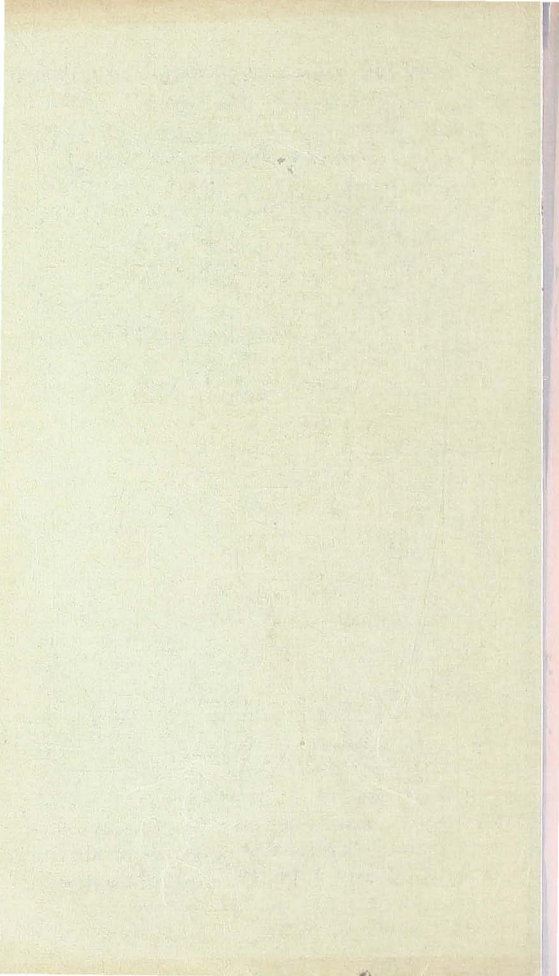


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Captain's letters

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1. Capt. Samuel Faulkner, 1752-1755.

Sir You'll be pleas'd to acquaint the Lord-
ships & I am extremely sorry to Inform them
of loss o so good an Officer as / late Captain
Stepney who was taken ill o a Billious Fever
& departed this life / 21st o May aboard / Assistance
in Cape Coast Road. . . I have appointed Captain
Edwards to Command / Assistance. . . I make
no doubt but long before this the Lordships
must be receiv'd / Deceased Captain
Stepney's letter, wherein he acquaints them &
he must be Obliged to leave / Coast o Africa
w his Majesty's Ships by / latter end o
June if not before & had given orders to
prepare to depart / first o June. before his
illness, on acct o / extreme badness o /
Provinc. . . I beg leave fur to acquaint the
Lordships & nothg has bndone by / Engineers
at Anamaboe more than make^d / out lines
o / Fort, Buildg o a Smith's Forge, & some
such trifel^g things as those. A Gentleman
has liv'd to Bury most o / Artificers & was
sent w him, himself & / remainder was
near / Point o Death when we left Anama-
boe, Some days before we sail'd he wrote
me word, he cd by no means begin Buildg
/ Fort till after / Rainy Season wh genlly
lasts till / latter end o August; after, wh
he purposes Collect^g toge what o / Cos
Slaves can be o any use to him in his
undertake^g w / natives o Anamaboe

part o whom seems inclined to assist in
his Affairs, but in my Opinion more out o
good to the pay & / usual presents than
y real esteem f our Hon^r . . .

I am - re -
t Albans in S. Faulkner
to the Bay
Barbadoes
August 4th 1753

John Cleland Esq^r, Secretary at / Admiralty

Adm 1. 2464. [Capt's letters]

15. Capt Stipney 1751. 1752. 1753.

I send this to Acquaint y (f / Informaⁿ
o my Lords, Commiss^rs o / Admiralty) o arrival
o the May. Ship Assister under my Command
at this place after a fine Passage o Twelve
ays; where I sign'd / St Albans . . .

I am - re -

Geo Stipney

Assistance
in Madeira Road
25th Decem^r 1752.

Read
6 Febr^y

Address endorsed - To John Cleland Esq^r

Pr I send this to acquaint y^e of / Informaⁿ o
my Lords Commissioners of Admiralty of arrival o
his Maj. Ship Assistance, St Albans, & Falcon
Sloop under my Command, on / 14th February
last at Annamaboe; at wh^{ch} Place I joynd
Captain Cockburne o his Maj's Ship Glory, &
met two French Ships o War The Proteus o
64 Guns Comanded by Mons^r Moncuit & /
Sirene o 34 by Mons^r Marquaesat, who had
Anchored / Day before me.

After a stay o Eight Days they departed
hence to visit the Settlements to Leeward, on their
Return to Europe

Captain Cockburne, who in Virtue o his
Seniority commanded during the stay here, will
render the Lordships a part^r Acct o his
Transac^{ns} wth them & o the Proceedgs &
Designs at this Place.

Captain Nucella in / Hind arrived here /
12th Inst^t in a v^y bad State o Health

I am - &c -

Geo. Stepney

Assistance in
Annamaboe Road
14th March 1753

Jm^o Cleveland Esq^r Secretary to / Board o Adm^{ty}
London

Recd 21 Aug^r.

2^d Rescued y^e from hence by Captain Cok-
burne o His Majesty's Ship Glory, a copy o
wh^{ch} I herewith inclose. I now take this Copy
by a Sloop dispatched Express by Mr
Melvil Governor o Cape Coast, f^r earlier
Informaⁿ o my Lords Commissioners o Admir-
alty o my Arrival at Axim on Coast o Africa,
in Co wth His Majesty's Ship St. Albans & Falcon
Sloop / 11th o February; where I had Informaⁿ
I could procure good Water, & at / same time /
safely to attend getg any to seaward.

But after being thro a few hours I discover'd
in / Offg two Sail t appeared like Men o War,
upon wh^{ch}, considering how o^f Essential it was f^r
me to be at Annamaboe in Order to defeat
the designs, I immediately weigh'd wth / above
mentioned Ships, & proceeded down / Coast where
tho o Annamaboe I joynd Captain Cokburne
o / Glory, & Anchored / 14th followg; where we
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Marquesat, who arriv'd here / Day before.

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as frequent messages pass'd between Captain
Cokburne & / French Commandant, explanatory
o our Right to t Port, & / Trade o / Gold
Coast, so wh^{ch} he seem'd to be convinc'd; &
acquainted Captain Cokburne he had no
Orders from his Court to interfere wth.

However we found t they had an Agent
o Shore who was / same Person employed by
them last Year, t gave gr^o Quantities o liquor

as many of Presents to / Chief People thro in
Order to strengthen the Interest of any
future Designs they may h; w^{ch} h^{ad} such
Influence, as gave / French gr^t Encouragem^t.

Discovering this, we came to a Resolution to
insist upon the Agent's being recalled & at /
same time took all / measures consistent wth
decency, to oblige / French to ~~evacuate~~

~~evacuate~~ / Port & thro Designs. Mons^r
Mon leit recalled his Agent & after a
mutual intercourse of ~~very~~ visits & Curtilities,
Sailed / 20th.

I h^{ave} since heard they gave out they sh^{ould}
return hither next Year, w^{ith} a sufficient Force
to answer all the Purposes, & the Party seriously
believe & depend upon it. And am likewise
inform'd o the stopp^{ing} at Accra, fm whence they
stook off to Sea & h^{ave} not b^{een} heard o since, so
I conclude they are far Advanced on the
Passage to Europe.

Mr Apperley / Engineer employ'd in
Buildg / Fort, informs me t^{hat} / Work goes
on v^{ery} slowly & want o Artificers, hav^{ing}
no more than three white, & five Black
Bricklayers, & they but v^{ery} indif^{erent}. He will
be obliged to blow up six Feet Perpendicu-
lar Rock under / g^{reatest} Part o / new Fort, f^{or}
/ Convenience o get^{ting} Stone f^{or} Buildg, as /
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most Part o / Old Fort taken down, & /

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/ Convenience o get^g Stone f^r Buildg, as /
Quantity o Brick sent out will only ~~serve~~ raise
/ Parapet & Houses, / Inside o / Fort. This is
most Part o / Old Fort taken down, & /

Foundaⁿ o / news can't be laid till July next
when / Raining Season is over.

The Ships Co begin to grow v^y sickly.
w / prevail^g Diseases, Fevers & Fluxes &
am afraid will be g^{tly} increas'd by / ap-
proach^g Raining Season.

Our Stay on / Coast cannot be longer
than / latter Part o June. by / remains o
Provinc^s now on Board, wh grows excessive
Bad; & if / Peoples Illness increase, may be
oblig'd to do it sooner f^r the Preservatⁿ.

Captain Mucella in His Majesty's Ship
/ Hind, sail'd from this Place / 4th o
April (in a v^y Bad State o health) in / furⁿ
Surreⁿ o his Orders.

... Jam - re -
Geo Stepney

Assist^{ce}

at Annamaboe

24th April 1753.

To Secretary Cleveland

Note Adm 1. 1758 contains some letters from Capt A^d
Edwards, command^g / Ship Falcon, dated in 1752
but there are no letters written by him from / Gold
Coast.

In 1755 Capt Edwards was on / WCO Africa
in command o / Gosport. The follow^g papers
are therefore copied here, so as to pa. / book:-

Adm 1. 1758. [Capt's letters]

3. Richard Edwards. 1751-56

Gosport in Carlisle Bay, Barbadoes
124th June 1755
Received 2nd Aug

Sir [The 12th o February last I wrote y a letter
fm off / River Gambia to acquaint ur lordships
w my proceedgs to t time, wh I hope y received.
On my arrival at Annamabol I received two
letters fm / Engineer & Chief o t place, Copys o wh
(N. 1 & 2) I here inclose agreeable to his request,
f ur lordships' informⁿ

Findg my People fall down daily w Intermitt^g
Fevrs & / Scurvy ... & / Rainey seasons beg set in &
evy thg very quick on / Coast I left it ~~at~~ / latter end
o April & went f / Island Princes where I arrivd
/ 4th o May. . . .] [Hereunto inclose]. . . .
[a report o / State & Condiⁿ o / sev^l Forts & Settlements
on / Coast o Africa] & am Sir - &c -

R^d Edwards.

In^o Cleveland Esq^r.

Endorsed in / fold o this letter is :-
" 5 Aug^r. Send a Copy o [so much] to / Committee o
" Merchts tradg to Africa w / enclosed fm m^r
" Apperly relatg to / Conduct o Capt^r Ellis who /
" Lords hope / Committee will prosecute to / utmost
" o this power, & hope to be informed o what they
" do herein "

Annamaboe, 11th April 1755

Sir
 On my com^g on Shore Wed Ev^g I sent f
 my Lord to know abt / Family o this Boy
 carried off / Coast by Captain Ellis. he
 desired me to send to Abbra where I am^t
 know / part^r o him, wh^r he was a free Boy
 or a Slave by / Customs o / Country. I sent a
 messenger to Abbra yest^r m^g whⁱ is not yet
 return'd, but expect him down to night, or to-
 morrow ~~at~~ m^g. As it is o Consequence to know
 wh^r / Boy is a Slave, Pawn, or free Man whom
 I know / Part^rs. sh^d give y full satisfacⁿ therein,
 & if / Sea is good I sh^d wait on y tomorrow, in
 / meantime I remain Sir - &c -

John Apperley

PS. I have v^y much troubled yest^r abt Capt
 Boats's Pawns, hav^g a gen meet^g o /
 Capucers, Privints & Towns People on T Acct.
 I wd wish f some regulⁿ agst ~~this~~ this
 tak^g o Pawns aboard / Ships, as I think it
 a Gen det^rment to / Trade, as neither French
 nor Dutch Ships practice it, & still are
 successfull.

Richard Edwards Esq^r

N.B. Captain Boats o / Knight Gally Belong^g
 to Liverpool

Annamaboe, / 12th April 1755

Sir My Lord John Curren Teen Hevi, beg
Gold Taker aboard Captain Ellis, he put a free Boy
(called Anconfee) aboard him to learn English,
& to continue on board while Captain Ellis stay'd
in Annamaboe Road to compleat his Cargoe
o Slaves, when Captain Ellis was ready to Sail,
my Lord desired him to send / Boy ashore wh
was not done, but Captain Ellis Sail'd f / West
Indies took / above free Boy along w him w^t /
consent o any o / Boy's Friends wh makes ~~my~~
my Lord (who put / above Boy aboard Captain
Ellis) liable to a Palaver, if anythg happens
to / Boy more then will, my Lord declares he
must be ruined by / Boy's Friends, if / Boy sh^d
dye. And John Curren Teen has given me to
understand t Thirty Slaves will not satisfie
/ Boy's Family if he dyes, & has lets me know
t he will look f what^r Expence, he is ab^t /
Boy, to be repaid him by / Co's Forts on / ~~Coast~~
Coast, as this unwarrantable Actⁿ was com-
mitted by / Captain o an English Ship. This
I represent to y to be reported in England
to prevent any such proceed^gs f / future, not
know^g what / Consequ^{es} o such a Actⁿ may
be on this Coast. I am - &c -
John Papperley

Rich^d Edwards Esq^r

M^r. Captain Ellis o / Halifax, belongs to Bristol

12. 1755

State & Condition of Six Forts underment^d on
1 Coast of Africa as Inspected by Richd Edwards
Commander of Her Majesty's Ship Gosport.

[Dates of Inspectⁿ & Names of Chiefs only
are noted here]

1755

- Mar 27. Duxcové Nassau Senior
- " 30 Succondee Jno Heppesley
- " " Commenda Wm Tynnell
- April 8. Cape Coast Thos Melvil Gov^r in Chief & Pres of Col
Ebinger, Young Member of Council
Wm Tynnell "
Joseph Harmer "
- April 11. Annamaboe John Apperley, Engineer & Chief
- " 13 Tantumquerry And^w Farquhar.
- " 15 Swinebahr Chas Bell.
- " 17 Accra Ebinger Young
- " 17 Prampram James Whyte.

End of Adam 1. 1758

Adm 1. 2218. [Capt Letters]
1. Timothy Nuclella 1752-1753

Hind at Madeira Dec 7th 1752.

Sir Be pleased to acquaint the Lordships I Arrived here wth His Majesty's Ship Hind under my Command / 2d Instant & have this day got / Necessary Wine on board & completed my Water, I am gett^g under Sail in Order to pursue the Lordships for Orders. His Majesty's Ship / St Albans anchored here yest^d.
I am - &c -
Tim^y Nuclella

Recd
6th Feby 1753
To John Cleveland Esq^r.

May 15th 1753 Same to Same "Island St Thomas"
Reports arrival there on 13th inst.

Hind Port Royal Harbour, 16th Sept 1753.

Sir I herewith send y^e / State & Conditⁿ o/ Forts & Settlements on / Coast o Africa, accordg to the Lordships' orders to me, o/ 31 October 1752; it beg^s / first Opp^y I h^{ad} by army o His Majesty's Ships
& am - &c -
Tim^y Nuclella

Recd
8 Jan^y
To John Cleveland Esq^r.

14.
Forts

[Summaries]

Duxcooc Mar 9. 1753.

Intolerable good repairs

Chief, Nassau Senior, 1 Serjt, 1 Gunner
Soldiers 3 white, 3 Molatta

Cannon 10 6pdr, 11 4pdr, 7 1pdr old & uncurable
350 lb Gunpowder 330 hon Cannon shot.

Succondee Mar 11. 1753.

The out Walls & Bastions so vry bad & they
may be expected to fall down daily. The
form of Fort is a Square w a Bastion
at each Angle

a Chief, 1 Serjt 1 Gunner 6 Soldiers

Slaves 6 men, 1 Boy, 2 Women, 2 Girls

Cannon 3 9pdr, 10 6pdr, 9 4pdr, 6 2pdr, 1 3pdr
vry bad, all honeycombed, w lge vents
1000 lb Gunpowder 300 Shot, 6 Guns

Commenda Mar 12 1753

The out wall facy / Dutch now
Rebuildg, the walls in want to repair

Chief, Wm Tynewell, 1 Serjt, 1 Gunner, 1 Bomboy
soldiers 5.

Slaves, 16 men, 4 Women, 7 Children

Cannon 2-12pdr, 2-9pdr, 2-6pdr, 3-4pdr, 12-2pdr
7-1pdr 2-1pdr dism. vry old, much honeycombed
lge vents, Carus vry bad
5 half barrels } Gunpowder 700 Shot
12 1/2 "

anchors 1 5 hand
1 3 hand

Cape Coast Castle Mar 29. 1753.

In v^y undif^d repair.

Thos Melvil President^o / Council Gov^r in Chief
Wm Husbands Chief Agent^r Resign'd 31 Dec 1752

Ebenezer Young Vice President^o / Council

Mathew Raachale Physician & Surgeon

Joseph Haromara Acct^{nt} & Councillor

Christopher Whytelle Sec^y now Gov^r o Ammamaboe

Andrew Farguhar Dep^y Warehouse Keeper

Wm Andrews Secretary

Wm Knott, James ~~white~~ Whyte, Thos Westgate Factors

Charles Bell. Factor Awd in Hms 'Glory', Gov^r o Wba.

John Slater Engineer & Surveyor

John Clifton Surveyor

George Dundas Serjt^r now Lieut^t of Guard

Soldiers 43 white, names include { 11 dead & discharged
10 Mulattos, 1 discharged } 11 at outposts
a number 1 at biscotte.

Castle Slaves 144 Men, 125 Women, 40-50 boys & girls

The above number includes 39 lately
arrived from 1 Gambia: (28 men
11 women)

Guns 12-12 pdr; 11-9 pdr; 14-6 pdr; 3-4 pdr;
11-3 pdr; 1-2 pdr; 10-1 pdr [total 62]

Gunpowder 4300 lb. f / Castle. In all Forts etc is
Gunpowder as Merchandize to pay Salaries
& f Trade

Shot 780 f 18 pdr, 1370 f 12 pdr, 730 f 9 pdr
1380 f 6 pdr, 100 f 3 pdr.

Tantumquerry April 5 1753.

In good order, needs plaster & whitewashed

of white iron. Slaves 4 Men, 1 Women
 Cannon 2 9pds, 4 1pds in good order
 10-3 & 4 pds unserviceable

Winnebake April 5 1753

In very bad repairs, all Posts rotten. By time
 Guns fired, roof in danger of falling in
 Cannon 16 of bad 230 shot

James Fort Anra April 6 1753

Gr part of a platform face / sea fallen
 down & must be entirely rebuilt. North Bastion
 lately fallen in. Outwalls tolerably good
 Whole Fort built w Stones & Clay instead of Lime
 A Govr, 1 Seryt, 1 Gunner, 1 Bomboy, 7 Soldiers
 Cannon. 2 18pds; 2 12pds; 15 6pds; 7 4pds
 4 3pds; 6 1pds;
 all old & unserviceable

Abt 30 Slaves must old & past work

[end of Nelson 1. 2218.]

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Admty Office: 31st Oct^r 1752.

J^r I am commanded by / Lords Comm^{rs} o /
Admty to acquaint y. / Inform^m o / Com-
mittee Merchants Trade to Africa, & Orders
will go by next Post to Plymouth, / / H^{on}d
to proceed to t^e Coast to protect / Trade, & also
/ St Albans & Falcon Sloop to proceed to
Annamaboo, to protect / People employed in
build^g / Fort ther; & t^e if / Committee h any
Pacquets to send thither & will transmit them
to me, they sh. be forwarded by / sd Ships.

I am - &c -

J. Cleveland

Mr Hollis

Capts Lvs after 1839. Vide


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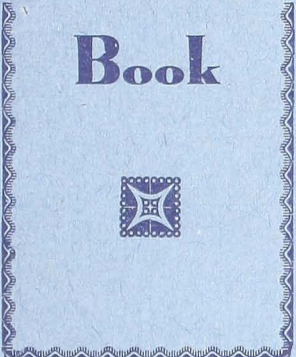
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9. George Cockburne

Sir
Glor., Plymouth Sound, 14 July 1752

I just now received a message from Commissioner
Vancouver desiring me to send those Packets ashore
again, but as I found one Packet directed to Thomas
Melvil Esq^r President of Council at Cape Coast
Castle I kept it on board as I had directed to
some Gentleman, & as my Orders direct me to go
tho

According to / directions I received from the Lordships,
I directed my Purser to provide himself wth proper
Commodities for disposing of on / Coast of Africa to / am^t
of ten pounds. I never was myself on / Coast of
Africa

I am,
Sir
Y^r most Obedient Servant
Geo: Cockburne

To John Cleveland Esq^r.

Same to Same. Glor., Madeira Road 10 Augustth 1752

- Reports his arrival thro on Monday, 3rd instant -

Glory, Cape Coast Road 30th October 1752.

Sir Your acquaintance thro' Lordships & I arrived here wth his Majesty's Ship under my command on / 22nd of October, after a most tedious Passage from my crossing / I suspect - I met wth nothing worth notice till I arrived off o' Grand Bassaw, a little to / westward o' / their ~~Sestors~~ Sestors, where I had informⁿ from a Master o' a Ship, o' a boat wth some o' his people & some belong^g to ano^r Vessel, he^g gone a Pyrate, the whole number was nine Men, I kept 27 Mar 1753 in shore & chased many boats wth Read Do" mine, but ed not meet wth no farther intelligence o' this Pyrate boat.

On my Arrival here Pursuant to my Orders I advised wth / Council, they informed me o' a treaty they were making ~~between~~ them, & wh^{ch} was near concluded wth / whole Family Nam^{ly}, in order to exclude ~~the~~ / French fr^{om} wth settling among them, but as I found th^{at} was a Party t^o inclined much to favour / French, & they expected them on / Coast wth day, I imagined it wd be best to proceed directly to Anamaboe, & take possession ^{of} o' / Ground, wh^{ch} they told me they had instruc^{tions} to prepare to build a Fort upon, I proposed this to Mr Melville / Chief who agreed to it & accordingly he & Mr Husbands, another o' / Council came aboard me & we went down wth them directly to Anamaboe. We were w^{ell} received by / Populace, & went to / place where th^{at} formerly had bin a Fort & hoisted ~~the~~ English Colours th^{ere}, I sailed / next day fr^{om} Cape Coast where I am now in order to

fill my Water, & sh^d go down agⁿ to Annama-
boe as soon as s^he they can find people to
set to work, or t^h I can be o^f / least service
by leav^g th^{em}. I h^{ave} just heard o^f this Vessel wh^{ich}
is bound to Jamaica beg to Leeward & a Canoe fm
/ Costa beg go^g down to her this ev^g / Con-
veye is a v^{ery} uncertain, & / time v^{ery} short, wh^{ich}
prevents my send^g / whole Part^s o^f my Voyage,
wh^{ich} I sh^d take care to do by / first Opp^{ty} I can
meet w^{ith}. I h^{ave} buried but one Man during / Voyage
& him I hd on^{ly} o^f a Merchants^h ship on this Coast.

I am - &c -

Geo: Cockburne

To John Cleveland Esq^r

Plory in Cape Coast Road Decem^r 14th 1752.

Sir In my last o^f 30th October, a copy o^f wh^{ich} I send
inclosed, I inform'd th^{er} Lordships o^f my Arrival
here &c. I sail'd fm Madiera on / 12th o^f August
O.S as I advis'd by my letter fm thence. On /
16th Novem^r h^{is} Majesty's Sloop Badger,
Captⁿ Hale arriv'd here wh^{om} I h^{ave} detain'd as I
hd th^{er} Lordships Dir^{ect}ions to do if I thot /
Service requir'd it, wh^{ich} I did, w^{ith} know^g how
soon it m^{ight} be necessary to send th^{er} Lordships
Intelligence wh^{ich} I cd not do w^{ith} her. The Fantee
na^m was then in some disturbance abt / Law
I mention'd in my last, wh^{ich} Law has not ad-
vanced since I wrote, / Annamaboo people
incling to / French wh^{om} they declare hd promised
them to be here w^{ith} th^{er} Men o^f War in this Month
& beg w^{ith} them Three thousand Bendees, wh^{ich}

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is £2400. & also declared they shd h Ground
to build a Fort on if they came. I did all t
lay in my power to get / better o the Indiana^{ns}
to / French, & h so far succeeded t they
offer us all / assistance in the Power at
present to land Stores re: f / Fort; declare
they are English men & when they can get
the Sons fm France, wh went in / French
men o War last Year they will heartily join
us / rest o / Faintes to exclude / French f
war, the promises I h little regard to,
Presents will make them ours till / French
offer more, then they will be thrs; this
they h plainly told me themselves t they
wish to h both hands build Forts w them,
& t they will receive / Presents o who ever
begs them, so / last bidder has them . . .

I stop'd at Dickenson havg little wind &
a windward Current. I likewise stop stop'd
at Secordee & took / oppⁿ o Keeling &
boot toppg / Ship ths wh was / brisⁿ I had
fm her comg ont o Dock. Monday
arrived here / Terrible Transport w Pericks
Lime re f Annamaboo, she is now pullg
on Shore / Brandy she is ordered to deliver
here, & my Boat is waiting her. I sh go
down to Annamaboo w her directly & do all
in my power to dispatch her unloading. /
Master informs me / Demurrage is three
Pounds a day after forty two days wh is
much too short a time where people move

so slow at here or where nothing can be landed
but in Canoes. I have continued in Cape Coast
Road wth His Majesty's Ship under my Com-
mand since my last, as there was nothing to
do at Annamaboo & / Council that I did
not see a more Service anywhere else on /
Coast. The Pirate I had the Lordships direct^{ns}
abt we had intelligence was taken on / Paraville,
it is certain she has not been heard oⁿ on this
Coast a long time.

I send this by / Badger to Barbadoes who
I have dispatch'd from thence hence & he gives /
Captain oⁿ her Orders to go no further leeward
than Ackraus & in case of respect to follow
the Lordships Orders if he further proceed^s,
he has only eleven Weeks Provisions at
whole allowance on board wh^{ch} I think too small
a quantity to proceed quite down / Coast wth,
/ Council beg a opinion his going to leeward
wd be oⁿ no Service at present, otherwise I wd
have supplied her wth a sufficient quantity oⁿ
Provisions on a my Ship. I have given / Captain
oⁿ her Orders to take on board some Stores of
/ Use oⁿ / Fort at Ackraus upon an Application
to me from / Governour oⁿ Cape Coast, oⁿ /
Fort, beg^g not beg in / great want oⁿ them & he
has no method to send them, all / Canoes
beg employ'd in unloading / Transports at
Annamaboo. I am - &c -
Geo: Cockburne

I am now wth His Majesty's Ship under my
Command at Annamaboo, to^g wth
/ Terrible Store Ship, we have collected all /
Canoes to^g it can be got & begin tomorrow

8.
To unload her, I stop'd / Badger here since
Yest. y. to give the Lordships an acct o / re-
ception I shd meet w. I had a message fm
John by Will^m & many o's this morn'g. They
promise us gr assistance & Will^m assures me
his Father & o's at Annamaboo will do
what ever I desire them to exclude / French.
Private peete hinderd them fm agreeing w /
rest at Cape Coast. I hope to be able able to
explain farther in my next.

Annamaboo Road Dev: yr 16th G. C.
1752.

"Received & Read
20 June"

John Cleveland Esq

Glory, Cape Coast Road, 6th Janry 1753

Sir I h just heard o this Vessel beg bound
to Jamaica directly. I beg y will acquaint the
Lordships t we completed unloading / Terrible
transport on / 30th o last month on wh
day arrived here / Halifax, & on / 2nd o this
month / Gloucester both w materials &
Annamabooe Fort. we h at last got /
promises o / Annamabooe people to agree to
/ Law & exclude / French, w't waiting f the
Sons return. And / whole Fortiens h given
the words to be down to finish all in four
days. I cant say I h much dependance
on the promises. John Curranke & o's

Chiefs o Annamaboe h swore to me accord^g
to / Custom o the Country, & no Frenchman
wer sh build a Fort or be allowed to settle
amg them, Th not time to add more.

I am - &c -

Geo Colburne

"Read 3^d July"

To John Cleaveland Esq^r.

Glory, Cape Coast Road 25th Febr^y 1753.

5 Sir
Tuesday 13th Febr^y beg in Cape Coast
Road, at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 5 in / Morn^g, saw two l^ge
Ships, by / cut o the Sails I took them to be
French, I immediately unmoored in order
to get ~~the~~ down to Annamaboe before them, in
case they shd shew any Intenⁿ o go^g the; at
10 it beg Calm & v^y hazey they came to an
Anchor, bearing them fm me S. w^l betwⁿ 3 & 4
leagues; abt Noon / Haze cleared up, they
hoisted French Colours; I immediately ho^ve
short, & was just tripp^g my Anchor when Cape
Coast Castle made a Weft wth the Ensign &
fired 2 Guns, I immediately sent an Officer away
in / Barge to know what they wanted, he was
met by a Canoe com^g off fm / Shore, to let
me know t^{at} an Express was t^{at} Moment arriv^d
at Cape Coast, wth Informaⁿ o two o our Line
o Battle Ships hav^g bn seen at Axim, & were
then supposed to be at Dixcove or some o
our Forts betwⁿ t^o & Cape Coast; I immediately
dispatched Orders by Land all along / Coast,

directed to / Captains o my o his Majesty's
 Ships, t they shd not lose a Moments
 Time in joining me: In this Turis / French
 Ships hd got under way, kept the Wind
 close & behaved as if they designed anchors
 in Cape Coast Road, they stood in till within
 a Mile o me, & then / Ege Ship hauled up
 her lower deck Ports & bore directly away f
 Annamaboe; I plainly saw she was a
~~64~~ 64 Gun Ship, & / o' a Frigate o
 20 Guns or upwards. Havg received In-
 telligence o our Ships beg on / Coast I thot it
 prudent to lye still till I was rein forced,
 rather than run away Risk o beg insulted,
 wh they seemed inclinable to by the Be-
 haviour; concludg our Ships must be w
 me in 24 or 48 hours at farthest. At $\frac{1}{2}$
 past 5 / next Mornig we discovered two Ege
 Ships & a Snow in / Offg, it beg then Calm,
 they 4 leagues right off / Shore, & a gt Haze
 hangg over / Land, thot they mt probably be
 mistaken in / Place; therefore fired Guns as
 Signals to them, / Current running w strong &
 settg them w fast so Leeward: At 6 the
 beg a light Air o Wind off / Land, I weighed
 in order to join them, plainly discoverg them
 to be English Men o War: At 8 it proved [?]
 quite Calm, & beg apprehensive we mt all
 drive too far to seaward to be able to fetch
 into Annamaboe Road, I sent an Officer
 away in a Boat to inform / Captains o my
 Apprehensions, & to desire they wd come to
 an Anchor. At $\frac{1}{2}$ past 9 came to an

Anchor as did our Ships in / Off^d they then
beg 2 or 3 leagues distant from me; at
2 we all weighed & endeavoured to join,
but it proving wth little Wind I tho^t I sho^{ld} not
be able to fetch into Annamaboe Road (wh^{ch} I
was wth desirous to do) if I persisted in
joining / Ships; my Boat was then returned
by wh^{ch} I had learned wh^o / Captains o^f his
Majesty's Ships were: Abt 5 I anchored as
did / o^f Ships at 1/2 past. I was scarcely at
an Anchor before / French command^r Officer
sent his first lieutenant as I took him to be,
on board o^f me wth Compliments, & assur^{ing} me
he had nothing to do here but to get Refreshm^{ts}.
Next Morning, beg / 15th I sent a lieutenant
on board o^f him wth Compliments, & desired to
know if I cd in any way be assist^g to him
in procuring him Refreshm^{ts} &c. as we had a
Settlem^t ~~here~~ on shore here, & therefore m^{ight} be
looked upon as at home. I same Afternoon I
received Informa^{nt}s & Compliments from /
negroes as well as / Factors t^o a French Scho^{ner}
wh^o anchored in / Road / night before, had all
/ trade carried to her, t^o / 3rd Hur^{ts} &
Detrim^{nt} o^f ours; upon wh^{ch} I immediately
sent a lieutenant on board / French man to
tell him this was an Infrach^{nt} upon our
Trade, & t^h I cd not admit o^f it, therefore
desired t^h she sh^{ld} leave / Road, or be hindered
from trad^g in case she wanted Necessari^{es}; a
long Conversaⁿ ensued abt / Honour o^f French
Flag, wh^{ch} I assured him I had not / least intennⁿ
o^f affront^g, but wd assist them wth what^{er}
they m^{ight} stand in need o^f / use o^f other Ships,

but as I had received those Complaints from several
 of principal Natives, as well as from our own
 People settled here, I did not allow a single
 Infrachment on our Trade on this Coast. He
 then said he imagined this Coast & this part
 in part^s was free to all Nations. To convince
 him of contrary, I read / Law made by /
 Fantee to him, & excluded / French & all o^r
 Nations from ever settling in Fantee; which was
 signed & finished only on / 6th of February.
 I added I did not in / least doubt but he wd
 give / necessary Orders for the Vessel to depart, or
 to cease trading; he assured me he wd, & that he
 wd take care nothing shd be done to give me
 / least Umbrage. The 16th he came
 himself to visit me, many French com-
 plements passed, I saluted him &c. The
 17th I went accompanied by the rest of
 Captains to visit him, he received me as
 I had done him. A same afternoon I received
 Informaⁿ from / Shore by letters & oth ways,
 that a Frenchman who was on shore under pretence
 of buying Stock had assembled / Towns People of
 Annamaboe in / Night, had been tampering wth
 them for Ground to build a Fort on, giving away
 gr^t Quantities of liquors & by many dist^t methods
 had prevailed on / Blacks to insult our
 People employed about / Fort on shore; & ~~some~~
 Some of these principal Blacks told our Chief
 at Annamaboe that they wd immediately give
 / French a piece of Ground for a Fort, where
 they shd directly hoist French Colours; At

/ same Time I received a letter from / Governour
& Council at Cape Coast informing me of / various
Practices of / French on shore, & that it was the
Opinion it was absolutely necessary for / good
of our Trade & Interest here, that the Frenchman
shd be taken off from / Shore. I thought it might
not to trifle or be trifled w any longer; therefore
after consultg us, & by / Approvaⁿ of / us &
/ Captains of his Majesty's Ships, I sent Captain
Faulkner of his Majt's Ship St Albans, w /
following message to / French Command^r
Officers; To tell him of / Informaⁿ I had received,
wh was contrary to what he himself had
told me came upon, it was inwading upon
our Trade & Priviledges here wh I had Orders
to defend & protect; I therefore insisted, that
the Person whomever he was that was on shore, shd
immediately be called on board; & w^h he
wd oblige me to take such Measures as wd
be by disagreeable to me, wh was a Necessity
I heartily hoped he wd not lay me under.
repeated all my Compliments in regard to his
beg welcome to Refreshm^{ts}, & offered him
Assistance in procuring them, begd that / good
Harmony wh was begun between us, mt not
be interrupted by his doing anything that my
Orders wd not allow of, & what was direct-
ly contrary to what he himself had told me
was his Order & Intenⁿ by anchoring here.
Captain Faulkner returned w / following Mes-
sage: That / French Captain was extremely
sensible of my Politeness, & g^rly concerned at
/ Steps taken by his Man on shore,

promised to send for him off next Morn^g,
 rebuke him severely for acting contrary to
 his Orders, & promised to break him if he gave
 me any more cause of Complaint, & upon his
 honour he only employed him in buy^g Stock,
 & he wd take him off on Tuesday to return
 no more, & & he wd himself leave / Road /
 Day follow^g. Sunday / 18th early in /
 morn^g he sent / same Officer who had come
 w all Messages before (& who I now found
 was a Major of Marines) to repeat agn to me
 / Assurances of giv^g me no farther Trouble, lest
 by any mistake / over night message wd
 not be br delivered to me w all / Politeness
 & Regard & Mont^r Montlucet, wd heed
 it shd; he had taken this Precauⁿ bec Capt
 Faulthorpe did not himself speak French, but
 was oblig'd to make use of an Interpreter;
 numberless Compliments pass'd, & same
 Day he, / Marquisas commander of Frigate, w
 many more French Officers dined on board of me.
 Monday I & / rest of / Captains dined w him, & at
 10 & night he sent for his Man fr / Shore, a
 v^y unusual th^g here for either Boats or Cannoes
 to come off after it is Dark. At 2 O'c on Tuesday
 Morn^g they weigh'd & sail'd sail'd out of / Road.

Not w^g his first Message, & repeated Assurances
 upon his Honour, & he had no o^r business here
 but to get Stock, I was v^y soon inform'd & / French-
 man on Shore, was / v^y same Man & came in the
 Men of War last Year, & was employ'd on shore in /
 same Way; (his name is Dubourdieu) he took
 all Methods to raise / French & sink / English

in / Opinion o / Natives; he charged John
Carrantee not to let any Englishman nor his Son
William know what he sd, nor what was his
Business here. The Transac^{ns} onshore I hd
daily, nay hourly Intelligence o. Mons^r
Mont Louet's word I found was not to be
taken. I then considered the Lordships Orders
to me, as well as those to Captain Stepney, &
thot I cd not suffer / French to go any
farther. My Proceedgs I h already told, wh
I hope the Lordships will approve o. It is
impossible to get an exact Acct. o what they
h given away it is in so many Hands, but
it is certainly v^y considerable. When /
Frenchman left / Shore, he assured /
People t he only came now to see if they were
o / same Mind they were last Year & t he
wd be back in a few Months w Store Ships
& all Necessarys f buildg a Fort; & a
sufficient number o men o War to defend
them. I endeavoured through / whole o
this Affairs to conduct myself in a Man-
ner as little offensive as Possible. I doubt
much if he wd h behaved so w a superior
or even an equal force to us, he seemd
inclined to bluster a little when Captain
Faultner went first on board w / Mes-
sage, but when he found it Peremptory he
changed his Note, grew mightly Civil,
took it as a gr^t favour so Polite a Gentleman
hd ben sent to him, & gave him / before
mentioned Answer. As a Merchant Vessel
was to sail Today f Jamaica I wd not

fail endeavouring to let the Lordships be /
 earliest Intelligence possible of this Affairs, tho
 I propose Sailg ~~to~~ to Barbadoes myself in
 a Week if I can get ready. I h^{ave} not time
 to send Copies of all / letters I wrote & re-
 ceived fm / Shore by wh^{ich} I in a g^{reat} measure
 regulated my Ac^{tions}, but sh^{ould} not fail to
 transmit them by / first Opp^{ortunitie}. My whole
~~the~~ wish at present is t^{hat} my Conduct may
 meet w^{ith} the Lordships Approba^{tion}. I am

Sir
 Y^{our} most Obed^{ient} Servant
 George Cockburne

Names of French Men o' War	Guns.	Men.
Le Prothée... M ^{onsieur} de Mont Louzet	64	600
La Sirene... M ^{onsieur} de Marquaisas	32	250

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 Coast Road in order to get the Water filled.

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To John Cleaveland Esq^r.

A Copy of a letter from Mr. Deshaynes, Chief
at Annamaboe to Capt. Cockburne.

Annamaboe Feb^y 15th 1753.

Sir At 9 this Morn^g came on shore an Officer
of French Ship w^h one whom I believe belongs to
Co. I saw they was prepar^d to salute them
wth 19th Guns upon wh^{ch} I immediately sent to
John to tell him I did not think it was
proper, who sd he sh^d be sorry to do anything not
agreeable to English; therefore he desisted.

They h^{av}e distributed abt 12 Anchors of
Brandy among Country People; John tells me
they h^{av}e not yet disclosed anything to him, but
when they do, he will lett me know.

I sent up to Cape Coast 6 Articles but
messenger is not yet returned, but when he
does sh^d immediately sent them to y.

I am - &c -
William Deshaynes

I h^{av}e just received a letter from Mr. Melish
he acquaints me he has sent Paper to y

To George Cockburne Esq^r

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 earliest Intelligence possible of this Affair, tho
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agreeable to English; therefore he desisted.

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Brandy am^{ng} 1 Country People; John tells me
they h^{ve} not yet disclosed anything to him, but
when they do, he will let me know.

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messenger is not yet returned, but when he
does sh^d immediately send them to y^e.

I am - &c -
William Deshaynes

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he acquaints me he has sent 1 Paper to y^e

To George Cockburne Esq^r

"A Copy o a letter from Cap^t. Cockburne to /
Governour o Cape Coast Castle,"

Sir

I beg y will direct Mr Devaynes to
send y word o w^{ch} Thg t happens once w^{ch}
four & twenty hours, & must desire th^t y will
sent me what Accts y receive from him, Write
it to me in Form, & yr Opinions on it as far
as it concerns our Trade on / Coast. Will^m
My Lord, Appa, & Hopping Annama has
bn on board to day, they behave well I hear.
Mr Devaynes may daily write me word
what passes on shore as well as send it to
y. I h desired Mr. Apperley to correspond
w me likewise. I am - r -

Geo: Cockburne

Stony, Feb^y 16th 1753.

To Thomas Melvil Esq^r rec^d rec^d

"A Copy o a letter from Mr Devaynes, Chief
at Annamaboe to Cap^t. Cockburne"

Annamaboe Feb^y 16th 1753.

Sir

I am now to acquaint y t / Frenchmans
Boat is just come on shore, & they h landed 11
Anchors o liquor, 2 Bales, a Hamper or two, &
some Powder;

y must be v^y sensible Sir, t all these Thgs
comg on shore, best part o w^{ch} I know were given
in Dashes, must weaken our Interest here,
especially as / Natives h always bn inclined in the

favours.

Probably / French Captain may not have any immediate concern w these People, but here is a Person on shore whom I believe is sent fm / Co. & I think not w some design as they wd never make those Presents & not expect some retaliation

As to / Number o Slaves / French Snow has bot here tis impossible to tell, but as they can afford to give a lger Price than / English I make no Doubt but his Purchase has bn considerable f / Time he has bn in this Road. I shd be obliged to y if I cd know when y propose go off / Coast & am Sir - &c -

William Deshaynes

PS. The People o / Fishing Town h bn ~~pulling~~ pulling down & breakg some o our Bricks, & h bn throwg o Stones at / Windows where / White Men Lodge, as we never had any o this Usage before we must wholly lay it on / French mens Presce.

" A Copy o a letter fm Capt. Cockburne to Mr Apperley, Ingenieur at Annamaboe "

Sir I hope y go on tolerably well on shore. I beg y will daily take / Trouble o writg me word what is done by / French on shore, How / Blackes behave. & a way thg t occurs to y, whr y imagine our Business is in any Shape retarded by ths Presce in / Road. I h desired / some favours fm Mr

Deshaynes I am - &c -

George Cockburne

Glory, Annamaboe Road
Feb^y / 14th. 1753

"A Copy of a letter from / Governour & Council
at Cape Coast Castle to Captain Collingwood"

Cape Coast Castle Feb^y 17th 1753.

Sir We at this moment received a letter from
Mr Deshaynes wherein he acquaints us of
a French man's beg on shore at Annamaboe as
y will see by / enclosed [not here]

When Mons^r Salser^t was at Annamaboe
last Year John Curranter sent almost every
Day here to let Mr Melvil know the was a
French man on shore buying Provisions; & when^{er}
he mentioned any of^s Business we shd know,
how far he kept his Word of Honour.

It is therefore our Opinion t^e / French
Commodore shd be obliged to send by his
Man off as he did last Year. Since writ^g
/ above / enclosed from William Ansah is
come to hand wh shows how necessary it
is to put an End to / Intercourse between /
French & / People on shore as soon as possible

We are - &c -

Thomas Melvil
Joseph Stammers

"A Copy of a Letter from William Ansoh at
Annamaboe to / Governour of Cape Coast Castle."

Annamaboe Feb^y 17th 1753

Sir

I shd not h bin so remiss in my
Duty o waitg on, or sendg of all / Intelligence
I cd gain o / French mans Proceedgs but as I
procured them to Mr Desaugnes & by him
they were forwarded to y.

The French Gentleman on shore
(Mr. Dubourdieu) desired o my Father this
Morng t say thg talked betw them m^t be
a Secret to me, but I am sufficiently con-
vinced by my Fathers past Conduct, & so
certain he will retain his Endeavours to
serve / English, ths Request is lost, &
therefore y may depend on my sendg
y express or lettg Mr Desaugnes know
all I hear. The Frenchmen who were
on shore this Day, to increase / ill Opinion
wh some o / Natives entertain o / English
heightnd by ths (/ French mens) presce, ac-
quainted them / English Commodore hd sent
on board & told them, they wd not permit
them to trade, f as they (/ French men)
terrid it. / whole Fantie Country was ths
property & / Inhabitants ths Slaves; but what
Answer they reced, as I was on board, am a
Stranger to at this Time, but when I do, sh
let y know. I am - r -

William Ansoh

To Thomas Melvil Esq^r.

"A Copy o Capt.ⁿ Cockburne's Answer to a
Letter from Mr Desaynes, Chief at Annamaboe"

Sir I have received / favour o yr Letters & beg y
will continue to give me daily Informaⁿ o what
/ French do on shore, And o what Alteraⁿ y
can discover in / Behaviour o / Blackys in
consequence o / French beg permitted to come on
Shore. I am o Opinion they h no business
to call / Town; till John so, t if t is done
agn I sh be offended & must take Measures
accordgly. All Civility shd be shown whilst
they buy Refreshments only. They h promised
me, they go on shore to no o^r End, Presents
to Lewis, let them make what they will, or
to o^r, but no assembling / Town nor treatg
w / Blackys ab^t anything unless yr Appoyntees
or y are present, I think shd be allowed o,
at least pray do y expostulate ag^t it. And
let me know w what Success. I am - &c -
Geo Cockburne

Glory
Febry 17 1753.

"A Copy o a Letter from Mr Desaynes, Chief at Annamaboe to Captain Colburne."

Annamaboe, 17th Feb^y 1753.

Sir,

At 9 this Morn^g I was called to an Assembly o/ whole Towns Cabocers, where they acquainted me t it hd bn sd t / whole Town o Annamaboe, such as Land, People, Goats, Sheep, Poultry & ev^y individual^s th^g here was / Property o / English, & desired to know o me who was / Person t sold them, upon wh^{ch} I ~~sd~~ answered t I did not believe any English man hd sd so, & desired to know th^{is} Author, th^{en} they remained Silent. They also told me t we m^o h liberty to build our Fort here, but t they wd go & shew / French a Spot where they shd build a Fort, & immediately hoist th^{is} Flag.

After wh^{ch} I desired to know who was th^{is} Author o / above Intelligence, they told me if I wd give them 34 Gallons o Brandy (y are to know t I hd given them / little quantity when I first met at / Assembly) so I immediately agreed (as I imagined it was only some raised Story on purpose to make us look despicable in / Eyes o / Natives) & they told me t one o / French Lieutenants hd bn on board o y, t y hd shewed him a Paper wherein / above was mentioned, very may even more t / English hd bot them before, & hd now lately bot them agn. And

to show us they were free Men they w^old
 immediately quit / French man Ground
 as I mentioned before. I think if / They
 is not so, it w^old be proper this same
 French Officer sh^d come on shore & declare
 to / contrary, but as I h^o laid / whole Affairs
 before you, I leave it to yr superior
 Judgment & remain - &c -

William Desaugues

To George Cockburn Esq^r

" A Copy o' Cap^t ~~Desaugues~~ Cockburn's
 Answer to a Letter fr^m Mr Desaugues, Chief
 at Annamaboe "

Sir I h^o this Moment received yr^s I
 h^o sent a Preemptory Message to / French
 Captain this Afternoon & h^o insisted on t^e
 Man's be^g immediately removed fr^m /
 Shore, or I sh^d be forced to take measures
 to oblige him to it.

I h^o h^d f^r answer, t^e upon his Honour
 he h^d nothing to do w^o Annamaboe, only staid
 here f^r a few Refreshments, wd send f^r t^e
 Person to ~~Marine~~ fr^m / Shore to Morrow,
 rebuke him severely f^r meddling w^o / People,
 & handle him w^o g^r Severity if he in
 any shape inter^rfered w^o / Caboceros
 or People agⁿ; t^e what he gave away

was only a little Brandy in Return of
Civility. I have showed to some French
merch: men by / Annamaboe People.
In short he is to take him off on
Tuesday if good, he has my Per-
mission to remain till t Time to buy
Stock only, & leaves this Road
himself in a Day or two after. If /
French man has any more Councils let
me know if I will not allow it. Jam. -

Geo: Cockburne

Feb^y 17th 1753.

"A Copy of a letter fm Mr Duesdaines, Chief
at Annamaboe to Cap^t Cockburne"

Annamaboe 17th Feb^y 1753.

Sir
I Received y^r two esteemed Favours
of this Day's Date, & have desired John to
assemble some of / principal Caboccers,
where I propose to declare / falsity of t
Story / French man rose here on purpose
to hurt our Interest & raise this; moreover
I design if y^e are willing to Brandyce /
French man (wh is an old Custom here)
when he will be obliged either to prove /
Fact or pay Sauce of his Behaviour.
It is almost Incredible to think what

Interest they h here, / Frenchman on shore
 here is continually Palao^{ing} us / Cabo-
 cords Night & Day. I am in hopes o
 yr answer

Sir - r -

William Desaynes

To George Cockburne Esq

" A Copy o a letter fm / Governour & Council
 at Cape Coast Castle to Cap^t. Cockburne "

Cape Coast Castle, Feby 18th 1753

Sir

We h had a letter fm Mr Desaynes this
 morn^g containg a Copy o his letter to y:

Y see / Design o / French sendg a man
 on shore is to set us at Varice us / Natives &
 to imbarras us, & therefore we hope he will
 be ordered off

We h wrote Mr Desaynes how far /
 Paper y shewed to / Frenchman gofs, but
 they think, fm / Examples o thr own Govern^{mt}.
 t wry Right implys Slavery, & t Word o all
 o^r is / most odious to / Fantees We are - r -

Thomas Melvil

Joseph Hammer

"A Copy o a Letter from Mr Apperley En-
gineer at Annamaboe to Cap^t Cockburne"

Annamaboe Feb^y 18th 1753

Sir

Since / French's Officers o / Commodore's
Ship went off this Morning, they h^{ave} bro't
ashore here 18 diff^t Casks, Anchors, & 1/2
Anchors o Brandy, part o wh^{ich} I h^{ave} seen
carried off by three Coxswains who are in /
French Interest, they h^{ave} held no Council since
t^{hat} Mr Desaynes acquainted y^{ou} of, they are
gt numbers o People go to his Apartm^t on
what Business I can't learn, wh^{ich} is all I h^{ave}
to acquaint y^{ou} at present, in / mean Time
I am - &c -

John Apperley

"A Copy o a Letter from Mr Desaynes, Chief at
Annamaboe to Captain Cockburne"

Annamaboe 18th Feb^y 1753

Sir

I here send y^{ou} / most part^s o / Proceedgs
o / French at Annamaboe.

On / 15th came from on board o / French
Man o War two People, one o wh^{ich} I take to be
an Officer belong^{ing} to / Ship & / o^r I know
is / Person, who came here last Year, & endeavor-
ed to fix a French Flag here; on his arrival
on shore / whole Town assembled to meet
him (wh^{ich} is a Thg^t it is not common, nay, even
I never heard o this do^{ing} so f^r other Officers

o a Man o War, or Master o a Merchantman).
 I they h seel Times brok on shore abt 3/4
 Anchor o Brandy, a good part o wh I am
 sensible has bin given in Dabees, wh cd
 not be f any Civility they used to the Mer-
 chant Ships as he Mr Dubourchien, declared
 to me here t Mr Armes, a French Master o
 a Merchant Ship, hd taken above 30 Mark
 o supposed Gold here, on t wh / Owner o /
 Ship Mr Armes commanded, told him t
 he hd ngt gotten enough to make a Stew-
 pan f his Kitchen & seel o's t h bin more
 or less served so, & t do continue to do it as
 often as Oppy offers, wh Roguery I think
 cannot be termed Civility & moreover I
 hear / French h now brok back some o /
 bad Gold they carried off before.

Mons^r Dubourchien / French Officer on
 shore here, on his arrival, when / Council
 was assembled to meet him, saluted wth
 petty Cabrees in part^s, & has bin present
 at seel Assemblys by Night & Day / Con-
 sequ^{ce} o wh ~~was~~ I believe Yest^y came out,
 wh was t they wd immediately send f / sd
 Frenchman & shew him / Ground where they
 were to build a Fort & hoist a Flag

Also t y, Sir, hd told / Lieutenant t they, the
 Goats, Sheep, Fowles &c &c were our Property
 wh y may plainly see was only to make
 us & / Fantoms Quarrel.

Moreover last Night he sent George
 Bannister & William Ansa Sessaracoo,
 John Currant's Sons, a Gold faced Hatt
 each, they asked me if they shd take them,

I told them not, so were returned, y may plainly see Sir t they even want to bribe almost / only People t stick by us.

Probably / French Captain may not be any immediate Concern w these People on shore here, but here is a Person Mr. Dubourdieux, who I believe is sent fm / Co who does actually make Interest in / Country w an Intenⁿ to build a Fort at when he was distributing liquors the o^d day thr, some Women who came & told him t they were / People t were to carry / Stones & Bricks to build the Fort, on wh he gave them four Flasks o Brandy, so Sir, y may plainly see t / Presse o / French Officers on shore here is v^y detrimental to us, & as f Stock they can as well purchase it on board as on shore. I am - &c -

William Devaynes

I received yr esteemed Favour last Night & must acquaint y t / Frenchman is y^e on shore. / Man o War's Boat came on shore this Morn^g but went off soon agⁿ

William Devaynes

To George Cockburne Esq^r

Endorsed "Fantee Law of
Excludg / French"
15th "

We / Braffoe & Currankeers, / Priests & People o Fantee do declare t our Fathers under / Conduct o thr Braffoe Imorah were brot by / English fm / Country now Arcania, & by them furnished w Arms, Ammunition & Money not only to take Possession o / lands now inhabited by us, but likewise to conquer all those little States around us at present Subject to our Dominion. And whereas we are certainly informed t within these ten Years past sev^l Subjects o / French King h bn endeavoring by Bribes o various Kinds not only to dissolve t close Communion betwⁿ / English & Fantee Nations wh we look upon as our g^{test} Security, but likewise to procure to themselves some o t Ground wh was conquered at / English Expence, & wh besides / natural Injustice o / thg, can h no o^r tendency than to introduce jarring Interests & Divisions am^g us, & thereby deliver us up an easy Prey to our Enemies. F these Reasons, & to recognize / Rights o / English Naⁿ in / most solemn & authentick Manner & to cut off all Claims & Pretensions o any o^r Naⁿ whatso^r, We / whole People o Fantee did on / Tw^{enty} sixth day o October last assemble at Munnim & unanimously passed / followg Law wh we publickly declare to be constitutional. And hereby accordg to / wonted Form o our Ancestors denounce a Curse upon ourselves

or any of our Posterity who sh attempt either
directly or indirectly to break through it with
Law is as follows: - " Be it known to all /
People of Fantee, & to all under th^r Obedience,
I We, / Braffoe & Curranteers, / Priests &
People of Fantee, do enact & Ordain t^o no
Subject of / French King sh ever be permitted
to settle anywhere, either by buildg Forts or
otherwise, betwⁿ Queen Ann's Point & James-
Fort Accra, & t^o whoever attempts to harbour
them in his House sh, on Proof of / Fact, be
adjudged guilty of Treason agst his Country,
& punished accordingly." And as a farther
Proof & Testimony of / reality of our Inten^{ts},
& to secure as far as in us lies / English Interest
in this Country & to engage them by our
candid behav^rour to continue us t^o Protection,
wh^{ch} by long Experice we h^{ve} found so beneficial
We, / aforesaid Braffoe & Curranteers, /
Priests & People of Fantee, h^{ve} judged it
proper & necessary to send / followg Persons
(Vizt. Imorah Son to Aduafor Braffoe
of Fantee; Oquitta Son to Acrampa
Lieutenant Gen^l of all Fantee; Aquanoo,
Quow Yamoah, Acriphy, Immiab,
Curranteers or Senators, Aufuah Son
to Aquanoo Curranteer, Siki Son to
Taky Priest of Bura Bura Wiga, likewise
/ followg Cabbacers & Captains, Vizt: -
Agree Quamfoo; Cudjoe Acriphy, Agiam,
Quashil; Advom; Quaboo, Quamino
Afoot; Quabhee Cooma; Quamino
Benti; Quabinaaian; Yacoo - Quow
Abiadoo - Coffee Advimah - Abansoo -

John Coffee - Quambee -) duly & fully
 authorized to Cape Coast Castle, & th^r in
 pres^{nc} o / President & Council to swear
 Allegiance & Fidelity to / English Manⁿ & to
 deliver / following Hostages Vizt. - Ludjoe
 Annooma Seyler's Son to / Braffoe o Fantee,
 fm / sd Braffoe & Curramters; likewise
 Quabino Sati, - Quacoo, & Coffee, into th^r
 Hands to remain as Pledgers f^r our punctual
 Obedience w^{ch} o / above Law. We / afore-
 mentioned Persons Deputies fm / Braffoe
 & Curramters, / Priests & People o Fantee
 beg duly & fully authorized h, accordg to /
 Custom o our Country & / Form prescribed
 by our Religion, as likewise accordg to /
 Custom o / English Manⁿ & / Form prescribed
 by th^r Religion, Sworn to / due Perform^{ce}
 o / aforesaid Law & h in Consequence set our
 Marks to / two Originals o this Recogni^{on},
 beg first Read & Interpreted to us in th^r
 Pres^{nc} o / sd President & Council this
 Sixth Day o February One thousand,
 seven hundred & Fifty-three accordg
 to / White. Mens Manner o Computg Time
 in Europe.

The above Recogni^{on}. contd on p 36.

Endorsed

"Family Law
of Excludg / French
2nd"

We / Braffoe Currantiers & People of Five
United Provinces of Accomfre byg to / Eastward
of / River Amissa beg certaimly informed t our
Brethren / Families to / Westward of / sd River
ded in / Twenty-Sixth of September [sic] last
Assemble at Murrum & thro unanimously
passed a Law to exclude all / Subjects of French
King fm settlg anywhere between Queen Ann's
Point & James Fort Accra, either by buildg
Forty or otherwise, wh Law was Ratified & /
Rights of English Man fully declared &
Asserted in / most Solemn & Authentick Man-
ner by a Recogniⁿ in Pres^{nc} of / President &
Council at Cape Coast Castle on / Sixth day
of February last. And whereas in / Articles
of t^h sd Recogniⁿ no Part^r mention was made
of us / Five United Provinces called /
Accomfrees who tho go^g under / gen Denomi-
nanⁿ of Families are not to be considered as
Subjects, but as federally united to them, &
as we, / sd Accomfrees, h^{ve} bn solicited by
/ French Emissaries at Annamaboe to
refuse our Assent to / above mentioned Re-
cogniⁿ & Law, & gt Promises made f such
Refusal, but fm our Close & intimate con-
necⁿ w / sd Families we are determined not
to give Countente to such Practices so des-
tructive to / strict Union between us & / sd

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Fantees & wh manifestly tends to bring on
/ Calamities o Civil Dissentions & Animosi-
ties, on / Contrary we are ready to bear a part
w our Brethren / sd Fantees in so just &
equitable a Measure as / Recognimⁿ o / English
Rights in our Country & are Solicitous all &
w^y one o us to be comprehended w them in
the late transac^{ns} w / English Naⁿ & in
order to remove all doubts t mt arise, from
our not being partly & expressly mentioned
w our sd Brethren in / above mentioned
Recognimⁿ, we / sd Braffoe Curranteers &
People o / Five united Provincs o Acomfee
do hereby declare t we are & o^t to be Considered
as Fantees, making part o / Body o People
called / Fantee Naⁿ, & accordingly do bind
ourselves & Posterity in / same Manner as
/ Braffoe & Curranteers o / sd Fantees
our Brethren & hold ourselves equally bound
to / Observe o / Articles o / sd Recognimⁿ in
full Confirmatⁿ o wh we h come to a fixed
& determined Resoluⁿ to send / following
Persons, Bando Son o Bamansa Braffoe o
Acomfee & head o / Province o Adumadee
Amoah Son o Adoul Aqua Head o / Provinci
o Assance. Ageem Son o Okrow Quabino
Head o / Province o Atcha, Cudjee Pymon
Son o Afframah Head o / Province o
Adabagree, Abramnee Son o Atchaban
Head o / Province o Abur, Duly & fully
Authorized to Cape Coast Castle & dr in
/ Pres^{nc} o / Governour & Council Solemnly

To make Oath to pay due Obedience to / Some offer
/ Example & Manner of Deputies o our Breth-
ren / Fancies t / Recogniⁿ o / English Rights
on our part may be as cleare & Authentick as
we ~~can~~ possibly ~~make~~ can make it, & as a
full Testimony o / Truth & Sincerity o our
intent^{ns} in this Assent o / Rights & Preroga-
tives o / Englishⁿ in our Country, We
oblige ourselves by this Act, to suffer no
Frenchman to take Water or Oyster Shells at
/ Rivers Admission or anywhere else on our
Coast, w^t permisⁿ first Obtained fm /
Governour & Council o Cape Coast Castle. We
therefore / aforementioned Persons Deputies fm
/ Braffoe Curantiers & People o / Five
United Provinces o Acom fee beg duly &
fully Authorized, h, accordingly to / Custom o
our Country, & / Form prescribed by our Religion,
as likewise to / Custom o / Englishⁿ Man &
/ Form prescribed by the Religion, sworn
to / due Performances of / afore said Law & h
in Consequence set our Marks to two Originals
o this Recogniⁿ beg first Read & Interpreted
to us in / Presce o / sd Governour & Council
this Fourteenth Day o March One Thousand
Seven hundred & Fifty three accordg to /
White mens Manner & Computg Time.

N.B. Signed by / above written Persons

[Fm p. 32]

The above Recognin was Executed in Cape Coast
Castle by / Persons therein mentioned / Day &
Year above written in / Presce o

Geo. Cockburne (Capt. o his Majesty's
Ship Glory

Thomas Melvil, President o / Council

Joseph Hammer, Councillor

Matthew Mackraile, Councillor

Chr. Whytell, Secretary

John Wilsson

Wm Little

- no. 1. The Mark x o Aduash
2. The Mark x o Auanoo
3. The Mark x o Imorah
4. The Mark x o Quow Yamoah
5. The Mark x o Acrophy
6. The Mark x o Immiah
7. The Mark x o Sitti
8. The Mark x o Oquitta
9. The Mark x o Agree Quamfoo
10. The Mark x o Cudjoe Acrophy
11. The Mark x o Agiam
12. The Mark x o Adoom
13. The Mark x o Quashee
14. The Mark x o Quaboo
15. The Mark x o Quamino Afoor
16. The Mark x o Quamino Benti

17. The mark x o Coffee Abrimah
 18. The mark x o Quabina ^{2 m 1 m} ~~Bean~~
 19. The mark x o Quashie Cooma
 20. The mark x o Quow Abiadoo
 21. The mark x o Yacoo
 22. The mark x o Abamcoo
 23. The mark x o John Coffee
 24. The mark x o Yambca.
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th
Glory, Barbadoes, 14 May 1753.

Sir Your please to acquaint the Lordships I sailed from Cape Coast w his Majty Ship under my Command / 15th o March & arrived here / 13th May, / reason I did not go to St. Thomas's was I had only two Months provins at whole allowance on board, & did not incline to shorten / Stay ~~at~~ on / Coast o / rest o his Majesty's Ships by taking provins from them; besides his Majesty's Ship / Hind arrived / 13th in her way down / Coast & by all our advices from thence evy thing was perfectly quiet & / ~~two~~ three French Men o War had passed Accra steering to / Eastward some days before, I st^d stay here no longer than to get some provins & Water on board, & then proceed directly to Jamaica & put / latter part o the Lordships Orders in execution My Ships Co h^d been in good v^y healthy I h^d buried only three Men since I left England

Inclosed I send a Copy o my last from Cape Coast togs w Copies o letters t passed betwⁿ / Governour & Council o Cape Coast, / Chief o Annamabot & me, while / French Men o War were there, likewise a Copy o / Law made by / Families f^r exclud^d / French. I omitted mention^d in my last / gr^t Reason I had to believe / French Merchant Snow, I insisted sh^d not trade at Annamabot was not sent there by Merchants only. She appeared / night before / French Men o War & anchored at Elmina, where they appeared in / Morning, she weighed & stood down / Coast close inshore, when they anchored at Annamabot she

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o Vide pp 12^g - 34 supra.

anchored between ~~the~~ Cape Coast, 1st 1753 after which
she came into Annamaboe Road she anchored
close under / Stern of French Man o War she
did not Salute tho' she had Guns wch 9 newers
saw any o / Merchant Vessels fail to do.
No Boats were constantly aboard her. She gave
any price of Slaves / That was asked, & more of /
Worst Old Slaves than our Merchants Ships
gave at / some time of / best, tho' they were at
the time at a very high price they likewise gave
away gr quantities of liquor to / Natives & came
onboard them. I saw upward of forty Cannons
onboard her at once so gr was her ~~of~~ Arm, &
at / some time not one mes^g among our Ships.
The fifteen or sixteen o them in / Road, except
such as were immediately in the way to fetch
the Water &c. I was therefore quite per-
suaded she was not what she was
designed to pass by, but a Vessel employed
to convince / Natives how gr wd be the
Advantage by tradg w / French rather
than English, wh grows Opinion I tho'
it absolutely necessary to put a Stop to,
I am - &c -

Geo: Cockburne

To John Cleveland Esq^r.

Glory, at Spithead 19th August 1753.

Sir Your please acquaint the Lordships I am
this Moment come to an Anchor here, I sail'd
from Jamaica / 29th o June . . .

I likewise send an Acct o/ Forts on/ Coast
 except t^o Cape Coast Castle wh I can't
 find . . . but fm my own Knowledge o it
 both Guns & Fort are v^y bad & no
 Repairs go^g on. I am - &c -
 Geo: Cokburns

To John Cleveland Esq^e

Marg. note in a diff^t hand: "Cops^s o The
 Acct o / Settlements were sent to / Record o
 Trade 22 Aug^r 1753"

The State o Successor Fort.

[Summary]

The Outwalls, Battlements & Apartments
 ready to fall in ruins & quite unfit f^r
 repair

Guns. 29 Iron Cannon

3 none
 2 Six
 12 Four
 3 Three
 9 Two

} Pounders all honey-
 combed & wth such Eye
 vents as inconvenient^t
 if not dangerous to
 fire them

Carries tolerably good

1113 Iron Shot, 1000 lb Gunpowder belong^g
 to / Committee of Co. 600 lb belong^g to / Chief
Garrison 7. ~~1~~ John Hipperley Chief
 6 Soldiers

Slaves 7 Men, 2 Women, 2 Girls
 (19 Oct) John Hipperley

Ducowic. Tolerable good Repair

Mem 8. June 27. 7 1/2 pds
10 6"
10 4"

End of Adam 1. 1664

"Soundgs in Annamaboe Road"

Dated Monday 18th Decr 1752.

Signed Thos Jubber.

" " " "
[Inc.]

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Adm. 1.

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Buckle, Anna 1450/2

Adm. 1. 1485. Captains Letters. B. 1751 to 1754
5. Matthew Buckle

Assistance in Madeira Road ^d 24 Dec^r 1751.

Sir I desire you will please to Communicate to the
Lordships, T I sail'd from Plymouth Sound w/ Wind
at N B E Thursday evening / 5th Inst^h w/ Squadron o
his Majesty's Ships under my Command, Sunday
/ 8th lost sight o/ Badger Sloop it blowing fresh &
Squally. I am re.
John Cleveland Esqre Matt. Buckle

Assistance in Madeira Road
/ 31st o December 1751

Sir, I desire you will please to Communicate to the
Lordships, T I sh Compleat his Majesty's Ships
under my Command this night, w/ Severa Months
w/ine & as much Water as they can stow, And
sh Proceed to Morrow Morning, & put the Lord-
ships Instruc^{ns} into Execuc^{on} as soon as Possible.

I am sorry to acquaint y^e t^e / Badger Sloop
has not yet ~~left~~ Join'd / Squadron, therefore, am
afraid she has meet wth some Accident, wh^{ch} has
oblig'd her to put back

I sh^{all} leave Orders here f^r her Captain (as
his Majesty's Consul at this Place) Directs him
to take in a Proporⁿ o^f Wine, to / Permainder o^f
his Provins, Compleat his Water, & Proceed directly
(when this done) to / Coast o^f Africa, to Wood &
Water at Cape Three Points (f^r wh^{ch} Purpose I^h
left his Proporⁿ o^f Goods wth / Consul) & then come
& Join me at Cape Coast Castle, But in case
he does not find me there, I sh^{all} then leave f^r
Directs f^r him, wth / Chief Agents o^f t^e Factory,
where he sh^{all} Join me, or in Case I sh^{all} go off
/ Coast, f^r him to Proceed to his Staⁿ at
Antiqua & put himself under / Command o^f
Commandg Officer on t^e Staⁿ

I herewith enclose y^e / State & Condi^{ti}
o^f his Majesty's Ships under my Command

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And am, Sir
Yr most Obedient
humble servant
Matt: Buckle.

To John Cleland Esq^r

Enclosure]

State & Condition o his Maj Ships
under / Command o Cap^t. Mat^w Buckle in
Madeira Road 31st Decem^r 1751

Ships Names	Captains Names	Compl ^t	Boys	
Assistance	Capt ^t . Buckle.	300	300	[22 to 22]
St Albans	• Byron	400	180	[22 to 22]
Sphinx	Wheeler	130	871	[22 to 22]

- Hon^{ble} John Byron. A letter from him in this
Vol. d^t. St Albans Nov 15 1751 acknowledging
o the Lordship's orders to place himself under
/ Command o Cap^t. Buckle. No o letters o int
from him

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Assistance in Annamaboe Road /
19th February 1752.

Sir. The following is an Acct of my Proceedgs
wth his Majesty's Ships under my Command, since
my leav^g / Island of Madeira (having wrote from
thence to y^e, & given an Acct of my Proceedg from
England there, & while I continued thro' of the Lord-
ships 'Informaⁿ'). And I beg y^e will likewise Com-
municate / follows to the Lordships; On Wednesday
January 11th I weighed from Madeira, in Comp^y
wth his Maj^{'s} Ships St. Albans & Sphinx, wth
Wind abt South East. - There was nothing material
happend dur^g our Passage to / Cape de Verd Island
w^{ch} I chose to make in Order to take a fresh Depart-
ure, knowing there are strong Currents in those Seas;
On Tuesday y^e 14th saw y^e Island Sall bearing
West dist^{ce} 11 or 12 Leag^s, from w^{ch} we took our
Departure & made y^e best of our Way for y^e Coast of
Africa. There was nothing of Moment happend dur^g
y^e Passage to Cape Palmas, w^{ch} we made on

Saturday y^e 15th of Februry abt Eight in / ~~the~~ M^o,
bearing N W B N dist^{ce} abt 6 leagues, we then
Steer'd down / Coast, & on Monday / 3^d spoke wth
y^e Py^e Ketch (belong^g to Cape Coast) John
Dunn Master, (beg them betwⁿ y^e Rivers St
Andrews & Cape la huc), The Master o y^e
Ketch inform'd me, t on y^e 19th o y^e last Month
he had seen Three French Ships o War pass by, as
he lay in / Road o Sessitors, & t he had since
spoke wth Carnes t had bⁿ on Board them, who told
him they were two Lg^s Ships & One Small One,
On y^e Fifth I made y^e Signal f Capt^{ns} Byron
& Wheeler, & upon Consider^g t y^e French Ships
was on / Coast, & we so near them, we came to
/ Unanimous Resolⁿ to follow them
down to Cape Coast without stopp^g
to Water at any Place, & partly as our⁽²⁾ ^{to}
Men were in good Health, & we had Reason to
hope, t our beg down immediately upon them
m^t present any Designs / French m^t be.

On Saturday y^e 8th in y^e Evng we Anchor'd
between Commenda & y^e Mine, & on Sunday m^o
weigh'd & made y^e best o our Way to Cape Coast.
As we pass'd by y^e Mine, we saw y^e smallest
o y^e French Ships o War at an Anchor thr, betw
Two & Three we Anchor'd at Cape Coast; fm
whence we cd see / o^r two French Ships in
Annamaboa Road. Upon my comg to an
Anchor Mr Melvill y^e President o / Council o
Cape Coast sent off his Secretary & Surgeon,
w his Compliments. I told y^e Gentlemen t I was
sorry Mr Melvill did not come himself, & t
I shd be v^y glad to see him as soon as possible.
They went on Shore directly & / Canoe returne
w Mr Melvill. As soon as we met I desir'd he
wd inform me what those French Ships o War
was do^g in Annamaboa Road. He told me he
cd not tell. I they hd bin thr eight or Ten
Days. I he hd heard y^e Farstie People were
to go on board y^e French Commodore y^e next

next m^g to Sign a Paper to give y^e French
liberty of a Piece o' Ground to Build a Fort
upon. But he believ'd our com^g wd present
it. I then told him I was in hopes to h^e learn
a more part^r Acctⁿ fr^m him o' y^e whole Pro-
ceed^g o' y^e French & by y^e help o' him & y^e
o^r Agents to be put into a Method with [?]
I Presents I bro^g fr^m his Majesty (an Acctⁿ o'
wch I sent him by his Secretary t^o the m^t b^e
no time he lost in acquaint^g / natives o'
it) to Frustrate y^e French Schemes, &
gett^e them to Depart^r fr^m y^e Coast, & wh^o he
thot it ~~was~~ ^{was} ~~be proper~~ wd not be proper^r f^r
me to go directly wth y^e Ships to Annamob^e
if he wou'd go thro^u wth me. He object^d to go
himself & sd if he went they wou'd expect
him to go thro^u upon wth Parlavere (or
meet^r). I then desir'd he wou'd send his
Husbands or some other o' Agents. He
said he would speak to m^r

Husbands, but he could not answer whr he
 would go, as he is often Sick on Board Ship; But
 if myself & y^e d^r Captains would come on Shore
 in y^e Morn^g he ~~will~~^{would} settle y^e Affairs wth us.
 Monday Morn^g early we went on Shore & then
 Mr Melville acquainted ~~me~~ me; & Mr Husband
 & Young wth both Accompany me to Annamaboa
 & do all in th^r Power to gett / Natives on our Side
 & make them reject / French, Abt^r Eleven y^e
 same day I weigh'd & Sail'd f^r Annamaboa wth
 y^e St Albans & Sphinx, & Anchor'd th^r abt^r
 Two O'Clock in y^e Afternoon (The French Fri-
 gate Anchor'd much abt^r y^e same time). As
 soon as I was at an Anchor, / French Com-
 modore sent an Officer on Board wth his Com-
 pliments & acquainted me, The was come h^r
 to Buy some Stock. I sent him my Compliments
 in return, & I should be v^y glad to supply
 him wth any thing th^r Place afforded. Mr
 Husbands he sent by Land fm Cope Coast to

Annamaboa, to desire Mr. Williams, John
 Curzantee's English Son, & some o' Principal
 Capuchiers, or Chiefs, whom he thot most in
 English Interest, to come on Board as soon as
 we came to an Anchor, in order to Consult w
 them, in what manner our Affairs were on
 Shore, & what wd be properst to be done;
 We hd f Answer, there was too much Surge
 then, but t they would be off in y^e Morn'g.

Tuesday morn'g Mr. Williams came on Board,
 but he could not Persuade any o' ye Capu-
 chiers or Chiefs to come off w him, & he
 inform'd us t y^e French Man who hd b^e
 sent a Shore at first, under a pretence to buy
 Stock, hd by little & little open'd his Scheme
 o' Erect'g a Fort, & t he hd by mak'g Presents,
 for y^e Highest to ~~the~~ / Lowest Sort o' People,
 gain'd all y^e Natives to his side, except'g
 his Father Curzantee. This Father could
 not in Opposimⁿ to / whole Country, turn him

on Board his Ship, but t he was determined
 he shd not erect a Fort, or hoist French Colours
 this Year. But t / People had Promis'd on
 the Side to grant him a Spot y^e next year to Build
 upon, wh they pretend⁽⁴⁾ to say sh not be on /
 English Ground, And y^e French h Promis'd
 in return to be here w Store Ships, & a Strong
 Squadron to support^t them while they are ~~Build~~
 Buildg; & they sh be w them in Fourteen
 or Sixteen Months time. He likewise ac-
 quainted us t his Father desir'd his Com-
 pliments, & beg'd we wd not come on Shore
 till y^e next day, at w^{ch} Time he wd Assemble
 ye whole Fambly People at a Gen Parlasⁿ
 or Assembly. On Wednesday, myself
 Captains & Agents went on Shore (& I
 carry'd such o his Majesty's Presents as y^e
 Agents tho^t was proper to be given to
 John Curranee wh were as follows (Vizt)
 The Lge Silver Cup & Cover, / Broad Sword

a Bell, half a Dozen Knives, Spoons & Forks,
a Gun, y^e Pair o Pistols, one o y^e Cloaks, a Hat
& Feather, a Cane, / Silk Union Flagg & /
Medal o his Majesty, all wh I deliver'd to
him in his Majesty's Name, & told him
those Armes were to defend y^e Rights & Libertys
o y^e Flagg, all wh he seem'd ~~extremely~~ to be
Extremely ~~pleas'd~~ ~~at~~ ~~us~~ pleas'd w & ~~ack~~
acknowledg'd his Gratitude to his Majesty
f thinkg o him.

The whole Morn'g was taken up in
Compliments in the Country manner; after
wh they told us they wd go & Consider, &
meet us agⁿ betwⁿ Three & Four in / after-
noon. Accordg^{ly} at / Time appointed /
Assembly o all y^e People met, & we began
w Thankg them f the Kind Behaviours in
not sufferg / French to land the last
Year, when they attempted to do it; & t
his Majesty hath as gr^e a Regard f them

Now as them, & wd Maintain them in all the Rights
 & Priviledges, & we hoped they ~~would~~ would continua
 y^e same Regard & Friendship f us as was as they h
 always shewn / English f many Years past. They
 told us t they hd a v^y good Regard f y^e English; but
 t we hd not kept our Promise w them, in not
 Building or Repairing / Fort at Annamaboa, wch
 has bn in a decay'd Condiⁿ f full Forty Years, &
 t we hd given them Assurances fm time
 to time f upwards o ⁽⁵⁾ Ten Years past, t ther should
 be a Fort Built ther, & t Captain How, abt Fiv^e
 or Six Years ago hd measured / Ground f t
 Purpose; And f all this they did not see t we hd
 any Intenⁿ to fulfill our Promise, & f want o a
 Fort, the Womers were in want o a Market f
 the Fowls, Eggs & Corn. We told them // Case was
 now quite diff^t to what it was Formerly, t / Forts
 were taken into his Magistys' Hands, as before
 they was in / Co's, who hd it not in the Power to
 Erect One; But t we assured them, there should

be a Fort made thro' / next Year, & we was not Cer-
tain, but thro' wd be a Ship come out wth Materials
before t^e Time. But in Case thro' was not, they m^t
assure themselves t^e thro' wd be Ships sent out f^r
t^e purpose, as soon as we cd represent / Case at
Home, & t^e we wd answer f^r its begⁿ ~~to~~
begun / next Year; But then we expected t^e
they on the Side, wd not suffer any o^r Naⁿ
besides ourselves to Build thro'. They told us,
they tho^t thro' was Room enough f^r us & y^e
French, & t^e they wd ~~not~~ allot a small
Piec^e o^f Ground f^r them, w^{ch} was not our
Ground, & t^e if we was not satisfy'd wth h^{av}
a Fort at Annamaboa, we m^t Build One at
Anashun & another at Aga. We told them, we
always tho^t y^e whole Fantee Naⁿ ^{owned} ~~was~~
Soverignty to / English Naⁿ, f^r / Quit-Rent
we Paid them Annually, & if they did not
look upon themselves to be English? They sd
Yes, / English was the Masters, but ask'd if

/ English & French was at Wars t we wd not
 suffer / French to h a Piece o Ground w us.
 We told them we was not at Wars; But in
 Case they suffer'd ye French to Build thro,
 it wd be / means a mak^g Divisions amongst
 themselves, & t it wd be impossible f them
 to live Quietly w two such Dif^t Interests, & t
 they must either give ~~up~~ up us who are the old
 Friends & Allies, or give up ye French Men.
 Upon this, mos^t of Capuchiers desir'd to with-
 draw & Consider, wth ⁽⁶⁾ they accordingly did &
 when they returned they made sev Complaints
 o / Chief Agent^s o Cape Coast; & when they
 went to him at Christmas he did not use them
 w / same Friendship or give them / usual Pre-
 sen^t (or Dasse as they call it) wh^o Agents
 us'd Formerly to do, & t when / French came
 first to Annamaboa this Time, he only sen^t
 them Two Flasks o Brandy & one Barrell o
 Powder; while / French on the side was mak^g

them all Rich, & giving them Brandy by / half
Anchors, & Cloathes to all the People; & t they
did not like to woy a send^d out new Agents 25th
Year & as f Mr Melville he minded nothg but Plant^s
Cotton, w^{ch} they observ'd would be a long time
before it cd be made into Cloathes & bro^u on^t agⁿ
f them to Wear; But upon y^e whole, they ac-
knowledg'd themselves to be English, but t they
was f havg / French & English both build th^r.
And this was all / Satisfacⁿ we could get
fm them. However, we tho^t proper to thank
them f acknowledg^d themselves to be English
Men, & / Agents Order'd them a Hoghead
o Rum to drink, & then / Assembly (or
Parlament) Parlarover) broke up, & we
walked round y^e Ruins o y^e Old Fort,
attended by John Curran's Soldiers, & fm
thence went on Board

Findg y^t we was not likely to do much
w / Natives, I tho^t it time to talk w y^e

French Commodore, & appointed Capt^s Byron
& Wheeler to meet me in / morning, to Consult
how we sh^d proceed wth him. Upon considering
we was not likely to succeed wth ye Natives
by our Presents, / French having so much our
Bribed wthg t^e was in our Power to
do. It was agreed t^e Captⁿ Byron (who speaks
French) sh^d go on Board ye French Com-
modore, & represent^t to him / ill Consequence w^{ch}
m^t arise by his keepg a Man on Shore t^e to
Alienate ye Affec^{ns} o his Majesty's Fancie
Subjects, & t^e such Proceedg^s m^t involve / two
Mⁿs in War, & f^o t^e desire he m^t desist, &
take his Man on Board, who had bn in weight
/ Natives by Presents & Promises

The Commodore reply'd t^e he came on / Coast
to Protect his Mⁿs Trade, t^e he did not know
this Country belonged wholly to his Brit-
annick Majesty, & t^e he did not intend
now to Erect a Fort, nor could he determine

Points o National Property, t these Points should
be determin'd in Europe, & t he cd say no
more; But should be glad o a metg wth me
& y^r Captains.

In / Afternoon we went on Board him,
& we first ask'd him what was his Design
in sendg / Man on Shore, if it was to erect a
Fort, or make a Settlement? He Answer'd t he
hd sent him on Shore to buy him Stock, & t he
was belongg to / Africans Co, & hd some Presents
to give to / Natives fm them, as they hd f
many years invited / French Man to come &
settle here, But t it was impossible f a
Single Man to Build a Fort. We then
ask'd him, if he himself hd any desir^{es} to
Build a Fort here, or make a Settlement, or if
/ Man was to be left to do it. He answer'd
w a most imperious Air, he wonder'd t People
cd ask such Ques^{ns} & t he cd not Answer
them. We w some Warmth desir'd to know

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if he thought it a trifling Affairs to involve two
Kings in War, which certainly must be y^e Case
if he would not give us Satisfactory Answers
to / Questions we asked him, & Demanded agⁿ
to know if he intended to Erect a Fort, or
Hoist French Colours upon any Part of Fantee
Country; & if we looked upon y^e whole Fantee
Country to be under our Sovereignty, as we
Pay a constant Quit-Rent of it, & that we came
here to protect & defend it & further,

we acquainted him that if he did attempt
to Erect a Fort or offer to make a Settlement, or
hoist French Colours; We ^{should} look upon it as a
Breach of Peace, subsisting between / two Nations,
& should be obliged to fire upon him. He then said
he understood us v^y well; & that he was not going to
Build a Fort, or make any Settlement, & that he
should take / Mann w^{ch} was on Shore, back agⁿ
wth him to France & that he should Report / Affairs
to his Court. We told him we should certainly

do / same to Ours. He then sd, if we had any
Packets to send he wd give his Honour they shd
be taken Care o. We then ask'd him when he
Sail'd. He Answered, he wd Sail from hence as
soon as Weather permitted would permit,
He likewise told us, when we Question'd him
abr tak'g / Man from / Shore, t he wd certainly do
it, For he had d^e Business of t^e Man to do in d^e
Places besides this. Finding t he delay'd his
Coming here to Build a Fort or make a ~~Sett~~
Settlemt^t (tho ~~was~~ wee are thoroughly
convinc'd convinc'd t was his whole
Business here) hav'g bn inform'd by some
o / Natives t they saw some Materials on
Board y^e small Ship f t Purpose, & y^e Spot
o Ground was fix'd upon where / Fort was to
be bn Buil'd, & a Certain Sum agreed to
f / Liberty o / Build'g; Yet as he deny'd
/ whole or told us he wd sail as soon as
y^e Weather wd permit, we thot we had sd

Therefore took our bearings, & came on Board & wrote this Act immediately
I fear any fear & it mt Sep our memory.

On Friday 9 was on Board / St. Johns
In ye Afternoon, / French Commodore & his

Captains came on Board / Assistie & met
findg me there, they came on Board / St

Roberts & invited us strongly to Dine wth
him. We told him we had business wth ye

Agents & Capt. Cross, who were to be on Board
one day, therefore wd not do ourselves / Pleasure

Pleasure & staying upon him
He told us he was extremely sorry f^r it,

fears he sd not R / Pleasure & our Co, f^r +
he shud sail on Monday or Tuesday, by wh^{ch}

means he prevented our Questiong him abt
his Sailg.

By / best Intelligence I can get fm /
Natives or Agents on Shore, the Natives h^{ad}

endeavour'd to gett us much fm / French

Man as ~~possible~~ they cd, & I believe / Presents
he has given amts to near a Thousand Pounds.
On Saturday I received a letter fm Duxbury,
fm / lieutenant o' Badger to Inform me t his
Captain had sent him thro to enquire f me, had
heard by a Ship t I was gone down / Coast. On
Sunday Even'g / Badger arriv'd, & Captain
Hale inform'd me t his Sloop Broach'd too
/ night he lost Co w us, & t afterwards he
had miss'd y^e Island o' Madeira. Sunday
morn'g / French Commodore took his Man
on Board fm / Shore, & at Noon made /
Signall f his Ships to Linn o'rt, & at 3
O'clock on Monday Morn'g he Weigh'd &
steer'd to / Southward. He has given out here
t he is go'g directly to France, & / Man
wh was on Shore has Promis'd / Natives to
be w them agn in Ten or Twelve Months
time. I had a letter fm / Agents on Shore
on Saturday, to desire I w^{ou}ld come on Shore

~~w/ Captains~~, to John Curwantee, when I
 French sail'd f^t he wanted a private Con-
 ferre wth me. On Monday I received a
 letter from his Son William to desire I would
 come on Shore, w/ Captains, to Dine
 wth him on ~~Sunday~~ ^{Tuesday}. On Tuesday morn^g
 I went on Shore to wait upon John
 Curwantee to hear what he had to say;
 But when I saw him, ^{he} ~~he~~ told me t^h y^e
 People w^d assemble in y^e afternoon, &
 then they would tell me what they had
 got to say, & after^t he desired to
 talk to me v^a private ⁽¹⁰⁾ himself. In / afternoon
 / People met & I desired to know what they
 had to say to me, or what Message I sh^d send
 home for them, as I was go^g to Dispatch / Badger
 Sloop away immediately. They told me t^h they
 was all v^y good English Men; t^h they desired
 his Majesty w^d send out to them as soon as
 possible to Build / Fort, & t^h he w^d be pleased to

send / Capuchins & Piniens (wh are / Elders o /
People), Cloths & Liquor f / Common People. We
told them it was v^y well, I wd send home these
Messages. They then told us, it was v^y Fortuna-
ate f us, t I came as I did, f if I had stay'd
two Months longer, they shd h been sold our own
Fort, as we took no Notice o it ourselves; But
if we wd fulfill our Promise in Buildg / Fort,
they wd all stand by / English; They likewise
desired, t there may be an honest Man sent out
to Build / Fort who wd not play any Tricks w
them. We Return'd them Thanks f their good
Affec^{ns} to / English, & order'd them Fifty
Gallons o Rum, to Drink his Majesty's
Health. After this Parlar was over, John
Curranee desired me, & y^e o^r Captains o his
Maj^{ty} Shps wd come into his Private apartm^t,
where he acknowledg'd his Gratitude to his
Majesty f / Presents he had sent, & t he wou'd
stand by his Majesty's Interest to / last

Howe o his life. The had sent into / Country
 to get some Wild Beasts & should send them
 to his Majesty by / first Oppy; The hop'd
 / Fort ^{would} ~~was~~ be begun as soon as possible, &
 it wd be v^y proper, t one o / Cape Coast Gentle-
 men should be left at Annamaboa, w his Son
 William, as a Pledge to / Natives t we wd
 fulfill our Promises, Its likewise t we wd
 steady to our Side. We ⁽¹¹⁾ told him t he not be
 assur'd our Promise wd be immediately perform'd
 after the gett^g Advice o it at Home. T we
 had no Authority over / Gentlemen o Cape
 Coast, to leave one the, but t we wd ask
 / Gentlemen, if either o them wd be willing
 to stay the. Mr Husbards was sent f, &
 ask'd y^e Quesⁿ wher he wd remain the as
 a Pledge f our sendg out to Build ye Fort.

He answer'd w all his Heart (wh was indeed
 what he & Mr Young both offer'd ye first
 Par larder). And thus we settled ye Affairs

on Shore & took our leaves, & came on Board.

By what I can learn both fr / Agents
& Natives, is, t John Curramtee, has done so
many ~~that~~ Arbitrary Thgs in his Time, &
findg Himself grow v^y Old; he is determin'd
to h a Fort Buil'd here at any Rate, t his
Family may h a Place o Refuge after his
Death, And if we will not do it, he is
determin'd / French sh.

The Rest o his Majesty's Presents,
/ Agents advis'd me to give to / Braffa,
or King, o / Fantee Country, & to / Captain
~~Capuchiers~~ Capuchiers o Annamaboa, &
/ two Neighbouring Towns to it (Anaslim &
Aga) a particular acct o wh I sh give the
Lordships / next Oppy.

As soon as / French Sail'd I desir'd /
Agents, t they wd send People to all the
Factorys both to Windward & Leeward to
Keep a good look out fr / French, & to

acquaint me as soon as possible if they sh^d
 appear agⁿ upon / Coast, In / meanwhile I
 intend to go wth / Assistance, St Albans, & Splinse
 to Amassa [sic - Amissa?] to Water, And in
 Case I hear nothing o^f French Ships in a Fort-
 night or Three Weeks Time, I sh^d Conclude they
 h^{ve} left / Coast, as they h^{ve} given out, And sh^d then
 Proceed down / Coast to ⁽¹²⁾ Whydahs from thence to
 Thomas's Island & so home, agreeable to the
 Lordship's Orders

Tuesday in y^e afternoon Captain Daniel
 sent his Officer to acquaint me t^h he was at
 Cape Coast & t^h he wd^l come here if he tho^t he
 cd^d be o^f any Service, I wrote him f^r answer, t^h we
 had almost finish'd everything we cd^d do at this
 Place; But t^h I tho^t it wd^l be proper f^r him to
 see my Orders, & then he wd^l be / best Judge,
 wh^o it wd^l be Right f^r him to take / Command
 or not, & t^h if he Pleas'd, t^h I wd^l come up wth
 them to Cape Coast. On Wednesday morning

Captain Daniel in his Maj^s Ship Assurance
arriv'd here & I waited upon him & shew'd him
my Orders, & told him likewise my intent^o
send^g Captain Hale home in / Badger Sloop.
He told me t^t as y^e French was Sail'd & y^e
Affair settled, t^t he shou'd not interfere wth my
Command, We then settled t^t in case he heard
anyth^g farther o^f y^e French, as he ~~knew~~ knew
I was to go to Wolydant & fm thence to St
Thomas's t^t he wd send immediately 6 Men
& 2 / Ships w^{ch} me shd ply up here
& prevent any fur^r Schemes they mth h in
View, I therefore thot it my Duty to send his
Maj^s Sloop Badger immediately Home wth
this Acct; & th^o Lordships mth h / Earliest
Acct^o o^f what has bin done at Annamaboa;
what y^e Natives expect & what / French he
Promis'd them. Th^o likewise sent y^e Acct^o
o^f y^e French Ships, w^{ch} we found here; & /
Acct^o o^f State & Condi^on o^f his Maj^s May^s

Ships under my Command, And I hope my
Conduct in this Affair will meet wth the Lord-
ships Approbation, wh^{ch} will be / great Satisfac^{on}
t can be to Sir

Your most obedient
humble Servant
Matt^s Buckle.

P.S. I h^{ave} just heard t^{hat} / French Commodore has
carry'd two o^f Natives off w^{ith} him to France

Note No addressee's name on / letter but obviously to
John Cleveland, Secy o^f Admiralty

Assistee in Plym^{outh} Sound 10th June 1752

Sir: I take this Oppy to desire y^e will be pleas'd
to acquaint the Lordships t^{hat} I this day arriv'd
w^{ith} his Majesty's Ships Assistee & St Albans
in Plymouth Sound after a Passage o^f Sixty one
Days fr^{om} St Thomas's.

I h^{ere} herewith send y^e an Acc^t o^f my Proceedgs
dur^{ing} my Voy upon this Expedition & likewise a Journall
[no. x. here]

Sr^t &c
Matt Buckle

Sir.

I beg y will acquaint the Lordships t on /
12th o Jan^y last, I arriv'd at Cape Coast Castle at
wh Place & Anamaboe I remain'd f / space o Fourteen
days; but my stay the (upon advisg w / Council) be'g th'd
no longer necessary I made I best o my way hither where
I arriv'd this day, after a passage o Forty Four days.

Inclosed I send y / State & Condi^{on} o / African Forts ...
Crown Carlisle Bay Barbadoes ^{S^r 90}
March 12^d 1754 [Hon] Sam^l: Barrington

John Cleland Esqre, Adm^{ty} London

[enclosure]

The State & Condi^{on} o / Forts & Settlements on / Coast
o Africa belongg to G^d Britain & / Number o Sol-
diers therein; as also / State & Condi^{on} o / military
Stores, Slaves, Canoes, and o^r Vessels & thgs belongg
thereto, As inspect'd by His Majesty's Ship / Crown,
The Honourable Samuel Barrington Commander. Vizt:
Crown Carlisle Bay Barbadoes 12^d March 1754

[The followg is an Abstract o / tabulated Return]

04.
Ducove Fort. Inspected by Hon Capt Barrington on Jan 4,
1754. Whitemen 7, Soldiers 4. Slaves (2 white
2 mulatto) Slaves 6 men 7 women 2 children
Guns 26 (10 8lb. 9 4lb. 7 2lb.) Shot 300
Powder quantity unknown. Muskets 6.
Bayonets 6, Swords 6. Canoes 2.
State o/ Fortification. In pretty good repair
" " Guns, 1/4 bad tho' all mounted

Succondee Fort Inspected by Lieut Cony Jan 8th
Whitemen 9, Soldiers 7, Slaves 6 m 2 w 3 c.
Guns 29. (3 9lb. 2 6lb. 12 4lb. 5 3lb. 7 2lb.)
1 Saluting fixed, 1 Saluting unfixed
Shot, 1000 Handgrenades 40 Powder 500 lb
Muskets 6. Bayonets 6. Swords 6.
Shallop 1 Canoes 3.
State o/ Fortification - All/outer walls &
Bastions in an exceed^g ruinous condⁿ
almost every day some part or s^t fall^g down
State o/ Guns & Powders pretty good, but
all fresh viz bad w/ lge vents & much
honey & combd.

Commenda Inspected by Lieut Cony Jan 11th
Whitemen 8, Soldiers 5, Slaves
Slaves 16 m, 4 w, 7 c. Guns 30 (2 12lb.
2 9lb. 2 6lb. 3 4lb. 12 2lb. 9 1lb.)
Shot 400. Handgrenades 34
Powder 6 barrels, 1 1/2 barrels
Muskets 5, Bayonets 5 Swords 5 Canoes 3.
State o/ Fortification The outer wall fac^g/Dutch
~~is in a ruinous condⁿ~~, 3/4ths new built. The
rest o/ walls w/ lge vents & Flankers bad
State conditioned & in want o' much repair
State o/ Guns w/ much honey combd w/ lge vents
Some o/ Carrriages entirely useless.

Cape Coast Castle Inspected by Barrington Jan 26th

Whitemen 41. Soldiers 25.

Slaves 97 m. 106 w 40 c.

Guns 62. (12 12lb. 11 9lb. 14 6lb. 3 4lb.
11 3lb. 2 2lb. 10 1lb) Shott 4,360

Gunners 5 Powder 1000 lb damaged

[Sundry of military stores

Muskets Bayonets Swords 320 each

Canoes 8

State of Fortification. In v^y indiff^r repair

" Guns 50 good. 10 bad. 2 unusable

Amamaboe Inspected by Barrington Jan 22nd 1754

The Foundam of SE Bastion laid out & a Wall raised 12 feet above it but wh^{ch} cannot be finished till a supply of Brick & Lime arrives from England

The Foundam of East Curtain laid & a Wall raised up to it equal to that of SE Bastion, but wh^{ch} also remains unfinished for want of materials from England

The Foundam of N^W Bastion laid & 1/3rd of wall raised 13 feet above it This Bastion (it is supposed) will be finished by 1st latter end of this month.

The length of Foundam (as far as it is now carried out) is 394 Feet long beg 8 Feet thick, & Wall upon it 6

Building - but much retarded by want of materials

No Guns mounted

The artificers & labourers employ'd on these Works are, 6 Bricklayers (a boy included) w boys included, 1 Blacksmith, 14 Labourers, & 6 Women logs w 1 white Smith

& 4 Labourers but these latter are of little service by reason of sickness &c

[Return signed - Sam^l Barrington

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Jasper Pounce Henry	1751
Howe, Glory	1752
Pye, Humbert	1750/50
Daniel. Assure	1751

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Passaic Henry on Accra Road 12 Apr. 1751

Sir Since my last from Sierra from 0/29th January last
(wh^{ch} I hope has accted to the Lordships, of my Proceedings
& far, I sailed thence as his Majesty's Ship, under my
Command / 30th & upon my arrival at Suesconde
wh^{ch} was / 24th o February, I found Captain Baird in
/ Surprise, who acquainted me o his having Attended
at a Congress f near Two Months, held upon a dispute
at Palasnia (as it is termed in these parts) wh^{ch} had
happened betw^{en} / English & Dutch; Soon after my
Arrival the I received a letter from J^{no} Roberts Esq^r.
/ President o Cape Coast Castle, intimat^g how rejoiced
he sh^d be to see me on shore to consult wth him upon
a dispute then subsist^g betw^{en} / English & Dutch, but
(upon my insist^g) as I really thot it a respect or
Ceremony due to his Majesty's ship, to consult &
advise on board wth me, he waded it by send^g off
Mr Bolder one o / Council, then upon / Spot, to
solve such Questions as I w^d inquire into, concern^g
/ disputes, but as I c^d not possibly give up any
Points, wherein I w^d br^g a B^lainish on / Hon-
our o / Commission I am intrusted wth, I sent f^r answers
t^o I expected, all consultations to be 'held on board
his Majesty's Ship, wh^{ch} at last prevailed upon /
President, but not before untill he was well
assured by a Gentleman o / Shore t^h he w^d be
saluted, wh^{ch} I always inteded, & this I can wth safety
assert t^h he never had / least reason to surmize
anything t^o / contrary, but I am extremely concern'd
to acquaint the Lordships t^h when Captain Baird
arrived at Dixcove as his Majesty's Ship wh^{ch}
he Commands had never / least respect shewn
to his Majesty's Colours by / forc^h the, but when
/ President made his appear^{ance} the this person
was saluted wth Twenty one Guns by his own
Order, as he likewise w^{as} when he, wth / same Number,
when he Embarked on board o Captain Baird's
Barge in order to go aboard / Surprise, neither

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was his Majesty's Ship under my Command upon
her arrival she saluted wh^{ch} has been usual &
Customary Time immemorial. (May) Had they
the Country in / most slender manner at
least, his Majesty's ships w^{ould} certainly h^{ave}
saluted & shewn / usual Respect & more partly
so when the Affairs were in a Desponding Situ-
27] ation, if by the own Acknowledgments / Natives
of these parts, entertain / great Opinion of a
Man of War, but instead of endeavouring to preserve
/ Dignity of his Majesty's ships I can't help
thinking but that they h^{ave} been treated w^{ith} utmost
Disrespect & Contempt, wh^{ich} consequently must
be a gr^{eat} Means of having forfeited / usual Opinion
/ Natives had of them, & I flatter my self the
Lordships will esteem it in the light.

Upon entering into a Conversation w^{ith} / President he
assured me that they had been unjustly oppressed by
/ Dutch, declaring that to his certain knowledge he
could make it visible that / Blacks, / first instigators
of / Differences between them, were set on & spirited up by
/ Dutch Men; I gave him / Strongest assurances
of my good intentions to promote / British Trade
as far as was consistent w^{ith} / Instructions I had
/ Honour to be under, wh^{ich} he seemed to receive
w^{ith} gr^{eat} satisfaction & asserted that Captain Baird
would let me into things wh^{ich} would strengthen his
case ag^{ainst} / Dutch, he beg^{ged} at / Congress to
settle affairs & bring them to an Accomoda^{tion}
& Conclusion, but upon enquiring from the Gentleman
he was inclined to think that / Dutch were in
some measure blameable, at / same time
could not refrain from beg^{ging} an Opinion that both
Parties were in fault & the matters m^{ight} h^{ave} been
adjusted w^{ithout} carrying on a War so g^{reatly}
expensive & prejudicial to / English Constitu^{tion},
& partly to satisfy / Capricious & Imperious

disposition of President; / President having often in-
ferred t^h he wd make a war agst them, he
went to a g^{tr} length in a letter to me
indeed urg^g to make it appear t^h / Dutch
were actual Pyrates & hopg t^h I wd deem them
such, wh^{ch} I cd by no means enter into, Thgs o^f
t^h nature beg to be weighed & Decided by
better Judges in Europe; & I must observe to
the Lords hips t^h his reasons f^r esteemg them
as such, so, were quite groundless & not
foundam.

Shortly after my arrival at Succonda /
Congress was broke up by / sudden & abrupt
Departure of Dutch Gen not waitg f^r / Opinion
o^f Captⁿ Baird, tho it was his own desire, as
3] Captⁿ Baird had b^{een} present at / talkg o^f / report^{ed}
o^f / Evidence o^f both Partys; f^r my part I thot it wd
h^{ave} b^{een} an unnecessary Step f^r me to be concerned ~~in~~
in / Affairs, as it wd h^{ave} causd / Evidence to be reexamined
wh^{ch} wd h^{ave} delayed a good deal o^f time, & beg consens
to my self t^h Captⁿ Baird was fully as capable (as
I cd possibly be) o^f gog through a thg o^f t^h kind, or
any thg else.

A Box o^f papers, Journals &c, were sent to me by
/ President & Council, & delivered by Messrs Bigmell &
Sewer, / former, chief o^f Succonda, / o^f Dicoe,
wh^{ch} I returned, at / same time acquaintg / President
& Council present, by letter, t^h if they intended I shd
View the sevl papers &c, I expected themselves to lay
them before me on board his Majesty's ship, wh^{ch}
they did not.

In perusg the Sevl Books papers &c it ap-
peared v^{ery} evident & clear, by / Case o^f English
t^h they had b^{een} oppressed by / Dutch, but w^{ith} any
certainty I cant affirm what reasons will be
given f^r this beg^g so, never havg any opp^o o^f
perusg / Case o^f Dutch in its proper Colours, f^r t^h
wh^{ch} I looked over was wrote in English, but in

such a Manner & I cd not form any Judgment
 its Substance, w^{ch} diff^r sentence opposit^e & con-
 tradict^g itself, wh^{ch} I am afraid will be
 attributed to a wrong Translaⁿ, or some
 Deficiency o^f Gentlemens intrusted to take
 Care o^f British Settlements upon / Coast o^f
 Africa, when it comes to be inspected &
 searched into by Superior Judges in Europe.

I often repeated my strong Inclinaⁿ
 to / President & Council present how much I
 shod be overjoyed to do everyth^g t^h wd contribute
 to / interest & promoⁿ o^f British Trade in Gen^l
 in these parts, & also shod be glad if they wd
 communicate to me what Measures wd be /
 Propos^t to be taken to execute my Designs, w^{ch}
 wh^{ch} they seemed to be g^rely pleased & insinuated
 t^h they wd appoint st^ans to his Majesty's Ships
 wh^{ch} they Judged wd be most convenient, but
 as I thot t^h wd be a Precedent, wh^{ch} wd g^rely
 Denogate fm / Commisn I h^l / Honour to bear,
 I presumed to be o^f Opinion t^h, t^h was a
 Power they must admit o^f being invested in me.

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A letter wh^{ch} I received fm / President &
 Council o^f 12th o^f March last made th^r situaⁿ
 v^{ry} deplorable, occasioned by / sudden Depart-
 ure o^f Dutch Gen. w^{ch} settl^g Terms o^f Peace or
 Cessatⁿ, & apprehend^g they hd good cause fm
 / Advices they received fm / Natives t^h
 Successors wd certainly be attack^t on / Depart-
 ure o^f his Majesty's Ships, & as noth^g was
 want^g but an Additⁿ o^f people to / few they
 hd, & not hav^g a Sufficient^r Number o^f white
 Soldiers on / Coast f^r such purpose, desired
 my Assist^{ce} by Send^g twenty men, or such a
 Number as I shod Judge proper, w^{ch} an Officer
 & one Months provens, f^r them to Defend t^h
 Fortress. I acquainted them t^h land^g my Men
 upon such Terms wd not be concurr^g w^{ch} /

Orders I was under (they well satisfied for many
Circumstances that they wd not be attackt by whilst his
Majesty's ships lay there) but that I turned up
my Ships Co & found several to be willing to
Enter into the service & directed Captⁿ Baird to
do / like, out of whom there was one inclined to
serve them wh^o offer they rejected, so that it
plainly appeared both to Captⁿ Baird &
my Self that the Scheme was to prevail upon
Captains of Men of War to take Fortresses into
the Hands & let them act as they thought proper,
to / whole affairs not rest upon them. The Event
of such a Proceedg we cd not tell, what Turn
it wd take, but I am afraid time will bring
to light, to themselves were first principal
occur^o / dispute w / Dutch. It was wth Mani-
fest to me that they trifled in wth degree so that
I sailed from Succoyde / 13th of March last &
got to Cape Coast Road / 14th from whence I
wrote to / President & Council there, explaining
the part of my Instructions wh^o had relation to them,
but cd never prevail on them to come & advise w
me on board his Majesty's ship, but wrote me
letters that it was the Expectation his Majesty's Ships
wd continue in their parts for / Protection of
Trade, but they were relieved (an unreasonable
& presumptuous demand from / Council of Cape
Coast Castle), & not wth I proposed remaining here
provided they wd put on board of me a Month's
5] Provisions wh^o they never did yet by repeated
letters they promised they wd; Tho' had they
adhered to the letters I am wth certain our
Continuance there wd have been of no Consequence, for
was / Dutch so much the Enemies as they
represent them to be, they wd never attempt
or presume to fire agst any of English Castles
(wh^o / President & Council seemed to dread most)
whilst his Majesty's Ships remained at /

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Coast & till then I cd never think o committing
any Hostilities agst an Ally.

The only Service I cd h rendered them
on this ocean wd h be to Cruise fm Fort to
Fort to protect the Canoes fm being Seized
upon by / Natives employed by / Dutch,
& f t Service they h sent small Craft much
fitter f t purpose were they inclined to employ
them & I Flatter my Self to the Lordships wd
esteem it a Merit Service f his Majesty's
ships to Cruise f a parull o Canoes.

Whilst I lay w his Majesty's Ship under
my Command at Cape Coast I received a letter,
wth wt date, fm / President & Council, settg
forth t they plainly bound t nothg cd induce
me to Do my duty, & was fill'd up w such
gross language & unreasonableness
t I cd not think o carryg on a Correspondence
by letters, findg plainly they were determined
to pursue all Methods to treat his Majesty's
Officers w ill Manners, as well as they hd,
His Ships disrespect.

Captain Baird on / Surprise arrived
at Cape Coast fm Duroose / 25th o March
last, to wh place I gave him Orders to Carry
/ Chief o t place, & a Number o Negroes in
/ service o / African Co. beg applied to by
/ President & Council then at Succonde, f t
purpose. & at / same time Directed him to
Compleat his Water thro, wh he accordgly did.

Imaginy t this dispute betw / Dutch
& English was an Affair I cd not interfere
far in (findg it impossible to be brot to
an Accommodaⁿ by us) & t both Parties o

To send the Cases to Europe to be decided (wh
they shd h done long ago) the dispute beg
o upwards o twelve months standg & not
6] have above 3 & 1/2 Months proving on board.
I proceeded w his Majesty's Ship under my Command
Command, joined by / Surprise, to Annamabo
Road / 29th o March last wh I hope & flatter
my self the Lordships will approve o

I Beg (Sir) I will be pleased to observe
to the Lordships t / President & Council, by a
letter o / 14th o March last, informed me
t t part o my Orders w respect to Rebuildg
/ African Co's fort at Annamabo, wd, if effect-
ed, be of / gtest Advantage to / British Trade,
t if quiet them / gtest concur to Reiterate:
/ Gov Aid was expended by / end o August
last, since wh time they h maintained &
Supported / Co's Forts & Settlements w their own
private fortunes, therefore must res^t to leave
t Work unattempted, untill they are en-
abled thereto by / arrival o a Supply o Men
Stores & Merchandize to undertake / Some
o t they keep a Person ther in / Co's Pay.

I sailed w his Majesty's Ship under my
Command & / Surprise Captain Baird, for
Annamabo Road / 6th Inst & arrived at
Acra / o [sic] from whence I h
ordered Captain Baird to / Island o St
Thomas's, wh to Wood & compleat his Water &
from thence to proceed w less o time to Spit-
head, & Be pleased (Sir) to acquaint the Lord-
ships t my reason o sendg him is to give
the Lordships / earliest acct's o present

State & Condition of Forts & Settlements upon / Coast of
 Africa, & he having attended at / Congress
 which was held at Succowde upon / Dispute
 between / English & Dutch, which is still subsist^d,
 will be able to give the Lordships / most
 Authentic acct of same.

I have herewith sent your Lordships / State & Condition
 of his Majesty's Ships here, as I have also, of / Forts
 & Settlements upon / Coast of Africa as far as
 Africa: I am

Sir
 your most Obedt^t Servt^t

Rich^d Jasper. [orig sign]

[Addressee's name not in letter ~~but it was John~~
 Cleveland Secretary of Admiralty]

The letter is endorsed:

"Letter from Captⁿ Jasper of
 12th of April 1751 to Tho^s Corbett Esq^r"

Enclosure:

— An Acc^t of present State of English Settlements on
 / Coast of Africa.

A tabular Statement / Headings of which are
 as follows, & which for convenience are numbered
here :-

1. Time when / acct was taken
2. Agents' or Chiefs' Names
3. Names of Places
4. Forts or Castles Names
5. Nature + Quantity of Warlike Stores
6. State + Condition of Forts + Castles
7. No of Canoes + or Vessels
8. No of White People on each Fort + those of Black who are free
9. No of Castles or Fort Slaves

1. 22 Decr 1750 Taken by Captⁿ Baird
 2. Nassau Senior
Bid Boree } Exps
 3. Duxcove
- } vide Baird's Return

1. 26 Feb^y 1750. 2. John Bignell 3. Succonde
4. Succonde. 5) 3 Guns 2 Six 12 Pound 3 Three & Two Pds
11.90 Shot & 6) m of widif^t repair. 7. 2 Canoes
- 8) a chief a serg^t a gunner & 4 soldiers
- 9) 19 men 12 Women 6 small children only 6 Slaves.
constantly reside here pres^t belong to Cape west

1. 14 Mar 1750. 2. Jno Smalman Gardener, 2 ~~Cannons~~
 3) Commenda 5, 2 Twelve 2 Nine 2 Six 3 Four 11 Two
 4) 9 One Powder 6 Muskets ... Shot 100
 Granade Shells 42
6. The Outworks ~~was~~ in excelling bad repair
 7. Two Canoes
 8. A Chief, a Serj^t, Gunner, 4 Soldiers
 9. 11 Men, 5 Women, 6 Children
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1. 15 Mar 1750. 2. Jno Roberts, W^m Husband, Thos Boteler
 3 Cape Coast 4 Cape Coast Castle
 5. 12 Twelve, 11 Nine, 14 Six, 1 Four 13 Three 10 One Pdr
 5000 Shot, No Powder or Proviso except such as
 provided by Pres & Council themselves. Public Aid
 expended in Aug last
6. Outworks in tolerable good repair, 1 sent apart with
 2 Battlements want new lay^g
 7. 10 Canoes
 8. 3 Agents, 40 men & w^{ch} 12 soldiers
 9. 300 men, women & children & w^{ch} 15 Canoe men
 & abt 100 able to work & abt 300 diff trades
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- 1) 7 April 1751. 2. Jno Clifton $\frac{3}{4}$ Tamatum query
 5. 16 Cannon 6 Muskets ... 1 wt powder, 240 Iron Shot ...
 6. In tolerable good repair, but 2 Canoes in v^y bad order
 8. A Chief 6 Soldiers, 2 Mulattoes, Serj^t, Gunner,
 5 Black Canoe men
 9. 9 Slaves
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1. 8th April 1751. 2 W^m Wethers, 9r4) Wunnibah
5. 3 ~~Three~~ 4 four y three 2 Half 200 shot
6. Timber Work quite rotten, gently in v^y indeff repair
7. A chief, Serjt, Gunner, 11 Black Canoe men - paons
to / chief
8. 1 Man & Woman
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1. 12th April 1751. 2 W^m Acres, $\frac{3}{4}$ } Neera
5. 30 Cannon, Carves rotten 600 shot 200 wth Pistols
& Muskets
6. In pretty good repair
7. 3 Canoes
8. A chief, Serjt, Soldier, 5 Mulattoes, 6 Black Canoe men
9. 1 Man 16 Women, most past labour, 5 children
(Sol) Richard Jasper.

In a letter to Thomas Corbett dated Prince Henry
St Thomas's May 11th 1751 Capt Jasper
reported to be sailed for Neve 16th and
whydard 21st left 2 left ward St Thomas's
10th May where he found Surprise wood,
& water.

Note Jasper sailed thru to HaSama

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Glory at Spithead April 122nd 1752.

Sir I wrote from ~~the~~ Island of Madeira to inform the Lordships of State & Council of the

I continued my Course down the Coast [from /
Gambia] callg at all / Places of Trade, as / Wind
& Weather wd permit till my arrival at
Dixcove Fort on / 18th of September; being
for / Chief reason I saw Hostilities had been
lately committed by / Agents for / Dutch Co,
settled on this Coast to / gr^t Prejudice of
Trade of His Majesty's Subjects, I proceeded
on immediately to Cape Coast Castle

The Council informed me they had been
engaged, some Months past, in a Dispute wth
a Party of / Natives inhabiting / Country abt
Dixcove Fort actg contrary to / Obedience due from
them; in wh^{ch} / Dutch Gen (Mr Van Voorst)
interferg, on pretence / People concerned were
Subject to / Dutch Co, & under his Protecⁿ
had in / End signified his Resolution to take
all Oppressⁿ & distressⁿ / Trade of / English in
t Country, whilst they shd persist in asserting
any Rights & Authority over these Natives. In
Consequence whereof He had aided & encouraged /
gr^t Natives in sev^l Attempts upon t Fort.

And ordered three Cargoes transportg / Stores
furnished by / ~~British~~ Gov^t of / Use of British
Settlements, to be seized, at sev^l times; wh^{ch} he
still detained wth / M^{er} & Goods at Elmina Castle;
Refusg to restore them till / Natives above-
mentioned had received Satis facⁿ

37] Fundg / Point in Quesn had referce to a
Matters o Property, wh cd not at t^e time be
determined abroad; w / advice o / Council
at Cape Coast, I proposed to Mr Vanvoort t^e
an Exchange shd be made o / Prisoners taken
on both Sides, All Claims referred, & a Cessaⁿ
o Arms established till the sev^t Returns
Preterns cd be regulated in Europe; wh beg
accepted; As soon as / two engagements o /
Nature o / enclosed, were signed & Exchanged,
I sailed fr Cape Coast Road;

The uncertainty o Mr Vanvoort's taken
Intens in relan to / proposed Engagem^t (wh
he took occasion to defer signing f sev^t Days)
Induced me to detain / Swam till it was
concluded: Having at this time, no more Pass^g
Provis remaining on board / I long than mt be
necessary f / Passage to / West Indies: After
taking an Acct o / State & Condim o / Seaward
Forts & Settlements as far as Accra, on / 9th
o November I left t Coast: And ... arrived
at Jamaica / 23rd o January 1752.

I am / Sir

Your most Humble Servant

Rich^d Howe [orig sign]

PS. I take this oppy to transmitt likewise / Reports
o / State & Condim o / Forts & Settlements upon /
Coast o Africa.

To John Cleveland Esq^r - Admiralty Office

The title page o these series o letters reads:-

Honble Richard Howe

1751

To

1753

afterwards Adml Earl Howe KG."

From on board His Brittannick
Majesty's Ship 1 Glory in Cape
Coast Road Oct 15th 1751

Sir As it is not convenient for Affairs of
Brittish Co Trade to this Coast & any foreign
Vessels shd be suffered to Trade in the Ports,
I send this to require yr immediate Depart-
ure from thence; And to y do not stop us to
Design at any of Settlements to Windward
of River Volta. I am &c

Yr most Obedt^s Serv^t

Rich^d House [Long sig^r]

[no address name] —

A french translatⁿ of contents of above letter
is endorsed:

"15th Oct 1751

Capt House of Glory in
Cape Coast Road

Orders / Cap^t of a foreign
Ship to depart / Coast &
& not trade there, or at ~~any~~
any of African Co.
Settlements to Windward
of Volta"

Articles de la Convention faite et Conclue a bord
du Vaisseau de Sa Majesté Britannique la
Gloire, ancré a la rade de la Mine en
Présence de Mr. Richard Howe Commandant
dudit Vaisseau entre le Conseil établi au
Cap Corse pour la direction des Affaires de la
Compagnie Britannique des Commerçans
sur la côte d'une Part, & Mr Van Voorst,
Directeur Gen^l pour la Compagnie autorisée
des Indes, Occidentales d'Hollande et le Con-
seil, de l'autre, par leurs Deputés respectifs.
Cidessus Soussignés

Par laquelle il est convenu pour
l'avantage Mutuel des dites Compagnies, la
Conservation de la Paix, et la bonne intelligence
entre leurs gens a la côte, qu'après le jour
daté de la dite Convention, toutes demandes
de Satisfaction pour Dommages causés de
part et d'autre, et toutes prétentions des
deux Parties seront renvoyées et soumises
a la décision des Compagnies, et ils s'engage-
nt Mutuellement pour eux-mêmes et
leurs Alliés qu'une Cessation D'Hostilités
sera observée, et une libre Communica^{on}
permise; qu'il y aura même propriété et
Jurisdiction que cidessus, en la Maniere
et Selon la Coutume reçue entre les parties
contractantes avant le Commencement des
troubles; laquelle convention sera de
pleine force jusqu'à ce que les Compagnies
respectives en aient autrement ordonné, en
foi de quoi nous avons Soussigné ces
présentes, donné a bord dudit
Vaisseau le 10 Octo 1751. V.S.

Signé et lisié en présence de
Richd Howe

Thomas Boteler
Ebenez. Young

[orig sigs]

Nous Soussignés ratifions et confirmons
 la convention ci dessus entre nous la
 Conseil pour la direction des Affaires de la
 Compagnie Britannique des Commerçans Sur
 la Côte et Mr Jan Van Voort Directeur, Item de
 la Conseil pour la Compagnie Autorisée des
 Indes Occidentales D'Hollande, faite et conclue
 par nos Deputés respectifs Membres du Conseil
 Messrs Thomas Boteler et Ebenezer Young
 D'une part et Messrs Carel Gustaaf Van
 Dadelbeek et Hendrik Walmsbeek de l'autre.
 Donné au Chateau de Cap Corse le 21 Oct
 1751. V.S. en foi de quoi nous avons signé
 et ~~Scel~~ Scelle' les presentes du Sceau de la
 Compagnie

Par ordre du Conseil
 Jo Hammer Secretaire.

Thomas Melvil
 Wm Husband
 Thomas Boteler
 Ebenezer Young

(L.S.)


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Articles de Convention faite et Conclue
entre L'honorable Monsieur Jan van
Voorst Directeur Gen et le Conseil au nom et de
la part de leurs Hautes Puissances Messieurs les
Etats des Sept Provinces Unies, et de Son
Altesse Serenissime Monseigneur le Prince
d'Orange et Nassau - Stadhouder Hereditaire,
Capitain Gen & Admiral des dits Provinces
Superieur Gouverneur Gen de la Compagnie
Authentique des Indes Occidentales d'une part
& Messieurs le President & Conseil de la direction
des Affaires de la Compagnie Britannique sur
Celle Cote de l'autre part par leurs Deputés
respectives Signé ci dessus

Par laquelle - - - - -

En Foy de quoi nous avons soussigné ces
presentes
Donné a bord du dit Vaisseau le 21 Octobre
1751 N.S. -

Signé et lide' Carel Gustaaff van Dadelbeek
Presence de H Walmbrecht
Richard Howse

Nous soussignés Ratifions & Confirmons la
Convention mentionné ci devant entre nous Jan van
Voorst - - parties ut supra fait ... faite & Conclue
par nos Deputés respectives Membres du Conseil
Messrs Carel Gustaaff van Dadelbeek & Hendrick
Walmbrecht d'une part, et les Messieurs T. B & E. Y.
de l'autre part au Chateau de St George de la Mine
le 14 Novembre 1751
En foy de quoy nous l'avons soussigné et scellé du
Secau de la Compagnie
Jan Van Voorst
In Kenne van mij 
Johan Benjamin Rudiger
Secretaris

[Reports all signed by Richd. House]
Accra 5th November 1751

A Report o/ State & Condi^o o James Fort Accra

Dacres [Summary]
William Dacres Chief w^o a Serge^t from names o
Serge^t Gunner, Castle & Waterside Bombay,
7 Soldiers, a Black Gunner, & Black Gunners mate.

37 Guns o vary^g Poundage (1, 3, 4, 6, 12, 18)
6 in good repair, 24 bad,

Condi^o Outwalls gently worn little repairs except
1 platform facing Sea 19th part o wh. is fallen down
& 1 rest so decayed as to need entire rebuild^g

Factory Slaves 12 Men 13 Women 3 Boys 2 Girls
1 v^l old 3 hand Canoe Proviss none

Winnebah 4 November 1751
State & Condi^o o Winnebah Fort

William Withers Governor, & names o Serge^t,
Gunner & 8 Soldiers

17 Guns (Pds. 13, 4, & 6) All unusable

Condi^o v^l much out o repairs, Walls cracked, Old
Timber worn rotten

Factory Slaves 4 Men 5 Women, Proviss none
1 9 Hand Canoe - unusable

Tantemquere 4th November 1751
State & Condi^o o Tantemquere Fort

Richard Brew Chief & names o, Serge^t, Gunner, 2 Soldiers,
2 Negattos, 1 Black

17 Guns 2 good 15 bad repair (Pds 13, 4, 6, 9).

Condi^o want^g Repair

Factory Slaves 4 Men 7 Women Proviss none
H^o 1 13 hand canoes

Cape Coast Castle

Mens Names.

Thomas Melvil, President of Council, Chief Agent
 Treasurer & Warehouse Keeper, Wm Husbands Chief Agent
 Thomas Boteler ditto & Accountant, Spencer or Young
 Assistant to Mr Melvil & Successor on Case of his death
Mathew MacKails Physician & Surgeon
William Tymwelle Factor, Gov^r of Commenda

Factors: Joseph Harvies Secretary to Council, Pro Durlow
John Nussel, Wm Perrynes Gov^r of Whigdale, Richard Phipps
 discharged, Richard Brew Gov^r of Tamlin quarry, Charles
Bonville & 1 dead.

Writers 10 names, Surgeons males 4.

John Slater Engineer & Surveyor, John Godfrey Surveyor

John Clifton Surgeon, late Gov^r of Tamlin quarry

David Davis Lieut^{nt} of Guard

names of one Serj^t, one drummer 43 Soldiers

some dead, some at Outforts, Lab^r & 1 at Queen Anne's
Point. 4 Mulattos

Guns 62, 49 in good repair, 10 bad, 2 unusable
 (Poundage, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 12)

Condin in vj indif^t repair

Factory Slaves 110 men 122 women, 24 boys, 36 girls

State & Condin of Commenda, 23 September 1751

Wm Timwelle Gov^r, Serj^t, Bombay & Sawyers, Summer
 & Y soldiers

Guns 80 all in bad repair (Pars 1, 2, 4, 6, 9, 12.)

Condin in vj bad repair

Factory Slaves 18 men, 6 women 3 boys, 3 girls

1 q hand canoe

1 4 " "

1 3 " "

Pror^{us} expended

Succondee th 24 September 1751

State & Condition of Succondee Fort

John Hipplesly Chief, Serg^t. Gunner 5 Soldiers

Guns 29. all unserviceable (Nos 2, 3, 5, 6, 13)

Condition in very bad repair

Factory Slaves 7 men, 2 Women, 1 Boy 2 Girls

1 13 hand Canoe

1 9 " "

1 5 " "

Provisions $\frac{1}{2}$ Farkim Butler

Duxcoie 19 September 1751.

State & Condition of Duxcoie Fort

Nassau Senior Chief, Serg^t. Gunner, 2 White Soldiers
3 Mulattoes "

Guns 28. (wth carriages 24) 17 good repair 11 bad repair

1 ~~Canoe~~ "

Condition in tolerable good repair. Parapets of Spire
made of Loom Stone & Planks in a hurry at beginning
of present dispute

Factory Slaves 11 men, 2 Women

Provisions, Basket Beef Pork

Indian corn & "flower"

1 4 hand Canoe

1 5 " "

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Plans & Reports
are not here.

Humber off St Thomas's
March 18th 1749/50

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According to the Lordships Commands, I have dispatched his Majesty's Ship Surprise, Captain David with my Reports of State & Condition of Forts & Settlements belonging to the Royall African Co of England from the Gum Coast beginning at Senegal (a Factory belongs to the French) down to Whydah, with three- with I enclose 10 Plans of each Fort, & hope will meet with the Lordships Approbation.

It has been of Concern to me I could not comply with Part of my Orders, of despatching her home by the latter End of February, but it being the Summer Season Wee had had for near three Weekes together nothing but Calms & frequent Repetitions of them being our Residence on Coast.

Being Commanded by my Orders to Commiserial my own Observations on Coast in General, I will be glad to leave in the first Place, to Observe, that a Co is most certainly necessary, nor in my Humble Opinion, can Trade be properly carried on wth it.

I take Leave to begin wth Gambia
I from thence proceeded down Coast to Serra-
leone.

During my Passage down Coast I spoke wth a Number of Ships of diff^r Nations, Vizt (English, Dutch, Deans & French) all of w^{ch} made heavy Complaints of Insolence of French, & likewise of the Ingress almost all Trade to themselves, wherever they come by Reason of the ~~Price~~ Goods, w^{ch} I am of Slaves & Lowering Price of Goods, w^{ch} I am informed they make answer by an Advantage they have over us, by a Premium they receive, on every Slave they Land in the Colonies, & Duty Free of all Goods they bring to France, in exchange for those Slaves.

On my Arrival on the Gold Coast, I found from Discover (w^{ch} is the first Fort on Coast) to

Whydah, all / Forts belong^d to / Royall African Co
 in a much better Situation than I Expected (fm /
 Mirrable Conditⁿ I found Gambia) tho' far short
 o' Dutch & James wh I soon found was on^g to / waste,
 / African Co had granted, in / beginning o' / year 1749, to
 Mr Stockwell (tho' Governour) & Comp^y. To carry out
 Goods on th^r own fleet, & Trade f^r themselves, on Conditⁿ
 to Maintain / Forts & Settlements belong^d to / Royall
 African Co, wh was Represented to be in so Mirrable
 Conditⁿ. f^r want o' Goods to Trade wth. t^e / Council at
 Cape Coast wh Mr Stockwell superceeded, had Apply'd
 f^r Goods to be sent out, or they shoud be Obliged to
 Abandon / Forts, as they declared to me they must
 enowitably be done had not Mr Stockwell & Co
 brot out Goods, just as they did, wh by / best In-
 telligence I can gett, I must do Mr Stockwell /
 Justice to say t^e he most certainly presented / Forts &
 Settlements fm fallg into / hands o' / Natives, or /
 / Dutch who are constantly watchg wth Oppy o'
 Overreaching / British Subjects, & wh they h already
 done, in many thgs, durg th^r declining State on
 th^r Coast.

At / same time t^e I h Reason to Applaud
 Mr Stockwell & Co f^r Supportg / Forts & Settlements,
 wh most certainly must h bn Abandoned, but
 f^r these Supplies, I cannot but Observe t^e / Method
 they took was makg / Remedy almost as bad as /
 Disease, & gave me gr^e Anxiety, in what Manner,
 how ~~to~~ Act as / Chief o' th^r Trade was wth / French
 Ships, f^r wh I had Numerous Complaints fm / Eng-
 lish Ships tradg on / Coast, t^e it Ruin'd th^r Trade, &
 by / above means / Good Coast had got into / hands o' /
 French, Upon wh I demanded o' / Council at Cape
 Coast th^r Reason f^r so do^g, th^r Answer to wh I here-
 with Enclose f^r th^r Lordships Perusal, & when I
 agn Remonstrated to them / Consequ^e o' carry on t^e
 Illicit Trade wth / French so prejudicial to / Naⁿ in Gene^l,
 they made me f^r Answer, they were quite sensible o'
 Injury it did / Naⁿ in Gene^l, Promisg to do so no

any longer than till Supplies came out, but it was
the last Effort, & it was impossible by any o^r
Means Method to maintain / heavy Expence &
Attended Keepg open / Forts & Settlements, & if I
would Persist in turng / French Ships out of Road,
they must be Obliged to Petition me to send
some Officers to take possession o^f Cape Coast
Castle &c as they sh^d be Obliged to Abandon
them, as / English Tradg Ships on / Coast had
Preferred tradg wth them, wth on / Same terms they
did wth / Natives, so g^t is / at Present / Inveteracy
they betwⁿ them Carry'd, to / g^t Detrim^t o^f
Trade in Gen. to / Naⁿ, Each making heavy Com-
plaints on / o^r f^r raising / Price o^f Slaves & lowering
t^o / Goods, while o^r Rival has act in Perfect
Harmony & carry away / Trade for both.

While I was Deliberatg wth my self, in
what Manner how to Proceed, wh^o to Risk the
abandoning / Forts, wh^o / Dutch was watchg / most
Minute Transac^tions, in hopes to be / Gainer, &
Step into them sh^d I suffer them to be Abandoned
or wh^o in open Defiance of Act o^f Navigatⁿ, I sh^d not
Suffer them to go on, when to my g^t Satisfacⁿ,
a Ship arriv'd in / Road, wth Supplies from England,
under / Care & Inspectⁿ o^f one Mr Roberts (who
is appointed to Succeed Mr Roberts Stockwell,
who is / Coⁿ dismissed) & what wth / Goods he
has bro^t out, wth his declared Inten^t to appro-
priate / sd. Goods Properly, I make no doubt
but / British Naⁿ will quite Retrieve its former
Glory, wh^o by / Incredible Number o^f Debts amg
/ Natives, when Mr Stockwell came out, was
Reduced wth loss, & t^o / Gold Coast will agn be
in / hands o^f / English, having on Mr Roberts
Arrival, I immediately drove / French off /
Coast & he gott his Word o^f Honour in Council

not to have any Dealings wth them. I hope my Conduct on this Occaⁿ will meet wth the Lordships Approbation as I conceive by / Act o^r Navigators I have an undoubted Right to Seize or make Prizes o^f such as are found trading in English Territories.

What I have said o^f late Governour Stockwell & Compy in relation to Trading wth French, I do not mean as a Complaint agst them. If considering / short time o^f the Negroes / Coast, I think they have done Wonders to maintain not only / Forts & Settlements but by pay^{ing} considerable arrears to / Natives, due from / Royall African Co, they have brought it to a most flourishing Condition, nor did I ever see a Gentleman more regarded in Gen^l than / late Governour Stockwell, both by his Majesty's Subjects under his Command, as well as / Natives who universally regret his dismissal, & what is by every one thought to be a very Cruel Treat^{mt} o^f / African Co, after having engag'd him in the Service for three Years, he dismissed him in Nine Months, wth assigning any Reason, after he has supported / Forts & Settlements out o^f his own Private Fortune, is dismissed wth Three Thousand Pounds Demand on / Co & / Gentleman appointed in his Room, not allowed to pay him a Shilling. I wd not help mentioning this to the Lordships as it came under my Cognizance, & what might have been by fatal to / Cos Affairs in this Part o^f World, had not he shunn'd, as became a good Subject, / Overtures made him by / Natives who, as thinking / Power in my hands, on my go^{ing} ashore after Mr Stockwells dismissal, came in a Body & demanded / Reason o^f dismissal, o^f a Governour who had saved many o^f the lives, by a Supply o

promis he had out a Paid / Cos Debits at a time
they all were Starving f want, & t they were
ready to serve him w the lives in any thg he w
Command, nor wd they be quiet till I promised
to represent it home, & afterwards the Chief o /
Blacks got one o / Writers to draw up / Enclod
Paper, wh they brot me, makg me Promise
to deliver it. I must confess I readily granted
it, f two Reasons, one as I thot it a Justifiab
one, The o^r to appease them, who seemd to be
ripe f any mischief, wh he Proposd them,
wh Mr Stockwell I must say Prudently waded,
by tellg them he wd stay among them till an
Answer could be Reciev'd fm England.

Such Treaties in this Part o / World in Part
I wot on as o a Fatal Consequence to / British
Hon^r, as our Rivals / Dutch Embrace evy Oppy
to degrade / English w / Natives, & who abrad
in consequence o this Gentlemans Dismissⁿ. h
Insinuated to / Natives how much better it is to
come under the Protecⁿ, than to be under those
o so Capricious a Temper as / English, & o
Course whose Fidelity cannot be trusted, &
says by / same Rule they h dismiss'd a Gov-
ernour w^t a Reason, they may ~~also~~ aban-
don the Subjects (as they call / Natives
under the / Protecⁿ o the Forts) on any
Slight Pretence, to gain any Immediate
Advantage, this is the way o ~~Argue~~ /
Argue, / Prefers I will not presume to
make but must declare to be no o^r Motive
f what I sd o / Gentleman, than Charity f him
& / love o my Country wh is so obviously sore
to Pieces in these Parts.

The Gentleman, Mr Roberts, who is come out

To Surpasse him, as Precedent is certainly well Calculated by his Employ, he is an active, Vigilant, Disposition, & seems to Act wth such Laudable Principles of Trade in Gen^l as must inevitably cause him gr^t Honour. But sure some Merit is due & some Consideration must be sh^d on of him who so well began to Retrieve / Britis^h Credit amongst / Natives, at / Risk o his own Private Fortune & not left (as he tells me he is) in gr^t Distress upon / Coast, he is Part o his Fortune he is sunk in / Co^s Service wth Expectation o Payment but thro / Bounty o Parliamt.

I should think I did not execute / Confidence reposit in me by My Lords Commissioners o Admiralty did not I Represent wth Circumstance I thot Essential of / Public Good, or must therefore declare to h^e heard A Gentleman late one o / Chief Agents at Cape Coast Castle, & Esteem'd a Man o Veracity, say, t^he can prove / African Co to be Debtor to / Forts & Settlements, near Four score Thou and Pounds, out o / Money granted at diff^t times by Parliamt of / Maintenance & Support o / Forts & Settlements

I am likewise Credibly Inform'd / French on this Coast often Insinuate thro^u have got out o / Hands o / English / Assiento Contract, to compleat wh^{ch} they ~~th~~ h^e likewise set up a Float^g Factory at Angola where we once had a Settlement & by all / People I h^e convers'd wth here say t^h if a Settlement co^uld agn be Established thro^u it w^old be o gr^t Service to / Trade, as well as Frustrate

Designs of French who are now carry^g on a
flowing Trade thro. & is / only Place to can
Empower them to Supply / Spaniards w
Negroes should they h got / Contract

I have no more to add but to I am w
/ gtest Respect

The Lordships
Most Obedient
& most Humble Serv^t

[no addresses
name]

Thos Pye. [orig sign]

Some Enclosures to / above

Cape Coast Castle Feb^y 10th 1750

We / principle Cabosers & Inhabit^{ts} of / Town
o Cape Coast in Africa ab also those o/
Kingdom o Fetua request desire & beg leave
in this manner to testify our hearty concern
at / removal o Richd. Stockwell Esqr by / Gov
o Cape Coast Castle, as he has ever since he hd
/ Gov o / sd Castle, behaved to us w all / humanity
tenderness, & / strictest Justice. It was in / power
o Man to do.

We therefore most earnestly beg (o those in
whose power it is) they will be pleased f / good
our wh h herewto set our hands, as also o all
/ inhabitants under / jurisdiction o / above sd
Gov to restore / above mentiond Richd.
Stockwell Esqr to / Gov o Cape Coast Castle
wh will pay us under an Eternal obligatⁿ

The Marks o / Head Cabosers at Cape
Coast

2 8 2 2 2 2
2 2 2 2 2
2 2 Cudjoe Head Cab^{rs} 2

An Acc^t o/ State & Condiⁿ o Cape Coast Castle
 belongg to / Royall African Co^y to g^e w/ Castle
 Slaves Military Stores, Cannoes & o^r Vessells etc^o
 belongg accordg to a Survey made by / Order o
 Tho^s Pys Esq^r Commander o His Majesty's Ship
 thumber / 4th day o February 1749.

[Summary]

Officers: 3 Ch Agents, 1 Secy, 1 Surgeon, 1 Surgeon's mate,
 2 Factors, 4 Writers, 1 Surveyor, 1 Lieut, 2 Ensigns
 1 Bombard, 2 Corporals, 1 Drummer, 1 Butler,
 1 Cust^r Writer, 1 Surgeon, 1 Messg^r Extraordy,
 1 Warehouse Keepers Assis^tant
Soldiers Mulatto 19.

Mariners Master o/ Sloop, 1 Mate, 5 white Sailors,
 6 Black do, 1 Master o/ long Boat 2 white Sail
 1 Dogger, mate

Castle Slaves, 10 Carpenters, 4 Blacksmiths, 3 Armourers
 3 Brick makers, 9 Bricklayers, 1 Gunner
 1 Goldsmith, 2 Slaves Cooks, 3 Chiefs Cooks, 2 B^{rs} Serants
 3 Coopers, 4 Chapp^e Serants, 2 Gold Tanners.

Men 137, Canoe men 20, Women 79, Children 46

Guns 12, 12^r, 2-9^r, 10-30^r, 5-1^r on Platform
 4 9^r, 2 5^r, on S^e Bastion. 2-9^r, 4-6^r on ^(S^e Bastion)

5-6^r on New Bastion, 5-1^r, 1-3^r on S^e Bastion

3-9^r, 2-6^r, 1-4^r, 2-3^r on Green hill Point

1 Brass 6^r on Parade. 3-4^r, 1-3^r on / Spur underneath

1 " 3^r in / Lieut's Room. 2-9^r, 3-6^r at Fort Royall

1-2^r at Phipps tower

Shot 4616. Powder 3,000 lb. Musquets 23, at Queen Anne's
 Point 4

Vessels chiefly Schooner, a launch.

1 17 hand Canoe

1 13 " "

1 11 " "

1 9 " "

1 5 " "

Belongs to / Chiefs - Expedⁿ long Boat, Carolina Sloop
Dolphin Snow, a Sloop

Observations on / Forts in Genl

The Forts in Genl on / Coast o Africa are vj Irregular
Part & what Repairs are made f want o Skillfull
Workmen are badly executed, Partly Bricklayers
Work & Masons. & what's Surm^d are Granted, can
be o no Significan^t till Proper Persons are sent fr
Europe to instruct / Natives who are quite Ig-
norant o / above Trades, & / Bricks they make
are quite Samilly (sic) Fwant o chunck^d Properly
made as they are diff sorts o Earth & seemly
vj Proper f / Purpose. They likewise use a vast
quantity o Mortar noting its vj Scarce & made o
Shells, wh are to be had at ~~one~~ one Place or two
only on / Coast, But it is exceed^d Good. And did
they understand / Bond^d o a Wall, Carry^d it
upright & mak^d / Joints o an Equal thickness
it wd make exceed^d strong Work, tho' at present
the Bricks will not bear / Weather, therefore
they are obliged to give a thick Coat o false
Tarriss compos^d o lime & Sand as wh renders
the Work a g^d deal more Expensive. Not h
they any regard when / Forts were laid out to
Form them into Regular Figures. The Flanks o
/ Bastions in Part^s Seldom Scale w / Lines o
Defence, as may be seen by / Plans, w many

of Irregularities. Likewise Carpenters & Sawyers are v^y much want^d, the best Wood proper for Buildg, the most o^f it is to Windward o^f Forts, as at Sierra Leone &c. They h^{ave} likewise Stone in some Places Plenty but nobody t^o understand, Workg it, not so much as to Square it.

And if want^d o^f an Experienced Surveyor, every Chief makes Alterants for his own Convenience w^ot considering wh^o such Alterants are detrimental to / Fortifications or no.

The Negroes in Gen^l are v^y tractable to learn Trades & w^ould be a sufficient Number o^f Artists in two or three Years sent out to instruct them & a competent Sum o^f Money allotted for this Service they wd undoubtedly in two or three Years render / Forts compleat.

Cape Coast Castle January / 18th 1749 / 50

Sir As y^e h^{ave} pleas^d to require o^f us t^o we render to y^e. Our Reasons for detaining, & tradg us seal French Ships now in Our Road we must first Sir take / Liberty to inform y^e t^o, it was always usual & Customary for / Company's officers to Trade w^o French at this place; & as we h^{ave} not, nor never did receive any Orders, or Instructions, in Contradiction ther^o, so we cannot apprehend how we are liable to any Censure, for Continuing t^o Custom, at this time when Exigency o^f Cos affairs so much require w^ot Assist^{ance} t^o can possibly be given to them. How^{ever}, Sir, as / legislative powers h^{ave} now under the Consideration / His Majesty's Establishment o^f this Trade to

Africa so we sh endeavour to give y such reasons
f/same as will fully Answer y Expectⁿ, in hopes
t y will be pleased to make such representations o/
same (as well as o/ State in wh y h found/ Co's
affairs) to t Power who alone are able to reestablish
them.

But in Order to give y those reasons in Regular
form & Order We must begin by informing y t/
unhappy Circumstances o/ Co's Affairs at Our
arrival here were such t it was w gr difficulty, &
still gtr hazard, to Our own private fortunes (Espe-
cially as t assistee wh | French Ships allowed us upon
our Trade, considerably more than any English Ship
cd or wd do) t we were able to prevent / gates
fm being thrown Open to any who wd chuse to
Enter, & possess them;

This desperate Situation o/ African affairs /
late Council hd fully Sett forth to / Court's Assistance
[sic] o/ Royal African Co, by sev. advices, wh / Court
o Assistance acknowledged to be necessary, in some o
wh thr was a time dimitted as / longest t they (/
Council) cd possibly keep possession o/ Forts &
Castle upon this Coast wth / arrival o some supplies
before / Expiration thereof to prevent / impending Danger;
/ time has bn relapsed [sic] some months, & more
as yet received fm / Co.

These, no doubt, were / reasons, togs us / difficulty
/ Co found still attended thr receiving / Gov's usual
relief to thr affairs at / End o sev years t induced
them to Come to / resolution o appointing us at / head
o thr affairs, under / following denominat^{ns}, Richard
Stockwell to be one o / Chief Agents & Treasurers, & one
o / members & President^s o / Council at Cape Coast
Castle, & Governour^s o / Sd Castle & c f / manage^{mt} &
direcⁿ o / Trade & o^r affairs betw Cape Poponia &

/ Peter Volta & also Whydah, William / husbands
 to be one o the Chief Agents & Warehouse Keeper & one
 o / members o / Sd Council & Thomas Boteler to be
 one o / Chief Agents & Accountant & one o / mem-
 bers o / Sd Council, all three in Council to transac
 & direct the affairs within / sd district benami-
 mously, & also agreed to our Appointments &
 Priviledge o Trade f / Our own acct & advantage
 to what extent we cd this was granted to us by
 our Covenants (wh we begg leave to lay before
 y) w liberty to brg out w us a Cargoe or Cargoes
 to any extent we thot proper, w any limitam, or
 wt making any exceptⁿ agst Our Sellg or Barling /
 Same, or any part o / produce thereof, to any man
 whatso^r. Exceptg only in Consideram o this Grant
 & we wd advance upon / acct o / African Co
 Royal African Co so much money as we shd find
 necessary f / Relief o the Servants here, in hope
 fm those means & Our Endeavours They shd
 be able to keep & Secure to themselves the property
 in those parts, ~~the~~ / Parliament shd be pleased
 to come to some Resolⁿ f / more effectual preservaⁿ
 o them.

In consequ^e o this priviledge we brg out w us
 a Cargoe o Stores, Purins & Goods to / am^t o Return
 Five & Six Thousand Pounds accordg to a Letter we
 wrote to / Count o Assistants o / Royal African Co
 wh was by them laid before / Right Honourable the
 Lords Commissioners o Trade & Plantars, w this
 Cargoe shipp^d (w ourselves, & Sundry^r officers re-
 in / Cos Service) on Board o a Sloop & a Sloop belong^d
 to ourselves, We left Portsmouthe the 22^d o March
 last & Safely Arrived here / 12th o May followg, &
 as soon after as possible took Charge o / Cos Affairs &
 landed / whole o / above Sd Cargoe at this Castle.

Upon taking / proper Inventories usual on those occasions & by inspecting thoroughly into / Co's affairs we found them to be much worse than we could possibly have imagined. Numbers of People continually flocking down from / Country wth Demands upon / Co (some for two or three, but most one Year's arrears) due to them wth / report of / arrival of a Co's Ship, (if so they took our Vessel) & / length of time for which they had already given Credit, had raised their Expectations & made them Eager to receive their Payments, Amongst these were / Co's Slaves who were all upon / point of deserting & seeking new Masters who should support & maintain them. Their wants were but too Visible by / Hungry or pining [sic] Appearance they made at our first Muster of them for that they seemed only as so many Skeletons & Skeletons, they so much moved our Compassion as induced us as much to preserve & keep together such a so valuable a Collection of Slaves as to prevent each individual of them from perishing for want of mere Sustenance, to open / Bulk of our Cargo, wth a payment made & divided among them of abt Six Hundred & Fifty pounds Sterlg, wth was wholly delivered them before we had been three weeks on Shore. or before we had traded for one Single Shilling, and in a very little time after this, we were obliged to pay off soul or body, 9th Arrears, to those whose Necessity seemed most to require it of us. These sums altho' Considerable to us (wth charged paid them wth / part of our Goods) appeared divided amongst / many People to whom they were owing & wth indeed was but a small proportion of / whole

demands they had upon / Co, but as a small mortal
 f / mouth o a hungry man, therefore they hardly
 allowed us time to breathe before they made a
 fresh demand f / whole, wh we were obliged in
 some measure to comply w by pay o those
 whose necessities were g^{est} & satisfy / rest w
 promises, & they shd also in the time be paid
 off in full.

By this time our Cargoe was g^{ly} reduced,
 as well fm / payment o those debts as fm / Expence
 necessarily attendg / Supportg / Garrison at Cape
 Coast wh we were obliged constantly to pay, & w
 / Supplies drawn off fm t Cargoe & sent to / relief
 o / sev^l Outposts, some o wh were already shut
 up & deserted wh we agn by these Supplies Rein hab-
 illed, most o / o's were upon / point o dog / some
 wh these Supplies did also timely present, & all
 these done & effected before we had any oppy o
 Encreasg our Capitel by trade, to farm^r o one Shilling.

As soon as we found by these proceedg [s] t
 we had made / natives our firm friends / & in
 all sheaps got / better o Our European Neigh-
 bours Tollerably Satisfied under such Circumst^s
 we began to look over / remains o our Cargoe, /
 wh we found at our arrival had bⁿ but indif-
 ferantly Assorted in England f want o proper
 advice fm this Coast, & o Course much worse so
 now; wh made it plain to us t if we cd not
 fall upon some method whereby we cd make
 such a mixture o goods as shd be absolutely
 necessary to Carry on / Trade, we must Inevitably
 draw upon our selves (& t soon) / same Ruins, wh
 at our arrival seemd ready to swallow up / whole
 British Interest in those parts.

In Order therefore to prevent this im-
 pendg danger, we applied to / Masters o /

English Ships then in Annamaboe & proposed to
to them, that they shd land the Congoes here, & to
receive from us / Slaves for / want thereof, at / some
rate for which they themselves received them from /
Natives, we beg in hopes by this means to
make up a proper assortment of Goods whereby we
shd be made Capable, in some degree, to pro-
vide agst this heagie Expence & daily attended
us, & also to share ~~our~~ our part w / Dutch,
who at this time Commanded / whole: But all
our Remonstrances to / Masters of English Ships
cd take no Effect for (as is before observed) so
Low were / Cos affairs fallen here in / Eyes of our
Country men that they treated all offers made to
them on that head w / utmost Contempt. Much
abt / time we were endeavouring to effect this
Scheme arriv'd in this Road the Indian Prince
of Bristol, Rowland Price Commander, to
whom we made / some offers & were w Equal
Scorn rejected, Nay to such height did they
carry this implacable hatred to / Co, & we as their
Servants, cd not escape their Malice, endeavouring
as much as they cd to depreciate our private,
as well as publick Characters in / Eyes of /
Natives, & absolutely refused to afford any
Assistance (Even those independant & Interest)
wh they had in their power to give to / Cos Set-
3] tlements w / least prejudice to themselves, such
as was some times required of them for / necessary
repairs of / Forts, Instances of this Sort we
often Received, but sh here only trouble of us
tw of them, / first is to a Capt. Hopkins of Bristol
& Capt Hornes of Road Island, who were both
Solicited when at Dacore by / Chief thereof to
take in upon the Decks a few planks & to

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deliver / same at Cape Coast, & noting they both
intended & did stop in this Road yet they refused
/ do of this small favour, tho' / dist^{ce} is not
above forty eight hours Run & t before / Wind
& at such a Season o' / Year when there was not
least Danger o' Storms, or hard gales, wh^{ch} our com^{ms}
/ same liable to any Hazard. And secondly
Capt. Morgan o' Bristol o' whom Mr Johnson
our Chief & Commenda^{ry} had purchased four
hundred weight o' Bread, f^r wh^{ch} he paid him
his own Price in Gold, But such was this man's
Honesty t^h when he came to deliver / same in
this Road he sent on Shore three Hundred f^r
four, this his own Doctor who was then on Shore
here was a witness to, & tho' at t^e time he look'd
upon us to be in / utmost distress f^r want o'
provisions We imagining this to be a mistake ...
wrote him a letter acquainting him thereof, but ed
get no o^r answer than his immediate weigh^{ing}
his anchor & proceed^{ing} down / Coast. Such is / ill
nature & such / Baseness o' Generality o' those
who Command must^{er} o' our private Traders ...

Is it not amaz^{ing} to think t^h men whose whole
Trade & wellfare so much depends upon / preser-
van^{ce} o' these Forts & Settlements sh^d take so little
pains to serve & assist them noting t^h it is
universally allow'd t^h sh^d there be no British
Settlements in Africa, / private English Trader
wd^h but small Share in / Traffick thereof, so t^h it
is by means o' those Settlements, howev^r despis-
ible at present, t^h they are Suffered to carry on
any Trade at all in those parts. The Dutch were
at / same time cunningly act^{ing} the parts in t^h

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this Farce, or rather Tragedy by artfully prompt
[promottg?] & secretly instilling in / minds
o these unthinking men, / Base unwarrantable
methods, some o wh we h already sett forth,
Thurs Circumstances & thus distressed fm all
quarters, what cd we think? or what cd we do?
or what friendship or favour expect fm any o
naⁿ? when our own Countrymen, & t part o
them too, whose benefit & advantage so manni-
festly depended upon Our welfare Wellfare,
hd given such direct proofs o their intimacy in /
Securⁿ o Our duty & Consequently to the
Country; We cd not therefore think o making
any fur attempts by applyg to those who so
evidently wished Our destruction, But took under
Our Consideraⁿ / next best step to be taken to
save / Honour & dignity o / British Name
amongst / Natives here, & when We were just des-
pondg & almost out o all hopes o be g able to
much longer to support / Noble Struggle we hd
made, a French Ship anchored in this Road,
Commanded by Mr Sharron fm Dunkirque,
who soon came on Shore & Brot w him / Invoice
o his Cargoe, wh Consisted Chiefly o Such
Goods as were exactly adapted to those wh
as yet remained o t we brot ont w us; He
himself proposed / dandg / whole, & deliverg /
same into Our Hands, fur he desired to be paid
in Slaves, at a certain Rate, to / Number o
abt two hundred & Fifty, in Six or Eight months
after. But we well knowg / Unhappy Situaⁿ
/ Trade in Gen was now fallen to an / Bad
State o / Cos affairs, wh was carefully propo-
gated by / reports o our own Countrymen

were under some apprehensions & not being able to
 compleat / above Contract in any limited time,
 & therefore refused to accept / Same, but ~~the~~ upon
 Condition he wd take upon him / hazard o / Trade
 them to be h^l, this he at length Complied wth &
 landed his Cargo upon Our own Terms

It cannot be doubted but t men who had
 sacrificed their own private fortunes as we had done,
 who had taken all / pains t was possible for us to be
 taken to save this Sinking British property, & yet
 findg Ourselves decling to / lower & Ebb, must be
 g^d Joy & pleasure fm / Sudden turn this Cargo
 gave to Our affairs, if it soon put us in a Capacity
 to gain some Trade, as well as our Neighbours,
 & thereby increasg our little Capital Enabled us
 to pay off so many o / demands upon / Co, as
 raised & renewed the Interest am^g / Inhabitants,
 & ~~our own~~ Our Own Credit am^g Europeans,
 if we had / Good fortune (bad as / Trade then was)
 47] to compleat t Contract in Ten weeks. This Mr
 Sharron took all Oppy to relate to all his Country
 men who ~~passed~~ t passed, & fm / acct he gave o
 Our manner o dealg, they all became fond &
 eager to deal w us upon / Same Conditions we did
 w him, & having proved how little favour we was
 to expect fm / English private Traders, t genly come
 on this Coast as well as / heavy & dead Expences
 always to be paid wh required wth advantage
 we cd make by Trade & wth assistance we cd find
 in order to keep our heads barely above water
 matter, & also knowg t / assortment o English
 Ships are commonly such (but at this time
 partly so) as wd by no means answer / purpose

o our Trade, w^{ch} wh we sh^d only decrease them &
Ruine Ourselves, & as / Cos affairs (having as yet
Received no Supplies fm them) were still so low
as wd allow us to make no Contract but f^r such
Goods as we cd immediately Sell agⁿ, & as there
was no English Ships then on / Coast who hd those
Goods to give, who wd deal w us upon / terms
we cd afford to take, so we were necessitated to
take up those offers made us by / French, & accordingly
did Contract w sundry Ships o t^r Naⁿ who had
hd t^r Confidence in us to land the Goods in our
hands, & wait our leisure f^r / paym^t thereof
w^{ch} so much as requiring o us a Single Receipt f^r
any part o / same. By this means, prevent^g
them fm deal^g w / Natives themselves, & thereby
drawn into / Channel o / English Commerce, t^r
profit wh they wd h^{ave} otherwise given to / Natives,
& wh we w all our Endeavours cd not prevent
the do^g.

By / Weight o / Interest these sev^l Cargoes
received ~~received~~ fm them in Contract, togth w
(we will be bold to say) our own Application
& honest Endeavours we h^{ave} so Increased /
Trade t^r we h^{ave} by these means Enabled
to Satisfie w^{ch} Creditors o / Co amongst / Natives in
these parts in full to / End o October last, &
all / Cos Inferior Servants, within the own
Gates, not only at this Castle, but at Ev^{ry} o^r
o / Forts, the sev^l Salaries in full to / End o
December & h^{ave} also found means to Raise /
Cos Power & Influence to as gr^{at} a height as
Ever & also to Carry on / Repairs o this
Castle tolerable fast, in so much t^r if we

Continue here a few Years Longer, By these
Repairs we sh. hope to leave them in good Order &
Condiⁿ, & besides all they, laid in at Our own
Expence Proving Stores & Ammuniⁿ at this Castle
& / or Forts sufficient to keep us fm / fear o^t danger
they were so near meetg us, at Our arrival, t^o
beg Deriv'd.

As soon as we perceiv'd we had acquired
Such weight o^f Interest as to Command / most o^f
Trade then flourishg, in so much as to create us
/ Envy o^f those who but a few months before us
hardly afford us the pity we thot it was ~~becomg~~
becomg us to use / same, as much as our be Com-
sistent to Our honour, in / seal Contracts wherein
we were Engaged, & / Service o^f Our Country
men, & British Private Traders notw^g they had
given us such heavie provocacⁿ, to shew no regard
to the Interest, Y^t b^e / Gen good, we laid aside
our Presentm^ts & made use o^f t^h Interest q^uly to
/ advantage o^f these v^y Men, who before had
slighted any terms o^f dealg wth them or do^g
anythg Else in the power to assist us, & by
assortg the Cargoes o^f ev^{ry} one o^f these Men wth
Articles o^f Goods which Commanded / Trade, &
wth wth there was no purchasg a single Slave,
enabled them much sooner to Compleat the^r own
purchases o^f Slaves, & by takg at last / Refus^e
o^f the Cargoes sent them o^f / Coast much
sooner than they oth otherwise cou^d h^{ave} Expected,
thus we h^{ave} done to all / Ships t^h h^{ave} bin at
Anamaboe since we h^{ave} oppened our Trade,
at this our Earnest Entreaty & applicacⁿ, & tho
they gave themselves, to our knowledge Ten

Owners for head of Slaves to / Negroes. Yet many
of them we have supplied with the last number of
Slaves for the Refusing goods at Mine Owners,
& Ten Owners of whom / Trade begun to grow
more Scarce, & they themselves were giving Slaves
at / Rate of Eleven Owners for head at
Annon Annamabo.

Besides Sir be pleased to Consider / power-
ful Rival we have in / Dutch, who are allways
upon / Watch to take / Advantage of our Necessi-
ties. They are Rich & Powerfull & therefore
have Opp^s by the means of dogging our Injuries
to / poor & distressed Condition of / Co, & yet
some great advantages in our Trade, at this
time, which / French Ships only can allow us,
we shall find it difficult to keep them within
the due limits. They have encroached upon
5] our term already, and to give a loose to their
own Ambitions & to be more at liberty to seize
upon our Rights, had already declared / Con-
vention made & Entered into, between / two Cos,
were now of no force; They had seized upon
/ Land place of Commenda which they still keep
possession of before our Arrival, & had made
several attempts upon our Privileges, since we
have been here, but to no purpose.

Upon / whole, Sir, we hope when you Con-
sider / many difficulties we have had to struggle
through, / many Enemies we have had to
Encounter us, & / Badness of times since
we have been here, in Respect to / Situation of /

Trade, That you will then think t/methods
 we h taken & / Contracts we h made w/
 French, to brg/ affairs on this Coast to such
 Order & Regularity; to t Power & Weight & to
 t Interest & Influence wh you now find we
 h done & acquired, were just & no more than
 what we of to h done f/ Effectual Preserwaⁿ
 of British Property in Africa & consequently
 Grant us a permitt f/ Continuance of French Ships
 now, or to any o^r t may chance to come into
 this Road to remain thus unmolested &
 undisturbed

We h / Honour to be Sir
 w/ Great respect & Esteem

Your most Obedient & V^y humble Servants
 R Stockwell
 Wm Husbands
 F Self & Thos Botcher

PS We begg you wd excuse one thing t has escaped us,
 in / Course of this letter wh is, & as we had not sufficient
 power or / Cou^r & intirely to prevent / French Ships from
 tradg themselves w/ natives, & w^h we than by Con-
 tractg w them here, & Receivg the whole Cargo on
 Shore, wh presented ~~them~~ the purchasg the own
 Slaves, at the own advanced prices, & at / same
 time Lower / price of the Goods much to / preju-
 dice of English private Traders

R S.
 Wm H
 b Self & T. B.

To Thomas Pyl Esquire

6. Lionel Daniel 1751-1752.
 "Died Captain of 'Assurance' at Jamaica
 13 Nov^r 1752
 London Aug^r 10 1751.

Adm^r 1. 1699

Sir This Majesty's Ship Assurance under my Command
 has been Ordered to be fitted & to Proceed on a Voyage to the
 Coast of Guinea. Beg you will be pleased to lay
 this before / Lords Command^r of Admiralty & an Award
 may be Erected on / Quarter deck & Cabbin built
 under it. as the Ship who has been sent on this
 voyage & am Sir
 Yours Obed^t Serv^t
 Lionel Daniel

To John Cleveland Esq^r re

"Received

1752.

"Recd^t from Capt Sroppe
 of Assurance
 Collected by Capt
 Daniel of Ship
 who died in / Voyage"

Assurance off Cape Coast Castle

20th Feby 1752.

Sir On my arrival here in his Majesty's Ship
 under my Command I found / Boddger Sloop was
 proceedg to England under Captain Buckles Orders
 wth an acct of his transac^{ns} & proceedgs here, & had
 had no oppy before o^f transmitting an acct o^f my
 Proceedgs I send the Lordships / Inclosed Papers by
 / Dates o^f wh they will see / time o^f my arrival on
 this Coast & at this place . . .

John Cleveland Sroppe

Lionel Daniel

James Fort [Gambia] 13th Decem^r. 1751.

Sir, I Received yr letter last night fm yr Lieutenant
 advising me o yr Arrival in / mouth o this River w his
 Majesty's Ship / Assurance w Orders fm / Lords o /
 Admiralty to protect his Majesties Subjects on this
 Coast; o late / French h bin vy good + h traded
 little or none till abt Ten days agoe they gave them-
 selves a gr^t many Airts + wished any o his Britanni
 Majesty's Ships wd offer to obstruct them tradg in
 / Rivers where they say they h as good a Right as
 we h. There was then three French Men o War
 here one o Sixty Guns, one o Fifty + a Small
 Frigate o Fourteen Guns. The Commodore's Lieut-
 enant told me they hd fifteen Hundred Soldiers
 on board, wh I believe is but a French Bravado
 but Assurance y / Frigate hd on Board Sixty or
 Seventy Soldiers besides her Compliments o Soldiers
 wh I saw under Arms. I h sent y a Copy o /
 Commodore's letter he wrote me [nb. about affairs
 in / River Gambia, . . . not copied - sig^d as copied
 is "Peter de Salverie" + - very badly written -
 "a bord de bete" . . . du Rois Le's" Le pr^x bre 1751
 + my Answer to it [not here] . . .

By what I can understand / Ships are
 gone down / Coast to Argamabo to Settle a Factory
 etc. As f^r Pyrates we h hd none on this Coast since
 my Arrival here - - - Sir &c

James Skinner

PS. I am heartily sorry my health wd not allow
 me / pleasure o waitg on Capt Daniel.

Assure, Cape Coast Road
1 March 1752

Sir I have in my last to y^e of 20th Febr'y by /Badger
Sloop, omitted to send a Part^r acct^r o^r my Proceed^gs
on this Coast of the Lordships informan (by reason o^r
/Sloop's Sail^g so soon) desire y^e will be pleased
to acquaint them

I have heard t^h his Majesty's Ships Assistee
St Albans, Sphinx & Badger Sloop were upon /Coast
to intercept some French men o^r War; I found
~~them~~ ~~at~~ joined them at Annamaboe, & was
acquainted by Captain Beuckle, t^h it was his
opinion /French had quitted /Coast; I did not
then take upon me /Command o^r those Ships,
apprehend^g it wd be more conducive to his
Majesty's Service, & protect^on o^r trade
Settle m^t (as Captain Beuckle w^o /Sloop were
go^g to Annamaboe to Water & then put down /
Coast) f^r me to Proceed hither, & if Wind,
Weather, & Current^t permit, to Windward Parts
o^r this Coast to put in Executi^on the Lordships
f^r Orders

Sir
I am
Dear Daniel

John Celand Esq^r

& to Discover, f^r thence
here agⁿ, & down /Coast;

4 Writers - 2, Andrew Farquhar & John Andrews
made Factors - Nath Parker, Fredk Ady

2 Surgeons Males,

John Slater Engineer & Surveyor - 1 Surveyor

David Harris Lieut^t o/ Guard

1 Sergt. Names o 22 Soldiers, & 4 Mulattors

Condition o/ Castle In VY indiff^r Repair

Castle Slaves Min 118, Women 120, Boys 94 Girls -

Memorandum. The number o/ Co's Slaves here is
always uncertain, they be g continually run o/ g
for work to work as / Co's Business requires them

Above numbers 93 what are here at present

Guns Total ~~62~~ (10 in bad repair, 2 unusable

Total 62, 50 in good repair)

12 12 pdr, 2 9 pdr, 10 3 pdr, 5 1 pdr on Platform

1 9 pdr on Flag Rankin

2 6 pdr doer "

2 9 pdr } on Round Flankin

1 6 pdr }

5 6 pdr Tower "

5 1 pdr, 12 pdr By long Room

3 9 pdr 2 6 pdr 3 1 pdr on Green Hill Point

1 6 pdr Brass mounted on / Parade fac g ye
Guard Gate

1 3 pdr Brass in / Spire fac g / outer Gate

4360 ~~lbs~~ Round Shot o 18 lb, 12 lb, 9 lb, 6 lb, 3 lb.

8 or 10 lbs Gunpowder.

Military Stores . . .

Cape Coast Castle 2^d o April 1752

By order o/ Council

Jo: Hammer, Secretary

February 18, 1751-2

The State & Condition of Succowee Fort together with an
Account of Officers, Soldiers Military Stores, & Canoes
& other things belonging. [Summary]

The Fort itself is in tolerable good Repair
Nassau Senior Chief. 1 Serg^t, 1 Gunner, 4 Soldiers
4 Militaries

16 Castle Slaves (1 Carpenter, 1 Smith, 3 Bricklayers,
1 Drummer, 1 Gardener, 1 Bomber,
2 Labourers, 1 Washerwoman
1 laboureress. 4 Carvers)

Cannon 6 6 pdr, 4 4 pdr, 4 1 pdr
~~4~~ 4 6 pdr, 6 4 pdr, 3 1 pdr old rimerical
Total 27.

500 lbs Gunpowder 330 Iron Shot . . .

Canoes, 1 hand } old.
1 2 hand }

Errors Excepted

(sd) Nassau Senior

Report on / State of Succowee Fort
March 9th 1752.

The Out Walls Battlements & Bastions so out of Repair
as to be on / Brink of tumbling down & it seems almost
impossible, to they shd stand out / next rainy
Season, wh generally is in May & June.

29 Iron Cannons (3 9 pdr, 2 6 pdr 12. 4 pdr,
3, 3 pdr, 9 2 pdr, 1 small Colonne

all in vry bad order beg Honey Combs & 1/2c Vents
995 Shot, 800 lbs Gunpowder, no provisions belong to / Co

John Hippisley Chief - 1 Serg^t, 1 Gunner
4 Soldiers, Castle Slaves 7 men, 1 Boy, 2 Women 1 Girl

Canoes 1 11 hand, 1 9 hand, 15 hand Good f Nothg
(sd) John Hippisley (Chief)

State + Cand'm o' Fort + Garrison

the body o' Fort vis good repairs
[Summary]

Richard Davis Crisp, 1 Sgt, 1 Gunner & soldiers (including
1 Lt and 1 Quinine Officer)
6 Cannon 29 pds 4, 1 pdr good; 10, 3 + 4 pds damaged
120 men shot
Castle House 3 Cannon, 1 Bomb, 1 woman
April 8th 1752. [no sigs]

Report o' State o' Commanda Fort

10 March 1752 [Summary]
The Dutch side fort / Dutch almost clean & fresh
o' walls in gr warr o' Repair
30 from Cannon (2, 12 pds, 2, 9 pds, 2, 6 pds, 2, 4 pds
12, 2 pds, 1 pdr all mounted.
2. 1 pdr dismantled.
About guns are v' old, much heavy comb'd, v' the vents
Cannon are bad.
You that 80 lbs powder, 28, use 2000 com
Wm Tyndale Crisp, 1 Sgt, 1 Gunner, 1 Bombay o
Souldiers, Castle House 16 men, 14 women, 1 children
6 soldiers, 1 hand, 1 hand, 1 hand
[sig] Wm Tyndale

The State + Cand'm o' James Fort Nova

[Summary]
April 15th 1752

Outposts in tolerable good condition except a platform
fagg / sta. 19' part o' w'k fallen down, & must be
infallibly rebuilt the Batteries want, lot all new
said. The 1st & 2nd Regiments in pretty good order
Wm Davis Crisp, 1 Sgt, 1 Gunner, 1 Bombay, 6 soldiers
Castle House, 11 men, 13 women 5 children
(Barracks 1 Cannon, 5 Cannon, 100 lbs
Cannon 37. [2, 18 pds, 2, 12 pds, 15, 6 pds, 14 pds
4, 3 pds, 1 pdr all v' old & unus
[no sigs]

32.
"Papers from Capt Daniel o/ Assure relat^d
to / State o/ Forts on / Coast o Africa
Recd from Capt. Scrope o/ Assure."

For
The recent Attempt o/ French to render
our Settlements on this Coast precarious, if not quite
useless, by procuring an Establishment of themselves,
at, or near Annamaboe, give us gr^t Reasons to be
unwilling at / least^t Inter course between them & /
Fanteens.

Therefore, as a French Ship came to an Anchor
yest^y in Annamaboe Road, we must beg leave
to represent t^e to y^e as a dangerous Inroad^v
upon / Trade & Property o Gr^t Britain, & beg t^e y^e will
order him to be gone. We are wth Esteem

Yr most Ob^t Humble Serv^{ts}

Thomas Melville
William Husbands
Ebenezer Young

orig
Signs

Cape Coast Castle
19th March 1752

To Lionel Daniel Esqr.

Indorsed " March 23rd 1752
Letter from Mrs Melvil to
Captain Daniel o this Voyages
Ship / Assurance "

Sir

In answer to yr. Favour o yesterday I h enclosed
a Letter upon / Subject o Attchurn ab for y to
/ Dutch Gen. wh if y approve o, y may sign
/ French & return it by / Canoe, & I sh forward
it to Elmira w another to / same effect for /
Council here

As to my Orders from / Committee, they are in gen
to do my Utmost to preserve / Man's Trade & Property
on this Coast. The Gov has in / most publick man-
ner asserted the Right to Annamaboe since yr
Arrival, & yr order / Frenchman to depart from
thence was only speakg the language. If we
relax any thg at present in this Point, we
give / French an Advantage over us, & they
are ready enough, I know, to draw Conclusions
in the own Favour. As to / measure y h
taken, no Annimadversus can be made upon it
to yr Prejudice. on / Contrary I make no doubt
but y will receive those Thanks yr Conduct deserves.

I h used / Freedom to send down a Couple o
Milch Goats, some Greens & Limes, & hope soon to
h / Pleasure o seeg y here, I am

Sir
Yr most obed^t hum: Serv^t
Thomas Melvil

Cape Coast March 23rd 1752

To Lionel Daniel Esq.

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Adms. 1.

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Board - Surprize 1751

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Adm 1. 1485 Captains Letters.

Surprize Spithead / 25th July 1751

Sir

I will please to Communicate to their Lord
ships, t having sailed fm Madeira / 22^d Sep^r w this
Majestys Ship Surprize under my Command I arrived
at / Isle o May (Cape de Verde Islands) / 9th Octo:
next day sailed f Gambia, off wh Rivers mouth
Anchord / 18th

I sailed fm thence / 24th Do & arrived at
Sierra Leoa Leon / 12th November, / best place on
upon / whole Coast to be supplied w Wood & Water
to thro Corbett eggⁿ

whilst I lay there I was informed by Mr
Duncomb, Master o / Cornwall o Bristol, who was
lately arrived fm / Gold Coast, thd brot an Acc^t
t / Fort o Dixie belonging to / English African
Co was much distressed having ben attackt by /
Natives o t Country who kept it still blockt up
knowg / Impce o t Place, & desirous to

relieve it, as soon as / Ship was compleat wth Wood
& Water, wh^{ch} was / 24th November, I left t^{he} place
& wth stopp^{ing} anywhere or call^{ing} at any place o^f
Trade, arriv^{ed} at Dancow / 22^d Decem^r: &
agreeable to my Informaⁿ found this Fort had b^{een}
warmly Attack^{ed} & afterwards block^{ed} up by /
Africans above Eight Months, / Natives o^f
Country, supposed to be set on by / Dutch, who
as I was then informed had b^{een} s^o Instrumental
in Assist^{ing} / Negroes to take sev^{er}l Canoes, wth
supplies o^f Provis^{ions} & Stores, sent up fr^{om} Cape Coast,
& this ev^{en} in a limited time o^f a Truce, agreed
upon betw^{een} Mr Roberts President o^f Cape Coast &
some Agents Authorized thereto by Mr Van Voors
/ Director Gen^l o^f Dutch West Indian Affairs
upon / Coast o^f Africa

Next day I went ~~to~~ ashore & found /
Towns where formerly our friendly Blacks lived
Junder / Towns all Burnt & Destroyed, / Inhab
itants had retired into / Castle wth the Families

wh. they had gr^{ly} assisted to defend, & all in gr^l
spirits at / sight o a Ship o War, this Fort I
found v^y well supplied w Ammunition &
Provisions, / them present State & Condition being here-
with also inclosed.

Here I received letters fm / Governor & Chief
Agents o / African Co resid^g at Cape Coast (Viz^t
(Mess^{rs} Roberts, Husbands & Boteler) desiring me
to tarry thro, 'til the Governor Roberts came, to
consult on proper means to finish / Disturbance
aforesaid by my Assistance & introduce peace to /
English Subjects, so long oppressed by / Dutch,
I forward^g ~~sent~~ wh good work they were
confident o my Interposiⁿ when I h^{ve} been well
& truly informed o / Rise & Progress o / War
& Troubles.

The Lordships may be assured t have
no o^r Interest at heart, but / Protecⁿ o / Trade, &
strictly directed thereto by the Instru^{ms}, I was
not a little glad o / Opp^t wh offer'd wherein

I could show my Zeal, & by / Pleasible offers o Sub-
 mitting to me, induced me to stop to Windward
 & give Countenance to / Interest we had left in the
 Country, especially as the [?] assured me / gr^t
 Justice they had on this part, & withheld from them
 & wd also readily come into Terms t^o be ac-
 cepted wth Honour. Accordingly Four days after
 / Governor came, & / 29th Decem^r: Sailed wth
 him aboard of Secondee @ Leagues to / East-
 ward, where both English & Dutch h^{ad} each
] o them a Fort, to be nearer / Principal Settlements
 to bring matters to some Accomodamⁿ

At my Arrival, at / request o Mr Roberts,
 Governor, I sent an Officer to Mr Jan Van Ussel
 Director General o / Dutch West India Co's
 Affairs upon / Coast o Guinea & resides at El
 Minia, to demand o him some o Our Co's
 Slaves t^o (as I was then informed) had been taken
 during a Truce, as also some Rebel
 Subjects sd to be Protected, & Screened from their

Masters, by his Orders, to who he returned f
Answer t^t I w^old please to suspend my Demand
as Mr Roberts & he hd already agreed to lay /
whole Affairs before me, but at / same time
assured me, no such Truce hd ever bn agreed
upon, & f his own security & t^o his People's, ~~he~~
hd v^{ry} good reasons f detaining these Prisoners,
especially as Mr Roberts was so much inclined
to War, & moreover sh^d prove t^t / Rebel Subjects
I demanded were actually Dutch & / English
c^d h no just claim to them, in a few days
afterwards he came to Secondee.

It was th^{is} at last agreed upon by
both Parties to meet, & sit one day at / English
Fork & /th in / Dutch, all / Chiefs, Caboceros
or Elders, in / whole Country o Athanta to be
present, o both Parties, Examined Witnesses,
tak^g Depositions &c^a a v^{ry} troublesome affair, be^g
obliged to h v^{ry} Sentence Interpreted fr
English to Negroish, then to bastard Portuguese

afterwards to Dutch, & / same back agⁿ to English

These Conferences were begun to be held / 23^d January & continued sittg till / 22^d Feb^y. (/ day Captain Jasper came upon / Coast) wth / intermissⁿ o one day (Sundays excepted) & after all this, cd not agree to settle one Point, / Demand & Pretens^{ns} o both Parties beg so high t th^{ey} did not appear any prospect o Reconcile^{mt}, & to me seemed t they hd rather need to dispute, than to come to any Accomodaⁿ, but cd plainly perceive t / Dutch hd made swer o, & gained over to them, all / Natives o t^e Country, & took gr^o care to keep them so attached, by prudent^t Manag^{em}t, but / English Agents hd taken a quite contrary method, wh was partly, or rather chiefly, / Occasⁿ o these troubles, & fog^s w had manag^{em}t o former Agents, all t part o / G^ovt is lost to / British haⁿ, except at least f some Years.

I must here beg leave to menⁿ, t in

order His Majesty's Subjects shd not always be
Embroidled w those o / States Gen in any dispute
each int^r he w / Blacks, th^r was a Couvenⁿ settled
/ 30th June 1708 betw Sir Dalby Thomas f /
Royal African Co, & Peter Muits Director Gen on /
part o / Dutch West India Co, & afterwards
Platified at home, wherein, am^g st 8th Articles, it is
expressly agreed,

" 1 / White People, or Subjects o either Co
are not to assist or support / Blacks or Natives
to make War agst either Party or Co.

" 1 no King, Cabocoz, Country or Town
" in Guinea either severally, or jointly togth,
" sh be aided or assisted directly or indirectly
" by either Party in making War am^g them-
" selves, or agst either Party, on any pret^{ce}
" whatso^{ev}. And t, when any Quarrels sh happen
" betw any o / sd Natives, both Parties sh En-
" deavour to compose all such Dif^{er}
" Or if either party o / sd Cos sh be

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"engaged in a War or Quarrel w any o/
"Natives aforesaid, then / o^r Party sh not
"directly or indirectly Abett, Aid, or Assist /
"sd Natives, but sh interpose, as Mediator,
" & give the best Assistance towards adjusting all such
"Differences, in such manner as sh be f / Interest
"o both Parties or Cos."

The Lordships will please to excuse my
beg so prolix as to h inserted these few
Articles, but as they relate much to this dispute,
cd not avoid, & must own t after considering them,
& was present at all / Examinat^{ns} o both Parties,
cd plainly ~~see~~ see t / Dutch, who are our Rival
in Trade, always contendg to gain some point,
& never lets ~~the~~ slip any Opp^y, had oppressed
our Subjects, & taken much pains to spirit up
/ Phantoms under pretce o supportg & defendg
the own Subjects agst / Encroach^{mts} &
Arbitrary Proceedg^s o Mess^s o Cape Coast.

These last were v^y desirous to submit

] To my Determinaⁿ I knowg well t not havg a sufficient Authority, I cd not give no Sentence wherein the Properties shd suffer, as in some manners must be accountable for such, neither was it possible for me to Determine the Limits of Cos Territories, / Principal cause of this dispute, / foundaⁿ & source of all Dis^s w / Dutch, who extend the Claims w^t way, founded upon the Conquests from / Portuguese & prior Posses^{ns}.

This / Dutch were sagacious enough to see, & denied to h any regard to what^r decⁿ I shd pretend to give, for they never intended to ask it, neither wd abide by what^r Determinaⁿ I shd pass, havg no right to alienate the Property & Domaine, So ended these Confer^{cs}, after havg sit a month, & detained His Majesty's Ship near two months at this place

I know upon some such disturbances

formerly betwⁿ both Cos abroad in / Year 1729
 Capt. Smith in His Majesty's Ship Saphire
 was sent out wth a part^r Commisⁿ to terminate
 them but had (if I mistake not) a sufficient
 Authority fr^m both th^r Constituents at home.

I must here also beg leave to observe t^h
 Our Agents h^{av}e b^{een} v^{ery} imprudent, & but too
 ready to pretend, & to make, & carry on a
 War wth consider^g / g^ot Expence t^h must neces-
 sarily attend / Transport^g People, Provis^{ns},
 Warlike Stores &c^a fr^m Cape Coast to Dixcove,
 be^{ing} ab^t 25 Leagues all to windward, & an
 unurtain Passage f^r any Craft, beth Canvas,
 & these liable to be intercepted by / Enemy;
 Besides / Funds at Cape Coast all exhausted
 were insufficient to carry on a War at such
 disadvantage, as / Dutch h^{av}e many Settlem^{ts}
 all round, & some v^{ery} near Dixcove, therefore
 no Expence to them, however but little in
 respect to what / English must be ab^t to

carry on a War in t Country o Athanta
where now we h hardly one friend left. I
make no doubt but they are heartily tired o it
& in lieu o a Co affair wd be glad to make it
National, as well f a Sancⁿ f the own Conduct,
as to get rid o / troublesome Situaⁿ they h brot
themselves in

After so many miscarriages, ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~and~~
chiefly to bad manage^{mt}, h unluckily fallen
upon an expedient / most destructive Scheme t
cd h bⁿ invented, & like to do more harm than
all t / Dutch cd contrive, & much more effectually,
hasg applied to Intifra King o / Warbaw, by
'invita^{ns} & presents to come down & destroy /
whole Country o Athanta. This King was
drove out o his Country by Apoco King o
Ashantee, but beg joyned by some ~~remains~~
remains o o^r Ha^{ns} t hd escaped / fury o
t Conqueror, they h togr^e nestled themselves
in conjuncⁿ w some Petty Princes near / Coast

& do maintain his ground, intercepting all
 Trade betwⁿ / Coast & / Kingdom of Ashantee wth
 all the Conquests, / by reason Trade has b^{een} so
 bad upon / Gold Coast for these 7 or 8 Years
 past. It was but abt 11 or 12 Years ago, t^{hat} / a
 Person Antufra came down, w^{ith} whom / English
 Agents, at t^{he} time, Treacherously joyned: all
 our Black Subjects went over to / Dutch, & has
 mostly remained so to this day, strongly
 attached, had it not b^{een} for them, t^{he} whole Country
 wd h^{ave} b^{een} Extirminated, no wonder / Ashant^{es}
 h^{ate} these Warrars so much in execration, &
 no gr^{eat} regard for / English who prompts them
 ag^{ainst} to an Inva^{sion}, & reproched by ev^{ery} Native
 of / same, as well as for / former, / Hollanders
 will no doubt use all methods to improve this
 false step.

Upon / 22^d February, / 1754 last day of
 sitting at these mentioned Confer^{ences}, Captain
 Jasper in His Majesty's Ship Prince Henry

appeared in sight & next day anchored in / Road, to whom / Governor & Council immedi-
ately made applicati^o f Assist^{ce} to Garrison /
Fort o Secunder, as they apprehended it wd
soon be Attack'd, also to interpose w / Dutch
Gen f / release o th^r Subjects, & to oblige
him to some Amicable Accomoda^o, wh^o I pre-
sume he has fully inform'd th^r Lordships o,
in these his Dispatches inclosed herewith, to
whom also must refer f / State o all / Fac-
tories upon / Coast to leeward o Discove.

Nothing more beg^g likely to be done th^r,
/ Dutch Gen. has left / Place / 6th March, &
all / Co's Affairs in as g^o Confusion as ever,
Captain Jasper, at these Gentlemen's request,
tho^t ~~fit~~ proper to Order up to Discove, His
Majesty's Ship Surprise, w / Chief o t
place who hd bn obliged to attend, w a
of quantity o Blacks f Garrison w Provisions &c^a
Orderg me not to lose [his] time, but come

& join him immediately at Cape Coast, I sailed
 / 14th f^t place, where landed what I had on
 board, & having watered / Ship etc, sailed agn &
 joined / Prince Henry / 24th where found all
 Correspond^{ce} broke off betwⁿ / Agents o /
 African Co & Capt. Jasper, w^h whom sailed
 agn / 28th f^t Annamaboo where I landed /
 Young African Gentlemen passenger The Lord-
 Ships did order aboard, & recommend to me, who
 will be pleased to permit me to give some Acct
 o / Two French Men o War t appear'd upon /
 Coast durg t time I was obliged to remain
 at Secondce, called de Complant &
 L'Oriflame o 64 & 60 Guns

The 25th January they passed by f
 Annamaboo, we were at first in some Consternatⁿ
 what the intentⁿ shd be, as it is so s^d unusual
 f Ships o t Magnitude to come upon / Coast
 especially French, but soon learned t ~~Chevalier~~
 Chevalier Grandevois, under whose Command

they were, 128th January had sent ashore
to Annamaboo some Officers wth Proposals to
/ natives to Establish a Settlement f^r French,
giving out t^h they were to remain there to protect
/ same, & the Commerce, till relieved ~~by~~
by Two o^r such Ships fm France, to w^h
which John Corraantee, & / Chiefs o^f Fantee
Kingdom wd not then consent to, he also
at this Juncture wrote to Cape Coast two
letters, Copies o^f w^h translated are here

o 1. inclosed, & annexed to them fm / same
Person Copies o^f two Depositions sent there-
with. In a few days after they went f^r
Pruice Ammissah 4 leagues below, where
they Watered & Sailed, since w^h heard
no more than t^h they were gone f^r West
Indies & were reported to be wth ~~Sickley~~
Sickley aboard.

What^r good Disposi^{on} John Corraantee &
/ Fantee Chiefs may h^{av}e had at t^h time f^r English

Nam, refusg or not giving / French any Encouragemⁿ
 to settle there, he must be now still more influenced
 in British favour by / Son, who I carried over
 Passenger; As he was so old & ed not come
 aboard, I went ashore where he assured me
 t he was as good an Englishman as ever, was
 v^y desirous to open a Trade wth / inland Count^y
 wh has so long bⁿ shut up, & not only had no
 objeⁿ to h^t but on his Town rebuilt, wh
 has lain so long in ruins, but wd contribute to
 this Work v^y readily wth all his People, wd / Co
 Keep some there & begin to set ab^o it; Here we
 lay till 1 6th April when getting under Sail to
 go to seaward Captain Jasper acquainted me
 by letter. "As he had considered & weigh'd
 well / Transacⁿs t had bⁿ carried on in these
 "Parts, in Derogaⁿ o His Majesty's Colours
 " & Captains, that it his Indispensable
 "duty to give the Lordships / earliest Acct^t
 " he ed by informing them how thgs are

situated therefore proposed giving me Orders to
"proceed from Wincheba of England."

This was a Thunder stroke to me to be de-
prived of any Advantage and possibly fall in my
way, after Two Voyages upon / Coast to be sent
of home straight, & much surprized me, as there
was at / time a small Vessel of / Hunter Cutter
Cokburne Master at Cape Coast, ready to sail
directly of England, but more so as it was
contrary to the Lordships Instructions, of 5th
July 1750 which were to proceed by way of Bar-
badoes & Jamaica & did never doubt but the
Indulgence extended my Orders so far, as a
recompense of / Loss, in Gratitude at least,
I must put the Construcⁿ upon them, besides
these Letters which I presume for Barbadoes
as is usual for all Commanders to send their
Officers, who come from / Coast & are bound for
Jamaica

Captain Jasper is pleased in his Order to

Take notice," as I had attended at a Congress at
 "Secondee upon a Dispute betwⁿ / English &
 "Dutch, will be best able to give the Lordships
 "an Account o/same". Howsoever sufficient he
 may suppose I am, shd he desired to be accused,
 but did I intend to be transmitted to the Lord-
 ships a Copy o all / Examina^{ns} Deposits &c^a,
 taken the when present, but leav^g / Coast in
 haste, cd not so soon be transcribed beg so
 Voluminous, filled up w Negroes Relat^{ns}, yet al
 is but trifl^g & v^y confused.

The Lordships may be assured t I con-
 tributed all in my power f / Protecⁿ o / Trade
 & repose o His Majesty's Subjects upon t Coast,
 [13] pursuant to the Orders, wd he given me / g^{tes}t
 satisfacⁿ had I terminated this dispute at my
 arrival, but gives me / g^{tes}t concern t after all,
 pains I took no Accomodaⁿ ed be brot abt;
 f / Gentlemen o Cape Coast to whose Assiste^e I
 had hurried down fm Sierra Leon. upon / first

rumours I had, w^{ch} stop I anywhere, wd not
accept o offers made them by / Dutch but were
then become more desirous o entering into a War
w our Allies, w^{ch} violent measures I cd by no
means come into

Having received Captain Jaspers Orders f
England a copy o wh are herewith enclosed, as
also three Pacquets o Letters Directed to Mr
Lorbett. I left / Coast / 12th April, arriv'd / 29th
at / Island o St Thomas, where having compleat'd /
Ship w Wood + Water (/ Pemie Henry arriv'd /
10th May fm Wydah) I sailed + took my de-
parture fm t place / 12th

147 I made / Land's end / 23^d in / m^o +
Arriv'd here last night

Sir, Y^r most Obedient
humble Servant
Pat: Baird.

Enclosures to / above :-

By Captain Rich^d Jasper, Commander
o His Majesty's Ship Prince Henry

Whereas I find it absolutely necessary to send
His Majesty's Ship under yr Command to England in
order to give the Lordships / earliest acct^s o /
present State & Condi^on o / Forts & Settlements upon /
Coast o Africa, & y^e had^e attended at a Congress at
Secoudee upon a Dispute betwⁿ / English & Dutch
will be best able to give the Lordships an Acc^t o / same

Y^e are therefore hereby required & di-
rected to proceed wth His Majesty's Ship under yr
Command to / Island o St Thomas & ther use all /
dispatch possible in compleatg yr Wood & Water
for whence Y^e are to proceed wth loss o time to
Spithead, & as soon as Y^e arrive ther, Acquaint the
Lordships therewith, & transmitt to them, 1 dis-
patches wh Y^e hereunto receive for me, f^r His Ma-
jesty's Service f^r wh this sh^l be yr Order. Given
under my hand on board His Majesty's Ship
Prince Henry in Acra Road / 12th April 1751
Rich^d. Jasper

To Pat: Baird Esq^r
Commander o His Majesty's Ship
Surprize

A Copy.



An Acct o/ State & Condiⁿ o/ Factory at Duxrose on /
Coast o Africa

mens names	Stations	mens names	Stations	
Nassau Senior Esq ^r	} Chiefs	Thos Parkinson	} Soldiers	
Rich ^d Brews Esq ^r		Kendric Jacob		
Rich ^d Mims (2 ^d)	} Serjeant	John Kendrick	} Blacks	
John McDonald	} Soldiers	Quamino		} Gunner
Geo Sabathea		Dunco		} Drummer

97 effective black men wth their Families (Free People)

Condiⁿ o/ Fort w/ Guns, Powder, Shott &c

The Fort in tollerable Reparatiⁿ since 3rd o/ Parapet raised wth wose Stones & Planks, on / late sudden attack

10 Guns	6 Pounders	} all mounted	} Shott 6 Do 200 100 14
11	4 DO		
7	1 DO		

800 W^t Powder
107 mesquets
300 W^t lead Ball

Acct o Casite Slaves
11 Men - 3 Women - 1 Girl

Acct o Provins

300 pound Bread
1 Barrel o Beef
80 Chests Guinea Corn cont^g ab^t 2 1/2 Bush. ea.
4 Casks o Dried Fish

Acct o Sloops, Shallops & o^r Small Craft &c
2 Small Canoes

Dated 22^d December 1750

Pat: Baird

On board / King's Ship / Comptant
in Annamaboe Road / 9th Feby 1750 n.s.

His Majesty has caused to be Equipt (six)
some Ships in his Ports to exercise his Seamen,
destind Two o them (1 Command o wh he confer'd on
me) to come & protect his Subjects in / Trade wh
they are intitled to make ^{on} all / Coast o Guinea
unt o Gunshott o / Forts belongg to European Powers.

Hasg in Consequence o this arriv'd at Monizura
I was thro inform'd to one o Yr Tradg Captains he
Engaged / Negroes o / River Soussa, headed by
an Englishman named Campbell to Pillage & seiz
a Barkt belongg to a French Vessell called /
Postillon o Bourdeause, & moreover caused to
be attack'd by three Canoes in / River Soussa
/ sd Ship's Longboat Commanded by his ~~Lieut~~
Lieutenant, who was kill'd in / affair, & Two o his
People dangerously wounded.

I receiv'd more Complaints fm / French as I
came down / Coast & who assured me they were

daily Insulted by / English Merchants whenever
they found themselves strongest, but / Deposi^{on}
wh most surprized me, is one of two wh I h
sent y herewith Copied fm / Original, by wh
it appears t Mess^{rs} Roberts & Husbands, Coun-
sellors Generall at Cape Coast Fort h not only
connived at these troubles but even dared
on thir own proper Authority to forbid / Trade
o Annamaboe to / French Ship called de
Printemps o Rochelle by orderg / Captain not
to go & Trade in t place, & by declarg to him
t they hd supply'd / English Vessels w Guns
& Arms to drive him fm / Annamaboe Coast,
& not only him but all / French Vessells
t shd come thre to anchor. I promised myself
] to convey / Complaints o these Grievances to
/ Commander o English Men o War wh ^{they}
told me were Anchor'd in Annamaboe &
I hoped t after treatg Amicably w him he
wd chastize such o / English Merchants

who had dared to insult ours & to Transverse
 them in the Trade, partly in / Anchoring
 at Annamaboe where any European Na^m
 have an equal right to come & Trade, not
 findg here an English Squadron I conceive
 Sir, 't was my Business to Address myself
 to y^e to Demand Justice & to Desire t^y wd
 b / future Confine / merchants o^r y^r Na^m
 to those bounds in wh they sh^d to remain
 & not to loosen / happy Union betwⁿ England
 & France, not harbourg / least sh^d t^y in / 154
 Bosome Peace, & above all at a time when /
 Respective Commissarys are actually ~~Assembled~~
 Assembled to settle matters so as to settle / Peace
 more solid y^e wd Authorize private People to
 committ thgs t^y m^t Endangour / Harmony
 & so render yourself Answerable in / sight
 o^r all Europe, I sh^d contribute all in my
 way to assist in rightg matters & I
 sh^d be charmed in sharg / Business wth y^e.

Jarm w^s Respect r^a
Le Chevalier de Plamondes.

I send / Marquis de Brienne
one o my Officers who will ~~delive~~
Deliver this letter

A Copy.

Onboard / King's Ship / Comptant
in / Road o Annamaboe 12 Feb^r 1750. 7.5

I h received, Sir, y^r Answer to / Letter wh
I had / Honour to write y / 9th inst^t. I must now
inform y t far fm acknowledg^g y^r Sovereign-
ty over / Fantee Country I know as well t /
English never attempted to ^{interupt} ~~intercept~~ any o our
Merchant^s Ships in the Trade on / Gold Coast at Annama-
boe, till 1 Year 1734 or 1738, I know also t / English
African Co kept at t time a Ship in / sd Road
o Annamaboe under / command o Captain Hamilton
who forced / French Ships to go away when they
were not able to resist him, but they always

made the Trade quietly when they were superior
 in strength, & wh befell 1st Captain sufficiently
 proves t those Victories were not carried on w/
 consent o/ Negroes, as they never wd suffer y^e to
 make a Settlement on Shore, & on an Occaⁿ when
 he was obliged to ~~be~~ burn his Ship (be^g attacked
 by some Spanish Privateers) & to settle
 himself among / Negroes, they forced him to Pay
 / Value o his Ship, pretending t they had suffered
 him to stay in / road only on t Condiⁿ, & it is
 so true t we were Possessed o Liberty to Trade
 in Annamaboe before this time, t in / Year
 1730, Mr^r Barb^t (Captain o a Ship belongg to / French
 India Co) made an agreem^t w / King o /
 Country by wh / Co was allowed to make a
 Settlement in t place, t Prince engaged to sup-
 port / Settlement, & as a proof o his good faith
 he trusted one o his Sons (o / Age o 12 or 14)
 to Cap^t Barb^t, whom / Co caused to be Educated
 w g^t care, & when in / Year 1743 they sent him

back to his Father they also sent three People in
the Employ to Annamaboe to form a settle^{ment}
~~the~~ such time as they sh^d erect one more consid-
erable, these three Persons were extremely well re-
ceived there, & in an effectual manner form'd a
Factory, wh^o as soon as / English were inform'd o
they took est^d method to engage / Negroes to
send / French away. They w^{er} went so far as
as to get the Queen o^r War to Cannonade / Negroes
Houses & / Magazines o^r / Co, but all prov'd o no
Service, / Negroes w^{er} never listen to / Dem-
ands o^r / English, the three Factors remained
more than three Years at Annamaboe & the
Settle^{ment} w^{er} still h^{er} remained if / War w^{er}
h^{er} permitted / Co to h^{er} taken proper meas-
ures f^r t^{he} Purpose.

The Sentiments o^r / Negroes h^{er} not alter'd,
f^r proof o^r wh^o I h^{er} / Kings word as well as o
t^{he} o^r / Principals Cabocers Assembled at his
House on / Occaⁿ o^r my sending my Officers on

Shore to Complaisant / Na^m.

Further Sir, w regard to / English Flagg
hoisted at the Kings House, he answered (to /
Quest^{ns} I ordered / fore mentioned Officer to
make him on t head) t in like manner he'd
hoist a French one, having never affix'd any
idea o Dependance to a Flagg, beg free & ac-
cising Command fr no Man.

For all wh is sd above it will be easy f
y to Conclude t I think myself sufficiently
Warranted to repell force by force if any Vesse
o yr Na^m shd venture before me to interrupt
/ French Merchants in the Trade.

I am w Respect &c
Le Chevalier de ~~G~~ Glandevet.

A Copy



de Printemps o Rochelle Captain Ellis Gir-
audan left / Roads o Rochelle / 11th o March
1749 N.S. Arrived at Monzurado / 28th June / 50
parted fm t Road / 8 July following

The 9th o October / Above Ship Anchored
in Cape Coast Road where I / Captain went on
Shore, Messrs Roberts & Husbards Counsellours
Generall at / sd Fort signified to me Verbally
not to Anchor in Annamaboe road, t they
wd h us drive fm thence (if we did) by /
Merchantmen whom they had already furnished
w Cannon, / 13th o / same Month I hoise up my
Anchor to go & Anchor in Maurice road Distant
3 $\frac{1}{2}$ Leagues to / Westward o Annamaboe, / 19th
/ English sent a Boat to inform us expressly
t they wd not suffer us to remain thre, t we
must go away & take our Course either to
Wydah or Cape Palmas.

Unmov'd by thz menaces I kept my Staⁿ,
/ 20th o / sd Month Mons^r Bonfiles, Captain

o / Ship Bonfels o Rochelle, arriv'd in / Road
 o Mourre at 7 o'Clock in / m^r, / same Day we
 Weigh'd in order to anchor at half a League Distce
 to / Westward o Annamaboe, / 21st Messrs Powers [?
 Powers] & Boats Commanders o two English Snows
 came on board us, & in a Fiercy manner reiterated their
 threats, to wh we answer'd t' if they pleas'd they m^t
 put them in Execuⁿ, & thus our small force & resoluⁿ
 expos'd us extremly to their Violence, But / better to
 succeed in this design / English Solicited / Dutch to
 assist them strongly, Mr Lagera Commander o a Dutch
 Sloop Ship offer'd them his Ship, Guns & all his People
 but this Armament did not take place on / experiment^{als}
 for o^r Ships. Not beg able to do anythg in / Road,
 Trade beg v^y dull I determin'd to go to Windward.
 I weigh'd / 10th Novem^r & on / 4th Decem^r I anchor'd
 7 Leagues to / Westward o Cape Apolonia, / Winds
 & Currents presentg me gettg higher, I Sent my
 longboat to great Bassam to Trade f Slaves, there
 was then in t Road an English Sloop Arm'd w

Eighteen Guns Commanded by Mr Darbyshire &
Brother & Darbyshire / Capt: o / lge Snow actually
at Annamaboe) who fired some shot at my Boat
& obliged her to depart & she came back to / Ship.
I made a Complaint & Mr Darbyshire told me
t'wad & / whole Coast belonged to / English &
t' he had orders fm Cape Coast to drive away all
/ French

My longboat ^{was} insulted a second time
by / same Man / 30th 10^{ber} & on / 12^d January
getty sight o my Boat, he bore down on her, but
she got fm him. Affirmed f truth / 20th January
1750 N. S. in Cape la Houe roads (Signed)

Siraudain & Reotlet, Lieut^r o / 3^d Ship

Certified to be a true Copy fm / Original
by Le Chevalier de Glanvilles

A Copy.

We / Officers & Seamen o/ Ship call'd de Cerf o Nantz
 belongg to Mess^{rs} Groni & Michel, certifi'd on 16th o
 June One thousand Seven Hundred & fifty hadg An-
 chored in Annamaboe Road w a design to make our
 Trade thro, we found three Ships o Nantz in t Place,
 namely de Deux Freres Capt. Denbrouk, de Biche Capt.
 Chaplain & da Aigle, Capt Charlery, also Fifteen
 English Vessells as well Ships o three Masts, as
 Snows Brigantines & Sloops who fired all Day
 on us & /st French Vessells in order to prevent our
 Tradg, / next day, / 4th, we all weigh'd in order
 to get on^t o Gwashott's thro Vessells, except / Aigle
 Capt. Charlery, The same day abt 2 o'clock in / after-
 noon, / English Arm'd two Boats & a Brigantine
 to drive us fm our Staⁿ, & we knowg 't was on^t o
 our power to resist the force, / tore up our Anchors
 & took our Course towards Anniba. The English see^g
 Mr Charlery did not weigh, approach'd him all
 three & attack'd him. Mr Charlery (w his Anchor
 a Peak) defended himself f half an Hour, but see^g

/ Ship's work'd in such a manner as to get him
betw^m two fires, Cut his Cable & made a Running
fight o it till five in / Ev^g, at wh time / English
left off of ~~the~~ Fire, & haul'd the wind, in
order to get back to Annamaboe, All this we
Certifie f truth, on board / Ship Certy in / Road
o St. Pauls / 6th January 1750. N.S. (Signed)

[P. Armez]

Darmes, Dossett, Nauid & James Guitt

Certified to be a true Copy fm / Original, by
Le Chevalier de Glandevès.

A Copy.

Enclosed Copy o Two Letters fm Mons^r Le
Chevalier de Glandevès dated / 9th
& 12th February 1750. N.S.

[end o Capt Bairds' Letter + o its encs.]

* This doc. in French, is published in
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[Gaston-Martin] chap. X. p^o III [Vide copy p 5]

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Endorsed " 24^h March 1752.
Copy o Captain Daniel's
Letter to Mr Van Voorst
at La Mine "

To Mr Van Voorst &c

Sir
When I was to Windward I wrote a letter to
y^r chief o Aquadah o wh a translaⁿ is inclosed.
I h seen / Cessaⁿ o hostilities agreed on before
Cap^t. Howe. I h heard / Complaints o / Members o
/ Council at Cape Coast o Mr Senior at Dixcove
o / Negroes inhabiting Atchumah.

The English are ready to prove t they were in
possession o this place before / late disturbance & for
declaraⁿ o war agst them & therefore by /
Cessaⁿ it sh^d to remain in the possession till /
affair be finally adjudged in Europe.

It is v^y surprisg to me to find t while /
King my Master was guardg this coast agst
attempts wh if they had succeeded must h rendered
both / English & Dutch Settlements here useless, I
say I cannot but be surpris'd t at such a time
when evy body's attenⁿ was turned ano^r way I
sh^d give orders to distress his Subjects by layg
them under / disagreeable alternative o either
throwg / Hamlah Country once more into con-
fusiⁿ or rendering them despicable in / eyes o its
inhabitants.

The words o Cessaⁿ o Hostilities are plain,
by it this affair must be terminated &

therefore I desire to some Method may be fallen
on to Secure / peace o/ Coast till such time as
matters are finally adjudged at home.

I am ready to contribute to this desirable
end & wait for answers &c.

Endorsed " 24th March 1752 [sic]

translanⁿ o a Letter ~~to~~
fr^m Capt. Daniel o /
Assur^{ce} to / Commander
o/ Dutch Fort at Aquadah "

Monsieur

De frequentes plaintes m'ont été faites
de la part des habitans d'Atchumab, aussi
bien que de Mr Senior notre Commandant a
Dixcove, qu'ils ont recu, et recevoiront jour nelle-
ment des insultes de la part des gens sous vos
ordres a Aquadah.

Comme les Vaisseaux de Sa Majesté Britan-
nique sont ~~envoyés~~ envoyés ici pour
protéger les Etablissements de Ses Sujets, je vous
prie, de vouloir vous desister de pareils pro-
cedes, et ne point créer de nouveaux troubles
par des commissions d'hostilités; votre conduite
presente étant tout a fait contraire a la
Cessa^m dont il fut convenu mutuellement a bord
du Vaisseau de Sa Majesté Britannique la
Gloire. Je représenterai ces plaintes, comme il
est de mon devoir, a M^r Le Gens a la Mine;
et je m'attends que les promoteurs de tous ces
différends seront punis.

Signé

Endorsed "28th March 1752
Letter fm Mr Melvil
to Captain Daniel o
His Majesty's Ship Assurance"
[Original w Seal]

To Lionel Daniel Esq^r

Sir Inclosed is / Gen's Letter wh is truly an Original. Never was any such sent to / Capt^r o a British Man o War on this Coast before. The Character o / Man is allways to be insolent when he thinks we are inclined to Moderatⁿ, but he falls as he sees us firm. This Capt. Howe soon experienced.

If he gets away w^t a Reply we sh find him rise upon us wth Minute. But I believe y must be furnished w Materials fm acd^y what passed in Capt. Howe's Time, f wh Purpose I h sent off Mr Andrews lest y shd not incline to come on shore to Nagb.

Andrews carries off all Letters wh h passed on this Occasion f yr Perusal, I am hopg to see y soon Sir

Yr most obed^t hum: Ser^t

Thomas Melvil

Cape Coast March 28 1752

Mr Andrews was w Capt. How at Elmina & can inform y fully o wth I h.

[Original]

Monsieur

Je fut bien surpris a la lecture de votre lettre envoye' au Chef Hollandois d'Accoda, et de celle que vous m'avez ecrit date' le 24 du mois passez V. S. Consernant une affaire, qui nous semble de n'etre point de votre Departement.

Vous m'excuserez, donc de faire des Representations la dessus, jusqu'a ce que nous aurons recu avis de L'Europe que vous etes autorise' par les partis (a qui les affaires sont demandes, pour etre Juge dans les Differences, qu'il y a si entre la Nation Anglois dans le Pais de Hanita

Entre temps nous ~~sommes~~ nous Reposons sur L'acte de Cessation d'Hostilite' Signe' en Presence de Mr House pour prevenir toute difficulte'

Nous Sommes en toute Occasion

Monsieur

Vostre tres Humble

et Obeissant Seruit eur

Jan Van Voorst [orig. sign.]

a la Moine

Le 6 de Avril

1752

^{ditto}
Letter Capt^r Daniel to John Cleveland.

Assura Carlisle Bay 7 August 1752

Reports & agreeable to his Capt^r 15th March by
Capt^r Duckle, he proceeded from Cape Coast to Dixcove
& windward parts - then to Accra & arriv'd C.C.
20 April. To Abbe ~~be~~ where stayed till
14 May, thence to Island of St Thomas where
arriv'd 2 June. Sailed from St Thomas 12 June
& arriv'd here / 2nd visit. —

[End of Adm 1. 1699.]
