acct No 2 is not yet come to our hands. We desire y will be as partr as y can in / examinan o Mr Roberts's Accts. t we may h / less trouble when they are returned to us

The Hostage & Pequah are both sold, We propose sending them by / next Man o War. Y h inclosed a letter fm each o them to their friends wh pray see delivered.

The Treaty w / Dutch remains w Col Yorke yet, & nothg further done in it as we hear. We are willg to believe y Ld no hand in publishg / Treaty w / Fanteens, & are glad to find it discovers y for a future Coun We h perused Mr Husbands letter concerng / inconveniences attendg / Board o Trade's & our late Regulans as regard to / use o / Forts, & also y2 answer to him, & we can only say by way o reply, t noticg all former orders on t head, we must refer y to / 35th page o / Act o Parliamt wherein is / following Clause: "Provided "never t / sd Forts, Warehouses & Buildgs may & sh in case o necessity or danger be free "& open to all his Majesty's Subjects for / safety o their persons & Security o their Effects." wh we think puts it in / shortest & clearest light possible & to / Govr & Council are to be / Judges o / Cases o necessity & danger, to whose discreon we refer it, & hope their conduct therein will be so impartial as to give no room for just complaint on either side.

As y h not given us yr Opinion o/ Consequce o/ Regulations in gen, sent y last year, we cannot be more explicit then a must leave it to time & yr further Observations for our future Remarks, but at/ same time we cannot see how those restrictions can prevent yr selling off those Goods y h on hand, or even prevent yr going on w/ any yr branch o trade except that o/ Exportation o Negroes, wh we must adhere to. What follows in/ two next pages o yr letter, beg only an apology f yr Conduct in regard to trade, we sh only observe then, y h been unreasonably attacked, but it is w pleasure we find y can plead so well yr own Justification & y/ Evidce o facts is/ most effectual method o silencing yr Enemies. It is true Mr Bacis has discharged himself, if he had not, we think his behaviour rendered him unfit f/ Service o this Clte. ... We hope Mr Hippesley is fully sensible o his misconduct, but y may do well to continue to keep a strict eye on him, & on/ Chiefs o all / out forts. ... Mr Colyfield We h no letter fm Mr Apperley but are glad he is entirely recovered, Mr Colyfield has wrote us but says little abt/ Works. We hope we sh soon see a more perfect acct fm Mr Apperley. We approve o yr keeping / Sloop whilst she can be usefully employed in/ service o/ forts. We h read Mr Colyfields letter No 2 referred to in yrs & find y h allowed £100 pa. f his Table, wh we approve o, & w regard to any further allowce as y are on/ spot, & must be / best Judge o/ necessary expences attending it, we must leave it to y to act therein as y think proper, recommending all possible frugality & Oeconomy; but we must here take notice f Mr Colyfield complains / Engineers beg constantly at his Table, wh is contrary to / Agreemt we made w Mr Apperley at his own request, & by referrg to his Commission y will find he is under express articles to provide f himself & has an allowce accordgly, so f it will be necy f regulating matter & we desire y will enquire strictly into it, & also to inform Yrself who / people are t dine at his Table & by what right or propriety they do so. ... ...

Please to be as particular as y well can in / Accts y send us o/ Ships & number o/ Slaves we are sensible y cannot be so exact as we cd wish. We send yr Book ready ruled f t purpose. ... We now enclose / Bills & Invoices o sundry Goods & Stores amtg to £ 4134 - 2 - 7 f/ maintence o/ forts & Settlemts & also a List o 2 Writers, a Sergeant & 21 Soldiers, wh we wish safe to yr hands. We desire y will get / Bass matt / usual expedite & dispatch. ... ...

By order o/ Clte o/ C o Merchts trading to Africa
Saml Pourier, Secy.

Ea 33. Recd Nov 28 } 1754
Read " 29 }

Copy letter frm / Clerk ... to Thomas Melvil dd 31 October 1754

Sr We rec'd yr letter o 21st June [p 99 supra] pr / Sloop Mercury & duly observe / contents & shd observe them wt to all wh we cannot reply more perfectly, as Capt Edwards o / Gosport Man o War by whom I write yrs this, sailed sooner than expected, & we shd have an opty o doing it more fully by / Spencer Frigate, Capt Long, who carries out / Goods & Stores we be ready to depart next week. We proposed sendg out by Capt Edwards / two boys George Satchet & John Aqua, but my Lord Halifax beg'd opinion if they had not yt seen enough o / Country nor wch sufficient educn, we h upon this Acct & at their own requests, postponed ther departure for some time. In / meanwhile if / satisfacn o their friends upon / Coast we shd send y riches by this Conveyce, or / else by Capt Long, a letter frm each & perhaps this will not prove prejudicial to our Affairs.

The Sloops y sent home bring us no advices but what we h by as well forwarded & almost as soon by ye Ships, we think it out o our power to make any pecuniary allowce on th Acct.

The vast expences & Debt incurred on Acct o / Fort at Annamaboe has induced us to make immediate applicn to / Govt for such a supply as we are sensible is absolutely necessary to discharge those arrears & compleat / Work. This affair must come, of course, before Parliamt so t / success cannot be known yet awhile. But we must strongly recommend / further o / build & hope / supplies o Bricks & Lime sent out by / Ply dr, Hanover, Planter or Bennett, & those wh are shipped by / Spencer Frigate, will be sufficient to this Apperday for standg safe until / remainder o / Stores demanded by him can be procured. We are sorry t / assertion o Goods sent out by / Mercury do not prove to satisfy / Owners as we intirely to our own neg / Indents in time & hope if yr Letters are forwarded to us immediately after the arrival in / W. I. agreable to our / directns in our last [enclosed addressed to / Collector o / Ships 1st stopping place in Thames, to forward by 1st opty o / Masters after not forwarding them but bringg them home by their own Vessels - meeting a delay o 2 or 3 months] times be a means to prevent this complaint in future . . .

By order o / Ctee &c

Saml Pownall Secry.

Sir

. We h already rec'd y a few lines by / Passport man o War Capt Edwards (Copy o wch is enclosed) to acknl / rec't o yr letter o / 25th June since then is come to hand to o / 5th July fm h.J by Portman, advsg / arrival o / Sloop Ph Annamaboe w lime fm Deccon &c / Steps y hd bn obliged to take in order to discharge it. We much approve thereof, & as no Remedy can be applied to prevent / ill behaviour o / Natives upon sudn / rest o a Quarrel, we depend entirely on yr Conduct to use such methods as sh be thot most prudent in any Conjuncture it may happen.

The Ryder o Lpool who sailed fm thence w Bricks & Lime abt / middle o April last ot to h bn arrived, & we hope yr next will advise its Safe. We observe / remarks y make on Messrs Roberts & Co's acct, parsly / irregularity o those Gentlemen in not leavg a Garrison Bridge's o the Disbursemts on / Coast, as hd bn usual in former times. They is a material Objection & makes it impossible to form any Judgmt o the management, than what they themselves are pleased to explain. As to / time they h bn kept out o the money we cannot be answerable for any loss on that acct especially under / foregog circs. However beg sensible to / Shortness o / Supplies sent out this & / last Year will make allowce for any Deficiency on / Coast. The over must be settled at home in some Shape or Other. The Expences o building / Fort at Annamaboe running much higher than at first estimated & we not beg able to obtain an Extry Supply fm Parliamt last Year on that Acct, obliged us to encroach part o / annual grant o £10,000 in Bricks, Lime &c. in order to prevent / work fm being entirely stopt. To this must be imputed / small amt o / Cargoes sent out by / use o Cape Coast & / Fort, but we hope / Parliament will now take / affairs into consideration & grant a sufficient Sum o money this Sessions not only to discharge yr Arrears, but also to carry on / Fort so far as to prevent for future insults & inconveniencies fm / Natives. As to / Liberty y require o purchasg Negroes w / Goods y are to rec'e in paymt o yr Debts, we cannot give our Consent thereto it beg directly contrary to our late regulations & / opinion o / Board o Trade. All it can be done in this Case is to furnish y w / best Goods & as exact to yr Indents as can be procured. In regard to the sorts we recommend to yr to mention those Articles y are most in demand, likewise such as may be best spared, that a better Judgemt may be formed how to proportion / assortmt to / Value we h to invest.

The 4 bxs sent Sastra cundies or Calloway pieces for some time past, & last Ships from India have brot home so few of these Articles that Traders cannot be supplied. We approve of yr sending home such Artificers as are not capable to perform duties of the Station — Joseph Harmans request for increased Salary as Secy not approved. But desire a Writer be attached to help him so as to allow him a proper time to improve his own fortune in Trade — Effects of deced Europeans in Sircarie to be sold locally by auction or Tender — Inclosed is Invoice & B/L for goods shipped per Spencer Frigate amtg to £2,461-11-5. We expect Capt Long will bring 300 negroes from Fernando & Freight beg 30/- per head. —

By Order of Ctee &c.
Saml Peircer Secy.

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Copy Letter Ctee &c to John Apperley Chief Engineer at Bencoolen
dd 6 November 1754

Yrs of yr letter of 13th June last. [p86 supra] is before us complaining much of want of materials to go on w/ Fort wh we are sorry to see tho' as we apprehend not owing to any inattention of this Ctee who had reason to expect both Lime & Stone to be got upon Coast at time of went fm England. Indeed they had but a short supply of money last year, wh tho applyd for could not be obtained, but we hope for better success this, having already begun an applicn for a much lger Sum, & if we succeed yr wise soon be informed by a further answer of Stores &c.

We observe the demand are Million of Bricks & 400 Tons of Lime wherof we have sent by following Ships wh we advise after date of yr letter

7500	Bricks & 60	Tons of lime by	Ryder
90.000	" 180	" " "	Hanover Planter
50.100	" 40	" " "	Bassnett
120.000	— —	— —	pr Spencer Frigate expd long / Answer of Ctee
267.600	Bricks 280	Tons of lime already sent	
732.400	do 120	do	still remains to be sent to make up
1.000.000	Bricks & 400	Tons of lime, / total of yr demand	

and o wh we were not apprized before. If ther appears any error in these computations y are desired immediately to send notice thereof t / same may be set right . . . We think it proper to let y know t it is y strongly observed to us by our Superiors t / Fort wh y estimated to be built for £5 or 6000 will probably not be finished for three times t money. This is not mentioned to discourage y only to recommend as prudent a frugality on all occasions as possible so as to let / work be effectually performd.

We are sorry to see two o / Bastions reduced to a smaller size then was intended by / original plan tho - we must submit this in consequence o / present disposition o / Natives & as not beg in y power to prevent. - Impossible to know / merit o Breitheyers & artificers before they go. - few offer - / best we can chuse / chiefly o Mhuc - approve his returning such as are not fit f soldiers. - Approve his raising / height o / Walls to prevent / Natives scaling them & mounting / Tops o / houses flat, covering / Lays o / Boards w Pitch all in time & covered w Terras wh they are pleased to do tho he can make locally; also t / defence o Bell Ditch will be saved. We greatly approve y prudent behaviour to / Natives in conveying ab the Missolie till / work is compleat . . . . .

By order o / Clie &c
Saml Pownall Secy

Ez 40

Read Feb 19 & 21 1755.

Copy to bn / Clie . . . to Thomas Melvil. -

dt 12a February 1755

Sir The attempts o / French on / back o our Settlemts in North America, & / y Armaments they are making at home, have given gt umbrage to our Govt as to induce them to fit out a Lge Fleet o Men o War, it is gtly apprehended t these measures will terminate in a Rupture between / two Nations. We therefore take / earliest oppy o giving y notice thereof, & advising y to put / Fort under y command & all / Outforts in / best posture o defence & possibly case in order to prevent / bad consequences o a Surprize.

Signed & sealed by order o / Clie &c
Saml Pownall Secretary

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Read April 23. 1755.

Copy of a letter from Mr Melvill to / Clive ...

Gentn Yrs of / 20th July [in h.] begs most agreable news. The Honour I hope will put us within our own gates & consequently secure / Effects of ye Natives.

I am sorry ye my letters by / Protector h miscarried. I always recommend it to my Capt to dispatch ye letters by / 1st ship for Europe. I know ye wd seldom get one in any reasonable time if sent them under covers to any Person in / Co. I. as it wd be suspected ye I gave Intelligence to / Admiralty of / Capt who carried them, & who hd his slaves to sell ...

Inclosed is a letter from Mr Husbands whose case is really lamentable. The same motive of Humanity wh moves me to recommend his Petn will most undoubtedly influce ye to comply w it. Mr Roberts has acted towards his Partners w / same degree of Candour & Sincerity concerning me, that I shd forbear entring into a detail of his Practices lest what I must say shd be attributed to hatred or resentment. ... I am - &c -

Thomas Melvill

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October 30th 1754

Copy Letter from Mr William Husbands to / Clive

Cape Coast October 29th 1754

Gentn From / known Honour & Candour wh wh y h hitherto transacted / Affrican Affairs, it was wh encouraged me to use / freedom by Mr Melvills Sloop / Mercury in a letter dd 10th June 1754 to lay before y / parties pertr case of Mr Butler & myself in respect to our demands upon / Gov, or ye part of it wh fell under yr Observation.

At ye time I only suspected what I am now too well convinced of, ye Mr Roberts, our friend & partner was most acting upon / square w us, & ye was making use of our Moneys & private purposes of his own. By this appears most assuredly to be / case (of wh, if it was not ye fear of taking up too much of yr time I cd enter into such a detail as wd surprize ye). I must most humbly beg yr

favour & Protcn in assisting me to save fm falling into his Hands any more moneys belong'g to / Stock o Roberts, Husbands, & Boteler, wh by virtue o t partnership I am afraid he can claim tot yr assistce to prevent it, & wh tho he is named in / same, he'll h but a very small proportn o, if any at all. What I most partly request o yr at this time is t wherein ye may vouchsafe to allot us f / balce o / acct due to us, & yr goodness shd determine yr to oblige me in my last Request, & to pay / same in sterlg money at home - I y wd not suffice one shillg o t money to be paid to him, or any body f him, but rather to pay it to my Correspondent Mr William Whittaker f acct o Mr Boteler & myself, or suffer it to remain in yr hands until I come home my self to convince yr Gentlemen how cruelly I h been used by our Roberts, & what reasons I h to ask / favour I now do. I h in a g'r measure made her Mistrs acquainted w' those reasons. His goodness to me in many matters h fm beyond my Expectation, & convinces me t I h fm / be growing strangely misunderstood else t I h been discontented w, he has bn kind enough to promise a Recommendatn o this my Petn to yr favour, eq I am convinced my merits deserve not yr Attentn, but I hope fm yr Clemency & Compassion, & fm his Recommendatn y will favour me w yr Protcn & grant this my present request, wh infinitely not only f / Mony now in yr hands, but also t wh he is claiming by virtue o our Partnership fm / Gov, will wee be an Obligan I th most gratifully acknw, being &c.—

Wm Husbands

To / Clee o / Co o Merchts Trading to Affrica.

Copy Letter fm Mr John Apperley to / Clee.

Anamaboo, 30th 8ber 1754

Sr.

I am favoured w' yr kind Letter o 21st March last [n.h.] by Capt Sackleforth likewise 110 Casks o Lime & 1.500 Bricks f this Fort. Yr kind concurn f my health & / many indulgcs y h favoured me w' honoured me w fm time to time. I do assure y I look upon m / light they deserve & ye may depend on my endeavours f / good o yr Service, as I h nothing more at heart than / finishg this Fort & promoty / good o yr

Trade. Mr Whytrall died 11th July last ... I am in perfect health myself at present, & I hope I got over most part o/ difficulties abt / Ground & / Fort have raised / Fourth Bastion 11 feet above / Foundation, & I have built / South Curtain to raise, wh I will set abt as soon as I receive Bricks & Lime fm England, as I h neither at present. Then sh proceed to raise / Walls to the proper height & raise / Lodgements & Barracks, / Inside &c.

On / death o Mr Whytrall I applied to / Gov & Council at C.C.C. to succeed him as Chief o this place, beg indulged to it thro my Experience o / Humour o / Natives & / near Connexion wh shd subsist betwn / Chief & me. In consequence o my applicn / abovs Gov & Council appointed me to succeed Mr Whytrall fm / time o his death, & shall be glad o yr approbation of this Appointment whilst / Fort is in building (as my stay here will be no longer) & you may depend on / faithful discharge o my duty as well as Chief as Engineer ... ...

I are sensible fm / Accts I h sent y fm time to time this beg / 8th Letter, & according to / supplys I send me o Materials / Expences o this Fort will increase or diminish accordgly. Therefore beg leave to remind y o my Demands by Capt Cogle in June last & Bricks & Lime as I hope the [?] accts will fully satisfy y o / Inconvenience o having to a supply on this Coast. The Africa Sloop is gone to Gabon to clean & I h neither Bricks nor Lime to go on w / Work longer than this Week. I h one White & five Black Bricklayers on / Wall.

I remain &c—

John Appleby.

The Genln o / Cte o / Co o Merchts trading to Africa

Ex 44.

An Account of Expences incurred in building / Fort at Annamaboe.

Recd May
Read — 9th } 1750

Dr. The Erection of / Fort at Annamaboe

To / Amt of / Expences incurred in building / Fort at Annamaboe as per Pattes in / Annexed Acct } £12,732-6-6

Cr.

1733
July 10th By Cash received from / Exchequer Fees deducted £15,892-6-6

26th By ditto & Capt / Jno Gilbert's bill on Thos Gillet & Co. 4 puncheons sent on / Whim } £112-10-0

By ditto / Jno Germain's bill on Saml Turner & 2d puncheons sent onb by / Jno Glouc. } £22-10-0

Aug 24 By freight of Elephants Teeth by / Sloop Africa from Oswald & Co. } £6-14-0

1734
June 1 By ditto Samuel Turner & 25,000 Tiles sent by Capt Sermon & wre returned } £24-10-0

Nov 6. By Cash recd from ditto Samuel Touchet & 220 puncheons sent by / Terrible & Seal of Halifax } £165-0-0

£6565-13-0

By Ballance £12,732-6-6

To / above £6565-13-0 to be added £1,000 wh was expended amongst / Natives in obtaining a Treaty & secure / Rights of / English to / Ground at Annamaboe. / Ballance will amt to £7,565-13-0.

[Notes on / annexed acct o / Expenditure o £12,732-6-6]

1752 Tradesmens Bills f / Sloop Africa's bwld[g] rec. £901. 15.3
Goods sent out by Sloop Africa f / Purchase o 40 Slaves q Oct 1752 - £514 Y.2
Slaves sent by Terrible q Oct 1752 - £654-12-0: 20 Sail of Ships same date [Goods & provis[ns] £1092-14-11
Slaves by Rhynna q Oct 52 £927-12-8 Do by Nan Glocester q Oct 52 £1450-19 Do Nan Fortune q Oct 52 £235-8-0
Slaves by Dolphin q" £50-4-0 - Apperky ½ Salary q this Salary £182-10-0
25 Augt 1753 Goods sent by Sloop Africa f purchase o 60 Slaves £986-14-2
24 Oct 1753 Slaves by / Peters (Mc Donough) £914. 4.0 [Includes loss in passage & insurance &c.]
9 April 1754 " " " Ryder £243-14-1. [Y.Sea Charges £4.6.3 & 60 Slaves Home 54-11-2]
29 July 1754 " " " Harrison Planter [90,000 Pounds £101-5-0. 180 Tons home 130 9.2]
4 Sept " " " Bassnett [60,000 Pounds £51 Charges on Woodcarriers 40 Slaves Home for Cruiser]
12 Nov " " " Spencer Frigate [120,000 Pounds £120.]

Charges incurred at Annamaboe
From 19 Dec 1752 to 31 Dec 1753 Totals:

Goods sent to	Pay o hired Negroes	£1631-12-9
	Polavers	47 14-9
	Presents & Dashes	1644 Y. 5½
		3321 14.11 ½

£3321-14-11½ Cash Money at 60% £2076. 1.3.

Ec 48.

A Narrative o / proceedgs o / Cttee o / Co o Merchts trading to Africa relative to / building / Fort at Annamabor

Read May ...
Read — 9th } 1755.

In consequce o a Memorial presented to H.M. by / Cttee in November 1751, the Secretary of June 3rd 1752 sent an Order o Council fm / Lords Justices dated 28th May 1752, upon wch he immediately summoned / Cttee, who met / next day when / O o C was read & buildg a New Fort at Annamabor in / place o/ore / old one stood & recommendg it to / Cttee to lose no time in carryg on / sd Work. Upon wch / Cttee made / following Orders & came to / following Resoln

Ordered That / Secy do go to / Board o Trade & / Plan o a Fort drawn by Mr Knowles, & to be write to such persons as are acquainted w / Situan o Annamabor, desirg their attendce on Wed next 10th June 1752 to give their opinion on / Fort to be built there.

Resolved That Messrs Pole & Touchet be desired to wait upon Mr Pelham & his opinion o an applican & money to build / Fort at Annamabor; upon Lord Anson to know what assistce it will be / Admiralty to give in carryg on Stores, & upon Mr Charles Frederick & / recommendan o an Engineer, & to know wht it is proper to apply to / Board o Ordnce & gt Guns &ca.

The Secretary having accordg to / foregog orders wrote to Messrs Chrichton, Gregory, Chalmers, Ellis & Bruce, all persons o Credit well acquainted w / Situan o affairs at Annamabor & four o them many years resident upon / Coast, they on June 10th 1752 attended / Cttee & on beg consulted upon / Subject o a new Fort at Annamabor were o opinion as follows:—

That / old Fort was nearly an Equilateral Triangle & / Length o / Walls below 70 or 80 Feet

That / foundan o / old Fort will serve for / inner Wall o / new, but it will be necy to add a Bastion to each Angle & a Redoubt o 6-9 Pounders below Annamabor & Aggah, abt half a Gun shot fm / Shore.

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T / Walls shd be filled up w Sand or Shingle, not w earth or clay.
T 12 - 12pdrs be mounted on / Face & Angles o / Bastion to / Sea.
T 4 - 6 pdrs be mounted on each Curtain, & 4 - 4 pdrs on each Bastion Inland.
T Guns be sent immediately & a Fascine Battery Raised
T Slaves be sent fm Garrison to clear / Tank & assist in ye Work
T ther is no necessity to send Stone fm hence for / Angles o / Bastions
T Bricks, Lime, Tiles, Tar, Timber, Boards, Nails & Smiths work must be sent fm hence. & T / Lime shd go in Rice Casks or Tierces to hold 6 or 700 Weight

Mr Bowden reported t Messrs Dicker, Touchet & himself waited upon Mr Pelham, who informed them t / £10000 shd be immediately issued; & t he shd / Coast was / best ~~Instruction of Ctee in Cop~~ Justification o / Ctee in applying part o it to build a new Fort at Annamaboe, t they likewise waited upon Lord Anson who observed t ther were at present a gr number o Seamen employed in / African Service; but if any o / Gentn o / Ctee wd call upon him in a Week, he wd consider o / affair & let them know what he cd do.

On June 17th 1752 / Ctee Wrote a letter to Mr Melvil Gov o C-C-C- by / Badger Sloop o War, part o wh is as follows. "We have now received an Order "to build a Fort at A'boe in / place where / old one stood. You must therefore by / "present send down Mr Young, or who sh be most agreable to / Natives to inform "them o it, & to endeavour by liquor, Presents & ev Kind o Civility to induce "John Currantee & / Chief Caboceers to assist you in ~~this~~ this work. So many "now to satisfy / Natives & if possible to forestall / French" Wh will be proper "to send down Mr Engineer Mr Slater to provide such Stores as / Coast will furnish "to clear away / Rubbish, clean / Tank & do every thing in his power to forward / Work "We shd soon send y Timber, Bricks, Lime, Iron Work & Ordnce Stores & wd "therefore have secure places & proper places provided for them, as well as for / "reception o a Chief & an Engineer. Let it be / ppal Object o / person y send

down to alienate as far as possible / affections
"secure John Currantee & / Or Coboceers in yr Interest, so as w^ch assists to
" carry on yr Works in security & w^tout any fear, even if / French shd try their luck
"once more & arrive before our Ships o War, wch will sail in 10 days, by wch we shd
"write & particly."

On June 24th 1752 a letter was read to / Ctee fm John Cleveland Esqr Secrty to / Admiralty, desirg to know if / Ctee had any partic Service to expect fm / Glory Man o War, as / Capts Instructns were then under consideran, & to inform / Ctee a Ship o 24 Guns wd sail fm / Coast in 6 Weeks. To wch / Ctee directed the Secry to write / following Answer. "Sir The Ctee o / Co o M. Trad to Africa h
"directed me to return the thanks thro yr to / Lords Comrs o / Admlty & / mark o
"attem shewn them in yr favor to me o / 22d inst. They cd wish / Glory mt sail
"directly & C-C-C- & t she or some o^r Ship ~~will be~~ ord^d to lie at H^bor Marg
"/ Green o / Fort, to protect our people agst any insults t may be offered by / Natives,
" & if / French shd attempt t Coast agn, t / Capt may be directed to use his
"utmost endeavours to prevent the Landg or obtaing / consent o / Natives to build a Fort &c"

On / same day viz^t June 24th 1752 / Ctee agreed w Capt Prossiter to carry 20,000 bricks to Abor & £30, &

Ordered That Mr Peter Calmel be desired to send 20,000 best grey Stock Bricks directly on board / Dolphin. Capt Prossiter

June 26th 1752.

Mr Wells attended / Ctee w^h proposals to build a Sloop abt 40 Tons burthen & / Service o / Gold Coast & was desired to prepare a draft o one to lay before / Ctee at the next meetg.

July 1st 1752.

The Ctee agreed w Mr Wells to build a Sloop betwn 40 & 50 Tons at £4 pr Ton Sheathg included

The same day / Clee wrote a letter to Mr Melvill wherein are / following paragraphs. "We h this day ordered a Sloop o 50 Tons to be built & fitted f / sea " w / utmost Expedn & sh send her round by Gambia to purchase 40 Slaves f / 1st " Settlemt upon / Gold Coast. but partly f expediting / Erecn o a Fort at Apoe, Capn " Possiter who sails in 14 days will brg y 20,000 Bricks wh y must take proper " care of till they are wanted. In y2 letter o 11th July y attribute John Currantees " desire o having a Fort built to / protecn he expects his family may rece fm ye effects " his Death & y add, that upon t event, they may be very destitute as / post o Capt o Apoe " is elective & in all probability may go out o t family wt our Assistce. If this " is / Case we wd h y immediately propose to John Currantee, in consn o his attachmt " to us, & his preferg / French fm settlg upon / Cantee Coast, t we will undertake " so far as lies in our power to secure to his Posterity all / advantages & honours " he at present possesses"

July 15th 1752.

Mr Touchet reported to / Clee t not finding Mr Frederick yesty at his house; he left word t / Clee were very anxious to hear / Engineer was come to Town

Ordered. That / Secy do wait upon Mr Frederick to acquaint him of / uneasiness / Clee are under f want o / Engineer, & to desire he wd hasten / coming up o / Person appted in t Stan by / Board o Ordnce

July 29th 1752.

The Clee received a letter fm Mr Frederick desiring them to meet / Engineer at his house on Tues Wed. or Thurs. to consider o a plan f / Fort at Apoe

Resolved. That Messrs Pole, Touchet, & Champion do attend Mr Frederick tomorrow at ten.

August 5th 1752

Messrs Pole, Touchet & Gildart reported to / Clee t in pursuce o a Resolun in / last Minutes, they had attended Mr Frederick, & upon his recommendan had desired Mr John Apperley to attend / Clee this day, to be appointed by them Engineer f / Erecn o / Fort at Apoe Mr Apperley attended accordgly attended.

Ordered t he be appted Engineer f / erecn o a Fort at Annamaboe at 10/. pr Day half pay 'till he Embarks, & fm t day at 20/ stlreg pr Day, he findg himself. T / Secy do Write to James Laroche Esqre at Bristol & John Hardman Esqr at L'pool to know / prices o Bricks & Lime & upon what terms they wd send 100 Tons (more or less) o both to be delivered at Aboe, rte be put in Cask not lger than Rice Barrels. T / Secy do write to Mr Wm Jolliffe Jolliffe at Pool to know upon what terms a quantity o Lime can be delivered at Cowes

T / Secry do make out an Indent o Goods to / amt o £600 f / purchase o 40 or 50 Slaves in / River Gambia to be sent to Aboe & t he gives / Orders to / sevl Tradesmen.

August 12th 1752.

Mr Apperley attended w a Plan & Estimate o / Fort to be built at Annamaboe, fm whence it appeared to / Ctee t / freight o so lge a number o Bricks as therein mentd, wd vastly exceed / Sum proposed, & having bn well assured t Bricks may be made upon / Coast f / inner Work, it was therefore

Resolved. T a number not exceeding 200000 Bricks be sent & t Messrs Barratt, Cabmel & Scott Brickmakers, be desired to attend on Wed next w their proposals.

August 19th 1752

The Ctee ordered, T Mr Apperley do go to Messrs Barratts, Cabmels & Scotts & report his opinion o / diffr qualities o their Bricks & to Mr Normans & Jds f / prices o Timber

Resolved. T Mr Nairne be ordered to provide a set o Instruments f / Engineer

T / following Advertisemt be inserted in all / Daily Papers Courrant, Fri. Mon & Tues

August 19th 1752

The Ctee o / Co. Mr. Traders to Africa give notice t on Wed. next / 26th inst they will treat w any owners o British Ships, not less than 250 Tons Burthen f / hire o one or more such Ships to carry goods & Stores fm London to / Gold Coast o Africa. Such persons as inclind to apply are desired to leave the propos als sealed up at / Secretarys house in Jerusalem Court Cornhill & to attend / Ctee at ten o / Clock in / mg o / 26th inst. N.B. No proposals will be received after ten o / Clock.

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T / Secretary do write to Mr Mc Kenzie at Cowes to know / quality & price at & place, & upon what terms he can put 100 Tons in Price Casks, on board such Ships as Sh be appted to call there for.

Aug. 26 1752

In consequce of / Advt for / hire of ships / following proposals were laid before / Cttee
... [names of 6 ships] ... and Mr Apperley / Engr, beg'd Opinion & it was absolutely necessary to send 400,000 Bricks & some Timber &c immediately & it was thereupon

Resolved to contract for / following Ships at / respective Rates & terms brot mentd.

		Tons		
Barclay & Collett.	Albinia	350	£450	to take 150 Puncheons
Jno Gorman.	New Gloucester	336	450	30 "
Daniel Thomson.	Earl of Halifax	280	400	50 "
Joseph Wright	Terrible	270	400	50 "
James Davis	New Parham	270	400	30
		1560 Tons(sic)	£2100	310

To carry such goods & stores as / Cttee sh think proper to send from hence or from Cowes to Aboe to lie here 42 days & to take / nō of puncheons per agst the respective names, wch are to be made of Virginia Staves & Hamburgh heads & 8 Iron hoops properly coopered at 15/- pr puncheon, drawg upon / owners of each respive ship for / Value thereof.

The Cttee to pay / freight / Day after each ship sh sail from Gravesend to pay £3 pr day demurrage if they detain any ship here longer than 42 days from this day. £5 pr head for each passenger they sh send to mess w / Sailors, & to assist each ship by the Officers & Servants upon / Coast, as well in discharg'g here, as in procur'g Wood, Water & Ballast for her at Aboe. The Cttee to pay each Capt 10 guins Deer Primage

T / following Orders be given for Bricks

Mr Barratt	200,000
Mr Scott	120,000
Mr Colmel	80,000

The Clee

October 18th 1752.

Resolved Ta Commission & / following Instructions be given to John Apperley Esqre Engr, & t / Seal be affixed thereto.

Y beg appted by / Clee & Co o Merchts trading to Affrica Chief Engr & building a Fort at Abor are required to imbark yrself on board / Earl o Halifax Capt Thomson, who now lies ready at Cowes & / Coast o Affrica, & when y arrive there, y are to proceed w / utmost expedn in / erecn o / sd Fort, agreeable to / Plan signed by yrself & delivd to them, except y sh find it necy fm / opinion o / Govr & Council at C-C-C- to make any alterans in / lodgings & Slaves or any pt o / inner apartmts or in / situacn o / Tank & / Magazine fs / expence o sending materials fm hence is vy gt, y are directed to use vy means to inform yrself o / practicability o procuring them upon / Coast, especially partly Stone, Bricks & Lime.

The Govr & Council at C-C-C- h ad orders to send down Mr Tyneswell as Chief o Abor. sn before or immediately after yr arrival, w Instrons to supply y w vy Material wh / Coast sh produce, & procure y such assistce fm / Natives; & they are likewise instructed to comply w vy demand y sh make upon them in writg, & any Assistce fm them, either in materials, Artificers or Slaves as far as it is in their power.

& / regular supply o such Materials or Tools as may hereafter be wanted, & must necessarily be sent fm hence, y are required to send to / Clee a list o them, by / 1st oppy & to inform them fm time to time o all yr proceedgs.

And if / Clee in consequce o these accts sh think proper to make any alterans, y are to conform yrself to such orders as y sh fm time to time recv fm them. fs / good will o / Natives is o / utmost Consequce to / Commercial Interest o this Country & must certainly facilitate / Work y are now employd in, & / Clee earnestly recommend it to y to behave to them w / utmost Civility.

I do hereby acknw & th this day received a Copy o / foregog Instrons under / Seal o / Clee & do promise to comply w them to / utmost o my ability

(Sd) John Apperley

1 / Folds dr be sent to Mr Melvil.

Sir, I wee rece this dr by John Apperley Esqr whom we h appted Chief Engr & / erecn o / Fort at Prboe. In his Instrons o wh we h here inclosed a copy, I wee see what he is to expect frm y & we doubt not but t y will contribute anyting in yr power to accomodate him & facilitate / Work. We wd h Mr Lymiewell sent down immediately Chief o Prboe w a salary o £200 pa. & Instrons conformable w those given by us to Mr Apperley. By / New Parham Capt Davis, who sails in a few days, we sh send y a small Cargoe & sh write y more fully in answer to yr letter o / 11th June by Capt Jubber. The Ctee h informed Mr Apperley t it is their proper to place / Gate o / Fort Goods / Sea Breeze.

Resolved. 1 / following Commissn be made out & given to John Apperley Esqr.

I are hereby appted by / Ctee o / Co o M. Trdg to Africa, Chief Engr & / erecn o a Fort at Prboe in / place where / old one stood, w a Salary o 20/- pr diem f yrself & yr Table, to commence frm / 14th Octr Instant, payable to yrself or yr Attorney by quarterly payments, & are required to imbark in / Earl o Halifax, Capt Daniel Thomson where y wee be entertained in yr passage at / expence o / sd Ctee, who will likewise provide y a passage upon yr return when / Fort sh be erected

Octr 25th 1752.

Mr Touchet reported to / Ctee t in consequce o a dr frm Mr Cleveland he had waited upon him yesty mg, & was informed t 3 Men o War were ready to Sail f / Coast o Africa when / Ctee sh think proper, & beg'd to know if any partr Instrons were necessary, Mr Touchett desired to take / sence o / Ctee thrs mg

Ordered 1 / Secy do wait upon Mr Cleveland immediately w / thanks o / Ctee f the Lordships attenn to / affairs o / Coast; to inform them t two o / Ships were sailed w Stores & ors preparg to follow in a few days. They thot it wd be proper f / Men o War to sail in a week or 10 days; to desire t

such force as their Lordships shall think proper shall be left upon the Coast till the Stores were landed, & that Capts shall be instructed to prevent French Ships trading at any place where English Colours were hoisted; & lastly as Capt Howard's spirited behaviour agst the Dutch has produced very good effects upon the Coast, they shall be instructed to support the Govr & Council of C-C- in any disputes with the Dutch, & in maintenance of the Rights of the English Nation upon the Coast

Octr 24th 1752.

The Secry reported to the Cttee that he waited upon Mr Cleveland & delivered the substance of the Minute in the preceding Cttee & was informed by him that he wd communicate it to the Lords of the Admlty & doubted not they wd give orders accordgly

January 24th 1753.

The Cttee.

Resolved That the following Memorial be presented to the Lords of the Treasury.

To the Rt Hon the Lds Commrs of executg the Office of Lord High Treasurer.

The Memorial of the Cttee of the Co of M. trading to Africa

Sheweth. That the Memorialists in Novr 1751 had the hon to present a Memorial to the H.M. & in May last anor to their Excies the Lds Justices setting forth the reasons which induced them to represent in the most Dutiful Manner the Impce & necessity of erecting a Fort at Aboe upon the Gold Coast of Africa as a means to prevent the French from depriving H. Mts Subjects of so Valuable a branch of Trade

That on the 28th day of May last their Excies the Lords Justices in Council were pleased to take the said Memorial into consn & sent letters of advice recd from C-C-C-, & in regard to the Impce of the African Trade to this Kingdom & H.Mts American Colonies, their Excies did approve the proposal & order a Fort at Aboe, in the place where the old one stood, & did recommend it to the Memorialists to lose no time in carrying on the said Work. That in consequence of such recommendatn the

4. Memorialists immediately applied themselves to / execution o/ sd Work, & having [by / Advice o/ Surveyor Gen o/ Ordnce] contracted w an Engr & agreed to / plan o a Fort proposed by him; they directly procured such Stores & Materials as were reqd to be sent fm hence amtg to £6116-3-9 [in marg. £6118-2-3] (as appears by an acct o/ parties hereunto annexed [in h.]) & dispatched / same in Sundry Ships in / month o Oct. last. Tht ye Memorialists for a Conviction o/ necessity & expedity / Work applied / sd Sum o £6116-3-9 [in marg. £6118-2-3] out o / £10000 granted by Parliamt & issued by ye Admiralty f / Support o / Forts & Trade to Africa f / Year 1752, upon a dependence t / same wd be replaced this Session o Parliamt, rather chosng to put / Officers & Servants upon / Coast to / inconvenience o waitg a few Months f the Supply, than t so necy a Work shd be in / least retarded. Ye Memorialists therefore humbly hope t it will appear to ye Lordships absolutely necy to provide / sd Sum o £6116-3-9 [6118-2-3] more than / Annl Sum hitherto granted.

Wch ye Memorialists humbly submit.

February 1th 1753.

The Clee agreed to / following petin to be presented to / House o Commons
... [vide Red Books p 106] ...

February 28th 1753.

The Secy reported to / Clee t Mr Salusbury had presented / foregog Petin to / H o C. wch was referred to / Clee o Supply. & t on pruse o an Order fm / H o C. he had laid before them a plan o/ Fort to be built at Aboe & also an acct o what had bn done by / Clee towds / Erecn o/ Same. In consequce o/ above Memorial a Sum o £6,000 was granted towds defrayg / expences o building a Fort at Aboe.

The above £ 6.000, deducting / fees, was issued from / Board o Treasury to / Clee & appropriated towds replacg / money taken out o / last Years supply to buildg / Fort amtg to £ 6118-3-9 [in marg. £ 6118-2-3]

From time to time to this present April 1755 / Clee h recd & hrs fm Mr Jno Apperley Engr at Abor: 9 fm Mr Thomas Melvil Govr o C-C-C- & one fm Mr / husbands a free trader settled on / Coast: Extracts o wh are annexed hrto & tend to shew

1st T / Natives looked upon / Interval o time wh wd be taken up in buildg a Fort at Abor as productive o gt advantages to themselves & theirs.

2dly In order to continue those advantages as long as possible, they made use o wy means to obstruct / Engrs & Workmen in carryg on / Work, & partly prevented them fm getg Slate, wh made it absolutely necy to send a lger quantity o Bricks than was at first intended

3dly T / Engr & ye officers hd used the utmost endeavours to bt done upon / Coast, but found it wd be attended w more expence than sendg it fm England, also it wd take up a gt length o time to gather / shells & make Lime, & when made wd not be near so strong & serviceable as it sent fm England

4thly I two o / Sons & / principal Cabooceers at Abor were in France, & expected to return in French Men o War w presents & materials to erect a Fort at Abor.

The Clee therefore thot it their indispensable duty to send Materials fm England not only as necy in their Opinion to expedite / buildg o / Fort, but wd likewise be a gt Savg in / Expence, as delayg to finish / buildg must h created a gt additional Charge in Salaries & presents to / Natives upon / Coast. The Clee were fur o opinion t hd they acted contrary to / repeated advices o / Govr & Engr who by beg upon / Spot were / best Judges o what was wanted & whose sentiments were agreeable to those o / Gentlemen consulted at home, they wd h bn blameable f any accidents t might h happened thro / intrigues o / Natives o Abor or / French.

Extracts o Lrs fm Mr Jno Apperley Engr to / Clee o / Co merchts trading to Africa —

26.	Apperley to Clee	10 Mar 1753.	—	Red Nbks. pp 870 & 903
	"	22 Ap. "	—	" 872 & 909
		8 Sep "	—	Ee 19 supra. 81. Red Nbks 915
		11 Oct "	—	Red Nbks. 920
		11 Nov "	—	Ee 29 supra p. 100
		22 Jan 1754		" " "
		13 Jun "		Ee 22 supra p 86
	Clee to Apperley	8 Nov "	—	Ee 33 " 108
	Apperley to Clee	30 Oct "		Ee 46 " 111
	Melsil to Clee	4 Jan 1753	—	Red Nbks p 807
	" "	25 " "	—	" 809
		24 Feb "	—	" 811
	"	24 Ap "	—	" 874
	"	30 May "	—	" 880
	"	22 Sep "	—	" 885
	"	5 Nov	—	" 886
	"	21 June 1754	—	Ee 22, supra p 89
	Husbands to Melsil	10 Mar "		Ee 18 " p 77

End o Narrative
(It has no concludg clause or sigr)

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Read June 11 1755

Copy Mr Melvil to Clee C-C-C- Xber 12 1754

Takes / oppy o a Dutch Dogger going fm Elmina directly to Holland to tell them he is stilly still lookg on f / Hannover & abo / Storeship fm London Mr Apperley is imployg his people in geltg what Slaves he can within / Fort

I am still acquainting what is wanted f / support o ffs Forts & hope / Store Ship will come before y ours one abave the half o what I once expected / debt will amt to

The Trade has bn indiff this Year; a gt many Dunco Slaves. I believe no body will lose money fm this Coast who h brot proper cargoes

At A'Dor
Ellis - Bristol
Boats down } d'pose
Winnebah
Brown Bristol gog off fm thence

Copy Mr Melvil to Clee C-C-C-. Jan 9th 1755

On Christmas Day / Ships Hannover Planter & Bassnett arrd in this Road. I hd got sorting in such readiness L in 3 days / Bassnett was discharged o her C.C- cargo & in 3 more she filled her Water & fell down to Anamaboe, whither I sent all y Canoemen, all my own & a set o free C-C- men, below whom & / Tradics this is arisen such a spirit o emulation L Mr Apperley writes me if / Ships are not unloaded directly it will be thr own faults

This goes by way o Holland under / care o Mr Van Sorest. I do not chuse to enlarge upon our Wants, but I hope I will ere more apply to Parliamt f an addl Supply; otwise this Fort at Anamaboo can never can be built

Pray send no more Writers . . . ys last cargoe o Soldiers is / best y ever saw
Formerly I wrote yu long dissertan upon / uselessness o white Soldiers in this ~~Country~~
Country. I now find by experience i a white soldier, as they h bn paid & fed since I came
here does more Service than a Mulkatoe, or any o yr Slaves. They actually keep thr
health better than / generality o / Natives. If they are afflicted w Yaques, / Natives are
seldom free frn Worms or o some Venereal disorder . . . why Europeans died so fast
here formerly is easily accted f. yr arose partly frn / old Co not sendg proper
supplies & also frn / Lazyness o / Warehouse Keepers & Treasurers who paid / poor
People only once in Two monnths & then / Liest part o what they got was Spirituous
liquor wh they drank in a few days.

Trade at Anamaboo is in dift. The Country is full o goods & vy little demand
f anything. W proper Gold Dust I can buy much kind o goods at / Market here
cheaper than y can send them frn England; indeed this was in some measure always
/ case. Hence let any man judge what wd be / consequce o addg 100 or
£150,000 worth o goods to / present stock. No Co cd mend Ellis's assortmt f
he gives / Negroes just what they ask for. Yr whole cargoe by / Bennett wd not
purchase 20 slaves alongside o him. The draper who wd venture to send him
white striped Taffeties f Guinea never wd h his Custom. What draper in London
but knows they are worth nothg here? & is thr beg worth nothg at home a sufficient
reason f sellg them to y? I wish Dacres or Craik when they are in Town were
applied to to inspect our Goods, as they know what will never do.
– As f Medecines more Provis & Garden seeds &c Begs t / last may be more
attended to it is o gr consequce to / whole Coast –

Capt Ashbrook is gone f Whydah. He called here & gave Canoemen accordg
to his Orders. The Anamaboo men h threatened Cudjo vy hard f giving him
Canoemen, tho' on consequence o our Chalmers letter, & say t all / money he was
get there four Years sh not make up / matter, as they designed to go themselves.
This is / way we shall be used till our Guns are mounted.

Read June 11 1755

Copies o Lrs relatg to / Port: ship in Oct & Nov 1754

~~Johnson Apperley Esqre.~~

Jon Boats to John Apperley. Ship Knight 16 Oct 1754.

Yr kind favor Ih just recd & tis true hd taken / liberty to order / Port: Vessel on board, but he informs me he has orrg him fm Corramantine Castle & Slaves & intends to sail fm hence as soon as he recovers / debts. I know my slave sold on board a French or Port: ship is so much out o our way, & as to Bakoo Tobacco Ih a quantity on board wh I sh serve / Natives w on moderate terms, how'r rather than give ye any trouble or incur / displeasure o / Natives, wd sit down w many inconveniencies. If it shd any time be agreable to take an airg on / Water, or take a dinner, a ~~Ship~~ dinner I mean, I wd give gt pleasure to Sir - &c.

Jon Boats, Serd Hosr, Hyacinth Browne to John Apperley. Aboe Road, Snow Sally 20 Oct 1754

We are a little surprized / Fantees shd make a palaver abt so trifling a matter, as to our parts we think we h done nothg worthy o disrespect, & as to our comg on shore to settle w them, we don't intend it, & let them pursue their pleasure tho' what debts we h contracted we sh pay w honor, & what / Portuguese owes them we h no business w, tho' they informed us our people or overseers o what was orrg & we had not regarded them, then they had a right to demand / debts fm us. Tis / Custom w us to give them bottles & what we owe, let them produce the bottles or always stop / next Port: Vessel fr / debts, or apply to us & we sh stop sum fr them. As to our people using them w Cutlasses, tis entirely false. We are sorry to give ye so much trouble, but ye know / necessity we are under w regard to driving these people out o / Road, & if this point is complyd w, twill be ever be a ~~bad~~ bad presedent fr / time to come

John Apperley to Thomas Melvil Aboe ~~Road~~ 5. Nov. 1754

I am to acquaint ye / Fantees people h turnd / Brick layers & Labourers off the Work on / Fort on acct o / Ships in / Roads towng / Panabooth Ship away, wh they say never was done till we began building a Fort here, & t / English presume too much on acct o / footg we h among them: therefore they will h no Fort here as they

expect nothg but slavery when / Ships already begin pretend to engross all the trade to themselves, & wee not suffer any or ships but English to stop here. I can say this affair on ye Caboceer & Pemin in / Town, as they are all agst it, but over guided by old John & / old Dogs abt him, wh all bin bribed to keep up / spirit o this affair by / Portugueze & a, but / grounds o it I cannot learn.

I th be glad y wd send a messenger to John to know / reason o his orders / to stop people to stop / Works & add to it as y th think necessary, if he really is a bad man & has bad people abt him, wh good usage can make no impress upon. Anchors o liquor come here to John fm / Dutch since last night (this affair began) on what acct I know not. Thus people cannot work till this affair is settled. Please to send me yr advice as soon as possible in this affair & how I th act. In / meantime I th send fr / Currancers to come down & wait fr yr messenger. I wee please to send some message to them & / Braffos. I th sent them some liquor by my boy. The Dutch I think h a hand in this palaver. I th send to know fur abt it. Please to despatch my Mengr as soon as y can.

Thos McNeile to John Apperley C.C.C. 5 Nov 1754

I am extremely affected by yrs o this date, to find t our works are all at a stand. Beg y will write me a circumstantial acct where / Port: ship was layg when she was drove away. when she was drove, & to what place she went & what ship fired at her? After y are deeply engaged? when y send up this answers we th consider how to act. In / meantime affect indifce, as if we begun / first to please / Fanties & t they hd wantonly affronted us: t they knew we hd no hand in what they complained o, yet t they hd not given us time to send home an acct o / ships proceedgs. I perhaps they were dog what / Capts who fired wd thank them f: t to talk o enslaving them by a fort is nonsence, they know we are Masters o / Sea. Experice dayg / French War convinced them o it, & t therefore we can turn away whom we please wt a fort. They know / Fort can command nothg out o its reach, & ships can sail keep the distce, as / French commonly now do, by gog into Mouree Road, but t if they are fully determined to stop us then we must keep our Salaries to ourselves, & they must do us / Justice to own, t we h paid fr any such o ground we h hd. This last by way o hint to John's family. The Currancers will only add to / Expence. so dont be in a hurry to send fr them. If wee do it easier wt them. The key o John's Fort must be touched; / fear o lobg / Salaries will out weigh / Dutch Brandy when once he sees they h done goeg

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Mclvile to Apperley C-C-C- 8. Nov 1754

Dear Jeary for y since I answerd yrs o/ 5th curr I hope yr people are agr at work, Be t as it will I shd be glad to be informd how matters stand.

John Apperley to / Capts o/ English Tradg Ships in / Road o Aber. Aber 10. Nov 1754

I've me leave to return y thanks f. yr civility when I was on board yr ships in / Road. I cannot be insensible o / possible ill w / inhabitants ashr / this Port. vessel, & y cannot be strangers to / gr expence this place has cost / Nation, & / constant charge they are at here daily. wh will not admit o times beg leave, & not only t, but / entire footg wr h here must be dropped if I persist in driving / Portuguese out o / Road. I am sure none o y are ill wishers to / publick good as this must certainly be wh will only gives us a footg here, but deprives our Rivals / French fm ingrossg an advantageous part o our Trade, wh I know by experice this to be. Therefore I beg y will send me a satisfactory answer to this, such as will satisfy these people I will not persist in driving / Portuguese out o this Road, wh fm my experice o them they are far fm lookg on this step as inconsistent w a Man wh is settlg ashore among them, or on / footg o a Common palaver. When I come on board wh will be long until I see y. I will tell y my mind more freely on this head, in expectan o a favourable answer to this, t my people may go to work tomorrow.

John Apperley to Thomas Mclvile Aberdeen 10. Nov. 1754.

Dear Sir I rec'd yr favor o yesty & am sorry I had it not in my power to send y a satisfactry answer sooner. The Currantiers John Shot in as a party concernd in stopp / Works as it was done by the Approbation, & sd. in regard to / Port: ship, wh made me send f them immediately to clear t affair up. t / Works might not be stopped, wh wd h bn effected if John had not too deep a hand in / affair as y will see: but was sorry I had sent f them when I rec'd yr letter at night, tho they were to come down on their own business on Thursday & did not come the sooner on my sendg f them. But what'r / expence o the beg here may amt to, I'd rather take it on myself than h / Works stopped, as I cd not get to / bottom o this affair wt them (all beg paid to the charge) so as to convince / people r / stopp palaver had no concern w / Ports (as they insisted upon). The following is / whole proceedgs since this Portuguese came to / Road.

132. Last Monday a Pernambuck ships came to anchor betwn Aboe & Piggah Roads, wh saluted us 5 guns I told Tunder to load 3 guns & return / Salute wh [he] loaded, but one o wh beg half full o stones, cd not be drawn nor fired. On wh he loaded and put in / more o ye, & returned / Salute He cd not draw / above 9 gun but blow'd it off some time after when I was at Dinner & told my Knowledge.

Abt six o'clock in / evening, as John told me, 3 or 4 Boats fm / Ships in / Road went on board / Port: Ship to tell him to go away (but no shot fired) & they went on board to buy what they wanted as they say (/ Captains) what answer / Portuguese Capt gave I know not, but he is still where he then lay.

John sent to me when at supper to tell me fm / Town, he sd, that as / English ships were driving / Portuguese out o / road, we shd not build a Fort here. when I sent him word I was sorry for the behaviour but wd endeavour to prevent it if I cd, by sending off to / Captains, & if they did not desist I shd write to y^r Ex^cy purpose that y^r might represent it at home, as I knew those things were not allowed. On wh John sent me word / Town (he) did not think I made a good Palaver for them / last Portuguese ships, as / captains had turnd her away. when I called Ansah, who had read my letters, on to Read before to John before I sent them off wh John approved o, & likewise read / Capts answers to John & / Caboceers & Penins & explained both in the Language to them, wh answers I hope sent y^r inclos'd, & I believe answer what y^r wanted in y^r Tuesday's letter, in regard to / first Port, that was sent away, only that Capt Boats fired two or more Shots Guns at her / day he, Capt Boats, came to this Road being 15th Octr I believe; & / ships sent their boats to town / Port: out o / Road 19th following when she sailed to Leeward, but where I know not. The Natives sd / Boats Crews cut them in Cutlasses when they were eating / Portuguese Captains for the Debts. Here I wish refer y^r to / Captains answers o 20th Octr Copy letter o / same date by desire o John & / rest o / Town. To resume; Tuesday 5th Nov: some o / Caboceers & Penins o / Town met at John's when John

told me / Currantees & Fankées sd / bloody / forementiond gun was a signal to all / Ships to turn / Portr: away, when I told them how it happened, & y I hd sent neither letter, Boy nor Canoe to / Road since / first Portr: ship came here, only / about wh they hd seen & heard read & sent open by John's messenger, John & / Towns people knew this my will but wd not own it. They sd I must send my boy to / Ships, wh I told them I would do, then they sd I must write to / Captn not to turn / Panamboak Ship away; then they sd I must go off myself & make / Captn not turn / Portr: Ships out o / Road. I reasoned w them y I cd do no more than use fair means & threaten to write home if they did not comply w my request, & they must depend on my endeavours to keep / Portr: ship in / Road. They sd we belonged to / same King therefore what one did / th must be answerable f. I told them / cause o my coming here was to build a fort to oblige them & by their desire & y I hd no Palaver w them myself since I came here, & if I hd / Ships hd no business w it, therefore I cd not be answerable f their proceedgs. but wd endeavr to remedy it if I cd by applyg to / Captn in / Road. On wh they broke up & told me they wd order / Slaves off / Wall (till this Portuguese Palaver was settled) I asked them f what reason but they gave me no satisfactory answer. An hour after, / Slaves were turnd off / Wall in / name o all Fankée, wh / Slaves immediately obeyd w many words tho w some reluctce. When / white men & Slaves came in told me, I went to John to let him know what happened & to know / reason o this proceedg when we were doing a work more to oblige him & / rest o Fankée than ourselves. He told me it was / Currantees & all / Country, & not him, hd ordered them not to work any more on acct o / English Ships turng / Portr: out o / Road, wh was never done till we began building a fort here - as by my last letter to y 5th inst.

I told John I must write to y & send to / Currantees to know why they chd order / works to be stopped, as I was building here by his & the parties desire. He sd it was very true, but y he was an old man now & cd not help it," on wh I wrote to y & sent

134 to / Cuvranteers at / same time to let them know / Work was stopped & by the orders. They sent me word they were comg down abt business o their own, & wd set / people to work: where it stood till Thurs 4 g, when they came down & / Caboceers & Penins met; where / Cuvranteers declared they hd no hand in stopg / Works nor any body in Town except John, wch I am more convinced o now. Thursday [sic - Friday ?] they desire I wd go aboard w / Braffoe & Jolub messenger to see & settle this palaver abt / Port: ship. The Capts promised me they wd not carry / Portuguese away, tho w some reluctce. I reasoned w them abt there proceedgs & told them / consequnces o it in regard to stopg this work. They declared to / messengers / Forts hd no business w the Palavers nor they w / Forts, & told me they were uneasy at / Works beg stopped. I cd not talk privately w them as I hd many spies abt me which I stayed. I sh write to them tomorrow & send y the answer abt / Port: ship. On comg ashore / messgrs told all / Capts hd told them, when / Cuvranteers, John, / Caboceers & Penins agreed / Forts hd no concern in / Ships palavers, & / Cuvranteers sd / people shd go to work today. But it not happeng, so this mg / Cuvranteers & one o / Penins (I wish have some shame o so bad a palaver) told me t / Caboceers, Penins &c, & Tboe declared they hd no Palaver w me, my people, or / Fort, but John on hearg my body hd himself hd cleared themselves from this palaver, & sd / English did not mind him now, & t I hd not given him a fine cloth & Sun since I came down here. I told them / Co hd no cloths here, & besides, I were / person he shd apply to for those thgs, or desire me to do it, wch he never did. He sd he was an old man now, & did not ask for what he wanted. I gave his Wives & old Pesham 2 or 3 some pieces o cloth out o my own pocket on my comg down here as Chief, but John says I give him nothg but liquor pipes & Tobacco. Now I see what is wanted & I h nothg here to give him, therefore please to consider what is best to be done as he must eat sometg this time t my people may go to work on

Monday & please to send / Messrs down to him if y send anything. Ays to Lquor? can give it here, only please to mention what Quantity & him & some o / Town Cabocceers The old man is sy modest & cannot take anything he says, bec? Cay this bad Palavers on him. Pr wod not be amiss if y wrote a letter to / Capts in / Road to strengthen mine on acct o / Port: ship stays here wt molestation. The example o braced clothes on his lohytells comg here? believe he wants still to be followed, but must be wants someth to eat & drink only. I believe / forementd is / whole affair fm / first to this time & h reason to believe / Dutch are deeply concerned in this affair o / Port: ship

P.S. The people o Annisham, Aggah, Gt & little Cormanteen were here this wk 29 to settle / preliminaries o a Law to be made (if this Port: Vessel is turnd away) t no English Vessel sh h trade betwn Cape Coast & Accra, 10 Achee goods to be bght to 8 Acks & 6 Flasks Rum 2 Acks Gold as formerly; but those things are not fixed till / Capts' letter comes ashore to morrow. This is part o John's politicks & early, but he is old poor man; please to ~~accept~~ excuse what feebles y may find in this long ... letter, & they will not let me rest for one trifle or anot & I am willg to humour them, wh cost me nothg but a little patice to hear the nonsense

Thomas Melvil to Mrs Apperley

C:C-C- 10th Nov. 1754

In consequce o yrs o this date I h Limerick sent George Bannisher to ask John what he wants. If anything is sent down publickly it will be thrown away as they were probably want Dashees at Christmas or / arrl o a Co's Ship. I shd be glad t y cd procure an explanan o / principles / Capts proceed upon. Do they assert t / Dutch h no right to permit a Port: Ship to lay in the Road o Cormantine? If they grant t they h, then what are they contendg f, as / Roads are so near t 'tis a matter o moments time in wh a Ship is. Pray get to / bottom o this, t / affair may be laid before / Ctee. Give us this occan what liquor y judge necy & let what John is to ~~be given~~ h be given here & as secretly as possible. I may be sure / Dutch will use sy method to preserve their own independency & who can blame them? George has orders to return directly.

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John Apperley to Thos Melvil

Abo 11. Nov 1754

I recd yr favor o yesty by George & acquainted John w/ contents. He wanted no less than 3 Casks o Brandy f/ Towns people. I represented such a hardship to him & prevailed on them (he & his sel) to take 20 Gallons Brandy f/ Town to drink, wh they took w some grumbleg, & so sel/ Slaves to work this mg. Per this Palaver was calculated f all to eat, / Braffor & Curranteers must f as follows: 1 half Say, 1 Niccaneers, 2 cotton Romalls, & 8 galls. o Brandy, besides some Tattoms o Cheeks f Clothes, & what they hd to buy them victuals whilst they were here, & drink in course I h sent John some Cloth & liquor on my own accr & believe he is ashamed to send up f anything, therefore I think it will not be amiss if I send what I intend to giv him down in/ Canoe wh I h send up f supplies; but to pack his dgs separate fm/ rest, wh I will debr him here. as I wd choose to h it done privately, only let/ articles t be is to h be mentioned in a separate par: else he will think he is cheated. I am destitute o all manner o Supplies on accr o this Palaver, as I wd send f nothg till it was settled, lest they shd think it was f them.

I h recd no answer fm/ Captn in/ Road to my Yesty's letter on accr o the reasons f the late proceedgs in regard to/ Port Ship, but expect a letter tomorrow, & will go off myself on Wednes. to be better satisfied in regard to what I wrote me abt. The Fanteers h bin aboard/ Port: Ship to day & made her pay double Custom on accr o the interfering f them in this Palaver wh/ Fanteers say if Portuguese must continue to do f/ future, but this is foreign to my affair.

PS. I'll send a Canoe f supplies on Wednes.

John Apperley to Thos Melvil

Abo 12. Nov 1754

Please to send down by this Canoe/ following supplies f/ use o this place viz: 1 Cask Beef, 1 Cask Bread, 1 Cask leaf Tobacco 2 Boxes Plunkets & 3 Casks Brandy. The above I will please to send down in/ Canoe f Dr Jones up. I want Goods here, but will defer it now less/ Natives shd

think it is for them. I h recd a letter fm / Capts. but it is so full o political reasons
& I want them explained before I send it up & sh go aboard myself for ye purpose. ye /
Natives are much satisfyd on acct o this Post: pay'g double custom & h desired me to return / Capts.
thanks for the interpos interpos'g in this affair, but tis politicks h cost me some ounces. I sh send
a canoe up / latter end o this week. I h sent a boy up in this Canoe.

Capts H Ellis: W Boats, H Browne S Hart to John Apperley Annamaboe Road 12. Nov 1754

We recd yr ltr & shd h reply'd immediatly cd we h wrote y anything conclusive. We are
sufficiently moved & alarmed w yr situa[n] & / danger it seemed to threaten / British Int[t] upon this Coast,
Those fears are happily removed by an expedient not less politick than reputable. The addal duty imposed
upon / Port: ships & / manner in wh we treated / Dutch Authority cannot fail o beg productive o
consequces infinitely beneficial to us & injurious to ye Fr[ch]. This is a Channel by wh we dare not be too
explicit upon this subject, but when we h / pleasure to see y it will be easy to make our point clear,
Vr[y]. ye to oppose w spirit & comply w dignity is a conduct extreamly requisite in all differences
w / fourteen people &c.

Thos Melvil to Jno Apperley. C-C-C- 13. Nov 1754

I h shipped supplies to yr place on board Capt Low as by / note inclosed ...
I intend to send down George Geo: Bannisher to buy & get a Law to regulate wherg palavers.
John is to h 16 Gallons o Rum wh George thinks will please him best as he can more readily
turn it into Gold than he can any other Goods ... I beg y will let me into / Capts motives
& the present proceedgs.

Jno Apperley to Thos Melvil Abo 14 Nov 1754

I recd yr favrs o yesty's date & agreable to yr Order h sent old John 16 Gallons o
Rum, & wh he desires his Service to y r is vy thankful. ... Inclosed is a copy o y
letter I recd fm / Capts in / Road, in answer to mine o 10th inst wh I h this day recd

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I follg explanan fm them Vizt. buing / Portugueze to pay double Custom to / natives f his trade, wh he has done, & / Port: ships is come to this Road much to / Joy & satisfacn o / natives wh they h testified by presents to / English Capts in / Road. The foundan on wh / Capts first began this affair is a letter fm Mr Hollier to Capn Boats wherin he says t / Contract betwn / Portugueze & / Dutch is expired, wherin he refers to Cape Coast bks. therein I wd rather y wd write to Capt Boats f a copy o t letter then t I shd go to explain it so y h but read it over once. Then y will be / better judge in this affair The Fantees will come to no terms in regard to a law abt which as George will inform y. therefore I h suspended no Brandy on t acct. Sarrah, a Gambia Slave went to C-C- last Sunday w Sambot & hd / whorg palaver. Sarrah is not returnd yet I beg y will order him down

Thos Melvil to Jno Apperley C-C-C- 17. Nov 1754

... I forgot to send me a copy o yr letter to / Capts o / 10th Curt. Wch in / whole is imperfect therefore I beg y will send it me. I h wrote Capn Boats herewith & sh be obliged to y to send off / letter. Wherin yr Materials were out y shd send up yr Men Slaves: f Keeping them idle at Accoe is a gt snare laid in / way o their Chastity; pray how do y think we sh get / Fort built when they will come to no agreemt abt whorg Palavers? I must try & get my man a Wench, t is / only expedient I can fall upon but it will be needless to put it in execn before / Hanover arrives, f yr people will be done w the Lime & Bricks in a few days; then I shd send them to Tantumquerry to assist in repairg t place

Thos Melvil to Capn wm Boats. C-C-C- 17. Nov 1754

Incloses herin f a copy o / letter fm Mr Hollier late Secry to / Colee ... relatg to / Duty pd by / Port to / Dutch at Elmina

Opperley to Melvill. Fhoe 18 Nov 1754

... Sends copy o my letter o / 10th inst to / Capts in / Road as pr yrs o yest.y. I desire to know what Road / Port: ship t was drove away lay. wh ship is out o / quest.n in regard to / late palaver. This palaver arose fm / Capts threatening, as / Natives say, to send this Port: ship wh is now in this Road away; but / Capts deny any such thg, wh is confirmd by / Capt.n o / Port: ship which is now ashore here on a Visit.

As to / first Portuguese (Panam boat) Ship, she was drove away, as I h before mentioned to y.; but what Road she lay in I cannot positively resolve y., nei.r can I find any body t can resolve me, as / Roads o Annisham, Annamabo.r, Aggah & Cormantine, do not exceed 4 miles one fm / o.r, & the beg so contig.us makes it a difficult matter f me to resolve y.m in t head. Only so far I must acquaint y.m fm hearsay t each Road lyes due South fm / above 4 places they take the names fm. But if y.r wee allow o my conjecture (wh I cannot recommend as satisfactory to y.) I think she, / Portuguese, bore some points to / Westward o / South fm Cormantine Fort, by what observ.ns I made o / Ships in / Road, when I was there abt 5 weeks ago; I desire to know what were / Capt.s' motives f send.g / Port: ship away. F yr Satisfac.n therein I must refer y.m to the letters wh I sent y.m up. Capt.n Boats can best inform y.m upon what foundat.n (if any) he proceeded. I h.rd no answer to yr lre to him. If Self-interest (wh must b the case) was / first motive they had f their late behaviour to / Port: their proceedg.s in / latter part o this affair appears otherwise, as / Natives are / only gainers fm / Port: paying them double Customs, & / Port.l bring.g his Vessel further to windward among our Shipp.g, & trades w.t restraint on a footing w / rest o / Ships in / Road. As to / Dutch having a right to protect Vessels in the iron Road, they do not dispute it, but wd give me no

satisfactg answer in regard to the motives in taking / 15th Port: Vessel away. When Capt Boats sends y a copy o his Lre I mentioned in my last: I believe for wch he gave / reason I can be given on / occasn, wch perhaps will not be very satisfg. I were pleased to mention in yr last abt sendg / Bricklayers to Tantum-quarry when my materials was on, I h had 23 Slaves on / works. I know how sadly I am supplyd from England w Bricks, & t my chief stress lay upon Stone since I first laid / foundan. Experice has taught me not to trust of such a supply o Bricks as I h wrote of fm England (ten hundred thousands) tho' / whole does not amt to my first estimate. Therefore hope I will not take it amiss my putg as many Co Slaves as I h here to quarry Stone, when my materials is ont till / Store Ship arrives, or at least till Christmas as I am resolved to quarry / whole area o / fort rather than want bricks or stone, as I h gone on very successfully f some weeks past, & w very little expense to / Co, only f / Stone else I shd h no occas this 8 weeks past. If my presc will be o any service at Tantumquarry I will go w a gt deal o pleasure, or any ot place to forward / Co's affairs, but my people's gog down to leavg this place Yard o Bricks & Stone will be ruing / intern o buildg a fort here. The Storeship may brg time to last yr some time, but / Quantity o Bricks she can brg will not be in proporn. If Tantum quarry fort is in imminent danger o fallg I will quit all / assistce my small number will admit o, to these Bricklayers I are already to leeward fm here -
PS. ---

Capt Henry Ellis to Melvil

Abor 20 nov 1754

One consequce o our late proceedgs in regard to / Port: Vessel is, t / Dutch Chief o Cormantine refuses them Water. The Capt o her applied to me this morng & intreated t I wd write to y in his behalf, t be mt h / liberty to furnish himself as C:C- I dare not use this as a requst o my own. but if it is not contrary to yr rules I shd be glad he had this indulgce.

Thos Melvil to Capt Henry Ellis C-C-C- 26 Nov 1754

I am very glad t / quantity o rain wh fell this mg will enable / Port to supply himself w water ere at Pbor or at Annissa. As yr late proceedgs were entirely yr own & as I never yet had any perfect acct o / Natives wh set y to work, so I beg we may each agn be introduced in / Consequnces.

Apperley to Melvil Pbor 25 Nov 1754

The Port Capt desires me to ask y if he can get water f / use o his Vessel at C-C. The ponds here beg quite dry. He desires yr answer . . .

Melvil to Apperley C-C-C- 26 Nov 1754

Inclosed is a Letter f Capt Ellis who wrote to me f water f / Port: As it so manifestly our Int to meddle w no yr business than build our Fort at present, I y I dare say, will keep yrself as clear o / Ships Politicks as y see I do. Seal Capt Ellis's Ire after y h read it. Y know what mischief / Dutch can do us, why then shd we wantonly quarrel w them in support o a measure wh may prove / most permanent pernicious Ev ever entred into a Mans head? However it serves no purpose to dispute w / Capts.

Thos Melvil to / Clee ca

C-C-C- 30 Nov 1754

My last was dated / 30th ulto [p 110 supra] a copy o d goes herewith. I send y all / pps relaty to / Ships proceedgs agst / Portuguezze & the consequces, t y may fall upon some method to put a stop to them f / future. The Fantees now threaten to declare War agst / Dutch if they do not suffer any Portuguezze ship to stop at Annamaboe. If they carry this point, then we are h done, f they can give 32 oz in Tobacco as cheap as we can give 10 oz. in Goods, & when the Tobacco fails they will give Gold, as they can sell a Slave f £60 who w us wd brg little more than half t money.

The Fantees never carried any quarrel as high as this; they surrounded / house where Messrs Apperley, Innes & Johnston were, & desired / former to be told t if he wont meet day to morrow they wd cut off his head.

I h used my utmost endeavours, as y may see by my letters to Capt Booth, to wh he has sent no answer, - to get into / knowledge o / pples / Capts act upon, as they must be extremely curious to carry them thro such contrariety o behavior. But as I can find no other than / Portuguezze hd Rum, & on t accr one Taylor a Rhode Island man fired at them. On Taylors telling me this, I asked him if it wd not h bn a more effectual course t h gone on board / Port: taken out all / Rum, & sunk / Ship. He answered t he hd as good a right to fire at / Port: bec they hd Rum, as the 2d Ships bec they hd also Tobacco, but if taking / Rum & sinking / Ship was a better way, he durst say / Rhode Island men wd play as good a part as their Neighbours. Told him t if / 2d Capts transgressed they were to be found, but into what Court in Westminster Hall cd we bring / Rhode Island men. He answered if we sent to America we wd find excellent Law & Justice. I make no doubt But y will on accr o this letter be once more set upon, f I do not believe these Capts can approve o what they h done, when they come to reflect coolly upon it, & are shewn / Consequces wh will neir be found politick nor reputable. So I h no reason to expect

they wee forgive me. tho I am only doing what my duty requires & I shall always do w^th regards / Event. The Eccentricity o / Capⁿ has cost y^m a good deal o money & I am afraid will soon cost y^m more, when they drive away this Port: Ship, as they say they will, when^ever any o them finds his Trade injured by him.

. . . [Whydah & King o Dahomey] . . .

I h lately bn to visit / Dutch Gen^l & really by / experie I h hullerd hd o him he seems a v^y good man tho we h now a v^y g^t quarrel betwn / Towns o Elmina & Commenda wh I hope we sh put an end to w^t cost to y^m or / Dutch Co a single farthg.

Trade I am told is indiff^t. The Parts dno / Akim Country h bn pretty open, & the has bn an inundan o Dancoes.

Since writg / above I h recd / inclosd letter fm / Dutch Gen^l wh I cannot help transmitt^g to y^m as an Authentick proof o the / honor & worth o / Man & his sincere desire to live in / strictest harmony w^th us, & to prevent / negroes availg themselves o our Animosities

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letter, fr^m Van der Hoot de Quitere to Thos Melvil. A la Mine 30 de qbre 1754

. . . [in French. already copied fm CO 96/1 in Ellis BK II p 106] . . .

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Le 57.

Read June ... } 1755.
Read July 1 }

Thomas Melvil to Edward Clarke Commdr o HMS. Jason 26 July 1754

I beg leave to inform y E ever since we began to build / forts at Annamaboe / French were never suffered to remain anywhere below this place [C.C.C.] o / Fever Volta when we had a sufficient force to drive them off. I must likewise add t / delay occasioned by our present want o home to carry on t Work, renders it more peculiarly improper to h any Gentlemen in / neighbourhood, as their reports may be carried home to / National prejudice My Duty requires me to give y these hints & submit them to ys consn

PS. If he does not go down / Coast all / way before y, he will be back agn

Thomas Melvil to Nassau Senior Chief o Dixcove 29. July 1754

The Clee in their letter o 21st March 1754 [n.h] inform me t they are now employ'd in defending / English right to Achuma, & wd be glad to know how t affair stands upon / Coast, & what alteration is to be made in it, or what it may remain as it is wth prejudice to us. I desire you'll give me as full an answer as y can to / above paragraph as soon as possible.

Nassau Senior to Thos Melvil [Dixcove] 31 July 1754

Ys favour o / 29th Curst received this day. As Achuma has, I believe, since / building o this Fort been under / English Jurisdicn. To give it up to / Dutch, I imagine, must be very detrimental to / English Intt, & its impossible it shd remain as it does wt occasioning disputes / Dutch continually pannaring / inhabitants o t place on / least pretce whatse. The Caboceer has been obliged there 3 weeks past to live here, beg apprehensive o beg pannared himself & very desired I wd write to y to beg y wd settle t affair conarng Achuma, if possible, w / next Genn. The Inhabitants as well as my Townspeople are continually making Complaints to me abt it, but I endeavours to make them as easy as possible telling them to commit no hostilities, & they may be assured / Clee will oblige / Dutch to quit all claims to it very shortly.

Atchumah is a Village abt 3 miles to / Westward o this Fort. & in case / English property is given up to t place. Matina, Tyé, Adwasso & Coffee Heydrai's Villages ye certain / Dutch wee claim. A little to / Windwrd o Atchuma / English h & some time past gathered home Stones & in case this place is exhausted we h no ye place to get it at.

When / Sawyers were here they cut almost all / Timber near / four Villages before mentd; The River Archiré, before / late Hanta dispute, for / best information I can get, divided / English & Dutch Territories. I dare say y will conclude Sir, from what I h already sd, ther is a necessity f making / Dutch, if possible, quit all claims to / aftd Villages, Atchuma, as well as Matina, Tyes, Abrafso & Coffee Heydrai's Villages, & in t case, shd imagine it wd be necy f / Caboceer o Atchuma to hoist an English flag, t ther mt be no dispute abt it f / future, but y are / best Judge whr or not / same wd be proper.

Thos Melvil to / Clee o / Co o Merchts Hodg to Africa. [C-C-C-] 10 August 1754

Since my last by Capt Forman, I h yrs by Capt Sachaverel whose ship by / assistce o Capt Charke o Hm's Jason was unloaded in abt a week. Now y are in / right track I hope to see Annamaboe Fort finished & an end put to / sorry Plaving for its present state. I am going to acquaint y o / Death o Hur Worshipfull ab Afoe on / 12th inst. Hur Apperley wrote directly to be applied his Succor but has yet had no answer than I wd consult / Council. He has / charge & grants me receipts f / Supplies. He is going up in a few days, then I shd desire him to apply to y, & acquaint him o / place shd be kept Vacant till yr pleasure be known; t he shd h / allowce o £50 f Johns & / 3d Leeches t must suck. His Hur Apperley has / whole direcn o / Works ab Afoe, I do not choose to take / least step t may put him out o Humour, even tho he be unreasonable, as perhaps I may think him in / present case.

Ever since Hur Worship was applied, I h been plagued by Hur Shippesley to assign a reason f not offering it to him, tho he acknes he wd h refused it. I wish t

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Gentlemans friends wd ℔ him to sojorn a little before they attempt to push him any higher. I wish this f his own sake as well as yrs. The Mr Whytehill was made first Councellor yet I suppose y mean E / Man o / glist. esperce sh h / first chance to succeed Mr Van, T. wd all Controversy is Mr Tymewell. If Bantam y's Service is connected w such a such Forts it will breed gt confusion now / Paths are on / point o beg opened.

We h taken one Mr Willm Clowes, a Midshipman frm / Jason, & appted him a Writer, as we wanted hands, tho' we hd numbers. Every thg this year is so excessively dear & really I pity / poor Writers, yet our Establishmt will not bear beg in a hurry to make promotns

Mr De Vitre / new Dutch Pen has taken possn o his Pas. He notified his arrl by his Gentn & a letter in Dutch, o wh I did not understand one Word. One o / Gentn understook to interpret it & actually made out - Love, Peace - Hague - Col Jarte. No more. In return to all this, I sent Messrs Andrews & Whyte to Elmina, w an English letter o congratulan, wh contain'd / strongest assurcs o our sincere desire o liv'g in harmony. I likewise told him t if we were to h any intercourse we must correspond in a Neutral Language. This he thinks reasonable. Mr Bacot's beg appted a Councillor makes me suspect t barbarity towds / English has yet more particulars than it ot.

Inclosed is my Lre to Mr Senior & his answer. To give up Atchumah must ruin our reputan in this Country as / Dutch h no more right to it than to London. What must / Negroes think when they see those Claims wh they know were wantonly & knavishly set up, are now effectually supported by perjury? For to swear t Atchumah is theirs is perjury, & I am informed t Van Vorst procured Oaths to t effect. Indeed his example was baleful. If / acquisn o Atchumah wd do as much good to / Dutch as / loss o it wd injure us, it mt be some excuse f their behaviour. But it is quite otherwise. By

wrestg it fm us they mean to shew / Negroes t we can't protect them, & therefore t we are not worthy o the regard. Of taking repentance fm us was addg it to them one wd not grudge them a little, but t is impossible.

F these ten years bygone, / Windward Forts h bn very little worsted by / Natives, but when / Warsaws go home & / Ashanties come down, they will perhaps become fr most valuable possessions, especially to / Fantees plague & steal / traders as they did formerly, as they very probably will as their morals are not bettered. I h so often wrote y abt / opening o / Paths to so very little purpose, t I am almost ashamed to write any more news. However, once more take / story as I h it.

Not long ago a near Relation o ours, formerly King o Akim went fm / Warsaw Camp directly to Ashantee wt communicating his design to any one. When he came before Quishee (/ King) he told him who he was, on wh orders were given to chop off his head; wch he coolly told / King t if he had a passion for his head he was welcome to it, only he wished he would give him time to tell what carried him thr. This was granted. "Now tell" (Quishee) said he, "t for many years y & one side, Akim, Warsaw & Dinkera on / 3rd, h kept each other at bay, neither party "choosg to fight & yet ye do not make peace; it is for this I h come up to know yr "terms. If I can be / means o reconcilg all yr differences I esteem it / highest act o my "life. If I fail, I may dispose o my head as I please." Quishee & all present applauded / Resolution & good intentions o / man. A Treaty was set on foot & concluded on these terms. The Ashantees are to rece 1,600 oz. Gold, viz. fm Warsaw 800 oz. fm Akim 400 oz fm Dinkira 400 oz. Of this money / Warsaws h paid 400 oz to / King's messengers now in / Camp; / 3rd moiety is to be paid when Say (/ Heir to / stool or throne - wch ye please to call it - o Ashantee) takes Pitch to observe what has bn concluded. This is what I h bn told, & what makes me think thr is some truth in it is this, Quishees messenger actually is now in / Warsaw Camp, & has sent to Cudjo to know whr he has any inclination to send any body up to / King. If he has, t his

Messenger may go up w him. The Fantees h not bn consulted in this matter, & are to get nothg by it, f wch reason perhaps they will endeavour to render / Treaty ineffectual, especially if they hear t the de Pietre is determined to open / Paths, if money can do it. I hope it is only a disgrace upon, f / wch a man can't continue a more effectual way o keepg them shut, than givg money just now to open them. I shall omit no oppy o advisg y how matters go. when / Trade is opened & Provisions furnished. I hope both y & I sh enjoy some rest, especially as my Enemies must h tired themselves out before t time, f the fund o falsehood, tho gr, can't be infinite.

Trade here is vndift. By / accts I hd, Derbyshire went to Leeward w 330 Slaves, Wm Brown o Bristol carried off abt 250, Graham, by whom this goes, will h abt 320, Galley not here, her Husbands informs me, will go w near 300. Furnell o Liverpool contracted w Mr Richd Brew, nov Merchant at Mumford, f 150 slaves payable in 3 months. I hear he is near ready tho / time is not near elapsed. Of / Ashanter Paths open, / goods wanted will be Guns, Gunpowder, Pewter Basons, Brass Pans, Knives, Iron, Cowries, Silks, / Bejeta pauls will go vch. O these Torchets are hire preferred to India. The Linen is estimated /- p. piece.

We h not lately bn much troubled w French; f some months before / arrl o / Jason I saw none. I wrote / inclosed [copies] to Capt Clarke wh hd / desired effect; tho he hd no orders to t purpose. In / next supplies send 1000 yds Osnaburgs dondy some ch Pipes consumes a gr quantity.

The Fantees still continue to wreak themselves o our Stores, but as Bricks & Lime will soon enable us to return the usage as it deserves. I sh not trouble y w any parts.

I wrote so much in my late letters abt Supplies, t say more will look as if I doubted y diligce wch wd be indecent & I dare say unjust. We h hd no deaths here t I remember, tho' my body except myself h bn more or less sick this Season.

John Apperley to Thos Melvill. C:C:C:- 13 August 1754

On / death o' our lohytell late Chief o' Above I took / liberty o' applyg to y' / Council to succeed ye lohytell as Chief o' / above place on / same terms & condns as he enjoyd it, as submitting to / Ctee f the approbn wch I sh strictly comply w', havg first / Councils authority f' actg in / meantime. I were pleasd to write me in answer to / above lre if y' wd let / Council know o' / proposal I hd made, wch I submitted to, but havg heard no fur o' it, in consequce o' / above answer took upon me / disposal o' / Ctees supplies since our lohytells death, wch I believe y'll find h not ben wasted, & beg wd y' to know y' resolun concerng / above applicn, on hearg our Lymewell was at C-C-, that is proper oppy to wait on y' f y' determinn, as / vacancy o' a Chief o' Above must necessarily increase / expences o' t place, till somebody is authorized in a proper manner fm / Govr & Council at C-C- to dispose o' / public supplies. As / last two Chiefs o' t place were apptd by y' I must own I think it a hardship upon me t' I shd be excluded fm / same privileges t' they h enjoyd before me. They were apptd when applied to / Ctee f the confirmn wch I sh likewise comply w', but knowg nothg o' this last resolun wch I cd not conclude fm y' answer to me. I h now / last oppy where I must write to / Ctee as I am not to stay on / Coast longer than / Fort is in buildg wch, w a proper supply o' materials cannot be long before it is finished. If y' have any reasons why y' shd not appr me Chief, please to let me know them, then I will cheerfully drop all my pretens. I h acted for / best sincerity both towds / Ctee & y' & wth Vanity I h done more f / good o' / Ctees Service than they expected. I shd F / confirmn o' / above I refer to / Natives o' Above & / Day Books will shew y' what I h taken fm / Stores for t' purpose. Have set / Bricklayers to work last Thurs in raisg / Walls o' / North West Bastion, time will not admit o' my beg long absent as I intend soon to stretch and'r part o' / Fountain gog to / fishg town. I sh be glad to know y' answer to this, & assure y'self / faithful discharge o' my Duty as a Chief & y' think it f / good o' / Service wch I h sincerely at heart.

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Thos Melvill to / Clee — 5 September 1754

Inclosed is a Copy o my Lr per Apperley came up here & wrote / inclosed Dft, as wh he was appted Chief o Apam who has desird me to use his my Frnd w^t y^e f his information. If any other Chief be appted during his stay y can expect no agreemt & our Apperley Lrs / direction o / Works. If there be any error here, it is o / first concoction.

The Ashantee Messengers I mentd in my last is still here in / Warsaws Camp. The Dutch Gen. Pears, has sent gr presents to all / inland Caboceers wh I fear will produce effects very diff^t fm his expectations. I h^d very little intercourse w^t / Dutch since his Pictures arrivd, but in / little I h^d, he appears very civil. I h^d wrote only two letters to him o / last was begg^d an explanation o his answer to my first, & the French translation one most almost as unintelligible as the Dutch originals. I continue to lend his Husbands h what he writes f^r to vouch, & sh do so till it amts to £500 if he requires it, upon / arrivl o / next Cos Ships; but I apprehend he will choose to be paid at home. At Apam now Wheelwright & Richardson o Lpool almost ready to go off; the will remain Duncombe & Rolls o Bristol. Trade middling.

Ee 53. Read July 15. 1755.

List o / Clee o / Co o Merchts trading to Africa f / year 1755

[3 names each f^r London, Bristol & Lpool]

Ee 55 Read [fm Cleveland] Aug 18 } 1755.
Read Sep 17.

State & Condn o / several Forts undermentd on / Coast o Africa, as inspected by Richd Edwards Esqr Commander / HMS Despatch [Mar to Apr 1755]

[Vide Summary in Admelty Bk ⑤].

Le 58.

Recd Oct 6 }
Read — 9 } 1755.

The Clee sea to Thos Melvill & / Council at C-C-C- London 15 September 1755

Our Melvills dre o 8 April last 1755 we recd 8 Aug last . . . . . .

We sh apply to Mr Whitaker & Mr Roberts to know whr Cudjoe's demand is charged in Mr Roberts accts, & if so, when Mr Roberts recēs his mony we will desire him to allow it, wh is all we can do, in / meantime y will delr / inclosd dre to Mr Cudjoe [n.h.]

Ys request to send out Sackee & Aqua in one o our ships came too late, they beg at Plymouth, before we recd yrs, to take the passage on board / Humber Man o War, Capt Scott who we believe is still detained there by contrary winds.

We now enclose y invoices & B/Ls of Goods & stores by / Race horse, Capt Barwell amtg to £6.723-18-2 wh we wish safe w y & sh send y / remdr o this years supplies in a little time.

Capt Ellis is come home & upon applica made to him relatg to his misconduct in taking away / boy wt leave o his friends, he insists upon it to be brot him off w the Consent & ti / case has ben unfairly represented by Mr Apperley to Capt Edwards We therefore desire y will make full Enquiry abt it & let us know how it really is & if in its consequences it shd be attended w any Expenses, transmit to us a partr Accr throf, w proper Vouchers to enable us to recover it o Ellis agn & y / future, if any persons shd infringe / Act o Parliamt in this respect, we desire y will send us / best proofs y can o / same, as we are determined to prosecute all such offences as far as it is in our power

Inclosed is a list o Soldiers sent out w the by this Conveyce, w their Indentures & we sh send y more by / next opptty.

Public affairs are now very near a Crisis, & our Men o War take all French Ships, so y a declaran o war may be daily expected: We therefore repeat our desire y all / Officers at / Forts be directed to be very vigilant to guard agst any surprize, & y they suffer no French Ships to anchor within Gunshot o any o / Forts

We h desired yr Director Watson* to take for y fm Madeira, five or six pipes o Wine, of wh we expect he will find room in / Ship. Durre we hope y will rece them by / Hermitage Man o War

By Order o / Cttee &c (sgd) Saml Pottier Secry

Ec 59. Read Aug 12th } 1755
Read Oct 9th }

The Cttee o / Co... to Thos Melvill & / Council o C.C.C. dd 5 May 1755

An enquiry has bn made this last Sessions in / House o Commons into / conduct o / Cttee relatg to / Fort at Annamaboe, where it was strongly observed y many materials were unnecessarily sent fm England at a gt expence, wh might be procured ye Coast much cheaper on / Coast, & it was given in Evidce by Messrs Roberts, Russel, Gardner & ors, y stone lime bricks & timber might be got there sufficient to build / sd Fort, & y there was no necessity o sendg any o those articles fm hence; y all / Forts upon / Gold Coast were built o materials got upon / Coast, & Mr Roberts sd y he had made 1200 Bricks a day (exy fit for inward Work) at Cape Coast Castle w one o / Co's Slaves, & y they had Brickmakers enough to make sufficient for / Fort, & they alleg'd y all these materials might be got

* vide my 1755 MS.

at little or no expense as / Co had Slaves enough to employ in t service, & / Rocks were Fetiche, yet t those Fetiches must be bot off f spirituous liquors o a small Value

This is / substance o / Evidce in regard to / Erecn o / Fort at Apoor. I are sensible t / Bricks & Lime sent out by / Ctee fm England was conformable to express & repeated demands fm yrself & Mr Apperley. As to Lime, Mr Apperley wrote us o 10th March 1753, t w Mr Melvill's assistce he hoped to get as many Shells as wd burn 1500 as much Lime as he shd want f / Fort, yet on 8th Septr following he writes f 200 tons o Lime, & on 11th Octr & 11th Novr in / same year [11 Nov. supra p 103] Re renews / sd demands & also desires 3 or 400,000 Bricks In his letr o 22 Jan 1754 [P101 supra] he refers to / 3 lrs beforementioned, complains o his distresses & says t he must stand still f want o Materials, & on 13 June 1754 [P 86 supra] these demands are extended to one Million o Bricks & 400 Tons o Lime wh h bn sendg out ever since by / Ctee w / utmost expedn so far as / Publick Money in the hands wd admit.

To invalidate / above Evidce / opinion o Messrs Creighton, Gregory, Chalmers Ellis & Bruce, whom we consulted when we undertook / buildg, & / extracts o yr letters & Mr Apperley's were laid before / House, so far as relates to yr employg / Sloop in fetchg Lime fm Dixcove. / Tediousness o t method in getg t Article, & / 3d slow progress wh wd be made in buildg / Fort by t means; o Mr Apperley's endeavours to get all / Stone he cd upon / Spot all hindered by / Natives, & all / arguments f both make use o, to shew t / sendg out Bricks & Lime fm hence wd be / cheapest & most expeditious way o finishg / Fort, & / repeated requests f h made to / Ctee f a constant supply o those Articles fm

*This previously was / "narrative", copied supra p 115.

England. Nor was / bad Quality o / Bricks upon / Coast forgot to be urged, yet as neither o y have in any o yr letters sufficiently shewn / endeavours y had made use o to get Stone elsewhere than at Annamaboe, to make Bricks & procure Lime for any oth place than Duncove, this affair is taken out o our hands & put into / Managemt o / Board o Ordnce as y will see by / following resolun o / House o Commons

Resolved That an humble Address be presented to his Majty that he will be graciously pleased to give directns to / Office o Ordnce to send over a proper person or persons to inspect / present State o / Fort at Annamaboe, & / seal for Forts on / Coast o Affrica, & to lay the proceedgs & the opinion thereupon before this House as soon as may be; & that humbly to desire his M. t if it shd be found necy immediately to put / sd Fort o Aboe into a proper condn, that he will be graciously pleased to order a sum o money to be issued to / Bd o Ordnce for / performce thereof, & what to what Expences his Majty shd be at for these purposes, this House will make good / same to his Majty

The affair standg thus, & / want o yr explaing yrselves sufficiently on these heads, hath prejudiced y & Gov Apperley in / opinion o many. We therefore insist to y both y & Gov Apperley do give us as soon as possible a full & particr account, duly authenticated, what methods h ôn used to procure / said articles o Stone, Bricks, Lime & Timber upon / Coast, o / advantages or inconvenience & Expence wh attend / procurg o each article, & state to us in a very full & clear manner (what y assert) t / sendg o materials fm England to build / Fort, wd be / cheapest as well as / most expeditious method o compleatg it; The follow Order o / H. o C. has been sent to / Cttee in consequce o / Enquiry, wh y & Gov Apperley must see Executed, as far as relates to / Expences incurred on / Coast & / materials used, & properly applicable to / sd Works. Also an exact plan & section o / sd Fort & a Scale o / Dimensions thereof.

Ordered. T / Clee o / Co o Merchts trading to Africa do prepare, in order to be laid before this House in / next Session o Parliamt an Acct o / monies expended in building a Fort at Annamaboe, distinguishing separately / several Articles o Expence as / same were incurred, & / several quantities o / Materials used in building / sd Fort, & / parts purposes to wch such materials were respectively applied, togr wt an exact plan & section o / sd Fort or a scale o Dimensions thereof. ~~[illegible]~~ Also wch orders as far as they can be executed upon / Coast we desire may be done in / most exact & perfect method & transmitted to us by / 1st first oppy, to be ready if possible to lay before / House / next Sessions o Parliamt a copies thereof sent by diff Ships for fear o miscarriage. The Acct o those Expences req must be signed by yrself & Mr Apperley & / Council at C-C-C-. Be parte in givg us an acct o / Goods expended in procurg / Fantee Recognizn; also o all / Expences incurred ab or concerng Annr Fort for / beginning to this time, at / Cost & Sterlg price. We desire t / Stores sent out by / Medway (Gorman) may be accted for partly / Bricks, it having bn insinuated to us t they were made use o to build a Storehouse at ~~[illegible]~~ Cape Coast for yr own use.

Mr Roberts has accused y o actg contrary to / Act o Parliamt by making use o / Cos Slaves & Craft for carryg on yr trade: o stoppg / parties to Windr / trade going down; o making / Traders take Fetiche to keep the Slaves to y only; & of selling 40 Slaves to a Dane; we desire t y wd clear up all these points to us, for yr own vindication: we desire also t y wd send us an exact acct o / Slaves in / Cos service at this Factys & ages, t a Judgmt may be formed how far they are serviceable & how they h bn employed durg / time o building / Fort at Annamaboe. Yr ship Prince Edward we hear has is arrived at St Kitts (& it was insinuated in / House) wt negroes on yr acct, wch, if true is surprizg, considerg / Orders y h recd for / Clee.

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The Parliament has granted £6,000 towds defrayg / Expences incurred in buildg / Fort at Abor, wch will be sent out in Goods to discharge / debt & yr, & ors on / Coast. so soon as / money can be obtd, but no more Bricks & Lime can come fm / Clee, these (if any) must come fm / Bd o Ordnce.

You will observe by / Order o / House to t Board, t / Engr is to be sent out, is to survey all / ye British Forts on / Coast as well as t at Abor: we therfore desire y will send us an exact Acct o / repairs wch h bn done by y since y went out in our Service, & o what fur repairs are still wantg, properly authenticated, t / same if necy may be laid before / House. We desire y will send us an Accr o all / Gambia Slaves y h recd, how many by each ship, the Names & Ages, & what Trades y h put them to.

Inclosed is a copy o / Acct delivd in to / H. o C. o / Stores sent by us & / Expences incurred in buildg / Fort at Abor, wch we send for yr Govr, t in case there shd be any Articles or thgs mentd in / sd Acct wch neither h, or will be, applied towds Abor Fort, y will let us know how they are disposed o, t we may make / necessary alterans accordgly agst / next Sessions o Parliamt.

By Order o / Clee &c.
Saml Porrier Secy

The Clee to John Apperley 5 May 1755

. . . . . [Most o this letter is in / same terms as t to Melvill of / same date supra. After givg him / details o / Resolun & Order o / H. o. C. / letter continues as follows:] We h now t acknt / rect o yr letters o / 30th Oct [p 111 supra] & 4th Feb. [illegible] / former acquaintg us of / death o your Worthy Lieut & t y hd applied to / Govr & Council at C.C. to succeed him as Chief at Abor: / reasons y give for confirmg this apptmt & / strong recommdatn

o Gun Metal has induced our Complisc altho contrary to our Resolun o preferg our Officers on / Coast accordg to Seniority. We depend therefore on yr exertg yrself in carryg on / Fort, & hope it will soon be in a condn to receive white men; & if wee get / Gates made & hung as soon as possible in order to prevent / materials or stores from beg stole We also desire if to get Apartmts ready to / recepn o Artificers & Gambia Slaves, r they may protect / Stores &c.

It will also be necy to remove / Guns immedly into / Fort to prevent / damage they are liable to by lyg in / sand

The Fantees beg a people who will lay hold o any oppy to extort presents we are apprehensive will be tryg on this occ when yr take possn o / Fort, & therefore strongly recommend yr to do this as soon, & as privately, as possible. We do not find t / Ceremony o takg possn o a Fort in Europe is attended w any extry expence, & this must certainly be needless in yr / Country where yr reside, & cannot be supported by our small allowce fm / Publick. We recommend to yr / utmost frugality in this respect; we expect t / amt shd not exceed our Coby tells expenditure at / time o layg / foundn . . . In consequce o / Votes o / H. o C. before mentd, / Bd o Ordnce h directed Mr Director Watson & 2 Assistants to take a survey o / Forts, & partly / Works at Cabor. We shd write yr / needful by those Gentlemen & flatter ourselves t they will find / Works carried on in / best & frugalest manner / nature o thgs & circs on / Coast will admit & t Mr Report will confirm / good opinion we h always entertained o yr Integrity & Conduct

By Order o / Cttee &c

Saml Peircy, Secry

John Hippisley Chief o Succondee Fort to Thos Melvill 5 December 1754

I am forced to write to y obt / terrible condn o this Fort & to beg t y wd think o its beg in some shape repaired. After yr beg so vy angry w me f my importunity to y on this subject; I had determined to say no more abt it, but now t / Serjeant & Soldiers declare they can stay in it no longer I believe you'll think it time to speak. The is not a room t a man can go into without running / hazard o his life f / Curtain walls are so bare towards t / fields are left w little o no Mold & often fall down, soon o y are so fallen; / Battlements are full o gt holes fm those fields beg carry, & where they are whole / remaing ones are so ready to fall t it is vy dangerous walking on them as such fears h experienced who h fallen thro' tho' luckily wthout hurting themselves vy much. ... / Rooms h a most melancholly look, are open at / top & are all on / brink o coming to pieces ... The Serjt & Soldiers h told me t they are far fm wanting to leave / service Clees Service tho' must be obliged to it if they cannot h better lodgg; t they do not complain o / rain always coming upon them f a 3 yrs sufferce has caused them to t; but to h / Timbers & Plank & Stone so often fall abt this sorts is too much & such a situn is intolerable ... what I write y... is fm no selfish motive, & bad as / Fort is, my lodgg in it is good & I can make just / same trade on it as if it was as strong & in as good repair as any Fort what.

John Apsley to / Clee 4 February 1755

Acknes the bill o 1 Aug. by / Bassnett, Is sorry they shd charge him w neglect o not giving timely notice o his wants in Materials & Stores. This is 10th Letter since he came to / Coast - most o them tells o his wants of time & Bricks - Recd per / Ryder 110 Casks Lime & 1500 Bricks - No Bricks is done by Capt Forman as he landed what Stores he had at C. C. Hopes his Lre & plan by Capt Coggill will inform them o his wants in Bricks & Lime viz 220 Hogsheads & 46 Butts Lime, 90,000 Bricks - Recd per Bassnett 84 punch: Lime & 50,000 Bricks - The further acct o his proceedgs will come by Bassnett in abt a fortnight's time - ...

Thos Melvill to / Clee 12th February 1755

- Copy o his last inclosed. Nothg remarkable happened since - at Abot / Tradesmen & Labourers almost all sick o / Worms wh greatly retards / Work: wythg goes on very quietly at present: Has proved ye 15th time not fair for wtg long Lrs. —

Thos Melvill to / Clee. 14 March 1755

My last was by / Hanover Planter, was undispatched, it was there the Spencer brot me yrs o 6 Nov [LP 109 supra] where in is 5th] also a dupy o t by Capt Edwards who is not yet come down. The Spencer unloaded her goods here in abt 5 days, & is now at Abot; she will not be detained twice as many weeks as / Capt expected to be months.

The Silvia we're in when / Mercury left this, not appears so very alarming to y as to warrant an express & as she was so unluckily as to h a long passage, I shd say no more abt her. It is well t Messrs Roberts, Husbands & Botelers Claim is to be settled at home. Mr Husbands takes up goods here for time to time on t accot as y will perceive by yr Books. Mr & Boteler are beginng a new partnership. Roberts has behaved in such manner to him as to do honor to / Virtue & penetran o his European partizans. If, when you communicated to me / Charges exhibited by Messrs Wankey & Harris, y had bn so kind as to send me / whole Evidence, & I h distinguished what / Lords o Trade, & what y believed, I shd ere now h sent answers. But as I was conscious o my own innocence, & confidg in all yr Lrs, wrote under the Lordships' suspecn, a constant approbn o my conduct, I left it to time & a steady adhesn to my duty to dispel those clouds raised by disappointt Suspicon & an eternal prowlg after money.

If Mr Roberts wants to be restored to a place wh he held long after his want o Capacity was plain to ev one, if Mr Wankey is angry t I wd not take him into Partnership, or ab least prefer him to any ot competitor; if Mr Harris has taken a pique into his

60 If y & I are concerned in trade, & wants me out & he & Wanley may have day abt [sic], as is pretty apparent fm comparg this suspicion w/ last para o his let o 9. May 1759: I [27]
say if these I men shd meet, it is no wonder if they shd exert themselves to give y trouble?
I cd mention ye motives wch actuate ye men to plague y & vex I am far off fm / some o wch are yet some people may fancy I am better informed than they imagine This is a specimen o candour in my good friend Ellis wh & wch excites my praise the more / motives wch led him to work as by his own acct he turned out a Clive man & Bristol & took & put Roberts in his room, only as he says, "/ fellow cd not be prevailed on to hold his tongue, & by speaking, his foolishness & folly became too conspicuous!" when he was asked, "what made y trouble yrself w these matters"? "pure love o intrigue" "why did y pitch upon a man you was a fool to make a Clive man o?" Bec he cringed & flattered me to such an excess & I was obliged to take him under my protection."

If y think it worth while & afford me copies o all / Evidence, I shall either send y full answers to all / charges wch imply guilt, or be content to suffer. I sh, if y please, shew y: This is matter fact & yr Servants raise / price o Slaves upon / Ships, as they are most commonly an Ounce, but never less than 8 Actkies below them: & we can depend upon what / Captains themselves say, I never traded w / Publick supplies, nor indeed had any occn. This Husbands & his partners gave Cudjo 4 Actkies on each Slave they bot, before I came into / Country, on condn he shd trade none off & himself, but carry all to them: & after my arrl I abolished this tax. I as far as I can gather fm Wanley & Harris's Letter, Gardner is still as gt a liar as his friend Roberts used to represent him. I refused to enter into a partnership w our Slaves, but begged him to embrace / opply o getg something & himself, wch I shd see him free, & go home before his Constitn was worn out.

I before my arrl yr Slaves was only entitled to one fourth o / profit o his own trade, & was defrauded out o a considerable part o those profits

To perfect examina^{n} o' Mr Dacres wd ~~shew~~ give y^{e} lights into / moral characters o' Mr Roberts & his adherents, were there not already plain to ev^{y} body who wish'd see. I really did not turn out Capt Hamilton's good friends Mr Brew, untwig what I found insinuated & / inclosed his wh I send, & in return beg a copy o' his affid^{t}. I never deny dog all / service to ev^{y} ship I be in my power, & sh be v^{y} glad to know in what instce I h failed in my duty in this respect. I h kept up / ancient hospitality o' C-C- table, in seven years at / expence o' near £1000. I do not entertain wth Canky & Palm Oil, nor get drunk 3 times a day f seven years togr, as did my Worthy friend who was weak enough to meddle in this matter.

I free canoemen now water ships - & dare beg this pay on shore wt beg pumpered by a set o' hungry Agents & flogg'd by Mr Chalmers. The ship was ever scattered here by / old Cos canoes & canoemen wt beg well paid f it. The communicat^{n} or intercourse betwn / old Co's Agents & foreigners, especially / French, was gently g^{tn} than wth their own countrymen, who seldom chose to h anything to do wth them; therefore it is wrong in Mr Chalmers to plume himself in his excessive complaisance to foreigners, before his character f t quality be established where it was more his duty to exert it, & I, I apprehend, will not be in a hurry.

Put away these charges wh regard only me, turn back to / state o' Coast at y^{e} establishm^{t} & you'll find t all / dres fm Annamaboe were full o' / inroads o' / French upon our Trade, & / Dutch upon our property. Tas g^{t} if not g^{tn} prices were given at Apoe as ever h bn since. See Capt Grahame's Book o' Trade f / voyages before & after my arrl.

Now be pleased to observe / effect o' / free trade wh, it seems, appears so v^{y} ridiculous in / eyes o' some, & so v^{y} effectual in / eyes o' y^{e} rest / one nor / y^{e} can endure it. Not 50 slaves fm Apoe to Accra are sold in a year but what are first refused by / English. The Dutch h unanimously joined in a representa^{n} o' the distressed state to the Co & freely own t unless matters alter, they h no business here.

Pls to / price o Slaves, be pleased to observe: -

T fm 1734 to 1741 Men Slaves at Prior cost 40z to 9½ oz

T Wom Slaves now are now gently at 60 oz

T Men slaves sold at Jamaica durg / above period fobt £34 Currency

T men slaves now sell f £50 Currency

T fm / increasing Currency o our Country, / advance o/ Sugar keeps pace w/ / advance upon / Slaves

T / high price o Sugar induces ey planters to use his utmost endeavours to make as much as he can, & / gradual wearg out o our Islands still requires an increase o/ number o Slaves to produce / same quantity

T the almost total destruction o Akim & Assin, & / civil wars in Ashantee, h made those Slaves, wch pass under / denomination o Cormantees, very scarce & consequently dy dear

T / advancement o / price o Slaves has bn durg / period above mentiond has rather bn gter where y h no forts, than on this part o/ Coast

T / chief, nay only, advancement, has bn on / old nominal price or shore when nobody wod sell the Slaves, & / real price now currently given; / one 4 oz, To 1 oz. below / ship price.

Having given you a State o/ Coast at, & since, ye Establishment, & pointed out / true causes o/ rise o/ price o Slaves I shall now throw out a few hints concerng / Lords o Trades opinion & ye Regulans, t I may discharge my Duty in / most ample manner. The constant vent f Slaves at our forts has raised a new set o traders who go to market ey week & buy the Slaves wn to / Fort or to / Ships Boats in / Road. If a Trader comes down & finds no vent f his Slaves wn in / Fort or Road, he must return to / market as few or no traders dare travel along / Coast f fear o beg pawned, either on acct o ther own debts or Crimes or f those o some Gr, belongg to this Crown or Country. when / English traders are knockd up, those o / Dutch must come into play, & when them we sh h ~~French~~ once more / French to contend w.

But if it be replied here, We do not mean to turn away / Channel o Trade for our own Forts, all we intend is to prevent our Servants fm sendg off Slaves on their own acct.

To this I answer, if men trade it must be to get something by it. Slaves yield goods in profit. How are these goods to be disposed of? Mr Farquhars Letters, which I inclosed [in h.] shews ~~Mr Farr~~ y / prices he can purchase our Commodities f fm / Negroes, & these are below prime Cost. But even at these prices they cant readily be sold f Gold, so to what purpose are ye Servants to trade in Slaves? Or in other words to trade at all. The English ships f / Jamaica market wch are three fourths o/ number wch come upon / Gold Coast, are extremely nice in the / choice o the Slaves. I once offered 100 to Capt Hawkins o Bristol, he set he cd pick out abt 30. They all went off in / Prince Edward & sold very well. Was it better to send them to our Colonies than to let / French or Dutch send them to them? If misfit (may sometimes, what experience has shewn me, by good) plantn Slaves cannot always be sold to our Ships; & if any fr method o disposg o such be debarred, who can venture to trade in Slaves? This may answer some peoples purpose in making them scarce & dear in / Colonies but wre it answers a National purpose? Has it a tendency to promote / Sale o our Manufactures - or to fill our Colonies w swift numbers o Slaves. Yt has / ~~reverse~~ by reverse or if / Trade is to be knocked up by it I beg no blame may be thrown upon / Act f Extendg & Improvg / Trade to Affrica, as t Act has certainly produced its effect as far as / Circs o this exhausted Country can admit o improvg / Slave Trade.

After what I h sd in former Letters abt / my advanced f Affairs ye may easily judge what I felt upon seeg ye last Bill, where I sd it was agst ye Regulations & / Opinion o / Bd o Trade to allow one to invest t Debt in Slaves & ship off these Slaves to America, tho the Ldships say t proper time or to be allowed ye Servants to dispose o the present Stock o Goods

Y h not goods on / Coast to pay one or seven / meer purposes o / Coast till next ye. Pray consider what a Dilemma I am thrown into; for Affairs must be abandoned,

or I must advance. If / former, / Man is disgraced; if / latter I may be in / State so many wish to see me in. If ever any man was put into my condon, or if the Lordships & Y are satisfied, upon reexamining this matter, & Y h ~~Lordships may are satisfied, upon reexamining this matter, & Y h~~ done no more to me than what Y will desire me to do to Y in / same cases & I shall say no more. I shall conclude w wishg t some persons who are fully acquainted w this country, & o no party, will coolly consider this matter, & endeavor to find out a method o pleasg ev'y one, whom promotg / Gen good o / Trade will please, & yet hay nobody under any hardship

Ft. Bour we go on very quietly at present, bec I was not quite pleased at hav'g / Works stopped & our apparel's head directed to be cut off; & bec Gov Ellis was told t I called himself, Boats, & Brown, three piratical Commodores I send / inclosed letter [n h]. Gov Ellis will easily k found out t I never bestowed any Epithets upon him --- ... [personell] ... [complet abt / Quality of sundry goods, ...

A French Ship lately passed Charnah & came here wantg a Convoy. I sold him one o Yrs to take away any peice o hayg here.

Two of ships o / same Man came afterwds for Wood & Water & offered to let me put an Officer on board. I gave each sufficient to convey them to Pope, but desired to be excused fm givg them more as I was puttg it in their power to remain on this part of / Coast.

Mr Roberts, it seems, promised Cudjo £4-00, in case he got his money of / Discove officers in consn o his extry trouble & expences. I promised Cudjo to mention this at present, but advised him to transmit an acct o / matter himself. Cudjo's share of to be in proportn to what Roberts recvs & like deducns made fm the claims.

... [much abt arts. o Trade] ... May send out a silk flag such as I wh

was sent to John Carrantee by Capt Buckle, & feet Broad & 16 ft long. I beg
that y will write to Mr Apperley by / first ships ... to this effect. That I hope he
will soon be / Fort in a Condon to receive White men; that he will endeavour to get his
Gates made & hung as soon as possible under pretce of preventg / loose Bricks & &c
Stores fm beg stole as formerly; that he will do his utmost to get Apprentis of /
Artificers & Gambia Slaves whom he shd send on as soon as he can to watch / Stores.
That / he shd immedly take his Guns fm / sand where they now are & return Ships
Salutes, & send them into / Fort under pretce that / Boys fillg them w sand & stones
will spoil them; & lastly that he shd get in himself wt ceremony or fracas. I am
afraid nothing less than ye orders, of wh I desire a copy, will produce this effect.
When / foundan was laid Mr Apperley came up here to know what present I
wd make / Fanties, whn I wd choose to go / length of £1000? He acquainted me
of / Forms & Ceremonies prescribed by / Bd of Ordnce: of / gn quantities of Liquor allowed
on such occasions, not less than 1500 galls of Wine for a four Gun Battery, & so in
propon, & that if I did not allow him to do / thg as it shd be done on ye
acct he wd do it himself & get / Bd of Ordnce to repay him. This he talked publickly.

I heard him, wrote to Mr Whytfell wt his knowledge, desired him to
get some of / head Caboceers & make them drunk, & then propose / thg. He
did so & brot / whole down to 15 or 20 oz. in trade. I then told Mr Apperley
/ Affair was settled, & he was silent. Now he is got upon / taking possn & has
asked more than once at / table here "what will ye Gov / Fanties to say when
we take possn?" This was before / Fanties parting, who let nothing drop.
My answer was for "We h possess", but he says ye must be a
ceremony. Take no notice of my Bro. but let / thg come out of ye own shop.
You know how we are supplyed. Kings Officers never think of it, & if
/ expectans of / Fanties are stretched up to an unreasonable height & / sum
asked, refused, ye Post may go to ye Masters. I am very sorry to be

obliged to say anything I may be construed into a reflexion on Mr Apperley: but shd any mischief happen by my not writing what Sr Rodney knows, I shd surely be blamed & justly. Pleadg my Interdiction from meddlg in Admy matters wd not save me. I really believe Mr Apperley means very well & is what they call a Man of Honor & Service & leads him into these devians. Perhaps we unpracticed men run wrong on y^r side in some cases, tho' hardly in this. If y^u cd possibly throw in a hint to Apperley & y^t expect his Oeconomy will at last possess equal Whitehall at large? I founda^n y^t will silence him directly & make him see matters in a very diff^t light from what he does. This is a long misc. letter & can't bear beg lengthened by Apologies. If I h in some places expressed myself w^t asperity, impute it to many provoca^ns I h met w^t. I h here 3 or 4 half sheets after letting them lye till I had cooled, & finding them rather too pointed to do any good. One thg I sh assure y^u of, if t will plead for me, t I sh never trouble y^u any more concerning y^r Regula^ns I h discharged my Conscie, afforded y^u all Information I can & leave y^r issue to Time, prayg t y^u may do what is best for y^r Country

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The Clerk out to Thos Melvill & Council at C-C-C- 28. June 1755

— They wrote on 9th Nov 1754 [p 104 supra] by Spencer Frigate... also a few lines o 12 Feb 1755 [p 109 supra] to put y^u on y^r guard on acct o / Expectation then was o a Rupture w^t / French —

— They acknw rect o the sundry Letters o 10 Aug [p 145 supra] 5 Sept [p 150 supra]. 30 Oct [p 110 supra] 30 Nov [p 142 supra], 12 Dec. [p 124 supra] 1754: 9 Jan [p 124 supra] 12 Feb [p 109 supra] & 14 Mar [p 154 supra] last: to all wh & / several Lres referred to therein we sh reply in Course —

— Are very sorry to hear o Lohylills death — confirm Apperleys apptmt as Chief
o Shor, "while" notg d is contrary to our determinan of giving a preferce to /
Officers o / ghest experice, upon a supposin t his Apperley has no intenc
o continug on / Coast longer than whilst / Fort is buildg like h wrote him
accordgly by this oppy, & on / next vacancy desire t his Tymewell may succeed
agreeable to his merit" &c ... The settlg our claim to Atchuma continues
still on / same Situan, no answer hasg bn given to our memorial on t head,
but we sh renew our applicn / 15th oppy, & in / mean time hope y will
make use o wy justifiable means to preserve / British Rights o those Villages,
& frn / good character y give of new Dutch Gen, we are in hopes o yr meetg
w success, especially as / Natives are so well disposed to support y. The
opong o / Ports we apprehend to be o gt consequce to / Trade, & altho attended
by w many difficties hope will be accomplished by some means or ot. We are
glad to observe t yr Ire to Capt Clarke relatg to drivg / French ships off
/ Coast hd / desired effects. 9t was a wy proper measure, as we cannot be too
watchful o their behaviour, who will improve wy oppy o intrudg themselves
in order to get an establishmt on / Gold Coast. ... ...

The dispute betwn / English & Portuguese ships at Annamaboe is o too
delicate a nature for us to interfire in at present & therefore we must leave it
to y to act upon all such occasns / best y can for / Intt o this Country. When /
Fort is finished it may be in our power to take such measures as may be
necy to preserve our sole right to / Trade o t Place.

We are glad to see by / new Dutch Gens Ire t he continues so well
inclined to live in harmony w y, & hope this good disposin may be
improved so far as to put an end to all differs subsisting betwn us & /
Dutch in Africa. — Peters Indentures were sent by / Spencer Frigate —

166. As / affair relatg to / claims o Roberts, Husbands, & Butler must be settled at home, we desire y will furnish us w an Acct o / whole they h already recd fm y & make them no fur paymts. Y may probably refer us to / Books f. this acct, but as none are come to hand since Christmas 1763, we must desire in future t y will transmit / ½ Yrly accts as soon as possible after / time is expired. Strictg / charge made by our Husbands agst his partner our Roberts f ill treatmt, our Whitaker his Agent appeared at / Bar o / H.o.C. & declard t all accts were settled by our Roberts to his satisfn.

What passed in / H.o C. last Session upon / Enquiry concerng / managemt o / African trade more materially requires yr attenn than / Strictness y desire; we therefore strongly recommend yr furnishg us w a full & particl answer to our lre o / 6th. May [P 152 Supra.] wh contained / Heads of matter wh was discussed on t occasn. The assurces given t y wh strictly conform yrselves to our last Regulatns prevented some severe censures beg passed on / behaviour o our Officers on / Coast, & what may be / consequce if y h deviated therfm in / case o / Prince Edward may be easily foreseen; the Ships will be much hurt w them, & therfore they must be submitted to. These Restrictns are ever so disagreeable, our Constituents still think / trade o /

Yr behaviour to / French ships who we observe are glad o a pretce to stop at Annamaboe is commendable, & / best means o preventg / inconvenciency wh might otherwise accrue to / trade.

The promise made by our Roberts to Cudjoe not comg under our Cognizce we can't give any yr answer thereto than by a proper representatn o / matter to him, who has not yet received any Compensatn fm / Publick f his Lge demand-

We are also taking up a ship to carry out / Investiture o £6,000 granted to defray / Expences incurred in buildg / Fort o Annamaboe & shall conform in / Assortmt as near as possible to yr Mem. . . . . We h wrote to / needful to our Agents & send y herewith a copy wh we hope will h / desired effect.

The Bd o Ordnce h chartrd a ship to carry out Bricks & Lime f / use o / Fort at Anoe & h also appted an Engr & Assistant to survey & value all / Ds Forts, & as they propose taking up and Vessel to accomodate those Gentlemen, we shall write y agn by ye appt, & in / meantime desire y to assist them as much as lies in yr power, y the business may not be delayed, observg to take / Engrs Bills & what y may disburse on this accn

Mr Daires has applied to us f a Debt due to him o £225 at Slaves Price expended in defendg / Inhabitants o / Town under James Fort Accra agst / Inhabitants o / Dutch Town there. As y are / best Judge o / nature o this demand, we must refer / matter to y, & in case it ot to be complied w, we desire y to remit / same to Mr Daires & it sh be allowed in yr acct

Capt Scott o / Hunter Man o War by whom youll receive this has taken charge o Mr John Aqua & Mr George Sackee who we think h made a sufficient stay in England to answer any good purpose, & we believe are so well satisfied w the Entertainment as to remember it w gratitude. The behaviour o these Gentlemen while in England has ben much appd, We therefore recommend them to yr Countenance on / Coast.

By Order of / Ctee
Saml Porrer Secy

The Ctee &c to Mr William Husbands at C. C. C. 16th July 1755

Acknr his Letter o 29 Oct last [p 110 supra] in answer are to advise him - That we think it improper as a Body to interfere in any dispute betwn y & Mr Roberts, yet beg desires he / upon all occasions on yr part to do y all / Service in our power & / Parliamt beg leave to add when we recd it we shewed it to some o / Members who proposed it to be read in / House by / Clerk. But / next day, to our surprize Mr Whitaker yr Correspondent appeared at / Bar o / House & declared y he had sued out / Writ vs Mr Roberts's Effects & y there was some money still due to him fm / Partnership. What still remains due to Roberts &c on yr acct. Since / Commencemt o / Ctee we sh not pay out / Knowledge o Mr Whitaker yr Agent who is all / Service we can do y in this matter

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Letters fm / Clee to Masters Sirs or / Chiefs of / time beg of Vacancies

John Appleby	..	Succandee
Wm Tyndall	..	Commenda
Thos Melvill	..	Capt Cargo
Jno Appleby	..	Mananbre
Andrew Farquhar	..	~~Fort St George~~ Tantamurry
Charles Reed	..	Winnebah
Ebenezer Young	..	Ilera
James Whitt	..	Rampram

The Reasons the Director Wilson beg appted by / Hon Bd o Ordre to survey all / British Forts upon / Coast o Africa pursuant to a Resolun o / Ld. C. o 22nd April last we direct yr to give him a / Gentlemen entitled him all paid & assiste in ye parts - - - We likewise order yr to furnish him Mr Wilson in such Canoes, Labourers, Slaves, & everything else he may want - - - & wee likewise his Bills & Discharge on / Bd. - & any disbursemts - - We desire yr will accomodate the Mr. & his assistants in / best manner yr can -

Thos Melvill to / Clee C C C. 8 April 1755

... ... Ye Bottles no 6 are shipped in / Gosport ...

Jno Appleby talks o beg in / Fort by next Christmas, so I hope he will follow my advice & get in by degrees; hereof if I wee give him a hint to this purpose it will do no harm.

John Cruickshanks Here has been making loud complts to me agst Capt Ellis of losing away a free boy fm Anamaboe wch leave fm his family (my Lord (Quassah) says) shd ye boy die before he returns he (Quassah) will be ruined & in ye case of many Judge how / Fort will go on. I beg some method may be fallen upon to prevent such things for / future. For tho' I am willg to believe Capt Ellis had no bad design in humouring the Boy by shewing him England, yet his Ship & cargo will not pay / damages / Publick will sustain shd any accident befall him.

Pray send Sackees & Aqua onb in one o ye new Ships, not a Man o War

Cudjoe to / Ctee C.C.C. 8 April 1755

When Gov Roberts went up to Succondee to settle / Discord Palaver, wh was in 1751 I accompanied him at his own request, & was at my gt expences in maintaining my own people who followed me, & many for whom / Accot drew to Succondee, besides ye disbursements his numerous to relate in this place

when t Gov[r] left this Coast he promised to use his utmost endeavours to procure me / sum o £400 wh was / acct o my expences to Succondee.

Abt a years ago I recd a Letter frm him giving me notice t I shd be reimbursed as soon as / money was struck out wh he was drawing for / Gov[t] & himself & partners Messrs Husbands & Potter.

Since t time I h heard nothg concerng t affair & therefore applied to Mr Melvil who advised me to lay / whole matter before y, wh I h done accordgly hope for ye Kindness & equity t y will favour me w ye assistce to recover my above demands, wh I can assure y are of ye just, / money beg expended purely on / Publick Acct . . .

Ee 60. Recd Oct 21 } 1755.
Read Nov 4 }

Melvil to / Ctee C.C.C. 2 May 1755

On / 8th inst I wrote y by / Gosport Man o War [p. 110 supra] I h sent sawyers to Succon to cut Timber f / Patis at Abor. I wish they had ben made at home & landed here till wanted.

We are all vy peaceable here. The French brg us rumours o Wars, but the crowd[g] down to Cabydah where they must remain 5 or 6 months, shews t they do not believe them, or are stronger at sea than is consistent w our safety . . . . .

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John Apperley to / Clee Anamabo 28 March 1755

– Acknows the Letter o 6 Inst last [p 165 supra] –

. . . [The Letter is mostly abt Bricks & Lime] . . .

Is sorry / Worthy Gentlemen shd h reason to paint a deficiency in his Estimate f buildg / Fort – Points out in his Estimate included neither Freight Enfrance o Lands at Mbor or any oth contingencies but only / bare buildgs – – Diggg / Ditch wlingsted at £916 - 18 - 6 was absolutely not necy, & caused

The two Bastions wh he was obliged to reduce thro / obstinacy o / Natives does not at all affect / strength of / Fort as they are o suffr strength size to command / Town & no Ships fm / Sea can offer them – Was he obliged to alter / situation o / 3d Gate to / West Curtain partly f convenency, & partly to oblige / Natives . . . . . Enclores Estimate 1. f a Slave Hole in W Bastion (fm Bricks & Lime). Estimate No 2 shewg how much – / Expenditure wch exceed original Estimate o / Buildg. Totals: Prime cost o Bricks besides Guns. Five new Vaults. Slave Hole &c. £9254. Total Freight fm England £10.165. 5.

Total charge o Fort £13.419.5.0

Ex 61.

Rcvd Oct 21 } 1755
Rcvd Nov 4 }

Anno 1754.

An Accot o / money rcvd & expended by / Clee o / Co o Adventrs trading to Africa f / support & Improvemt o / Forts & Settlemts on / 3d Coast / Clee Governr o . . . rivers . . . [Summary]

Rcvd by / Clee f 1753 by Balo o Accot o / Lords o / Treasury			£449 - 0 - 2
	Cash Rcvd	£10.000	
		283 14 6	9731 - 5 - 6
	Sundry Receipts		500 18 - 0
o / Lords o / Treasury		16.500 - -	
	Less Fees	416 - 12 - 6	15.583 7 - 6
			£26.294 - 14 - 2

Expenditure [Totals]		
Disbursemts o / Fort		£1.985 - 9 - 2
Gambia		1.508 - 16 - 1
Cape Coast		5.934 - 4 - 5
Allowance of → Black Gentlemen		322 - 8 - 11
		9.950 - 16 - 4
Sundry payments	287 - 1 - 6	
Charges o Managemt by Acct o Cashier	800	1.087 - 1 - 6
		10 437 - 18 - 1
Balce due to / Clee f 1755		15 856 - 16 - 1
		26, 294 - 14 - 2

[End o CO 388/46]

CO 389/30 P.

[Letters written]

fol 386] To Rt Hon Lords Comrs of H.M's Treasury

1754. My Lords

March 28 Pursuant to a Lre from Mr Hardinge of Ldships Secretary dd 15. February last [p. 60 supra], we have taken into Consn / Memorial of John Roberts, Gent of late R.A.C. of England at C.C.C. in Africa in behalf of himself & / Chief Agents to / sd Co praying a Reimbursemt of / sev Charges necessarily incurred by them as is alledged, in / Year 1750. Whereupon we beg leave to acquaint yr Lordships

That in / Year 1752 Their Excellencies / Lords Justices having referred to us for our Consn & opinion sev pps. relative to disputes wch had arisen betwn / Agents of / Late R.A.C. of England & those of / Dutch W.I.C. on / Coast of Africa, We did, on the occasn, make a full & parte enquiry into / causes & consequences of those disputes, & into / British Right to / Territory & Places, comprg wch / sd disputes arose. By / Evidence at the time laid before Us by / Clte of / Co of Merchts trading to Africa / English Right of Sovty & Jurisdn over / Fort & Garrison & Territory of Dixcove, / Town of Bushua & Forests of Atchua in / sd Territory was fully proved to us; it was also proved to us that in April 1750 / Dutch Vice Gen did, in a Lre to / President of C.C.C. declare War agst / English, attacked / Fort of Dixcove, seized / English Canoes, & committed divers Hostilities, as Mr Roberts has proved to us, by / Testimony of sev Witnesses, who were then upon / Spot, that Hostilities were continued on / part of / Dutch to / End of December 1750, at wch time / Fort of Dixcove was still invested.

The defence & Preservatn of / sd Castle & Territory appears to us to be on a Service of gt National Impce, wch must necessarily occasn a very expence, but

144 whr / Supply o Goods Stores & Provisions consigned by Mr Lascelles to / Petitioners was adequate to such expence; how far / Charge necessarily incurred Exceeded / Value o Such Supply; & what is / amt o Mr Roberts's Just claim on acct o Such exceedg: All these are Points wh We, most beg an Office o Acct cannot take upon Us to enquire into & ascertain to Yr Lordships. We are how'r o Opinion t if upon / Proper Examinan wh we presume Yr Lordships will cause to be made, it sh appear to Yr Ldships t / Petitioner, in supporg & defendg / British Forts & Territories in Africa has necessarily expended a lger sum than / amt o / Supply sent to him by Mr Lascelles, he is ~~fully entitled~~ justly intitled to a reimbursemt o Such extry Expence We are — &c —

Dunk. Halifax
J. Pitt
J. Grenville
James Oswald

Whitehall
March 28. 1754

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fol 994.
1754
April 4

To / Rt Hon / Earl o Holdernesse

"Vide Bdle Ee no 2 na" [p 53 supra]

My Lord

In obedice to H.M's Commands signified to Us by a Lre from his Grace / Duke o Newcastle dd / 4th o January last, We h taken into Our Consideran a Copy & two Extracts o Lres from Col Yorke Hms Min. Plenip at / Hague inclosg sev ppes relatg to / disputes subsistg upon / Coast o Africa between / Officers o / Co o English Merchts Tradg thither & those o / Dutch W.I.C.; & as it appeard to Us t / sd English Co are gtly interested in those disputes we think it necy to transmit Copies o these ppes to them, & to require ~~require~~ the opinion upon / sevl points therein contained. And having recd the Report thereupon

"Bundle Ee 13 [p 64 supra]

we beg leave to lay before Yr Lordships / annexed copy o it.

Upon Cons[n] o[f] this Report, / Method therin proposed o[f] bring[g] these disputes to a final [illegible] decision appears to Us to be reasonable & safe, but We submit to Yr Lordship what Orders it may be proper to give to Col. Yorke thereupon

We are — &c —

Whitehall
April 4th 1754

J Rivett
Andrew Stone
Dunk Halifax
J Grenville

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Decem[r] 18

To Nicholas Hardinge Esqr Secretary to / Lords Comm[rs] o[f] H[is] M[ys] Treasury

Sir

Y[r] Lre laid before / Lds Comm[rs] o[f] T[r] & P. Yr Lre o / 14th Nov[r] last transmitting to them a Memorial o / Ctee o / Co o Merchts trading to Africa, setting forth / expences incurrd in erecting a Fort at Annamabbee, & praying a Sum may be granted to them to compleat it Works; wh Memorial ye Say in ye Lre desire / Lords o Trade wd take into Consn & after they had enquired into / expenditure & desire / Lords o Trade wd take into consn & after they had enquired into / expenditure & how may before granted, report to them the Opinion what is fit to be done therin. I am directed by their Lops to acquaint Yr, for / information o / Lords Comm[rs] o / Treasury, that they do apprehend they cannot regularly or properly comply with their Lops request, not being an Office o Trust or any ways authorized or directed by the Commiss to exe into / expenditure o Publick Monies, & consequently cannot give any Opinion what is fit to be done upon this Memorial, as to / utility & expediency o Building a Fort at Annabbe, tho Lops did, in Obedice to H[is] M[ys] Commands, give the Opinion very fully upon it in a Lre to H[is] M[ys] Sec[y] of St. dd 4th February 1752.

I am — &c —
John Pownall

Whitehall
Decem[r] 18. 1754

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List o Ppr laid before / Hon. H.o C. by / Commrs f Trade & Plantns pursuant to Hons ~~Addrs~~ Order in Consequce o a Resolun o / sd House on / 29th o January 1755.

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Copy o a Lre fm / Ctee o / Co o Merchts tradg to Africa to / Commrs f Trade & Plantns dd / 30th may 1753 inclosg Copies o 2 Representns fm / Merchants o Bristol & Liverpool tradg to Africa, complaing o / Trade carried on by / Officers o / sd Co f Negroes at / several Forts upon / Coast o Africa, & o/ irregular proceedgs o / sd Officers, & also inclosg Substce o / Instructns intended to be sent by / sd Ctee to / Govr o C.C.C & other officers upon / Coast

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163.164.

Copies o several Affidavits & other Ppr laid before / Commrs f T & P. on / 20th & 26th June 1753. in support o / Allegans o / Representns o / Merchants o Bristol & Liverpool, tradg to Africa complaing o / Trade --- proceedgs o / sd officers [ut supra].

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Extracts o / Journal o / Commrs f T & P. containg the Proceedgs on / 6th, 20th & 26th June 1753 upon / Representns o / Merchants --- proceedgs o / sd officers [ut supra] as also / Resolutns o / sd Commrs thereupon

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Extra]

Rt Hon Sir Thos Robinson one o/ppal Secs o S.

Sir The Clee o/Co o Merchts trading to Africa having laid before us a Copy o the Lre to / Gov o C C C or James Fort dd / 12th inst. we think it our duty to transmit / inclosed copy o it for yr information

We are — &c —
Dunk Halifax
J Pitt
J Grenville
James Oswald
R Edgcumbe

Whitehall
Febry 21. 1755

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[P 144 Extra]

Rt Hon Sir Thos Robinson

Sir / Clee o/Co o Merchts trading to Africa having laid before us Copies o several Letters wh they have lately recd from the Chief Officers on the Coast setting forth among other things / Inconveniencies wh arise from / present dispute w / Dutch concerning / Village o Accoua, / Detrimt wh will accrue to / British Instt if the Territory shd be yielded to / Dutch or / Empe o oblig them if possible to quit all claim to it. We think it our duty to transmit to Yr Extracts o such parts o / sd Lres as relate to this matter. We are — &c —

Dunk Halifax
J Grenville
T Pelham

Whitehall
July 3 1755

[end o CO 389/30 - 4 6 1755]

CO 388/47. [1756]

Trade, Bundle Ff. 1-77.

Ff. 3

Recd Feb 5. 1756

Thos Melvill Esq / Clte

4 August 1755

I wrote y on / 5th ult [inst] ... At Annamaboe we are goe on quietly, as well as we can - buying out ye more trucks. Inclosed is an extract o a lre fm Mr Brew merchr at Mumford. by wch you'll see y a small sloop he sent to Whidah under / command o one Mark Holmes, is gone off, possibly to turn pyrate. I make no doubt y are now busy in provg Supplies. I heartily wish to see them.

Ye Ships Hamilton Bristol, Harrison; Maddox, Lpool. Malbon, a lge sloop, Rhode Island

Copy o / above mentd extract fm Mr Brew dd 4 Augt 1755

I h just recd now hd / following melancholy accot by a lre fm Whydah fm Mark Holmes.

My Sloop arrd ther / 12th inst & / 13th at 11 o'clock at night was boarded & taken by 13 o Capt Strangeways people whose names are on / 2d side. Before they came on board / Sloop they bound all ther officers hand & foot & plundered / Ships; took all / small arms out o / Cabin, ammunition, provns &c, w wch they went on board / Sloop, / mate o wh hailed / boat 3 times, but no answer was given heard, Mark Holmes immedly went on deck, was seized & bound w / mate & 2d people, till they cut / Sloops Cable & got her clear o / shipg. Then they put Mark & his people naked in / boat w a Compass & are made off. God knows where, but tis supposed to / Islands to sell / Sloop & cargo. God knows what will be / end o / affair, but I think it will now be ours to caution ev Master o a Vessel to be on his guard, for as she is well provided she may do a gt deal o mischief. Names o / Pyrates:- Thos Watts Boatswain, & / names o 4 Gunner, a Cook, 7 Seamen & 3 Servants -

Thos Melvil to / Clive. 29 August 1756

Rec'd 3 wks ago Recd yrs o 12 February [P 109 supra.], copies o wh I directly transmitted to all / Outforts. I can't persuade myself t this is a War, as thr is no intelligce fm y by so many ships as h sailed fm England & Holland since t by Capt Maddock, who also carries this. But if I shd be mistaken I beg y wee take care t we be supplied better than we h bn in peace. I need not represent / condn o these Forts; y know it already. I wish they may not all fall before Bimamabor be up.

Ff 4. Read Jan. / Read Feb 5 } 1756.

The Clive to Melvil & Council at C.C.C. 14 December 1755

Our last was 15 Sept [P 151 supra.] by / Race Horse, Capt Barwell inclosg Invoices o Goods & Stores & B/Es for / same by t ship ... We h recd Mr Melvil's dee o 2 May [P 171 supra.], also / box o Accts sent by / Gosport Man o War.

Aqua & Sackee h cost us abov £600 fr Europe, mainte rea since this beg in England. We must therefore desire y wd send us no more black Gentlemen except y find it absolutely necty fr / benefit o / trade. Affairs betwn us & / French still remain in / same situatn, our Men o War taking all / French Ships they meet w, while ours pass unmolested ... We now inclose y B/Es o Goods & Stores & Invoices o / same by / Rotherh & Charles, Capt Conry amtg to £ 5,602-15-8. Y will rec also ... 12 Soldiers ... Capt Ellis returns / Black Boy by this ship.

By / Order o / Clive &c
Samd Parnier Secy

The Clee to John Apperley. London 17 December 1755

On / 13th. Oct last we recd yr Ltr o 29. March [P.172 supra] wh inclosed two Estimates, one o / Bricks & Lime / &c o / Expence o all / Materials necy f completing / Fort at Ilfracombe upon wh we must remarke to you observe t tho y before gave us an Estimate o / cost o building ye Fort yet this y h now sent us is / first calculaⁿ we ever recd fm y o / Quantity o Bricks & Lime wanted fully to compleat it, supposg y h included / charge o buildg / Govrs house, Barracks &c, wh are not partly mentd but as / carryg on / Fort is now put under / direcn o / Bd o Ordce we h laid copies o yr Ltr & / two Estimates before them f the contn & we do not doubt but they will send out such fur Supplies as sh be thot necy when they hear fm our Inspector Director Watson. In / meantime y will rece 100000 Bricks & some lime wh were sent - - - We sh be vy glad to hear / Gates are fixed & / Guns in / Fort. If this work is not done before / arrl o / Number we recommend / execn o it during her stay at Ilfracombe, as / Countenance o an English Man o War may be o gt service on such an occasn.

By Order o / Clee &c
Samel Pownall Secy

Thos Melvil to / Clee 5th July 1755

Since my last o / 10th May last [on h] .. Mr Apperley has got his Guns into / Fort under pretce o painting them. Some timber is come fm Dartmouth f / Gate wh must be made here & sent down by a Ship. All / Goods y h sent me wd not, I apprehend, pay me. I sh how'r take care t / publick Int^t does not suffer on t acct. He gives me gt uneasiness not to hear fm Europe tho' Ships get out fm Bristol & L'pool. The is only one Ship (Capt Jenkins) at Annamaboe w Goods. If more do not soon come Slaves will fall.

John Apperley to / Clee 1 July 1755

Since my last o 28 March [P 142 supra] wbin was inclosed an Estimate f making two new Tanks or a Slaver hole in / N. W Bastion each included in my first Estimate, I h since / above turnd an Arch on / Curtain next / sea 110 ft long by 14 ft broad in / clear, f a platform o Guns. / Case mate o wh I h divided into 3 Storehouses f Castle Stores, / benefit o wh I already enjoy; & h / satisfaction to acquaint y t / gtr part o / Stores are in / Fort ... & wom f ourselves by Xmas if / want o Bricks (wh are all out) did not hinder me fm gog on as fast as I must / must be. beg obliged to take / brickLayers fm / Wall to pick up a few Stones in / body o / Fort .. I h a good state o health considerg / country I am in ... ... I h ever gt pleasure to acquaint y t I h all / gt Guns in / Fort wt / least disturbce fm / Fanticens, wh I may venture to say is contrary to / expectn o all / Gentlemen on / Coast t know / nature o those people, & really more than I expected myself wt some trouble & expence, tho we live in / utmost harmony w / Natives.

I sh proceed to raisg / Walls to ye proper height & carry I / Barracks up as I go on but can do nothg material in either till I h a supply o Bricks & Lime ..... all / outside Walls beg a good height above / foundn

Asks f / defence o / Fort, to complete / number :- 5 6 Pdrs 4 f Pdrs w Round & Grape & recommends 4 small Guns of 1 or 1½ lb for returng Salutes o Ships - also sevg powder - the flat Square Tiles f pavg will soon be wanted f coverg / Arches & Barracks

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Fb 5 Read Feb 24 1756.

... [- mc. Vide minutes o 24 Feb p 14 supra] ...

Ff 6. Read March 23. 1756.

The Clee to Thos Melvil & Council at C.C.C. 23 Jan 1756

Enquiry has bn made o Mr Roberts relatg to Cudjoe's demand o £400 expended by him on his Journey to Succondee to settle / Discord Palaver, to ich Mr Roberts says t Cudjoe was not at one farthg expence upon t occan, & t provins were issued to him & his attendants daily: t upon his leavg / Coast he did not promise Cudjoe he shd be reimbursed nor write him t he shd be repaid when he got / money wh he was solicitg fm / Gov: nor has he made it an article in his accts, & t he only told Cudjoe when he left Cape Coast, he was o opinion he ot to h a Gratuity f his trouble in settlg t dispute. Mr Roberts will now most probably get his money, havg a few days ago petitioned / Parliamt to t purpose, wh petn is recommended by / King & / consn o / House & by them referred to a Clee.

By Order — &c —
Saml Perrier Secy.

Ff 12. Read May 4 1756.

Thos Melvil to / Clee C.C.C. 23 September 1755

A copy o my last o 29 Augt [p. 179 supra] is inclosed Capt Hamilton deld me a copy o yrs by Maddock. I begin to suspect a War as we can hear nothg fm y or any body else. I am still gog on advancg & am in hopes o / arrel o y Supplies before my little Stock is exhausted.

Anamaboe creeps along. Corbet is the unloadg a cargo o lime. The Gates are making here, so I do not despair o seeg it in a good state o defence ag any fear provided y send Bricks.

I have made lately a strict Enquiry into / Management o / Supplies o Anamaboe since Mr Lobytelles' death, & can say I found it to be such as in conscie I can

approve o in any Sense. How? I h put such checks on Mr Apperley as I think I ob... Mr Apperley complains talks o beg treat. He had no gd reason.

Inclosed is an acct o / French Agents reception at Anamaboo a few days ago. He has forfeited / affections o / Fantees as you may see, & it is my Opinion wt more Dashes he will hardly recover them. The Princes are also his Enemies

At Anamaboo (Bristol) Hamilton & Hawkins. (Apoth) Lord Harrison

Here Mich Upon — They were all be gone soon.

We h had a dreadfully cold season. No Snow; some, the little, hail; it has made dreadful havock amg / Natives

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Copy o a letter fm Mr John Apperley to Thos Melvill Esqr. Anamaboo 21 September 1755

I h observed / Conduct & advised in regard to / French boys, as to / French man, I asked him fm time to time to breakfast, dine & sup wt me, as by t proceeding I kept him fm bring his own necessaries ashore & his table, when he must perhaps stay / longer here. I believe he wont stay long here. my / my ill Satisfaction in his reception tho he gave a gd deal o liquor & Cloths to / Cabooseers, when / boys he beat over sd t he did not give them half what / Co had Sent; & he was much insulted by them & some o his Dashees were sent back as not beg to the liking.

The following Cabooseers had Dashees besides liquor. Old John, 1 silver Head message Stick w Cob arms. Gun, Cutlass, Silk Cloth. Yeong (dead), Annumah, Andoo, Yango, Amony, Ocaing, Billicoo, My Lord, Each had 1 silver Head Stick Cob Arms, Silk cloth, Brass gilt Cutlass, but some changed the Cutlasses & the Sticks & Brandy. Appah, Old Chin, Pymin (dead) 3 Pymins, Silk Cloth, Cutlass each, Cloni, Appeah, Aduam, Intuffer, 1 Capt o Ayasam Town, Beg Yaw, John Currantee Junr a silk cloth each. Those I are dead, the Cousins had the Dashees.

Annumah returned what he gave to make custom & his son as not beg enough, but it was very considerable, & only & John wd h treat a Palaver on him & Kelly his son. I believe it is not yet settled. The Ship Duboardieu went to Amsta last Friday.

N.B. Aryimahs son was one o / 4 Negroes who went to France to be made Princes, where he died o Sickness

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Thos Melvill to / Ctee C.C.C. 4 November 1755

... I wish / cou'd o' our Watson to give y an answer to / fresh charges agst me, & sh only say t I thot I had acquired better a better character than t o Brick stealer, if my character has any relat to my acts.

The Finder is now unloaded, Anamaboo gates are locked, / guns are mounted. The doors & Bricks now come are to lie till Mr Watson comes, & if t happens I suppose neither happens, I suppose they are never to be used; how t is not my Province.

... Those Gentlemen [Writers] y are so delicate abt can Write their own names, but know nothing yet o yr Books, I attend myself t / Accts may be kept up. If the Roberts bears o this I sh be sd next to be a Pen & Ink Stealer.

I am looking every day f a Ship t I may get payment what y Servants may get the Salaries from / Publick as they ot.

At Anamaboo are Hostilities o Derbyshire. This goes by / Marquis o Rockingham, Nicholson. These are all / Ships upon / Coast.

John Apperley to / Ctee Cape Coast Castle 29 November 1755

I am favored w yr Commands o 5th may [p.156 extra]... I am vy sorry to find t Gent[n] who are entire strangers to our affairs at Anamaboo shd be better Judges than those t are upon / spot. Those Gentlemen cannot speak fm their own experience, f I do not find t they h ever attempted to purchase Fetich Peices even at C. C. wh is under / Command o / Fort, much less at Anamaboo where / Natives are as yet absolute Masters o their own Ground. As to / articles o making Bricks here & getting Lime nearer than at Dixcove, & getting Stone carried fm any part o / Coast to Anamaboo, except they are got on / spot, I wish make it appear to Mr Directs Watson when he arrives, t they are schemes vy detrimental to / good o / Service, & wch be attended w such bad Cirics & delays as I fear will be but too severely felt in / execn. However I am ready to pursue any Scheme t sh be thot practicable f / expedin o building Anamaboo Fort.

Gh bricks & lime from / Bd o Ordnce but w orders not to use any o them till / arrl o Mr Director Watson, wh Gsh wait f till / 10 Dec. & then apply / bricks & lime to / use. i Bd intends them (along / outward Walls o / Fort to 18 feet high) ... The last pile o Barracks is 5 feet above / top o / ground floor: / Platform next / Sea is to its proper height but not finished f want o bricks. it has / 8 32pdrs mounted on it Gh rest o / guns are in / Fort, / Gates are hung; all / Os Stores are in / Fort w / Gambia Slavers ... Gshd be in / Fort in January bd Gh bricks to go on

The Plan & Secry were pleased to order me to send home w my reasons f not procurg materials in a diff manner to what Gh hitherto done, w Mr circs y are desirous o know. I must beg leave to defer till Mr Watson is on / spot to support, or condemn, my authority w his judgmt, as Gsh attend him to all such places where materials are thot to be got on this part o / Coast, & try all methods o procurg them, for I am tired in expectg supplies fm Europe. When he arrives, wh I expect ev'y day, I will give You all / satisfactn y desire in regard to my endeavours to procure stone on / Spot: in / mean time give me leave to assure y t in my opinion there is as much stone as bricks in Barracabou Fort, tho' Gshd ask but a poor figure this day.

Gh by Mr Melvil's desire exd part o / Walls o this Castle, & find / side next / Sea in so bad a condn, / Walls beg opened & bulged 5 inches out a Perpendicular line, & Gh advised him to dismount 4 guns off / Platform & pull down / fourth storey o Rooms, so as to lighten / Weight on / rest o / Walls till they can be conveniently repaired.

Gh advised / Gov & Council here on / contents o y letter, wh is opinion to support what Gh wrote y.

Gsh wait f Mr Watsons arrl till / 10th December. If he does not come by t time. Gsh conclude t / situation o affairs in Europe has detained him & proceed to use what materials Gh & find y a Plan & Section &c of / Fort & such Mr circs as y desire. In meantime ... I will get what stone I can in / middle o / Fort to help / Bricks

— thanks f this approbation o Mr Melvil appg him Chief o Barracabou —

Thos Pelot to / Clee C. C. C. 1 December 1755

This goes by ye / Finder under / care o Mr Young who is obliged to go off / Coast. Mr Tymewell is appld Vice President in / room o Mr Young, ... Mr Bell is made a Member o / Council & Mr White made Chief o Accra

Mr Apperley is just now here & has inspected / State o this Castle & pronounces it a gr part o it must be pulled down, & unless / next rains walk safe / trouble. I wish Mr Watson was come to see how we are situated

I refrain giving answers to / fresh charges till he comes is on / spot. I hope I may satisfy ye Scabers abt / Danish affair by ashg / Accusers / name o / Ships & / Capts in whom I traded, when y'h got this, a letter to Copenhagen will discover / truth.

I will really find t abt 4 years ago a Cape Coast Gov'r took to / value o / or £800 for Capt Penhalds; t this same Gov'r has not yet pd f / goods, tho he carried home money for t purpose, & actually wrote to his partners t he hd pd it. I will find t this mans name is Roberts who wanted me to join him & contract as a Dane (I think Heyneldes) & t no body shd know. But on my telling him I must know myself he desisted. I once sold 3 Slaves to a Dane f Brandy & wrote y to know if I hd done right. I never sold more ---

Bell / Ships are now almost finished No more coming. What is to be done? I beg f ye own Soldr consider / time - & unless / Planters Causes are inexpiable, for nor them, as well as ye Country suffer. Bec 2 or 3 people hate ye Servants, & 2 or 3 more want to oversee / present Settlement. The event perhaps will shew t I am giving this Advice as much f / Publick Good as f my own

ye Accts to ye June 1756 shd go by / next Man o War

Mr Apperley will soon be idle unless Mr Watson comes. He has got Possession o / Fort & now behaves in my respect as well as can be wished

[illegible]

[illegible]

Ff 28.

Thos Melvil to / Clee C.C.C. 10 January 1756.

I wrote y by / Finder. Since then / Race Horse is arrd
Ye Scanty allowce o Provns is gen, not above ½ o / Butter beg sent; ye total neglect o many ye Articles extremely necy such as Vinegar & ye Pigs, wh y wee perceive by comparg / Indent w / Invoice. distresses us much. We sh soon be bare legged & bare footed if ye is neth shor nor stocktg made on / Coast to sell
We h hd abt a Week's Harmattans (cold N E Winds) wh h killed half our Soldiers whilst they lasted. Evy man died who fell sick. Now they are over. Only Measles amg / Factors is dead. We sh want ye Recruit o Soldiers
Mr Watson is not yet arrived & Apperley dare not make use o / Finder's bridle & Horse wt orders, so vy probably wee soon be idle.

[The above is Melvil's last letter to / Clee.]

Ff 27. Read July 13 1756

Letter. Charles Bell to / Clee C.C.C. 17. February 1756.

I am extreamly sorry to acquaint y L on / 23d o last month Mr Melvil died o a Yellow Fever wh carried off most o / Soldiers; and about seven o / Old Flanders, including Serjeant & Corporal now remaing & only ~~two~~ Two o / Five y sent out by / Race-Horse. Capt Barwell
Not quite three weeks after, on / 15th o this month, Mr Tyme wh succeeded him as President o / Council, died also o / same disorder
As by this accident Mr Harmer & myself (as y will see by / inclosed copy o an Act o Council) were / only remaing Members o / Council; & did not chuse to take

any step o impce wt / advice & consent o / ppal Gentn in yr Service, we thot it absolutely necy to convoke a gen Assembly o all / Out Chiefs, who agreed to repair to C.C.C accordgly, where beg this mg regularly met in Council, & following Settlemt o affairs was unanimously resolved upon

Mr Joseph Harmer, Senior Member o / Council, declining his pretensions to / Presidentship o / sd Gentlemen thot proper to elect one President o / Council for / management o yr affairs upon / Coast until yr further Pleasure be known

Mr Joseph Harmer was appointed Vice President & Messrs Nassau Senior, John Hippisley & Andrew Farquhar Members o / Council.

The charge o Commenda Fort is given to Mr Harmer; Mr Hippisley goes fm Succondee to Winnebah; Mr Thomas Westgate, Surgeon, on Mr John Andrews, Secretary's, declining it, succeeds at Succondee; Mr Wm Mutter in / place o Surgeon: & o Accountant void by Mr Harmer's Promon, falls to Mr Hercules Moir, lately proper Hand in / Coast

As some days passed past on summons / Chiefs & expecting this every hr we cd not come to a determinan before this mg, & as Capt Barwell sails early tomorrow, I hope yr will excuse any brevity in what I am gog to say concern / Cargoe sent by him. Yr will not last long as Mr Melvill, accordg to yr directns took up a Lge sum due to him for advance wts. Some part o it is damaged to / amt o £80 sterlg ... We shd be gthly distressed for provisns if / Ship promised on yr last arrives not speedily. Of all articles intended for Provisns & Medicines shd be most minutely attended to as we never waste for thgs o this nature but what are really & absolutely wanted.

One Serjt one Corpl & 9 Soldiers compose / garrison o this Castle. The Outforts are on no better footg. 40 men will be required. Dispatch them as soon as possible, as Castles w garrisons like ours make but an inconsiderable figure in / ages o / Natives. ...

Mr Watson has been upwds o six weeks on this part o / Coast. He was carried down by / current as far as Tohydah where he went ashore to see / place.

He has inspected Prampram, Accra, Winnebah & Tantumquerry, & is expected at Anamaboo. We expect him here in a few days, & shall act w regard to him conformably to yr Instructions in yr Lre dd 28 July.

The Humber is not yet arrd, tho we hear she is on / Windward Coast. Yr orders to suffer no French man to anchor in our Roads shall be executed as far as we are able.

No British nor French ships at Anamaboo, only 3 Rhode Island men there, & a Dutchman, gone at Ebmona.

By the John Franks & Gun Matter are / only two Surgeons on yr Establishmt, & both on sepe Places, One at Aboo, / 2d at C.C.C. we stand in need of 2 Mates if not three. Am sorry hurried & beg you will forgive me for not entering into a more perfect detail of Matters. By / Africa Sloop Capt Hall / hon of taking for notice of this.

Extract of / C.C.C. Book.

C.C.C

At a Council held on Monday 15th December 1755.

Present

Thomas Melvill Esq. Gov &c
Ebenezer Young Vice President of / Council
William Tymewell Chief of Commenda
Joseph Harmer Accomt

Ebenezer Young, having signified / necessity he is under to demit, in order to go home for / recovery of his health

Resolved – his request granted – pay to cease for ultimo inst –
– Wm Tymewell, Councillor & Chief of Commenda, be Vice President at £200 pa fm today
Charles Bell Chief of Winnebah be Mr C. vice Tymewell
James White, Factor appted Chief of Accra vice Ebenezer Young
James Wacher Farmer at Accra appted Factor at £80 pa fm today

Adjourned

Examd

Thomas Melvill
William Tymewell
Joseph Harmer

True Copy
John Andrews Secy

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Ff 28. [contd from P. 184 supra.]
Read. July 13. 1756

The Clie to Thos Melvill & / Council at C.C.C. London 28 May 1756

Tis some time since we recd Mrs Melvill's seve letters o July. 5. & [P180] 4 & 29 Augt [PP. 178, 179], & a few days ago came to hand theirs o Sep 22 [P 102], 4 Nov [P. 184] & 1 Dec [P166] 1755, & 10 Jan 1756 [P 194]

Inclosed are copies o our lres to y o / 14th Dec 1755 [P. 179] & 23 Jan 1756 [P 162] & copies o Invoices & 2nd B/Ls of / goods & stores by / Robert & Charles who we hope is safe arrd long ago.

Y may depend on their Years supplies beg dispatched to / Coast as soon as possible after the Receipt frm / Exchequer; but as to Arbor. & Mauveries beg put into / hands o / Bd o Ordnce we can only solicit & purpose, but do not expect to succeed until a report is come home frm Mr Director Watson

We are glad to find & Mrs Apperley has got / Guns into / Fort, & & / Gates are hung, We therefore hope y will take ev'y necy measure to forw'd this Work, & notwithstanding / unaccountable stop put to it at Home home, / ill consequnces may be prevented as much as possible is in yr power. We approve much o yr keeping a check on Mr Apperley's transactns as Govr, & / exorbitant charges made & presents o Dashes may be reduced, beg sensible he cannot be so well qualified in this Office as Persons who h bn longer on / Coast, at / same time, appoint another Govr duri his residce will be attended w gr inconveniences

The Shipwrights having complained much o / high price o Blades, it will give us gr pleasure to hear o their beg lower, & desire y will exert yr utmost endeavours on all occasns to keep them down.

Mr Brown's Acct is laid before / Lords o / Admlty, & we make no doubt but proper orders will be given to prevent / Pyrates doing mischiff.

The sickness condn o/ Forts in gen is a cause o gt concern to us, especially as little or no progress can be made in / repairs o them while / Artificers, whites & blacks are employed at A'boo, but as this last place we fear must stand still for want o materials, we hope something in t time may be done at Cape Coast or / out forts; we have sent 40 000 Bricks by / Race Horse & Robert & Charles f t purpose.

– As to / employmt o / Gambia Slaves –

We are pleased to find t / French Agent met w so bad a recepn at A'boo We hope it will deter them fm coming thr agn or carrying any more black boys to France.

...

– The necessity o keepg proper accts o / expenses incurred in buildg Amamaboo Fort "as we have been obliged to undergo this seasons a tedious & troublesome Exn before a Cttee o / H. o C. principally relatg to / Coast accts" –

– Re Melvill's complaints in his L o 10 Jan 56 o / scanty allce o Provns by / Race Horse – we answer t / season when t Ship was taken up was not proper f slaughtering a gt quantity o Provns or to send all / Butter he wrote f. But by / Robert you will see / whole o / Provns ... Shoes & Cloths equal to / whole o ye Indent. May / 1st Ship f C. C. we will send a fresh supply o Soldiers

On / 18th inst [May] War was publickly declared here agst / French King & his subjects wh declaration is inclosed [n.h.]: we therefore doubt not o yr keepg a good look out, & using ev'y possible precaution to prevent a surprize. We on our parts shall make applicatn to / Lords o / Admralty f Men o War, to be sent to / Coast, wh in / present situatn o Affairs must be / Chief dependence.

By Order o / Cttee &c.

Saml Porrer Secy

The Clke to John Apperley. London 28 May 1756

[p.190]

We enclose copy o ours o 1st Dec last, since when we h recd yrs o 1 July '55 [p.181] ad ...

In regard to ye request of Bricks, Lime & Tiles we h done all t lays in our power to procure them, wh is to lay ye Ire before / Bd o Ordnce & to write ther Honours a letter, recommended to'by / Bd o Trade, desirg them to send y an immediate supply o Bricks & Lime as / Ford must stand still wt them This was deld 23 Feb last but as yet we h received no answer, wh makes us conclude they will send no more like they hear fm our Director Watson

As we apprehend ther will be a vy lge Bill due on acct o buildg Aboo Fort, wh we must apply f to / H.o.C. where it will be necy to prove ev article o expence attendg / same, we desire y will consult ye most skil & furnish us wt a vy partr acct o all / expences attendg / same, distinguishg how / Stores h bn applied & how many White & Black Artificers h bn made use o. Y will also send us a partr Acct o / Gambia Slaves how workers employed.

We desire y will give ye assistce to / repairs o / Fort when it is not inconsistent wt ye attendce to t at Aboo

Lately we recd yrs o 29 Nov '55 [p.184] ...

We impatiently expect ye answer to all / Quers we put to y by / Pinder, Poole. & hope they will prove satisfactry when they come & t y will be able to convince our Watson o ye reasons t / sendg Bricks Lime or o materials fm England as / cheapest method o buildg Aboo Fort.

War w France was deld on / 18th inst. on wh acct it behoves y to be vy vigilant in preventg any attempts / French may make on ye part o / Coast ...

By Order — &c —

S.P. Secy.

Ft 29 Recd July 13 1756

Lists o / Clke o / Co... Elected 3 July 1756 - 9 Names

Ff 32 ... Recd Octr 1756

Anno 1755

An Acct o / moy recd & expended by / Clie o / Go ... f / Trade Support & Improvemt o / Forts & Settlemts upon / Gd Coast / Clie ensuing o – names o q persons [Summary]

Recd o / Clie f 1754 beg Balce o Acct.	£15856-16-1½
Sundry Receipts.	150-13-1½
	16.007-9-2½

Acct o Expenditure in Goods, Stores & Charges o / moy recd ...

The Directrs o / Fort [Affor]	£414-14-6	
Black Gentlemen	161-6-1	
Gambia	1794-6-7	
Cape Coast	12413-4-4	£14.909-11-6
	Gld	56-18-8½
		15760-5-2½
		244-4-
		16.004-9-2½

Charges o Management by Acct o Parliamt

Sundry Payments

Balce due to / Clie f 1756.

Ff 33. Read 1 Oct 1756.

Charles Bell To / Clie CCC March 20 1756.

I wrote y 14th ulto [P 147] - John Kilvington appted Surgeon vice Jones, died: Y.F. at Phor on 28 ulto - On / same day came to anchor in this Road / Humber Majr o Wear, Capt Scott, w whom are returned John Pigua & George Sally. I sh not fail to giv them countenance accordg to yr directn but must at / same time beg leave to inform y t neir o them is a person o some quide quarter hardly be o any service. Three o / young Negroes who went to England are already ruined in y r Boots much beyond their Wages & this addn o two more will only serve / greediness o our Labourers, who will be teazg us to send home the young slaves, who after they h bn caressed in England as Princes must come back to Africa to be made Quills to such Dirtch [sic] accordg to / Negro phrase, for what we allow to maintain them goes half to the Masters.

Mr Director Watson is now here; one o his Assistants is dead; wh he says will not a little distress him. Both he & Mr Bramham his second, & his 3d Assistant h bn indisposed but are pretty well recovered.

I h recd yr secl dres to Mr Melvill o 5 May [P 152] 28 June [P 166] 28 July 2. 12 Augt & Sept / day not stated In / first are some charges t regard Mr Melvill, I sh only say t I am convinced he will h be able - to give y r satisfactory acct o his conduct.

I h attentively exd yr desires orders & instrons on t Sbe, & will execute them to / utmost o my ability

As to para o t o / 28 June & respect / Writers not qualified sh be discharged. I suppose y r meang / same time t they sh be sent home at y r expence. If upon discharg them they cd fall upon means to keep themselves from starvg, / thg will be done; but as Writers: Stand it is not feasible such neg / nature o this country, t persons cannot subsist out o yr Service, unless they h a Stock o their own to carry on business, wh if are sensible is never / case o those who come here in no better Stan than Writers. To turn them away / Soldiers will be cruel. The remedy is at Home. They shd be thoroughly examined before admission. We strictly adhere to t method here.

... ... Her Inquiry sh be made o / expences incurred by his Decres in / defce o our Mahaplaces at Accra, wh I wish transmit by my next.

Yr Lre to / 13 September [ ] to Cudjoe Cabeceer was delivered to him the returns y Chiefs & hopes y will continue to befriend him, & desires to whom y recover / money y wish order it to be laid out in Malabar Checks, Half Says, Romalls, Bejutapants Negannee pants, long Ells o Serge & Brandy to be sent out in / Cos next Ship, if a war, to be insured.

The present situan o yr affairs at Accra will undoubtedly be laid before you by Mr Appurley, what adds to / difficulties is ye miserable situan o / Forts, Commerce & Succondee are a heap o rubbish. The[y] lay plaistering & patching pressing / upon o Castles but to no better than cheat / Eye. The task will be hard to go on w Annamaboe & to keep / 3 Islands, considering our scarcity o Hands. If h not above 10 or 12 able Bricklayers on / Coast.

If a Ship o home arrives not soon, Mr Appurley will be at a loss how to carry on / Works. Rs / Sloop will be gone we sh h no proper carre & time for Director unless we purche a Vessel for ye purpose, & it is a more chance if we can. From what I h said I hope y will be fully inabled to judge o our Situan. ... I send 1 pipe Madeira by Mr Director Watson & 4 pipes y[e] casks by / Humber. ... Papers enclosed in this Lre are a Copy o my last Lre to yo 24 Feb by / Race horse. Mr Director Watson's Lre to / Council a 15. March [wh h] 3 Cliffdots in answer to it [wh h]. Mr Wansey's Letter o 25 Augt last to Mr Mitchell abt / young Negroe carried off / Coast by Capt Ellis [wh h] & con Act o Council touchg Mr Tymewell's effects [wh h] Mr Tymewell left here Wee Mr Exon ...

Justly Watson to / Clee

CCC. 14 March 1756

I lay hold o this Oppy o ye sloop / Africa's going for England to send y a few lines. ... [Rambler] ... I h also left my opinion w / Chiefs o / Fellows Forts viz Wms Fort Whydah, Vernon Fort Prampram, James Fort Accra, Coromantee Fort, Tantumquerry Fort, Ps to Apoe, this in a deft situan for / trade. I sh also leave my opinion relatg to / repairs o this Castle, Commenda, Succondee, & Dixcove, wh I doubt not will be transmitted to y in proper time.

~~The loss for~~ Rey / mayor o my warng / Forts where I h already bn
& there we are to go to I will find t instead o stayg first at Dixcove after
leavg Gambia we got down so low to leward as Cabo Lahu & h proceeded regularly
fm thence, hither. The has bn a fatal Sickly time here wh has reduced
this Castle vy much, & one o our small number we h buried / Capt o our Vessell
& one o my Assistants & h hd ano vy bad. I hope to leave this Coast in 2
months at furthest. I cannot finish this Lre w out endeavourg to do justice to /
seval Gentlemen in yr Service on this Coast, by assurg y o / many ~~kindnesses~~
kind Civilities they h shewn me & / Gentlemen w me, & wh I sh ever return
a most grateful remembrce.

John Apperley to / Clee — Annamabor 19 March 1755

both
– Accots this bro o 5 May [i is ap 156 supra] – I did & ascertained them correct
but wanted / civil o Capt Watson to h his opinion o what I wrote.

1st In regard to / Sundries before / Hon H. o C. & Stone, lime, Bricks & Timber wh he
got cheaper on / Coast than sent fm England.

– As to Stone – Plenty enough abt Fort but all fetishes, wh in our situan we
cannot buy w brandy & cloth. I tried both whilst Capt
Watson was here; were we masters o / Town to command it, nor even o ourselves
whilst we live in a Black mans House, tho we h a house in / Fort 2/3ds finished,
as by / Plan but cannot go on w it if want o bricks & lime fm yr as / supply
o 100000 bricks & 20 tons o lime fm / Bar o Orance is partly to raise
part o / out wd Walls to 18 feet high, as far as / supply will go, w / few stone
we get in / Fort.

– Only ~~[illegible]~~ 13 Cancernen Slaves at CCC ... & but 1 here. If free
cancernen hired to bring stone fm any part o / Coast where we can get it,
a Ton o stone will cost £2-15 sterlg by / time it is landed here, inclusg

free labourers hire in hearg (if can be got) provide f bldgs. free labourers hire in carryg / stone to / bldg place of free Carpenters hire to help it hire _ & / use of canoes hearg. _ Has no Co slaves to spare f this service - needs more but can't be spared f C.C.C.

— As to Shells f lime - Has bn at Pimaqua abt 10 miles to leeward o this place where they assure me no lge canoes can land except in Nov. all / year round. They gather abt 40 Hhds o 100 galls each o Shells in / season here at Tantum quarry where they hardly gather enough to keep it forts in repair

At Winnebah abt 40 Hhds on / beach & they may gather abt 100 Hhds more in / season

— Estimate o cost o bringg Shells f Winbah. / price lbr, & / expense o burng them lime wh / quantity o lime they will produce accordg to / Winbah peoples accts.

A g hand canoe will carry 2½ Hhds o 100 gall each & Total cost f this in Coast Currency £8. Coast Gold price £4-19-0. Sterlg prime cost £1-17-9. Four o these Canoes will hrg 10 Hhds o shell, wh will burn to abt 4 Hhds pure lime, or 1½ Tun, wh will stand in £4-11-0 sterlg at prime cost o / supplies in England or £5-0-9 pr Ton o Cockle shell lime.

The expense o hrgg Shells fm Pimaqua wh can be got off only in Nov. when / Harmattan Winds begin to blow

A Gland Canoe will carry 3 Hhds o 100 galls each

Total cost Coast Currency £5-10: Coast Gold price £3-6-0: Sterlg cost 16/6.

Four o these canoes will hrg 12 Hhds shells wh will burn to abt 6 or 6½ Hhds lime or near 1½ Tun wh will stand in £3-6-0 sterlg or abt £2-2-0 per ton. Many stones mixed w / oyster shells much diminishes / quantity o lime when mixed f mortar. ... The chief is / Coast Canoemen have all over / Coast

— As to making Bricks on / Coast - f inside work.

— 1. The Co has but one Bricklayer on / coast, an elderly man belg / Cos Slaves

— As to / Quality o Bricks refers to inside repairs at C.C.C. done not 4 years ago Said them by his Melvills lessee. They were but coarse o clay & sand mixed & baked wh crumble away in / damp

I h a few bricks o/ best sort in the Wall wh I found in Tom Awishes House (formerly Cos messenger here) & I find they h wore away 2 inches deep in / wall in 15 months time & these are / good bricks reported to be made in / Crest. If these country bricks on / spot / wd gain wch y not me no credit nor save / Nat expence. —
1 part o / Fort done w country bricks wd require repairs in 8 or 10 years time. in proof o wh I refer to / Build'g atop / Chapple & C.C.C. & to Tantiny quarry & to both forts all wh are kept fm falling by continual plastering.

— Timber beg got fm Buccaneers to help / Fir planks I h by me

— As to the use / Bricks & lime for England were applied he refers to / enclosed Plan

— Foundations in some places 7-8 feet deep in other 1-2 feet deep under ground to get to / rock — . . .

His first Estimate was f 1,800,000 Bricks & 600 Tons lime, when / Wall o / Fort was to be only 14 feet high & 6 ft 4 in thick at / foundation

Of this he has used 698,920 Bricks & 420 Tons Lime fm Jan 1753 - 31 Dec 1755 exclusive o / 100,000 Bricks & 20 tons lime sent out by / Board o Ordnance f raising part o / outward Wall to 18 feet high

To complete his 1st estimate there remain to be sent out — 1,101,801 Bricks & 178 tons lime, exclusive o / tank, Magazine & Slave Hole, not included in 1st Estimate However it was found necy & approved by them / to raise / outward Wall 4 feet higher & 8 inches thicker, o / Walls o / Barracks 18 feet higher than / Estimate, — £700 saved by having no Ditch round / Fort —

Give me leave to assure y I h tried all / Methods I cd think of, by Cloth, Goods & Brandy to get Stone here, wh I shd never be able to do till we get onto / Fort, where we must h bn by Christmas last if I had had Bricks & Lime fm y to finish / Barracks &c is begun on / Fort as I have partic orders to apply / Ordnance Bricks & lime to no other use than raising / outward Walls to 18 ft high.

here is / Bd o Ordce to send out any more bricks & lime, as his Director Watson informs me. Therfore I humbly beg f a speedy supply o Bricks & lime fm y, as we sh soon be at a stand, having worked away more than half / Ordce bricks & lime, w what stone I can get to mix w / Bricks ... Rs to procuring shells f lime, wh I can get no nearer than Winnebah, I dread to undertake it—w/ y parte Orders as I sh run y to such expce as I cannot answer for so doing.

... I come now to / latter part o yr letter [o 5 May '55] where y mention / ceremony o openg / Fort & where y are pleased to order me not to exceed f t purpose that was expended f layg / foundan ... I never made any applicon to y f / least allowce, but I am sure y Sensible I h bd left-handed friends who h represented me in a vy false light ... wh if y were pleased to, / sooner y are pleased to order me home / better, as I sh take no satisfacn in beg here.

I opened / Fort last Christmas Day when it did not cost y one Flask o Brandy (nor one bear / even if y were pleased to allow f t purpose) & h hitherto spent near all my pay ... to keep in friendship w / Natives t they not molest our Works (wch I given away more than 4 Hallowes Cloth o yr since my presents since I h bn Chief o this place) & I think it hard after all this t I shd be censured on / foundan o any false report, before any Conduct is enquired into ...

I doubt not but Mr Bell ... will give you a full acct o Mr Malet's death in Jan last & o Mr Tymewell's (who succeeded him) in 3 weeks after Mr Bell seems to be a sober diligent Gentn & is vy attentive to promote / good o / Co's Service

The S E & S W Bastions are both filled w Earth. The 15 guns are mounted on the curtain 8 on / platform on / S curtain & 7 on / SE Bastion; but it is an improper time to beg them of them fm C.C. The two gates are hung & well fastened & all yr stores in / Fort. / Gambia Slaves are likewise in / Fort

My wife's state o health ... has not permitted me to go & consult w Mr Bell. If we can procure a suff sufficient quantity o materials to finish our house in / Fort, but sh do it as soon as possible ... PS. Mr Director Watson has bn here, he has surveyed & rated / Fort & ... he is now at CCC. Mr Jones our Surgeon died 28 Feb last & Mr Phillips one o Capt Watson's Assistants died here / day before ...

Charles Bell to / Clee C.C.C. 3 April 1756

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I am sorry t what I much suspected has is come to pass: George Sackey came to me this mg t acquaint me t if nothg cd be done f him here, he must go down to Abor to his Father (this Point needs no explanation) – This Melvill's design in sendg [him] home had ben to reward his Fr f / gt Services he was o ye prosecg / Negotiations; t / Clee had given him to understand t he shd be provided f upon his Return My answer was t I had read no directns fm y Honble Bd or Agts; t how ye tenor o / allowce shewn by his Fr to / English cause, I wd venture to enter his name on ye Books & allow him £40 a year till I heard – fm fm y. Hs were away v / well pleased

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Ya Bodies to ult June 1755 go by this Convoye

PS 4 April. Since Writg / above Ys Slores hip / Robert & Charles Capt Patrick Conry arrd yestry in / afternoon w Messrs Martin & Keith & 12 Soldiers

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Charles Bell to / Clee C.C.C. 28 April 1756

My last o 3d Current went by / Plumber, Capt Scott. Sh since recd Ys Lres o 29 Nov[r] & 14 Dec [1754] & 23 Jan [1755] by Capt Conry o / Robert & Charles who brot us Ys Supplies. Mr Martin Factor, Mr Keith Writer, & 12 Soldiers. Of these five are dead o / Yellow fever, besides one out o 3 we got fm Capt Scott, some o / our forts, & Mr Cullen sent to Mr Director Watson. The Dutch h also suffered thro it, in short it has bn / hardest time since Mr Melvill's com out.

I am v[y] glad to find t Ys sentim[ts] on / Subject o Aqua & Sackee agree w mine. I sh not enlarge upon it, as I h done it sufficiently in my two last o 20 March & 3d o this month.

The young Negro who went to England w Capt Ellis is safe w his friends.

As Capt Conry sails in a few days, I sh like Copy to lay before Ys some papers conarng Cudjo Caboceer's demands upon Mr Roberts.

I am sorry t Ys / want o a Hand or two. I am debarred procurg any fm / purchase o a Small Vessel to carry Lime fm Dixcove to Annamaboe. I applied to Capt Scott, but he wrote me t more o his men wd stay on / Coast & I know not where else to be supplied

Mr Afferby has long bn in a decayg state & I begin to fear / worst; in wch case I may easily conceive / situa[n] we may be in at Accra, until a Successr to his business is procured. Mr Watson, w whom I discoursed upon t head, says t nothg can be decided in t respect till he is in England

PS. Incloses copies o his Lrs o 20 ult & 3 inst & Acct o Cr & Tymewriter Effects.

Charles Bell to / Clee C.C.C. 8 May 1756

9 R ha vy lately informed [mr Roberts when he went off / Coast carried along w him a son o Ashampsés King o Popoe, & t mr Roberts promised to take care o him / young man & send him back to his fa in 2 or 3 yrs time at farthest, & as it is now above 4 years since mr Roberts went off & no accts o / young African, I am afraid o his beg detained so long may prove prejudicial to / English Intt at Popoe, & I hope y will think it worth while to make some enquiry fm Roberts concerng him & get him sent on by / 1st oppy. We still continue to be sickly but I hope / approachg rains ~~may give~~ will brg us more salutary weather.

Charles Bell to / Clee C.C.C. 11 May 1756

— mr Andrew Farquhar M.C. & Chief o Tantumquery Fort died here last night o / same disorder (/ yellow fever) wh has carried off so many Eus . . . / rainy seasons are vy near & will probably purify / air.

Capt Justly Watson to / Clee. On board / Snow Swift at sea. 1 June 1756

Pursuant to ye request to me . . . in a let fm mr Perrier dd 20 Aug. 1755 I here inclose / seal directns I h left w / Chiefs o / British Forts on / Coast o Africa, relatg to / repairs o / sd respective Forts . . . [Translation] — I am w gt respect, Sir —

[Encl.] :-

. . .

Justly Watsons directns to mr Holyte Chief. or / Chief f / time beg o Vernon Fort: Prampram dd 14 Jan. 1756

Pursuant to / request o / Clee &c — I shall leave directns at each Fort o what repairs I think necy to make I humbly offer this my opinion o Vernon Fort Prampram, viz:-

This Fort no doubt is very small & a little of no strength; how^r / Walls in gen seem tolerable good, & this appears to me very little wanting more than / common necy incidental repairs. The Guns are most miserably bad or unserviceable, & I think application shd be made for some small serviceable guns. It must be considered / Platform is but slight, & will not bear Guns of much weight. If at any time hereafter it shd be thot proper to augment this Fort it may easily be done. This is all I have to offer on this Head at present. I am with great regard Sir &c.

Justly Watson's Invoice to James Colvile Esqr Chief at James Fort Accra. dd 23 Jan. 1756

...[Begins as at supra to Praytman]...

As in gen / Fort seems in tolerable condn, I think nothing but / incidental repairs will be wanted till fur Orders from England; but I must recommend to y Chief in repairg any Buildg or other work care shd be taken to use good mortar within side & not trust to y Clayey Earth as I find in gen is / Custom in these parts. Of y rebuild / front of / lower platform wch is fallen down I wd recommend it to be built sloping about 1/2 inch to a foot w buttresses & the / foundan part be at least 2 fr below / surface of / ground, & if y use good mortar within side / the Work I have reason to answer for its standg. I have inclosed a Sketch of / same. I find fresh water is a very material article at this Fort. I therefore, in my opinion, will do well to repair / Tank in / Slave yard, so soon as I have an Oppy ... - returns thanks for his kind civilities &c ...

Justly Watson's Invoice to John Hippersley Esqr MC & Chief of Winnebah Fort dd C.C.C. 9 April 1756

... [Begins as supra] ... In gen to outward appearance / Fort seems in tolerable condn & does not want more than common necy incidental repairs - In any rebuildg good Lime instead of loomy Earth shd be used - The Tank or Cistern not in / best Order, shd be inspected

Justly Watsons Invoice to Andrew Farquhar Esqr MC & Chief of Tantumquerry Fort

... The walls in gen not very sound... & built of loomy Earth instead of good mortar within side. Till orders come from England... can only recommend / common necy incidental repairs - in wch good mortar instead of loomey Earth shd be used - The Cistern / Tank or Cistern is in indifft order & shd be inspected

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Justly Watson's Letter to Charles Piebl President & Council &c at Cape Coast Castle dd 13 April 1756

...[Begins as supra]... The Castle is in gen in a decayed & ruinous condition, & requires thorough repairg. But as it is possible some Scheme may be fixed upon for rendering it more strong & defensible. I humbly advise till I receive further information fm England, to only absolutely necessary repairs shd be done, to prevent any superfluous & unnecessary expence. The foot-walk at Angle of S.E. Bastion or Platform is in part washed away by Sea, wch, if not repaired, will in a little time be undermined so far as to render same in danger of falling down, & ought to be done out of hand. Rest of Castle, ye own Judgmt, & other Gentlemen & Seamen must determine & direct immediate repairs. Ye Guns & Carriages shd be kept in as good order as possible, also Sponges, Ladles, Wad Hooks & every thing appertaining to Guns shd likewise be ready in case of need. I wd advise having all useful Carriages, once a Twice a year wh will preserve them gdly - Wishes him & all Gentn w him Health & Happiness

Justly Watson's Letters to Joseph Harmer Esqr. Vice President & Council & Chief at Commendo. Fort 24 April 1756

...[Begins as supra]... In sev[eral] places is in a ruinous Condition & must be referred to some future Resolutions fm England - Some Boards & Timbers fm CCC shd be used to secure two Breaches in a better manner than they are now -

Justly Watson's Letters to Thos Westgate Chief at Succondee Fort. 3 May 1756

...[Begins as supra]... The present State & condition of Fort beg so excessive bad & ruinous that it is irreparable. Nothing but a total rebuilding throughout can be of any real service. Therefore... for present, & until till such times as some Resolutions are taken on this head only thing to be done is to secure Barracks fm falling in to danger of Soldiers Lives, only method of wh will be to fix up some planks across Joists & prop them up, then cut off Ends of Joists wh lie in Wall, to prevent ill consequences that might happen when Wall falls - Thatch over Barracks to prevent rain washing in on Soldiers. I know of nothing else that can be done to answer any good purpose in present miserable & ruinous condition of Fort.

Justly Watsons Dispatch to Nassau Senior, M.C. & Chief at Dixcove Fort 16 May 1756.

... [As goes in supra] ... As I apprehend this Fort is of considerable consequence by reason of its situation & for to leeward w some build[g] materials ... it shd be maintained & kept up in ye best manner possible. And as on a thorough examination & inspection I imagine an addl outside Breast Wall will be of great service & advantage in case of any future disturbances w ye Dutch. I have traced out something of that sort, but as ye same will occasion some expence I advise to postpone it till further Orders fm England.

Charles Bell to ye Clerk C.C.C. 4 May 1756

Recvd yr / 28th ult[o] [P 20] by Mr Director Watson. This goes by Capt Coney. Cudjo has been very earnest in his solicitations for reimbursement of his expences. He has shewn me a letter from Mr Roberts to him dated London 29 Oct 1752. wherein are these words. "As soon as Parliament meets, I shall make application for ye money due to Messrs Husbands & Potter & self, at which time I shall not forget to make strong remonstrance of Cudjo's good services & expences in defending ye English Int[t]." Mr Frederick - Cudjo's son, in a letter to his Father upon ye present subject dd Commenda Fort 26 April 1756, writes thus, "Mr Roberts along w Mr Gardener made me copy a Memoir that they made (wch copy they gave ye) representing some parties abt ye palaver, wherein Mr Roberts promised (on ye representing to him ye expence at ye Place, Succondee) they shd, on his arrival in England, be paid £400. & in case ye Co refused to pay it, to pay it himself for what he sent on his own acct for ye Co." To confirm ye truth of what he alledges, Cudjo offers solemnly to take ye strongest Fettish ye Country is able to produce.

The is a great scarcity of Corn along ye Coast occasioned by ye want of Rain. The up country people not caring to send their present stores lest they shd be short themselves for ye failure of regular crops if ye dry Weather continues we are in danger of a famine. I need not speak our approaching distress at Accra alone, small quantity of Lime is near out & no hopes of a supply. I make no doubt ye will dispatch ye Sloop as quick as possible as you are sensible how much her assistance is necessary. At Accra Capt Mader, Black Prince & 2-3rds Slaves already done. In ye Road Capt Hart & as many, and very, both fm Bristol

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* Vide Roberts's letter Book.

Fb 34 Read Oct 1. 1756.

The Clee to Charles Bell President &c/Council at C.C.C. London 5 August 1756

On June 9th last we recd our Bells Duc of 14 February 1756 [p. 84] wh brot us / melancholy news of deaths of Messrs Melvil & Tymewell & of steps y took in electg a President &/Council & ye officers for / management of our affairs upon / Coast: whereby we find y Mr Charles Bell is appointed President, Mr Joseph Harmer Vice President, Messrs Nassau Senior, John Hippisley, & Andrew Farquhar Members of/Council; y Mr Senior still remains at Dixcove, y Mr Harmer is made Chief of Commenda Mr Hippisley of Winnebah, Mr Westgate of Succondee, Mr Whyte of Accra, Mr Mutter made Surgeon Mr Horsley Mate Accomt & Mr Walker a Factor; all wh appointts we sh [take?] a little time to consider of

... We daily look for /arrival of/Sloop Africa, by whom we expect a fresh Indent, wh sh then take up a ship & send ye /Supplies for 1757... so far as our money will allow.

We wrote to Lpool to procure 20 Soldiers to go from thence by Capt Doates Car[go] (as Capt offered from hence) but fear we shall not be able to obtain one at y Place. Capt Cowry brot y[e] Factor, a Writer & 12 Soldiers wh will help to fill up ye Vacancies till we can fully supply y[m] from hence.

By / Sloop we expect (accordg to ye promise) full answers to all / Points on our Dres to Mr Melvil, wh he died not live to satisfie us in

It is probable durg / War betwn us & / French y some of the armed Vessels may run down / Coast of Africa to make Prizes of our Merchantmen; We therefore direct y[m], in case she shd be any danger of y Kind, y suffer / Capte of Ships to put into / Castles at the own Expence, the Slaves, Gold, Teeth, & other Goods, & the Ships Men till / Danger is over: if this we take to be a case of necessity & danger agreable to a Clause in / Act of Parliamt, wh are inserted in our Dre to Melvil of Sept[r] y[e] 1754 [p 104] & to wh we refer y[m] for ye Por.

We just now hear y[t] / Sloop Africa is arrd off Dover

By Order of Clee — &c —
Saml Perrien Secretary

Ff 35 Read Oct 1. 1756

Abstract o a letter fm Mr Andw Farquhar

Tantum quarry Fort March 12. 1756

Here h lately ben Mr Director Watson & three Jr officers o/ Bd o Ordnce to survey & take a plan o/ Fort. They h ~~lately finished~~ already finished Fambia, Whydah, Accra Prampram & Winnebah & are now upon Annamaboe, wh when finished will be worth all/rest put togr. I went ashore the 1st day to view/new Fort & to see poor Apperley. He is in/opinion o most people far advanced in a Consumption, beg scarce able to crawl/length o his own room. If he dies, & in all probability he cannot hold out many months, /undertakg wh has cost/Publick so much money will be in no small hazard o a miscarriage, as there is no person on/Coast qualified to succeed him or carry on/works. May, it is a quesn whr, in case o such an event, /Annamaboe Fantins, whose insolence & ungovernableness y are no stranger to, will allow them to stand till/Ctee can procure a proper Person to be sent out. The Walls are almost at the full height & 69 Guns are mounted on/Front next/Sea. Capt Watson (/Director) told me upon my gog w him to/Fort last week, t/Masonry is such as will give credit to himself or anybody else, even in England, much more so it to be approved o in a Climate like this, where there are innumerable disadvantages to encounter.

Ff 36. Read Nov 19 1756

The Ctee to Chas Bell Esqr & /Council at C.C.C. 4 November 1756

Inclosed y h Invoices & B/Ls o Goods & Stores consigned to y by/Sapio Capt Capper amtg to £6825-4-11 Also Indentures fr 5 Writers, Surgeons Mates 91 Soldiers & 1 Woman. Togr w a list o them. O/two latter we were not able to procure more.

We send y brwsh copy o our last dd August 5th [p206] by / ship Knight, Capt Boates. since wh we h considered / apptmt o our Offrs as made by / Council at C.C. bn / good character we h always hd o Mr Bell we are much pleased to find he succeeds to / Gov o C.C. wh we confirm, as well as / dt apptmts upon the goog / usual securities & hope all / Gentn will merit / confidce we place in them.

But we must take notice to y t our letter o / 5th May [p152] has not bn answered to our satisfac^n, f in ye last o / 20 March [p194] y h only this short para "We doubt not but y affairs o Annamaboe will be laid before y by our Apperley" We are gtly in Advance [sic] f buildg / Fort at Aboo & are not enabled by y (whose immediate business it is) to make out a distinct acct o our Advances, tho we wrote f it so fully. What we want & shd expect fm y, as soon as possible, is an exact acct o wt article o expence it has bn incurred in buildg Aboo Fort. In t dre y 5th May we sent y copy o / Acct laid before / Lt. o C. o such expences in / best manner we cd state 'em; but we since find by ye Books & Stock o / Stores we sent f Aboo h bn made use o f / service o / dt Forts; therefore lest any accident may h happened to those pps we now send y / Acct dd to / House last Sessions, wh we desire y will attentively compare w / application o / Goods & Stores on / Coast & send us parts o wt they expended at Aboo, wh^r destined f t place or Cape Coast; & also wht anything intended f Aboo has bn applied to / use o / dt Forts we must h a vy exact & minute Acct thrf . . . — Ask f a certe ugnech by / Council o / no o Slaves sent fm Gambia f / use o Aboo & how they h bn & are employed day by day, likewise what no o C.C. Slaves Negroes h bn daily imployed in buildg t Fort . . . . Ye Apperley has sent us we presume / best acct t was in his power, but y dt to h assisted him f make us distinguish what Slaves h bn employed at Aboo & what at / dt Forts As to / Gambia Slaves he only mentions 26 t were at Aboo on 20 March 1756

executed &
- Send / following Bonds to be witnessed by / Council & sent home by a Man o War Bell & Harmer £5000 each besides wch they must find 2 securities at home in £2500 each F Hippesley, Desagnes, Nassau Simes, Westgate, Whyte, Andrews, Mar. Mutter & Walker £500 each & 2 securities of £250 each.

We h before us ye several Lres o 17 Feb [198], 20 Mar [194], 3 April [200], 28 April [201], 8 May [202] & 11 May [202] 1756. We are sorry to find t / two Black Boys sent to us by Mr Melvil are o so little consequce. Our intentions to bestow so much money on the Educa" was only to Mr Melvils writing us on his Lre o Mar 11, 1753 [illegible] [one o them was to be a chief Priest at Fantee, L / Fr was a man o gr personal authy & a ppal actor in procuring / Fantee slaves; t be expected his son shd be taught to read & write wch must render him more useful, & not unable y / better to keep up ye correspondce w / Inland Fantees. As to putting them both on a footing in our Establishmt we must appprove throf. They h both wrote to us for an increase wch we are sorry we cannot comply w", & as we formerly wrote to Mr Melvil to send us no more black gentlemen, except it was absolutly necy for / benefit o / Trade, we desire y to be extremely cautious in t respect, both as / charge here lessens / supplies sent to y, & is an increase o / expence upon / Coast, wch as y observe, our Allowce will not bear.

We wrote to Mr Roberts concerng / King o Popoe's son & inclosed y h / copy o his answer ... ... We likewise desire t a list o / white people at all / Forts w" the occupants may be sent us by 1st Conveyce.

As to Annamaboe, we are ly sensible o its dangerous situa" & o / bad consequces wch wd attend Mr Apperley's death. If we shd be so unfortunate as to lose him, we wd h y appt a person y can depend on for his Succor, as Chief, to take care o our concerns the

Mr Director Watson is arrd & has given us copies o / directns he has given to all / Govrs o our Forts relatg to / repairs wanted. We are sensibly affected w" ye miserable condn, & wish a thorough repair cd be quickly finished; but so long as

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Accot employed all / Artificers white & black, we cd see but little prospect o its beg accomplished. We must how recommend to y Hon t Fort is like to stand still for want o materials, & / artificers the consequently must be unemployed, & what repairs can be done at Cape Coast Castle, or any o/ forts may be carried on. Some Bricks & Rubbish lyg at / Fort & Capt Cappers Engs y 20,000 & 100 Puncheons o chalk & stone Lime. We h engaged / Capt to deliv / whole or a part, sd at CC. a Accot as y sh judge necy. . . . F / future y must send us fresh Instructs any y're not refer us to / old. The Sloop Africa is laid up till we know who is to go on w / Fort at Accot; & since t affair lies wholly w / Bd o Ordnce, by direct o / legislature, we cannot refer & send her out & t Service in such a Situat; how we do not disapprove o yr purchas & a small Vessel in her room, & fetch Lime, & our Affairs may not wholly stand still, tho all / expence attends her y are sensible is defrayed out o / annl allowce & supporting / Forts & Settlemts. Therefore y are to keep a distinct acct o t Service & send it us as frequently as y can, wt vouchrs & y Common course o / Busss. . . Mr Roberts beg a Bankrupt makes us fear we sh never be able to procure any Satisfact & Enclosed, wh we are sorry for. The Mr Farquhar died since yr Regulat o Officers in our Service, Mr Westgate is to succeed him in / Council.

We desire y will one way & monthly at least send us / State o / Slaves at all / Forts & the Ages & / condit they are in as to Health . . . . . [Cartes o Damage to goods & deficiencies in goods sent out] . . . . . .

By Order
S. P. Secr.

Charles Bell to / Ctee C C C 15th September 1756

My last o 11 May [p 202] copy inclosed, informed y o / death o Mr Andw Farquhar, Mr Nassau Senior succeeds him at Tantum quarry & Mr James Whyte in / Council, Mr Thomas Westgate goes to Discove & Mr Wm Mutter late Surgeon here, ~~succeeds~~ reimplaces him at Succondee

We h lately had a proof t. / Feuds & Animosities occasioned by / Disputes at Discove, when Mr Melvil arrd on / Coast are not yet wholly subsided, by their producg a Palaver amgst some o ye ppal Caboceers, wh threatened to be as fatal as / Last. But we h had / good luck to beg matters to an accomodan w some reference wh absolute necessity enforced upon us.

What we h long expectg has happened Mr John Apperley died at Annamaboo on ye 18 Ulto o / consumptive disorder wh had long preyg upon him more than six months

The consequce o his Post made me use all possible care in / choice o his Successor, & I consulted my Members o ye Council who were all unanimous in pitchg upon Mr Richd Brew as / fittest person f a place where a thorough acquaintce w ye temper & manners o ye Natives & no small Interest w / pulg men were indispensably required No white man here has more o / first & so much o ye last as Mr Brew who is known to possess a remarkable ascendant over / mind o old John Currantee. These reasons wh in ye opinion o my Gentlemen in / Council, as well as mine, were powerful ones in / present Circs at Aboo, where our ppal safety lies in ye Acceptableness o ye person who has / charge o our affairs, determined us to commission him ibid, after readmitg him into ye Service on his Petn to ye Council wh I send y a copy o t y may judge o his reasons f resigng at Tantum quarry, as well as ours f appointg him at Annamaboo.

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The death o Mr Apperley is no stop to / Works &c., & they h bn dropped long ago & want o home wch I can obtain no conveyce & not wtg my repeated endeavrs. But were I able to fit out a boat & p discove she wd meet w but little encouragemt: / whole list o yr slaves at t place is not equal to yr laborious task o home pickg: / most hazardous & destructive o any to yr people.

One o yr Bastions at Succondee w 8 guns upon it, tumbled to yr ground abt 2 months ago; they are repairg it as well as they can.

The Scarcity o Corn mentioned in one o my last continues yet, to wch is added t o Fowls & o Provns wch makes yr Condn o yr inferiour servants v hard & destitute.

Our neighbours at Elmina h bn vy sickly o late & bt many o their people. We also h had our share o sickness, tho more favourable

At Accoo are Capt Francis o Bristol & Rumshaw o Lpool: / first who carries this Ltr is ready to sail & / 2d shortly to follow. Besides these two & a few Rum men we see & hear o none but Dutch men, whose resort to yr Coast is now vy numerous, no doubt occasioned no doubt by / late Mr Wilson, President o / Council at Elmina acquainted me by a Ltr sixteen yeary, was dectd by yr Britain agt France. Of this Nation no Vessel has appeared on y Coast in these parts & many months. I hope / time hope this turn o affairs will not retard yr ships. Yr Warehouse is very low: & ye arrears are due; & expenses as high as ever, especially at Accoo & Whydah.

I h inquired into whyle touchg / charges o Mr Pacres & Pecra in ye defence o our Towns people & am informed by his demands are vy just: he shd therefore, by / 1st oppty w yr approbn send an order how to invest / mony. — Mr John Andrews, Secy, Leavg / Coast is succeeded by Mr Filbert Petrie — — — — — exits & 2 or 3 Carpenters — — —

Charles Bell to / Ctee C C C. 1 September 1756

I take this oppty to let y honrs I find my health so bad & my constitution so impaired I shd be obliged to quit yr Service & go off yr Coast / 1st oppty I offers wch I think it is my duty to inform y of. I did indeed intend to h gone off / Coast at / same time as Mr Young left it as my health was then but vy indiff, but / solicitns o Mr Melvill prevailed upon me to offer it some time longer. I wd now give me much pleasure cd I remain in yr Service upon yr Coast wt only a tolerable share o health, but as I find it is a dg I am not to expect I must submit

Pb 42 Read Mar 30 1757

The Clee to Charles Bell Govr & Council at CCC. London 19 March 1757.

- Send Copy o this Packt o 4 Nov 1756 [204] no Draughts &c as per Sched
- Pay Lieuty Capt Lovegrove Bearer o this we send y 10 more Soldiers & the Indentures -
- Re the Whistles buy Bentley at Aboo -
when Chalk & Stone Lime sent y buy Sciper is used twice as much / best way to mix it in equal proportions.

At Request o / Bd o Ordnce we recommend it to y to give Capt Lovegrove all Assistce & Dispatch possible in landg his Stores at Aboo. & send us a perfect Acct o / charge, that we may recei it o / Bd o Ordnce

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[Letters Written]

William Boydam Esq Secry to / Bd o Ordnce

Sir The Clee o / Co o Merchts trading to Affrica having laid before / Commrs of Trade & Plantations a Lre to them from Mr Apperley Chief Officer at Annamaboe upon / Coast o Affrica & also / Extract o a private Lre from Mr Farquar dd at Tantumquerry / 12th o March 1756, both relating to / State o / Forts now erecting at Annamaboe & / ill State o Health o Mr Apperley under whose Direction / Works have been hitherto carried on, I am directed by the Lords to transmit to y / inclosed Copies o / said Pprs & to desire y will lay them before / Master Gen & Ord Post Officers o / Ordnce, And as / Fort at Annamaboe is in the Lords Opinion o great Imple to / preservation o H Mys Rights & to / Commercial Interests o this Subject upon / Coast o Affrica, as it appears as well from these Pprs as from / Representation o / Clee o / Co o Merchts trading to Affrica that a great deal remains to be done in order to put it into such a State as to make it defensible agst any Attacks it may be made exposed upon by / Enemy, the Lords hope that / Engr who was sent out to Succey / said Forts upon / Coast o Affrica, & whom the Lords are informed has for some time returned to England, will be forthwith called upon to make his Report to / Bd that such measures as / Bd o Ordnce think most advisable may be taken & putg this Fort in a proper State o Defce I am &c - John Pownall

White Hall
Octor 8 1756

Side Trade Bundle Pb 32.35 [pp 196-201]

[End o CO 389 / 30]

214.

CO 388/48 (contd)

Ff 46. Read May 24 1757.

Charles Bell to / Clee CCC 10 October 1756

I wrote y on ye 1st ulto [ff. 211, 212] by Capt Francis o Bristol a copy o wh I now send inclosed. We h at last met w a small Schooner wh will answer / purpose o carrying Lime fm Duncans & Commendah to Annamaboo. She did belong to Capt Grimshaw o Lpool (w whom this goes) & we h agreed to pay him 4 Fantee men Slaves f hire.

The Annamaboe people are still vy troublesome & wor will be so till we get into / Fort, wh our Party is hopeful he will be able to do by Christmas; This Tender, who was employed by Mr Apperley as an Overseer o ye Workmen is o vy gr use at present. I hope our Directrs Watson & Mr Bramham h bn so lucky as to get safe home, & that we sh soon see a Store Ship w bricks & thgs f Afrca & an Engr or some proper person to carry on ye Work in a regular manner. . . . . .

I wrote y on my last o ye low state o our Warehouse wh is daily diminishg & this is still a lge arrear due to ye late Mr Melvill. -- [Sale o Apperleys effects & accts o Tyneavells estate] ...

I hope ye sloop Africa arrived safe & that we sh soon see her here agn. Capt Jones o Bristol just arrd wants 250 slaves. Capt Rankin o same place passed to Afrca f same end. The price is now fm 8 li 5½ to 9 oz f prime Fantee slaves ...

We are all extremely mortified by ye bad news ... o/ misbehaviour o our Admiral & Loss o ye Island o Minorca ...

The Dutch continue to come down in sloops wh contributes to keep up ye price o Slaves. One Danish Vessel is also at Afrca & I am informed has a good cargo, being well stocked w English Woollens wh is at present ye Commanding article

Ff 48 Read July 13 1757.

— List o Nine Cabo Clee men sloops belg / Freemen o / Co o Merchts trading to Afrca at / Cities o London, Bristol & Lpool Town o Lpool f / year 1757. [nine names] —

Ff 50. Read Nov 3 1757.

20 July 1757. Admlty Office – Secy Cleveland to Secy Pownall. Sends accts of state & condn of Forts & Settlements on / Coast of Africa, ~~&c &c &c~~ transmitted by Capt Weller of HM S Assistance by / command of Lords of T & P.

Ff 51.

State & Condn of Cape Coast Castle ... [Summary]

Inspected 29 Nov 17. Signed by John Weller

Chas Bell President, Alexander Mein Accomp, Robert Petrie Secy. 1 Sep 1 Corse 1 pr, 8 Factors, 1 Surveyor, Richd Mumm Lieut of Guard, David Lamb Superannuated Lieut [Dixie] 1 Butler, 1 Gunner, 2 Patroons of Co Boat, 1 Cutter, 2 Corpls, 1 Purveyor of Hospitals, 8 White Soldiers, 8 Mulatto Soldiers, Castle Slaves 45 m, 31 w, 50 b, 20 g. Guns 12 12pdrs, 11 9 pdrs (7 good). 13 6 pdrs (11 good). 3 4 pdrs, 11 3 pdrs (8 good) 10 1 pdr (bad). Ammunn Shot &c, Military Stores & small arms. Vessels – 1 Schooner 12 Tons: 1 1 hd canoe, 25 2, 75 and; 1 1 hand: 2 1 hand: 2 4 hand 2 5 hand. Condn of Fort in bad repairs. (Sgd) John Weller.

Ff 52.

State & Condn of Annamaboe Fort

Inspected 12 Dec 1756 by John Weller

Richd Brew Chief. 1 no Keith Factor, Thos Pownall Surveyor, 2 White artificers Slaves 34 m, 4 w.

Guns 7 6 pdr 8 3 pdrs Ammunn Powder Shot, Military Stores, 1 1 hand Canoe. Condn – Building. Sgd) John Weller.

Ff 53

State & Condn of Succondee Fort

Inspected 24 Nov 1756 by John Weller.

Wm Mutter Chief. 1 Seryt, 1 Gunner, 5 Mulatto Soldiers 4 black freemen. Slaves 6 m 4 w. Guns 3 9 pdr (2 good) 3 6 pdr (3 g.) 11 4 pdrs (3 g) 4 3 pdr (unserviceable) 9 1 pdr (6 g). Powder Shot, Mil. Stores. In bad repair some parts in ruins. Sgd John Weller.

Ff 54

State & Condn of Tantumquerry Fort

Inspected 14 Dec. 1756 by John Weller

Hassan Serner Chief. 1 Seryt. 1 Gunner. 2 Eur. artificers Slaves 4 m. 5 w. Guns 2 9 pdrs. 8 4 pdrs 4 2 pdrs

Bad powder 12 swivels. Suspects. In bad repair. Sgd John Weller

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Ff 55.

State & Condn of James Fort Accra

Inspected 14 Dec 1756. by John Weller

James White Chief. 1 Serjt. 1 Bombdr. 6 Soldiers Slaves 14 m 15 w 5 b. 4 g. Guns 2 18 lb (b) 2 12 pdrs (b) 21 6 pdrs (5 b) 3 4 pdrs (b) 8 3 pdrs (b) Musket slings. 12 Bd Carr 1 13 Bd Carr

In tolerable good repair except / Sea Battery wh is in a bad condn. Sgd. John Weller

Ff 56

State & Condn of Dixcove Fort

Inspected 18 Nov 1756 by John Weller

Thos Westgate Chief. 1 Serjt. 1 Gunner. 1 Blacksmith. 1 Soldier 3 Mulatto Soldiers 4 black Freemen Slaves 15 m. 15 w. Guns 19 Pdr (3). 8 6 pdrs (2 g.) 11 4 pdrs (3 g) 6 3 pdrs (4 g) Musl slings

In good repair. sgd John Weller

Ff 54

State & Condn of Winnebah Fort

Inspected 15 Dec 1756 by John Weller.

Jno Hippisley Chief Robt Johnston Factor. 1 Serjt. 1 Gunner. Slaves 6 m 4 w.

Guns 8 6 pdr 10 4 pdrs 4 3 pdrs 2 2 pdrs — all bad Shot powder muskets &c

In tolerable repair. sgd John Weller.

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Ff 61.

State & Condn of Vernon Fort Prampram

Inspected 17 Dec 1756 by John Weller

James Longlands Chief. 1 Serjt. 2 Artificers Guns 1 3 pdr (b). 6 1 pdr. Shot powder muskets

In bad repair sgd John Weller

Anno 1756

An Acct o/ money recd & expended by / Clee o/ Co... f/ Support & Improvem^t o/ Forts & Settlements upon / Gd Coast consisting o/ following Gentlemen - Viz^t... 9 Names [Summary]

Recd o/ Clee f 1755 beg/ Balce o/ last Acct
o/ Lords o/ Treasury by their Warrant
Gers Fees
Sundry Receipts

		244 - 4 - 0
12000 - 0 - 0		
268 - 14 - 6	9731	- 5 - 6
		106 - 2 - 4
		£10,084 - 11 - 10

Expenditure

The erection o/ Forts [Africa]

Stores	£388 - 5 - 4	
Gambia Stores	62 - 12 - 6	
	1668 - 12 - 10	
Cape Coast	7012 - 9 - 4	£9132 - 1 - 0
		800
		36 - 9 - 3
		9968 - 10 - 3
		116 1 . 7
		£10,084 - 11 - 10

Charges o Managem^t by Act o Parliam^t

Sundries -

Balce to / Clee f 1757

Ff 64.

Read Nov 3 1757

Charles Bell to / Clee

C. C. C. 12th December 1756 No. 1.

I wrote ye on / 15th Sept [211-212] by Capt Francis o Bristol & on / 10 Oct. [214] by Capt Grimshaw o Lpool - copies enclosed, wh go by HMS Assistance John Weller Esqre Commdr, by whom we expected Advs fm ye but found ther was none

We are now in actual distress for want o Supplies. I h advanced & am still advancg for ye as far as my small capital will admit o, & if ye ship does not cy soon arrive fm ye, all / Chiefs o / Outforts must do / same; wh indeed some o them h already done.

- Beattie o John Martyn & Parker - Factors - John Corkburn late Serjt at Accra advanced to Factor, & John Grossk a Midshipman on board / Assistance taken into / Service on / same footg.

I am sorry to acquaint ye t / Dutch begin agn to be extreme bad neighbours, & seem to do all in their powers to excite / Natives (especially o / Akanka Country) agst us. The old affair o Akumah was lately revived, as they wanted to claim / sole right to t place, wh is o / utmost consequce to us, as it furnishes both Wood & Lime Stone for / reparan o all / ye Outforts.

I ye may be more fully convinced o their arrogce I h enclosed ye Copies o two Advs wh passed betwn Mr Westgate, Chief o Discove, & / Commandant o ye Dutch Fort.

As I was not on / Coast when / said disputes betwn us & / Dutch were terminated by / Interposin o / Honble Capt Hodges I h endeavoured as far as I am able to make myself Master o t affair And I found by / Treaty or Convenn signed by / Agts o both Parties t Akumah was to remain in a state o neutrality till such time as / English & Dutch Cos shd settle it at home, & t we h as yet never had any Orders abt it

Finding this to be / situation of / place in dispute I consulted Capt Weller, who seemed extremely well inclined to do us all / good offices in his power. I therefore proposed to him to go on board / Assistance & proceed up to / Road of Elmina where I wd accompany him, hopg to h a conference w Mr Ulzen / Dutch President & wh purpose I wrote him desirg a friendly interview on board H. Mts Ship; but he excussed himself frm goig on board on acct of his beg subject to sea sickness, but he wd be glad we wd visit him by land. I communicated his answer to Capt Weller who joined me in thinkg / most prudent method was to go up in / ship; wh we accordgly did & sent a second invitation to Mr Ulzen; but he still refusg on / above acct. Capt Weller was so good as to lay aside all punctilios & went on shore w me next day; where after canvassg / affair we agreed that wything shd remain (in regard to Atchumah) as was stipulated at ye late Convention till we shd rece Orders frm our Masters in Europe.

Ther were likewise sevl other disputes, subsistg betwn our Negroes at Winnebah & / Dutch at Apam, / Chief of ye latter having lately seized a Canoe w eight Rolls of Tobacco belongg to Mr Huppisley Chief of Winnebah. For this Violce I demanded Satisfaction wh he promised shd be made, either by / Chief of Apam, who was / Aggressor, or if he wd satisfy Mr Huppisley himself. Thus ended our Conferce, & I only wish they may stick to ye Agreemt.

Th were getting hourly gthy to be wished if something was done in this affair at home. I for my part h but little faith in Dutch promises, & / man who at present directs the affairs on this Coast is nothg short of his Predecessors in Negro Palavers & Dutch chicane. I hope ye Hrs pardon / expression but really the late behaviour extorts it frm me, for they at present exult in their own strength & our Weakness.

I wrote ye formerly of my beg in but an indiff state of health, & I can't as yet find much amendmt in it; but hope how I sh be able to remain till we rece ye Orders. . . .

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[Lines to above].

Mr Westgate Chief o Dixcove to / Commdnt o/ Dutch Fort at Accoda
dd 30 November 1756

Ando, our Caboceer o Atchuma h this mg informed me t y, y one o yr Caboceers (Enterry o Bushaw) hd yesty sent him a very rough message to / following effect, "That he must immediately acquaint / Dutch his Masters, hoist a Dutch Flag, & settle / usual Customs fm them; & t if he refused to do sth, Enterry wd send his people to oblige him to leave / Croom immediately". As I never heard our Right to t Town o Atchuma disputed, shd be glad y wd let me know / truth o this affair.

H.M. Mezer to Mr Westgate — Accoda 30 November 1756

Just now I recd yr lre o this day & this is a friendly answer.

I / King o Athanta. Enterry, came yesty here to see me, & it happened we came to speak o Atchuma, when he sd to me t never t Croom has or does, belong to / English; & also he, / King o yr Athanta Country never shd or wd like to lose any Right or Customs wh belong to / Dutch. Even more (says he) t he himself has long ago finished t palaver at Succondee, when / Jon Van Voorst has bn ther. At t time it has bn showed t / Croom not belongs to ye English but only to ye Dutch. And yet more when I h gon / Command o this Fortress, / sd mentd Croom [sic] is delid to me. And I do assure y I am not able nor cannot lose in any way y Rights & Customs o any o yr Crooms belongs to / Dutch o Accoda. T t reason I am made Commdr o this Fort & y I know of well yrself t I never can nor may do anything wt / knowledge & orders o our Heads & Masters. Yet more, I h not known t in / sd Croom ever was hoisted an English Flag, & I am now told by one o King Enterry's people t it never was allowed o.

And abt / Caboceer Ando, t he has hoisted an English Flag. I do not know wh y or any Englishman has ordered or presented him this Flag to hoist, wh I can scarce believe bec we made an Accord when I was last at yr Place (despatchg abt / Croom) not to do anything in this affair before y hd wrote to Cape Coast abt / Palaver, & I told y I wd not do anything till I hd orders fm my Masters. If / Caboceer Ando has done this wt liberty, I am sure it is an impertinent dog o him; & I h not sent him word to leave his place, but only he shd come & settle his Custom, just as t place has done always before. I h bn at Accoda I wd also know what reasons he has to refuse me / Fish Custom, as he has done f some time past.

I cannot at least leave this affair wt / knowledge o / Lord President bec he knows / whole affair. F. just as his Honour pleases to speak I am obliged to consent to it.

I hope howr this small trifle will not spoil any good friendship betwn y & I. And to lose / Rights & Customs o / Nams I must & am always obliged to refuse t.

No more at present bec I hope y will inform yrself a little better abt this matter. The same I will do.

Charles Bell to / Clee C.C.C. 13 February 1754.

Wrote y on / 12th Dec [219] by this Ship Assiste - encloses copy
Recd by Capt Boats o Leverpool yrs Dres o 28 May [190] & 5 Aug [206]

The Gambia Slaves h bn chiefly imployed at Aboo as Labourers, & some o them h lately bn put to learn to be Bricklayers. Sevl were sent to Dixcove & thr employed as Lime Pickers or Wood Cutters. We h also some o them here, & most o / Outforts h 2 or 3.

We h so long looked f a Ship w Supplies t we now begin to despair. And upon yr perusg / enclosed Narrative, of / proceedgs o / French Squadron, I dare say y will not wonder at our beg apprehensive

I must do Justice to Cudjoe & most o / Town's people, to assure y they appeared very warm in our intt. At Annamaboo (I am afraid) they were somewhat divided; however, even here we hd a strong party

I h now / satisfac to inform y t our Brew hath got to live in / Fort at Aboo, w all / Lobsters & Cos Slaves t belong to t place. The Schooner Boat wh I purchased 2 bn exceedgly useful in carryg Lime fm Dixcove & Winnebah, wh / Works never cd h bn carried on in / manner they h bn o late. Thr are 4 lodgg rooms finished. But / want o water in ye Tank lays them still open to / mercy o yr Natives.

The Ships t came under our Guns (on Intelligce beg sent to Annamaboo o / French Men o War beg on ye Coast) were / Lydia, Capt Saml Johnson, / Hardman, Capt Yowart both o Leverpool, & / Fanteen o Bristol, Capt Gordon; besides sevl Boats & small Crafts; none o wh recd / least damage fm / shot o / Enemy. But unluckily Capt Yowart lid the two Long Boats Loaded w Goods lyg within / Shipps, / Master o wh beg intimidated, run both / Boats ashore in / heat o / Action. And / Negroes, taking advantage o our beg Nurse employed, plundered them o everything

When all was quiet I sent f Cudjoe & / Pynins & strongly urged to them / injustice o such an act. Cudjoe did all in his power, & hath recovered abt 40 oz. Slaves price, but as ye Town was at t time full o Fanties, a lge share o ye booty was carried off by them.

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Wh is a gr pity we h not heavier metal upon our platform wh is able to bear guns o 24 lib: Shot & we h here nothg but 12 Pdrs. Brot as Capt Watson wd certainly lay before yr true state & condn o all yr Forts, I shall say no more on this Subject; only beg leave to add t in time o war an addal Supply o Gunpowder is extremely necy.

In order to shew yr sentimts o Capts o those Ships wh were under our Guns, I herewith inclose yr Copy ... o a Lre I recd fm them 2 days ago

As Capt Yeoart (to whom this goes) is just ready to sail I must conclude ...

PS: Lom Richards a Midshipman on Assistance was appted a Writer

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Narrative o Proceedgs o French Squadron on Gold Coast o Guinea

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Jan. 21. 1754 Ab Noon recd a Lre fm Mr Charles Dadalbeck, Fiscal at Elmina giving an acct o a French Man o War beg to Windwd & having taken 4 English & 2 Dutch Ships.

This Intelligce he recd fm Capt Masters fm Holland bound to Rigbie o Benin, who had it fm Mate o an English Vessel (at t time in Elmina Road) whose Vessel was made a Capture o. On wh Sent a 3 hand Canoe w a Lre to sd Mate, desirg he wd immedtly come down & relate us pasts. at 5 pm. Mr Walling Mate o aforemend Boat arrd & gave in following Account: Acct. T he belonged to Brabella o Lpool, Capt Anion, & having bn sometime fm Vessel trading her Trade at Bassam, he was informed by 2 Negroes t she was taken by a French Man o War; upon wh he immediately stood out to sea & soon after saw to Windwd o him 5 Sail o Frenchmen, one o wh appeared to him to be a 64 gun ship: 4 ors, seemg smaller, he cd not tell whr they were Men o War or Merchantmen.

Hereupon dispatched an Express to Capt Boats in Aboo Road acquainting him o aforesd, & desirg he wd communicate it to yr 5 Commanders o English Vessels there, t they might take such methods as shd seem most conducive to their security. At same time sent expresses to each o Chiefs o ye Leeward Forts, & directg them to use all possible expedn in putting their resp Forts in a posture o defence.

22d This day ye body here employed in putg this place in a defensive situa.n by erecting a ~~Faggoner~~ Battery close to / Waterside to / Eastward o/ Town, w a View to preventg / Fasaine Enemy fm landg, in case they shd form such an attempt: & at / same time sent ye Surveyer & ps to clear away / Bush & Rubbish f / ruins o ye fortifica.n on ye top o Danes Hill, in order if possible to get / guns wch hd lain there many years spiked up, new-drilled; by wh, if any attempt shd be made upon / Castle or Shipps in / Road, we m.t be ye more enabled to annoy / Enemy.

23d. To day / people at work on Danes Hill got 9 of ye Guns there fit f. ye. abt 2 pm recd a Confirma.n o/ French Men o War beg upon / Coast, in a Lre sent expres fm ye Westgate Chief o Dixcove dd 22d at 11 am. wherin he acquaints us t ye Chief o Squadah hd t instant seen seven sail o French Vessels in ye offing.

24th. Abt 6 am. perceived / Vessels comg down ye Coast, but ye weather beg hazy cd not then discern the Colours, Soon after. 3 o them appeared to be Lge ships one o wch at t time wore a white Pendant at her main top mast head. At ye. cd plainly see them comg down under English Colours; two seemg to be o 60 & 70 guns; one a Frigate o abt 36. [3 warships], three smaller ships wch we supposed were prizes, & two Snows. Atq. / Commander o ye Squadron havg hoisted a broad Pendant, / 3 Lges t stood right ~~back~~ in f this Castle. Abt 10. / Frigate w / merchant men stood further on & steered to ye Eastward; / 2 Lge ships ctd / while standg directly towards us. Abt 11, havg everything ready to give them a warm recepn, & perceivg them still to near us, beg as we judged within Gun shot, we fired 3 Welsh pounders fm / Westermost Battery Bastion at them, wch to our gt disappointm.t fell short abt 1/3 o / Way ~~of them~~ shore. & wch we attributed in gt measure to ye badness o our Gunpowder. O this they seemed not to take / least notice, still keepg up the English Colours, & standg in f ye Vessels in / Road; till havg come so far to ye Eastward as t we cd brg our Platform Guns to bear, wch havg fired once they then hauled down / English, hoisted French Colours, & both gave us their Broadsides, wch we w gt briskness returned, firg 2 guns to the one, All ye Seamen belongg to ye Vessels in / Road, assistg us / utmost bravery on this occa.n. Abt ½ an hour ~~passed~~ past 12, / Men o War havg fired seval Broadsides, did us no dog / least damage, bore away to / Eastward & left us.

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At 2 pm recd a lre fm Mr Dadal beck, ye Fiscal, advisg us ℔ ye preceding night / French Squadron havg anchored off Elmina. / Comndr called Monsieur Sainte o ye Intrepide a 14 gun ship, wrote to / President thr, acquainting him ℔ he hd taken no Dutch Vessels belongg to ye Dutch (as hd bn reported) neither hd he orders fm / King his Master f℔ t purpose; but ℔ his whole design was agst / English, to whom he intended to pay a visit next day at Cape Coast or Annamaboo.

In visitg Cape Coast he was as good as his word, but findg / recpn he met w did not answer his expectan, he did not think proper to trouble Annamaboo but passed it in / offing.

25th Next mg / whole Squadron was seen at Anchor off Tantum querry, Abt 11 am they manned a Launch & sent her w a design o cuttg out 4 Boats lyg close in shore, but were deterred ℔ / fire o 2 guns fm / Fort, wh made them alter thr Course & make / best o thr way on board / men o War, who presently after weighed & left / place wt firg one single gun, eithr at / Fort or / Boats lyg under its protecn.

26th. From Tantum querry they ranged along shore under an easy sail till / evg when they agn came to an anchor a little way to Windwd o Winnebah. Early in ye morng o ye 26th beg within a few miles o t Fort, they manned & armed a Launch & put her in shore to make an attempt upon a Sloop & 6 Boats wh lay there. In this they unluckily succeeded too well. F / Sloop beg incapable o ye least resistee (her Commdr Capt Molton of Rhode Island & all his hands havg / night before left her & gone on shore) they boarded, cut her cables & carried her out o ye Road wt molestan; whereas if / Chief hd thot proper to fire a shot or two fm / Fort (as our Senior did fm Tantum querry) it is more than probable he wd h hindered / execun o / dauntless design.

Afternoon, two Vessels appeard in / offg / French men immediately weighed, stood out after them & continued in chase out o sight o Winnebah.

Friday 27th at midday, they hove in sight of Accra, standg fm / South ard. At 3 pm - were nigh enough to be discovered wearg English Colours, & bearg away f / Danes Road where they anchored at half an hour past 5, / Commodore struck his English, & hoisted French Colours.

The fleet now consisted o 9 ships & 2 sloops, by wh it appears they had taken in the way fm Cape Coast to Accra, 2 ships & 2 sloops, exclusive o Capt Mottons wh they cut out o Winnebah Road. & she was found a few days after by Capt Boats in / offg between Winnebah & Accra w 4 Hheads o Rum in her Hold.

Who / Drs were t hd / bad luck o falling into the hands is not yet known, only the is reason to apprehend t Capts Taylor, Johnson & Clarke o Rhode Island are o / number; accts beg hd o most o / Drs who left Annamaboo

Mr Savile, w his Squadron weighed fm / Danes Road at Accra / same night he came to an anchor in it; since when no intelligce has bn hd o him.

Copy o a dre fm / Capts o / English Vessels at Annamaboo who took shelter under / Guns o L. C. C. when attacked by / French Squadron.

To Charles Bell Esqre. President o / Council &c

Annamaboo Road 11 February 1754

Sir

Before returng to our place o trade we beg leave to return y our hearty thanks fr yr vigilce & Care in defendg our Ships & Cargoes agst a Squadron o French men o War; partly o / early intelligce y gave us o the approach, & / assistce y offered us in landg our Cargoes.

Yr beatg away / French we the damags either Vessel or Craft under yr protcn has saved to yr Man at least £30,000; & we are / more surprized how y effected this when we reflect on / weakness o yr garrison & how ill supplied; to remedy wh y borrowed one o each ships as many men & as much Gunpowder as cd be spared; wh we look upon as / gtest condescention & good will to yr Country. We are &c

(Sgd) John Gordon
Saml Johnson
Joseph Youtart

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Ff. 65.

Read Nov 3 1754.

Charles Bell to / Clive C. C. C. 16 March 1754

Y h yr Lre o Nov 4th [P207] by / Scipio Capt Cappes - & acknes / hon conferred by appg him dir Govr o this place - Is afraid he will not remain long in the service as he is reduced to / lowest ebb o Health.

Mr Harmer died at Commenda on / 9th - The Vice Presidency & / Vacancy o / Fort will be filled as soon as / Council assembles -

- As he is convinced he cannot enjoy anything like a tolerable state o health in t part o / World ... he is thinkg to go off in / 1st Man o War t arrives

... We were vy near having lost all benefit from our Ship / Scipio, even after she had got so low down as Bassam, where she anchored & / Capt dispatched his long boat w his mate, & Mr Grant went also, to Axim & Intelligce concerng / proceedgs & movts o / French men o War, when they arrd the[y] went on shore to / Dutch Fort where they were told t / French Commodore was lyg at Annamaboo, & he had kedt down C. C. C. & travelled in to / ground. Old Capt Cappes recd this Intelligce just t time & from / Govr o a Dutch Fort he instantly wd h gone off & / W. I. to avoid (as he thot) falln into / hands o / enemy. Mr Grant & / Mate, [illegible] proceeded howr down to Dixcove in a Canoe where they found a truer as well as more agreeable acct o thgs. I only mention this to shew y to what lengths / Dutch carry the Envy towds us. This man, whose name is Wallenbeck is / 3rd Man in / Council, & knew as well what had passed as we did ourselves.

Inclosed is a Copy o an Act o Council o this day.

Charles Bell to / Clive C. C. C. 23 April 1754

- Sends copy o above - Since when Mansau Senior appted Vice Presidt & Mr Bonville to Commenda Fort. - Mr Heraules Moir died 22d ulto. Mr Robt Livingstone succeeds him as Rectr

Y h done all in my power to send y a true & exact acct o y Advances in building Annamaboo Fort as will appear by / inclosed Acct [n. h.] wh I hope will prove satisfy.

... We h taken gt pains to collect / send articles, Mr Senior, Mr Wishgate & myself (Mr Hippisley beg at his Forts) togr w Mr Lowring Stone were employed soml days in looking over / Books in order to h it as exact as possible; but as Mr Apperley kept no accts o / expenditure o / Stores nor gave any rects of what he recd fm this place, it is not much to be wondered at if / accts concerng / Expences o buildg t Forts are not so perfect as they ot to be.

I will also recr also an acct o / Gambia Slaves - & also how they are employed . . . . .

I am still o / same opinion concerng / 2 black boys, & experie has since shewn me t I am right in what I formerly wrote of concerng them. as I do not find they are / least use or only a dead weight upon ye Establishmt I send I inclosed Capt Gregory's Deposin, in answer to / para. concerng Mr Roberts . . . . . I h a list o / white People at / seval Forts &c &c.

Annamaboo Work goes on as well as can be expected, but I hope I will take care to send one a proper person to execute / Plan Mr Apperley laid down; for as the are no refferes (&c) to be met w I am afraid they will shortly be at a stand for want o them. This Trader, whom I formerly mentd to I, is o gt use in carryg on / Buildgs; he has agn petitioned for an augmentn o Salary, wh, as his time was out, we think proper to grant him wh is now to h £50 p.a. The want o a Tank subjects us still to / wile o / Natives who are certainly / most rapacious people in / World. Mr Brew has taken gt pains to brg them to reason, & fm his knowledge o / language & laws o / Country, has sometimes forced them at their own Weapons, when they endeavoured to make Palavers upon any o / Cos Servants or Slaves, wh they never fail to do when they want to eat. And we h no remedy left in those cases but to buy them off as cheap as possible. The lime & bricks recd by / Scipio, was landed at Abo, we have a sufficient quantity o bricks here for / reparan o this Fort, & / Challop Boat is now employed in bringg lime for us fm Dixcove & Winnebah. The Forts at Succonda & Commenda h bn patched as well as our present circes will allow. I wish how they may stand / ensuing rainy season. Winnebah, Accra, & Tantum quarry are all in a bad way & we are doing all in our power to repair them. The Platform facg / Sea at Accra had fallen down, Mr Whyte has had / good fortune to procure two white Masons fm / Govr Conran o / Danes Castle, & they, w / assistce o / Natives h almost compleatly rebuilt it.

— her Typeworlles gold dust shipped on / Number — ---

I wish see / Expences attendg / Schooner Boat in / Acct sent y. o / Expences attendg / Buildg o Annamaboe She has bn o no small Service to ye place, & indeed so'd her her Brew & ale / white people must still h bn in John Currantee's House. If sh h an exact list o / Slaves along w / Books wh have balanced to ultio Dec. & sh be sent y. bey / 15th Inst o War, by wh I sh also be obliged to take my passage as I find bey repeated & daily experice t I must get to a more northern Climate before I can recover my health in any tolerable degree.

The Silks especially / Silk Romalls are such bad goods they will not sell at any rate

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Copy o Capt Edwd Gregory's Depos.

Capt Edward Gregory declareth t in / month o April 1751. being Commr o a Brigantine belongg to Messrs Roberts Husbands & Bristol he was by them sent on a trading voyage to Popo; & t on her departure fm C.C. he recd / following presents for mr Roberts f Ashampo King o Popo viz: a Damask night gown, a gold laced hat, an Anker o liquor & half a Cheese; on delg o wh he was to tell Ashampo t if he wd allow one o his sons to come to Cape Coast by / return o his vessel he (mr Roberts) wd get him taught English & well taken care o durg his stay.

On his arrl at Popo & gog ashore to Ashango, then in his camp, he gave him / above mentd presents & told him by / month of the o a Linguist (one o ye Cos Slaves fm C.C.) it was sent him by / Governr who wd be very glad to live in friendship w him, as he sh'd fm t time send most o his ships to make Trade at his place, & if he wd send him one o his sons, he wd get him instructed in / Customs o white people & well taken care o. Deponent further sd t he wd engage his Head for / boy's safe return in 3 years. On wh Ashampo delivered him his son, say'g t as he was his only son Child, he expected parts care wd be had o him.

On his return to Cape Coast he delivered / sd boy to mr Roberts, then lyg in Town, Resg on supersceded in his Post by mr Melvill.

Some time after he was sent upon a second voyage to Popo, w Orders fm mr Roberts to let Ashampo know he was then goe home & intended to carry his son along w him in order to h him taught to read & write; but wd take care o his return by / time Capt Gregory hd before limitted: to wh Ashampo seemed very well pleased, rely'g (he sd) on mr Roberts Word — To / Truth o / above he is prepared ready to give oath when legally required —

Witness my Hand at C.C.C. this 12th day o April. 1751.
(sgd) Edwd Gregory

Ff 66. Read Nov 3d 1757

A list o all / Cties White or Mulatto Servants on / Gold Coast o Africa / 20th April 1757. [Summary]

At Cape Coast Castle. Charles Pelle Gov in Chief, Robt Levingstone Accmt, Gilbert Petrie Secretary, John Grant Deputy Warehouse Keeper. 8 Factors [including Thos Oddie, a Gunner, John Grossl, Wm Webster Register o Readers o Diverse Service,] Patrick Greenhill actgas Surgeon. 1 Surgeons Mate, 1 Asst Surgeons Mate, 1 Surveyor, 1 Lieut o / Guard + Overseer o / Boatboys. David Lamb supernumerated Lieut, 1 Butler 1 Master o / Richd Mennis Abo Schooner, 2 Corpls, 1 Drummer 31 Soldiers, 1 Woman. 8 Mulatto Soldiers (1 on ½ pay blind) Total 63.

At Dixcove Fort

Hassan Servor, Chief + Vice Presidt o / Council, 1 Gunner, 1 Blacksmith 4 Mulatto Soldiers Total 7

At Succondee Fort

Wm Mutter Chief, 1 Gunner. 5 Mulatto Soldiers, 1 White Soldier Total 8.

At Commenda Fort

Charles Bonelle Chief. 1 Sergt 5 Mulatto Soldiers Total 7

At Annamaboe Fort

Richd Brew Chief. 1 Factor, 1 Overseer o Works (Thos Trinder) 1 Sergt, 1 Smith, 1 Gunner, 1 Mortar Mixer 1 Turner &c, 5 White Soldiers Total 13.

At Tantumquerry Fort

Thos Westgate Chief + m.C. 1 Sergt, 1 Gunner 3 Mulatto Soldiers, 1 Black Soldier, 1 Blind pensioner, Total 8

At Winnebah Fort

John Hippisley Chief + m.C. 1 Sergt, 1 Factor 1 Gunner 6 Mulatto Soldiers Total 10.

At James Fort Accra

James Colyte Chief. 1 Sergt 1 Boatswn 4 white Soldiers, 4 Mulatto Soldiers. Total 11.

At Prampram

James Langland Factor, 1 Soldier, 2 Mulatto Soldiers Total 4

[Cross Fort Colydah 1 Chief. 1 Factor 1 Sergt 1 Carpenter = 4]

Ff 71. Read Dec 16 1757.

Secretary Mr. Pitt to / Lords o Trade Whitehall 13 December 1757

Mr Thynne having communicated to me a Proposal relating to / Gold mines on / Coast o Guinea, I herewith transmit to yr Lps a copy o / same for yr consn, & I am to desire that you will report to me for His Majesty's information yr opinion o / sd Proposal, & how far you think it advisable that Mr Thynne shd be protected & assisted in / going to / Coast o Guinea, where he proposes to carry with him a few Miners & proper Tools & Materials for making experiments, & to make such report o his Success as may enable / Govt to judge how far his Plan shd be made an object of further attention; Mr Thynne is of opinion that if his Scheme be thot worth a Trial, no time shd be lost, as / proper Season for setting out is far advanced

[Enc]

"Copy" Proposal for working / Gold mines on / Gold Coast o Guinea

The Gold Mines in Guinea & Brasil are of / same kind & nature & may be wrought to / same advantage.

Abt half a century ago / Gold mines in Brasil produced only a small quantity o Gold, bec / Portuguezze then knew no other way o collecting it, but by washing / Sand & Sludge in / bottoms o / Brooks & Rivulets & picking / Gold Dust thence, wch is / gen Method still practised in Guinea.

But experience & information having taught / Portuguze that / Gold Dust lay regularly in beds or strata, as other Metals do, they left off / washing o / Brooks & Rivulets, & went / Strata wch contain / Gold, in a regular & mineral way; by wch they have increased their quantity so much, that their yrly produce now is equal to three or four million Sterlg, altho they still lose a great deal o / fine Gold Dust; not knowing how to separate it from / sand & rubbish. Whereas all / Gold Dust produced in Guinea has never exceeded two or three hundred thousand pounds Sterlg a year; for / Negroes know nothing o / art o Mining, & only gather / Gold wch lyes near / surface.

If therefore / same (or a better) method was practised in working / Gold mines in Guinea, as is done in Brasil, in all probability / quantity o Gold Dust raised yrly in Guinea mighty exceed / quantity raised yrly in Brasil; for Guinea is reckoned by all men richer in Gold than Brasil.

This will be much / same thing to / Publick wch / Gold Mines in Guinea are wrought by British Subjects, or / Negroes instructed to work them in such manner as to produce a great quantity o Gold; for if / Negroes themselves work them, they will be enabled to purchase a much greater quantity o British Manufactures than they can do at present, having Gold then to give in Exchange.

The Author hath bn many yrs concerned in mineral affairs & is sufficiently acquainted w / nature o / Gold mines in Brasil; he hath a long time had this Scheme in his thots, but always found difficlties in putt^g it in practice. He is well informed by / Govrs who h resided on / Gold Coast & / Negroes (near / Coast) who are in friendship w Britain, will be willg to treat w any person who will farm or purche the lands where Gold mines are supposed to be, & they will be also willg to be instructed in a better method o work^g / mines than they practise at present.

All / lands on / Gold Coast adjoyng / European Settlem^ts are / ppty o little petty Princes of whom (it is probable) the will be no gr difficlty in treaty. In many o those lands, Gold is gathered ev^y day, as well as in / inland Country, & it is in these lands where / proposal must first take place, & may be afterwards extended to / Mines within Land.

The Author is willg to carry this Scheme into execn both f / sake o / Publick & his own, if he can h / countenance o / Govr, & be properly protected; & / Author is certain t / expence attendg / first Outsett need not exceed One thousand pounds. f / Gold mines in Brasil & Guinea are capable o be wrot at a much less expence than Mines o lead, Copper, or Tin, bec they lye in / earth in a diff^t manner

If this Proposal is not soon put in execn, it is much to be feared t some o^r European Nat^n (especially / French) will fall upon ways & means o purchas^g frm / Negroes / Lands where / Gold mines are. In such an event, so gr an addn to / French Revenue will soon be felt by all Europe; f it is highly probable t / French (frm their superior skill) will work those mines to much gr^r advantage than ever / Portuguese do theirs in Brasil; & it is thot by some t / French h bn makg attempts this way, as is probable frm their endeavours (a few yrs ago) to settle at Annamaboe, not only f / sake o / Slave trade but f / sake o / Mines, they having already succeeded in a Scheme o / same nature in their Settlem^t at Senegal.

So Valuable a subject as / Gold mines in Guinea will probably soon be properly regarded by some European Nat^n or o^r, having so gr & rich an example o / Gold mines in Brasil, wh fifty years ago were not equal in character & did not produce near so much as / mines in Guinea do at this day, but wh (by / industry & applicat^n o / Portuguese) do now gly exceed them. If Britain therefore shd still defer payg a proper regard to this subject, she may be too late in her applicat^n to / Negroe Princes, when their Right & ppty in / Mines is alienated to anor.

It is not proposed t / Govr shd work / Mines, but t / Govr shd put / Scheme on a right footg, & give it a beginng & secure / ppty (if possible) f^r any o^r European Nat^n. When Mines are found & / ppty secured, there will be enough o private Adventurers ready to carry on / works, but who are afraid to engage as things are at present circumstanced

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Ff 72. Read Jan 18 1758

Saml Partner. Sec. / Ctee to John Pownall. Sec BoT. African office 4 January 1758

– Acknes his Lr o 21 Dec [post p] & on answer, requests him to inform / Lords o Trade t as / Acts o / 23rd & 25th o his present Majty vest in / present Co all / ppty granted by Charter to / late R.A.C. / Ctee are o opinion / present Co h / same rights to all mines upon / Coast o Africa, under such limitations as they were granted to / old Co; & t in consequce throf, Mr Thynne, or any other Freeman o / Co may seek & work such mines

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Ff 74 Read Jan 19 1758.

Charles Bell to / Ctee CCC. 6 July 1754

– Sends copy o his Lr o 23 April [p 226] per Scipio Capt Cappers – Thr has bn nothg vy material happened since t time ... the Soldiers [who came out in / Scipio] are such a Wretched miserable crew & so much in love w liquor t sevl o them h destroyed themselves by drinkg, & thr is already abt one third o / number y sent out dead, & those t are left alive are poorly in / Hospital, so t I am endeavouring to procure a few mulattoes f. Soldiers, who the most / most Virtuous race are stile better than such poor Wretches as we had last

– Capts Boats Johnson & Evans o Lpool & Capt Gordon o Bristol ready to sail; so t Duncombe o Bristol is / only ship English ship will be left in Aboo Road. Thr is also a Danish Ship, but I hear she is also vy near Slaved

I was informed by one Easton (fm N America w Rum) t thr was a French Privateer upon / Windward Coast & he narrowly escaped beg taken by her I am afraid t Hamilton & one Perrien – expected here fm Bristol – h fallen into her hands – also Corbett fm London – who we imagine has shared / same fate.

I am in daily expectn o seeg some men o War

– Wilson Surveyor goy off / Coast – intervene bad health, A qualified person reqy to succeed him.

Yr Warehouse is already vy low, wch I dare say y will not wonder at when y come to consider / gt arrears t were due at / time o / Scipios arrival & also / more than Ordy

expence this year occasioned by / visit pd us by / French Men o War, besides / constant expence o Aboo. The repairs at Accra have been expensive, but they were absolutely necy. The S-W Bastion facg / Sea as well as / Platform was obliged to be rebuilt wh h be accomplished w / assistce o two white Masons wh we had o / Danes Govr. ye Forts at Commenda & Succondee are both in a most wretched condn. The latter indeed is irreparable: nor is / former in much better state. The west curtain facg / Town is fallen down by / violence o late rains.

As Capt Duncombe's ord now be a single ship, it may possibly be in his power to lower / price o slaves.

The new Dutch Pen is daily expected at Elmina.

The Platform at Aboo is in a fair way o beg finished, but / scarcity o Lime has been such y it was diffic to run to windward & Lime wh has kept back / work. I believe nothg else to place must be at a stand after / Platform is finished & this is no person here capable to carry on / Plan as they are no referces to it.

I am informed y French Men o War h destroyed 4 sail o Vessels (belongg to Lpool) on / Coast o Angola. I h a petn to / Commandg Officer o any o Hrs ships, frm Capt Wm Wiatt o / Penelope o Lpool beggg assistce in carryg himself & a g[t] many more British Subjects frm Malimba on / Coast o Angola to / W.I. or to any part o Hrs Dominions.

F f 44 Read Jan 19 1758.

The Ctee to Charles Bell / Govr & Council o C C C. 9 December 1757

Inclose B/Lds & Invoices o Goods & Stores by / Charmg Sally. Capt Thos Curlett amtg to £ 8281-14-6 & Indents f. 1 Carpenter & 19 Soldiers. We now h to answer her Bells sevl lres o Sept 1 [211] Oct 10 [214] Dec 12 [218] Dec 13 [?] 1756 Feb 13 [221] March 16 [226] & April 23 [226] 1757

— Confirm / sevl apptmts o officrs to Outforts in Bells lr o 1 Sept 1756 & subsequent lrs.

Tis no small pleasure to us y y were so fortunate as to put a stop to / revolt o / Decisive Palaver tho at some expence. The reasons given f apptg Mr Brews to / Govr o Aboo are so strong y we entirely acquiesce in / choice, & hope he will behave in y Stn so as to recommend himself to our future favour.

Tis wrote y are repairg / Bastion o Succondee & wch desire y to continue
yr care also o / rest o / Forts as far as y are able

T / expences o Aboo are high we are not at all surprised at, ~~but desire to know~~
the - to keep parte accts o / expences o / Schooner purchd f fetchg lime & o / Gambia.
Slaves employed at Bance in lime picking & wood cutting f / above Fort. We also direct
t a parte accot be kept o / expes o all / Artificers & Labourers at Aboo frm / time o their
Engr Baughs arrl thr. The Bd o Ordnce are now sendg 2 ships w bricks f Aboo
& / 3d Engr Baugh f compleatg / Fort The Artificers thr & all / Slaves employed on /
Works are to be under his direcns; but / Gov Factor, Surgeon Seyt Gunner & white
Soldiers are to remain subject to / Gov & Council at C. C., takg care to preserve a
good harmony & understandg wt / Engr & his Attendants & they give him all /
assistce they can in forwardg & compleatg / Fort.

Ps to / Sloop Africa she was built purposely f / service o Annamaboo, & /
Board o Ordce having refused to take & employ her in t service, we h resolved to
sell her.

We are much obliged to Capt Weller f / trouble he took w Mr Bell, to
wait upon / Dutch Govr concerng / Affair at Akchumah. We were in hopes
after what passed a few years ~~ago~~ since, they wd h remained quiet neighbours;
howr it appears to us Mr Bell did all he cd to preserve Peace; & if anything can be
done here to prevent fur disturbces we sh use our best endeavours f t purpose.

W Mr Bells letter o Feby 13th 1757. we recd / Narrative o / Proceedgs o /
French Squadron on / Gold Coast, & we are extremely well satisfied w / behaviour
o our Officers on t Occan. Yr sendg / earliest notice y cd to / Masters o / Ships at
Aboo to provide f their security; / orders y sent to / Chiefs o all / Outforts to secure
to put themselves in / best posture o defence possible, togr w yr taking any measure
t y cd at C. C. cannot but meet our Approbatn: but above all, yr erectg /
fascine Battery at a distce frm / Fort to command / Landg places, & getg /
Seamen out o / Ships to assist in giving / French a warm recepn thr, requires

our thanks, & we are o opinion / fear o beg dismasted by t Battery deterred / French fm any fur attempts; & the leavg / Coast wd injurious / Forts, we hope will encourage all our present & future Officers to be upon the guard, & make a Vigorous Defence in case o any future attack: for its evident if they do so & preserve a good understandg w / Natives they need not be afraid o any Fleet t is likely ever to appear on / Coast. And upon t acct we h much reason to be pleased w / behaviour, o Cudjoe, to whom partly y will return our thanks, as well as to all those o Aboo or elsewhere whose behaviour y commend.

We h recd fm Mr Hippisley a dre containg reasons y his conduct in not preventg an English Sloop's beg taken fm under our Fort at Winnebah when / French Squadron was on / Coast; but as there on / spot must be better judges o / circs attendg this affair, we desire y will make a proper enquiry into / matter & furnish us w yr opinion thron by / 1st oppty, for our gov.

Mr Prest & / Cos Slaves beg got into Aboo Fort gives us much pleasure As / want o water in / Town still subjects them to / mercy o / natives - on / arrl o / Engr they are to propose to him / finishg o d & sinkg a well in / Fort if practicable.

- They will send out 24 pdrs for CCC platform as soon as possible

- Very sorry Mr Bells state ill state o health will oblige him to leave / Coast - for / present. till they recd fur orders. They (like) confirm / Act o Council o 16 March last & applmt o Officers during Mr Bells absence: - Hanson Senr in / Chair, John Hippisley Vice President. Westgate Sclafe & Brew mrs C. Chas Bonville Chief o Commendo Cornstone Accomt, Gilbert Pedre Secy, Patrick Greenhill Surgeon: & 6 Factors at £80. Bonds in £5000 for Mess Thms C and . . . & £1000 for Greenhill - Sum on / 5 Bonds

The reason why we direct t a parte acct must be kept & sent us home o / Secs o / absite & Blank Certificates of Aboo & o / Slaves employed in picking home ye Draccine fm / arrl o our Baugh is t Bd o Ordnce wd grant us a sum o money for defrayg / expence o these people. for (sum o which we shd send our Bonds by / 1st oppty... Mr Engr Baugh (who is to be pd at home) - wd take out w him 2 Carpenters at 3/- pd stlg, whose paymt must be included in / acct o / perss above named & any Palavers or other charges happen on acct o perss above mentd we think it wd be proper to charge them in t Acct.

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[Letters written 1754]

1754.
April 1. William Bogdani Esqre

Sir The Clee o/ Co o merchts tradg to Africa h communicated to / Lords Commrs of Trade & Plantas two letters, wch they h lately recd from one Charles Bell the chief Agent at CCC dd 1st Sept 1756 [211 & 212] on wch he acquaints them w/ death o/ late Governor the ppal Officer at Annamaboe, under whose direcn / affairs the h hitherto been carried on, & whose ill state o health I mentioned to y in my lre o/ 8th o October last, & notifies his intenn o speedily returng to England himself; & as the Ldps apprehend t/ speedy completg o/ Fort building at Annamaboe, wch appears to them to be so essential to/ preservan o the Rights & / Commercial interests o the Subjects, may be retarded by these events, & / security o their Valuable possessn thereby greatly endangered. I h the Ldps direct to acquaint y thereof for / informan o/ Master Gen & 2d ppal Officers of Ordnce, to whom the Ldps apprehend / direcn o this work has been entrusted by Parlt, to/ end they may take such measures therupon as sh appear to them to be necy & proper. I am — &c —

John Pownall.

410] 1754.
Decr 21. To/ Clee o/ Co o merchts tradg to Africa

Gentlemen

The Lords Commrs of H.M. P. having under their Consn a proposal made by Mr Thynne for attemptg / discovery o gold mines upon / Coast o Guinea, & a doubt having occurred to the Ldps whr / Right to Gold mines upon / coast o Africa, wch was granted to / late Royal African Co by the Charter under certain limitans, is or is not vested in / present Co o Merchts tradg to Africa by / Act o 23d o this present Majesty for extendg & improvg / Trade to Africa. I h the Ldps direct to desire y will acquaint me, for the Ldps informan, what y Opinion is w respect to this point. I am — &c —

John Pownall

White Hall
Decr 21 1754

1758 Rt Honble Wm Pitt one o Hts Ppal Secries o State.

January 23.

Sir In obedie to Hts Commands signified to us by yr dre o/ 13th o December last, We h taken into Consn ye Thymes Proposal f discovrg & workg Gold Mines on / Coast o Guinea, & having also discoursed w ye Thyme upon / subject o his sd Proposal, we beg leave to report to y

That admitg t/ discovrg & workg gold mines in Guinea wd be an acquisn o gt national advantage, an Attempt towds / Attainmt o such an Object wd deserve / encouragemt o y Govt if / nature o / British Possessns & Commerce wd render such Attempt advisable. The essential Circe in wh as we conceive, / propriety o such an undertakg consists, is / having a secure ppty in / Country where it is to be attempted, But England has not in Africa, like Portugal in / Brazils, ppty in / Soil or Sovereignty over ye Inhabitants, On / contrary, / British Intt both in Possons & Commerce, depends chiefly, if not entirely, on / good Will & Friendship o / Natives who do not allow us even those Possons, limited as they are to / bare spots on wh our Forts & Factories are situated, wt / payt o an annual Quit rent by way o acknmt o ye Right. The whole o / British Commerce also as well on Slaves as in Elephants teeth & Gold ~~dust & Bullion~~, passes thro' / hands o / Natives, who h ever expressed gt Jealousy at every Attempt made by Europeans to discover / nature & produce o ye Country, & probably ye Gold, o wh Jealousy ye Thyme seems well apprized.

We beg leave further to observe t it appears to be ye / Policy o this Kingdom not to h attempted any alteran in / Nature o / British Possons in Africa. And w respect to / use o them, we find / sense o Parliamt expressly declared in / Act passed in / Twenty Third Year o H. Mts Reign f extendg & improvg / Trade to Africa, in wh, after recitg in / Preamble, t / Trade to & from Africa is of ye advantageous to gt Britain, & necessy f supplyg / Plantations & Colonies thereunto belongg w a sufficient number o negroes at reasonable Rates, it declares t / Forts, Settlemts, & Factories belongg to / late R. A. C. shd be vested in / new Co to / ordered & purpose t / sd

38. Forts, Settlemts & Premises sh be employed at all times hrin only f / Protectn, Encouragemt & Defce to / sd Trade. W^ch Views / Forts on / Coast o Africa, & / whole Intt o / old African Co were purchd by / Publick at a vy gr Expence & a lge Sum is annually granted by / Publick f / Support o / sd Forts.

When these Circles are considered it must be submitted whr it be advisable to giv Encouragemt to such an undertaking as Mr Thynne proposes; whr ther is any reasonable hope o succeeding in it, & whr, on / contrary, ther is not a gr reason to fear t / ey attempt mt, by embroilg us w / Natives & thereby affordg / most favorable opp^y to / designs o our Enemies, who h Settlemts on / Coast, be productive o such Consequences as may endanger / British Possessns & / valuable Branch o Commerce now wh we carry on in t Country. We are — &c —

Dunk Halifax
James Oswald
W^m G. Hamilton

Whitehall
Jan 25 1758

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490. 1758 July 26. Pt Honble Wm Pitt

Sir

The Ctee o / Co o Merchts trading to Africa having laid before us Copies o two Lrs from the Officers at C. C. C. giving an Acct o / Interruptn & Disturbce to our Trade in those parts by / conduct o / Govr & Officers o / Dutch Settlemts in t Neighbourhood, We think it our Duty to transmit to y an Extract o so much o sd Lrs as relates to t Subject

We are — &c —

Dunk Halifax
James Oswald
W^m G. Hamilton

Whitehall
July 26. 1758

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Gg. 2 Read Feb 22 1758

Charles Bell to / Clee C.C.C. 20 July 1754

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I wrote you / 6th by / Capts Gordon o Bristol & Johnson o Lpool: what as they are still detained sends ... sends copies o Rect o Gambia slaves, Narratives ... o / thereof & quondon & Letter fm / Capts abt Bosan who were under / guns ... & as things at present seem to us here upon so precarious a footg ... 3 or 4 copies o abt Pps or to be sent ... —/ Accts are in great forwardness ... .

We ought always to be a Lge supply o Gunpowder in this place in time o War, & on order to be as well supplied as possible / H issued off little o what came by / Scipio upon Pay. & what / H sent to / Out forts / H ordered to be kept upon Ballance & not to be expended in any other way than what is really for use o / Fort This also is one reason why our Supplies fall so short soon short as the article is more mostly kept upon Ballce wch used to go in payg ye Servants Salaries; ...

I beg also to put you in mind o / affair o Atchuma; if it is not settled at home who ever has / Direction o ye Affairs here must be continual Plague to / Dutch. You cannot be a Stranger to / Superiority they have over us in / Ahantah Country, where our Servants are obliged to act w / great Caution, for fear o involving us in another War, as / Dutch never lose any opportunity to spirit up / Natives against us.

Badae* / Caboceer o Succondee died 7th Lately & there were 2 or 3 Competitors for his Stool, one o wh was strongly supported by / Dutch, as have always been closely attached to their Int. As I found this to be / case; & one Cudjoe, a young man who really had / best Title & was most agreeable to / English Town; I desired Mr Mutter to send this man togr w / Squires & Elders o / Town down here in order to enquire into / affair along w Cudjoe Caboc. o this Place, & after a full hearg here in order to enquire into / affair along w Cudjoe Caboc. o this Place, & after a full hearg found he has undoubted Right. I therefore treated him kindly & gave him & some o / ppal men who were w him, a few presents; w wch they were extremely well Satisfied, & I wrote Mr Mutter by them to confirm Cudjo in / Stool w / same salary as his predecessor Badae, viz 4ac p. mo & that he & all his followers shd take Fetish or oath to stand by the Masters / English upon all occasions; so I hope now every thing will be quiet there.

* Badae

140 Charles Bell to / Clee. C. C. C. 20 September 1754.

— Sends copy o his lre o 6 July — Since t time I h an acct o a French Privateer Brig havg bn at Whydah & t she attacked an English Sawer belongg to L'pool. (Harrington Commdr) abt 2 leagues to Windwd o / Road; but / French man lostg his main top mast, stood off & came to an anchor at a good distce fm / shore. The English man came down under an easy sail, lay to t night & next day proceeded on her voyage to / Bight. The French Privateer mounted 14 Carre Guns & hd 90 men on board; she hd taken 3 or 4 sail o English Vessels on / Windwd Coast, & I hear t since she left Whydah she drove ashore a Tender belongg to Capt Boats o L'pool at Popoe, & t she is now at / Island o Princes takg in Provns & Water, after wh she intends to make anor Cruize on this Coast. Ih wd be to vy little purpose fr me to make any Reflecns to y on ower havg no Man o War upon / Coast at this time, as / Consequces attendg / want o them are so obvious t y cannot be insensible o them. I shall only say t it has a vy bad aspect here even in / eyes o / Negroes.

Yr Warehouse is empty o goods so t I must advance, as must also / Chiefs o / Outforts, unless a Ship w supplies arrives vy quickly. I h enlisted seval men as Soldiers who were taken by / French Men o War on / Windward as well as on / Coast o Angola. They were mostly Irish & were on board as Landsmen

The Surveyor & a gt many o yr Workmen h bn f some time at Commenda; endeavourg to patch up t Fort as well as possible. They h filled up / breach in / West Curtain wh was vy lge, beg near / whole extent o it; I wish how it may stand / next rains. We h likewise some seal necy Jobs done, & am doing all in my power still on / way o repairs. Accra has hd almost a thorough repair & Winnebah & Tantumquery h likewise hd a share. Annamaboe beg now quite at a stand f want o time; / long Boat was so useful in fitting it beg unfortunately drove on shore on / night o / 15 July.

~~At Acome taken~~ We h lately discovered t ower lge Tank has suffered gilty by / firg o our Platform guns at / time when we were attacked by / French Men o War, wh I am apt to believe must always be / case when those guns are often fired. I am therefore o opinion t it is extremely necy t a new Tank be made in / Centre o / Spur where no firg o guns will hurt it. The fortifica on Dames Hill I think ought certainly to be repaired & new guns placed upon / platform. I need not tell y / consequce o t place, as / plan o C. C. C, in wh it is commonly included, must shew it.

Money to defray this & ors necy repairations & amendmts will no doubt be necy; & I look upon it as my duty to lay before yr ours wants, & leave it to yr to find out / remedy.

I find no amendmt in my health ... Messrs Petrie & Langlands are likewise in an indiffr state o health, / latter having bn long ill.

We found it necy to remove Mr Westgate from Tantum quarry to Commenda, / Towns People having behaved extremely ill to him, occasioned in a gr measure by / Villainy o one Dutton his Linguist. Mr Bonville succeeds him at Tantum quarry & I am hopeful we shd be able to establish peace & quietness agn amgst them. They are indeed extremely bad people & / want o a proper armed Vessel upon / Coast makes / Fantees in gen Vastly insolent.

Capt Duncombe w whom this goes leaves only Capt Burrel o Lpoole w 2 small Vessels for Rhode Island behind him. There is also a Dutch ship but she is much leaked off & I hear she is an Dutchman at Cape La Hou.. Capt Burrel is right yrs come for Success & I hear he wants abt 220 Slaves. The price now at Panamaboes is 9 oz. p men

PS The Books are baled a month ago to ult June

Chas Bell to / Clee. C.C.C. 3 October 1757

– Incloses copy o above. Nothg material has happened since time ... The workmen are still employed at Commenda. I am hopeful they will be able to get / Platform facg / Dutch Fort compleated so far as to make it practicable to fire / guns, wh at present is not to be done. Our gr difficty will be want o dime as it is so tedious buing it for Success in Canoes wh is / only method we h now left.

The price o Slaves at Whydah is fallen to 9½ oz & I believe will be still lower.

The new Dutch Gen is with yrs and but is daily expected

PS. This goes by / Othello o Rhode Island, Capt Franc Malbone

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Gg. 5. Read July 26. 1758.

Chas Bell to / Clee Barbadoes 2 February 1758

– He resigned his employmt in the Service on 17 October to return to Europe p / recovery o his health. & arrived abt 4 weeks ago in HMS. Litchfield at this Island where I propose to remain till / Cowley sails p England, wh I am told will not be till / beging o June. Mr Senior (who succeeded me in Office) waits p I presume an acct o what alterations h happened

42. since 9... Wrote by Post . . . . 9h brot / Books ballanced to ulto June ... 8th send them by / 15th March o War accordg to yr Gen Order . . .

State o / Gov o / Coast 15 October 1754 — Mr Senior President o / Council.
Mr Hippisley Vice President, Mr Westgate Councellor, Mr Petrie made Chief o Succondee,
Mr Frost Grosvel Lectry in / room o Mr Petrie

9g. 9. Read July 26 1758

Nassau Senior to / Clee C.C.C. 28 October 1754.

– Mr Bell took passage f Barbadoes on H MS ditch field. Capt Matth Barton, was in this Road. Has succeeded him as Presidt o / Council & asks f confirmn. Mr John Hippisley made Vice President Mr Wm Mutter Chief o Divcore, Gilbert Petrie & John Frossel – vt supra. Asks them to appt some one to / Vacant place in / Council.

The Gen Books to ulto June 1754 go w Mr Bell.

9h now an empty Warehouse & some o / Forts in advance a considerable sum ... doubts not they h sent supplies ere now.

The Works at Accoo continue to lay still f want o materials & Workmen. The black Artificers are & h bn f sometime past employed in buildg / platform facg / Dutch at Commenda wh arm in hopes will be finished in a few weeks.

Capt Burrel in a Sloop fm Apom togr w a Dutch ship f Slaves & 2 f Rum are lay9 at Anamaboo: / former pays 7oz. 8 acs f Slaves. The ppal goods in demand are – Gunpowder. Blue half Says. long Ells (blue / best colours) Bejutapants. Meganepants, Sestra cundies. Tapseils, English Cherry Berry's (blue), Taffaties plain & striped, Tallow & Brass: Rum I imagine will shortly be at a gt price.

The men o War saw nothg o / 2 Privateers t are fitted out fm Goree. so t my Merchantman t comes down / Coast stands a gt hazard o beg taken: & am gtly afraid t unless / Lords o / Admlty sh think proper to stay the 2 small Vessels on / Coast, wh must be relieved wy 3 months; / Merchants will in a short time be obliged to abandon / Trade, as they cannot purse w any sort o security carry it on.

The Brigantine Privateer is still supposed to be cruisg off Cabydah. best hope as / Centaur. Capt Wm Brown sailed fm hence / 19th f t place, we sh shortly h a good acct o her

The small quantity o gunpowder we h remaing on / Coast notwg we h bn as sparg as possible in t commodity & / terrible consequces t ensue in case o ever beg visited by a foreign enemy, wh is no ways unlikely these precarious dayes times, or troubled w any disputes bn / Dutch, h obliged / Council to entreat Capt Barton to spare us what he cd conveniently, who has bn kind enough to let us h 10 barrels o 100 pounds. We h given him a Draught upon y f. / Value prof payable to / Bd o Ballice & doubt not but it will be discharge / same in due time . . .

The Dutch on this Coast continue to be extremely troublesome, this while / present person is President, I am afraid they will always be so. The Pen. is daily expected who we h gt hopes will turn out a diffr sort o man

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Hassan Senior to / Clee. C. C. C. 4 December 1757.

-Incloses copy of his last o 28 Oct (supra) sent per Hms Litchfield Matthew Barton Comandr.

- The French privateer sailed 6 weeks fm Whydah & Martinique before / Centaure arrd dr.

The 26th ulto / Snow Mears o Spool Christopher Burrel master, belongg to Messrs Knight & Co had / misfortune o having an insurrecn o his Slaves on board in Annamaboe Road. 41 o / same mis. premises in her cargo Negroes were killed & drowned before they cd get / better o them. The boatswain & Cabin boy were wth 4 wounded by / Slaves in a shockg manner, but it is supposed they will recover. Capt Burrel has 120 Slaves on board, expects to purche abt 50 more. He pays continues to pay y oz 8ac f men. The same goods continue in demand as per my last.

* The Platform at Commenda is not yet finished. We labour under a gt difficly at present f want o a small vessel to brg down lime fm Dixcove, who retards / Works prodigiously. We employ canoes f t purpose but / trifle they carry is o vy little service; besides they will soon be wore out & how we shall be able to get more I know not, as our Westgate informs me / Dutch President has given strict Orders to / Chama negroes not to dispose o any to / English. Tis man is ever studyg to oppress us & is never free fm troublg us w difficlties; in short I believe he takes as gt a satisfacn in doing it, t was he to lead off, it wd displease him o vast.

The two towns o Commenda, English & Dutch, quarrelled togr before Mr Bell left this, & tho' they h/bn vy desirous o settlg / affair w one anor in an amicable manner, (lately)

* so marked in the copy.

Nevertheless opposes it as much as in his power, he has endeavoured by presents to get / King o Aguaffoe (a Country abt 20 miles inland betwn Commenda & Elmina) to come down & assist / Dutch people to fight agst / English, & within these few days sent great quantities o ammunit to / Dutch Fort. What will be / event, cannot yet tell. We shall prepare for / worst & only act on / defensive. Cudjoe Caboceer has behaved extremely well in this affair, & therefore deserves yr particr notice. On his first recg intelligce o their villanous bribg Aguaffoe, he sent to Curantee & / King o Fetue to desire they would immediately dispatch messgrs to him (/ King o Aguaffoe) to assure him they on his going down to fight / English Commenda People he must depend on wd destroy his Town. This message had / desired effect, tho had it not, doubt not dare say / Fantees wd have been as good as their word, as they were all under arms ready to march, shd occasion. Some time before our Bell resigned, Cudjoe was made King & Capton o Fantee, & since by King o Ayan, a country at / back o Mourem & Abra; who has made him a man o much greater consequce than ever he was before; / whole Fanteen Country have obliged themselves by Oath to stand by him in all disputes what they may be engaged in. This is no small mortificatn to / Dutch who have always been extremely uneasy at our having such a man as Cudjoe in our service.]

Nassau Senior to / Clee C.C.C. Janry 1758 [Recd 28 June]

— Sends copies o his 2 previous letters — Capt Southwark in / Pompadour for spare mast / only vessel at Accoo ... has had door / price slaves to 40z. . . .

The Platform at Commenda is not yet finished. Her Tender engineer is will take him to / middle of Feb to get it done. [The Dutch still continue to be extremely troublesome there, & were not allowd any o / fishg canoes belongg to / English town got off at / common landg Place. The Caboceers & Townspeople have made sundry complaints to Mr Wesbgate & have even told him, unless he will oblige / Dutch to let them go & trade sundry complaints to Mr Wesbgate & have even told him, unless he will oblige / Dutch to let them go off at t place, they must leave / Town. What to do in so critical an affair, we are at a loy gt loss, but / least double built y sent one / 12 Pdrs for Commenda to dispute / landg shd / Dutch persist in molesting our Canoes goy off there; but how incapable are we at present o anythg o t nature, yr Warehouse quite empty, most o yr Forts gtly in arrear, hardly any soldiers to garrison them, & they, few as they are, / most miserable wretches t ever man saw. Our ammunn very low, & very few o / Castles in any tolerable repair. On / Dutch hand, / Dutch Forts well supplied w Goods & Ammunn,

much better repair than / English & h besides a stout Sneau & a sloop on / Coast, who in case o any dispute w us, can keep our Forts fm having / least communicn w one anor.

All these thgs considered, I'm o opinion it wd be extremely imprudent o us to come to extremities if / same can possibly be avoided. The Dutch Sneau is at present employed in landg shells at Commenda. The Master o her told Mr Brest they were gog to build a Platform for / facg / English Fort to mount 12 twenty-four Pounders. If this is true, wh we h no gt reason to doubt, as Mr Nibsen & f wer endeavourg to oppress / English, it will shortly be out o our power to dispute / landg place w them.

Nassau Senior to / Clee C.C.C. 21 February 1758

– Encloses copy o his last – Acknows / rect o thrs o 19 Mar [p 213] & 9 Dec [233] 1757 pr / Charmg Sally Capt Thos Corbett, who arrd thr on 15th Curst. – ... – Thanks them f appts him to succeed to / direcn o affairs in Bell's absence ... – has written to some Scots to be his recruites

The Slaves & Artificers are still employed on / Repairs at Commenda, & wish it may be in my power to get / same finished before / arrl o Mr Engr Baugh, tho I am afraid it will not, howe my endeavours sh not be wantg. ... ... Wh h due regard to all yr Orders concerng Mr Engr Baugh on his arrl here, & I may depend on a vy parte & exact acct kept o all Charges charges whatr sh arise on / buildg o Anamaboe Fort. ... ... Am glad to find / design sendg out 24 Pdrs f our Platform here, as / same are vy much wanted. Shd / French pay us anor Visit we m then perhaps make them heartily sick o it. ...

All / ppal People o Fantee h bn assembled f this month past at Gt Cormantyn to settle & adjust all diffs in thr country; to make new laws or appt a new Broffoe, wh puts us to no small expence o liquor, as thr is an absolute necessity f / same. Abt 3 weeks ago they sent deputies to inform us t / Warsaws hd sometime since cut off a Fantee Village, & as they cd not get any satisfacn fm em they were determined to fight w em & therefore as they lived under / English, hoped I wd trust em w some Powder, f t purpose. I am dog all my endeavours to get em to settle / affair amicably & heartily wish I may succeed, f shd they not do it, am apprehensive it will put / whole Country in Confusion & occasn a total Stagnan o all Trade f some time.

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The secret Com L T Van Tets is arrd at Elmina, & h hd vy little o his corresponce hitherto, therfore cannot yet be a Judge what sort o a man he is . . .

PS. This goes by Mrs Southworth o/Ship Pompadour & a copy throf by Capn David Adams. The former has purchd 530 slaves, / latter 120.

Com^m as / Vessels did not sail last night as I expected, I h just time to intreat y to get / money paid y Fm / Bd o Ordnce on acct o / £800 Advancements & to send us our supplies to / amt throf as soon as possible, otherwise we sh be in a most dreadful situa^n The is now due to Sundry Com^rs for advance mades at yr diff^t Forts &c £5000, Therefore leave y to judge after payg those Debts, how short a while / Supplies pr / Charmg Sally will last. I sh always be extreamly glad to advance 50 or 60 shillg I h f / support o yr Forts & Settlemts, but God knows my poor fortune will go but a very little way

— Has no time to make out an Indent, but asks f / same supplies as those per / Charmg Sally. except Castle Stores not needed this yeare by annual supply, as these recd wre last 12 mos —

Gg 8. Read July 26. 1758

The Ctee to Nassau Secr & / Council o C.C. 22 July 1758

We wrote y on / 9th Dec last [p.233], since wh we h recd yr sevl letters dated 6 & 20 July [232.234] 20 Sept [240] 3 & 28 Oct [241 242] & 4 Dec [243] 1757. 7 Jan [244] & 24 Feb [245] 1758 . . . We are vy sorry to observe from / whole o them / bad situa^n o our Forts tho we are sensible t f want o money we can't expect them to be completely repaired, yet we can't help acquaintg y t in a Ctee o / H. o. C. appointed this year to enquire into / state o / Forts, some o / Members were o opinion t more mt h ben done & it did not appear to them, tho yr letters in gen mention yr intens o dog sevl repairs, t there wre in any o yr accts any parties mentioned. We therfore desire f / future y will be so partr in describg what

repairs y fm time to time h made w / Expence attendg them. T on view o yr acct in may appear y h done as much as cd be expected fm y^e powers y h had in yr posson; & wh acct we wd h copyed in / Books o each sort & are transmitted to us; y need not be acquainted t / 2 ppal thgs expected by Parliamt fm / Cōē f / £10000 annually granted to repair / Forts & Keep / Trade free & unmolested f any British Traders, we before recommend it to y h to apply yrself to these two thgs; / latter we h lately had no complaints abt, & the / bad condn o / Forts & low state o yr Warehouses may be attributed to yr / Employmt o yr people at Aboo & / expences thr, yet if we shd procure / Ballast due on t acct wh we are now applyg f., we sh expect to see something done to / purpose. . . . . We h put yr Bill to / Bd o Ordnce & don't disapprove o yr drawg for us; / necessity y were in o supplyg yrself w gunpowder justifies / step, & in future we will take care duely / Warn to make t Article a lger part o / Supplies than has bn usual.

We h laid / paragraph o yr Lre o July 20th 1754 [p 239] relatg to Archumah before / Bd o Trade; & till / affair can be settled at home we desire y will act in / best manner y can f / English Instt, in supporty our right to / Landg place at Commenda, we recommend / finishg / platform thr immediately; & in case / Dutch persist in buildg a Fort wh will command / Landg place, to prevent it by fair means if possible, or if not, to prevent thr buildg any Fortificn within / reach o our guns; & if y are apprehensive o a Breach w / Dutch, fm exertg yr power to preserve / Rights o / English at t place, you'll do well to be on yr guard t no loss may happen to y by a surprise. We approve howr o yr inclinns to live peaceably if possible w / Dutch. We hope y will find mr Van Tets more tractable than mr Ulsen.

We are pleased w / measures y h taken to get Cudjoe chose Caboceer o Ec Succondee, & as / person o t name who is Caboceer o Cape Coast assisted / English so strongly w his interest, & is besides become a man o so much consequce as to be made King & Captain o Fantee, we are desirous he shd rece a partr mark o our notice; wch beg directions what to give him as a present, y may present him w goods on / Coast to such Value as y think will please him. . . . . [Cobydah] . . . . .

We will use our utmost endeavours by continual applicns to / Lords o / Admiralty to get men o war sent to / Coast to protect y agst / encroachmts o / Dutch.

We approve yr Enlisting Soldiers upon the Coast & desire y will continue it where it is in yr power as we think it a cheaper & better method than sendg them fm hence, & beg differ in Warr time to get any but / dregs o / people.

We are vy sensible o / ye consequence o Dames Hill fm its near situat^n to Cape Coast, & think it vy proper it shd rece such repair as y can give it. If we can spare sufficient out o / next grants, we will buy new guns & send them y over; & in / meantime we desire to know what quantity will be wanted, & / size they ought to be of — Desire a list o / white & Black men employed at / seve^l forts wherein he writes —

We approve o ye endeavours to get / Fantees to settle the disputes amicably w^t / Warsaws & hope y will be able to succeed, as it does not suit us to throw away any money unnecessarily; & we must once more recommend frugality to y & / repairs o / Forts & / members o / H o C. may'nt h to say, as they h done this year, t / moy is all spent in Salaries to White & Black men & nothg done f / benefit o / publick. The £10,000 is voted f this year & will be sent out as soon as we can rece it, wh we suppose will be abt Oct^r or Nov.

We wd h y employ all / people y can spare to gather Dust at Accoor t it may be in readiness agst its wanted; & if y cd meet w^t a long boat or 2 to suit yr purpose to buy it fm thence, we think it will be vy proper to purche them . . . As nobody has yet offered [as security] f Mr Brew, he is desired not to neglect writg to his friends to give Bond f him.

Gg 13. Read Dec 19. 1758.

John Hippisley to / Clee. CCC. 24 February 1758

Before I say anythg else I must beg leave to return y my most hearty thanks f still Suspendg yr judgm^t o my affair abt / Rhode Island Sloop, & f / honour y h done me in appg me Vice President o / Council. . . . It wd certainly give me infinite pleasure t / Council whom y h ordered to send y the opinions o / Affair, may judge as favourably as I think . . . I ot to expect, yet as it is impossible f me to foresee . . . what t opinion may be I must . . . not be slip on oppy o still applyg directly to y . . .

It wd indeed be . . . mortifyg to me to lose yr confidce at a juncture when I h / honour to approach so near / ppal stat^n in yr service . . . . . It may also . . . weigh w^t y my having such friends as Mr Craike & Mr Dacres men who . . . wd not think

think o recommend a man who wanted so ... mercy a requisite to Jos as to a knowledge o / Coast ... A letter fm / latter o these my worthy friends gives me to understand t he had heard t not only wd I not fire at / French myself, but wd not even suffer / negroes to go off in the canoes to attack / Lascar. This is so fare fm true t my having sent them off was one reason why I cd not fire myself. The letter I sent y gives y my reasons f not thinkg o firg under / circumstce o endangerg / dismantlg / Fort by / French, when / whole Accroan Country was in a manner at my gates, I did not f this reason, howr, abandon all hopes o drivg / French launch away. I sent off abt 300 armed negroes in the canoes, an expedient wh I hoped wd answer infinitely better than / firg my 2 or 3 old guns. The French howr, by / number o Swivel guns they had, kept / negroes off, who, notwg, still kept firg at & following them at a small distce, & covered / sea f a gt space, so t had I fired, I must almost certainly h hit some o them; an accident wh, as thr was at least one fourth o them Fanteens, wd h brot an affair on y infinitely more expensive to y than / loss o an entirely empty old Sloop cd be to Capt Mollens owners or thr insurers. Indeed, when I consider / inestimable sacrifice o / above Sloop & / Crew y gt consequce o / Fort at Winnebah, I almost wonder t I am brot under / necessity o sayg so much f my Conduct; in having given up all thots o / former in Comparison o / real & imminent danger t threatened / latter fm such a squadron o men o War at anchor in / Road, & a whole nation o merciless negroes ready to take advantage / most cruel advantage o any hurt happening to / Fort. All these circs considered, w / addl one o / Master o / Sloop, himself beg strongly o my opinion, I own I did not hesitate a moment in determing as to my Conduct. Capt Barton o H M S Litchfield who lately left / Coast ... went so far as to say in his opinion o my affair as to laugh at / thots o provokg such a Squadron (in any case) agst such a Fort. He even said / Fort ran a gt risk o falling to pieces by / firg its own guns: a truth I had long ben persuaded o. I however ventured to salute / Garrison when he came ashore, but he was so struck at / tottering o / Walls & Bastions, t he insisted on my firg no more guns for at his own good off or / ship leavg / Road. You are now Gentn as much masters o / circs o / affair as any body can be, & therefore capable to determine abt it. I cannot suspect t / Counal will whose opinion y h asked, will give an unfavourable turn to it f selfish reasons, yet I must hope y will use yr own Judgemt ...

PS.

250. P.S. Winnebah 23d March 1758.

Since finishing my brē / Gentn o / Council h taken / report o Mr Johnston, who was my Second durg / affair in ques[n]. What little he has sd agrees w[t] my defce, all but in / distce o / Vessels, in wh his opinion differs fm mine. This is a brē on wh ... I h insisted / leash (in my Defce) as I wd not pretend to be determinative w[t] regard to distce, in wh I apprehend more experienced men than I may be much deceived. - - - I send / report o my Gunner who, beg at a distce fm C. C. when / Council was held cd not be called. Mr Goodson one o yr Factors witness it ...

Copy o / Certfe o Thomas Herring, Gunner, at Winnebah inclosed in / foregog brē.

This is to witfy ... t I Thomas Herring was present durg / whole o/ Transactn o / French Squadron o men o War at Winnebah on / 25th & 26th o Jan. 1757. & declare ... t to / best o my judgemt / lgest man o War (wh I hear was o 64 guns) did not lay fur off / Fort than 3 or 4 miles to / utmost & t Capt Molteno's sloop was also a league off / Fort she lyg to leeward & / Man o War to Windwd o / Road: t / 3d men o War lay also at Anchor, reward / Road, & t / farthest (to / best o my judgemt) was not two leagues off. One Frigate (wh we took to be o 20 guns) lay also abt a league (or somewhat less) to Windward o / Fort; t / Towns People o Winnebah came at / same time to get Powder & Ball fm / Chief to defend themselves & / Fort agst / Agamacons the Enemies, who were come down fm / Country upon them, on / news o / French Squadron lyg in / Road; t our alarms fm / Blacks were so gt t it was / universal opinion o wy one in / Fort (o Capt Molteno himself among / rest) t we shd not hazard our Fort beg battered & dismantled by attempg to make resistce to any design / French mt h on an empty sloop wh lay so far off. I was Gunner in / Chief's service durg this affair & am willg to give my oath to wy article o / above, & hereto I set my name.

Thomas Herring

Winnebah March 12 1758

Wm Goodson. Witness

Gg. 14 Read Dec 19 1758.

Hassan Senior to / Clee. C.C.C. 16 April 1758

– Encloses copy o his last –

I9 Van Tets Dutch Gen dies / middle o last month & John Peter Theodr Huydecoper, who came out w him was chose President o / Council o Elmina. I omitted in my last to acquaint y o / death o Mr Husbands late Merchant in this Town, who died / beguing o January. By send y a Serjeant & 6 Soldiers, I hd / good fortune to keep / negroes for plundery what effects he hd in his house, wh. God knows, was extremely trifly, tho if Mr Grant who is in his Exrs, can recover his debts, wh will be vastly difficr to do, if not impracticable, I imagine / whole o what he is worth upon / Coast o Africa will turn out abt £1000. A little before his death he sent off by Hms Litchfield to Barbadoes upwds o £400 in Gold & Teeth.

Inclosed is an Act o Council relatg to Mr Hippisley's affairs, who still adheres to what he formerly wrote y, & I believe he intends writg y by this Conveyce himself.

– Leakage in Brandy Casks – Bad beef. . . .

The Snow Cape Coast com Brown for Bristol, w 2 Dutch slavg Vessels & 3 small Rhode Island Vessels w Rum are layg at Anamaboe. The price o slaves continue / same as p. my last Gunpowder, Long Ells & Half Says, Bejuta pauls, & Negane pauls continue to be / ppal goods in demand. Perpets begin to be asked for but a small quantity, I imagine, wd stock / market. . . . We h already lost 9 o / Soldiers t came out by Corbett, & we may expect to lose at least half / number we h remaing, they beg such miserable Wretches, Sh be glad o a fger supply by next Conveyce. If 3 or 4 Lads t play upon Fifes cd be hd upon as reasonable Terms as Soldiers, they wd be vastly acceptable.

The Warsaws h lately sent to / Fantyns to know / reason o the threatng & to destroy the Country & to acquaint em if it can be made to appear they h used them ill, they will dy readily make them satisfn. I cannot yet learn what answer / Fantyns intend to send them; but am afraid the demand will be too lge to be complied w.

. . . . . .

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Copy o / Bds o Council mentd above

Cape Coast Castle 6th March 1758.

At a Council held this day. Present

Nassau Senior Esq[r] President o / Council
Thos Westgate Govr o Commenda & Councillor
Richd Brew Govr o Annamaboe & Do

Whereas / Clee o / Co o Merchts trading to Africa & in the Dr o 9 Dec 1757 desired / President & Council o C. C. C. to enquire into the Affair of Capt Hippisley's conduct in regard to his not presenting an English Sloop by taken fm under his Fort at Winebah by a Launch belong[g] to / French. Squadron lately upon this Coast. And whereas Mr Robert Johnston Factor in / sd Cos service is / only person we have now here who was upon / spot at the Juncture

Resolvd to send for him, & upon beg interrogated he makes / following Deposition

1 / Squadron anchored to leeward o / Fort W / best o his Knowledge at 4 leagues distce fm / Fort, except a Frigate wch lay within 2½ or at least 2 leagues o'd.

1 / English Sloop lay close in shore within Cannon shot o / Fort & 1 / Frigate sent her Launch to cut her out, wch she effected uninterrupted

1 / inhabitants of Winebah were to all appearce resolvd not to suffer / French to land at the place, & they fired several times with their guns on / above Launch, they having recd guns & ammunition fm Mr Hippisley at 2 different times, to defend themselves not only agst / French but also agst / Agamacon people in case they shd come down upon them as was reported they wch

The (Mr Johnston) is ready to take oath to / truth o / above Deposns.

Nassau Senior Esq[r] to / Clee. C. C. C. 15th June 1758

Sends copy o his last. This goes p. St John Capt Thwaites

Mr Baugh in / St John Storeship, Capt Thwaites arrd abt 5 weeks since at Annamaboe. I sent down all / Cannon I cd possibly muster to unload / Vessel, but notwithstg she is not yet discharged as yt, I imagine, to / Violent Rains we had for some time past. The Snow to come out with / Stores in Co with / St John & parted in / Latitude o Madeira is, am afraid, cut taken or lost. Mr Baugh's Clerk was on board o Her, & as he has been much necessitated for a person to assist him, on his applyg to me I lent him Mr Goodson to go down with him: as long as he remains at Annamaboe with / Bd o Ordnce shall be charged his Salary. Mr Brew justly informed me that Mr Baugh is going to / Board to send out a Cargo o Goods & Brandy to defray / expence in building Abor Fort & to pay the

Slaves or white Servants under his Direcn: but hope this will never be allowed, for certainly who has / Direcn o yr Affairs here must know better what presents are necy to be given away yn than Mr Baugh can do for some years yet; besides, excuse me if I say, I can't help think it a yth encroachmt on yr Privileges, for surely as those Slaves are yr ppty & Servants hired by y, they ought to be paid by y. I therefore think it my duty to acquaint y o this in time y may put a stop to it if possible. No 9 [Enc] is a copy o a Lre frm Mr Brew to / Council & their answer. If y think it proper to / Chief o Apoon shd allow Mr Baugh & his Family / benefit o his Table y will please to give directns abt it & what qtie allow y please to give / Chiefs on t acct.

We h almost an empty Warehouse & most o / Chiefs o / Forts advancg their own properties to support the Forts [Enc] therefore leave y to judge frm what a situan we must shortly be in on / Coast unless y are able to get / money pd t y h advanced for / building Apoon Fort, in all likelihood before / arrivl o / next Supplies, / Forts will be in advance £4,000.

No 6 is a Copy o a Lre frm Mr Webster an English Subject settled at Popoe to Capt Edward Gregory, whom y will find what a shocking condun t poor man is in on acct o Mr Roberts's detaining Ashampo / King o Epees Son in England. I hear since they will not allow him to go on board any Vessels t anchor thr & they intend to keep him a prisoner till Ashampo's son arrives Popoe is a ppr place o Trade both for Slaves & Ivory, & must say I think it extremely hard t all British Subjects shd be deprived o it on one single mans acct wh is really now / case: for as they h only one or two canoes thr, no Person is obliged to trade on shore, & no Person will now venture himself amgst them. Surely / Legislature will find out some method o punishg Mr Roberts for his obstinacy in keepg / Boy, wh he has not / least right to do; if Capt Gregory who brot Ashampo's son to Cape Coast, is willg to take his Oath he was carried off / Coast wth / consent o his Family, let me intreat y Gentn to represent this affair in a proper manner, & get / Lad sent out hither as soon as possible, there h gt reason to think Mr Webster & ye poor Englishmen may suffer for it. When / young fellow is delivd into yr care I shd imagine t £20 or £30 laid out in fitting him out will be all he will cost, for he is by all accts a black man o much more family than anyone t has hitherto been to England; besides, as / Dutch Co h a Factory thr, it will be o some service in strengthening our Int.

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The Fantyns stille talk o drivg / Warsaws to the own Country. They dont allow the Powder or Guns to go up Country, wh makes those articles not neare so much in demand as they wd otherwise be, tho' / former is at this juncture bar fm beg bad. The price o slaves continues at 4 oz. Brass pans begin tobe much asked f; & goods in demand as / same as p. my last.

This is now only Capt Ralph Derbishire in a Snow fm L'pool; wants abt 40 slaves to finish his Trade & small Nevis England Vessels w rum, & one Dutch slave ship at Whydah. Capt A— in / Nancy fm Bristol is at anchor at this road — f 50 slaves, they to ably dab.

No 1 & 8 are two Acts o Council & wakes f their approval — [here at length re Langlands' mis conduct] — — — — —

Hassan Senior to / Clee C. C. C. 5 July 1758

— Sends copies o drs & pps as mentd below —

Inclosed f also h also a copy o my correspdce w Mr Baugh. I f may / better judge what sort o man he is & how difficult it is to live upon good terms w him, tho I may depend upon it my best endeavours shall not be wanty, & as I am sensible / least Variance between us may ghly retard / building at Whydah I shall give up many points sooner than not do it. Mr Brew wrote me a few days ago: Mr Baugh told him he intended pay 4 / Slaves, artificers &c himself, & desired to I wd let him know if / same was to be allowed on an express order fm I. I wrote him I was a good deal surprised at Mr Baugh mentioning such a thg, as he acquainted me when here, / Bd o Ordnce had pd into ye hands f the s d purposes £600; tho had it not bn / case I was o opinion / same ought not to be allowed until we recd ye Orders to t purpose

This Castle is in exceedg bad repair, & unless something is done to it before next rains am afraid part o it will tumble. What Bricklayers I can w any convenient number, shall set to work, & do all in my power to prevent it. I expect ev'y day to hear o part o Succondee's folg. If it does not there rains (wh h bn excessive violent but are now almost over) am f my own part will leave it. The new Works at Commenda h also suffered very much

The Weather o late has bn / most unhealthy I ever knew at this time o year — have buried 3 or 4 Soldiers — My body else h almost got over it. —

-has bn endeavouring to fall upon some method to lessen yr Castle charges. & wch is this
impossible / present alliz can support yr forts any time longer. ... it has bn always
customary here y ch / Outforts to furnish Portuguese Tobacco at 2 fathoms p Ackey, wch is /
price it sells at in buyg necessaries on / market; but if only Rolls were furnished instead o
fathoms it wd make a gt diffce (no less than 50 %) I imagine to yr advantage, wch considerg /
gt consumpn o t Article / gains, wd be no small trifle in a 12 month. I h therefore this day
wrote to / Chiefs o all / Outforts, desirg they will furnish only Rolls: also as Rum is
now very reasonable on / Coast to lower it to 5/- p gallon. By these 2 arts: alone I h be glad disap-
pointed if I h not / pleasure o sayg I h saved yr £1000 a yr & am almost convinced t was / most paid,
t is due on acct o / buildg Apoo fort, wch not entirely discharg all Debts, & / supplies properly man-
aged afterwds, / present allowce will still do.

—Asks if a copy o Mr Baugh's Instrons fm / Board. - they wd then know / better how to
behave towds him - He says in acct o his trg I he has a right to as good an apartmt as Apoo affords
wch yr have wrote to t purpose, as t fort is in / Bd o Ordnce's hands. I always understood t
/ buildg was to be carried on by them, but t they hd nothing further to do w it = How'ever I h best
not to make any reply to him.

Apoo is now wt a good Vessel - / first t arrives here will certainly make a gt hand [have?]
o it. This is a gt talk o / Ashantees coming down this way to trade, but as it has bn so often
rumoured, can give no credit to such reports.

—Just recd a Lr fm Mr Petrie wherein he informs me t / S.E. Bastion at Succondee is fallen
down & t / N.W. & N.E. Bastions are likewise falling, wch a room in / Castle but what is leaky,
—therefore is afraid it will shortly be wtin habitable.

—If they shd inform him, wks & Instrons & his better managemt

Mr Baugh says it is impossible to sink a Well in Apoo fort, as / whole area is rock;
besides he is limited by / H.o C. to complete such works as they are represented to them & no fr.

Copy o a Letter fm Wm Webster at Popo dd May 21 1758 to Capn David Gregory

Dear Gregory In short this may give yr Reason to suspect what yr h heard o me to Windward
may be really false, but to convince yr / reason is this After having hd / pleasure o spendg some
hours wt yr & recg all / civilities t man cd expect o a friend, came on shore where I hd 3
Slaves, so came on board yr again a 2nd time & then made a promise to dine wt yr next day;

but comg on shore, found 1 death & my house all beset w King's people, & ords who made it the business to concern themselves in 1 affair. At such an astonishg a sight I was something surprised and asked / reason thereof. a grand palaver ensued where it continued 6 / space of 3 days, & made Gungun, / significan of it was that I shd neither buy slaves, teeth, or provns, nor shd I carry off any effects frm / shore, nor go off myself until I paid 60 oz of Gold at Abra Anamabo Trade Price, to wh I asked upon what accot they made it unreasonable demand, to wh they made me this answer. As y h bn on board Capt Edwd Gregory, y forewarned him frm comg on shore. He / sd Gregory was / person who carried away / Son of our Master King Shampoe, wh if y dont produce him to supply / place of sd person till his arrl, y are obliged & must p. force pay / sd sum demanded of y. But contendg w them & tellg them as near as possibly I cd concern mr Roberts / late Govr of C. C. at whose request / boy was carried up, & by / sd person carried off, they him had bn detained, but now expedit him ont wy day, so came off w payg 6½ oz, Goods as above. So beg t all Gentlemen who are or may be concerned in Croft, or wht concerned or not, to take care t some means may be found ont to restore / sd Person to & amgst his friends, or otherwise may prove of fatal consequence to those who may not be acquainted w this place or / affair. This not only me only t may suffer, but wy English man they can get hold of. So my dear freind for / sake of our followers, as it is a national affair & y concerned, do what y can to prevent any hostilities by our dear Countrymen. y must know I am now amgst them wt what little P. & am obliged to submit to the mercy wh is but small

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Copy of Act of Council for oblig / Cos Servants to attend divine service

C. C. C. 4th June 1708

At a Council held here this day

Present

Rapsaw Senior Esqre President of / Council

James Whyte Mr C. & Govr of Accra

Whereas it is observed t many of / Cos Servants do absent themselves frm divine service Worship, wt any good cause for so doing to / great scandal of / Xtian religion wh they profess.

Resolved for / future to prevent all such scandalous & indecent practices t wt Gentleman do forfeit 2 ackies gold for wy such neglect of attendg divine service except they give sufficient reasons for / necessity of absenting themselves: & any Gentleman refusg to pay / sd mulct or fine to / Reader of Divine Service, who is hereby ordered to collect / same for / use of / Hospital. some method must be found out to punish frm for contempt of orders.

By Order John Frost Secr.

Copy Act o Council C C C. 15 June 1758
Present – [ut supra]

– whereas Six Seniors named, were absent from Divine Service, contrary to / Act o Council o 4 June & tried to persuade ors to do / same partly Langcand & Bruce, Resolved to discharge Bruce as an unnecy Assistant to / CCee, & to degrade Factor Langcand to Writer – ...
Mr Westgate approves o / above Act in his Le o 20 June.

Richd Brews to / President & Council CCC. Aboo 8 June 1758. } Vide Nassau Seniors Le to / Ctee – supra.
Senior Comds to Brews CCC. 10 June 1758
Pres & Council pro- Replies to above –
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Copy Correspondce between Nassau Senior & Engr Baugh below 11 May & 1 July 1758

Senior to Baugh 11 May 1758. As to hamgg / Slaves at work on Coamenda Fort & Aboo. Dis / insolences o / Dutch in these parts is extremely unsupportable & partly as I place. Re asks him to agree to / slaves remaing dly a short time longer. Is much afraid / taking ors away up dly / juncture may be attended w bad consequces. The Dutch a some time ago hindered / English negroes going off w the canoes as / common landg place, & are now obliged to go off & come on shore dre a parcel o rocks, so dre is hardly a day but some o them are broken to pieces. The negroes are continually complaing o these hardships & threaten to leave / Town unless we oblige / Dutch to suffer em to go off upon which at / common landg place. This it will be folly f us to pretend to do while / Bastions facg / Dutch Fort are finished (dre wants 1 or 2 Bastion wh they are now abt) But if we can get / same done by / cone o / man o war are determined to do it as we h no reason to believe / negroes will live under our Forts unless we will protect em

John Baugh to Senior. Aboo 12 May 1758 Agrees to / above

Same to Same " 21 May " Before making up his estimates, asks what quantity & timber Rhine he can be supplied w locally. costs f 20 – 30 ton timber.
Senior to Baugh CCC 22 May " Gives will inquire fm Ctee as to timber, gives estimate o Rhine quantity o timber fm Bonaire 20 forty gall casks soy 3 weeks by canoe, some shells fm Wbo. timber much cheaper fm England

Baugh to Senior 11 June. Enquires as to timber sent out more at CC & / cost of time fm d'eave
Senior to Baugh 13 " The timber was f C C C. cost o time fm d'eave abt £12-15 p m.
Baugh to Senior 20 " Re / slaves & artificers employed at C C C must send to him – 36 work please / Od o Orame to hear he was more than 2 mos on / Coast wt doy any work. Will do no work dre he gets them & will be sorry to be obliged to go home f want o / assists he was promised
Senior to Baugh 21 June – Has sent f / slaves fm d'eave
Baugh " Senior – June Complains t / President & Council are not going him / assists they were ordered to do by / Ctee. viz supply'g artificers whatsoever – ~~long letter~~, as per list. ~~illegible~~
Senior " Baugh 25 June Replies at length – asks to see copy o / list – &c – is apprehs the sd he no office
" " " 26 " Between them (Bad state o C C C. next work at Coa. following
" " " 29. Sends slaves & artificers as per enclosed list
" " " 29. Sends a Bricklayer omitted yesty.

Baugh to Senior 24 June 1758
Senior " Baugh 29 June "
Baugh " Senior n d - re Quakers
Senior " Baugh 1 July "

} All upon / same subject o Labour & Materials

Hassan Senior to / Clte C. C. C. 4 July 1758

In consequence o my letter to / Out-chiefs mentd in my last, recd an answer yesty fm Mr Brew as p. enclosed copy. His behaviour is & has bn for some time past such t am very sorry he was applied a Member o Council. How to make it appear to y how little foundan there is for what he alleges, on lookg over / lists o Slaves wch sh be sent by / 15th o / 1rst's ships t arrive, y won't have cause find, I dare say 5 less in number now here than there was before Mr Baugh's arrt. What Slaves we sent to Pbco are for / most part fm Commenda & Dixcove; sure surely will any man imagine t in order to prejudice another person who has more than double my fortune (& who I declared I never hd / least ill towards, nothing his imaginans) I wd give away £400 pa to put him to / expence o £100; for by comparg C.C. & Pbco Accts togr, I dare say y will find there is t differ in furnishg those Articles. Let any one consider / affair & am confident my very Enemies must say I cd have no other but ye interest & / public good at heart, wch is always my study.

The Postscript is alludg to / Act o Council made for discharg Mr Bruce & degradg Mr Danglands. He has yesty sent to / Secy for a copy o it, & I am informed endeavourg to get my Member o / Council to protest agst it as an illegal Act, we have only 3 Votes agst / some Members. Shd this be true (tho I can't say I give much credit to it yet) & he be able to go thro w it - but imagine 10th his Brethn have much sense to be brot into such a scheme - there will be an end to all Authy.

I shd imagine / Govr o C.C. has sufficient Authy o himself to degrade or discharge any person in this Castle wd asking any person's advice, & t / Council were only

to be considered when he shot propers. If he takes upon himself to transact any affair wt he is answerable to y f / consequces. I beg instrons may not be omitted to be sent w soon as possible t I may then be instructn to what lengths I may go. As there is no M. C. besides myself residg here, it wd be very expensive to be obliged to send f more than one to consult w any time an Act was made, tho' beg at present an equal nō o Votes (1 President 2, & such member 1) shd think it wd be extremely proper sir to h one member less, or in / case o an equality o Votes on each side, to let / Secry h / casting Vote. ...

Richd Brews to Senior. Aboo Fort 5 July 1758 (enclosed in / above)

Y^r publick L^rs came to hand & I h dispatched it to / Dr Gen^m to leeward. Y^r orders w^ch regard to Tobacco & Rum sh be punctually obeyed here. Pains take care to issue them to / Cāe at / prices y mention. I am o opinion y wd h gained much more credit by issuing this Order some months sooner than y h done; but had y done so y wd not h been so great a gainer as 'tis plain y are. Wholst y Negro Slaves were at C. C. & paid by y ms shots o Lowerg / price o Rum & Tobacco, but now they are demanded by / Engrs here & carrys on Works, it will be highly necy f / Cāe's instr & public good to lower / price o these articles. For my part I am amazed how y cd buy yrself so open to public censure. The thg wd h been praiseworthy had y begun to execute it before / Storeship came; but as it is mistook o beg short y h done it f / public good, all men I daresay will concur w me in sayg it carries / face o Envy & Malice; but thank my God I despise money got in t manner.

P.S. If y h, or shd at any time make any Acts o Council at C.C. wt asking my opinion, I must insist t y do it by / Authy o / President & such o / Council as y are pleased to Consult, as I am determined not to be made accountable f / acts or maladmon o Dr men.

[Contd in ½ Resp ③ w B.O.T. Minutes from 1759]