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17 1749-50 Monday, January 8. Present: - Earl of Halifax, Mr Pitt, Mr Grenville, Lord
 Bo. 1-4 Dupplin, Mr Fane, Mr Townshend.
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This day was appointed for taking into consideration / several proposals laid before / Board by / Royal African Co, / merchants of London, Bristol & Liverpool trade to Africa, & / gentlemen interested in & trade to / American Colonies, by / extension, improvement & carrying on / British trade to Africa, the Lordships proceeded therein; & was informed by Mr Vaughn, Sub Governor, Mr Grammond, Deputy Governor, & several of / Directors of / Royal African Co attended wth, they were called in; & was asked what they had to offer, they acquainted the Lordships, & since / proposal now before / Board from / African Co was given in, the Lordships being a new election of Governor, Sub Governor & Deputy Governor, & directors of / sd Co, & they had something to offer different from / purport of / sd former proposal, & therefore desired a few days to attend thereunto, which was agreed to by the Lordships, & Friday next, 12th instant, was appointed for the purpose, when they were directed to attend; after which / merchants of London, Bristol & Liverpool trade to Africa, together wth / gentlemen interested in & trade to / American Colonies attended, & / letter from his Grace / Duke of Bedford, in relation to / several of / House of Lords from an address to his Majesty that he will give direction to this Board to prepare a scheme for better security, improvement & extension / trade to Africa, & to lay / same before both Houses of Parliament, & signify his Majesty's commands to this Board to comply therewith, was read, as also / several proposals, which had been laid before / Board by / afore mentioned merchants of London, Bristol & Liverpool, / Royal African Co, & / gentlemen interested in & trade to / American Colonies; after which the Lordships acquainted / several parties attended, & they shall proceed in / full consideration thereof on

Wednesday next, when they sh^d be ready to hear what they h^d to offer in support o^r their respective proposals.

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The ^{cf. p. 1-10} said parties then desired they m^t respectively h^e copies o^f sd said proposals, wh^{ch} was ^{cf. p. 58} agreed to by / Board, & copies were accordingly ordered to be made & delivered to them, & then they withdrew.

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Wednesday, January 10. Present: - Earl o^f Halifax, Mr Grenville, Lord Dupplin, Mr Fane, Mr Townshend.

Mr Martin
Mr Whitaker
Mr Maynard
Mr Spornet
Mr Southwell
Mr Fane
Mr Harmer
Mr Grenarion
Mr Hardman

This day he^d appointed f^r hearing / arguments o^f / gentlemen interested in a Trade to / British American Colonies, & / merchants o^f London, Bristol & Liverpool in support o^f their respective proposals f^r better secur^{ing}, extend^{ing} & improv^{ing} / Trade to Africa, & / said parties attend^{ed} were called in, & he^d acquainted by the Lordships & they wd first hear what these gentlemen, whose proposals were f^r establish^{ing} / Trade to Africa in a Co w^{as} a joint Stock, h^d to offer.

Mr Martin, in behalf o^f gentlemen interested in a Trade to / American Colonies, represented t^h he sh^d offer sd reasons to the Lordships in support o^f a like Stock, & 1st; t^h a joint Stock wd h^e a permanent interest in / forts, as / repositories & bullwark o^f the Trade, where they wd always h^e goods ready f^r demand; t^h an open Co he^d w^{as} a Stock to cement the Trade interest, & not furnish proper goods at all seasons f^r / natives; t^h transient persons, not he^d there at all times, / natives wd apply to / Dutch & French; t^h a joint Stock Co wd [cf. p. 13-16, Vol 58] h^e a constant open shop f^r / natives, who came down wth slaves at all seasons; t^h a regulated Co wd be involv^d in Trade, & wd h^e no interest in purch^{as}ing / forts, & t^h therefore, / pleas^{ing} / discre^{tion} o^f them in such hands m^t be prejudicial; t^h / regulated Co

proposed were to be under no penalties of success or the trust, wh, therefore, they mt
abuse by imbezilg^l & partiality in trade, when a joint stock of the own sake wd
admit all maladminis^{tr}on.

2nd: T a joint stock was / only means o extend^g inland trade, by establish^g
inland factories, making alliances & gett^g respect o / natives, wh private traders
hav^g no fund^l c^d not do, & t if / natives attacked 1 fort in one place, another wd
not assist them, whereas, if all were under one direcⁿ, it wd be impossible f one
fort to be attacked w^t receiv^g assist^{ce} fm / rest; t in answer to / question how
to know t a regulated Co will not succeed? He wd ask, how far an inland
trade may be extend^{ed}? T the war a lge tract o country abound^g w gold,
wool, dye woods, cotton, etc, / trade f wh mt be g^{ly} extend^{ed} by a Co, & t
t / open^g o such a trade wd be a g^t & laudable enterprize, & mt be so far
extend^{ed} as to produce as much gold as / Spanish West I^{ndies}.

3rd: T by a joint stock Co, multitudes o negroes wd be procured fm inland
countries, / supply wherof wd be g^{ter} & cheaper to / Colonies than w^o, w^t
lessen^g / profits o / private traders, who by buy^g cheaper, wd be enabled to sell
cheaper, t fm 20 to 30 per cent. wd be saved by dispatch only, & t this trade
to / inland country wd be open^{ed} w^t interfer^g w / separate traders in the branch.

4^{thly}: T all / objec^{ts} o / separate traders centred in one point, viz: - /
apprehen^{ns} o / Co rais^g a competiⁿ whereby the profits will be lessened; t
t such a competiⁿ wd be a reciprocal advantage; t indeed a competiⁿ betwⁿ
diff^{er}ent na^{ns} was a wish^l of trade, wealth & power, wh was / case betwⁿ our-
selves, / Dutch & French; t these na^{ns} give all possible encourage^{mt} to the Cos;
t our Colonies stand upon / same foot^g as this, & if not supplied w Gold Coast

negroes, / French must h all / sugars trade, wh wd throw / ballance o power & wealth into
the scale,

T, however, a competiⁿ betwⁿ subjects o / same prince, was / foundaⁿ o all perfecⁿ in
trade & manufactures, & t no trade cd be carried on to extent w^t a competiⁿ; & therefore
suppos^s such a competiⁿ was to exist, & / profits o / separate traders thereby reduced fr
100 to 50 per cent, it wd be so much advantage to / naⁿ.

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M^r John Sharpe, in behalf o / gentlemen interestd in & trade to / Colonies, represented
to the Lordships, t this was one point, not mentioned by M^r Martin, on wh he
shd make some brief observaⁿ, viz: - / Trade to / Gold Coast, / negroes o wh
were most valuable & absolutely necessary to our Colonies, & unless the Lordships
shd be o opinion t a joint Stock Co shd be established, / planters givⁿ up t
trade as lost; t / nature o / trade is such as cannot be carried on w^t a lg^r
quantity o goods always lodged upon / coast, bec / inland naⁿ come down at
dif^t seasons in lge bodys, perhaps 4 or 500 miles, & want various sorts o goods, & if the na
pro supply, or, if they want twenty dif^t sorts, & y h but eighteen, they will not trade w y,
but go over to / French; t / ships o separate traders h not always proper assortm^{ts} & cannot
always be thr, whereas a joint Stock Co wd always h trade thr; t this co not beⁿ exclusive
cd not be disadvantageous to separate traders; on / contrary, t the interests wd be mutual, & t
it wd be b / cos benefit to supply / separate traders w negroes; t dispatch wd be a g^r advantage
to separate traders, & t / co wd always h numbers o slaves to sell, & at cheaper rates than in
/ common course o slav^{ry}, & t / dif^t to / Colonies in havⁿ g^r plenty & at reasonable rates wd
be prodigious

T another natural consideraⁿ, was t more manufactures were carried to / Gold Coast
& whydah than all / rest o / Coast;

• Refers to whydah?

The inland trade is of gr consequence, & cannot be carried on by separate traders, & only by a co; & no one cd say what advantages this mt be of; & if, therefore, this trade to / Gold Coast is of so gr imp^{ce}, it did require time to consider wh is / most proper method o settling it; & he assured it cd not be carried on by separate traders; & / negroes o d^l parts were not serviceable in / Colonies, & he asserted / separate traders had not for many years sent a single cargo o Gold Coast negroes, only to / Sugar Colonies; & / reason was obvious, bec they got negroes cheaper & easier in / Windward coast; & if / Gold Coast trade had bin neglected, if it was of more consequence in w^{ch} respect than to / Windward, as well w respect to / consumpⁿ o our own manufactures as to / inability / Sugar Colonies to supply / markets, & / only way o import^g / produce o Africa into Gr Britain, it was not to be doubted, but t a co w a joint Stock was / only method; & this trade cd not be carried on by separate traders; & when all / proposals were considered, it wd appear t trade cd not be carried on, but by a co w a joint Stock; & some o / proposals say t no goods sh be admitted into / ports, if so, how cd / trade be carried on; & if it shd be considered who were / diff^l parties concerned, / planters o all / Sugar Colonies, who were most essentially concerned, & some few merchants o London, w those o Bristol & Liverpool; & it was to be weighed, wh most likely to lay t scheme before / Board, wh wd most effectually tend to / national advantage. Planters say, trade cannot be carried on, but by a co w a joint Stock, & set o / merchants o London cannot concur w them except in some Minutiae; & / interest o / planters was / most national interest, & t if / negro trade was lost, / Colonies must be lost; therefore th cd be no doubt wh was / most eligible, / Plant^{rs} beg / gr object; & he spoke / some o all / planters in gen, who saw nothing but destructⁿ in any establishment, but a co w a joint Stock; & as to such a co beg a monopoly, it was improbable; & if / trade was only in one hand, th mt be a monopoly; & as to any apprehensⁿ o / eos not

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Letting the separate traders to slaves at a reasonable rate, it was impossible, because it was interest-
o/co to get them off the hands, & not to send them to West India themselves; & if trade
was placed in the hands of separate traders alone, they might demand what price they pleased.

Mr Sharpe then proceeded to call such gentlemen interested in the Sugar Colonies, to give
an acct to the Lordships of what they knew concerning the way of a proper supply of negroes in the
Colonies.

Mr Whitaker set it as to answer in the West India representation, that more negroes had been carried from
Annamaboe in one year than from all the parts of the Gold Coast in three; they did not tell the Board
what the numbers were, & of what kind; & he would assert that 9/10^{ths} of Barbadoes & the plantations
were now distressed by Gold Coast negroes; & he was agent for such gentlemen in England,
whose estates were greatly distressed by want of Gold Coast & Whydah slaves, & used to be
imported twenty-five years since, & the supply of these sorts had continued to decrease for
twenty years; & the separate traders indeed do give me that the ships come from the Gold Coast, but
if the planters go abroad, they can never purchase above a 6th or 7th part that are really Gold
Coast slaves, & that it was flinging the money away to buy others; & he could give in the names of six
persons who want 300 slaves each, had cash to stock the estates, but could not get slaves;
& himself would willingly purchase 300 if to be got; & he remembered a ship of Captain
Pigott, belonging to Mr Lascelles, & did buy, he believed, 500 Gold Coast slaves, which were all
sold in one day; & one reason why the Gold Coast trade was neglected, was because the separate
traders thought that the Windward slaves were better; & there was no way but planters
scheme to have slaves from the Gold Coast; & the planters had rather give £40 for a Gold
Coast slave than £20 for a Calabar; & the ships above mentioned belonged to Mr Lascelles
sold her cargo for about 36/10 a slave.

Mr Maynard set, that he has both as an agent & of himself bought slaves from Whydah

in / time o / Floats factory, but t since t time ths were none to be bot; t he
67 bo. 22-25 had given £25 o children fm Whydah, when he m^t h had slaves o
1749-50. Calabar, Angola, &c. o £26; t he remembered a cargo o slaves bro^t to
Trade Barbados when he was ths, by separate traders & given on^t to the Gold Coast
Africa slaves; t he offered to go on board o take / real Gold Coast slaves at £40 per
head; t he did go on board, found a few, & bot three Gold Coast slaves, two o
£40 each, & one o £38; t not one in thirty o slaves bro^t by separate slave traders are real
Gold Coast slaves; t it was / interest o / planters to give £40 o a Gold Coast slave, rather
than £30 o / d^r sort; t he had known 500 slaves come toge^r & not one Gold Coast slave
amongst them.

Mr Martin sd t he was lately come fm / West Indies, where he had bⁿ o eighteen
months; t he was both at / Island o Antigua & St. Christophers, where ths was / some complaints
o want o Gold Coast negroes; t himself wd. willingly purchase a hundred if he sd get them; t
dur^g his stay ths he sd not get above five real Gold Coast negroes; t / reason why / Traders
fm Bristol & Liverpool rather buy Calabar, &c., is bec they give but three or four o^r; t
whereas they cannot get Gold Coast slaves o less than eight or ten, & therefore choose to
go to Calabar, &c., o sake o g^rer profit; t / Angola & Calabar slaves were insufficient
o our Colonies; t as to / Spaniards they considered only shape & beauty; t our Plantat^{ns}
wd be ruined by them; t Mr Morris imported more Gold Coast negroes into our Colonies
in two or three years, abt twenty-eight years ago, than all / merchants o Bristol & Liver-
pool, t / so were disabled fm carry^g on / trade by / g^r expense o / forts, & t / argum^{ts}
agst them were not good agst another upon a diff^t establish^{mt} as proposed by them o a
co w a free trade

Mr Martin has asked if / want o Gold Coast slaves in Antigua were fm any

differs abt / price, or fm no slaves beg offered, sd t no Gold Coast slaves were offered; & beg
further asked whr upon any ships com'g into Antigua & giv'g out t they had Gold Coast slaves,
he w'd went on board & examined, he sd, he did not, but examined them when they
came aboard.

Mr Grey acquainted the lordships t he left Jamaica in 1746; t he left orders & also
money to / am^t o £20,000 to buy Gold Coast negroes, but has not b'n able to get more
than twenty; t in / year 1760, indeed, Mr Lascelles had three ships fm / Gold Coast; t all
/ planters in Jamaica are in want o Gold Coast slaves.

They all alleged t no ship com'g to / Colony w Gold Coast slaves w'd went off w/
slaves beg purchased.

Mr Maynard sd, t one reason why Gold Coast slaves were more eligible, was t they
find in / Colonies / same kind o food & liv'g as in the own country, wh was, he apprehended,
a gr advantage; beg asked, whr it was a fact, t few or no Gold Coast slaves h ever b'n

q] fo. 25-28. carried away fm Barbadoes, he sd, t, when / price has b'n extravagant, he
believes they may h b'n taken away.

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Mr Martin sd, t it was usual f ships to go ^{fm} one Colony to another
to get / best price, but not one did so while he was thr, & t he w'd give
h given £30 sterl'g f a slave o Gold Coast.

Captain Hill, called upon by Mr Sharpe to give an acct to / Board
o what he knew concern'g / Trade o / Gold Coast, acquainted the lordships, t he had b'n many
years concerned in / Trade to Africa, & was master o a ship in / year 1716; t / negroes on /
Gold Coast are brot down 4 or 500 miles; t they come down at diff times & uncertain
times, & if they find no English to trade, must go to / French, or Dutch; t they require
more sorts o goods, than any one private ship can carry; t he had received protect'n fm

1/forth; & when he was concerned by private Orders of London, he carried out at one time £12,000
& traded by 2,000 ounces of gold, & 400 slaves; & when he first entered into trade, / French
had none on / Coast; & he had full assortment, but often wanted a better; & he had but Super cargo
of seal ships; & there were more British manufactures carried to / Gold Coast than any other part;
& 4/5th of / Floats factory were in gold & teeth, & it not one-fifth was by other ways by brot
home; being asked, if in any year of his trade to / Coast, he was was w any considerable num-
ber of Bristol & Liverpool ships trade to / Gold Coast w proper assortment, he sd, he sd not say
he was; & being further asked, if / Bristol & Liverpool ships carried any slaves from / Gold Coast,
he sd, he sd not say, as he was only a transient trader; & there was no trade at whydah;
& / trade from Bristol & Liverpool was gr^{ly} increased, & / French carry double cargoes,
unless some body of men undertake / trade it will be lost; & / Dutch forts are worse sup-
plied w goods now than heretofore, & when they began to fail in their supplies, they
gave leave to interlopers to trade; & in his time / French did not use / Dutch forts, &
seldom came to / Newward of river.

& he had sometimes gone on board ships, & were upon / Gold Coast during his being there; &
nobody can restrain / natives from going off to / ships; & / separate traders went chiefly to /
Windward & being a half of the cargoes from thence; & he had in / course of his trade, been upon /
Windward coast, where slaves were to be had cheaper; being asked, what proportion of negroes he
brot from / Windward coast, he sd, sometimes more, sometimes less; & / Windward slaves do not
stand so well on board, & are not so good to / planters; being asked, how long since he left off
trading to / coast, he sd thirteen years; he was further asked what marks or distinc^{ns} there are between
negroes of / Gold Coast & those of / Windward; & sd / Newward slaves have part^r marks; but
& he had sometimes sold Windward slaves to / Gold Coast, / planters being often deceived.

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↑ / manufactures used on / Gold Coast were perfects, serges & says
baire, long-ells & some few o / like-quality to / Windward, but t / goods
 f t trade were guns, gunpowder, brass, spirits, cloaths, shirts, checks, etc.;
 t as to / differ o price betwixt slaves o / Windward & those o / leeward coast, he
 c^d not say exactly what it was, as / price differs accordg to / demand; t he
 never carried any Windward slaves to / Planta^{ns}, his cargoes beg chiefly f / Gold Coast; t / method
 o trade was buff^d / slaves o black factors, who got sometimes 10 / a negro, sometimes more; beg
 asked, wh^r, if proper assort^{ts} o goods were taken out by ships tradg to / Gold Coast, wh^r he
 apprehended w^d be / cheapest way, o trade, he sd, he c^d not tell, but was o opinion t /
 African Co's forts were o gr^t utility, & never obstructed him, but on / contrary saved & pro-
 tected his goods; & beg fur^r asked, wh^r he apprehended a trade m^t not be carried on by a
 regulated co, & w^d proper assort^{ts}, he sd, t w^d a capital, / trade w^d be lost, t any people
 w a capital lodged on / coast m^t carry on / trade to / Gold Coast w advantage, but not
 w^d some joint Stock under one direcⁿ; t Mr Morris's ships amounted fm 6 to £12,000;
 t / floatg factory traded to gr^t advantage than any one private trader; beg asked, if he
 knew what quantities o negroes / Planta^{ns} were supplied w by / floatg factory, he sd, he
 did not; t / trade fm Anamaboe to Whydah was lost, & t / leeward coast trade was almost
 lost, & on his time / Bristol & Liverpool did not trade th^r; beg asked, if / floatg factory traded
 w / Portuguese, he sd they did f European goods; beg fur^r asked, wh^r, if a joint Stock Co was
 established, he did not think he c^d carry on a trade w / natives as well as w^d it; he sd, he c^d
 not see what c^d obstruct it, & t it w^d be a advantage if negroes c^d be landed f fifteen or
 six teen days, it w^d save many o th^r lives; t / co must take a proper price f / negroes;
 beg fur^r asked, what capital he apprehended to be necessary f this trade, he sd abt
 £150,000, but t £300,000 w^d be so much / better; t a gr^t advantage w^d arise to / separate

Traders for a joint Stock Co by / saws a demerage, / debts whereof in one month wd be 10 per cent, so also for / Co's buyg the refuse cargoes; & under such a Co / inland Trade mt be unlimited, wh wd be a disadvantage; beg asked, wh goods wd not spoil in by 9 or twelve months, he sd, & they wd not, & mt be preserved both on board & on shore; he fur sd, & it wd be more for / interest o / Co to sell the slaves to / separate traders, than export them themselves; & tho' / price o negroes at / ports wd be half an ounce more than ..., [sic], yet it wd be worth separate traders' while to give it; & / capital on / coast shd be from 50 to £80,000; & if / Co was not allowed to sell negroes to / French & Portuguese, nobody wd subscribe;

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shd sell only refuse negroes to / French; & a gr advantage mt be made for importg. rum on / coast, many o / natives wd give it / preference. Mr Martin then observed to the Lordships, & he wd propose, in addⁿ to / planters' scheme, & / Co shd be limited not to trade w any foreigner, but / Portuguese, & & only for tobacco & gold, & & / same restriction shd be laid on / separate traders.

As to / proposⁿ & / Co shd be limited not to send any slaves to / West Indies, it was unreasonable; & / Co shd not borrow money upon bond.

The Lordships then acquainted / seat parties & they shd proceed fur in / consideraⁿ o this affair to-morrow m^g, & shd be ready to hear what / merchants o London, whose proposal was in favour o a Co w a joint Stock, had to offer in support thereof; & then all parties were ordered to withdraw

Thursday, January 11. Present: - Earl o Halifax, Mr Pitt, Mr Grenville, Lord Dupplin, Mr Fane, Mr Townshend.

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The merchants o London, whose proposals are in favour o an open

Trade, attendg, tog^r w/ merchants o Bristol & Liverpool, & / gentlemen interested in a
Trade to / American Colonies. Mr Hardman acquainted the Lordships, t^e he was author-
ized by / merchants o London, whose scheme was in favour o a co w a joint Stock under
restrict^{ns} to acquaint / Board, t^e each o them beg out o town, & d^os engaged in business, they
submitted the proposal to / Boards consider^{ns}, havg nothg to offer upon it;

Mr Oad then desired leave to lay before / Board some observ^{ns} in support o / pro-
posal fm / merchants o London in favour o an open trade, wh, beg granted, he observed, t^e he
shd not, in what he hd to offer, confine himself alone to / London scheme, but desired it mt be
understood t^e he spoke equally in favour o / Bristol & Liverpool proposals, all three beg upon /
some principle, tho perhaps, differd in some minute points.

He then laid before / Board an acct signed by / Secretary o / Island o Jamaica, o
negro slaves imported into t^e Island yearly, fm / year 1702 to 1749. observg t^e when 636
numbers o negroes were imported into Jamaica, it was / same into d^e Islands.

Whereupon, he acquainted the Lordships, t^e reason o his producing t^e acct, was to shew
how / Trade had increased; t^e when / Trade was in an exclusive co / supply was v^y small;
t^e when / duty o 10 per cent^o was laid on, it increased & flourished still more at / expira^{ns} o it;
E in 1718 & 1719 it was agⁿ a little stopped by a piratical war upon / coast; t^e in 1720 /
South Sea Co made an agreem^t w / Assiento contractors f 3,000 negroes annually; whereupon

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1749-50 contract, furnishg not above 1,000 annually, on wh / separate traders
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Africa. imported into Jamaica, & t^e when he came fm Jamaica, abt six months
Since, they were thin well supplied; fm whence it was evident t^e / separate
Traders were / only support o / Trade. T^e altho' / co w a joint Stock now proposed was not to

be made exclusive, yet they wd certainly become so upon / Gold Coast, having / disposal o all public money & / appoint^m o the own officers, who wd certainly promote / interest o the principals in opposⁿ to E^t / separate traders; & it wd be / interest o such a co to buy goods for separate traders as cheap, & sell the negroes as dear as possible; whereas it was plainly / interest o / separate traders to sell the goods as dear as they cd, & buy as cheap. It was proposed E^t / co shd carry on trade by sending out goods in the own ships, w^{ch} a restriction not to send any negroes to / West Indies, but such as they cd not sell upon / coast at a limited number; & it must therefore be considered E^t the ships must return empty to gt disadvantage, wh^{ch} wd enhance / price o goods, / consequ^t o wh^{ch} wd be E^t / co wd, to obviate this disadvantage, raise / price o negroes upon / separate traders, by whom, if refused, they wd make it a pretex^t o send them to / West Indies themselves; & goods upon / coast are also liable to spoil, & cannot be kept above five months; therefore the supply must be constant, but not E^t; & as it frequently happens E^t trade is interrupted on / Gold Coast by wars am^g / natives, / goods must spoil for want o sale; & / Bristol & Liverpool people were not agst a co, if they were only to h^{ave} a liberty o trade wth any benefit for / public money, nomina^{lly} o officers or liberty o putting goods into / forts; & E^t be considered such a co as not ~~dis~~advantageous.

As to what shd be sd o on inland trade, / gentlemen hd not marked out any method o carry^g it on, ~~it~~ E^t it was impracticable to carry it on in any o^r way than it is now carried on; & if a co w^{as} a joint Stock was established, they wd be in competi^{on} wth / black factors, who at present carry on / trade betwixt / Ashantee & / ships, w^{ch} a profit o abt two in season, but if Ashantee come & trade under / forts wd afford / slaves for six; & it was impossible to trade at Whydah, th^{ere} be^{ing} no number o negroes to be had, or if th^{ere} were, / Portuguese, who give better prices, wd take them.

No want o Gold Coast negroes in / Islands, proved by a number o ships call^d

at Barbados & d^s Islands, & not find a market, were obliged to go down to Jamaica.

T in 1748 / Phoebe wth 230 Gold Coast negroes wd not sell them at Barbados & came down to Jamaica; in 1749 / Alexander wth 350 Gold Coast negroes, except abt 60 purchased to Windward, offered her negroes for £24 sterling at St.

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Christophers, no one wd give t^e price, so she came down to Jamaica. The Jamaica Packet wth 350 slaves, half Gold Coast, half Windward, offered her cargoes at St. Christophers for £24 sterling, wd not sell them, & came down to Jamaica. The Jenny, Capt. Derkyshire, wth 470 negroes, 350 at least Gold Coast, wd not sell at Barbados, & came down to Jamaica.

The Alexander o^f Bristol, purchased 370 negroes, all except 50, on / Gold Coast, went to St. Kitts to sell at £24 per head, but got no price, tho at / same time Calabar negroes bore a price.

T / reason why t^e slaves were not so plenty to Windward, as at Jamaica, was plainly therefore, t^e they wd not give a price; t^e he had lived long in Jamaica, had bⁿ long in Trade, had purchased many negroes for exportaⁿ; t^e he had never indeed bot any Gold Coast negroes, but had bⁿ offered them at a little higher price; t^e as to Mr Drey's sentence, he had heard t^e his plantaⁿ was not only well stocked, but t^e / slaves were fed so well as to contract distempers; t^e he believed Gold Coast negroes were best esteemed, but t^e Windward slaves were v^y useful in many services. T Gold Coast negroes are better for labour, but at / some time, are o a dangerous rebellious disposiⁿ, & promote disturbances, & therefore it was necessary, for sake o security, to h^d o^m.

T he had had / care o two plantaⁿ, but never purchased any Gold Coast slaves, / d^s always did v^y well, & did not contract any distempers; t^e Gold Coast negroes were not plenty at Jamaica, where traders can h^d part o th^r returns in money.

M^r Ariscoe, in behalf o / merchants o Bristol, represented to the Lordships / petitioned to be
made w regard to / trade to Africa; & if an exclusive joint Stock Co was established,
all / rest o his Majesty's subjects wd be excluded, & o^r parts o / coast opened to / French; & as
/ people o / Annamaboe are factors betwixt / Ashantee & / ships, they will prevent any fort
be^g erected th^r; & if a joint Stock Co wth an exclusive right was established, / trade wd
still remain at Annamaboe; & if an open Co was established wth a joint Stock, / trade
wd be brot to / ships by Ashantees, who by receiv^g a better price, wd be encouraged
to buy slaves, wh now they sell to / French & Dutch.

1 / Board o Trade in 1704, as appears fm a representation made ^{by} them, were o
opinion,

- "An open trade wth just regul^{ns}, like t^o / Turkey Co, or such o^r, w^{ch} y^r Majesty
"in Parliam^t shd judge proper & necessary, will effectually prevent those
"confu^{ns} & abuses in traffick, wh usually do arise fm diff^r & contending
"interests in trade, ~~and~~ & it will establish our credit wth / natives, pre-
"vent / trade fm falling into / hands o^r nat^{ns}, & we hope, may tend to /
"carry on a more extensive trade in Africa, to / increase o^r our
"export^{ns} o^r / woolen & o^r manufactures o^r this Kingdom. 1 / Portuguese
"formerly had a joint Stock, but he was altered to method, & we had a
"sufficient exper^{ie} o both a joint Stock exclusive, & a joint Stock in / method
"now proposed"

Tas to / inland trade, it was chimerical, it be^g impossible to carry goods up into
/ country; no person was go^g above ten miles fm / coast; & a whole fortune was sunk in
an attempt o this sort; & nothing o this sort was ever done by / Co; & / charge o sell^g
factories in / country, wd, under such a scheme, be impossible, & wd make negroes excessively

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dear; t as to gold & s^o produce, all t can be procured is brot down to / coast.

T as to / whydah Trade, it does appear t in / year 1738, 6,000 negroes were exported fr
thence, but it has decreased w^h year since, occasioned by / tyrrany o / King o Domo, who has
destroyed & depopulated / na^{os}; t / high duties the make / cost o a slave am^t to £16 sterl^s, &
besides, / Portug^{ese} give a higher price than t, f slaves to work in the mines.

T small quantities o British manufactures are vendd thr, except guns & gunpowder; t /
principal articles o trade are tobacco, brandy, silberia & iron bars, T / Dutch had a factory thr in
1734, but h quitted it entirely, find^g / Trade w^h disadvantageous

T as to / complaint o not beg supplied w^h Gold Coast negroes, they h always got as many
as they cd purchase, & more ships h bn sent thither than negroes cd be had f.

T / ship St. Philip o London & Tuxton o Bristol, h bn upon / Gold Coast eighteen months
f 900 slaves, but / last advices say, they h not bn able to purchase near the quantity.

T / method o ships trade to / Gold Coast is to pick up a few slaves to Windward, but
t not one-fifth o cargo is purchased thr, / rest beg purchased at Anamaboe & on / Gold
Coast.

T as to what h^d bn sd o little value o Windward slaves, this was w^h little differ in / price
gwin by / planters, & t in / leeward Islands no encouragem^t was given to sell them.

T accord^g to / best computⁿ t cd be made o, number o slaves necessary f / Planta^{os}, they
require as follows;—

Jamaica at a medium o 25 years	4,480	
Barbados at a medium o three years	1,400	
Antigua	1,200	
St. Christopher	200	
Montserrat	200	
New's	200	
In all	8,080	[sic]

North America ab^t 3,000.

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It appeared by a list of ships belongg to Bristol t/number of slaves
bro't for / Windward & Gold Coast in one year amounted to 5180, & by a like
list fm Liverpool t/number bro't by them was 4040

Mr. Hardman, in beh^{al} of merchants of Liverpool, represented, t he con-
sidered / arguments made use of in support of a co w a joint Stock as reducible
to / five followg heads, viz:—

- 1st. The extendg & improvg / Trade of Gold Coast.
- 2nd. The havg supplies of goods at / bills.
- 3rd. The towns protected & paths kept open.
- 4th. The carryg on an inland trade,
- 5th. The makg alliances w / natives.

T as to / first, / Trade of Gold Coast was never higher than now, t / number of ships be-
longg to Liverpool, tradg to Africa, was seventy-five, twenty-eight whereof was for / Windward
& Gold Coast. T forty-seven ships traded fm Bristol to Africa, seventeen whereof were for /
Windward & Gold Coast. T six traded fm Chester, Lancaster, Glasgow, Plymouth, & six
as it was supposed, fm London; t besides those, there were supposed to be abt twenty fm
America, the havg, accordg to / best advices fm Sierra Leone, nine Rhode Island ships pass'd
by t place; t / above-mentioned twenty-eight Liverpool ships tradg to / Windward & Gold Coast go
for abt 4040 negroes, & / seventeen Bristol ships for 5180, makg togt 12,220 negroes.

T accordg to / best computⁿ t cd be made for / lot of negroes impaled into / Sugar
Colonies or / number of hogsheds of sugar made in each Island, / number of negroes
annually required of each Island was as followg, viz:—

Jamaica at a medium o selection years ..	4,782
Barbados f three years last past ..	1,400
Antigua	1,400
St. Christopher's	1,200
Nevis	935
Montserrat	935
In all ..	8,050 (<u>555</u>).

As no Gold Coast negroes were wanted f / Northern Colonies, he sh^d dis-
tinguish them separately & compute them at abt 3,000.

Mr Hardman then laid before / Board / follow^g papers, viz:—

List o ships belong^g to / port o Liverpool in / African Trade, 1749.

List o ships employ^d in / Trade to Africa fm / port o Bristol, 1749.

A computⁿ o negroes requir^d f / use o / American Plantat^{ns}.

16.] T six o / aforementioned ships fm Liverpool to Africa traded at / River Gambia, T as to
 60. 45. 48. / purpoⁿ o Gold Coast negroes, he must acquaint the Lordships t fm
 1749-50 may to September, 1748, / Snou Phoenix, Captain Lawson, purchased
 Trade. 251 negroes, 76 whereof to Windward, 170 at Annamaboe, & 5 at
 Africa Commenda; t in / same time / Jenny, Captain Derbyshire, pur-
 chased 513 negroes, 60 whereof to Windward, 452 at Annamaboe,
 & 1 at Cape Coast; t fm February to January 1749 [sic], / Ellis & Fisher, Captain
 Robinson, purchased 319, 307 whereof at Annamaboe t 12 at Cape Coast & none
 to Windward; t / negroes upon / Windward Coast are better than any, except / Gold
 Coast, may be prefer^d in / Plantat^{ns} to Gold Coast f many services.
 T as to / differ^o goods & manufactures sold on / Windward & Gold Coast, / Gold

Coast indeed required more w^ollen goods, but / Windward a gr^o variety, such as iron bars, bafts, callicots, shalloes, guns, gunpowder, miscanoe, etc., & / produce o / Windward coast was no less valuable, consist^g o various sorts, such as bees-wax, guinea grain, etc.

As to / second point, viz: — t / forts wd be supplied w goods better by a co.

He must observe t if / scheme o / separate traders was established, more goods wd be sent out than by a joint Stock Co; & many persons wd go & settle th^r, as they h already done upon / Windward coast; & settlem^{ts} mt then be made amongst / natives, & owners o ships wd send people to settle; t it wd ~~then~~ be more eligible to / negroes, as all trade wd then be free, & t / reason why all / trade now centred at Annamaboe was bec / present Co was a monopoly, w^{ch} / negroes to prevent th^r trad^g w / ships, & seiz^d th^r goods, if detected; t if / goods were kept upon / coast, they wd in a little time become ten per cent^o worse, whereas ships wd always be ready w proper assort^{mts}; t as to / forts protect^g / towns it wd be better done by an open co, w / some privileges as to / forts, & / some aids fm Parliam^{ts} t / support o them; & complaints h bn made o / Co^s pass^g no acts, wh, under / regulat^{ns} proposed by / separate traders, mt be depended upon, & t / money wd be laid out upon / forts only.

As to arguments t / trad^g points wd be better kept open by a joint Stock Co, experience hd al- ready shewn t a Co h not carried on any trade; t as to alliances w / natives it was ~~absolutely~~ chimerical & an impossib^l; t as to / otherⁿ t an inland trade mt be excluded, all trade carried on upon / coast was inland trade, & t if / coast trade was excluded / inland trade wd be likewise excluded; t as to sett^lg a trade within land it was impracticable, & altho such an attempt hd bn made by a late noble duke, yst to his gr^o cost he found it impracticable.

T / scheme o a joint Stock Co, as proposed, wd not be carried into execuⁿ. in as

much as no person sh^d engage in such a Co if th^r was no liberty o^r carry^s negroes to /
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Plantations, or, only a small limited number ~~more than~~ not more than
 2,000, while / rest must be sold to / separate Traders or / French.

T besides, such a Co must frequently refill the fails wth goods, & if /
 ships they sent out f^r this purpose did not go to / West Indies, they must
 return empty; & it must be a joint Stock wth any restric^{ns}, or else / scheme
 impracticable; & if / Co be allowed to carry negroes to / Plantations, they will

carry / best & sell / worst to / separate Traders; & they may also sell to / French, & so throw
 / Trade into th^r hands; & when / present African Co traded, they carried / best slaves to /
 Plantations & sold / worst to / separate Traders; & a joint Stock Co wd^d also deny / use o^f
 ports to / separate Traders; & it wd^d also be a monopoly, since it was proposed & / Co sh^d
 buy / negroes & sell them to / separate Traders; & if must depend upon / establish^{mt} of make,
 what^r it be; & / money granted by Parliam^t wd^d be laid out wth gr^t frugality accordg^t to
 / Plan o^f the bill bro^t into Parliam^t last year; & as to / privileges, wh^{ch} it h^d bⁿ g^{vt} / French
 give to th^r Co, / representⁿ o^f Council o^f Commerce in / year 1720 plainly shewed th^r
 opinion was ag^t a Co; & he sh^d not take some notice o^f sev^l disadvantages, wh^{ch} he ap-
 prehended attend^d th^r trade to Africa; & a ninth or tenth o^f wth cargo consisted o^f
 Indian goods & d^r goods, / prices o^f wh^{ch} were gr^{tly} advanced; & India prices were ad-
 vanced suchy ^{per cent}, & gum powder was 50 s. / pound in Holland & £13-10s
 here, he wd^d therefore propose & when th^r was any want o^f these sort o^f goods, th^r m^t
 be a liberty o^f importg^s them from Holland.

T / Dutch & French h^d always constant supplies, / Traders in France to Africa
 hav^g gr^t privilidges, such as free importⁿ & exportⁿ, whereby they were enabled
 to give a better price f^r the negroes, & sell them better in / West Indies; & /

partnership o / French now made / forth necessary, & best method o preserving them to / noⁿ
was by / separate traders; & if monopolies were now / quesⁿ, it sh^d be considered had gr^t
advantages / French h^{ad} us in the Canada trade, Turkey trade, African trade, & South Sea,
wh^{ch} by us are carried on in Cos; & / French had a floatg factory at Angola; & if any persons
had a desire o tradg w a joint Stock, he knew o no law agst it; & advantages o havg / trade
open will be, & / Colonies will be supplied cheaper & better; & exper^{ts} o four score years
has shewn, & th^{at} was no supply at all, & therefore th^{ere} was no way left open but to leave
/ trade open; & as to / planters, who were / proposers o a co w a joint Stock, they did
not understand / nature o / trade; & / our ports sh^d carry on / trade for per cent.
Cheaper than a Co.

Mr Hardman beg^s asked wh^{at} / people o Liverpool traded to / Gold Coast more
18] so, 51-53. lately than heretofore, he sd^t & twenty years since they had but tw^o
1749-50. twenty ships in trade, but a gr^{er} proporⁿ o these traded to / Gold
Trade. Coast than do now, havg^g b^{een} discouraged by / floatg factory & /
Africa. French, who were able to give a better price.

Mr Hardman then called Captain Campbell to give an acct o /
state o / Windward & Coast trade; who acquainted / Board, & he had b^{een} eight voyages to Africa
fm Liverpool, & / first o these he went to Cape Coast & / second to / floatg factory, but met wth
discouragem^{nt} th^{ere}, / French, who never traded before, havg^g then eight ships tradg wth them;
& th^{ere} were twenty-five English people at Bannamas & & they had driven / French fm Bissau;
& / African Co had once a factory at Sherborough, but they deserted it, since wh^{at} /
trade has b^{een} gr^{atly} extended by private adventurers; & / slaves to / northward o
Sierra Leone was were as good as any, & chose rather than othrs o^f porters, barrow men,
&c.; & / Portuguese like them as well as any, & & they were often sold as Gold Coast

slaves; & thr were fifty capital places before ships went to Windward; & out o' eight
voyages he made, he never missed but once a good upon / Gold Coast & then he sent a tender
down, & t' one-third o' his cargo was gently Gold Coast slaves; & it wd be recommended to him
to buy Windward slaves to Barbados. T gentle two-thirds o' cargoes o' Bristol ships consist
o' Gold Coast slaves, but he cd not tell / reason o' this diff^{er} betwixt Liverpool & Bristol; & t'
they hd diff^{er} cargoes f' Gold Coast; & they hd a particular aversion^t as far down as Amamaboe;
& thr cargoes were gently mixed, & t' half o' them upon an average were sorted f' / Gold Coast;
& he never heard / planters complain o' any want o' Gold Coast slaves, but has heard traders
complain o' want o' markets, & has known o' a cargo o' slaves sold at Barbados f' £16 round,
tho many Gold Coast slaves amongst them; & himself sold a cargo at £18 round in / year
1739; & / price f' Gold Coast slaves upon / spot was fm £8 to £10 & £4 f' Windward
slaves upon an average; & he hd sold a cargo o' Gold Coast slaves, not wth a mixture o'
Windward ones f' £38. T / limited price in time o' war was £24; & he cd not say what
/ price o' slaves were, never had^d traded thr [sic], but t' he believed they were sold fm
£22 to £25 when oth were sold f' £24.

Mr Hardman then laid before / Board / follow^g paper wh was read, viz: -

An acct o' price slaves sold f' in / Plantat^{ns} in 1748 & 1749.

Mr Campbell then proceeded to inform / Board t' thr was a species o' slaves purchased
[French at Amamaboe] at Amamaboe called Dursons, & some people cd disting^uish these fm oth
tho not gently; & / French rather chose them than Cormanlees, wh not as
well as / [sic] were almost exhausted, & t' he gently gave / same price f' them if
equally good, & has sold them to / French at Barbados, who came thr to purchase.

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~~Trade~~; heg asked, if, when he had a cargo o Windward slaves to sell in / Plant^{ns}, he did not give them out to be Gold Coast slaves, he sd, he did not, but gently declared t he came from Windward & Gold Coast, but believes it is customary of Captains who h only one-third o cargo Gold Coast slaves, to advertise / whole as such, but t purchasers always know / diff.

Mr Hardman then called Captain Hughes to give the Lordships an acct o this trade; who acquainted / Board, t in / year 1740 he was master o a vessel belongg to Alderman Gildart, & went out w a cargo, two-thirds o wh was assorted by / Gold Coast, t he offered / floatg factory six & seven ounces of slaves, wh they refused, heg in contract w / French, whom they sd gave them nine & ten ounces, wh was more than he cd afford to give so as to get any profit in / West Indies, but t it wd h on agt advantage to him to h on supplied w t time.

The said parties were then ordered to withdraw, & desired to attend agⁿ to-morrow, when the Lordships agreed to proceed in / furth consideraⁿ o this affair

Friday, January 12. Present: - Earl o Halifax, Mr Pitt, Mr Grenville, Lord Dupplin, Mr Fane, Mr Townshend.

The Lordships, pursuant to yest^ds minutes, took into consideraⁿ / arguments o / gentlemen interested in & trade to / British Colonies in America, & o / merchants o London, Bristol & Liverpool, in support o the respective proposals of Ireland & improveg / Trade to Africa.

Mr Hardman, in full support o / proposal ~~at~~ made by / merchants o Liverpool,
 called Captain Lugmen to give an acct o what he knew o / trade to / Gold Coast;
 who acquainted / Board, t he hd br ~~some~~ voyages to / Gold Coast, & hd purchased abt
~~2,300~~ 2,300 slaves, 50 o wth in each voyage were Windward slaves, quantity four-
 fifths o cargo fm leeward; t slaves are brot down fm / inland parts to / Gold Coast; t
 twice when he was at Anamaboe there were no d^r ships there; t / Ashantees are good slaves,
 but he's not upon / coast; t ~~sub~~ ships arrived before his departure fm Anamaboe; t
 negroes carry slaves where they can h. / best price; t ships give better price than / forts;
 t separate traders are hindered by / Co's servants fm trade on shore; t his ship lay
 under / guns o / forts; t he saw Mr Crighton give four or five annies f slaves each, &
 afterwards paid him six annies; ed h bot them o / natives cheaper, if permitted; t he hd
 applied f liberty f / negroes to come off to him in 1746, & then only, & was
 permitted; t he began to trade in those parts in 1733; t / French before /
 war frequently traded w / Dutch forts; t / natives rather take five, if /
 forts hd ~~assent~~ ~~to~~ just such goods as they want, than sell o / ships; t
 ships may be protected at Cape Coast & Accra; t ships o burthen may come

near / forts o Cape Coast, or Accra & Discove; t in / course o trade when near Gold Coast,
 he never met w any ships o Liverpool; genly met them at Accra or Discove; t / number
 o ships fm Bristol is g^r than t fm Liverpool; t he hd once bn on / Gold Coast when there
 were no Bristol ships there, but some came down before he left it; t / Windward coast
 is dangerous & inconvenient in rainy seasons.

Mr (Hill) acquainted / Board, t he hd stopped three voyages at Barbados,
 & once in at St. Christophers; t / stated price o negroes was £19; t he got more fm books
 t he got no price f Gold Coast slaves at / leeward Islands; t if factories were settled.

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g^t advantages wd be gained on / French; t / French trade w brandy; t he hd bot slaves once at
Whidah, but they were only / refuse o / Portuguese, who hd / entire trade thr. pag asked as to
allies w / natives, sd, / floatg factory hd never made any allies & hd no occaⁿ of any; sd, t separate
traders, if they hd / liberty o forts & sd settle under them, sd supply / Colonies w gⁿ number o slaves;
t / slaves he hd offered to sale at St Christopher at £19 per head, were four-fifths taken in at /
Gold Coast; & two-thirds right Gold Coast slaves; t in 1736 he hd offered them at Barbados at
£20 or ~~22~~ 22, but t he sd not sell them thr. Captain Hill heg asked, what cargo Mrs. Sulphur
carried to Whidah, sd it consisted o gunpowder, India goods, France, Silesia.

Mr Otley lived at St. Christopher, left / Island abt six years; since factor for merchants
trading to Africa, sent ships consigned to him, sent sent down to Jamaica for want o prices for
negroes; price not limited; believes t sent ships consigned to d^r people went away for want o
sale; never heard any complaint for want o slaves, not for want o Gold Coast slaves;
Gold Coast slaves did not bear proporⁿ to d^r; cannot tell what proporⁿ Gold Coast negros
bear, better price; planters chuse them, but do as good for sent purposes, for porters, etc., g^t
supply at St. Christopher at / time Assiento co hd thr supply.

Mr Woodcock has a plantaⁿ in Jamaica; 250 negroes; 100 Creoles, 80 Gold Coast neg^s,
Ebors, Calabars etc.; chooses a mixture; Gold Coast negroes a dangerous people; rebellion in
Jamaica raised by them; gⁿ plenty in Jamaica than w^r; believes planters are well
satisfied; he sd always h Gold Coast negroes, when wanted, at a reasonable price; factors
in Jamaica for supply of Spaniards, chuse Angola negroes. His plantaⁿ 1,000 acres,
300 acres planted, number o negroes sufficient; never lost any Ebor slaves,
but by old age; always treated them well.
Question; did w^r hear any planter complain for want o Gold Coast slaves.
Had heard some; some people chuse Calabar negroes, some Gold Coast; in gen

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believes they wd rather chuse a majority o Gold Coast negroes; has heard in gen a desire o fur supply o Gold Coast negroes; hitherto believes supply equal to demand.

Question; how much o Jamaica of uncultivated, & if uncultivated, if want o negroes? It deal uncultivated, but not if want o negroes; sum of trade improved.

Mr Gregory, an officer o/ Cos, lived at Whydah seven years, in ~~1732~~ 1732, 6,000 slaves sent for thence; decreased wth year since; country depopulated; impossible to carry on any trade th^r wth advantage; negroes o/ place sold for £22 sterl^g; country depopulated 2 or 300 miles up; Cos officers never allow black traders to go off to ships, if detected, goods seized; no separate traders at Whydah while he was th^r; duties at Whydah excessive.

Captain Smyth traded to Africa unladen Voyages; at Gambia in three Governor's times; in Governor Plunkett's time was th^r; offered to contract wth him; Governor refused; wd not permit him to go up river to trade slave; told him he wd sink his ship, if he attempted it; did go up; Shallop came up for port to overbid him.

King William galley o Bristol, upon apprehenⁿ o pirates, desired protecⁿ o Cape Coast; offered two ounces; refused protecⁿ, unless he wd give two marks; £64 sterl^g; he carried slaves to Leeward Islands; one cargo sold; th^r for £17, Gold Coast for £19.

Seven Bristol ships wth a mixture o Gold Coast & Windward slaves went to Jamaica in 1736; cd not sell them; lay th^r sail mon th^r; obliged to go to Hispaniola, & sell them to gr disadvantage.

Post meridian

Parents; - Earl o Halifax, Mr Pitt, Mr Grenville, Lord Dupplin, Mr Fame, Mr Townshend.

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Africa. The Sub Governor, Deputy Governor & set of directors of Royal African Co attendg, they pursuant to / minutes of Monday last, laid before / Board a memorial containing proposals for / extendg, improvg & carryg on / Trade to Africa, wh have bⁿ read;

M^r Newland, the solicitor, did, in / name of / African Co. propose t a Joint Stock be raised for / support of / forts in a respectable state of defence, to carry on a sufficient inland trade & keep up / supply of negroes; he observed, t / present situaⁿ of / forts was not / strongest reason in favour of a Joint Stock; traced / proceedg^s of / Co for its estab^lish^mt; t an exclusive charter had bⁿ granted to them; t they had purchased sev^l forts & built dw^s; t for / gold brot for / Gold

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Const in / first 25 years, 496, 019 guineas had bⁿ coined; before wh time there was no such denominaⁿ as t of guineas; t upon the meetg w^h interrump^d in 1689, they made applicaⁿ to Parliam^t; t after sev^l disputes betwⁿ / Co & / separate traders a Bill passed in 1689 for openg / Trade, & / Co were to h a consideraⁿ by duty of ten per cent^o for fourteen years, but this did not

answer respectaⁿ, for / duty amounted to £15,000 only; / expens^e of / forts was some years 36,000, 26,000, 24,000, & since 1708 (communibus annis) 17,000. From 1712 to 1730 no allow^{ce} had bⁿ made to / Co; a debt begⁿ due to them, they applied to Parliam^t in 1730, & £10,000 were granted for many years; in 1743 or 1744 upon applicaⁿ to Parliam^t for £20,000, / House of Commons reported t / Co durg / time of / allow^{ce} of £10,000 laid out only £100,000 more than they received; as to assist^{ce} given to separate traders, he sd t / Co had given orders for assist^{ce} & supply of necessaries, & t thirty - four certificates of Captains of ships assentg this had bⁿ laid before Parliam^t; then proposed an act for £20,000 per annum, & t a new stock of £200,000 for carryg on / Trade be raised, out of / profits of wh creditors m^t be satisfied

M^r Crummond then observed t if £20,000 were allowed by thirty - two

years, the wt be credit enough to raise a joint Stock; £10,000 wt be set apart for the creditors, who in hopes of future advantages wt be ready to assist; he then proposed 4 gentlemen planters of Bristol, Liverpool & London, shd be of directⁿ; £ transferable stock be £300,000; 100,000 of stock 100,000; 300,000 to be subscribed in at ten per cent; those who h had at five per cent to subscribe £ in £ stock at five per cent; he sd £100,000 was sufficient at first; his opinion was 50,000 to be increased to £150,000.

Mr Paterson then acquainted Board, £ amt of debts, acct of wh has taken four or five months in collectg, was abt £50,000, exclusive of directors of old co; estimate last year was £100,000.

The parties beg withdrawn, the Lordships agreed to proceed fur in considerⁿ of this business on Tuesday next.

Trade. Tuesday, January 16. Present:— Earl of Halifax, Mr Pitt, Mr Grenville, Lord Africa. Dupplin, Mr Fane, Mr Townshend.

Mr Hardman has laid before Board 1 following paper, viz:—

Ships employed in African trade, accordg to /wiche given at Board of Trade

75 ships from Liverpool
 44 ships from Bristol
 6 Chester, Lancaster, Plymouth
 6 supposed in London
 134 ships

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Twenty or upwards supposed for America or by our advice for Sierra Leone they had nine ships belongg to Rhode Island pass by them in a little time; twenty-eight o/cabes from Liverpool to Windward & Gold Coast, wh go by 7,040 negroes; seventeen ships o Bristol to ditto carry 5,180 negroes.

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proceeded to call for riders in support o/proposal made by /merchants o Liverpool; & Mr Richard Smith acquainted / Board, & he had bn a factor at Barbados in / Guinea Trade from 1739 to 1749; sold in t time abt 30,000 negroes; beg asked at what prices;

In 1739. One cargo o Gold Coast slaves at £20 & head currency.

1740. One Cargo o Calabars at £20.

1741
and

1742. One cargo o Gold Coast negroes at £22.

1743. One cargo o Angolas, sls., at £25, & one o Gold Coast at £27.

1744. One cargo o Bonnis at £25.

1745. One cargo o Angolas at £28.

after wh slaves beg un to run to abt £30; he sent negroes from Barbados if want o market; planters never buy later than November, or earlier than March. Beg asked wh/cargo in 1739 were all Gold Coast, sd they come to him as such, but sd not tell.

Ques^m: were they Cormanties? Answer: no. Did ever sell any Cormanties, & at what price? Has sold them sometimes for £40; never know more than twenty in a cargo; limited price o slaves; before / war, £20 to £22, after / war, from £22 to £30; he not heard t negroes were decreased in plantat^{ns}; believes not; but they want a g^d many

* A gap has bn left here in / MS.

more; no better pay in / world than planters.

Mr Harman produced a list o fourteen ships tradg to Gold Coast taken fm tradg books o Bristol merchants, distinguishing when / negroes were purchased; heg asked if these ships traded to Windward, he sd they did. Quesⁿ: what number o slaves were purchased at Whydah, & belinick & Anamaboe? He sd & thr were purchased at Whydah 134; belinick & Anamaboe, 34. Quesⁿ: were these ships taken fm tradg books / first & came, or picked out? Answer; if d^r ships had bn taken, belinick they wd be borne / same propoⁿ; Mr Harman sd / trade was carried on in / some manner.

Mr Harman: Gold Coast in this list commences at Cape la Hord; he also laid before / Board an acct o / sale o negroes in beeward Islands, taken fm fourteen books o trade, shewg & Alexander o Bristol called at Antigua & St. Kitts, & sd not sell at £24 per head; as also sent affidavits, letters & extracts o orders, 24] fo. 68-71. to shew / number o slaves purchased on / Windward & Gold Coast; 1749-50 & / prices sold f in / West Indies.

Trade. Mr Sharpe called Captain Hill as to Whydah Trade; who Africa. acquainted the Lordships, & twenty years since depopulaⁿ a considerable trade had bn carried on by floatg factory in 1733; Trade m^t now be carried on w^o proper ass^tmt^s; & w^o lge capitals it m^t be / most considerable trade; & lge duties were paid thr fm 3 to £500, but Trade m^t bear it w^o capitals o 8, 10, or 12,000 not less than £6,000; & it required lge ships, w^o many men, as it was necessary to be a tent on shore; he remembered a factory also nine miles up in / country; heg asked how long a ship wd be making a voyage, he sd, he remembered three ships to made it in thirty-three months; heg asked when he traded thr, & who any alteraⁿs since that,

Answer: in 1706. Afterⁿ since 5; & he^s asked if Trade mt be carried on by separate
Traders wth lge capitals, he sd, he apprehended it mt; & when Londoners traded this, considerable
Trade carried on. Questⁿ: did we remember any Liverpool ships this? Answer: no, re-
membered one Bristol ship. To sd to diff^r in value o^f whydah slaves, he remembered it in
1724 or 28, went to West Indies wth a cargo o^f whydah slaves; met wth a ship wth lge cargo o^f
Gold Coast; kept her so fear^s she mt get in before him & spoil his market; & he got in first; sold
his whydah cargo, & / cargo o^f Gold Coast slaves were refused; he^s asked, if there were any
Bristol & Liverpool ships upon / Gold Coast in his time, he sd, he remembered some Bristol.
Questⁿ: wh^{ch} London or Bristol ships slaved soonest? Answer: wh^{ch} ever had best assentⁿ
assentⁿ slaved soonest. Questⁿ: any diff^r in / cargoes o^f London & Bristol & Liverpool?
Answer: guns o^f London ships better; India goods better & lge^r quantities; goods o^f
London ships better in quality. Questⁿ: if he thinks goods will not spoil in fut^r or six
months? Answer: has bn eleven months, & suffered no loss; if care taken will not spoil,
guns, brass, Kettles, iron ware, liable to be rust eaten if landed. Questⁿ: if a co established
shd send out cargoes to Africa in th^r own ships, such ships mt not go to [sic] &
in cargoes o^f Redwood to advantage? Answer: yes. Questⁿ: if ships mt not go out in
time to go to / West Indies & he^s cargoes fm thence? Answer: yes, Mr Sharpe sd t^{he} ship
Speedwell belong^s to Mr Lascelles, was gone out wth this view. Questⁿ: if not advantage to
/ separate traders to take co^s goods? Answer: yes, shd think it so himself, & believes it
has bn done. Questⁿ: if co wd not take off refuse goods? Answer: believe it wd
be th^r advantage to do it; himself has done it wth / fleet^s factory. Questⁿ: if negroes
not purchase it at loss some times? Answer: yes, some old & infirm ones are some-
times misest in / lots brotⁿ down; must take all or none. Questⁿ: if merchants o^f
Bristol & London wth a lge capital o^f th^r own mt not carry on / whydah trade as well

25] fo. 41-44. as Joint Stock Co? Answer: may, but without a such capitals necessary
 of security to public. Question: if traded in capitals wd have interruptⁿ for
 Vol 58. /co? Answer: does not apprehend they wd. Question: if / most considerable
 1749-50 Trade. trade mt not be carried on from Annamaboe to Whydah? Answer: more trade
 Africa. now at Annamaboe; trade depends upon shipping by sea / Coast; if ships
 apprehends Gold Coast commences? Answer: from Cape Three Points. Question: did float
 factory trade at Whydah? Answer: cannot tell traded. Question: what goods are
 proper for trade? Answer: courys, silebias, guns &c. Question: had Mr Morris capi-
 tal of £12,000. Answer: believed not. Question: did apprehend negroes enough at
Whydah to supply / Colonies? Answer: no. Question: did Mr Morris like the goods
 in Holland? Answer: yes, wd rather get better assorted & cheaper. Question: if does
 not apprehend more advantage in taking on a cargo of negroes on / Coast, than go
 to / West Indies empty? Answer: yes, doubtless. Question: if Colonies settled
 refuse goods, wd not be disposed of to them to more advantage than to /co?
 Answer: wd not say; wd doubtless be disposed of to / best bidder; when most
 advantage. Question: why London merchants, Morris, Chamberlayn, etc., left off trade?
 Answer: those & were concerned are dead; know no reason why other [s] do not
 trade. Question: if he knows of any ships trading from London since 1736? Answer: no.
 Question: if apprehends the French & Portuguese give better prices for negroes than /
English? Answer: yes.

Mr Hardman: shd make a few observations on / proposal of African Co.
 £20,000 per annum for thirty-two years alone, / foundation & dependⁿ of the
 subscripⁿ; / payment of the debt; & carry on / Trade, & as to what Mr

Newland had sd o/gt expence they had bin at in maintain^{ing} the forts for so many years, wth any
 allow^{ance} fm Parliam^{nt}, it appeared fm the own representa^{tion} t they had had fm public £243,000; t
 they had also bin exclusive for years t they had ten per cent, for fourteen years. This scheme will
 lay fifty per cent upon separate traders; separate traders had £800,000 this year in trade;
 produce o trade amt^s yearly to £1,200,000. It had bin represented as if Bristol & London
 Liverpool were /only places concerned on this occaⁿ; whole no^t interested, if trade open;
 Chester, Lancaster, Glasgow & o^r places, who wd enter into it five per cent cheaper than
 either Bristol or Liverpool wd engage; t as to what Mr Crammond had sd o separate
 trading beg admitted into co, rather surpris'd t Mr Crammond shd engage in it.
 Mr Crammond & o^rs unacquainted w / trade, but not w / Parliamentary allow^{ance}
 o £20,000 a year; if co established, trade wd be thrown into new hands; price o
 negroes now fm five to seven ounces; appears t floatg factory sold
 26] for 74-78. slaves to / French for ten ounces a head; what law will prevent / co fm
 1749-50. selling to / French? If French give ten ounces, separate traders must also
 Trade. give it; gt disadvantage o this to / planters; co & monopoly; this scheme
 Africa. only to draw / trade fm Anamaboe to / forts; by private traders schemes,
 Colonies will be established upon Coast, & trade be in fifty fifty hands
 instead o one; Gold Coast maⁿs will be better civiliz'd by Colonies than by a co. No to /
 Gold Coast having bin neglected by / separate traders it was a misrepresenta^{tion} & proved so;
 as to inland trade none carried on, but what was carried on upon Coast; Windward
 Trade was not to be neglected; better slaves than any but / Gold Coast; gt quantities o
 manufactures sent thither & valuable produce mt be brot fm thence such as Guinea
 grain, wax, etc; t by Mr Newlands computaⁿ, charge o forts am amount'd to 30
 or £40,000 per annum; no trade can support this, may be done cheaper by separate

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Traders; & if so proposed anything of public advantage, it sh^d be & they wd sell slaves at 30s ounces per head; whereas by this scheme / price ^{w^d} be raised fifty per cent; & it hd bn proved & / traders hd bn w^d ill by / co's officers, tho co ~~sd~~ ^{sd} it was not by the orders; & as to what hd bn sd as to security to be given by separate traders of forts & trade, w respect to / first, propose to acct to Parliam^t in / strictest manner; £10,000 in this way more effectual than £20,000 to co; co's establishm^ts of officers, servants, &c., a gr expence; as to security of trade an impertinent inquiry; if trade laid open, experience proves it will be carried on, whereas if co was continued, / Colonies wd soon want negroes; if it is sd & Joint Stock necessary; let / gentlemen subscribe to it now.

This is / best,
or else £20,000 / object.

1 co's scheme propose / forts be kept in respectable condⁿ; no object to it; if £20,000 per annum necessary, separate traders will pay it out fifty per cent cheaper than co; advantage to trade diffused; & / whole end of co's scheme was / £20,000 per annum & not raising price of negroes fifty per cent; no traders to Africa in / directⁿ of new co; unacquainted w trade; method of carry^g on trade by all na^{ms} was by ships, except in Yambia River & on Gold Coast; w^t any charge or impedi^{m^t} of forts; better throw / forts into / sea than establish co; gen opinion of all traders; let trade be established w great economy; no more forts to be built but at Anamaboe; ships w^d war only true protectⁿ; can execute any orders & may be necessary to be given by / Gov.

Mr Briscoe: not trouble / Board w^t discussⁿ on African Co's proposal, as Mr Hardman hd already done it; mention only some circumstances of wisd^e;

planters asserted want a sufficient supply of negroes; gave no idea of it; sufficient
27] fo. 18-81. supply proved; & the negroes offered at Neward Islands for small prices
Vol. 58. but did not get them; ships obliged to go to Jamaica; Trade to
1749-50 Windward carried on only by Gold Coast ships, who only range
Trade. down & pick up few negroes; none but some very small ships
Africa. Trade entirely to Gold Coast; reason of slaves not being purchased by
planters; all planters in room not purchase one single cargo; all the
lands, if sold, not pay what was for negroes.

The said parties being withdrawn, the Lordships agreed to consider further of this matter
tomorrow.

Wednesday, January 17. Present: Earl of Halifax, Mr Pitt, Mr Grenville, Lord
Dunblin, Mr Fane, Mr Townshend.

Trade Africa. Mr Sharpe, in reply to what had been said by Mr Hardman / preceded day, observed
that what relates to / exclusive charter, / misbehaviour of servants of African Co, & /
discouragement of Trade in general labours under, is not of consequence, & / prices / limits of /
Gold Coast is not material. The question is, what are / negroes who are fittest for our
plantations? The facts agreed on are: 1st That Trade to Gold Coast & whydah is
most valuable, 2nd. The great consequence of this Trade & necessity of assistance
of legislature, 3rd. That French are now using their utmost endeavours to get
[French at Anamaboe] / Gold Coast Trade out of our hands, 4th. That forts & settlements are
necessary to be maintained, not only as marks of possession, but in a
defensible & respectable state, 5th. That Trade should be free & open to all his
Majesty's subjects, 6th. That forts & settlements should be made use of for protection
& benefit of all his Majesty's subjects, & the Trade equally, 7th. That warehouses

or repositories of goods on / coast will be of gr^t advantage to / trade. Bth The
 necessity & utility of this trade begⁿ carried on by a co. Planters are unanimously
 of opinion t^e / trade can only be carried on by a joint Stock Co; & some merchants of
 London gr^{tly} concerned in / African trade agree wth them; / separate traders of Bristol &
 Liverpool & some of London connected wth them, are of opinion t^e it cannot be carried
 on so; & if it sh^d be attempted, / trade w^d be lost. He observed t^e when / trade was
 considered / Board w^d find, t^e / planters had established what they advanced, & t^e trade
 to / Gold Coast & Whydah in a manner lost, c^d only be recovered by a joint stock; t^e
 they had proved / Gold Coast negroes are / best, & absolutely necessary to / Planters,
 & dearest both in buy^g & sell^g; t^e / Windward negroes are / next best, but not so
 fit for field service; t^e / planters are in gr^t want of Gold Coast negroes; separate
 traders estimate the trade of Windward & Gold Coast slaves at £12,000 in a year;
 of wh^{ch} / Gold Coast are, accord^g to one persons acct, one-third, & accord^g to another,
 four-fifths; t^e none but 896 ships h^{ad} arriv^d into / Gold Coast, & t^e few ships from
 Liverpool go thither; t^e / slaves from / Gold Coast are not more than one out of 1000

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w^d take, & t^e / reason why there from Whydah found a market in / plant.
 ations, was bec^{ca} / ships w^d not br^g Gold Coast slaves sufficient to sup-
 ply the wants; t^e tho' it was asserted 12,000 were sufficient, / Board of
 Trade had stated in a Report in 1708 the wants at double t^e number.

Captain Smyth owned t^e Barbadoes was in want of negroes; the begⁿ on
 a separate market kept at Jamaica & St. Christopher, t^e mt^g occa^s a plenty the, tho' /
 o^r Islands were in want. Mr Woodcock only go^g to Jamaica did not want negroes,
 he himself had a gr^t number of Gold Coast slaves than any o^r, except Creeto; t^e they were
 of robust, & of a temper not dangerous, if well used. T^e respect to St. Christopher,

Mr Otley admitted, t / planters th^r had not sold Coast slaves in / same proporⁿ as before, & t^o /
Leeward Islands were not so well supplied as t^o; t^o it had b^en proved, / separate traders h^e
almost totally neglected / trade to / Gold Coast^o Whydah; t^o they had extended / trade to /
Windward but not to / Leeward o^o Annamaboe. Captain Swynnem^r sd, t^o he had not seen
a ship at Annamaboe in two voyages thither. T neither Bristol nor Liverpool trade
wholly to / Gold Coast; but t^o Bristol ships exceed those o^o Liverpool in number; t^o
there was a g^r number o^o ships trad^g to Annamaboe in one year than to / d^r parts in two;
& / proporⁿ o^o best negroes th^r but small, seven or eight to one thus Gold Coast negro. As
to / trade to Whydah, / separate traders admit it to be neglected, & produce w^hich to procure
t^o it can be carried on by / Portuguese only, & Captain Swynnem^r sd he sd only trade w^hich th^r
refuse, & t^o at an exorbitant price; but Mr Sharpe observed, t^o / planters saw this
in a diff^r light, they think / trade th^r o^o consequence, & may be carried on, if proper means
were used, not w^hich / depopulatⁿ twenty years ago; t^o / Whydah negroes were better than
all d^r; t^o / trade had b^en carried on in / country adjacent in 1738 & 1746, & by / float^g
factory w^h success in 1742; t^o separate traders did not care to run / risque, but t^o
by means o^o a joint Stock Co. / trade m^t be resourc^d & flourish. He then pro-
ceeded to show t^o this trade to / Gold Coast cannot be carried on w^h factories well
supplied w^h goods. This was sufficiently proved by / w^hich o^o separate traders. Captain
Swynnem^r admitted, t^o / float^g factory. had g^r advantage over d^r only on acct^o a con-
stant supply o^o proper assortm^{ts}; t^o it wd^o be o^o g^r service to h^e goods lodged in
warehouses; t^o it wd^o give / English / same advantage over / French as / float^g
factory had over / d^r traders; / natives wd^o sell f^r 5 ounces to / English rather than
f^r seven to / French, if / assortm^{ts} be not [sic] proper. Captain Campbell sd t^o
float^g factory had driven him fm / trade; t^o they did not give higher prices, but had

better assort^{mts}, wh will draw / trade rather than / price, Captain S (w) ymmer sd t ships
 29] fo. 84-87. on this acct give higher price than / forts, bec they h not so good assort^{mts}.
 Vol 58. t / separate traders shd / necessity o having factories by thr proposal
 1749-50. o erect^d ware houses w proper assort^{mts}. As to inland trade, it can
 Trade. only be extended by settle^{mts}; I inferre fm / above facts is clear in
 Africa, favour o a joint Stock Co, o t / trade can only be extended by t
 means. It had bn asserted t / private traders were / only support o

Trade; Mr Sharpe in answer sd, t trade to Whydah, / principal place, was lost; t to
 / Gold Coast in gen reduced only to Anamaboe, where / negroes are chiefly not /
 true Gold Coast negroes; t this was not only a loss to us, but a gain to / French;
 t its / French shd get possⁿ o it ~~Trade~~ ~~Anamaboe~~? it wd be better f us to
 recover it; t / private traders wld they do not go thr, bec o / French, & therefore /
 [French o Anamaboe] Trade wd be wholly lost, unless put into a channel recomended by / planters,
 who wd recover it f / honour or interest o us? In answer to / allegan, t if a joint Stock
 Co was established, thr servants wd prefer thr masters' interest, he sd this wd
 equally be / case o servants to / Committee; it had bn sd, / co wd raise / price to
 / separate traders, he observed, t it wd be f / interest o / co to sell to / private
 traders on / cheapest terms, & t they wd be able to sell cheaper than / separate
 traders sd buy o / molasses, as / forts wd be able to buy cheaper than / separate
 traders by proper assort^{mts}, & by gr numbers comg down after a war, when few ships
 are on / coast, & separate traders will h dispart^{it} in thr trade; then shd be obliged
 too to carry better assort^{mts}, as / London ships did when engaged they were engaged
 in / trade.

Alledged: if thr was no joint Stock Co, separate traders mt buy cheaper.

[Chando, James Brydges, 1st Earl of Brading, was created duke in 1719. ... Westmen Emig. sub nomine]

Answer: this wd be only by king's bad negroes; experience shows, they wd not launch out into trade wth g^o capitals.

Alledged: goods wd spoil in six months, & this were interrupted often by five months. Answer: Captain Hill sd, t they wd keep wth care wth eleven months.

Alledged: t inland trade was a chimera & had ruined a g^d fortune. Answer: t g^d fortune, (1 late D [Lute] Chandoic), was lost, not in trade, but in hunt^g after mines, & t a g^d fortune had bn lost in / separate trade; t inhabitants were employed to go into / country wth goods & buy down / trade; t it was obvious, t forts & settle^{ts} may enter into inland trade wth success; on all former contests / separate traders always insisted t forts were not necessary, bec they saw / necessary consequ^{es}, t if they were necessary this must be a joint Stock.

Alledged: t / Windward Coast was / best. Answer: t it may be so to / Liverpool merchants, but not to / na^m; t it ot to be carried on, but / Gold Coast trade ot not to be neglected. The plant^{rs} will take off both.

30] 1749-50 Africa. Alledged: more goods wd be taken off by / d^r scheme than by a joint Stock, if any persons may settle as they h done on / Windward Coast. Answer: this wd not be advanced, if it had bn considered t / Liverpool traders did not go thither, & t it had bn admitted / separate traders sd not stand in competi^o wth / French.

Alledged: this was no reason why / trade shd be settled at Annamaboe bec / trade ot to be free. Answer: Nothing is suggested contrary to / freedom o trade upon any part o / Coast, if traders wd go to / Leeward o Annamaboe they mt find trade.

Alledged: trade will find its way to / best market. Answer: / separate traders will not be prejudiced, but will h / same advantage they h now wth addi^o / protec^o / forts.

1 Alleged: /scheme o joint Stock proposed impracticable; & t /co must sell to /separate
 2 traders or /French. Answer: if they must sell to /separate traders, they need not fear
 /raisⁿ o price; no reason to fear but t this will be a good harmony betwⁿ them. Al-
 3 leged: /gets ships to carry out goods wd be a dead expence upon /co. Answer: a gr^t
 quantity o shipp^s wd not be wantⁿ to carry / outset cargoes f^r / ports; t it wd not
 4 be /interest o /co to employ ships o th^r own, as they may hire ships upon freight,
 whⁿ goⁿ three or four months sooner, may bring cargoes fm / West Indies, & they may
 5 hire a ship upon freight & send it to / Angola Coast, & take in a cargo o Red Wood
 6 w^{ch} a profit o 100 per cent; separate traders may supply /co wth goods, & /co supply
 7 them wth negroes, & /harmony be preserved betwⁿ them.

8 Alleged: t /separate traders wd be deprived o /use o /ports. Answer: it is pro-
 9 posed t they sh^d h^{ave} /use o them, not only f^r protecⁿ, but as warehouses; if they are
 10 o no protecⁿ to /trade, why are gentlemen under apprehen^s, t they may be inst^ruments
 11 o destroying it; judge, what care will be taken o /ports, if entrusted in /hands o
 12 those who think them o no use.

13 Alleged: t /joint Stock Co must h^{ave} directors & servants. Answer: upon /o^r scheme
 14 th^r will be committee men & servants.

15 Alleged: t gr^t expences wd be incurred by additional warehouses. Answer: ad-
 16 vantage^{ous} vantage to /trade will be proportionable. The planters, who are unanimous
 17 on this head, h^{ave} no prospect o beg well supplied wth /negroes they want, partly Gold
 18 Coast, but by /joint Stock Co.

19 Alleged: what law can prevent /co fm sell^{ing} slaves to /French f^r th^r owners, when
 20 they can h^{ave} only seven fm /separate traders. Answer: honour & interest will hin-
 21 der them fm sell^{ing} to /French, except in cases where /refuse o a cargo sold to /

Separate Traders can be sold to / French; & how does it appear to / separate Traders
21] fo. 90-93. will not sell to / French as well as / Co? separate Traders cannot be re-
Sol 58, strained by law, but a Co can, whose act^s must be public, & who may
1749-50 surely be made accountable; negroes are usually sold in lots, & / buyers
Trade. must take all or none; if / separate Traders do not take them, what dis-
Africa. advantage can there be in selling them to / French? How are / inconveni^{ent}
object^s to presented by / scheme of separate Traders?

Alledged: separate Traders & joint Stock Co cannot trade tog^{er}. Answer: they
may act tog^{er} & trade be carried on to / honour & interest of naⁿ by both.

Alledged: 1 more ships wd go out, if assort m^{ts} cd be hd. Answer: then there is more occaⁿ of
factories residentⁿ on / coast, where stores may be laid up agst a scarcity. when Indian goods are to be
hd, / Co will buy them up, when separate Traders cannot or will not.

Alledged: a joint Stock Co wd ruin trade by undue prefer^{es}, & to a joint Stock is not opposed,
but a Co as a joint Stock. Answer: / proposal gives all a gen^l admⁿ to factories & warehouses, there
will be a supply of negroes for all ships equally; as to a monopoly it is presented by vs part of /
planters proposⁿ; / interest of / Co is agst a monopoly, not did ever purchasers & consumers
adopt a scheme lead^g to a monopoly. The suspicⁿ lies on / side, as separate Traders
may force negroes on / planters, & tell them they sh not h whydah or Gold Coast slaves.

Alledged: / Co establish^g a joint Stock Co wd be giv^g up / trade to / French. Answer:
separate Traders advance this as an ill grace, who h left / Gold Coast trade to / French &
deserted whydah.

Alledged: 1 some planters h refused to subscribe / planters' scheme. Answer: / richest planters
as well as d^{rs} h subscribed; they must be attached to / public interest, as it is their own, & cannot
be dissolved in so plain a point, as they know the own wants, see / consequences of this not be^g

supplied, & h no prospect o awards win but in / establishment o a joint Stock so: if opinions are o any weight, t o / planters st to h / grant; if a lge capital is necessary f / support o / trade, this only to be h'd by a joint Stock. We then proceeded to make / follow's observations;

1. As to a regulated co, it is nonsense to talk o carrying on / African Trade by it, bec it there are no houses o trade ths, & / noⁿ is a chimera.

2. To support / opposiⁿ to this scheme, it has bn in 253 inst^s misrepresented; no necessity to enumerate any part^s here

3. If a joint Stock co be appointed, / Gold Coast Trade will be revived, wch Trade recovered, / exports o manufactures wd be gtr, / imports gr^r, & / Colonies o America 32] fo. 93-96. better supplied, but / manner, in wch / separate Traders proceed, must draw / 1749-50 Trade into / hands o / French.

Thursday, January 18, Present: - Earl o Halifax, Mr Pitt, Mr Grenville, Lord Dupplin, Mr Fane, Mr Townshend.

Trade. The Lords hope proceeded on / consideraⁿ o / Trade to Africa, & Mr Martin, in support Africa, o / planters' scheme, sd, t / planters were / most impartial witnesses on this occⁿ, & t he shd endeavour to take off / imputatiⁿ t h bn thrown on them.

Alledged: t / planters were blind to ths own interests, bec they prefer buy's o a co, Answ^r: planters propose an open co, wh wd co-operate w / private Traders, wh will make ths profits gr^r & / negroes cheaper.

Alledged: t / scheme is not / result o a consultaⁿ o / planters, but formed by o^r Answer: t it was debated in a society o them, & h'd bn under ths consideraⁿ f years many years.

Alledged: planters were poor, & in distress since / duty o five per cent^s on sugars; those, who say this now, sometimes affirm they are rich, & so contradict them selves.

Alledged: E / planters are more than / Fee simple, o the estates w^{ch} pay; this is not true; Bristol & Liverpool never give credit on London bills, but take security here as to / time & manner o paym^t. To London merchants / Colonies are indebted, b^t / London merchants pay / Bristol & Liverpool men

Alledged: E / planters are not proper judges, bec they do not trade. Answer: this reflects upon w^{ch} gentleman o Educaⁿ not bred up to trade; men who make gen inquiries into trade know better than those confined to one branch.

Alledged: E the is no diffie betwⁿ Coast Trade & inland Trade. Answer: / diffie is well known.

Alledged: Inland Trade is impracticable. Answer: if it be / same th^g as / coast Trade, it must be practicable, & may as well be carried on am^g / African negroes as in North America am^g Indians.

Alledged: E / high price given by / French on / Gold Coast is a reason why we sh^d be best on o / Trade, bec / co will not give / price they do. Answer: upon / establishm^t o / co proposed, / French will not h / advantage they now h by the brandy, bec / co will h rum, wh^{ch} is preferred in E country. He then read some passages o / Bristol scheme; & as to E o Liverpool, he observed, E / whole tendency o it was levelled ag^t / old co & the servants; what has bⁿ set ag^t an exclusive co is not to / purpose; / planters mean only a co co-op-creat^d w^{ch} / separate traders under control & legal restrictions.

Alledged: E ships offer^g negroes to sale at / planters h bⁿ refused. Answer: they may h come when / planters h no crops go^g forward to pay or draw bills; E g^t draughts make short crops, so E / common expenses are as much as can be paid; E the was a custom market at Jamaica; E Mr Otley, who was abroad ten years, set E while he was at Antigua, with one single ship o Gold Coast negroes was turned away, but in / circumstances before mentioned;

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It was agreed on all hands, t/ trade to Africa shd be free & open; t this was / planters aim at in part^r, not only to w/ subject, but to a co, who may extend / inland trade & buy negroes fm / fountain head, & sell them cheaper to / separate traders; t / separate traders w/nd a monopoly o this trade, in wch^d o / London merchants & / co, by giv^g a majority o votes to Liverpool & Bristol; & as nobody, upon the scheme, has a right to / use o / forts & warehouses but / committee, except in cases o need, o wh they are judges, by this means they wd favour th^r own friends & exclude / Londoners.

After / fleets factory broke up, / London merchants shd / trade mt be carried on, if an open co was set up to support / inland trade; t they now pay ten or fifteen per cent. more than o^r, but if put upon another foot^g, they will enter into / trade w^gely; t / committee, upon / scheme o / separate traders, wd not be subject to any one penalty, nor to any jurisdicⁿ, & w^dnted / fingers o money to raise a joint stock to carry on / monopoly to / best effect; t it was impossible / co on / scheme o / planters can be favourable to a monopoly, she then proposed / following res^o on a joint stock co trad^g to / Gold Coast o Africa, viz:—

1st T not propriet^r sh h a vote in / co if he has a less sum than £500 capital, & tho / capital stock o any proprietor sh exceed t sum w^h so much, yet he sh h but one vote.

2nd After / first visitⁿ o / co, no proprietor sh be entitled to a vote, unless he has possessed / qualificⁿ by one year

3rd T / co be prohibited by severe penalties fm w^hport^s more than 1,200 negroes fm Cape Coast Castle or Whydah, & 800 negroes fm Gambia to / British Colonies in any one year, either in th^r own or in hired ships or vessels in Britain.

4th. T / Co, & all private traders also, be absolutely under / severest penalties, for trading wth all foreigners in / Coast o^f Guinea, except Portuguese, & wth them only of Tobacco or gold.

5th. T / African Co be subject to / inspectⁿ, regulaⁿ & control of Lords o^f Trade to acct to t^{he} honorable Board annually, by applicⁿ o^f all aids granted by Parliam^t for maintain^g / forts; & in case o^f fraud or misapplicⁿ / s^d Lords to t^{he} full power, by Act o^f Parliam^t, to take / charge o^f / forts out o^f / company's hands, & to appoint o^r trustees.

24] fo. 99-103. Under these restrictions & such othrs as are necessary to keep / Trade open, there can be no monopoly by compellⁿ. 1st. Bec / Country is o^f a v^{ry} l^ge extent, this is room enough for all. 2nd. The co, by get^{ting} o^{ut} o^f way o^f compellⁿ may h^{ave} g^od profit; & if there was a compellⁿ, no public disadvantage w^old ensue; besides t^{hat}, separate traders get / better o^{ut} o^f way by compellⁿ, as they

can go cheaper to market, & t^{he} / chief advantage to a co is / inland Trade, wh^{ich} is a distinct branch; & Trade is best secured by a Joint Stock co for these reasons; 1st. Bec they h^{ave} a permanent interest in support^g / forts, whereas private traders may leave off Trade. 2nd. They w^old h^{ave} a constant assist^{ance} o^f goods for / upland Trade; if they h^{ad} not, / Dutch, who h^{ave} more forts & a co w^old g^od encourage^{ment}, will h^{ave} all / traders, who come down occasionally, go to them. 3rd. Profits o^f this Trade will become more diffusive, as persons o^f rank may be subscribers. 4th. As / French give more for a negro than we by two ounces, we must set up competitors to do / same; Co may h^{ave} rum & beat out / French, comput^g / rum at / same price as brandy, & this may open / door for / consumpⁿ o^f rum oⁿ our Colonies, who want assist^{ance}. 5th. W^h a joint Stock co / competition w^{ith} / French & Dutch cannot be supported. 6th. Co will always keep in the forts negroes ready to supply / private traders, so t^{hat} they will be forced to stay three or four weeks only, instead o^f three or four months, & run less risque for / mortality o^f negroes.

As to / old co, be observed t^{hat} they h^{ad} created forts at a g^od expence, wh^{ich} h^{ad} b^{een}

/cause o the ruin; & they shd be set free fm all incumbrances whatsoev; nobody wot
 embark his fortune in / hands o a bankrupt; & / forts must be supported at / public
 charge; & / legislature wd not grudge a sum o money & wd be in 1,000 fold; & it was
 reasonable to pay / co f / expense they had b'n at o erectg & maintaining the forts; & they
 had g'd debts incurred by means o it, wh upon a fair liquidaⁿ may come to 60, 70 or
 80,000 pounds; & / public may get w^t a precise estimate o what may be necessary f/
 forts, by comparg / estimates f Gibraltar & Port Mahon; & he does not think a
 grant f a number o years / best method.

M^r Chammond then observed to the Lordships, & / separate traders were not com-
 petent judges o / expense necessary f / support o / forts, as appears fm the Ward-
 man's sayg, & / sum o 10 or 12,000 pounds was more proper to be allow'd f the
 service than 15,000; & the sum w^d be propos'd / negroes they carry fm / Gold
 Coast & Whydah to be 3,000, those fm / Windward 9,000, & those fm Angola,
 Benin, &c., 28,000; & / desire in / British Colonies to have Gold Coast negroes
 in an argum^t f supportg the trade; & / the b'n any misbehaviour o the
 35] to. 105 = 105. cos servants, it had b'n contrary to / instructions given them, wh

Vol. 58. require them to protect / private traders, & treat them w^t
 1749-50. friendship & civility; & / co has no designs o excluding them
 Trade. fm / trade; & tho' it has b'n ~~alleged~~ alleged by / separate traders
 Africa & the trade amts to 800,000, yet more is wanted; & / co's only
 view is to preserve / Gold Coast & inland trade under such regulatⁿs
 & instrum^ts as sh be best proper.

M^r Martin observed, & / stock o negroes in / Islands was 215,000 [sic]

Barbados	..	..	60,000	"
Antigua	..	..	30,000	"
O ^r Windward Islands	..	..	25,000	"
Jamaica	..	..	120,000	"

Upon a fair computⁿ o mortality ther are five in 100 Island one o 100 lost more than born, this makes 10,750 necessary to supply t mortality; t Antigua is not suffi-
ciently supplied by one-third; t Barbados is in / same conditⁿ; St Christophers wants negroes, as do / Islands o Nevis & Montserrat; Jamaica is not one-tenth settled; each one w another want a third part, 41,000 to cultivate / lands as they now stand, w clearing / woods; if these wants are supplied in five years it will be 14,000 negroes per annum; separate traders assert they h imported abt 12,000 Gold Coast negroes; on / computⁿ o / Bristol & Liverpool trade, if they h in stock 800,000, this will make 6,650 ship & cargo, the invoice only 3,000.

All parties beg withdrawn, the Lordships, after some time spent in / consideratⁿ o this affair, ordered / draught o a report thereupon to both Houses o Parliam^t, in pursuance o the address to His Majesty, to be prepared.

09] fo. 114-114.

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Tuesday, February 6. Present:— Earl o Halifax, Mr Pitt, Mr Grenville, Lord Dupplin, Mr Fans, Mr Townshend.
The draught o a report to both Houses o Parliam^t, in pursuance o a letter from His Grace / Duke o Bedford, inclos^g an address o / House o Lords, t His Majesty wd give directions to this Board to prepare & lay before both Houses a scheme f / better secur^y, extend^y & carry^y on / Trade to Africa, having bⁿ prepared, pursuant^y to / minutes o / 18th o last month, was laid before / Board, agreed to, transcribed & signed. [Copied post pp. 126-7]

[On Mon. Feb 12. Order given f / return to / merchants o Bristol & Liverpool, upon thy applicatⁿ, o / brokers & pp^s said by them before / Board, to support the scheme f a regulatⁿ o / African Trade.]

- 91] fo. 245-248. Tuesday, August 14, Present: - Mr Grenville, Lord Dupplin, Mr Townshend
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 Read a letter from Captain Baird, Commander of his Majesty's ship /
Surprise, dated at Portsmouth, 16th of August, 1750, desiring this Board w^d
 impress to him a sum of money to support a table of two young Africans he is
 directed to take to Africa,
 Ordered t^e / Secretary do write to him to acquaint him t^h as this Board has not / disposed of
any publick money what? They cannot comply wth his request.

94] Tuesday, October 9, Present: - Earl of Halifax, Lord Dupplin

- 96] fo. 291-294.
 1750. Read a letter from Alderman Bethel, dated 26th July, 1750,
 cc 69 Trade. acquaints / Board wth / names of / persons chosen by Committee men
 Africa - of / New African Co., conformable to / Act of Parliament passed / last session

103] Friday, October 19, Present: - Earl of Halifax, Lord Dupplin, Mr Fane,
 Mr Townshend.

- 104] fo. 314-320.
 1750. Read an extract of a letter from Mr William Husbands to John
 CO. 388/44 Trade. Ashley, Esquire, dated at Cape Coast Castle, May 10th, 1750, relat^g to an
 C. 70. Africa. attempt made upon Dixcove Fort by / natives instigated by /
 [Palatin at Dixcove] Dutch, & to prevent a two small ships of / security of coast,
 [copied p 170 post]

139] fo. 419-421.

Tuesday, December 11. Present: - Earl of Halifax, Mr Fans, Mr Townshend.

140] fo. 422-424.

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Africa.

Read a letter from Mrs Skelton, Secretary to / Lords o / Admiralty dated / 9th December, 1750, inclos^g / follow^g papers relat^g to / state & condition o / British forts & settlements on / Coast o Africa, viz: -

Adm. 1. 2289.

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Adm. 1. 2289.

Copy o a letter from Captain Pyc, Commander o his Majesty's ship Humber, to / Secretary o / Admiralty, dated Humber, off St. Thomas, / 18th o March, 1749-50.

141] fo. 425-427.

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Adm. 1. 2289.

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Copy o a letter from Captain Pyc, Commander o his Majesty's ship Humber, to / Secretary o / Admiralty, dated March 19th, 1749-50.

Copy o a letter from / Council at Cape Coast, to Captain Pyc, dated at Cape Coast Castle, / 18th January, 1749-50.

Copy o a paper, dated Cape Coast Castle, 10th February, 1749-50, signed w / members o / principal Cabovers & inhabitants o / Town o Cape Coast in Africa in favour o Richard Stockwell Esquire, the late Governor.

An acct o / state & condⁿ o Cape Coast Castle tog w / Castle slaves, military stores, canoes & o^r vessels, thereto belong^g, by order o a survey made by order o Captain Pyc, / 14th February, 1749.

Plans o / sev^l forts & settlements on / Coast o Africa.

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161.] Co. 36-39.
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Wednesday, February 12, Present; - Earl o Halifax, Mrs Grenville, Lord
Dapplin

Read a letter fm Mr. William Hollier, Secretary to / Committee o / Co
o Merchants Trade to Africa, to / Board, dated / 8th instant, acquaintg
them w / proceedg^s & regulat^{ns} o / sd committee in conjunc^{tn} w / Court o
Assistants o / Royal African Co.

165.] Co. 47-50.
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Tuesday, March 5, Present; - Earl o Halifax, Mrs Grenville, Lord Dapplin,
Mr Townshend.

Said members o / Royal African Co o England attendg were called in
& presented to / Board; -

A Memorial o / Royal African Co o England to / Lords Commissioners
of Trade & Plantat^{ns}, dated / 4th instant, relatg to a dispute w / new
co concerng / appointm^t & regulat^{ns} o officers upon / Coast & during / Board's
determinat^{ns} thereupon.

Copy o a letter sent fm / Royal African Co to / new co, dated 19th February 1750.

Copy o / new co's letter to / old co, dated 24th February, 1750.

Names o four persons nam^d at Cape Coast.

Whereupon the Lordship acquaintd them t^o w / Act o Parliam^t passd in / last session
o Parliam^t relative to / African Trade sd not take effect as to t^o part o it, wh gives this Board
a power over / officers o / co thereby established untill / old co shd be dissolved, it was not
possible for them to give them any advice in what manner to conduct themselves w regard to
the officers.

Tuesday, March 12, Present: - Earl of Halifax, Mr. Grenville, Lord Dupplin, Mr. Fane,
169] fo. 58-61.

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Read a Letter for Mr. Cleveland, Secretary to / Lords of Admiralty, dated 1
4th of February, 1750, inclosg some papers (in addn to those sent in his letter of 1
31st of December last) relaty to / ports & settlements on / coast of Africa. letter, but not
inclos. is in
CO. 388/45

181] fo. 91-94.
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Trade,
Africa.

Tuesday, April 16, Present: - Lord Dupplin, Mr. Fane.

Read a letter for Mr. Hollier, Secretary to / Committee of Merchants Trade to
Africa, dated 18th of March 1750, inclosg / instr^{ns} prepared by / sd Com-
mittee of / affairs sent out this year to / Coast of Africa for / Board's approbaⁿ.

217] fo. 184-188.
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Trade, ^{Sum}
Africa, ^{Palatines}
to ^{Sardinia}

Tuesday, July 9, Present: - Earl of Halifax, Mr. Grenville, Mr. Fane,

Read a copy of a letter for Mr. Anthony Foster, master of ship Penelope, to
Messrs. Barnett & Pole, inclosg a deposiⁿ of / sd master & his ships co, dated
January 9th, 1750-1, relaty to a settle^{mt} of French on / coast of Africa,
received for Mr. Hollier, Secretary to / New African Co.

231] fo. 224-227,
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Wednesday, November 20, Present: - Mr. Pitt, Mr. Grenville, Lord Dupplin,

Read / followg papers received for / Committee of / Co of Merchants Trade to
Africa, viz: -

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Africa. p. 14.

Instr^{ns} for / Committee of / Co of Merchants Trade to Africa to Thomas Melville,
Inquire, chief agent, etc., at Cape Coast Castle, 14th April 1751. CO. 388/45

... [Gambia] ...

N.C.

Total £10,608:9:2

Acct of / Co of Merchants Trade to Africa distinguishg each part^s of / sums of money
received & disbursed by them since the establish^{mt}.

The Lordships upon consideraⁿ of / above acct decreed t^h there was no part^s acct of /

distribⁿ & applicⁿ o/ goods sent to / parts o/ Gambia & Cape Coast nor o/ establish^{mt}
th^r; & th^r was also no acct o/ dispo^s o/ £800 ^{per} annum allowed by Parliam^t o/
th^r home establish^{mt}, & th^r were sent articles charged separate^{ly} fm th^r o^r to b^e charged
under th^r heads.

Ordered th^t / Secretary do write to / sd Committee to acquaint them wth these observ^{ns},

132] fo. 227-229
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Africa.

Friday, November 22, Present: - Mr Pitt, Mr Grenville, Lord Dupplin.
Mr. Hollis, Secretary to / Committee o/ Co o Merchants tradg to
Africa, attendg, laid before / Board / following papers, viz: -

Copy o a letter from Thomas Melville, Esquire, chief agent, President o/
Council, Treasurer & Warehouse Keeper at Cape Coast Castle to / Com-
mittee o/ Co o Merchants tradg to Africa, dated 11th July, 1751, relatg
to / present state o affairs upon th^e coast.

Acct o / palaver at Anamaboe betwⁿ Captain Derbyshire & / Fantiems
... [Gambia] ...

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[Palaver at Dd 42.
Dixcove]
" Dd 43

Copy o / President & Council's letter, 24th June, 1751, to / Commissioners o
"Ships at Anamaboe, wth th^r answer.

Copy o Mr Melville's letter o / 6th July, 1751, to / Dutch Gen., wth / answer,
2nd July, N.S.

Copy o / Chief o Dixcove's letter to / President & Council at Cape Coast
Castle, 9th July, 1751.

... [Gambia] ...

Copy o Captain Derbyshire's letter o / 24th June, 1751.

Ordered th^t extracts be made o such parts o / above-mentioned papers as relate to / be-
haviour o / Dutch at Dixcove, & to / conduct o / captains o his Majesty's ships to be trans-
mitted to / Secretary o State, & to / Lords Commissioners o / Admiralty, & th^t / draughts o
letters th^rewith be prepared.

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[^o Secretary of / Bo for P. ?]
Dorcy, Robert, Earl of Holderness, H. M.
Minister at / Hague. - Index.251] fo. 15-16. Friday, January 10, Present; - Earl of Halifax, Lord Dupplin, Mr. Fane,
Vol. 60. Mr Townshend.1751-2
Trade. ^{CO 309} 45
Africa. Dd. 47.
Read a letter from / Committee of / Royal African Co to / Board, dated December, 1751. in answer to a letter from Mr Pownall, * contains observations upon several articles of expence arising in / execution of the Trust stated in their accounts laid before / Board. [Copied p 19 post]

Mr Hollis, Secretary to / Committee of Merchants Trade to Africa, attendg, was called in & he laid before the Lords hips / following paper: -

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Distribⁿ of £800 granted by Parliam^t / charges of / Committee of Merchants Trade to Africa.The Lords hips then acquainted Mr Hollis & as it appeared by / above-mentioned letter from / Committee & articles of charge mentioned in Mr Pownalls letter to them were not permanent expences, they had no objection to the being placed in / acct of disposiⁿ of money granted by Parliam^t for / support of / forts & settlements upon / coast of Africa, but & the Lords hips recommended to / Committee of / future to confine all expences relative to the Trust to £800 allowed by Parliam^t for the service.

... [Pamela] ...

253] fo. 19-21.

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Africa.

Tuesday, January 14, Present; - Earl of Halifax, Mr Pitt, Lord Dupplin,
Mr Fane, Mr Townshend.The draught of a letter to / Earl of Holderness * inclosg extracts & copies of several letters & papers laid before / Board by / Committee of Merchants Trade to Africa, having been prepared pursuant to / minutes of 22nd of November last; was laid before / Board & ordered to be transmitted.

256] fo. 26-29 Wednesday, January 15. Present: - Earl o Halifax, Mr Pitt, Lord Dupplin,
1751-2 Mr. Townshend.

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p. 268.
Trade. The draught o a letter to / Earl o Holderness enclosing copies o extracts o
Africa. / letters & papers laid before / Board by / Committee o Merchants trading
to Africa having bⁿ transcribed pursuant to / preced^d days minutes, was
laid before / Board & signed. [copied p. 173 post]

Thursday, January 16, Present: - Earl o Halifax, Mr Pitt, Mr. Grenville,
Lord Dupplin, Mr. Fans, Mr. Townshend.

Trade. Read a letter fm / Earl o Holderness, one o his Majesty's Secretaries o State,
Africa. dated / 15th January, 1752, referring to / consideraⁿ o Board / following paper: -
CO 388/45
Dd. 50
51.
Memorial o Committee o Co o Merchants trading to Africa to / King's
most excellent Majesty concerning a fort to be at Anamaboe.
dated / 6th o November, 1751. [copied pp. 22 & 23 see post]

[French at
Anamaboe]

257] fo. 29-32. Resolved t / sd letter & memorial be taken into consideraⁿ on Tuesday
Vol. 60. next, & t / Secretary do write to / Committee o Co o Merchants trading to
1751-2 Africa, to desire the attendance on t day.
Trade.
Africa.

258] fo. 35-37. Tuesday, January 21. Present: - Earl o Halifax, Mr. Grenville, Lord
Vol. 60 Dupplin, Mr. Fans, Mr. Townshend.
1751-2 The Committee o Merchants trading to Africa attending pursuant to /
Trade. minutes o / 16th instant, they were called in & / letter fm / Earl o Holderness
Africa. & also / memorial o / sd Co to his Majesty, relating to / building a fort
at Anamaboe, hadⁿ bⁿ read, they acquainted / Board t they approved t / building a fort
at Anamaboe at this conjuncture w^d be a means o preserving / rights o / naⁿ & securing & protecting / trade o his

[French at
Anamaboe]

Mr. Boulden, London.
Mr. Boscawen, Bristol &
Liverpool, Abraham James

Buffs

Majesty's subjects upon / Gold Coast; & as John Corranlee was near 83 old they apprehended his view on propos^d / build^d a fort was to secure to his family, his wther & posses^{ns}, & if his offer was not accepted, the^{re} was reason to believe he m^t apply to / French or some o^r Powers; & if we neglected this opp^s we m^t never h^{ave} another, as John Corranlee wd probably resent a refusal o his offer; beg asked if they hd also heard o any former applic^{ns} o build^d a fort here, they sd they never hd, & / old African Co deserted / fort we hd formerly here. They wd acquainted the Lordships w / best sort o negroes wd be got at E place, wh they considered as a key to / whole Trade o / Gold Coast; & most o / European Trade was removed from Cape Coast to Anamaboe; if / French shd get poss^{ns} o it, we shd not be able to carry on any Trade at Cape Coast Castle; & as to / plan & design o build^d / fort, Mr Knowles upon consult^d w persons best acquainted w / sit^{ua}oⁿ o / place was o opinion it wd not be proper to build it upon / found^{ns} o / old one, but to remove it a little nearer / sea, / old one beg at too gr^{eat} a dist^{ance}; & they h^{ad} constantly paid ground rent f / ground whereon / old fort stood & some lands ab^{ove} it, & if they apprehend this wd extend to / ground whereon they proposed to build / new fort; & they apprehended they sd build it as cheap, if not cheaper than in England, f although they shd be obliged to send out bricks & timber, yet E wd be no gr^{eat} expence, & wd be

260] fo. 34-40. Counterbalanced by / gr^{eat} sav^{ing} upon labour, wh they apprehended wd not be o^{ne}'s chargeable more especially as Corranlee hd made offers o so gr^{eat} assistance; beg asked if / expence o build^d this fort m^t not be defrayed out o / £10,000 granted by Parliam^{nt} f / support o / forts & protect^{ns} o / Trade, they sd they apprehended it sd not, as Mr Richards hd not only expended all / goods sent out w him but also run them in debt £3,000, & they sd not say how far / goods now sent out wd answer E debt; & if only ~~the~~ £2,000 was granted f / parliam^{nt} they wd begin upon / work & were w^{ill}ing to take / money as / work went on.

The Committee beg w^{ith} drawn the Lordships after consider^{ns} o this affair ordered / draught o a report thereupon to / Earl o Holderness to be prepared.

• Dec o / palace at Driscow?

Wednesday, January 22. Present:— Earl of Halifax, Mr. Grenville, Lord Dupplin.

Trade. The Lordships beg informed E Mr. Hollis, Secretary to / Committee o / Co o Merchants Africa Trade to Africa, was attended w Mr. Crickton, who had b'n chief agent to / old African Co at Cape Coast Castle, they were called in, & Mr. Crickton beg asked if he cd give / Board any informⁿ relative to / ground rent p'd by / Co at Anamatoe, he acquainted the Lordships E it appeared by an entry in / journals o / old Co, a copy o wh entry he produced, E they paid 12 ann^s beg abt £3 per month to / Draffro & Corantooms o Fanteem f ground rent & water custom at Anamatoe & / two adjacent towns of Aggeh & Anashan, wh had b'n paid ever since / English had any fort thr; E he apprehended / pay^m o / ground rent gave / English a right o buildg a fort in any part o / town o Anamatoe; E / water custom was f / privilege & freedom o / road & use o / water. Mr. Crickton beg asked as to his opinion as to / properest spot f buildg a fort upon, he set E / spot where / old fort was built was in his opinion / most proper beg near / water side & secured fm any danger fm / sea by / surf wh is always 1/2 q^r thr, so E few shot fm a ship can take place; E / buildg a new one upon / old foundaⁿ wd however be attended w inconvenience as he was informed E / bank or isthm^s f / recepⁿ o water wh is absolutely necessary in all forts thr, was so low as to be incapable o beg cleaned so as to be made use o agⁿ.

262.] fo. 43 = 46 Wednesday, January 29. Present:— Earl of Halifax, Mr. Pitt, Mr. Grenville, Mr. Townshend, Mr. Oswald,

Miscellaneous.

A Commisⁿ under / Gr Seal bears date / 6th o January, 1752, appoin^g George Dunt, Earl of Halifax, John Pitt, James Grenville,

Esquire, Thomas Hay, commonly Lord Viscount Dupplin, Francis Fane, Charles Townshend, Andrew Stone & James Oswald, Esquires, Commissioners f promot^s / Trade o this Kingdom & inspect^s & improv^s / plantaⁿs in America & elsewhere was opened & read.

Trade. The draught o a report to / Earl o Holderness upon / memorial presented to his Majesty
Africa, by / Committee o Merchants Trade to Africa relatg to / building a fort at Anamaboe
having bn prepared pursuant to / minutes o / 21st instant, was laid before / Board.
Resolved t this report be taken into consideraⁿ on Friday next, & t / Secretary do write
to Admiral Knowles to desire his attend^{ce} on / Board t day.

263] fo. 46-48. Friday, January 31, Present: - Earl o Halifax, Mr Pitt, Mr Grenville,
Vol. 60. Mr. Fane, Mr. Townshend.
1757-2. Admiral Knowles attendg, as desired, was called in & beg asked
Trade. wh^r if it shd be tho^r advisable to build a new fort at Anamaboe upon
Africa. / Coast o Africa, / ground whereon / old fort stood was a proper situaⁿ
or wh^r it mt be advisable to build it upon some o^r spot. he acquainted the
lordships t he never was ashore at t place; t he had lain sometime in / Road & for the
what he cd observe for his ship he was o opinion / ground whereon / old fort stood
was / not proper as it commands / Channel & was not within gunshot o / fort wh
/ Dutch h at t place; t / old fort stood in a valley shut in on / landside by hills
& t if / new fort shd be built upon / side o these hills it shd be o^r resp^{ns}ible, as on one
side / walls must be o^r high; t as to / faultness o / plank or w^ol^m, if it was well cleaned &
lined w^o bricks, it mt be used agⁿ.

Admiral Knowles beg. with thanks, the lordships took into consideraⁿ / draught o a
report to / Earl o Holderness upon / memorial o / Committee o / Co o Merchants Trade to
Africa, agreed thereto & ordered it to be transcribed.

264] fo. 48-57. Tuesday, February 4. Present: - Earl o Halifax, Mr Pitt, Mr Grenville, Mr Fane,
1757-2. Mr Oswald.
Trade. The draught o a report to / Earl o Holderness upon / memorial o / Committee o
Africa. Merchants Trade to Africa relatg to / building a fort at Anamaboe, having bn
transcribed pursuant to / minutes o / 21st o January, was laid before / Board
& signed. [Copied post p. 174]

Hill, Thomas Secretary to Board - mss.

269] fo. 62-65. Wednesday, February 12. Present: - Earl of Halifax, Mr. Grenville, Mr. Townshend, Mr. Oswald.

1751-2. ^{CO 288/45} ^{Dd 52} Read a letter from Mr. Stokewell to / Board, dated at Cape Coast Castle, July 23rd 1751, containing his observa^{ns} upon / Act of Parli^{mt} lately passed for regu- Africa. ^{CO 288/45} ^{Dd 50} ^{Inc. in Hist. MSS. p. 537} Africa. ^{CO 288/45} ^{Dd 50} ^{Inc. in Hist. MSS. p. 537} Read a letter from Mr. Thomas Boteler at Cape Coast Castle to Mr. Hill dated July 23rd 1751. mss. ^{CO 288/45} ^{Dd 50} ^{Inc. in Hist. MSS. p. 537} letter or remonstrance from Mr. Thomas Boteler, one of chief agents at Cape Coast to Thomas Melville, Esquire, President of Council etc, setting forth / hardships / cos servants will lye under, as well as / trade in gen by beg restrained from tradg wth foreigners.

Ordered t^h / above-mentioned letters be taken into considera^{on} to-morrow morn^g.

Thursday, February 13. Present: - Earl of Halifax, Mr. Grenville, Lord Dupplin, Mr. Fane, Mr. Townshend, Mr. Oswald.

Trade. The lords hips pursuant to / precedg days minutes, took into consider^{on} / letters from Messrs. Africa. ^{CO 288/45} ^{Dd 51} ^{CO 288/45} ^{Dd 52} ^{CO 288/45} ^{Dd 53} ^{CO 288/45} ^{Dd 54} ^{CO 288/45} ^{Dd 55} ^{CO 288/45} ^{Dd 56} ^{CO 288/45} ^{Dd 57} ^{CO 288/45} ^{Dd 58} ^{CO 288/45} ^{Dd 59} ^{CO 288/45} ^{Dd 60} ^{CO 288/45} ^{Dd 61} ^{CO 288/45} ^{Dd 62} ^{CO 288/45} ^{Dd 63} ^{CO 288/45} ^{Dd 64} ^{CO 288/45} ^{Dd 65} ^{CO 288/45} ^{Dd 66} ^{CO 288/45} ^{Dd 67} ^{CO 288/45} ^{Dd 68} ^{CO 288/45} ^{Dd 69} ^{CO 288/45} ^{Dd 70} ^{CO 288/45} ^{Dd 71} ^{CO 288/45} ^{Dd 72} ^{CO 288/45} ^{Dd 73} ^{CO 288/45} ^{Dd 74} ^{CO 288/45} ^{Dd 75} ^{CO 288/45} ^{Dd 76} ^{CO 288/45} ^{Dd 77} ^{CO 288/45} ^{Dd 78} ^{CO 288/45} ^{Dd 79} ^{CO 288/45} ^{Dd 80} ^{CO 288/45} ^{Dd 81} ^{CO 288/45} ^{Dd 82} ^{CO 288/45} ^{Dd 83} ^{CO 288/45} ^{Dd 84} ^{CO 288/45} ^{Dd 85} ^{CO 288/45} ^{Dd 86} ^{CO 288/45} ^{Dd 87} ^{CO 288/45} ^{Dd 88} ^{CO 288/45} ^{Dd 89} ^{CO 288/45} ^{Dd 90} ^{CO 288/45} ^{Dd 91} ^{CO 288/45} ^{Dd 92} ^{CO 288/45} ^{Dd 93} ^{CO 288/45} ^{Dd 94} ^{CO 288/45} ^{Dd 95} 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Trade,
Africa,
Mr Touchitt,
Mr. Poole,
Mr. Bruce,
Mr. Scott.

The Lords hips pursuant to / preced^d minutes, took into considerⁿ / papers
relat^g to / Trade to Africa mentioned therein & sent o / Committee o / Co o Mar^{ts} shant^s
had^g their attend^g, as desired, w / Mr Hollis, the Secretary, they were called in.

The Lords hips then informed them t they hd hd under the considerⁿ /
letters to / Committee for Mr Melville & Mr. Roberts w the answers thereto, & also
two o letters to / Board for Messrs. Stackwell & Roberts; t it appeared to them
t sent o / points contained in Mr Melville's letter were too lightly taken notice
o in the answers, & t part^{ly} they hd signified the approbⁿ in / most positive manner
o Mr Melville's having introduced / culture o cotton & indigo upon t Coast, / reasons f wch they
sd t be glad to be inform^d o as it appeared to be upon a new plan o Commerce wh was a matter
o a very doubt full nature & required a v^y serious considerⁿ; t / introduc^g o culture & industry
amongt / negroes was contrary to / known policy o this Trade; t this was no say^g where this
m^t stop t t m^t extend to tobacco, sugar & v^y o commodity wh we now take from our
Colonies; & thereby / Africans who now support themselves by w^{ch} w^{ch} become planters &
the slaves be employed in / culture o these articles in Africa, wh they are now employed in,
in America; t our possess^{ns} in America were firmly secured to us, whereas those in Africa
were more open to / invasions o an enemy, & besides t in Africa we were only tenants in
/ soil wh we held at / good will o / natives.

Whereupon Mr. Poole acquainted / Board t Mr. Melville hd taken this slip entirely
upon his own judgm^t & wth any instr^{ns} from / Committee; t however upon considerⁿ o /
measure it was approv^d o by / Committee who did not think it necessary to enter into
a detail o the reasons in the letter; t the opinion was founded upon / necess^{ty} the
was f these articles in our English manufactures as Mr. Touchitt, who was well acquainted
w / nature o / case, cd shew the Lords hips.

Mr. Touchitt then inform^d / Board t / Committee did consider t / introduc^g /
culture o cotton in Africa m^t give some umbrage to / Westⁿ Indies; t as to indigo,
this was none produced in any o / colonies except Carolina; t however / encourage m^t

27] fo. 68-71. lately given by / Parliam^t had not answered / and proposed, / Carolina indigo was bad
Oct. 60. & but a small quantity produced; & we were therefore obliged to import our indigo from
1751-2 France & Spain chiefly from France; & when France did not encourage / growth o it, so
Trade, & it sometimes happened they had not enough of themselves; & had actually threatened to
Africa, prohibit / exportⁿ o it, wh^{ch} wd^d g^{tly} distress our w^{estern} manufacture, & / more so (as)
our trade to Spain is chiefly of blue cloth; & / price o indigo in Spain had usually b^{een}
abt 3/6 per pound, but was now risen to 6/6 per pound; & as to cotton it was pretty much under
/ some circumstances, & wd^d be v^l little cotton now from / West Indies & t^{he} chiefly from / Virgin Islands;
& formerly we had cotton from Santa Lucia; & although planters do at first begin w^{ith} cotton, yet
as soon as they are able they always fall into / growth o sugars, wh^{ch} was not to be wondered at
as sugars now sold, / muscovado for 35 to 40 shillings / 100 weight, & clayed up to 50; &
we now take our cotton w^{ith} g^t disadvantage from / Turkey & o^{ther} places, whereas if we grew cotton
in Africa / raw materials wd^d be worked up here & sent out again in manufactures to our g^t advantage.

Mr. Briscoe then observed 'as to what the Lordships sd o it to be impossible to know
when / where? / his culture wd^d stop, he apprehended it was only intended to ~~teach~~ teach / art o
cultivat^{ing} indigo & cotton to / negroes abt / Forts.

Mr. Pocke then observed 'as to what had b^{een} sd w^{as} respect to alter^{ing} o policy, necessity
m^{ight} make it right to alter / principal; & t^{hat} if no indigo was produced & cotton decreased
in / colonies, it m^{ight} be right to cultivate them in Africa, & t^{hat} if sugars were suffered
to be cultivated in Africa it wd^d enable us to supply all / merchants in Europe; & we sh^d
by all means to distress / French navig^{ation}; & formerly / French sugars passed through
our colonies, by wh^{ch} means we were / carriers o all / produce o America, but t^{he} now /
French had their own shipping to import the produce.

Mr. Touchitt then observed t^{hat} / whole o / quest^{ion} rested upon / point wh^{ether} our property
& possess^{ions} in Africa were established & secured w^{as} respect to / natives, if if our possess^{ions}
was dependant upon / natives, & we were only tenants at will, it was clear t^{hat} / introducing
o culture & produce m^{ight} prove o bad consequ^{ence}.

The Lordships upon / whole acquainted / Committee t^o as / introduced industry & / cultureⁿ such
Commodities as are produced in our Colonies appeared to be contrary to what had been hitherto b^on
/ policy o this country, they as a Board c^d not give countenance to it w^o law / sense o Parliam^t
& therefore recommend to them to write to Mr Melville to acquaint him t^h e^t not so to
interest upon such a measure w^o orders fr^m home & to direct him to suspend any f^ur pro-
ceed^gs in this scheme until / sense o Parliam^t be known.

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Trade.

Africa.

The Lordships then observed to / Committee t^h it appeared fr^m Mr Melville
letter t^h he had undertaken to open / paths into / Ashantee country, but t^h it
seemed fr^m what he sd abt it, as if he had not consulted / Factors in this
& was not upon good terms w^o John Corantee; he makes men^t o draw^g
/ Trade fr^m Annamaboe to Cape Coast = represented ag^t build^g a
fort th^{er}; t^h this appeared to the Lordships to be a v^ly x^ov^ly conduct, totally
inconsistent w^o intern^t & contrary to / sentiments & direⁿs^o o / Committee themselves.

To this / Committee observed t^h they did not think Mr Melville sd h^o undertaken
/ open^g / paths w^o / Ashantees, wh^o is o gr^t consequ^q to our trade, unless he c^d carry his
point; t^h it appeared by his letter t^h he had consulted / Factors upon this measure
but concealed / method o carry^g it into execⁿ & t^h was reason to think he
placed more confidence in Gujo^e Caboccer than in John Corantee.

whereupon the Lordships recommended to / Committee to direct him fr^m / future
upon all occaⁿs to cultivate & improve a good understand^g w^o / Factors & part^ly
part^ly John Corantee & his son William who has b^on v^ly sensible to /
English interest & has done all t^h lay in his power to promote & secure it.

The Lordships then took notice to / Committee t^h there was another point
ar^{is}g fr^m these letters wh^o was / remonstrance o some o / officers ag^t / restraint wh^o
they are laid under o not trade w^o foreigners; t^h as this was a point in wh^o
people were o a diff^t opinion, tho it was gently considered as a wrong th^g as introduc^g
/ French upon / coast, the Lordships were desirous o know^g / sent^{ts} o / Committee upon it.

whereupon / Committee observed t^e this trade was contrary to / intent^{ns} of / Act o^r Parliament, as wd appear by / preamble o' it, t^e therefore they had given instruct^{ns} to Mr. Melville to forbid the officers from carry^{ng} it on & to endeavour to prevent it in d^o: t^e wth / pretence t^e / French only take refuse slaves, if they are permitted to come upon / coast they wd get / good as well as / bad; t^e this trade sh^d to be forbid by Act o^r Parliament

Mr. Crofton, formerly agent to / old African Co at Cape Coast attendg was called in, & beg^d asked his opinion as to / advantage or disadvantage o^r a trade wth / French upon / coast o^r Africa, he acquainted the lordships t^e it was wth / often o^r advantage to trade wth / French, but if it was admitted they wd get / whole trade into the hands, o^r wth he remembrd had an instance when they were in sole possess^{on} o^r trade at / Mamaboc & /

[French at Mamaboc] English ships were obliged to go off; t^e / English by / superiority o^r goods h^d always / refusal o^r trade if / private traders did not furnish / Dutch wth goods; t^e there was no 343] to 46-47. || French trade upon / coast before 1734, & t^e / English took all / best slaves Vol. 60. & / Dutch /^d in order to furnish a contract they were under / sendg 13,000 1751-2. slaves annually to Surinam.

Trade. The Committee then observed t^e it was impossible to prevent / English Africa. Trade wth / French through / Dutch & / natives, but by prohibiting all trade upon / coast both wth / French & Dutch, in wth case / Dutch sh^d not get English woollen goods but at a g^t dis advantage.

whereupon the lordships acquainted / Committee t^e whenever they sh^d think proper to lay before them a memorial upon this subject, they sh^d take it into full consider^{ns}, & in / mean- time recommended to them to enforce / instruct^{ns} they h^d already given by restraining a trade wth / French in a more positive manner.

The Committee then withdrew.

285] Friday, March 6. Present: - Earl of Halifax, Mr. Grenville, Lord Duplein, Mr. Townshend, Mr. Oswald.

286] fo. 111-114. Read / follow^g papers received from Mr. Hollis, Secretary to / Committee of / Co 1751-2. o Merchants trade to Africa, viz.:-

Trade, Co 980/45. Copies o letters from Thomas Melville, Esquire, President o / Council ^{at} Cape Coast Africa. Dd 60. Castle, dated 26th August o 16th September, 1751. To / Committee of / Co o Merchants trade to Africa relaty to / state o affairs upon t coast

[Palmer at Dixcar] Copy o a letter from Mr. Melville to / Dutch Gen at damme, dated 31st July, 1751. Dd 61. o / sd Gen's answer thereto

294] Wednesday, April 15. Present: - Earl of Halifax, Mr. Grenville, Mr. Oswald.

290] fo. 146-149. Read a letter from Mr. Cleveland, Secretary to / Lords Commissioners of Admiralty. 1752 Gambia dated / 14th instant, to / Secretary, in answer to his letter o / 15th January Trade. Dd 62. Past concerning / misbehaviour of captain's o His Majesty's ships on / coast o Africa. Africa

316] fo. 202-205 Thursday, May 7. Present: - Earl of Halifax, Mr. Pitt, Mr. Grenville, Mr. Townshend, Mr. Oswald.

Trade, Dd 63. Read a letter from Mr. Amyand, Secretary to / Lords Justices, dated / Africa: Dd 69. 30th April, 1752, referring to this Board copy o a letter from Mr. Cleveland, Secretary to / Lords of Admiralty, inclos^g several papers relaty to disputes ^{*} between / English Council at Dixcar o a party o / natives thereto.

[Palmer at Dixcar] Read a letter from Mr. Hollis, Secretary to / Co o Merchants trade to Africa, dated 29th April, 1752, inclos^g a copy o Mr. Melville's letter to / sd Committee, dated at Cape Coast Castle, 15th November, 1751 and transmitt^g: - Dd 69

* Wm. / C.J. act^g as Regent during absence in Henrico o George II (1727-1760)?

• Sec^y's letter o 15 Jan. is not mentioned in / minutes o R date.

Dd. 72. 73. 74. 75
76. 77.

"The Originals were
sent back to Mrs
Hollis to be copied"
Read May 21st 1752
[Commenda]

Short narraⁿ o/ Dixian quarrell. [93 this Melbills PS on Red ledgers p 513?]

And Articles o agree^{mt} betwⁿ / Council o Cape Coast & / Dutch Gen o Elmina.

Abstract o letters betwⁿ / President & Council at Cape Coast Castle & /
Dutch Gen o Elmina relative to / Atchumah quarrell.

Transac^{ns} betwⁿ / Council at Cape Coast Castle & / Dutch Gen at Elmina
relative to / Commenda quarrell.

Valueⁿ o / Cos slaves at / outports [outposts?].

Copies o letters betwⁿ / Honourable Captain Howe & / Council at Cape Coast
Castle.

[Paladin at Dixian]

Ordered t these papers be taken into consideraⁿ on Tuesday next.

Tuesday, May 12. Present; - Earl o Halifax, Mr. Pitt, Mr. Grenville, Lord Dupplin,
Mr. Oswald.

Trade. The Lordships also took into ^{the} consideraⁿ / papers relative to / dispute betwⁿ /
Africa. Council o Cape Coast Castle & / Dutch Gen at Elmina. mentioned in / preced^s
minutes & ordered / Secretary to write to / Committee o Merchants Trade to
Africa to desire the attend^{ce} at / Board on Thursday next at 11 o'clock in / m^r.

017] Thursday, May 14. Present; - Earl o Halifax, Mr. Pitt, Mr. Grenville, Lord Dupplin,
Mr. Fane, Mr. Oswald.

018] fo. 209-212. The Committee o / Co o Merchants Trade to Africa attend^g wth Mr.
1752. Hollis, the Secretary, as desired, the Lordships took into consideration /
Trade. present stat^e o affairs upon / Coast o Africa & / follow^g papers were read.
Africa. viz. :-

Copies o two letters, dated Cape Coast Castle, 20th February, 1752, from Mr.
Melbills to / Committee o / Co o Merchants Trade to Africa.

Dd 79. 80 81.
The Originals were
sent back to Mrs
Hollis to be copied
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Copy of a letter from Messrs. William Husbands & Elizabeth Young, two of /
Council of Cape Coast Castle, to / Committee of / Co of Merchants Trade to
Africa. Dated at 20th February, 1752, at Anamaboe

Letter from William Husbands, one of / Council of Cape Coast Castle, to /
Committee of / Co of Merchants Trade to Africa. Dated Anamaboe, 18th February 1752.

Copy of a letter from Captain Buckle, Commander of a Squadron of his Majesty's ships
of war upon / coast of Africa, to Mr Cleland, Secretary to / Lords of Admiralty,
dated / ~~20th~~ 19th February, 1752.

Letter from William Ansah Sessara coa, son of John Corranlee, chief
Cabbocur of Anamaboe to / Earl of Halifax, dated / 20th February, 1752.

Original is in
Adm. 1. 1485 Dd 82
[Copied]
MS Adm. 1. 58.

MS Adm. 1. 58.
Dd 83.

The Lords Ship then observed to / Committee & it clearly appeared from / foregoing letters
to unless a fort was begun to be built as soon as possible, not only to place it in a good
situation w^{ch} / whole British interest upon the coast; & / late transac^{ns} confirmed / opinion wh^{ch} /
Committee gave to / Board some time ago of necessity of building such a fort; & therefore the
Lordships did recommend to them to make as early an applic^{on} as possible to / Lords Justice
Prays before them / present state of affairs upon / coast of the Excellencies' direc^{ns} thereupon
to no time m^t be lost in taking / necessary steps to preserve & save / British interest there.

The Lordsships then observed to / Committee upon such parts of / foregoing letters as related
to / conduct of Mr Melville, / Gov agent at Cape Coast; & it appeared to he had acted upon
principles in consistent wth / sense of nat^l / opinion of this Board & / private direc^{ns} of / Co
themselves, & w^{ch} can not but prove fatal to / Trade & interest of this country;
to instead of cultivating a friendship wth / France it appeared to he had done
everything to set on foot to alienate the affec^{ns}; & he had taken no step
to defeat / designs of French upon the arrival at Anamaboe, but on /
contrary sent / France a bottle of rum in contempt, at / time / French
were giv^{ng} them some hundred gallons, & it appeared to / confessed mistake
of encouragement given to / French upon the com^g last to Anamaboe, was Mr Melville
They accompanied Captⁿ Buckle on his Squadron's visit to Anamaboe.

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treat^m o / Factors, & to while t god was sendg out fleets o ships & measures are takg. to
presert t place fm fallg into / hands o / French, an officer o / Co contrary to the dire^{ns} is
counteractg these measures & endeavourg to render ineffectual w^g slip wh it has bn that
proper to take; & therefore as it appeared t Mr Melville hd acted so improper a part & hd
behaved so ill, / Board desired to know what dire^{ns} / Committee proposed to send him.

Whereupon / Committee acquainted / Board t they wd consider o what hd appeared
w respect to Mr Melville's conduct & attend / Board on this day fortnight in order to lay
before them the opinion thereupon, & desired they m^d b a copy o Mr William Ansahs
letter to / Earl o Halifax wh was ordered to be given to them & then they withdrew,

Ordered t / Secretary do transmit copies o / letters laid before / Board by / Com-
mittee o / Co o merchants tradg to Africa, & also a copy o Mr Williams (Ansahs) letter to
/ Earl o Halifax, to / Secretary to / Lords Justice to be laid before the Exchequer as soon as
possible.

Ordered t / papers relative to / state o affairs upon / Coast o Africa be taken into full
consider^{tn} on Wednesday, / 24th instant.

920] fo. 215-218. The Secretary laid before / Board / two followg papers received fm Mr Hollis,
1702, Secretary to / Co of Committee o / Co tradg to Africa, viz. -

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Copy o a letter fm / Committee o / Co o merchants tradg to Africa to Thomas
Melville, Esquire, President o / Council, etc, at Cape Coast Castle, dated London,
29th January, 1752.

Copy o a letter fm / Committee o / Co o merchants tradg to Africa to Thomas Melville,
Esquire, President o / Council, etc., at Cape Coast Castle, dated February 18th, 1752

• G.S.P. Dom 9. II. 1702 Bundle No 119. Date July 23.
No. 46. Lord Halifax - enclosg John Corran's letter
(wantg).

821] fo. 218-221.
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Wednesday, May 27, Present: - Earl o Halifax, Mr Pitt, Mr Grenville, Lord Dupplin,
Mr Oswald.

The Lordships pursuant to / minutes o / 14th instant, took into considerⁿ /
papers mentioned therein relative to / present state o affairs upon / coast o Africa.

Thursday, May 28, Present: - Earl o Halifax, Mr Pitt, Mr Grenville, Lord Dupplin,
Mr Oswald.

The Committee o / Co o Merchants Trade to Africa attendg w Mr. Hollis the Secretary, pursuant
to / minutes o / 14th instant, were called in & they presented / following papers to / Board, viz: -
Copy o a letter from Thomas Melville, Esquire, Resident o / Council, etc, at Cape
Coast Castle, to / Committee o / Co o Merchants Trade to Africa, dated 26th December, 1751,
inclosg sevt papers relatg to / disputes w / Dutch.

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but / inclosures 1, 2, 3

are missg. see these

Observat^{ns} o / Committee o / Co o Merchants Trade to Africa upon / conduct o Mr
Melville, the agent at Cape Coast Castle.

The papers having been read / Committee were ordered to wish draw.

The Lordships then took / sd papers into the considerⁿ & after some time spent therein
/ Committee were agⁿ called in, & the Lordships observed to them & having considered the
observat^{ns} upon Mr Melville's conduct, it appeared & in some articles they did not think he
was to be blamed, but & some parts o his conduct they are not able to acctg; & in gen
they thot his conduct right, & & his behaviour w respect to / disputes w / Dutch & in / dis-
patches w ships was much to be commended; & this was a part o his conduct wh / Board
did not in / least complain o; & / charges arising from / sd letters
were, & he endeavoured to stop / Trade from go^g to Anamabor & was
upon all Terms w / Fanter who was a conduct inconsistent w / principles
wh ot to be observed by / Co's agents; & wh he was guilty in whole, or
in part, or wh he acted from mistake or neglect; this circumstance made Mr
Melville a very improper person to carry on so gr & important a work as t^o build a fort

at Memorandum or resolves / affairs of / Families which must necessarily require his bag upon
good terms wth them, & therefore he c^d not perform these services so well as a man not liable
to these objections; & the Lordships did not wonder at / Committee's tenderness wth respect to Mr.
Melville, themselves being equally tender, & therefore sh^d be unwilling, to advise any steps, step
to Mr's prejudice either Mr. Melville's character or interest; & on / the hand however they had
the duty to consider, & by Act of Parliam^t they were empowered to remove any officer of
Co who sh^d be guilty of misbehaviour, & however, as / Committee themselves c^d not but ac-
knowledge & it was impossible for Mr. Melville to carry on / services so well as another
person not liable to / same difficulties, & & they as well as / Board must be uneasy lest any
misfortune sh^d arise to / services from such conduct, it were to be wished to some impediment
c^d be fallen upon; & they had heard to Mr. Melville had desired to come home to concert far-
measures for carry^g on this trade & therefore the Lordships offered it to / consideraⁿ of Com-
mittee who it w^d not be advisable for them to give Mr. Melville leave to come home, when he
m^t be an oppos^t of answering all complaints ag^t him, & / services m^t be entrusted to a person
who w^d be more agreeable to / Families.

The Committee then observed to the Lordships to Mr. Melville had indeed in some of
his letters mentioned a desire of com^g home, & however ill consequences m^t attend / too
frequent chang^g of agents & & they apprehended / services of build^g a fort m^t be carried
on by some o^r person; & however it was impossible for them to give any positive opinion
or answer at present & therefore they hoped / Board w^d indulge them wth a few days
to consider / affair when they w^d wait upon / Board wth the determination. The Lord
then / Committee withdrew.

389] fo. 226-228.

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Thursday, June 4. Present: — Earl of Halifax, Mr. Pitt, Mr. Grenville,
Mr. Townshend.

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The lordship's took into consideration / Letter from Mr Amyand, Secretary to / Lords Justice, inclosg seal papers relaty to a dispute betw'n / agents o / African Co at Cape Coast & those o / Dutch West India Co at Elmina upon / Coast o Africa, mentioned in / minutes o / 4th o May last, & also / Letter & papers wh h b'n laid before / Board by / Committee o / Co o Merchants trads to Africa relative thereto, ordered a state o / points in dispute to be prepared.

326.] No. 234 = 237.

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Africa.

Thursday, June 11, Present: — Earl o Halifax, Mr. Grenville, Lord Dupplin, Mr. Fane, Mr. Townshend, Mr. Osgood.
The Committee o / Co o Merchants trads to Africa attendg, w^{re} called in & Mr Poole, one o / sd Committee, acquainted the lordship & they hd seriously considered what hd appeared wth respect to / conduct o Mr. Melville, the agent at Cape Coast, & w^{re} v^y sensible o & concerned by his conduct in some cases; & however he shd beg leave to lay before / Board / the consequences wh w^d attend / callg him home at this juncture, & fair^{ly} to Mr. Hubbards & Mr. Boteler who were joined wth him hd behaved in such a manner to / Committee, sd hardly consider them as the officers; & if he was to come home / disputes w / Dutch wh he hd so prudently put an end to, & / Hantah affair w^d probably break out agn, & / whole coast m^t be in a flame; & / Committee hd thro^t o puttg Mr. Young into / Council & till t was done & such a Council settled as m^t encourage / officers in the duty it wd be imprudent to recall Mr. Melville, but when this was done they shd submit to what m^t be tho^t expedient; & as to Mr. Melville's drawg / Trade to Cape Coast by / Act o Parli^{mt} / Trade was free to all, & t he apprehend Mr. Melville hd a right to do so,

Mr. Townshend then deliverd to / Board t the w^{re} d^r reasons besides those urged by Mr. Poole f^r not callg home Mr. Melville; & he hd an old acct to settle wth Mr. Roberts; & he was at present employd in gett^g direc^{ns} concerng / fort & makin^g out an establish^{mt}, f^r / want o wh / Committee w^{re} under g^t difficulties; & as to / buildg / fort at Annamaboe / Committee proposd to appoint Mr. Young, who they apprehend wd be agreeable to /

Fantler, agent of buildg / fort. To be sent out w / engineer & to give directions to Mr Melville to assist him in surveying to / utmost o his power.

927] fo. 237-240.

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The Committee then acquainted / Board w / steps they had taken w respect to buildg a fort at Annamaboe & desired / Board's opinion & directions as to / establishment o / sd fort, whr it shd be wholly a military one, or a fort of Trade, whr / chief o it shd be independent o / chief at Cape Coast or if not how far he shd be dependent upon him.

The Lordships then ordered / Committee to withdraw & after some long time spent in / consideration o this affair they were agn called in & the Lordships acquainted them t they had considered / reasons t had bn offered f not calling home Mr Melville at this juncture; t / Committee had expressed an uneasiness & concern f Mr Melville's conduct; t such a conduct at this crisis wd not be vry alarming to / Board, since if any fatal accident was to happen fm it, a g'd deal o national blame must fall either upon / Board or upon / Committee; t it was this consideration wh made / Board think it proper t Mr Melville shd be removed; on o consideration however to his fortune & character, they declined exercising / power vested in them by Act o Parliamt, & were satisfied w proposg an expedient wh they apprehended mt answer / end proposd, & wh they thought mt be accepted; t perhaps some o reasons urged by / Committee f not acceptg it may h some weight in themselves, but wd h none where / ~~public~~ publick safety was at stake; t however such was / Board's regard to / Committee t they were willy to submit to the opinion whn they wd do it w't risque to / publick, t they hoped they mt do it w safety in / present case & therefore shd not insist upon Mr Melville's being called home, provided such orders are given him f / security o / publick interest & safety as / Board shd appear o, & t they hoped this instce o regard to / Committee wd not be attended w any ill consequence, but if any accident shd happen, if / French got shd get possessn, / Committee must take / blame upon themselves & t none wd lie w / Board upon / Board.

The Committee then acknowledged / g^d obligat^{ns} they were under to / Board & / undul-
gence shown them in this affair & acquainted them & they sh^d wth gr^{at} readiness give Mr.
Melville what orders / Board sh^d think proper; whereupon they were told & / Board w^o
consider o what orders m^t be proper to be given to Mr. Melville & also what o what he
w^o sh^d wth respect to / establishm^t o g^d fort, & they were desired to attend agⁿ on Tuesday next;

The Committee then laid before / Board / following papers & withdrew, viz: —

Copy o a letter from Thomas Melville, Esquire, President o / Council, &c., at Cape Coast
Castle, to / Committee o / Co o Merchants tradg to Africa, dated 19th November 1751,
& o / copy o a letter, dated 8th January, 1752, / original o w^{ch} is not yet received.

328] fo. 241-244.

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Tuesday, June, 16. Present: — Gent^l o Halifax, Mr. Grenville, Lord Dupplin, Mr.
Fane, Mr. Townshend, Mr. Oswald.

The Lords sh^ps pursuant to / minutes o Tuesday [sic, meaning Thursday, viz are
no minutes on Trade, Africa & Tuesday 9th], ~~last~~ last, took into consideraⁿ /
papers relat^g to Mr. Melville's conduct upon / coast o Africa, & / Committee o / Co
o Merchants tradg to Africa attending as desired they were called in & presented to / Board.

A letter from Mr. Melville to / Committee, dated at Cape Coast Castle /
14th March 1752, containing an acc^t o present state o affairs upon / coast, &
inclos^g seal papers relat^g to his proceedg^s wth / Commanders o his Majesty's
ships o war at / time / French squadron was at Anamaboe.

? contain Melville's
correspondence wth Buckle
- miss^d for 1752-1753.

The seal letters, & papers havg^g bⁿ read / Committee were ordered to with draw & after some time
spent in / consideraⁿ thereof they were agⁿ called in, when they were told & the Lords sh^ps sh^d
take this affair into f^ul^l consideraⁿ to-morrow morn^g when they were desired to attend
at 10 o'clock.

• Vide Captⁿ Buckle's letter to / Admiralty dt. Anamaboe 19. Feb. 1752.

Wednesday, June 17. Present: — Earl of Halifax, Mr Pitt, Mr Grenville, Lord
Dupperin, Mr Fane, Mr Townshend, Mr Oswald.

Trade. The Lordships took into consideration / letters & papers mentioned in yest^r's
Africa. minutes relative to / present state of affairs upon / coast of Africa, & / Committee
of Co^m Merchants Trade to Africa attended or desired they were called in, &
the Lordships acquainted them to in / consideration of / variety of matters before them relative
to / state of affairs in Africa they had given all possible dispatch & had prepared such
instructions to Mr Melville, / Co's agent there, as appeared to them to be necessary & proper; & as
/ Committee however had since received a letter from Mr Melville / Board thought it proper to /
letter shd be read & considered before the instructions were delivered to them; & it appeared
upon consideration of letter & some part of sd instructions were either improper or unnecessary,
as Mr Melville gives a diff^t acct of state of things to that which appeared from / letter &
endeavours to justify his conduct; & part of others however were still proper to be
given as Mr Melville does not take notice of / particulars to which they relate; & therefore

329] to. 244-244. / Board apprehended that / Committee wd think it advisable if the

Jul. 60. no objection than to justify to Mr Melville to / articles of charge agst

1762. him as they appeared from / former letter shd be transmitted & directed to

Trade. Mr Melville to transmit full proof of allegations in his letter which tend to justify

Africa. his conduct in some points, & also forthwith to transmit his answers to such

parts as are not taken notice of in his letter; & it was the view / Board wd as

soon as possible draw out / articles agst him, attended wth such observations & directions as they

shd think proper; & in / meantime, however, as a ship of war was to sail in a day or two the

Lordships recommend to / Committee to write to Mr Melville to acquaint him wth what has

passed here relative to himself & to recommend to him to do all that lay in his power

to fortify & promote / imp^t service of building a fort at Anamaboe.

399] fo. 275-278. Tuesday, June 30. Present: - Earl of Halifax, Lord Dupplin, Mr. Townshend, Mr. Oswald.

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Africa.

The Lordships took into consideration a sketch of drawings & instances of use & information of Committee of merchants trading to Africa, containing the Lordships' sentiments w^{ch} respect to / late transactions on Mr Melville & / some having been agreed to, was ordered to be transcribed & transmitted to / Committee.

Wednesday, July 1. Present: - Earl of Halifax, Lord Dupplin, Mr. Townshend, Mr. Oswald. Trade. The Lordships took into consideration a state of dispute between agents of / African Co & Africa, those of Dutch West India Co upon / coast of Africa prepared pursuant to / an minutes of 4th June last, & ordered / Secretary to write to / Committee & also to Mr Crichton, formerly agent at Cape Coast Castle, to desire the attendance thereupon at / Board on Tuesday next.

342] fo. 284-287. Tuesday, July 7. Present: - Earl of Halifax, Lord Dupplin, Mr. Townshend, Mr. Oswald.

Trade.

Africa.

The Committee of Co of Merchants trading to Africa attended, as desired by / minutes of Wednesday last, w^{ch} Mr Crichton & Mr Craik, agents to / old African Co, they were called in & the Lordships had some conversation w^{ch} them upon / subject of papers relative to / dispute w^{ch} / Dutch upon / coast of Africa. And then they withdrew.

343] fol. 287-289. Wednesday, July 8. Present: - Earl of Halifax, Lord Dupplin, Mr. Townshend, Mr. Oswald.

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Read a letter from Mr. Laroche to / Board, dated Merchants Hall, Bristol July 3rd 1752, returns / thanks of members of African Co in the city to the Lordships for the gr^{at} care & kind protection of / African Trade.

348] fo. 301-304. Thursday, July 16. Present: - Earl of Halifax, Mr. Pitt, Mr. Townshend, Mr. Oswald.

Trade.

Africa.

The Lordships took into consideration / papers relative to / disputes w^{ch} / Dutch upon / coast of Africa & ordered / draught of a representation thereupon to the Excellencies, / Lords Justices, to be prepared.

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350] fo 307-310. The Secretary laid before / Board James's paper received from / Committee of
1752. Co of Merchants Trade to Africa, viz:

Trade, Co. 388 / Copies of letters from / Committee of Co of Merchants Trade to Africa sent to
Africa. Dd 105 Thomas Milhill, Esquire, President of Council, etc., at Cape Coast Castle
(To go w a copy of a Sketch of observations & instructions drawn up by / Lords
Commissioners of Trade & Plantations for use of / sd Committee),

Tuesday, July 21, Present: - Earl of Halifax, Mr. Townshend, Mr. Stone, Mr. Oswald.

Trade, Commodore Buefle, late Commander of a squadron of his Majesty's ships
Africa upon / coast of Africa, attending was called in & the Lordships he had some conference
with him upon / subject of his transactions while upon the coast & he desired by the
Lordships to lay before them a narrative thereof in writing, he acquainted the Lordships
that he had already prepared a narrative for use of / Lords Commissioners of Admiralty
to which he begged to refer.

Mr Buefle has with drawn the Lordships ordered / Secretary to apply to / Secretary
of / Admiralty for a copy of / sd narrative.

351] fo. 310-313.

Vol. 60. The draught of a representation to / Lords Justices relative to / disputes w /
1752. Dutch upon / coast of Africa having been prepared pursuant to / preced^d minutes,
Trade, was laid before / Board, agreed to & ordered to be transcribed.
Africa.

352] fo. 313-316 Thursday, July 23. Present: - Earl of Halifax, Mr. Townshend, Mr. Stone,
1752. Mr Oswald,

Africa. The draught of a representation to the excellencies, / Lords Justices, upon / papers
relative to / disputes w / Dutch upon / coast of Africa having been transcribed
pursuant to / minutes of 21st instant was laid before / Board & signed.

955] fo. 322-325. Wednesday, November 8. Present: - Earl of Halifax, Lord Dupplin, Mr. Fane,
Vol. 60. The Secretary laid before / Board / copy o a letter fm / Committee o / Co o mer-
1752. chants tradg to Africa to its agent Mr. Melville at Cape Coast Castle, dated
Dd 107. Trade. November ... 1752, wh copy had bn delivered to him by Mr Hollier, Secretary
Africa. to / sd Committee.

The lordships upon consideratⁿ o / sd letters were pleased to make some addit^o
decrees & directed / Secretary to acquaint Mr Hollier therewith & / informⁿ o / Committee.
p. 356] Read / following Orders o th^r Excellencies, / Lords Justices in Council, viz: -

357] fo. 328-330
1st part Vol. 60. Copy o an Order o / Lords Justices in Council, dated / 28th o May, 1752,
1752. Dd 108. approving a memorial o / Committee o Merchants tradg to Africa relatg
Trade, Green. to the proposal o buildg a new fort at Anamaboe.
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366] Wednesday, November 22. Present: - Lord Dupplin, Mr. Fane, Mr. Stone.
367] fo. 356-359 Read / following papers received fm Mr Hollier, Secretary to / Committee o /
Vol. 60. Co o Merchants tradg to Africa, viz: -
1752. Dd 113. Names o / committee men chosen by / Co o Merchants tradg to Africa f / year 1752.
Trade. Copy o a letter fm William Ansoh Seegaracoa to / Committee o / Co o Merchants tradg
Africa. to Africa, wth date, received / 2nd October, 1752.

... [Gambia] ...
368] Dd 115 Copy o a letter fm Thomas Melville, Esquire, Governor o Cape Coast Castle, to /
Committee / Co Merchants tradg to Africa, dated / 11th June, 1752
... [Gambia] ...

407] 80. 19-22. Friday, March 23, Present: - Earl of Halifax, Mr. Grenville, Lord Dupplin,
 Vol. 61. The Secretary laid before / Board / following papers received from / Committee
 1752-3. of / Co of Merchants trading to Africa, viz: -

Trade,

Africa,

Dd 122

Copy of a letter, dated / 23rd September, 1752, from Thomas Melville,
 Esquire, Governor of Cape Coast Castle, etc., to / Committee of / Co of Merchants
 trading to Africa, acquainting them wth his having concluded a treaty wth /
Fantees

Ordered that an extract be made of so much of / sd letter as relates to / treaty wth / Fantees
 to be transmitted to / Earl of Holderness & to a draught of a letter to his lordship thereupon
 be prepared.

1753 Wednesday, March 28, Present: Earl of Halifax, Mr. Pitt, Mr. Grenville, Lord
 Dupplin, Mr. Fane, Mr. Townshend, Mr. Oswald.

408] 80. 22-25. The draught of a letter to Lord Holderness wth / extract of one from
 1753. Mr Melville to / Committee of / Co of Merchants trading to Africa, had
 Trade. been prepared pursuant to / minutes of Friday last, was laid before /
 Africa. Board, agreed to, transcribed & signed.

Thursday, March 29, Present: - Earl of Halifax, Mr. Grenville, Lord Dupplin, Mr.
 Townshend, Mr. Oswald.

409] 80. 25-28. The Secretary laid before / Board / following papers received from / Committee
 Vol. 61. of / Co of Merchants trading to Africa, viz: -

1753.

Trade.

Africa,

Dd 123

Copy of a letter dated 30th of October, from Thomas Melville, Esquire, Governor of
 Cape Coast Castle, etc., to / Committee of / Co of Merchants trading to Africa, relating
 to / treaty he has concluded wth / Fantees noⁿ.

417] Wednesday, May 2, Present; - Earl o Halifax, Mr Grenville, Lord Dupplin, Mr Fane.
418] fo. 113-116. Read a letter from his Grace / Duke o Newcastle, dated / 5th April, 1753,
Dd 124 1753, referring to this Board by the consideration & report a copy & extract o two letters
Dd 125 Trade from Colonel York, / Kings Minister at / Hague, w a paper inclosed in
Dd 126 Africa them relating to disputes betw African Co o England & / Dutch West India Co
Dd 127 Resolved t this affair be taken into consideration on Wednesday next, / 9th instant,
& t Secretary do write to / Committee o / Co o Merchants Trade to Africa to desire the attendance.
420] fo. 120-122. do

1753. Wednesday, May 9, Present; - Earl o Halifax, Mr Grenville, Lord Dupplin, Mr Fane,
Trade. Mr Oswald,
Africa. Read a letter from Mr Cleveland, Secretary to / Lords Commissioners o / Admiralty dated
13rd instant, inclosg copies o all such papers relating to / British Forts & settlements
on / Coast o Africa as he has sent out o / vessels o his Majesty's late ship / Assurance, viz: -
State & condition o Winnebah Fort etc., w date.
Copy o a letter from Captain Howse o / Glory, in Cape Coast Road, to / Captain o a foreign ship,
dated 15th o October 1751.
State & condition o Cape Coast Castle, dated November 6th, 1751. } note bk
Report o / state o Dixcove Fort, / 18th February, 1751-2. } Adm 1. (2). 48. sub
133. Report o / state o Seccondie Fort, / 9th o March 1752.
Dd 134 Report o / state o Commenda Fort, / 10th o March, 1752.
Copy o a letter from / agents at Cape Coast Castle to Captain Daniel o his Majesty's ship
/ Assurance, dated / 19th March, 1752. hbK Adm 1. (2) 52
Copy o a letter from Mr Melville to Captain Daniel o his Majesty's ship Assurance dated 23rd March, 1752. (2) 55
Dd 137. Copy o Captain Daniel's letter to Mr Van Vorst at La Mure, dated / 24th o March 1752 /
138 Transcaⁿ o a letter from Captain Daniel o Assurance to / Commander o / Dutch Fort at / Acquadah, dated 24th o March, 1752. (2) 36

139 letter from Mr. Melville to Captain Daniel o/ Assurance dated Cape Coast Castle, 28th March, 1752.

481] fo. 129-126. Dd 140 Mr Van Voorst's letter to Captain Daniel o his Majesty's ship Assurance, dated 16th o April, 1752. (138)

Vol. 61,
1753,
Trade,
Africa,

141. State & condiⁿ o Tantumquery Fort, 18th o April, 1752.

142. State & condiⁿ o James Fort at Accra, 15th o April, 1752.

The Secretary laid before / Board / two follow^g papers received from / Committee o / Co o Merchants trad^g to Africa, viz: -

Dd 143.

Copy o a letter from Thomas Melville, Esquire, Governor o Cape Coast Castle, to / Committee o / Co o Merchants trad^g to Africa, dated 14th o January, 1753.

Dd 144.

Copy o a letter from Thomas Melville, Esquire, Governor o Cape Coast Castle, to / Committee o / Co o Merchants trad^g to Africa, dated 25th January, 1753.

The Lords ships pursuant to / minutes o / 2nd instant, took into considerⁿ a letter from / Duke o Newcastle, referring copies o two letters from Mr. Yorke, his Majesty's Minister at / Hague relative to his negotiⁿ w / Ministers o / States Gen concerning / disputes upon / Coast o Africa, o / Committee o / Co o Merchants trad^g to Africa attending, as desired, / copies o / letters from Mr. Yorke having been read to them & / follow^g points were referred to them, viz: -

1st. To give / Board all such additional wisd^m o our right w respect to / two points in dispute, as they can furnish, & part^{ly} in answer to what / Dutch is alleged,

2nd. To lay before / Board their sentiments upon / expedients proposed for an accomodaⁿ,

3rd. To lay before / Board copies o / conven^t in 1704, 1708 & 1728, if they can be found,

4th. To lay before / Board such fact informⁿ & opinion upon / said points as they sh think proper.

Ordered That a copy o / certificate o Monsieur Van Steckenburg relative to / Foll upon fish referred w / Duke o Newcastle's letter, be referred to / Committee.

The Lords ships then took notice to them o / references state o said o / ports, & copies o / state o / said ports received from / Lords Commissioners o / Admiralty were ordered to be given to them.

• Copies are in T. 10. 1516.

427] fo. 141-144, Friday, May 25, Present: - Earl o' Halifax, Mr. Pitt, Mr. Jenning, Mr. Fane, Mr. Oswald.
Vol. 61. The Committee o' Co o' Merchants tradg to Africa attendg were called in, & they presented
1703, to the Lordships / followg papers, as the report upon / sev' points referred to them w' respect
Trade. B / disputes w' Dutch upon / Coast o' Africa, viz: -

Africa. State o' English right o' landg place o' Commenda & Towns o' Busha & Alchua
upon / Sold Coast o' Africa

Dd 145. 2 vide o' English right to Commenda landg place, Busha & Alchua referred to by
Dd 146. Committee o' Co o' Merchants tradg to Africa, No 1 to No 4

Dd 147. Copies o' treaties made betwⁿ / English & Dutch African Cos in 1707, 1708, & 1728.

The 9th papers havg bn read / Committee desired t' Messrs. Roberts & Chalmers who had bn formerly
agents & officers o' co upon / Coast o' Africa mt be admitted to give the personal vidence w' respect to our
right to Alchua, & Mr Chalmers & Mr Roberts beg called in, Mr Chalmers acquainted the Lordships t'
he was ab Ducos at diff times fm / year 1744 to 1749; t' times / Dutch durg t' time did not dispute
our right to Alchua; t' it was usual f' / English to cut wood & gather lime stones the, & t' when / Dutch
went thither to get palm wine, it was usual f' / English sawyers the to take toll o' them; t' / Dutch
while he was the sent a party o' the people to Panjara to get pepper, st^{cs}, at Alchua, wh occasioned
our people to complain, whereupon he gave orders to seize such Dutch as mt come the f' t' purpose, & sent
notice o' it to / Dutch commander who made no complaint, nor did / Dutch come the agn; t' one
Abyantia [Ahyantia?] who was a dependant upon / Dutch came to settle at Alchua, &
expressg apprehen^{ts} o' resentm^t o' Dutch, f' leav^g them, he, Mr Chalmers gave him a note to
show t' he was settled under / English authority; t' it was / custom the when / paths through / woods
or bushes are grown up f' each natⁿ to clear wthin the own territory, & t' / Dutch always cleared to
428] fo. 144-147. to a little riber to windward o' Alchua Bay, & desired us wth clear all just as our territory;
1750, wh was accordgly done as far as a hill beyond Alchua Bay; t' / English is always cut timber
Trade. the since / year 1708 in / Alchua country, to extent o' three leagues [9 miles] fm / Coast
Africa. Most o' burgo's post^s havg bn confirmed by Mr Roberts the Lordships acquainted / Committee t' they
shd forthwith take this affair into consideratⁿ; & then they wish draw.

430]. Wednesday, June 6. Present: - Earl of Halifax, Mr. Pitt, Mr. Grenville, Mr. Oswald.

431]. fo. 153-156. The Secretary laid before / Board / following papers received for / Committee o / Co o Vol 61, Merchants Trade to Africa, viz: -

1750, Dd 148 An acct o / money received & expended by / Committee o / Co o Merchants Trade to Africa Trade, f / support & improvem^t o / forts & settle^{ts} upon / sd coast.

Africa. ... [Sambia] ...

Dd 150. Copy o a letter dated 27th June 1752, from Thomas Melville, Esquire, Governor o Cape Coast Castle, to / Committee o / Co o Merchants Trade to Africa

↳ Copy o a letter dated / 20th o August 1752, from Thomas Melville, Esquire, Governor o Cape Coast Castle, to / Committee o / Co o Merchants Trade to Africa.

Mr Hollis, Secretary to the Committee o / Co o Merchants Trade to Africa, attendg was called in, & he presented to / Board / following papers, viz: -

432]. fo. 156-159. letter from / Committee o / Co o Africa Merchants Trade to Africa, dated 1750, Dd 152 30th May 1753, inclosg copy o two represent^{ns} from / merchants o Bristol & Liverpool complaining o / Trade carried on by / officers o / Co at / sev^l ports f negroes, & o d^r irregular proceedgs by / sd officers.

Trade, Africa, Dd 153 Subst^{ce} o instruct^{ns} intended to be sent by / Committee o / Co o Merchants Trade to Africa to / Governor o Cape Coast Castle & d^r officers upon / coast.

The sd papers havg bn read, / Secretary acquainted / Board & Mr Wansley who signed / above-mentioned represent^{ns} from Bristol was attendg w^t another gentleman, & t they hd somethg to offer to the lordships upon it; whereupon they were called in & Mr Wansley moved the lordships to appoint a day f hearg what / merchants hd to offer in support o / allega^{ns} o / sd represent^{ns}; wh havg bn agreed to, Wednesday / 20th instant was appointed f lattg / same into fur consideraⁿ, o wh Mr Hollis was desired to acquaint / Committee, & Mr Wansley was directed to give notice thereof to / agent or d^r person properly authorized to represent / merchants o Liverpool; & then they adjourn.

434] fo. 174-177. Wednesday, June 20. Present: — Earl o' Halifax, Mr. Pitt, Mr. Grenville, Mr. Osbald
Vol. 61. The Lordships pursuant to / minutes o' / 6th instant took into consideraⁿ / letter fm /
1753. Committee o' / Co o' Merchants tradg to Africa, inclos^g copies o' two representaⁿs o' /
Trade, merchants o' Bristol & Liverpool complaining o' Trade carried on by / officers
Africa, o' / Co at / sevl ports & irregular proceedg^s o' / sd officers; & Mr. Wansley,
agent in behalf o' / merchants o' Bristol, & Mr. Chalmers, agent in behalf o' / merchants
o' Liverpool, in support o' / allegaⁿs o' / sd representaⁿs, & also / Committee o' / Co o' Merchants tradg to
Africa, attend^g as desired, they were called in, & Mr. Wansley & Mr. Chalmers severally produced
letters fm sevl merchants o' Bristol & Liverpool, desirg they wd attend / Board upon this affair, & /
letter fm / Committee o' / Co inclos^g / afore-mentioned representaⁿs havg bⁿ read, Mr. Wansley
said before / Board / follow^g papers in support o' / allegaⁿs o' / representaⁿs fm / merchants o'
Bristol, viz: —

Id. 154. Deposⁿ o' William Brown taken before D. Pelouin, alderman o' Bristol, / 16th day o' June, 1753.

Id. 155. Deposⁿ o' David Hamilton taken before John Clements, mayor o' Bristol, / 16th day o' June, 1753.

435] fo. 177-181. Extracts o' a letter fm Thomas Westgate to John Russell, dated at Cape Coast Castle,
1753. Id. 156. 114th December, 1752.

Trade. Id. 157. Deposⁿ o' Abraham Graham taken before John Clements, mayor o' Bristol, / 16th June, 1753.

Africa. Id. 158. Certificate o' John Stokes, dated Gold Coast o' Africa, 14th March, 1753.

Id. 159. Copy o' a letter fm sevl merchants o' Liverpool to Mr. Thomas Chalmers, dated at Liverpool, /
15th June 1753, desirg him to attend this Board on the behalf upon / subject o' / complaints
agst / officers o' / Co upon / coast o' Africa.

Id. 160. Copy o' a letter fm sevl merchants o' Bristol to Mr. William Wansley, dated Bristol, June 16th,
1753, desirg him to attend this Board on the behalf upon / subject o' this complaints agst /
officers o' / Co upon / coast o' Africa.

The sd papers havg bⁿ read the Lordships at / request o' Mr. Wansley & Mr. Chalmers proceeded
to examine severall / allegaⁿs o' / sd representaⁿs & Messrs. Roberts, John Russell, John
Smallman, Gardiner & Alexander Graham havg bⁿ examined, the Lordships heard what

/ Committee o/ Co o Merchants had to offer why they thot a total restricⁿ upon the officers
 fm tradg b negros wot be improper, & it beg late, / parties were ordered to with draw,
 & the Lordships agreed fur to consider o this affair on Tuesday next, / 26th instant.

440] fo. 185-188. [458] Thursday, June 21, Present: - Earl o Halifax, Mr Pitt, Mr Grenville, Mr
 1780 Oswald,

Trade. The Secretary laid before / Board / following papers received fm / Committee o/
 Africa, Co o Merchants tradg to Africa, viz: -

Dd 161. Copy o a letter fm Thomas McNeill, Esquire, Governor o Cape Coast Castle, etc.,
 to / Committee o/ Co o Merchants tradg to Africa. Dated / 13th December 1752.

... [Gambia] ...

441] fo. 188-191. Tuesday, June 26. Present: - Earl o Halifax, Mr Pitt, Mr Grenville, Mr
 1780 Townshend, Mr Oswald,

Trade. The Lordships beg informed b Mr Wansley & Mr Chalmers, agents in behalf
 o/ merchants o Bristol & Liverpool, & also Mr Hollier, Secretary to / Committee o/ Co
 Africa. o merchants tradg to Africa were attendg w^t pursuant to / minutes o Wednesday last,
 they were called in & Mr Wansley & Mr Chalmers presented / following papers to/
 Board as / substee o what they had fur to offer w respect to / complaints under the Lord-
 ships consideraⁿ, viz: -

Dd 162 Memo^{rial} o Messrs Wansley & Chalmers in behalf o / merchants o Bristol & Liverpool
 w respect to / complaints exhibited by / sd merchants ag^s / officers & servants o
 / Committee o/ Co o Merchants tradg to Africa.

Dd 164. The affidavit o John Roberts, merchant.

The forego^s papers beg on read, the Lordships heard what Mr Wansley & Mr
 Chalmers had to offer thereupon, & / parties beg with drawn the Lordships, upon
 consideraⁿ o what had bⁿ laid before them by / merchants & by / Committee o/ Co

o Merchants trade to Africa, & also upon consideration o / spirit & intent o / Act o Parliament lately passed f / excluding & im / trade to Africa came to / following opinion, viz: -

1 / officers & servants employed by / Committee o / Co o Merchants trade to Africa at / sea ports & settlements upon / coast o Africa shd not to be allowed to trade f negro slaves for them to / amount o / salaries allowed them by / Committee, & t such slaves shd be disposed o f Wory, gold, bills o exchange, or / proper returns to Gt Britain, or sent on acct o such officers & servants to America, & t on no acct they shd be sold or disposed o in bank o goods & any ships, or in any o manner what, but t a proper time shd be allowed to / sd officers & servants to dispose o the present stock o goods wh will be recommended to / consideration o / Committee.

The parties beg called in, / forego's minutes were read to them, & Mr Hollier, in / name o / Committee moved the lordship f a copy thereof & also o / forego's memorial o Messrs. Wansley & Chalmers, & then they withdrew.

442] Ordered t / Secretary do transmit a copy o / forego's minutes & also a copy o / memorial o Messrs. Wansley & Chalmers to / Committee o / Co o Merchants trade to Africa.

444] fo. 199-203 [443] Wednesday, July 4, Present; - Earl o Holderness [sic - Halifax?] Mr Penville
1753. Mr Townshend, Mr Oswald,

Trade. The Secretary laid before / Board / following papers received from / Committee o / Co o
Africa. Merchants trade to Africa, viz: -

Copy o a letter from Mr. Christopher Whytall, Secretary o Cape Coast Castle, to / Committee o / Co o Merchants trade to Africa, dated at Cape Coast Castle, 11th March, 1753.

... [Senhiala] ...

... [Senhiala] ...

Fantee Law f excluding / French (1st).

Fantee Law f excluding / French (2nd).

445] fo. 203-204. The lords hips took into consideration / papers relative to / disputes w / Dutch
Vol. 61. upon / coast o Africa, mentioned in / minutes o / 2nd & 25th o May last,
1753 & ordered / draught o a letter to / Duke o Newcastle thereupon to be prepared.

Trade,

Africa,

Trade,

Africa.

Thursday, July 5, Present: - Earl o Halifax, Mr. Townshend, Mr. Oswald,

The draught o a letter to / Duke o Newcastle concerning / disputes w / Dutch upon /
coast o Africa has been prepared pursuant to / minutes o / 25th, was agreed to
& ordered to be transcribed

Monday, July 9. Present: - Earl o Halifax, Mr. Townshend, Mr. Oswald

Trade, The draught o a letter to / Duke o Newcastle concerning / disputes w / Dutch upon /
Africa, coast o Africa, has been transcribed, was signed.

448] Tuesday, July 14, Present: - Earl o Halifax, Mr. Seaville, Mr. Oswald,

450] fo. 221-225. The lords hips took into consideration / copy o a letter from Mr. Whytall, Sec-
1753 retary o Cape Coast Castle to / Committee o / Co o Merchants trading to Africa,
Trade laid before / Board by / sd Committee, & ordered / Secretary to write to /
Africa Committee to desire the attendance at / Board to-morrow m^o.

Wednesday July 18, Present: - Earl o Halifax, Mr. Seaville, Mr. Oswald

Trade, The Committee o / Co o Merchants trading to Africa attended as desired, they
Africa, were called in, & they informed the lords hips & they had not received any o
acc^t what's relative to / proceed^g o a French fleet at Annamabol, than
what is contained in Mr. Whytalls letter & then they withdrew.

455] Friday, November 16. Present; - Lord Dupplin, Mr Fane, Mr Stone, Mr Os Wald.

456] Read a letter from Mr Milnes, dated 22nd August, 1753, transmitting by order of Lords

457] No. 246-250. Commissioners of Admiralty / following papers relating to / forts or settlements on / coast of

Vol. 61. Guinea, viz:-

1753. Extract of a letter from Captain Cotburne to Mr Cleveland, dated 19th of August, 1753.

Trade. The state of Secundae Fort.

Africa. The state of Dixcar & Secundae Forts.

Ordered to / Secretary do transmit copies of papers to / Committee of 60 Merchants

Trade to Africa.

Trade. Read a letter from / merchants of Bristol, dated Merchants Hall, July 19th, 1753,
Africa. containing the thanks of / Boards determination upon the application of 60 m^{rs}
be restrained from trade in slaves.

[End of extracts from / Journal, - last minute dated December 19 1753]

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Rt/ Council Chamber Whitehall

128th day of May 1752,

Present

The Excellencies / Lords Justices.

Arch Bishop of Canterbury.	Lord Chamberlain.	Lord Anson,
Lord Chancellor.	Duke of Argyle.	{ Mr Chancellor of
Lord Prvy Seal.	Marquis of Hertington.	{ / Exchequer.
Lord Steward.	Earl of Holderness.	
Lord President.	Horatio Walpole Esq ^r .	
Duke of Devonshire.	Sir William Yonge.	
Earl of Halifax.	Sir John Rushworth.	
Lord Berkeley of Stratton.	George Dodington Esq ^r .	
Lord Edgcombe.		

77]. Africa

Order approv^d / proposal
of African Co^y for
Build^g a Fort at
Ann am aboe

Where as this day read at / Board a Memorial of
 Committee of Co^y Merchants Trade to Africa Setting forth
 That in November last they presented a Memorial to His Majesty,
 by His Grace / Duke of Newcastle: Represent^g, That for
 Consequence of a Fort at Ann am aboe to / whole Gold Coast
 Trade of Africa (upon wh^{ch} / Support of His Majesty's American
 Colony's g^rly depends) - Fm / eager desire of French to Build a Fort there, & fm
 the Constant Practice of usurp^g to themselves an exclusive Trade whereⁱⁿ they
 Settle, it appeared to / Memorialists not only Prudent but g^rly important to /
 Trade's Interest of this Na^o, to Build a Fort at t^e Place, in Consequence of an Offer then
 lately made by John Corranice one of Principal Cabbocurs of Fantes People.

in a letter to / Right Hon^{ble} / Earl o Halifax, - T by Advice lately received from / Coast
by / Memorialists h^o bⁿ informed t^t / French h^o a Second time attempted to
erect a Fort at Annamaboe in such a powerful manner as evidently shews
/ Sense t^t Nat^o has o^o its gr^o use & imp^o: T w^o many costly Presents they h^o so far
gained / Affec^o osome o^o Natives as to Obtain Liberty to mark out a Piece o^o Ground f^o t^t
Purpose, & must undoubtedly h^o bⁿ successful had not / Squadron o^o Men o^o War, under /
Command o^o Captain Buckle happily presented them from Carry^g the Scheme into
Execu^o - T from / same Advice / Memorialists h^o reason to Apprehend t^t / Natives are
determined, at all Events to h^o a Fort built f^o the Protec^o by some European Power, t^t they
were heartily inclined to give a Preference to / English, but t^t hav^g bⁿ so often
deceiv^o by the Promises to rebuild the Old one some o^o them h^o had had no^o q^oon
Encourage^o to / French wh^o induced Captain Buckle to remove all Doubts & to
Convince them o^o Sincerity o^o English Inten^o to Consent to one o^o Chief Agents
96] o^o Cape Coast Castle sh^o be left at Annamaboe as a Pledge till this Work
sh^o be performed w^o / Agent complied w^o & / Natives readily accepted - T /
Memorialists are fur^o informed t^t / French h^o promised some o^o Natives whose
Friendship t^t they h^o obtained t^t they will return in Ten or Twelve Months w^o
/ sum o^o 3,000 / Piece fixed f^o leave to build & w^o a Squadron o^o Men o^o War
able to Protect them whilst / Works are Carry^g on - T as it appears to /
Memorialists t^t / Trade to Africa & America g^oly depends upon / such Expeditions
use o^o / favourable Disposi^o Captain Buckle has left / Natives in, by this
Majesty's Presents & his own Prudent Conduct. They think it the indis-
pensib^o Duty to represent, T as / English by / Confes^o o^o Natives them-
selves h^o bⁿ time out o^o mind in Posses^o o^o Country where / French propose
to Build, & h^o paid an Annual Ground Rent f^o / some, they h^o must
certainly a Right exclusiv^o o^o all o^o Nat^o to / Advantages arising from /
Trade thereof. T if / French are permitted to build a Fort there, all these

Advantages will be instantly wrested from us, since from such Part^s Customs
 they are able to give a great Price for Slaves & consequently must Engrave all /
 Trade of the Country, & by Degrees of whole Coast, & in all Probability /
 immediate Evacuation of a Fort may renew & secure / Affection & Good Will of /
 Natives, as they declare to us. We will build this utmost Ambition is to Continue
 English - The Memorialists therefore most humbly beseech the Excellencies to
 take / Premises into the most serious Consideration, & to give such Orders therein
 as to the great Wisdom sh^d seem meet - The Excellencies / Lords Justices this day
took into Consideration / sd Memorial Paper wth several Letters of Advice received
from Cape Coast Castle which were likewise this day laid before / Board, & in
regard to / Imp^{ts} of / African Trade to this Kingdom & His Majesty's,
American Colonies are hereby pleased wth / Advice of His Majesty's Privy
Council to Approve of / Memorialists' Proposal of Building a New Fort
at Annamaboe in / same place where / Old one stood, & The Excellencies
do also hereby recommend it to them to lose no time in Carry^{ng} on / sd Work.

At / Council Chamber Whitehall
/ 11th o December 1750

[Dd. 2]

By a Committee o / Lords o His Majesty's most Hon. Privy Council

His Majesty hath bin pleased by His Order in Council o 6th o this Instant to refer unto this Committee, an Acct o / sev'l Goods o / Growth Product or Manufacture o / Kingdom o Gr^o Britain as also o / Goods & Merchandize reported fm / Port o London f Acct o / United Co o Merchants Coast o England Trade to / East Indies betwⁿ / 29th o Sep 1749 o / 29th o Sep 1750. The Lords o / Committee this day took / sd Acct into their Considera^{on}, & are hereby pleased to refer / same to / Lords Commissioners f Trade & Planta^{ns}, who are to examine & compare / sd Acct w / Return o / 8th Years & make Report thereof to this Committee
W. Sharpe.

A Computa^{on} o Negroes required f / use o / American Planta^{ns}. [Dd. 3]

— Jamaica, Barbadoes, Antigua, St Kitts, Nevis, Montserrat, Virginia & Maryland, Carolina. —

"Total f / use o all America" 16,000.

A list o Ships Employ'd in / Trade to Africa fm / Port o Bristol / Year 1749 [Dd. 4]

Totals	Ships	Number o Slaves.	Value o Ships & Cargoes
Gold Coast	17	5180	103,100
Seneg. Bonny & } Cabo Verde	23	8110	110,800
Angola	7	9350	46,900
	<u>47</u>	<u>16,640</u>	<u>260,800</u>

list o Ships belongg to / Port o Liverpool Trade to Africa in / Year 1749 [Dd. 5]

[75 ships . 23200 Negroes]

[Dd 6]

my Lords // The Committee of Co^o Merchants tradg to Africa, beg^g sensible o^o g^t Delay in
sendg out / Goods to / Coast, think it a Duty they owe themselves to endeavour to justify the
Conduct to yr Lordships. They h^e therefore ordered me to lay before y^e / enclosed Narrative o^o the
Proceedg^s, fm / Time they were elected, in wh^{ch} yr Lordships may observe t^e / necessary Connec^o
o^o Committee w^o old African Co, hath occasioned g^t Loss o^o Time: first in / joint Applic^o f^r
Money, & then in / Diffc^{ty} wh^{ch} / old Co made, & indeed do still make, o^o grantg such Powers, to / Person
to be intrusted by / Committee, as are thot absolutely necessary, f^r / Security & Disposal o^o Goods, in
/ Manner intended, & prescribed by Parliam^{nt}.

The Committee are now preparg Instruc^os f^r / Conduct^r o^o Officers & Agents who are to be sent
to / Coast, & will take / Liberty o^o layg them before yr Lordships f^r yr Approba^on

By Order o^o Committee o^o Merchants tradg to Africa

New Broad Street
26th January 1750

Thase — —

W^m Hollis Secretary

To / Right. Honble. / Lords Commissioners o^o Trade & Plantac^os.

The Committee o^o Co^o Merchants tradg to Africa met by Direc^on o^o Act o^o Parliam^{nt} on /
first Monday be^g / Oct^r o^o August^r last, at wh^{ch} Meetg they chose a Secretary, & directed him to
wait upon / Court^r o^o Assistants o^o Royal African Co o^o England, to know wh^{ch} & when they
wd appoint a Time to meet & communicate to / Committee / State o^o Forts & Factories upon /
Coast o^o Africa by / last Advices fm thence; & Messrs Boddicott, Bisson, & Pole were appointed
a Committee f^r t^e Purpose, who reported to / next Committee on / 16th August, t^e / African Co
rather chose to receive in writg any Quest^os / Committee m^t h^e to ask them to attend
a personal Confer^{ce}.

In Consequ^e o^o wh^{ch} / Letter annexed was wrote to / Co on / same Day, soon after

wh. Messrs Scott, Dickson & Pole waited upon / Right Hon^{ble} Henry Pelham Esq^r to know in
what Method / Committee sh^d apply f^r / £10,000 granted by Parliam^{nt} f^r / Support o^f Forts,
Factories & Settlements upon / Coast o^f Africa, & were told by him, t^h it must be by a Joint Applicⁿ to /
Treasury fm / Co & Committee.

It was, therefore resolved on / 30th August to take into Considerⁿ (at / next Committee) an applicⁿ
to / Co f^r t^e Purpose & accordg^{ly} on . . . [Conn] / Letter annexed No 2 was sent to / Co & / Committee
adjourned to / septh when / Secretary having informed them t^h / Co had not sent any Answer to the
Letter o^f 6th it was resolved, T^h a Memorial, sh^d be drawn up & laid before / next Committee,
wh. was accordg^{ly} done on / 13th & / same was ^{by / Committee} presented to / Board o^f Treasury, who informed them
t^h a Memorial had b^en likewise presented by / Co, the Lordships had considered them both & would
send a Copy o^f the Minute o^f the Board to / Co in order to induce them to consent t^h / Money
sh^d be issued to / Committee.

On / 17th October / Co did at last comply wth / Request o^f Committee t^h / Money m^t be issued to
them & on / 20th they wrote to / Committee f^r a Confer^{ce} wh. was fixed f^r / 26th on / same Day
and^{ly} Memorial was drawn up by / Committee & wth / Co's Letter o^f 17th annexed, was presented
to / Treasury on / 31st October, but / Forms o^f diff^t Officers not permit^t / Money to be paid
until / 22^d November / Committee was forced to stop the Proceedg^s during t^e Time.

On / 20th Novem^r / Committee wrote to Mr^r Lascelles f^r such Informⁿ as he c^d furnish
them wth, he having had / Investm^t o^f / £10,000 granted / year before, wh. Request he v^y readily
complied wth & on / same Day, they informed / Co t^h they had rec^d / £10,000 fm / Treasury
& desired they w^d furnish them wth a list o^f such Recruits, Goods Stores & Provi^{ns} as were
wanted f^r / Support o^f Forts & Settlements, to wh. Letter / Co did not send any Answer till /
8th Decem^r, when they gave a list o^f Goods proper f^r / Coast & a list o^f People wanted
the; / last o^f wh. was so imperfect t^h / Committee found themselves under / Necessity o

writg agn to / Co for a list o all / white Persons upon / Coast & the Stas in / sev^l Forts,
to wh / Co has not yet sent them any Answers, tho' they promised it in a few Days after
/ 20th December.

The Committee beg^d tired o writg so long for the Answers wrote to them agⁿ on / 16th
January, wh letter is still unanswered, so t it has bⁿ impossible to take any Steps in procur^g
proper People to send out to / Coast except in / Appointm^t o Thomas Melvil Esq^r for / Care
of Goods.

As to / Goods & Stores they are all ordered & in g^o Forwardness & / Committee hav^g adver-
sised for / Hire o a Ship will dispatch them w all / Speed t / Nature o / Business will admit.

To / Court o Assistants o / Royal African Co o England

Letter No 1.

Gentlemen // I am directed by / Committee o / Co o Merchants tradg to Africa to acquaint
y^e / Person o the desir^g a Confer^o w y was to be informed — How far & in what
manner y will consent to / Exec^o o Power granted in t Part o / Clause in / Act o Parliam^t
for / Establishm^t o / sd Committee (Page 549) wh recites " & / Committee Mem for / Time beg^d or
" any five or more o them or / Major major Part o them so assembled, sh^l for & after /
" pass^g & such Act o Parliam^t, or disest^g / African Co o the Charter, Forts, Castles, & Military
" Stores, Carriemen, Castle Slaves, & all o^r the Property on / Coast o Africa as afores^d or before
" / pass^g such Act so far as / sd African Co sh^l consent thereto, & full Power for Time
" to Time to make Orders for / govern^g, maintain^g, preserv^g & improv^g / Forts & Factories
" already built or wh sh^l hereafter be built within / limits aforesaid & to appoint Gover-
" nors, Deputy Governours, or any o^r Officers, civil or military o or for / sd Forts & Settlements
" & them to remove & displace when they sh^l see fit, & to make Orders & Regula^ons for /

"Letter Gov^o / sd Officers & Servants abroad."

And as it may be / great Advantage to / Trade, they wd be glad to know by yr latest Address
/ State & Condi^o / of Forts & Settlements on / Coast^o of Africa, & wh^o any & what Stores & Necessaries
are want^g ther, & / proper Care may be taken f^r th^r Supply.

As / Committee are convinc^d o yr Readiness to concurr wth them in promot^g / Inten^o / Act, they h^e committed to writ^g (agreeable to yr Message by me) what was designed
to h^e br / Subject o th^r Confer^{ce} & they doubt not but y will favor them wth an Answer direct^o
New Broad Street
By Order o / Committee &c.

16 ~~th~~ August 1750

Letter No 2.

Gentlemen // We h^e this Day received yr letter o / 29th August & as we find y re-
serve yr Answer to our letter o / 16th o / same Month, till y know to whom / £10000
granted by Parliam^t will be paid, We think it proper to inform y^e we sh^d apply by
Memorial to / Lords o / Treasury on th^r first Board Day f^r t^h Money, & we desire
to know if y will join wth us in an Applic^o f^r obtain^g / same.

New Broad Street

6th September

By Order &c

To / Right Hon^{ble} / Lords Commissioners o Trade & Plantat^o

[Dd 7]

My Lords // Since I had / Honor, by order o / Committee o / Co o Merchants trad^g to Africa, to
lay before y^e Lordships a Narrative o th^r Proceed^g, they h^e not only received an Answer to th^r
letter, but h^e had a Confer^{ce} wth / Court^o o Assistants o Royal African Co, at wh^o / Appointm^t
o some Officers was agreed to, & / Resolu^o o / Committee to send ab^t Ninety People o
diff^{er} Profess^o, Tradesmen & Soldiers, in / Procure^o o whom / Committee are now employ^d.

They have likewise hired two Ships to carry out / sd Officers rec^d, Logg^s / Goods, one to Gambia, & / o^r to Cape Coast & doubt not but they sh^l be able to dispatch them in a Month.

The Committee by a letter to / Right Hon^{ble} / Lords o^f Admiralty, requested the Lordships to send out such a naval force as they sh^l think proper f^r / Protecⁿ o^f Trade, & to prevent / Encroachments o^f Foreigners, on any Parts o^f Coast; & if yr Lordships are apprehensive t^h any Circumstances make it necessary to increase / usual Force, / Committee beg / Favor o^f yr Lordships to order them to be communicated to t^e board.

New Broad Street
8th February 1750 }

I have — — —
W^m Holliv^{er} Secretary

To / Right Hon^{ble} / Lords Commissioners o^f Trade & Plantations

[Dd 18]

The humble Memorial o^f Royal African Co^o England.

My Lords // As We are not moved to give yr Lordships this trouble fm any private or personal Views, but merely to crave yr Lordships Advice & Direcⁿ in an Affair in which wherein We apprehend / Interest o^f Publick is g^ly concerned, We humbly rely upon yr Lordships Goodness to excuse / Same.

In / year 1749 the Right Hon^{ble} / Lords Commissioners o^f His Majesty's Treasury were pleased pursuant to a Clause in an Act o^f Parliamt^t f^r t^e purpose to issue unto Henry Hascelles o^f London Squire / Sum o^f Ten thousand Pounds to be applied towards / Support o^f this Co's Forts & Settlements in Africa & f^r / Paym^t & Subsistence o^f the Servants the^r fm / time o^f Arrival o^f such Supplies at James Fort in / River Gambia & at Cape Coast Castle on / South Coast o^f Africa respectively. And thereupon / Co did by & us /

Consent & upon Recommendation of sd Henry Casceller appoint John Roberts, William Husband & Thomas Boteler to be the Agents at Cape Coast Castle. . . to h / power o dispositⁿ & applyⁿ o such / sd Supplies as sh^d be severly consigned to them as aforesaid. And / Co as well as / sd Henry Casceller took Security of sd Agents by / faithful discharge o the seal & respective Trusts.

In / Act wh passed / last Ses^m o Parliam^t f Establish^d a New Co by / Name o / Co o Merchants tradg to Africa. It is Enacted. That & evry o / British Forts, Settlements & Factories on / Coast o Africa wh are now claimed by or in / Posses^m o yr Memorialists sh^d fm & after / pass^d o an Act o Parliam^t f dividg yr Memorialists o same Charter, be absolutely vested in / sd New Co who fm & after / pass^d such Act o Parliam^t f dividg yr Memorialists (or before / pass^d such Act so far as / sd African Co sh^d consent thereto) sh^d h full Power fm time to time to appoint Governours, remove or displace them, & to make Orders, & Regulat^{ns} &c.

Yr Memorialists humbly apprehend t it was not / Intent o Mean^d o / sd Act, t they sh^d be obliged to give / New Co or the Agents immediate Posses^m o the Forts & Settlements, or to remove or displace any o the Servants; But only t they sh^d concur w / New Co in all such Measures as sh^d be found necessary f / Support & Preservatⁿ o the sd Forts & Settlements in / mean time, & until such Act f dividg yr Memorialists sh^d take place.

In this View when / New Co applied in October last to / Lords o / Treasury f / Ten thousand pounds granted / last Ses^m o Parliam^t this Co gave the Consent t / same sh^d be issued to & invested by them f / intended Service; And / sd New Co havg also by letter o / 4th o December last informed yr Memorialists t they had appointed Mr Thomas Melvil the Chief Agent, Pay Master, & Warehouse Keeper, Yr Memorialists on / 8th o same Month by letter informed / sd New Co t they sh^d appoint / sd Mr Melvil an additional Chief Agent, Treasurer, & Warehouse Keeper in the Service at Cape Coast Castle to act jointly w Mr John Roberts & William Husband

who then were there, but such Appoint^{mt} beg not satisfactory to /sd New Co, for Memorialists do admit t by th^r letter o / 20th o December last they did agree t /sd Thomas Melvil sh^d h /sole Possess^r & Power o dispos^l o /sd New Co's Consign^{mt} but fm / Perusal o / letters sent over by Capt. Pife wh they but v^r lately came to / Knowledge & obtained Copies o, & fm / Informaⁿ they h received by o^r letters t h since come fm / Coast fm Mr Roberts giv^g an Acct o one v^r Forts (called Dixcove) beg now besieged by / Natives, thro / Instigaⁿ & w / Assist^{ce} o / Dutch, & fm / Cauⁿ given to yr Memorialists on behalf o /sd Henry dascelles, t he cd by no means consent to / removal o /sd Mr Roberts or Mr's husband, they h thro^t themselves under a necessity o review^g what h^d passed betwⁿ / two Cos & to propose to them / follow^g Regulars as will b / Dispos^l & Regular^l applicaⁿ o last mentioned as f / former Ten thousand Pounds sent out by Mr dascelles, viz^t,

1st T such part o / Supply granted last Year as sh be allotted to Cape Coast Castle be consigned to Mrs Thomas Melvil recommended by Y, who sh give security to Y & this Co f / true & faithful disposal & applicaⁿ o Same as hereafter mentioned.

2^d Such part o /sd Supply as sh be allotted f / Gambia be consigned to such persons as sh be agreed on, who sh give / like security.

3^d T / Co sh appoint /sd Mrs Thomas Melvil to be one o thr three Chief Agents & Warehousekeeper at Cape Coast Castle . . . [he] giv^g such security & entering into such Covenants as h bⁿ Customary in / like Cases.

4th T this Co sh make out new Comis^{ns} appoint^g and to go w /sd Thomas Melvil to be / three Chief Agents at Cape Coast Castle . . . until fort Orders.

5th Upon / Arrival o / Agents w / Goods, Stores &c at Cape Coast Castle . . . this Co's then Agents . . . sh in Conjuncⁿ w such Agents as aforesaid forthwith

Take true Inventories o all Goods, Merchandise, Stores, Castle Slaves, Cannoonen & all
o Effects whatso^r belong^d to this Co exclusive o what may be remain^d o Goods &
Merchandise re sent out by Mr dascelles.

6th I this Co's Chief Agents then at each o/sd places [C.C.C. & Gambia] sh im-
mediately upon / Arrival o / Agents as afores^d make out a true & part^l Acct o/
Sale, Disposal & Applicⁿ o all such Goods & Merchandise as were consign^d by
/ above named Mr dascelles, & also o all / Charges & Expences incurred under / head
o Castle Charges fm / day o / Arrival o such Goods & Merchandise ther, to / day o /
Arrival o / Agents as aforesaid.

7th I in case any o / Goods & Merchandise sent out by Mr dascelles or o / pro-
duce thereof sh then be remain^d over & above / Charges incurred & over & above
all arrears since Mr Roberts's Arrival at Cape Coast^l Castle. . . as may be then
remain^d due & unpaid, / same sh be deliver^d over into / Custody & Possesⁿ o / sd
respective Agents now go^g out & to be by them applic^d f & toward / Support^r o /
respective Forts & Settlements as hereafter mentioned, but in case such Goods & Mer-
chandise sent out by Mr dascelles sh not be sⁿ sufficient to defray all such Charges,
[such deficiency sh be made good & paid out o / produce o / Goods & Merchandise
wh are now to be sent out under / care o / sd respective Agents.

8th Tsuch Goods & Merchandise as sh be now sent out as well as / Remainder (if any)
o Goods & Merchandise sent out by Mr dascelles at Cape Coast^l & Gambia sh be lodg^d
under / Care o / respective Warehousekeepers recommended by Y, But t / sd Goods & Merch-
andise sh be sold dispos^d o & applic^d toward / maintain^c & Support^r o / sd respective Forts
& Settlements in such manner & ways only, as / sd three Chief Agents or any two o
them (whereof / Warehousekeeper at each respective place to be one) sh fm time to

time agree upon & not otherwise

9th I all Gold wh shall be taken in / way o Barter f any o sd Goods + Merchandise sh be kept in an Iron Chest under three Locks & Keys whereof each o sd Agents to keep one & t all Payments & Disbursements in Gold or Silver be made pursuant to / Order & Direct^{ns} o / sd three Chief Agents or / major part o them whereof / sd Warehousekeeper to be one & not otherwise

10th I / New Co may (if they see fit) appoint an Assistant Warehousekeeper at each place, to succeed in t Office in case o Death either o / Warehousekeepers to be now appointed, but to h no Power in / mean time or before such Vacancies or Vacancies sh happen.

11th I in case any Diff^{er} sh arise betw / sd three Agents it be left to / Captains o / first Man o War t sh come upon / Coast to settle & make up / same

These Regulat^{ns} appeared to Us so reasonable & necessary both w regard to yr Memorialists Property & / due Applicat^{ns} o / Publick Money f / Service intended t yr Memorialists did not in / least doubt o / Concurrence o / New Co therein; but as it appears by the Answer a Copy o wh is hereto annexed t they refuse to consent thereto. And as yr Memorialists are Trustees f / Proprietors & also f ths Creditors they humbly conceived themselves under / necessity o Represent^g / true State o this Affaire to yr Lordships & to submit / same intirely to yr Lordships' Determinat^{ns}

African House

March 4th 1750

all wh is humbly submitted

By Order o / Court o Assistants
o / Royal African Co o England

R. Spence

Sec^{ry}

A copy of a letter from the Committee of Co. Merchants trading to Africa to the Court of Directors
of Royal African Co. of England Dated 27th February 1750

The Committee of Co. Merchants trading to Africa directed me to acknowledge
your letter of 19th inst. and are sorry to find it contains no answer to the letter of 20th
January with orders thereon to request it again, as also a copy of the proceedings and the
statements given by you to Mr. Roberts when he was sent out to Cape Coast, which you agreed to give at
last before on 5th inst.

The Committee agree with your Opinion that the business should be taken care of / money granted by
Parliament should be paid to them be properly invested & applied to / uses of Africa. It was intended that as the
articles last year mentioned / reasons for that purpose to instruct us / goods & / advanced a claim,
they expect that you pay / some regard to the former in this year.

The Committee approved the Minutes of last Conference and a full Answer to / 1st of
the 2d Proposition in your letter & a full Compendium to you of the purpose Mr. Roberts is to be /
last of the said Propositions; whereas by / Minutes it was agreed that he should be visited by you / some
Commissioner / late & / power with the Reports then had, & with any objections and Suggestions to any of the
Articles

The Agreement of an Assistant West India Merchant & Successor to / Chief Agent was agreed
at / last Conference on / 27th Instant when Mr. Roberts / Money was recommended in the State
The Committee are not authorized to convene themselves at any other place already sent out
to / consist or to pay any Dividends due as contracted then before / Annual & the Agents
when / consist agreeable to the letter of 20th December last relating to / Appointment of
Mr. Roberts; but you give Instructions to the Agents to dispose of / Goods / / purposes men-
tioned by / the 2d Proposition, & if not it was agreed at / Conference on 12th October last Security

shd be taken by / Committee fm / sd yr Meas^r

The Committee are oⁿ Opinion wth t a Naval Force is necessary f / Protecⁿ o /
Trade, & before / Receipt o^f yr Letter had applied to / Lords o / Admiralty upon t acct
fm whom they h received a v^{ry} Satisfactory Answer.

The Committee apprehend t / forego^s is a Sufficient Answer to wthg material
in yr Letter

Yare not insensible what Delays h already happened on yr Side in / Correspond^{ce}
a therefore they h only to add t ab / 20th March is / Time limited f / Departure o / Ships,
when wthg will be complicated by / Committee f / the Despatch they hope y will expedite
wthg to be done on yr Part to prevent ~~Demurrage~~ Demurrage or any o^r Inconveniences
t may happen by farther Obstruc^{ns}

By Order o / Committee o / Co^o Merchants, Trad^r to Africa

9 am - &c -

New Broad Street
27th February 1750

Wm Hollis
Secretary

Gentlemen *

We believe t^y w^{ill} do us Justice to say we h^{ave} hitherto conversed in way th^{at} y^e h^{ave} desired o^{ur} to dispatch & facilitate / send^{ing} out / 10,000 ^l granted by Parliam^{nt} / last Session f^{or} Support of Forts & Settlements belong^{ing} to this Co But sev^{er}al letters relat^{ing} to / present^{ly} Circumstances of Co^os Affairs in Africa begⁱⁿ now before / House o^f Commons (oath y^e no doubt h^{ave} Copies) We h^{ave} found it necessary to review our Proceedgs & think it incumbent upon us to offer to y^{our} Considera^{tion} what has occurred or we apprehend to be fut^{ure} necessary f^{or} due Applicam^{ent} of Publick Money & Preservation o^f Trade

Upon / Parliam^{nt} grants / Settled before last 10,000 ^l wh^{ich} / Lords o^f Treasury sh^{ould} best to in-Trust Mr Henry Hascelles w^{ith} / Disposit^{ion} o^f, proper Officers were named & recommended to / Co by Mr Hascelles & upon th^{is} giv^{ing} good & sufficient Security were accord^{ingly} approved by / Co & 1 three Persons named in t^{he} Commission were Mr Roberts, Mr Husband & Mr Boteler who are now at Cape Coast & are answerable to / Publick f^{or} t^{he} £10,000 & to / Co f^{or} th^{is} Behaviour

As / £10,000 sent out by Mr Hascelles & / 10,000 ^l granted last Session & paid to y^e were each f^{or} same purpose viz^t / Support & Maintenance o^f Forts & Settlements It is therefore incumbent on Mr Hascelles & on y^e & also on this Co to take Care t^{hat} / same be duly applied, As to Mr Hascelles, t^{hat} he may be able to pass his Accts & discharge / Security he has given, As to y^{our} Co, t^{hat} they may see / last / 10,000 ^l properly applied. And as to this Co t^{hat} while th^{is} Affairs are in this State o^f suspense, t^{he} / Establishment be fully answered out o^f Supplies sent over & t^{hat} / same may be applyd to t^{he} purpose least [last] new Debts sh^{ould} be incurred w^{ith} under / present Situa^{tion} must fall on this Co.

In th^{is} View & under these Considera^{tions} We think it incumbent on us to recommend / following Plan f^{or} / Gen^{eral} Security t^{hat} / Money granted sh^{ould} be duly & duly

applied a work method seems necessary. We thus to sh be directed
 1 such pair of supply granted - first year assk be allotted to Cape Coast
 Castle be ~~not~~ consigned to him. Thus method recommended by y, who sh give
 security to y & this Co. f / five & forwarded Disposal & Application of same
 as five often mentioned
 1 such part of sd supply as sh be allotted f. Jamaica be consigned to such
 person as sh be agreed on who sh give / like security.
 1 as to sh appoint yd sd part that should be one or other three Chap
 Agents & Merchants Keeper at Cape Coast And / persons who sh be so
 agreed on f. Jamaica to be one or two three. Chief Agents & Warehouse Keepers at
 James Fort on / River Gambia. They give such security & entering into such con-
 tracts as sh be in customary in / like Cases.

[vide pp 9-11 supra]

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No one of our most dangerous Rivalls is now looking to supplant / British
 Interest is [in?] one of most essential Parameters of African Trade by way of the
 almost efforts to obtain Settlement at Annamaboe in / Wj Centre of Gold Coast,
 We apprehend [nothing] next to a proper Force at sea can undo / present un-

fortunate Circumstances of Trade more effectually contribute to render such Dangerous
Schemes abortive than Harmony & unanimity among / Officers & Servants settled &
appointed to be on / Coast; and as it appears fm / Letters transmitted by Captⁿ Pye to /
Lords of Admiralty t^h g^t Inconveniences were like to arise & may still grow worse fm
/ frequent appointing o^r new Governors there, we cannot but be o^r Opinion t^h until
such Time as / Parliam^t sh be pleased to put / Finishing Hand to this Affair, /
Orders & Regulatⁿs hereinbefore mentioned may be necessary & Conducive to /
Goods desired & do therefore propose them to yr Consideratⁿ f^r yr concurrence, & if t^h
any Doubts or Diff^{er} Difficulties ~~be~~ concerning / same, will v^y readily submit / whole
to / immediate Determinatⁿ o^r Right Honourable / Lords Commissioners o^r Trade &
Plantatⁿs & will attend / Honourable Board w^h on / Subject Matter thereof
Tue may Act in Consultⁿ w^h an Affair o^r such g^t Consequence to / Trade o^r this Kingdom

[no date nor sig^s]

Enclosed

Trade Africa
" Copy letters sent fm / Royal
" African Co to / New
" Co. Dated

19th Feb^ry 1750

" Recd w^h / African Co's
" mem dated ye 4th March 1750

" Recd March 5 } 1750
" Recd do } 1

Dd 19."

A list o Persons now at Cape Coast Castle Out o wh
[Dd 21]
The Lordships are humbly desired to Name two to
be joined w Mr Melvil who is named by / New
Comp^t to go o ver wth / 10,000 last granted.

Mr Stockwell who was Displaced & in his Room were appointed

Mr Jno Roberts }
Mr Hubbards } who are now / three Chiefs Chr.
Mr Boteler }

Endorsed

Recd March yr 18th }
Recd April 16th } 1750/
Dd 24th . "

To / Right Honorable / Lords Commissioners o Trade & Planta^{ns}
My lords

The Committee o / Co o Merchants tradg to Africa take / Liberty o layg
before yr Lordships a Copy o / Instrum^{ts} intended f / Chief Agents & Officers upon /
Coast, & hope they will meet w yr Lordships' Approba^{on}

If the sd be any^{thg} any Thg deficient or t requires any Altera^{on} they hope
y will please to hono^r them w yr Sentin^{ts}, wh sh be immediately complied w.

They wd h done this before had not the Time bⁿ so much taken up by / Oth

African Co, who to this Hour thurst all the Proceeds in / Nominaⁿ o Officers &c &
h^o bⁿ so extremely troublesome t / Committee hope this will be / last year they
sh^d h^o any Concern wth them.

As / Ships are now ready to depart, / Committee hope yr Lordships will be
pleased to take these Instruc^{ns} into yr immediate Consideraⁿ

By Order of Committee of Comp^{ts} o Merchants Trade to
Africa.

9 h - 12 -
Wm Hollier Secy.

Newbroad Street
18th March 1750.

Instruc^{ns} fr^m / Committee of Co o Merchants Trade to Africa to the Chief Agents upon
/ Coast.

Enclosed

Recd as a letter fr^m yr Committee
o yr Comp^{ts} o Merchants Trade to Africa

Recd March yr 18th } 1750/
Recd April 16th } /

Dec 25 "

[Vide / Instruc^{ns} f^r Melib in Cooks. p 147]

Copy Instruc^{ns} given by / Committee o / Co o Merchants Trading to Africa to Thomas Melvil Esq^r nominated by / sd Committee & confirmed by / Royal African Co o England. Chief Agent, President o / Council, Treasurer & Warehouse-keeper at Cape Coast Castle on / Gold Coast o Africa.

Endorsed

Recd Nov^r 18th }
 Read 20 } 1751
 Dec. 31.

[Vide Credits p. 14]

Endorsed

" Trade Africa
 Letter fr^m / Commee
 o / Royal African
 Co to / Board
 dated Decem^r 1751 in
 answer to a letter fr^m Mr Pownall
 containing Observations upon such
 articles o Expence arising in
 / Execu^{ns} o the Trust
 State in the Accts laid
 before / Board.
 Recd Decem^r 5th } 1751
 Read Janry 10 } 1752
 Dec. 4th"

my kind

was General Street December 1/51

By a letter received from the Treasurer of 22nd November we understand yr kind-
ships on Leeds over / African Committee Acts a last year object to / the great a change / £800
per Ann attend / committee of delay / salaries of the Clerks & Clerks a change a mean-
age as in England, a £ / seven next preceds Articles of to be paid out of / sd £800 as has
Changes properly being? to / management?

The answer to what we beg leave to enquire before yr kindships / following Reasons in Support
of Changes as they now stand in / sd Act. The 1st a wk in point a order is £19.19.2
of Changes at Government, dispendy / stays

The 2^d is £80.1.9 of Changes as / these a Commons in point / the
The 3^d Article is £6.6.6 of copy? / Plans of Fairs, / Arguments on / both a / Retrospect
were placed to send us

The 4th is £6 of Survey / Stays & attend upon / Punish when day were sold
The 5th is £29.4.11 of all / sundry expens attend / these a Commons /
Boards of Treasury, Retrospect a State etc

Things all over / attend upon / these a Commons a / board a Trade & by enq
to / Optus given us by / old African Co + weel continue the they are distributed a /
new Co properly established, of for which it is hoped that they attend upon were case a /
a course to them / expens, the due we think / loss a out time a of yr hand -

ship upon us, as we have no Company what / this will be Trade & Service, it
will therefore be necessary by unobtainable to make our disadvantage state / yr
by say these expens upon us

The 6th & 7th Articles are / expens for seats

In Answer to yr L^{ts} Observ^{ns} upon / Gross Charge o £ 800 f Management, We apprehend / same to be regular & agreeable to / Clause o / Act (Page 556) where after having paid / Salaries o our Clerks & Agents / Rent o our Office & all o^r Charges o Management, we are empowered to share & divide / Perdue am^{ts} ourselves as we sh^d judge proper, as a Compensⁿ f our Trouble & Attend^{ce} in / Office o Committee-men; all o wh^{ch} was has bin done to / Satis facⁿ o all Parties concerned.

Our Establishm^t in London is Nine Committee-men, a Secretary & Messengers. At Bristol & Liverpool, each an Agent.

The deft^t Establishm^ts out upon / Coast, we h^d ordered to be sent by us as soon as possible, / Distributⁿ o Goods we h^d ordered to be sent wⁱⁿ Six Months, & when^{er} either o them comes to our Hands they sh^d be immediately layed before yr Lordships

We now beg leave to acquaint yr Lordships t^h / Perdue to be divided am^{ts} / Committee f / Trouble & Attend^{ce} necessarily required in / Management o / Cas Affairs is not at all adequate to / Loss o th^r Time, exclusive o all / publick Attend^{ce}s before mentioned; & We are w^{it} apprehensive t^h unless / Allow^{ce} to / Committee be increased, it will be defect^{iv} f possible to keep / Management in / Hands o such Persons as are worthy o be^{ing} entrusted w^{it} or capable o conduct^{ing} an Affair o this Consequ^{ce} in / Manner t^h o^r to be

We h^d - &c -

Chas Pole	Joseph Champion	R Boddicott
Nath Bassnett	R Giddartym ⁿ	Robert Scold
Vincent Bercoe	Sam ^l Turner	

Endorsed

"Trade Africa
Distribution of £800
granted by Parliamt
to / Charges of
Committee of Merchants
Trade to Africa
Passed for Mr Hollis

Passed }
Read } Janry 10. 1752

Dd. 48"

Secretary of Salary

to f house rent attendce o Sirs ^s re	£100
to f a present of his xtry Trouble	50
to f Stationary & o ^r Kirshursts	10 - 10 -
to f Coach hire re	14 - 9 - 10
9 Committee men £69 each	4 - - - 2
	621
	<u>£800 - -</u>

Endorsed ... Recd January 15 } 1752
Read - 16 }
Dd 50"

Whitehall 15th Jan^y 1752.

My Lords

Having laid before / King / unclod^d Memorial o / Committee o / Co^m Merchants
trad^e to Africa, sett^d forth t^o John Corranter one o / Cabbo^{ve}ers o / Kingdom o
Fanti, upon / Gold Coast, h^e refused Permisⁿ to / French to build a Fort at Annamaboe,
& h^e at / same time given Assurance o his Readiness to assist this Majesty's Subjects
in rebuild^g / old Fort, or in erect^g a new One at t^e Place, / do^g o w^h may be o /
highest Imp^oce to / Interest o this Majesty's Trad^e Subjects in these Parts; And / Com-
mittee h^{av}g represented, t^h f^or / last Act^s, they h^{av} b^en able to procure, they apprehend
/ Exp^onc o Build^g or Complet^g Complet^g a proper & sufficient Fort, f^or / Service o t^e
Coast will not exceed / Sum o £6,000. His Majesty has commanded me to signify
his Pleasure to y^r Lordships, t^h y^e sh^d take / sd Memorial into y^r immediate Consideraⁿ
& report to me y^r Opinion thereupon f^or this Majesty's Informaⁿ

I am - &c -
Holderness

Board o Trade

Endorsed

Trade Africa

November 1751

Memorial of Committee of

Co of Merchants Trade

to Africa to Kings most

excellent Majesty concerng

a Fort at Annamaboe

Recd w/ Earl of

Holdership's letter of 15

of January 1752

Recd January 15 } 1752

Read 16 } 1752

Dd. 51"

To Kings most excellent Majesty

The Memorial of Committee of Co of Merchants Trade to Africa

Humbly Sheweth

That your Memorialists being duly chosen, Committee men in Pursuance of an Act passed in the 23^d year of your Majesty's Reign entitled "An Act for extending & improving Trade to Africa" in Consequence of which Choice & Power given them by said Act, Forts, Factories & Settlements upon Coast of Africa are committed to Care & Management of your Memorialists for your Majesty's Benefit of a free & open Trade to all your Majesty's Subjects

That Right Honourable Earl of Halifax having been pleased to communicate

to yr Memorialists / Contents o a letter wh his lordship had received fm John Corranice
 one o Cobboceers o / Kingdom o Fante upon / Gold Coast o Africa in wh he ~~assures~~
 assures his lordship t he had refused leave to / French to build a Fort at
 Annamahoe one o / principal tradg Places in / sd Kingdom but was ready to
 assist yr Majesty's Subjects in rebuildg / old English Fort or in erectg a new
 one at t Place, yr Memorialists therefore think it thr Duty humbly to ~~represent~~
 represent to yr Majesty

T fm / gth Consequence o a Fort at Annamahoe to / whole Gold Coast
 Trade o yr Majesty's Subjects, upon wh / Support o yr American Colonies
 g^{ly} depends, fm / eager Desires o French to build a Fort thre, & fm
 thr constant Practice o usurpg to themselves an exclusive Trade whereⁱⁿ they
 settle, it appears to yr Memorialists not only prudent but g^{ly} important to
 accept / sd offer & immediately to erect such a Fort as sh procure Respect &
 Safety to yr Majesty's Subjects fm / Natives upon t Part o / Coast & Protec^{on} agst
 any Attempts wh may be made by any o^r Powers to dispossess them o a Place
 where by a prior Poss^{on} they h a right to an exclusive Trade

T fm / best Accts yr Memorialists h bⁿ able to obtain, they apprehend
 / Expence o buildg such a Fort as is desired will not exceed Six thousand Pounds

T yr Memorialists are highly sensible o yr Majesty's paternal Care &
 Concern f / Prosperity & Increase o Trade o these Kingdoms & therefore most
 humbly beseech yr Majesty will be pleased to take / Premises into yr most gracious
 Considera^{on} & give such Orders therein as to yr Majesty's gth Wisdom sh seem meet

And yr Mem^{rs} Memorialists sh humbly pray &c

London / 8th November 1751.
 Signed & sealed
 By order o yr Majesty's most dutiful & loyal Subjects / Committee o / co
 o Africa Merchants tradg to Africa Wm Hallin Secretary

LS
 100
 C/6/A3

Endorsed

" Trade Africa
Letter from Mrs Stockwell
to / Board, dated at Cape
Cape Coast Castle July
23^d 1751 contains his
Observations upon / Act of
Parliament lately passed
for regulatg / Trade
to Africa.

Recd Jan^y 31st } 1752
Read Febr^y 12 }

Dd. 52.

Cape Coast Castle 23^d July 1751

My Lords

The 18th of June arriv'd here / Flyg Flamborough John Dod Bonell
Master, wth a Cargo for / Gov^{ty} / support^r of / British Forts & Settlements upon this Coast
wth Mr Melvil as principal Officer & many othrs, in order I find to execute a scheme of a
new regulated Co; but before I left England did write a small treatise concerng /
Trade to Africa, & principally agst this wth scheme, I h^{ave} often heard it urg'd t^{hat} / Forts
& Settlements upon this Coast were of no manner of service & protec^{tion} to / Ships tradg
here, therefore o^{ught} to be kept as marks of protec^{tion} only, - as to / Forts be^{ing} of service &
protec^{tion} to Ships tradg, is notorious, & has b^{een} sufficiently prov'd, & as to keepg them as
marks of protec^{tion} poss^{ible} only must amaze anyone who is concern'd w^{ith}, & has a
Knowledge of this Trade, however I find t^{hat} such steps are taken t^o border w^{ith} near upon
it; / mischiefs & destru^{tion} t^o will, & must arise by this most ridiculous & ill concerted

Scheme ~~is~~ is by sending, w^{ch} / Spend a proficy, it has already began to show /
 making I must answer upon that cost, altho scarce one month is past, / matters
 are v^l sensible & / Power therein into the hands, & will make an advantage dr^{of} /
 / For I no longer any Power or Authority have; say then is his own Power, & will
 Act as he thinks proper, / matters not except, f / write them & already taken
 Matters unknown; & in / town a Cape Coast, as they will write under one / For
 of For's write they think trade w^{ch} / from a Forer noⁿ a / For's, who
 cannot nor dare they protect them, or can they well enter upon any favour
 us / matters, fm / following reason, / write them & the effects, are seen in the
 lower, as t upon any diff^r us / For's people & these traders so settled, what
 can be done a sum fm / For cannot be fixed, as by t / writes may be in -
 reduced in / some debtm^{ts} us / / stocks, & will well induce / write traders
 to join us / matters agst / For's f the own safety, private, w^{ch} / matters
 find t / For's dare be much to improve in the diff^r us, or more than
 they chose, they can easily move at a distance with a sum easy / write
 traders consequently will follow them, & den / For's indeed may be set
 to stand as marks & For's only, /
 I know it will be sd / inhabitants long under a For's will not care to
 more than hold me for a For's they may receive by / Invention o / Inland
 matters, to w^{ch} I answer, little is to be feared upon / Gold Coast fm any
 such invasions, unless / many For's will proceed by / Sea side, & for
 distant fm any For, who has no intention o that sort, such as / Invention,
 / Invention, / Invention etc, & den / Invention who is concerned so
 hard to beg off this wicked scheme, with the ends, t is / Invention

o all / Settlements upon / Gold Coast; if it manifestly appears to me nothing less
cd ever be intended, if hd they consulted wth either / French or Dutch, who are
both utter & known enemies to our Trade upon this Coast, these enemies I say
to our Trade, cd never h^{ave} fell upon a better method, where / destruct^{ion} is inevitable
& by wh^{ich} they must Profit so much, as I sd in my treatise, & wh^{ich} I dread will
come to pass; when by mak^{ing} so bad an Altera^{tion} upon / Coast, & / Yls I h^{ave} & sh^{ould}
mention be Verified, how can / Lives & fortunes o those Men who h^{ave} bn /
means o carry^{ing} I into execu^{tion} this shew^{ing} scheme; I say t^{hat} the lives & fortunes
are a poor recompense f^{or} / Injury done the Country, now my lords I beg leave
to show / manifest hurt this scheme will do to / British Ships trad^{ing} upon
this Coast, hitherto they h^{ave} bot^h the Slaves fm / natives, sometimes a few at /
Ports, but now as white people will be settled upon ev^{ery} part o / Coast who
will be trad^{ing} men wh^{ich} they will trust wth Goods to go up into / Country, in order
to buy Slaves Gold, Teeth &c & will intercept most o trade comm^{ing} to / Sea-
side in its usual manner, therefore its plain t^{hat} / Ships must buy at second hand,
by wh^{ich} it will enhance / price o Slaves, as / white Traders ashoar by t^{his} means w^{ill}
will ever Keep a better assortment o Goods than it is possible f^{or} any Ship to
have, by wh^{ich} they will win h^{ave} / refusal o what Slaves escapes them in / Country
these th^{ings} & t^{hat} h^{ave} bn well considered before they hd gon^e / length they h^{ave}, if soon
suppose an Altera^{tion} shd soon be made, it will not be found an easy & ev^{ery}
easy matter to br^{ing} / natives to the former Obedie^{nce}. The next th^{ing} my lords to be
considered is ye Plant^{ations} wh^{ich} wholly & entirely depend upon a supply o Negroes,
a gr^{eat} part fm this Coast, wh^{ich} in / Colonies are esteem^{ed} / best, & suppose t^{hat}
they shd be supply'd w^{ith} an Equal number, wh^{ich} I am far fm think^{ing} they will,

bee / white traders as well as / Blackes will wait w^o any oppy to dispose o the Slaves
to french Ships, as they can afford to give a much lger price than / English,
as / encourage^m they meet w^o fm the Country put them in condⁿ so to do;

The last Paragraph may in a g^t measure be prevented, by / Station^g
two small Men o war upon / Coast, tho I can see many inconveniencys
not w^o I wd attend, add to what I h sd t / Murthers Robberys &c^a, wh at
times, & under various pretces will be committed upon / white traders, o wh
nobody, has it in the Power to take any cognizance, this v^y scheme
was try'd in King William's Reign but found impracticable, therefore
a joint Stock Comp^y again renewed, what Blackman (Cabocheer) is the
at Cape Coast who carries any Authority, Cudjoe is / first, who has not
power to Command a Canoe to go anywhere, unless they please, its
true he is a good dingerster, but a bad Cabocheer, as he is too
timorous f such a Staⁿ, indeed John Curwantee deserves / name o
Cabocheer, or a v^y g^t one he is, / latter can command a g^t number o Men in Arms
whⁿ he thinks proper, or more o his subjects, if I may so call them, dare disobey
him, such is his Power he exercised over Cape Coast town t he forced Cudjoe much
ag^t his will to go w^o him to leave, & / Castle cd not, nor did not protect him,
how^r Cudjoe like a prudent Man, soon conceived ~~how~~ John t fight^g was not
what he chose, f my Part yr dordshps will find t I h no manner o Interest
in writ^g this letter, as I am determin'd to fly a Place were [where] nothg
is to be seen but Confu^m & Distur^m or soy Man / o^r Enemy, I h therefore
already sent such o my Effects as I cd get paid me here, to Cape Appolonia
where I intend to settle, / People are esteem'd / most civiliz'd upon /

whole Coast & a place by all Informⁿ I h^d of, a good Trade, thus much my Lords it
will do, & it will prevent either / French or / Dutch from making a settlement there, & will be a
gr^t protection from / Insults given / English at / Sierrae by / Dutch, as / Cabenda or Cape
Appollonia is / great in / whole Country, & in a Days time can Command upwards o
ten thousand Men in Arms, all his own Slaves & Dependants; I intend buildg a
small Fort at t^e Place, & when compleated will do myself / Honour to inform yr
Lordships thereof, w^{ch} a Plan of Fort

W^d it not astonish any Man t^h he truly a regard of his Country, to think of
t^he Sum^s o^r money laid out upon new Settlements such as Georgia, &c. &c. or so much
reluctancy to guard & secure / Fountain head, from whence all our Plantations receive their
Support, since then it is manifest beyond contradiction either o^r party or facⁿ, t^hat all our
Colonies h^{ave} an absolute dependency upon this Trade, how carefull then o^r we then to
be o^r introducing new Schemes, whereby / whole is in danger o^r being lost, f^r / Existence o^r
all our Plantations will be out to / good or bad conduct pursued on this Coast, & our
Vigilant neighbours will ever be watchfull to take advantage o^r any false measures
we may take, so t^hat if by neglect or otherwise / Gold Coast sh^d be lost as keepg / Forts
only as Martin o^r Possessⁿ seems to indicate, & indeed by this scheme they are rendered little better,
who then till / fatal time comes ~~as~~ can tell what farther lengths our enemy may go. The
French are a powerful natⁿ, indefatigable in Trade, wh^{ch} they gr^{atly} encourage. They h^{ave}
already ingroed more o^r yr Trade to Angola by keepg at this time floatg factories at t^e
Place. How has t^e Coast ^{underg} in a manner lost to / English but by / poverty or perhaps
some^{thg} worse o^r Co, who by an Officers they sent they had procured a Settlement at
Cabenda & did build a Fort* but he never received from / Co any supplies sufficient f^r
* I was a Factor there at t^e time, but some time before / Fort was taken / Gov^r ordered me on
board a Co's Vessel as supercargo to proceed to Thomab's, a Portuguese Island.

its protecⁿ & so low were we fallen t^t the dishonorable Naⁿ of Warri, / Portuguese, came before it as a Man o' Warre o' 50 Guns assisted by thousands o' Blacks by land, they took / Fort & demolished it, & altho repeated Complaints were made by / Co, neither they sent / maⁿ t^t ever I heard received / least Satisfacⁿ of so open an Injury & Affront done our Commerce. Had we attended properly to / necessary support o' Co at t^t time / French wd never h^{ve} bin able to h^{ve} made / Figure & progress they now do upon t^t Coast. If such Injuries & Insults were overlooked fm t^t maⁿ, how much more are we to fear fm / French & if this trade is ever lost to Britain, how fatal wd^l such a loss be. I'll leave / fear & Terrors thereof to our British Subject, partly to those who h^{ve} any connectⁿ wth our Plantaⁿs.

Ten thousand Pounds p. Ann: hath & is that sufficient f^r this Coast, f^r / protecⁿ, advanc^{mt} & honour o' first & most beneficial Trade to / Kingdom. For my part, my Lords, if this Trade is to be carried on accord^g to this new System, I can't see any Occasⁿ f^r / sum o' ten Thousand Pounds, f^r as I sd before they cannot be o' / least protecⁿ to / trad^g Ships, or / private Traders Settled in / Country, therefore it appears to me t^t one thousand Pounds p. Ann: is fully sufficient f^r Gambia, all / Forts upon / Good Coast, & why that, f^r two or three men in each will be as good protecⁿ as three hundred, were [where] / Gov^r o' Coast is thrown into such disorder & confuⁿ, & / Officer at / head o' so confused a Rabel has no Power; indeed I take this to be what is meant by those who formed this execrable Scheme t^t it may gradually & by degrees dwindle down to noth^g, I will not, nor cannot suppose t^t either / French or Dutch be thrown, as / Common say^g is, dust into anybody's Eyes, but what is / Differ^{ce} if a man is to be undone, wh^o it happen by a knave or a fool, fm any consolⁿ t^t may arise to ~~the~~ him by wh^o o' them it was executed. For my part

I really think not less than Twenty Thousand Pounds P Ann: can or will support these Forts properly to keep them in proper repair & pay^d / servants & Slaves in such a manner as is both just & honest, wh has hardly ever bⁿ / case in this country, & wh has bⁿ a g^t cause of best & most valuable slaves belong^d to / Co desert^d the service, instead of wh I cd give many.

Most of Captains o his majestys Ships as well as o^r, h^d orders to inspect & survey all / Forts upon / Coast, & to make a report o the Condi^o, wh doubtless they h done. The regard t has bⁿ paid to / repeated reports, / Forts, if such a name they deserve, stand a shok^d witness thereof. Is it not surpris^d t Secreterys, Artificers, Soldiers &c^a shd be sent over to guard & secure Places scarcely habitable. w^od not any Man by / Annual Steps taken f / Informa^o mentioned, h supposed t the first care wd h bⁿ immediately to h put these Skeltons o Forts into a defensible cond^o, all shd first h joined therein & directly carried it into exec^o.

I beg leave to inform y^r wordships concern^d / money advanced by me f / Support o / Forts & settle^{mts} upon this Coast, wh upon my dismiss^o shd to h bⁿ paid here, but to my g^t surprize I found was ordered not to be done, & much more to my surprize am informed t / Gov refused / Pay^{mt} in England, & give f reasons t we hd traded f our Selves. Our Condi^o were so w / Co, or how was it possible we cd h supported so many People, not bring^d out, or receive^d fm / Gov or Co any Supplies supplies dur^d / time I hd / chief Direc^o of Co's Affairs here, & find^d noth^g in Cape Coast Castle but some old Rusty trad^d Guns not worth half a Crown each, many o them are now upon wh we took & allowed / Co ten shill^{gs} each, many o them are now upon our hands wh never can be sold f anyth^g. The chance o trade is so precarious t we m^t h ~~lost~~ lost money as well as got, & did lose a Considerable deal

by / vs Voyages in wh we sent part o these Guns. Some merit sure thro is in saws /
 Forts fm ruin & / People both whites & blacks, fm stars? I hope yr Lordships will
 therefore be pleased to take it into consideraⁿ & I may be paid my money. I sh
 not trouble yr Lordships further on this head as Mr Roberts intends takg his
 Passage by / first opp^t; beg leave to refer yr Lordships to him in regard to /
 publick Affairs upon this Coast, as well as my own.

I am, My Lords, - &c -

R Stockwell [orig sig^h]

Dd 41

n.B. The followg 3 papers [Dd 42 & Dd 43] are inserted here as they h not apparently
 be copied elsewhere.

Dd 41. Copy o a letter fm / President & Council at Cape Coast to / Commanders
 o Ships at Annamahoe, & thr Answer.

Gent. Inclosed is / Book given us by / Fantens o / Balaw, w Captain
 Derbyshire & his Answer to it. On / Receipt o Capt Derbyshire's letter we agn sent f
 / Fantens & acquainted them w / Contents, pointg out to them / Difus o / two Returns
 as we went on; they insisted thr Narratⁿ was / Truth & consequently denied what Capt
 Derbyshire recited. When we came to t Part o Capt Derbyshire's letter wherein he says
 he will run / Hazard o Law in England & actually sell / Prisoners at Papa, they
 seemd not at all shocked or moved at it; but immediately replied in as peremptory
 a manner as he had wrote, t if they did not get thr Friends agn, 't was indift
 to them what Capt Derbyshire did w them, sell them, or kill them, f thr Part

they should look upon it as a Commencement of a War w/ English, & t they had lost so many
People in Battle & would endeavour to get the Satisfaction of Revenge. We used all Arguments
we possibly could to persuade them to make some Advantages towards settling this Affair, by giving
up what they had retorted from Capt Derbyshire, partly / Money he paid on Capt Lawson's
Acct, wh we endeavoured to convince them he had no manner of Concern or Connecⁿ w/
more than ourselves, likewise / extravagant Price they had made him pay for Commodore
Caroemans he had carried off, for wh he had accordg to the Laws a very reasonable Excuse
& whom by his Letter he sd he had offered them for a Boy 3 foot & a half high. We
next represented to them how much it was their Interest to his in Friendship w/
English partly now t / Parliam^t of England had laid this Trade open, & t therefore w^d
Ships & w^d private men was at full Liberty to trade or settle under any of these
Forts, or in any of Towns, t as our People cd now trade as openly & freely as
Monday, so / less of Port of Annamaboe to this / English, while this Palavern
subsisted wd be much less to them than it wd h^{ve} been at any o^r Time & in / End
they wd find it terminate in their own Ruin, by turning / Channel of Trade from
Annamaboe to this & /^o Forts. We further told them t as we shortly ex-
pected two men of War who were to be stationed here till relieved by oth, therefore
if they had any Scheme of introducing Foreigners they wd find themselves mistaken
& concluded w sayg t since they now found t / English, for / Encouragem^t of this
Trade & / Safety of Natives, had imposed a Fine of £100 in Gold to be paid by /
Cap^t of any Ship who shd forcibly take on board or carry off any free Negro, it was
but reasonable to expect from them some wholesome Law to prevent / white Men
from receiving any Injury from the People, for if they did not, this w^d Affair wd convince
them t no Barrier on / side of white Men wd ever prevent them from getting the

Revenge for any Injury they sh^d do them.

Thus y^e will see / Obstinacy o both Parties & how little ground there is to hope
 f an Accomodaⁿ, as y^e h^e y^e white People in / hands o / Fantees, we recommend
 it to y^e to think o some speedy Method o recovering them, f w^h Purpose each Ship
 sh^d contribute accordg to / Circumstances they are under to satisfy Capt^r Derbyshire.

Let us h^e y^e Answer as soon as possible. We are Gent^l - re -
 Tho^s Melville
 Will^m Husbands
 Tho^s Boteler
 Ebenezer Young.

From / Commanders of Ships at Annamaboe to / President & Council at
 Cape Coast Castle. 29th June 1751

Gentlemen. We h^e received y^e letter & observe w^h Concern, / Confu^s t Capt^r
 Derbyshire's Disputes w^h / Fantee People is like to occaⁿ. We much approve o y^e
 becoming a. Principal & mediator in adjustg t^e matters; To shew our Willingness to
 prop^r / decling Interest o our Country to rescue / English now in the Possesⁿ f^m
 / Barbarity t^e Capt^r Derbyshire's ~~Obstinacy~~ Obstinacy; [sic] to prevent / Destrucⁿ
 o / chief Place o Trade on / Gold Coast, & in fine to hinder such Irregularities
 f / Future, by puttg / Law in force ag^t / Aggressors; we are willg each o us
 to contribute 10 Ounces o Goods in Trade in hopes y^e will advance / rest f^m
 national Goods & to recover our losses as / Law will put y^e in a Capacity o do^g it.

We expect t^e Capt^r Carpent^r will do / same, & we desire t^e when y^e send down
 a Canoe or boat f^r this Contribution, t^e y^e will send an Assur^{ce} in writg o y^e usg y^e
 best Endeavours to refund what we sh^d advance. We wou^d desire to y^e t^e it
 will be necessary upon / regaing o these People, wh^{ch} Derbyshire holds now

in Confine^{ment} & y^e notice fr^{om} us o^{ur} Peoples be^{ing} at Liberty & what^r effects they
may h^{ave} o^{urs} may be restored, beg^{ging} Gentlemen - &c -

Henry Ellis
Abraham Galley
John Jepson
James Keith

Dd 42. Copy o^f a Letter fr^{om} Thomas Melvil Esq^r President o^f Council at Cape Coast
Castle to John Van Voorst Esq^r Director Gen^{eral} at Sierra, & his Answer
Cape Coast Castle 6 July 1751

Monsieur

Je vous envoie par la presente la boîte de chés mess, Muidoman, que
vous recevrez J'espere en Secret

Je ne puis vous dire que j'ai eu jus qu'à present assez de loisir pour examiner a
fond l'état de la Dispute de Hanta, mais selon mon humble Opinion, les Principes qui
doivent nous regler, comme Sujets de deux Puissances allies, sont ceux-ci; de
restituer ce qui a été saisi par force de part & d'autre; de terminer tous
les Difens autants qu'il nous est possible sur la Côte; de renvoyer a nos Maîtres
ceux de nous ne pouvons nous accorder; et en meme temps de suspendre toutes
Hostilités jus qu'à ce que nos Compagnies respectives nous aient envoye leurs
Decisions. Si vos Sentiments la dessus sont tels que les miens Je suis prêt
de commencer des qu'il vous plaira en attendant.

J'ai - &c -

Thos Melvil

messieurs, Joy l'honneur de vous venir de l'un de la boîte dont vous
avez en la Boîte de vous charger; le acte de laquelle je vous renvoie par
la présente. Il n'est surprenant que vous n'avez en le acte d'acquiescement
ce fond d'origine de la Dispute survenue avec les habitants X'Inta, puisque
les papiers et lettres unites enus a cet egard sont remises a toute que
Messieurs l'edit seigneur font d'une nouvelle affaire une bonne.
Je suis fort d'accord pour les punir qui ne doivent nous nuire pour
pasteur tout d'ordonner, et régler les querelles portées, mais auparavant il
me sembleroit que la Partie offensée comme sont les habitants d'Inta
recevant sans forme des torts offensés, et après la restitution survenue
brevet de ce que de Roi d'Inta et les sujets ont été forcés et obligés
de prendre par l'usage et en l'accommodement de l'injustice faite sans
et parties qui ont été essuies

Pour ces autres différences le sub prieur de my trouva a l'amiable
autant qu'il sera en mon pouvoir, des que l'origine de la dispute sera réglée;
me réservant bien plus ordinairement que de lui et en l'acte avec vous
une harmonie et amiable conversation pour la suite de nos jours que de
contre a séparation a cette Cote, sans pour le bien des Intérêts de nous
respectables Compagnons, que pour mon propre Repos et satisfaction

A la quinzaine ce 2 Juillet 1751

Messieurs - 9c -

John Van Dorst

To / President & Council fm Nassau Senior Chief o Dixcove
Dd 43] Honble Gentlemen Dixcove Fort 9 July 1751

Yest^d I received Advice t Acaiyah hd stopped all / Bush
Paths, the Gen^l o Elmina havg sent him / followg message - t he under-
stood his People came down here to buy Cloth, but advised him to keep them
in / Bush till such Time as / Palaver was made up, f / Gentlemen t were
lately come out fm / English Co knew nothg abt Palavers & they wd be glad
to make him g^t Satisfacⁿ in order to induce him to settle his Town - accordgly
I dispatched a Messenger to Quow Cabweeer o Malina to know if / same was
true & to advise him not to trust^t to what / Dutchman sd; he returned me
f answers, Acaiyah hd stopped his Path & hd sent to him to do / same, f as
my People cut such a Quantity o Palm Wine Trees, they did not chuse to let them
come down, lest they shd quarrel, get drunk, & begin fresh Disturbes; & they
imagined it was much better to wait in / Bush till / Gentlemen o Cape Coast &
/ Gen made up / Palaver & / latter gave them to / English (some o Quow's
People t were w him added) & / English made them Satisfacⁿ, I remain - &c
Nassau Senior

78
Enclosed

"Trade Africa
Letter from Mr. Potts
Botilers at Cape Coast
Castle to Mr. Hill dated
July 23^d 1751 inclos^g [sic]
Recd Jan^y 31st
Recd Febr^y 12th } 1752
Dd 53"

Cape Coast Castle in Africa July 23^d 1751.

Sir As / Contents o/ Inclosed are o a Public Nature I am to beg / favour
o y to lay it before / Lords o Trade & Planta^{ns} at the first meet^g, And
As what gave rise thereto is sufficiently sett forth therein it will
be needless to trouble y^r Hon^{rs} here, My reason f^r troubling the Lordships
o y^r self as it is, t^h the Mr Melvil cd not help Assent^g to / truth thereof
yet that it not sufficient Warrant to be f^r him to break his ~~Orders~~ Orders, & therefore
proposed to refer it home, & to prevent any Misrepresenta^{ns} I thought best to send it
to the Lordships at once. It stands in need o/ great Apologys f^r / Roughness o/
Style, was I capable o making such Apologys I mt also h^{ve} put it into better
language. But alas! Sir A Man bred from his Infancy to / Sea & resident
13 Years in Africa can rest his hopes in nothing but plain Truth as such I
presume to offer it to the Lordships' Considera^{ns} have no Excuse to offer f^r its
dress. If / Inevitable complained o he such as Merits the Atten^{ns} & Inter-
posi^{on} I am perswaded my bad Express^{on} will not prevent it. As a partner

in / first, & indeed only house yet settled by Virtue of Act o Parliam^{nt} I may
claim some small prece to / privilege o Appeal^g to the Lordships
chiefly bec ~~It~~ if I did not the was none to do it. These I hope Sir will
be sufficient Excuses to the Lordships & / myself of my presump^{tn}. I promise to abide
by the Dec^{sn} w all due Obedi^{nc} o wh I must pray y to assure the Lordships &
permit me to subscribe myself Sir - &c -

Thomas Boteler [orig sig.]

Thomas Hill Esquire

Emprsed

Trade Africa
Letter of Remonstrance
for Mr Tho^s Boteler one
of Chief Agents at Cape
Coast Castle to the melior Soc^y
President of Council &c
the selling power / handships
handships / Co^s
Serr^{ts} ~~the~~ will be under, as well
as / Trade in gen^l by
be^g restrained, fm
trading w Foreigners &c
Dated July 23^d 1751
Recd w Mrs Botelers
Letter to Mr Hill dated at Cape
Coast Castle July 23^d 1751
Recd January 31 1752
Recd Feb 12^d
D^d 54

. . . [Wide Red Notebooks p. 537] . . .

Endorsed

" Trade Africa

Copy o a letter fm
 Mr John Roberts to/
 African Committee dated
 at Cape Coast Castle
 23^d July 1751.
 Recd fm Mr Hollis

Recd 7 Feby 6 1752
 Read 1 - 13.

Dd 55."

Copy o a letter fm Mr John
 Roberts to / African Committee
 dated Cape Coast Castle 23^d July 1751

Gentlemen

I cannot omit present^y my most humble Respects to ye p. letter, especially
 as it empowers me by / same Opp^t to assure ye my Superces^m rather gave me
 Pleasure than Concern concern, & t^h had ye honoured me w/ Manage^m o / present
 Supplies instead o Mr Michil under / Present Plan, I sh^d h^{ve} b^{een} far fm accept^y /
 Same, neither Honour nor Profit b^eg justly & fairly to be obtained thereby; And
 whosoever attempts / latter will never affect it wth destroy^y / former & prejudic^y
 / Trade o / British Subjects & f numerous Reasons evident to ev^{ery} Trader on
 / Coast, Tonic & / Space o a letter will not permit me to elucidate, but f /

• Botlers' ?

present submit my warm Wishes to his Country, & to hear Truths, to / Declam^{ns}
o / Commanders o Vessels who h a little exper^{nc} / new Scheme. Manifest in reality
are / Reasons agst it, & w^{ch} Reas^{ns} or particular^{ly}, too few & trifflg / Circumstances in its
Favours.

As I design, Gentlemen, to leave this Coast in two Months, shd I be so fortunate
to get Safe to Europe, I flatter my Self to be able to convince / Publick & Yrselves
t^hat my Administrat^{on} I did my Duty, studied to promote / Trade & Commerce o
/ British Naⁿ, serv'd no private Ends, overturn'd 1st Run o f French Traffick I found
carried on on / Coast & supported / Honour & Property o my Constituents, wh my
Countrymen who h bn Eye Witnesses thereof I doubt not will do me / Justice
to certifye. Cape Coast Road was free fm French Vessels on Mr Melvil's
Arrival. I sincerely pray it may continue so, tho' doubt it, hav I bn solicited
already to sign a Remonstrance respectg / Advantage o such Traffick, a th^o drew up
here & intended to be transmitted to / Gentlemen, wh I rejected fm a Knowledge /
same is founded upon false Facts, & on a Confid^{nc} in my Arrival in England, I
sh be able to prove / same destructive, and / Reasons advanced to gloss it over,
Weak, false, & ill judged

Mr Melvil has informed ye h bn pleas'd to give some Orders respectg / Pay^{mt}
o my own & Colleague^s advanc^{mts}, permit me Gentlemen to return ye my
Thankes f yr kind Considerat^{on}, & to advise t^h before I resigned command I
desir'd a Copy or Perusal o such part / Instruct^{ns}, but, f what Reason I
cant say, was refus'd deny'd. I beg'd Inform^{tn} what his Orders were &
tended to. Mr Melvil was pleas'd to answer he had Order^s to pay /
growg Salaries at least fm 1st o February, beg / Commenc^{mt} o / Year after /

Arrival o/ Supplies sent hither by Mr Lascelles wh he shd punctually perform.
 In Consequence o such Promises / Pay Bills o / Servants Salaries were made out
 fm / sd 1st o February to 20th ult^o amountg to £2392-16-10 Gold Value &
 £1070-2-6 Trade Money, & laid before him, wh as he did not think o Consequence to take
 Notice o f sev^l days, Applicⁿ was a second Time made to desire Mr Melvill's Determinⁿ
 who in / End signified f Answer t he wd pay no more than £1000 in Goods at Gold Value
 in part o ~~the~~ Our Claim wh was / utmost Lengths he was able to run, I take / Liberty
 Gentlemen, to say yr President by such Measures acts w/ ungenerous & Deceit full, f
 in Confidence o his Promise We directly paid all Salaries t were in Arrear, o^r w^h / Cos
 Servants, &c, who Mr Melvil turned out o^r the Employ^{mt}s f no Reason but to
 make way f his Favorites, must be staid f the money till We cd h received it.
 The Consequence o wh must be br t beg turned out o Business they must be perished
 amg / natives f War o Subsistence. But, Gentlemen, / Truth o / Premises are, soon
 as Mr Melvil perceived We hd discharged all Arrears afores^d & thereby disbursed
 / Remainder o / little Circumstances we were Masters o, & discoverd / y natives
 dissatisfied w his Proceedg^s & / new Plan & determind to beg all the Trade
 to my self & o^r Quondam Servants, took / unjust Method o not repayg US
 such Advancem^{ts}, in Order by distressg us in our Circumstances to render
 us incapable o partakg / Trade, & become feeble Competitors w himself, Young,
 & Mackiel, who, perhaps Gentlemen ye may be sensible, bro^t out a considerable
 Cargo in / same Ship w / Supplies, wh gives no small uneasiness to / free
 Traders settled here, especially as / above Gentlemen are makg Contracts w/
 Chiefs o / ~~Forts~~ o Our Forts to ingress / Trade f them, part^l / Governors,
 Mr Melvil, intends sendg to Whydah, he has now found out the are

Advantages to be made by / Trade o t Fort, tho he formerly exclaim'd so much ag^t it in Europe.

As I expect no Favours fm any man nor Value nor / Favours o / in considerate & partial, I will point out / Advantages o this valuable Branch o Commerce in Duty to my Country, & fm / like Motive expose & detect / Methods t be bn & are daily practiced in Consequ^{es} o former to render / same destructive, & permit me, Gentlemen, to advance a Certainty to ye in this private Manner, whis, t / present Plan will overturn all publick Emul^o m^t hence & at / same time ~~which~~ which only / few People in / Manage^{mt} o Affairs at / Expense & Sacrifice o / few Adventurers who are lull'd on under / Noⁿ o a free Trade, to try & experice / same. Can any o ye Conjecture, Gentlemen, t myself, or / many discarded Servants settled under / Forts or any Commanders Factor who may be put on shore fm on Board a Ship, & pay Freight f / Goods, House & Warehouse Rent in / Towns, Customs to / Inhabitants, Dashes to Cabochers & Trading Men, w a number o o^r Contingencies incident to private Traders, can possibly buy & sell so Cheap, or stand any Chance in Trade w yr Servants who brot out thr Goods freight free, h / Command o / Gov Supplies to absorb themselves out o, tog^r w / Use o / Forts & Settlements f nothing. The Co's Slaves Canniball Canots re, w a g^t certain Salary & good Maintenance. What Hardships attend us already think ye fm being Subservants in a Manner o Brother Citizens w / negroes?

'Tis a Sotie to think we can make Use o / Forts to lodge or defend our Properties & Persons / w^t People who ye may guess ~~are~~ to be our Defenders & will take w^t Measure in Properⁿ as we can the Trade to ~~oppress~~ oppress & render us obnoxious to / w^t Natives, & suppose upon Experience they shd not h

Interest enough to effect the Designs, the Malice & ^{ill} Nature will lead them to
beg Palavers & Quarrels upon / Natives in wh^{ch} any private Trader settled among
them must bear a Part if no Man settles in a Negro Town wth pay^g his Freedom &
entering into League to become a Native & partake o^f Townships Misfortunes, Advantages
& Customs. Is there any diff^{er} then betw^{en} a European Trader & an African? None, One
is a Native Black Negro & / other become white one. And wh^{en} a Palaver is bro^{ught} by
Y^r Officers of sd, must join his Fellow Townsmen agst his Countrymen & Fort to /
British Na^{me} intended his Refuge & Preserva^{tion}. But to return to / Affairs o^f Mr
Melvil's Instruc^{ions}, 'tis w^h concern I say it, / same are to this Day secret as / Book
o^f Fate, no Man knoweth / Direc^{ions} o^f Committee, / Success he may sollicit to
promote & carry on his Trade. 'Tis a Contradict^{ion} to Y^r Instruc^{ions}, supposed to be
/ w^h Vitals to care to support & corroborate this free open Trade sh^{ould} be envel-
oped in Obscurity & dedicated to / Knowledge or Personal only o^f ingenious
Schemer & his Colleagues, Impostors or [sic] / Publick. It has bin /
Custom, Gentlemen, hitherto, when / Co's Agents took Command o^f Affairs,
to read the Papers, Instruc^{ions} & Credentials before / Body o^f Servants & De-
pendants. A Factor took / Liberty o^f beg^g inginibitions thereon & w^{as} Justice
if he thereby fathom'd / Depth o^f his Principals' Command & thence knew
/ Limits o^f his own Obedience & Duty.

Pray Gentlemen do but reflect - Mr Melvil as before observed will pay
us no more than £1000 in Goods at Gold Beece. Is not / same oppressive? but
observe his Reason (i.e.) bec^{ause} he declares he suspect^s / Remainder will not be
sufficient to hold out / Remainder o^f year. We h^{ave} maintained / Forts
five Months bin / Expecta^{tion} o^f year after my Arrival & Y^r Long headed

Projector refuses to pay us one 3^d o/ Supplies for a Suspension / Remainder will
not last or serve / 10th 1/12th Good God t a Man shd be 5 years in London
imposg upon / haⁿ much less than / Sum he brot out wd be sufficient to support
/ Settlements, & as soon as he put his foot upon / Place o Acⁿ, alter his Opinions.

I depend Gentlemen on yr Goodness as Directors o so Publick an Affair
well wishers & strenuous Endeavourers to cultivate / Traffick under yr Direcⁿ, to ~~increase~~
f secure / Liberty I h taken bec to yr Gentlemen I h a Right to offer my
Sentiments, & submit all / Truths I am Master o, & tell I h / opp^r o appears
Personally to submit my Endeavours & late Behaviours to yr selves & my
Country wth singular Respect & Defer^{ce} beg / Favour to subscribe my Self

Gentlemen — &c —
Jo.^m Roberts

Copy o Mrs Melvils' letter o/ 23^d July 1751 to / African Committee

Dd 56

[Vide Aed Notables p

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Endorsed "1752.

Trade Africa

Copy o/ African Committee's

Answer to Mr Melvill's

Letter o/ 11th July 1751

Recd from Mr Holloway

Recd Feb^{ry} 1st

Read — 13th } 1752

Dd 57"

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Cape Town

Sir/ The Acct o/ yr Arrival at Cape Coast Castle on/ 20th June wh we received by yr Letter o/ 11th July was w^y agreeable to us & we heartily wish y/ Continue o/ t^e Health y then enjoyd. Yr Behaviour in Cap^t Derby shires Palaver is v^y much to our Satisfacⁿ, & we doubt not but y/ will accomodate yr self to / Natives so as to engage them in / Gen Interest o/ English even tho' they mt differ w an Individual, upon wh Occaⁿ y/ will endeavour to place / Experiences, as y/ h done in this Partce, upon those who o/ to pay it.

We hope y/ h put a Stop to / Dutch Dispute at Dix Cove by a proper Explanaⁿ w Gen Van Vorst, but as y/ Letters by Cap^t Bonnell are not yet come to Hand, tho' he is arrivd at Jamaica, we are still unacquainted w/ Cause & Nature o/ t^e Quarrel, if they shd continue ths Endeavours to prejudice / English w/ Natives we expect y/ will furnish us w an Acct o Facts, so attested as to induce / Ministry to remonstrate in Holland ag^t such Measures; as we h laid yr Letter before / Lords o/ Admiralty, we doubt not but they h given proper Instructions to / Captains o men o war upon t^e Head.

We are afraid y will h had a second Visit fm / French w^a Power more than equal to any Thg y cd oppose to it unless by yr prudent Conduct y hd so secured / good Will o / Natives as to keep them at Bay till / Arrival o a superior naval Power wh is sailed fm hence ~~we~~ Orders (we apprehend) to preserve / British Property & Interest upon / Gold Coast ag^t any Power who sh attempt / Disturbce o either

We h sent y a broad Sword f John Currantee & make no Doubt fm his late gallant Behaviour t he will be always ready to use it in / Service o English M^{ns}, when y present it to him y will give him our Thanks f his Attachment to this Co

We are pleased to hear t his Son William is so well considered on / Coast, / use y make o him at Anamaboe is a v^y satisfactory Mark to us o yr Prudence in endeavourg to secure / Interest o / Natives, a Thg t we can never enough recommend to yr Attenⁿ

The Arguments y make use o ag^t / Necessity o buildg a Fort at Anamaboe seem to us to operate strongly to / contrary. Surely a Fort th^r will furnish y w more certain means o securg / Gov in Currantees Family or o puttg it into such hands as upon a future Elecⁿ sh be found most proper to preserve / British Interest, & will it not likewise be / most effectual means to prevent / French fm givg us any fut^r Trouble upon t Coast. However, / Affair is under / Consideraⁿ o / Gov, & until we h th^r Opinion we sh say no more upon / Subject.

We are glad / Cargo sent last year proved so advantageous, yr Direc^{ns} are followed v^y closely in evy Thg relatg to t now sent y, &

except / advanced Price upon / East India Goods & such as cd not be had
we think y will find w^y Th^g in this equal to / former.

Y^r Indulge to / Factors & Writers in admitt^g them to / Table dur^g / y^r
Scarcity o Provisions is v^y Commendable, we hope it is only a temporary
Th^g & t^e by ^{this} Time they are returned to the usual Custom, but till
we h^e fm y / Estimate wh is required by y^r Instructions, it is impossible
f us to Judge o a proper Allowce f / Diet o / Officers &c.

We think y was right in retaining a Sum sufficient in y^r Hands to
subsist / People y carried on^t & those y found in / Service & before y
pay t^e the Demand o Advances we hope y will examine it v^y carefully
to see t^e more o it arises upon Acct o / Old Co or before / 2^d o
February last; as / Parliam^t has h^e voted £10,000 y may depend upon a
regular Supply

In regard to y^r Trade w / French, we refer y to y^r former Instruc^{ns}
wh we expect y to comply wth minutely till we sh^d think proper to make
any Alteramⁿ.

Y will supply / Ship w Wood Water & Ballast & Dispatch her w all
Expensⁿ agreeable to y^r Instructions.

[no date or sign]

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" 1752 Trade Africa
Copy o/ African Committee
Answer to Mr Melvil's
letter of 23^d July 1751
Recd from Mrs Hollier
Rec^d Feb^y 7th } 1752
Recd - 13th }
Dd 5⁸ "

Copy o an Answer to Mr Melvil's second letter

Sir / Since we wrote our Answer to y^r letter of 11th July, we h^e received one from y^e of 23^d incl^g Copies o y^r last o/ Prefers therein, a Certificate o Loss o a Cask o Corners, / Bills o Lad^s endorsed by y^e & a Remonstrance from Messrs Boteler & Husbands, to all wh^{ch} we give y^e / follow^g Answers.

As / Trade is laid open by Act o Parliament it is impossible f^r / Committee to induce / separate Traders to order their Ships to this or t^h Place - it is to be hoped a Fort will afford / some Protecⁿ to / Boats at Annamobee as at Cape Coast.

We cannot alter our Instructions in regard to / French Trade till they h^e b^e more fully considered, in / mean Time if y^e could arg^e abt^t an Agreement wth Gen^l Van Vorst to forbear trad^g wth them, it will at once put an End to all / Incon-
venies y^e complain o & we are told / Gen^l himself made such a Proposal in 1749 to Messrs Stockwell & Husbands; neither can we authorize y^e to seize / Goods o Free Traders upon t^h Act, but we expect y^e should to y^r utmost discourage & embarrass such Traffick & suffer no French Ship to lie longer at / Forts than a

proper time of / Supply a word a matter of in Distress
 of give us of Pleasure to have a certain goods a Manufacture
 Goods [?] are so much in Demand, we hope y^e will endeavor to increase
 / Consumpⁿ o^r them a set of Manufacture o^r the Country, as w^{ch} w^{ill} we
 attempt y^e attempt to open / Increase the Trade a Country w^{ch} I w^{ill} sum y^e
 men may be sufficient to do it. If y^e Revenue will not permit y^e to go y^e Kings
 in purchase of an Extⁿ o^r Commerce, y^e must continue y^e Endeavor to engage /
 Revenue o^r Kings a Goods of Country to establish new or revive / old
 Channels o^r Trade upon / Coast

We a Letter for the Revenue's complaint o^r y^e Refusal to pay some more than
 three o^r Revenue o^r 2^d makes not worth notice - We a already approved y^e Conduct on this
 Head but hope / Supplies w^{ill} sent will enable y^e to discharge / Revenue o^r what
 y^e sh^{all} be sent as early in / year as Trade

The Reasons given for y^e Appointment o^r our Commission^{er} a our Happiness
 at Successed justly entitle them to our Conf^{er}ence, or we recommend to y^e upon all future
 Occ^{as}ions to be regarded to think only
 Use hope / Sumpt^{er} is so far recovered as to enable y^e to furnish us wth /
 small Stock o^r Forts a / Establishments necessary for the future Support w^{ch} we w^{ill}

y^e Encouragement o^r Grants to plant Indigo Gum a Cotton Trees is w^{ill}
 considerable, may contribute to / Advantage o^r our Manufactures, a we
 apprehend may be all imported Duty free.
 [No signs in data.]

Endorsed

Trade Africa
Copies o letters from Thomas
Melvil Sq^r President o/
Council at Cape Coast
Castle dated 26th August
& 15 Septem^r 1751 to /
Committee o / Comp^y o
Merchants Trade to Africa
relatg to / State o Affairs
upon t Coast

Recd from Mrs Hollier }
Recd Feb^y 14 72 24th } 1752
Recd - March 6 }

Dd 60.

... [Vide Red Notebook pp 557 & 561.] ...

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Trade Africa
Copy o a letter from Mrs
Melville to / Dutch Gen at
Lamune dated 31. July 1751 &
o / sd Gen's Answer dated
14 August 1751
Recd from Mrs Hollier
Received
Recd - March 6 1752

... [Vide Red Notebook p. 526] ...

Enclosed

Trade Africa

Letter from Mr Amyand Secy
to Lords Justice dated 13th
April 1752, referring to this
Board Copy of a letter from Mr
Cleveland Secy to y^r Lords of
Admiralty inclos^g sev^l Papers
relat^g to Disputes betwⁿ /
English Council at Dixcove & a
Party of y^r Natives th^r inhab^t

Recd May y^r 1st } 1752
Recd - 7 }

Dd 64.

Whitehall 30th April 1752.

My Lords / The Lords Justice h^e commanded me to transmit to y^r Lordships
a Copy of a letter from Mr Cleveland Secy w^{ch} incloses, relat^g to certain Disputes
wh^{ch} h^e happened betwⁿ / English Council at Dixcove & a Party of / Natives inhab^t
/ Country th^r inhab^t; and I am to signify to y^r Lordships The Excellencies' Pleasure t^y sh^d
take this Matter into y^r Consideraⁿ & report y^r Opinion th^r upon of the Excellencies'
Informaⁿ I have - &c -

Charles Hanger

Lords of Trade

Copy.

[Dd 65]

Admt^y Office 29th April 1752

Gent^l / Captain Howe, who commands His Majesty's Ship / Glory lately returned from / Coast o Africa, has transmitted to my Lords Commissioners o / Admiralty an Acct^o his Proceed^g while he continued there, partly w regard to a Dispute betwⁿ / English Cos Council at Dixcove & a Party o / Natives inhabit^g / Country thereabout, who had acted contrary to / Obedi^{ce} due from them, in wh^{ch} / Dutch Gen^l Mr Van Voort had interfered on pret^{se} t^e / People concerned were subject to / Dutch Co, & under his Protec^o declar^g t^e he sh^d take all Occa^s o distress^g / Trade o / English in t^e Country, whilst they sh^d persist in assert^g any Right o Authority over those Natives, & accordingly had aided & encouraged / sd Natives in sever^l Attempts upon Dixcove Fort, & seized some Canoes wth / Men & Goods, refus^g to restore them till / sd Natives h^d received Satisfac^o.

↑ Captain Howe find^g this Matter too difficult to be determined Abroad, did w / Advice of Council at Cape Coast propose to Mr Van Voort t^e an Exchange sh^d be made o / Prisoners taken on both Sides, all claims referred, & a Cess^o o Arms established, till the sever^l Pretens^o sh^d be settled in Europe, wh^{ch} was accepted, & Engagem^{ts} signed & exchanged accord^gly.

Ld. AS.

I am commanded by the Lordships to send y^e / enclosed Extract o Cap^t Howe's Letter relat^g thereto, togrth w Copies o / sd Engagem^{ts}, in order to y^e Lay^g / Same before the Exec^{es} / Lds Justices for the Inform^o I am &c

J Cleveland

Secretary to the Exec^{es} / Lds Justices

Endorsed

Trade Africa

Extract of a letter from
Capⁿ House to Mr Cleveland
Spithead 22^d April 1752
in Mr Cleveland's of April 24th
Recd w Mr Amyand's letter
dated ye 30th of April 1752.
Recd May 15th } 1752
Recd
Dd 66

... [Vide Adam Notebook Adam 1. (2) P 14] ...

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Trade Africa

Copy of articles of Agreement
between English Council at
Cape Coast Castle & Mr Van Vorst
/ Dutch Gen / 10th of October 1751 OS.

Dd 67

... [Vide notebook, Adam 1. (2) p 17] ...

Endorsed

Trade Africa

Copy of Articles of Agreement
between English Council at
Cape Coast Castle & Mr Van Vorst
/ 21st of October 1751

Dd 68

... [Vide ibid p 19] ...

[Dd 69]

African House, 29th April 1752

My Lords,

The Committee of Co^s Merchants Trade to Africa has directed me to lay before yr Lordships a Copy of Mr Melvils letter w/ Papers wh came in / Original; & to beg yr Opinion o / Method they shd use to procure a proper Satisfacⁿ from / Dutch.

9h - 9c -

Wm Hollis Secretary

To / Right^h Honorable / Lords Commissioners o Trade & Plantac^{ns}

Copy o a letter from Thomas Melvil Esq^r President o / Council o Cape Coast Table to / Committee o / Co o Merchants Trade to Africa dated 5th November 1751
... [Vide Red Notebks. p 568] ...

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Extracts o a letter from /
Royal African Co o
England to / Dutch West
India Co dated London
27th May 1707 inclosg
/ Articles o a Treaty agreed
to betwⁿ / sd Cos

Dd. 70

We h^e received / Honour o yr acceptable letter o / 10th December past w/ Draft o Articles y judge proper to be agreed to. f promotⁿ / Interest o both Cos on / Coast o Guinea;

* Vide Red Notebks p 743.

We h transmitted / same in English w a little Vari^m in / 6th Article relating to yr
 Interlopers by Reason we apprehend we cannot upon any Complaint justify firing
 at them, but / rest is agreed.

And tho' we judge some of Partes necessary for attaining a complete Improv^m of Trade,
 yet we are well satisfied t these Proposals agree to & punctually observed will consequently
 produce v^{ch} t will in Time answer to // Advantage of both Cos, wherefore t no more Time
 may be lost, in this Affairs & so gt Impie be fur delayed, We h agreed to & returned inclosed
 to yr Honours / Articles of sent us, & desire / like may be signed & sent to us t by an
 Opp^t we hope shortly to h we may forward / Copies to our Gen w our Instructions to
 comply therewith & to use his utmost Endeavours to improve this happy Begining.

Translated fm / Dutch

Articles agreed on betwⁿ / Royal African Co of England & /
 Chartered West India Co of Holland, f / better establish & carry
 on / Trade of both Cos upon / Coast of Africa

1.
 This is to subsist hereafter betwⁿ / two Cos, th^r Gen^{ls}, Agents & Factors on /
 Coast a settled Harmony & assured Friendship, to promote / Honor & Interest
 of respective Cos

2

No Soldier nor any Person in / Service of either Co sh^o be detained or
 punished if turned Deserter, but sh^o be sent in Quarters to th^r respective Forts & Public^m
 Relief is to be made by each Co to live of warr^g.

3.

It sh^d be not be lawful to assist / Natives o / Coast, directly nor indirectly by any Person or Persons in / Service o either Co on any Prett^e what^r, even if they sh^d be Pret^{ns} o Cause o War, but we will mutually & jointly endeavour to terminate all such Diff^{cs} f / Interest o both Cos

4.

No Merchant, nor Native o / Coast is to be hindered directly or indirectly by any Person or Persons in / Service o either Co fm pass^g & repass^g to any Fort or Settlement; provided they carry no Goods proper f / Trade o / Coast, wh^{ch} neither Maⁿ suffers to be carried or pass^d within / Reach o / Cannon o the Forts

5.

No Dutch Interlopers sh^d be suffered to ride under any English Fort, & in Case any Dutch Cos Ship be^d in Chase, o an Interloper who may fly f Shelter under / Cannon o an English Fort, such Fort sh^d by Virtue o this Article be obliged to fire upon / Interloper, & if he doth not quit / Road directly it sh^d be lawful f / Com^{mander} o / Dutch Cos Ship to deal w / Interloper as he sh^d think proper

6.

In Case any Ship or Ships o either Co sh^d be obliged to come to an Anchor in / Road o / o^r Co, such Ship or Ships sh^d h^{ave} no Liberty to trade directly or indirectly - And if not wth this Agree^{mt} any such Ship or Ships sh^d be found trad^g, it sh^d be lawful f either o / Cos to confiscate all such Goods

20.
Endorsed

" Trade Africa

Letter fm Will^m Busch
Sessara coa Son o John Comantee
Chief Cabbover o Annamohoc

To / Earl o Halifax dated
20th Feb^y 1752

Recd 14 May 1752

Dd 83.

My Dear Lord

I gladly embrac'd this Opp^y to inform y^e t we h^{ad} had three French Men
o War here & no sooner did they Arrive (wh^o was on / 31sto Janu^y last) but my
Brother who has been at France instantly went on Board them (wh^o was nigh 2
O'Clock in / Afternoon) & gladly Received them & well com'd them here, / French
Commodore inquired o him Concern'd me & whether I was here or still in England,
my Brother inform'd him I was here, accordg^y he Desir'd his Compliments both
to my Father & me, hopg my Father wd let one o his Gentlemen come a Shore
to procure him a Sea-stock, & t he hd a Messenger on Board fm / King o
France who hd Busines o g^o imp^o to inform my Father o Provided he wd
grant him Admittance to acquaint him o / same: at 7 O'Clock in / Evng
my Brother came a Shore & acquainted my Father o / same, who readily
Answer'd he shd be v^y Glad to Receive him & accordg^y / next Morn^g sent a
Conce to inform / French Commodore o / same, who sent two Lieut^s & / French
Messenger a Shore in this Barge; & when they Saw my Father they inform'd him

they came from / French King, who Return'd him Thanks for all his ffavour's done him.
& of taking Care o the Merchant Ships, But per^{re} / Care Taken o / French Gentlemen
who was here in / Wars, & not deliverg him into / Hands o / English; & at / same time
they acquainted my Father t they hd Considerable Presents of him from / French King,
who desired to know whether / whole Coast & Kingdom o / Phantries was / Property o
/ English, f t / English acquainted them it was & t they hd Bot it & them wth all
/ Cattle &c thereon, f wh Reason they sd / English wd not lett them Trade here;
at / same time they desired my Father wd inform them to / Truth thereof, who
Answer'd t they was not Slaves to / English but t him, his Fore-ffathers & his
presant Generⁿ ^{were} English; & my Father likewise inform'd them t / English
do & always has paid him Annually f / Rent o / Land, besides sendg him d^r
Considerable Presents; so t / English live by us, & we by them.

The before-mentioned Gentlemen by my Fathers Order was Entertain'd by my
Brother in my apartm^t (he had no Place Capable of the Recepⁿ) f three Days, at / Expensⁿ
o wh / two Lieut^{ts} went on Board, w no d^r Answer from my Father than / above, but /
Messenger stay'd under Pret^{ce} o ~~buy~~ buyg a Sea Stock. The 5th Day he desired
desired my Father would send f all / Chief Capasheries in / Kingdom, f t he hd
somethg to Relate & likewise somethg to Present them from / King o France, accordingly
my Father assembled them togth & / French Messenger Divided among them 60
Hanchons o Brandy each containg 14 Gallons, at / same time acquaintg them t he
hd somethg Considerable to present them w besides / Brandy; at wh / Capasheries
told him before my ffather t they wd meet on / Morrow & hear Concerng what
he hd farther to say from / King o France, & so / assembly broke up & at
9 O'Clock / same Evng / above Messenger Presented my Father w 4 v^l Rich Pieces o

Brocade (Voz!) one Red & two Green trim'd wth Gold, 10^{rs} a Piece Colour trim'd wth Silver lace; each Containg ab^t 18 Yards in length & $\frac{3}{4}$ in Breadth; & likewise wth a Brace o^f Pistols Richly mounted wth Gold & Silver, two Rich Gold daced Hatts wth fine ffeather in each & two Rich Scarlett Cloakes unbroider'd wth Gold; & of all w^{ch} my ffather thanked him, not in/ least Suspectg (at t^e time) any o^f the Designs in endeavouring to Settle a Trade & build a Fort here, but t^e Presents was sent him in Prativity f^r TAKG Care o^f the Merch^t. Ship's &c as mention'd before; But to his gr^t Surprise / next Day, when / Capasheries & o^r Chiefs o^f Kingdom was assembled togth / messenger Presented them wth 40 Hanchors o^f Brandy Containg as before, & had^g got / Principal Capasheries down in a Piece o^f Paper (w^{ch} I Presume he bro^t wth him fm France) to ab^t / number o^f 40 or 50 he Called them up in his Room (my ffather beg^g Present) & presented each wth a daced Hatt & a ffeather (some lace beg^g Gold & some Silver) & wth a Piece o^f Rich Brocade (some o^f a Red, & some o^f a Green, & o^r o^f a Pink Colour) each unbroider'd either wth Silver or Gold; (tho' not so Rich as those presented to my ffather) & lastly Presented them each wth a Kearn mounted wth Gold; & still Continues to give trifled Presents to them & / People ev^{ry} Day such as Brandy & Cloth, so t^e he may Exhile / phantees in his Favour, acquaintg them at / same time t^e he bro^t it fm / King o^f France who he sd desired to know o^f them whether they lov'd / ffrench as well as / English, & if they did he wd acquaint / King o^f France who wd build a Fort & Trade wth them; to w^{ch} they Reply'd t^e they lik'd / ffrench v^{ry} well & if they wd give them Five Thousand Poundes (each beg^g Sixteen Skillg^s Sterlg^s) f^r Ground Rent they wd lett them build a Fort & Trade wth them & assist them as much as Possible; (but they are afterwards to Pay Annually a Sum as yet Undetermin'd).

My Father surpris'd at this ask'd / ffrench Messenger why he had Deceiv'd
him so far & not told to him his intⁿ before; he Answer'd t as twas a
matter o' wisd^m he tho't it Proper to make it known at once before / whole
Country; my ffather Reply'd (Angly) to him, why had not y bro't a Pole-
Ax & Cutt off my dead sooner than serve me so?

The next Day they assembled togrth agn (by my ffathers leave) as / ffrench
Man sd he had something more to relate to them; at wch time / above Messenger presented
them wth Brandy as before, desir^g to know a farther Answer for them, t he mt
acquaint / ffrench Commodore; The Phantees told him they wd show him /
Place they intended to give them & accordgly they did (wch is betwⁿ Normamaboe
& Rogga) & / French Man sd he Hop'd they'd let him h a lge Spot o' Ground,
wh mt serve them to build a Castle & for o^r uses, accordgly / Capashires wth a
9th number o' People went & show'd / ffrench Man / Place intended f him, at
wch / Messenger was well Pleas'd, it beg o' y Conveni^t, & Situated betwⁿ
two Hills so t they mt Build a ffort in / Valley (wch is o' itself a Piss^g Ground)
& one on each Hill, as / French Man propos'd to them at View^g / same, abt
200 Yards fm this Place is a narrow lake wh comes down 2 Miles or more
fm / Country (but / Water thereof is not good by Reason / Salt Water in
Ruff weather beats into it) & / Phantees told him as they was ingenious
People they mt enlarge t to a River or Creek by join^g it to / Sea, wh wd
be Conveni^t f them in Land^g o^r Goods in / Country, & for o^r uses; wh
/ French Man approv'd o' & was well Pleas'd at, & ask'd / Phantees
whether he mt not Pitch his Flag th^r & immediately begin Build^g; /
Phantees Reply'd wth all ffirst Consue't John Curranter, accordgly they came

Some performed my Father's as he had him written / French not
 with the English pay ground Rent. The Princes Ruyter was ready to give
 it up for England sends a flag say Jean to him on / several forts o' Arramaboe,
 Hoga o' Amrecount (with accordingly day hour) but he not allowed them for that seven
 years past / present o' Portugal's day formerly English; & it accorded to Custom
 some Capahutes went to Cape Coast latter day (Nubians & as usual payment
 / Government is sharp o' of English, at some time English o' him why he not met others
 them / Rights with the Portuguese o' present from o' England, & it day / their an English
 flag at Arramaboe but they are English in order of English / several says to come & Deal
 with them (they respect us / some as when we had a fort) but contrary to Custom day stop
 them at Cape Coast & with present them to come to Arramaboe to trade as usual,
 with (they had him) us / support o' our Kingdom & by with we stop off our Gold,
 Elephants-teeth & East Peoples Wood, Yams, Corn etc, with was / only support &
 Arramaboe o' us; & they Demanded o' Government & since he had Deposed them,
 he not tell them know / Reason: The Government demand them, one noty Assamud
 to come us in Camp, & they, I must trade as well as you do, & it is they will
 come to him as they a lot he not give them an answer: The Princes Ruyter
 y know we trade us to deal 1/2 Cos Slips & Sell y Slaves for Pepper, & other
 we a laden them y stop say several Slips & trade us them likewise (not suffering
 them to come to Arramaboe) by with y him us! If our Fort People cannot see
 off the West Yams, it on the West, & of them to house us such a heavy Burden
 by hand off Day to Cape Coast to trade (they have miles of more) they do not,
 a Justice & Come to come by Water, they do not of it; The Government apply'd

that he must trade as well as them & dismiss'd them wth only Four Gallons o^f Brandy & after that we not look on them nor make them / Presents / Capashiers always use to h^{ave} tellg them to go home & Plant Cotton Trees & when it Bore to beg it to him & he wd send it over to England & Order it to be made up Convenient f^{or} them as they shd Direct; & likewise told them t^{hat} w^{ith} one wd them know / Bounds & th^{ere} own Land; - The Phanties Reply'd, we never yet Planted Cotton but h^{ave} always had Cloth & all o^{ther} Necessarys by our Trade w^{ith} them in Slaves Gold Elephants teeth &c; & likewise told / Governor t^{hat} from hence forward they wd never come to Cape Coast more, nor accept o^f any favours from them whilst they divid^e, f^{or} t^{hat} they was Considerable men & had Money & Slaves to Trade w^{ith} o^{ther} Nations who wd maintain them.

After / Phanties had made this Speech (w^hich is all too True) they told my Father t^{hat} t^{he} was / Reason o^{ther} giving / French Liberty to Build & Trade w^{ith} them & t^{hat} w^{ith}wise they must Starve & t^{hat} / English had Used them y^{et} from Age to Age past w^{ith} (they sd) they Patiently Bore w^{ith}, as w^{ith} among themselves English & did assist them not Suffering any o^{ther} Na^{tions} to use them y^{et} on this Coast; & (they sd) after all, we are soon now willg^{ing} f^{or} / English to trade w^{ith} us & Build a Fort; & t^{hat} / French shd likewise do / same; All / Capashiers & / Majority o^f Common People in / Kingdom do Unanimously (at Present) approve o^f them more than o^f English

My Father Answer'd them t^{hat} he had bin Used w^{ell} by / English in Educat^{ing} me (his Son) in England & by show^{ing} me g^{ood} respect; & told / Capashiers Punctually t^{hat} he wd not let / French Hoys^t a fflag or Lay any Foundations f^{or} Buildg^{ing} a Fort here till such time as I had writ to England to g^{ive} o^{rders} all t^{hat} had Pass'd; who I don't Doubt will acquaint his Royal Mag^{esty} Maj^{esty} o^f same t^{hat} / French m^{ay} be timely Defeated in th^{is} Attempt o^f Buildg^{ing} a Fort by sendg^{ing} a Fleet o^f his Mag^{esty} Ships

to Prevent the Design, they have Promis'd to come agⁿ in 16 Months time, or less
wth proper Store Ships & Ships o^f War to defend them in Buildg the intended
Castle; & they h^{ave} now Carry'd wth them over to France 6 or 70 / Chief Capashires
Sons (/ Capashires h^{ave} consented) in Order to Educate them & at the com^{ing}
here agⁿ are to br^{ing} them Back; Promisg at / same time to br^{ing} g^o Presents
f / whole Country, Besides / beforemention'd Money to Pay f / Ground Rent.

My noble Lord / French messenger (before mention'd) who was here, so
long bro^t wth him all necessarys f Stay^{ing} here till / Ships Return fr France,
was Defeated in t Design o his, my Father havg by my Persua^{on} sent him on
Board just as they was ready to Sail, at / same time promisg me t / French
shd never settle here or go to Build a ffort, Provided th^{ere} was English Ships
out to keep them Off by Sea; wh if th^{is} is not (/ Phantees Country havg
v^{ery} Considerable Capashires) they may let them Settle here & my Father in
Vain Strive to Resist them.

My Dear Lord, when I first understood / Designs o / French I made
my Utmost Endeavour to Defeat / same & Wait to / Governour o Cape Coast to send
me some Liquor to Pain / Affec^{ions} o / Phantees Stronger to / English & likewise f
Powder (t after havg won / Phantees Affec^{ions}) to hinder / French fr com^{ing} a Shore
by fire^{ing} on them, havg eight Pieces o Cannon here, w^{ch} my Father made use
o Past Year & driv'd / French off; But my Request was to little Purpose f they only
sent me a Bottle o Brandy Containg abt Three Gallons, wh was too little to gain
/ Affec^{ions} o / People at this Time, & at wh my Father & Self was Surpris'd at, & he
Ordered it to be sent back agⁿ (w^{as} abt a Quarter a Barrel o Powder they likewise
sent & wh was not Enough to load all / Guns) to Cape Coast & to tell / Governour

t 'twas a Shame to use / English haⁿ so, especially at this Time, when / French was
overpowering / Phanties wth Brandy & o^r Presents in order to alienate the Affections from
them: But my Lord I thought it not convenient to send it back again to Cape Coast East
/ Phanties sh^d see / same & so lost the reproachful Lookes on / English, But I
dismiss'd / messenger wth a letter to / Governor t^h it was a Shame, & too little to send,
& my Lord to gain / Peoples' Affections I instantly sold two Slaves (wh^{ch} was given
me am^g o^r presents at my arrival on this Coast o^f Africa) to Cap^t. Studd o^f
Angola for Newfoundland for two Pipes o^f Rum, one contain'd 115, & / o^r 113 Gallons
wh^{ch} I took care to distribute am^g / Phanties daily in order to quell as much as
possible the Tumultuous Ryett; beg^g Grieved to think / English sh^d be like to
lose this Right: The Fatigue I took, & beg^g troubled much to see / Peoples' Affec-
tions draw^g to / French, threw me for 5 Days into a Violent Feavour, in wh^{ch}
time my good Friend Mr Roberts came to see me & stay'd two Days admin-
istering Consolati^on to me, & my Father often sent to me & desired I wd comfort
myself wth the wd Act a true English Mans Part, & as soon as / Phanties was
a little appeas'd wd Endeavour to send / French Ships away, wh^{ch} was a gr^o
Consolati^on to me in my Sickness, & I bless God am now perfectly recover'd: in my
Illness / French Commodore often sent to know how I did & when I was a little
recover'd desired my Comp^y on Board, I acquainted / Governor at Cape Coast o^f
/ same, who advis'd me by no means to go on Board, neither wth my Conscience
let me; however he sent a Shore two Rich Coates, Gold lace, & a Hat &
Feather, wh^{ch} / French messenger Presented to me, but I told him I did not want
to Buy it, hav^g already sent to England for Clothes & o^r necessarys for my use; to
wh^{ch} he Reply'd he did not want to sell it to me but desired I wd accept o^f it as

a Present fm / King o France: I Reply'd (only by see'g them) they was to Big f me; to wch he sd he wd send on Board f a Taylor & h them alter'd. I thank'd him (but Refus'd them) tell'g him I expected some fm England t wd fitt me & t I hd Sufficient to last me till they came; But my Brother accepted o them a Scarlett Coatt trim'd w Gold & a Brown Silk Coatt & Waistcoat trim'd wth Silver; a Gold laid stait & Feather, w a Sword Silver mounted & Gold Belt, & likewise sevl Shirts, Handkerchiefs & Pairs o Shoes all v'g Rich, & he Promiss'd to br'g him more at his com'g agn, & sd I shd see what a Present / King wd send me next Year tho' I did not like / French: Some ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~the~~ ^{of} o the Lieut's sd / same to me who h ^{ben} a Shore here, but the Briskers sh never Bloud me; tho' all / Phanties call me a g^t Fool f not accept'g / Presents & sd I never shd get so Rich ones by / English.

I was g^{tly} overjoy'd to see three English Men o War come here, wch I hope will be / Means o Defeat'g the Attempts: I h ben v'g well Entertain'd on Board Capt. Buckle o / Assistce two or three times (by wch Ship this Present Writ'g will be Convey'd) who Saluted me wth Guns at my Return; likewise I h ben Honour'd wth his & / ~~the~~ ^{the} two English Captains Com'g a Shore & Drank his Maj: Health in Palma Wine out o a Silver Cup (wch my Father hd Presented him fm his Maj by Capt Buckle) accord'g To my Father's desire, in / mean time fir'd wth Cannon.

My Father gives his Duty to his Royal Maj: & desires he wd send ~~him~~ w all Possible Dispatch Ships wth Proper Officers to Build a fort here by wch means / French King's Scheme will be frustrated; & my Father will use his utmost Endeavours & assist in Build'g / sd Work &

will likewise give Orders for get^{ing} Shells Ready to Burn for Lima by / Lima / Eng^{ish} Ships
Ships can arise on / Coast, as likewise Stone & w^{ater} wh^{ich} is necessary for build^{ing} / ffort:
w^{ith} I hope his Majesty Maj: will Consider o^{ne} & send Ships or otherwise we cannot
Prevent / french King's design as he will rhas in a g^{reat} measure gain'd / Affec^{ions} o^f /
Phanties by Brib^{ing} them.

Thru^{gh} my Lord I h^{ave} done my Duty to y^e & h^{is} given all / Intelligence I possibly c^{ould}
concern^{ing} / French & always sh^{ould} be Proud to serve his Royal Maj: as a Loyal Subject
& do wish it h^{ad} b^{een} in my Power to Asserted / first Design o^f french in com^{ing} here
& hinderd them even from a Possibility o^f attempt^{ing} to Build a ffort w^hich do a Shure
y^e lordships wd^{ould} given me / g^{reat} Pleasure.

My lord Please to send by / first Oppy Two Suits o^f Clothes (each Coat having a
Shoulder Knott w^{ith} is my Present Wear) One Gold & / o^{ne} Silver lace, & agreeable for this
Country, / Colour o^{ne} w^hich sh^{ould} leave to y^e own Taste, & likewise a few Shirts, Stock^s, Shoes &
Table Linen, & a Gold laced Hat; Direct them to me here or Mr Mellwin present Governor
o^f Cape Coast w^hom I sh^{ould} pay for / same.

My Father gives his Compliments to y^e & assures y^e h^{is} will still be true to / English, hop^{ing} not
to be made a Shamed thereof, Please my lord to give my Compts to y^e worthy lady & / Young
lady's & likewise to / Black lady, Dr Doctor Kream & Doctor Creation & all my good Friends -
Believe me to be what I Subscribe my Self
my Dear Lord

From Amaboe
20th february 1752

His Maj: Dutifull & Loyal
Subject & y^e Lordships
ry Humble Servant
William Ansaah Sessara coa.

PS. My Compliments to Mr James to whom I am Indebted for my Writ^{ing} who I hope
you'll be Mindfull o^f

Trade Africa

Dd. 84. 85

The originals were sent back to our Holders to be copied

Read May 14th 1752.

Endorsed.

Trade Africa

Copies o Letters fm /

Committee o / Co o

Merchants tradg to Africa
sent to Thomas Melvil Esq^r

President o / Council yea
at Cape Coast Castle togr

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Observ^{ns} or Instr^{ns}

drawn up by / Lords Commis-

sioners o Trade & Plant^{ns}

f / use o / sd Committee

Recd fm / Committee o / Co o Merchants

Recd July

Read - 16th 1752

Dd. 105.

• not done. Vide Red notebook p. 107.

The Committee's observations on Mullins' conduct - 9th p. 889.
Mullins's Defense, 9th p. 816

Copies of letters from Committee to Co. 2 members read to House to Thomas
Mullins' 4th President of Council of Cape Coast Castle by his Majesty's

Staff Storey, dated 1st July 1752.

Before we received yr long letter of 14th March last, we had from Captain
Buckles letter to / Mr. Williams to / send a Proclamation, the approved
Changes as^t the Conduct of / Mr. Williams' consequence, & accordingly we drew up / letters
concerned no. 1; & the / Mr. Williams' contracts some of / Mr. Williams' approved agree^t / yr we do not
think it so full a justification as / Mr. Williams' / Charge requires

We therefore wrote yr / short letter no. 2 in which we recommended yr to
authenticate / Facts yr had asserted to acquit yr self of some Articles, & to answer
such of yr specifications, especially as we did nevertheless send yr / other letters not being in
time of / England, & were scarce as this day / yr

yr letter had since been sent before / Mr. Williams' / Trade who is that proper to
send us / enclosed sketch no. 2. containing the Sentiments upon yr part & Submission of yr
future Conduct.

We were much upon yr good thro' / Sketch, & both these letters in a very
impartial part^r manner & promising us as such authentic facts of substantial Reasons
as sh^d give / Mr. Williams' / Trade & Plantations & amiable ample Satisfaction

Mr. Williams' / The Disputes between / England & / Dutch are referred by / Request to
/ Board of Trade & we sh^d likewise send before them yr letter containing yr Request
& Reasons of establishing a new Factory upon / Coast.

We sh^d thus have ordered a Sketch of 50 tons to be built & fitted for Sea
w/ utmost expedition & sh^d send the amount by / Mr. Williams' to purchase 40 tons of / Use
of Settlements upon / Gold Coast, but must partly of necessity / them a a Fair at

Anna-mahoe.

Captⁿ Rosseter who sails in 14 days will br^g of 2000 Bricks, wh^{ch} y^e will take proper Care o^f till they are wanted.

In yr Letter o^f 11th July, y^e attribute John Corraite's Desire o^f having a Fort built to / protectⁿ he expects his Family may receive fr^{om} it, after his Death, & y^e add, t^{hat} upon t^{he} Event, they may be v^{ery} destitute w^{ith} / Poss^{ession} o^f Captain o^f Anna-mahoe is elective & in all Probability may go on^{ly} o^f t^{he} Family, w^{ith} our Assistance. If this is / Case we w^{ill} h^{ave} y^e immediately propose to John Corraite in Considera^{tion} o^f his Attach^{ment} to us & his present^{ly} / French fr^{om} settl^{ing} upon / Fantee Coast, t^{hat} we will undertake as far as lies in our Power to secure to his Posterity all / Advantages & Honors he at present possesses.

Letter referred to No. 1.

How^{ever} will we may think o^f yr Conduct immediately at Cape Coast, & in / Disputes betw^{een} / Dutch & / Hanthahs, wh^{ich} we readily allow y^e g^{ot} merit in, y^et we cannot let y^e Behavior to / Fanteens pass w^{ith} / severest Censure, at / same Time we assure y^e / False Facts & malicious Representa^{tions} o^f yr Conduct wh^{ich} you hint Suspicious o^f, make not / least Part o^f our Charge ag^{ainst} y^e. We ground ourselves upon Proofs wh^{ich} y^e cannot contradict w^{ith} deny^{ing} what y^e h^{ave} written, or such as we must believe till y^e h^{ave} disproved them.

We are sensible t^{hat} / Scheme o^f a free Trade upon / Coast must furnish Matter o^f uneasiness & Discontent to / Fanteens, since they must naturally be deprived by it o^f Part o^f t^{he} Trade wh^{ich} / Inability o^f old Co^{mpany} in Trade, & t^{he} exclusive Power at t^{he} Forts h^{ad} thrown entirely into t^{he} Hands o^f some years past.

What then shd h be yr Conduct in this Case? especially when y saw / French attempt^g to get a Foot^g am^g them, at t critical Juncture, & saw / Natives at / same Time (f^m some Cause or o^r no matter what, for to us it was meritorious) stand by the old Friends & prevent those invidious Rivalts f^m becom^g yr troublesome Neighbours.

Shd y not then h used yr utmost Skill to h soothed / Minds o these los^g Traders by a proper Behaviour - Situated as y were, was / Trade o all yr Ships at Cape Coast equal to / Risk o los^g / Afflic^{ns} o / Fancies - Suppose / Admiralty for early & well founded Intelligence had not supported y w a Squadron, superior to / French, in whose Hands wd h M^mamabos be now, & how soon after, in yr own Suspicions, must even Cape Coast & / o^r Forts h gone / same Way - Sensible o all these th^{gs} how cd y irritate / People who surely shd h be flattered & courted to serve yr present Purpose - f^m national ab / Object o t Coast may be, y shd consider how much it wd lessen its Consequence if no less than a Squadron o Men o War is constantly required to protect it.

It may be true if we had / secure & unmoled Possⁿ o / Gold Coast, t it wd be / same Th^g to England upon what Part o it / Trade was carried on, but y who knew / Attempts / French had made, & knew f^m / Value o it, t it was probable they wd repeat those Attempts, surely cd distinguish t at such a Time it required yr utmost Attenⁿ, Care & Thought to preserve in / Fancie such a Regard f^m / English as not induce them to continue / same Disposⁿ they had so lately shewn to give us / Preference.

But when / French came upon / Coast w Two Men o War & were buy^g / Natives w liquor, w Cloths, & w promises, to neglect them there was surely / highest Degree o Infatigⁿ Was a Bottle o Rum & a little Gunpowder (wh we are informed was all y sent) a proper Present to be made at such a Time? Cd y h contrived a Scheme more likely to affront / Natives & to give Success to / French, if / Committee had not liquor upon /

Coast, doubtless they had Goods to purchase it, & had they not, wd it h. bn much b^r y^e to h. risked yr own Credit b^r it at ~~such~~ so ticklish a Crisis. What monstrous Policy to put Contempt upon those fr whom y^e expected Favor.

This Sort o Behavior has bn / Cause o gr Uneasiness to us, & iff our Tenderness b^r yr Character & our Unwillingness to punish y^e w^d allow y^e Time to vindicate yourself were not supported by some o^r prudential Reasons, we sh^d think ourselves sufficiently warranted to suspend y^e immediately; but as we hope t what we h. heretofore written y^e tog^r wth this Remonstrance, will produce a total Altera^m in yr Behavior to / Fantasies, & an absolute Obedience to all our Orders, We h. endeavored to obtain / Consent o / Lords Commissioners b^r Trade & Plantaⁿs (who were equally Surprised wth us at this Part o yr Conduct) t y^e may continue b^r / present in yr Command upon / Coast.

We h. now received an Order o Council to build a new Fort at Annamahas in / Place where / old one stood, but b^r Fear yr late Behavior to / People o t Place may h. rendered y^e unpopular am^g them, y^e must immediately send down Mr Young or who^r else sh^d be most agreeable to them to inform them o it, & to endeavor by liquor, o^r Presents, & so^r Kind o Civility to induce them to furnish / Engineers w^{ch} sh^d send out, wth their Assist^{ce}

We sh^d take so^r Oppy o send^g Bricks & Lime, & wth / Engineer we sh^d send Timber, Iron work, & Ordnance Stores, in / mean time let Mr Slater yr Engineer be sent to prepare such Stores as / Coast will furnish, to clear away / Rubbish, clean / Tank & do so^r th^g in his Power to forward / Work.

It will be proper to provide a Place at Annamahoe b^r / Recep^m o / Engineer a Chief & a Warehouse b^r / Stores, & least / French sh^d be out before / Fort

can be built, all possible Influence must be used wth John Corantie to draw off such
o / Cabbocons as are most attached to them, to engage / Natives to present the Land,
& by those means to enable us to carry on / Work in Security.

When / Engineer Chief & Engineer are thro, we strictly enjoin y^e to comply wth
s^os Request they sh^d make to / utmost o^f yr Power, w^{ch} it be f^r man, Stores, Presents,
dequo, Countenance or Protecⁿ, & when y^e remember t^h any miscarriage in / Progress o^f
this Affair, arising fm / Disaffecⁿ o^f Natives, will be attributed to yr former Neglect o^f
them, y^e will see / Necessity y^e are under o^f exertg^g yr utmost Endeavors to regain
the goodwill & prevent the givg any Encouragem^t to / French if they sh^d come
upon / Coast, in wh^{ch} case tho y^e sh^d not be able to make equal Presents. y^e must use
/ g^rat^{est} Liberality yr Circumstances will permit

Let / Ground Rents be punctually paid & let / Natives know t^h they sh^d
be constantly so, & persuade them t^h / English are not only determined to pre-
serve the Forts &c, but to encourage a gen^l Trade wth all / Natives.

Letter referred to No 2.

In Captⁿ Buckles letter & some othrs fm / Coast the are sw^orⁿ Th^os brot as
Charges agst yr Conduct thro, some othrs w^{ch} indeed y^e h^{av}e answered in yr letter by
Captⁿ Buckles, but othrs y^e h^{av}e not taken Notice o^f; we therefore expect t^h y^e will
authenticate such Facts as y^e assert to acquit yr self o^f former, & t^h y^e give us
clear Answers to such othrs as we sh^d send y^e hereafter, f^r at present we h^{av}e not time
to enter into / Consideraⁿ, so long a letter

We h^{av}e now received an Order o^f Council to build a Fort at Nnamakwe in/
Place where / old one stood, y^e must therefore f^r / present send down Mrs Young,

or whomever else may be agreeable to / Natives to inform them of it, & to endeavour
 by Regalia, or Presents, & all kinds of Civility to induce John Corrauttee & /
 Cabboours to assist of in this work so necessary to us now to satisfy /
 Natives & if possible to forestall / French.

It will be proper to send yr Engineer Mr Slater to provide such
 Stores as / Coast will furnish, to clear away / Bunkhubs, clean / Tank & do
 say the in his Power to forward / work

We shd v soon send of Bricks, Limes, Timber, Ironwork & Ordnance
 Stores & wd therefore be secure & proper Plans provided of them as well as of /
 Recepⁿ of / Chief & / Engineer.

~~as far as~~ Let it be / principal Object of Person of send down to alternate
 as far as possible / Affections of / Natives from / French & to secure John
 Corrauttee & / Cabboours in / Interest, so as w thr Assistance to carry
 on / Works w Security & wem w^t fear if / French shd they thr Luck once
 more, & arrive before our Ship a Ware wh is to sail in ten Days, & by wh
 we sh write of partly.

Enclosed

Trade Africa
 Copy of a Letter from /
 Committee of Co
 of Merchants Trade to
 Africa to Thomas Melish Esq
 Governor of Cape Coast
 Castle Dated November 1752

Recd Governor^s
 Read do 8th 3 1752

Dd 104.

A Copy of a Letter from / Committee of Comp^y of Merchts trading to Africa
to Thomas Melville Esq^r Governour of Cape Coast Castle, dated November 1752
~~to be read~~

We h^{ve} recd. yr Letter of 11th of June by Cap^t Jabber but / Box contain^d / Books
& Papers refer'd to in it, We must wait his Arrival f^r.

Yr Letter by Cap^t Buckle was answer'd by his Majesty's Ship Glory Cap^t
Cockburn, & by Cap^t Daniel we do not expect till he comes from Jamaica.

The Papers formerly sent relatg to / Disputes wth / Dutch abt Success^{rs} &c^a
were refer'd by / Agency to / Lords of Trade who return'd them wth their Report & we
hope / Secretary of State has since made a proper Representa^{on} to / Dutch Ministry
upon those Heads.

We commend yr Cau^{on} in dissemblg / Knowledge of Johns Practices as y^e h^{ve}
not Power to prevent them, & as it m^{ay} be unpreced^{nt} to exert such Power if
y^e cd & we must accommend to y^e as gr^{est} Circumsp^{ct} in / Assistce y^e intend to give
George Banister to obtain / Success^{rs} of Cap^t of Annamaboe, f^r tho' it deserves
yr utmost Endeavours to put in one of our Friends whose natural Interest &
Character will give him Weight & Influence wth / People & it is of gr^{est} Consequ^{ce}
to prevent any one in / French Interest from fillg t^{he} Post^{er} yet it is a Matter

x / Words underlined
were added by / Board.

of some Delicacy to interfere in / Success^{rs} of Nations
to their own Governm^{ts}: And as on / one hand y^e sh^d
be v^{ry} sure of Character & his pos^{ition} & natural Preten^{ts}
of / Person y^e support^r so y^e sh^d likewise be cautious of makg an inveterate Enemy
of any oth Competitor who may be likely to succeed.

As we sh be able to judge better when yr Books arrive o/ Table & o/ Affairs relatg to / Coast, We sh be silent upon those Subjects b/ present, but as Mr Roberts is propos^d prepar^d his Accts, & intends to solicit / Pay^{mt} o his Bal^{ce} here, we direct y not to pay any more Money upon t Acct w^t fut^r Orders.

Y^r Proposal abt Gambia Slaves we h begun to carry into Exec^un & we therefore h y prepare an Estimate o/ Expence o each Fort upon t Plans, F/ Value o/ Goods y must substitute / Medium where thr is a gr^t Variaⁿ in / European Price, & as to / french leave thr Conduct entirely out o/ Quesⁿ as an Incident wh must always be partly provided b/. In this Estimate we w^t h y insert / Names & Staⁿs o such white People as sh be at t time employ'd.

We are so much pleas'd w & wish so much b/ Continuⁿce o/ healthy State o/ Coast t we sh never object to yr clear^d Ground in order to contribute to it * but y are to adhere to our former Articles in relatⁿ to / Plant^g Indigo, Cotton &c^a

X / words underlined were added by / Board
The Coast Prices o Goods we sh always leave to yr Self & / Council - Humanity will induce y to settle them as much as possible in favour o/ inferior^r Servants.

We are perfectly satisfi'd w / Appoint^{mt} o yr Relaⁿ as accountant dur^g his Stay & doubt not but y will remember yr Promise to form / Accts in / most clear & distinct Method.

We h ~~always~~ th^t propos^d to alter / Number & Titles o / Offices established by / old Co as the Appoint^{mt} regard^d thr Trade as much as / Preservⁿ o/ Forts.

Let the let / diff^r Trademen know yr Objec^{ns} to / Quality, Weight or Package o^r the Goods, & insist upon the best more exact.

Y^e h enclosed a Copy o^r Contract wth / Captains o^r these Ships to take such Cables at Prime Cost as y^e can deliver properly coopered, & wh^{ch} y^e are to take the Bills upon the Owners.

In any Disputes betwⁿ / diff^r States or People of Coast, we depend upon yr exert^{ns} all yr Prou^d to make them as usefull as possible to / Trade o^r this Country & in / present Quarrel betwⁿ / Ashantee & Intuffero, we hope yr Skill may furnish y^e wth an Oppy o^r open^g those Partis fr^m whence so much Trade may be expected.

Tho' in all our letters we h^{ve} so strongly insisted upon yr utmost Endeavours to secure / Affec^{ns} & good Will o^r Natives we doubt not but all yr Act^{ns} h^{ve} a Tendency to t^h imp^r Good, yet we cannot cease to inculcate it upon y^e as a th^g o^r utmost Consequence.

Endorsed

Trade Africa

Copy o^r an Order o^r Lords Justice in Council

dated / 28th o^r May 1752

Recd July 4th 21st } 1752

Recd Nov^r 8

Dd 108

... [Vide Green Notebook II p 1] ...

Endorsed

Trade Africa

Copy o a Letter fm William
Ansoh Sessarakoo to /
Committee o / Co
o Merchants tradg to
Africa wt Date
received / 2^d October 1752

Recd fm Mrs Hollis
Recd Oct 6
Recd Nov 22^d } 1752

Dd 113.

Gentleman

I embrace this Oppy by / Promiss o Wabs Capt Jubber o Congratulatg upon / Forts & Settlements upon / Coast beg put into yr hands & do return y mine & my Father's sincere thanks f / most distinguishing Marks o yr fav^r Shewn us since yr Establishe^{mt} as there h for us Succeeded any thg o / like kind in this Country so I hope we sh show by our Behaviour how we are not unworthy o them.

Upon Mrs Melvill's arrival he sent me to Annamaboe where I h done evy thg in my Power f / Interest o / English Naⁿ & do assure y t Gentleman has ben exceed^{ly} Kind to our family & is takg / most effectual steps to preserve peace in this Country & to promote / Trade & Interest o / English Naⁿ

I am Gentleman - re -
William Ansoh ~~Sess~~ Sessarakoo

Enclosed

Trade Africa

Copy of a letter from
Thomas Melvil Esq
Gov^r of Cape Coast Castle
to / Committee of
Co of Merchants tradg
to Africa dated 11th June
1752. recd / 2^d October

1752

Recd from Mrs Hollier
Recd Oct 6
Recd Nov 22 } 1752.

Dd 115

... [Vide Red Notebook p. 630] ...

Endorsed.

Trade Africa

Copy of a letter dated 1st
23rd September 1752 from
Thomas Melvil Esq Gov^r
of Cape Coast Castle recd to
/ Committee of Co
of Merchants tradg to
Africa, acquainting them
wth his having concluded
a Treaty wth / from Abantec

Recd March 22
Recd 23 } 1753

Dd. 122

... [Vide Red Notebook p. 681] ...

Endorsed

Trade Africa

Copy of a letter Dated 30th
October 1752, fr Thomas
Mulsil Esq. Governor of Cape
Coast Castle to / Committee
of Co of Merchants
trading to Africa, relative to
/ Treaty he has concluded
w / Abantee Nam

Recd } March 29 1753
Read }

Dd 123

... [Vide Red Notebook p. 683]

Endorsed.

Trade Africa

One fr His Grace / Duke
of Newcastle Dated / 5th April
1753, referring to this Board of
the Consideration & Report
of a Copy & Extract of two Letters
fr Lord Yorke / Kings
Minister at / Hague w
a Papers enclosed in them relative
to disputes betw / African
Co of England & / Dutch
West India Co

Dd 124

Recd April 6 } 1753
Read May 2^d }

Whitehall, April 5th 1753.

My Lords,

I send yr lordships, herewith, a Copy, & Extract, o Two late Letters wh I h received
from Colonel Yorke, The Kings Minister at The Hague, Toget w a Paper therein enclosed, relat^g
to The Disputes wh h arisen betw The Royal African Co o England, & The Dutch West
India Co; And I am commanded to signify to Y His Majesty's Pleasure, T Y shd take These
Papers into Yr Consideraⁿ; & report Yr Opinion, what Orders may be proper to be sent
to Mr Yorke. Thereupon.

I am, My Lords — — —

John (?) Newcastle

Lords Commissioners of Trade & Plantations.

Indorsed

Trade Africa
Copy o a letter from
Colonel Yorke to / Duke
o Newcastle

Hague March 13th 1753
(Separate)

Dd 125

Recd April 6th } 1753.
Recd May 2^d }

Copy
(Separate)

My Lord,

I h, at last, w much Difficulty, obtained a Confer^{ce} upon The Disputes wh
h arisen betw The Royal African Co o England & / Dutch West India Co, Mr Hop,

Hague. March 13th 1753.

Burgomaster o Amsterdam, having appointed Yesterday for the Purpose; We accordingly met; And he brok wthin Minute Pranger & Pietersen, who had been successively Governors of / Dutch upon / Coast o Quinney; The latter having left it at / End o / Year 1746 only. I laid before these Gentlemen / Grounds o Our Complaints, & produced / Proofs, wh^{ch} I had been furnished wth from / Board o Trade, to corroborate my Arguments. I assured wth respect in part t^{at} / King had commanded me to finish these Disputes in an amicable manner wth / Co if possible; & t^{hat} His Majesty was desirous to live in / great Harmony wth / Republick as well on^{ly} o, as in Europe.

I will not tire Y^r Grace wth a Detail o / Conversation, as 't is o little Consequence from / few Arguments / Dutch Commissaries were able to bring in Support o the Pretended Rights; but sh^d content myself wth informing Y^e o Result o Our Conference.

With regard to / two Villages o Atchemah, & Busha, / two Dutch Governors sd, 't was impossible to make / Natives carry on a Trade where they had not a Mind of it; 't / Trade in t^{he} Part o / World was most advantageous to those who c^{ould} please / Natives most, & tempt them by / most agreeable Presents; 't It was therefore of little worth / disputg abt^{ut} / Propriety o two miserable Villages t^{hat} were really o no Consequence to either o / Cos; 't Sometimes they & sometimes / English had had / most Credit at those in those Places; But t^{hat}, as they had been settled the longer than We, they had certainly a prior Right to / English Co; But as they were desirous to live well wth us, & to act as Allies sh^d do in / Neighbourhood o One An^oth^{er}, they proposed to me / followg expedient to cut / Affair short, " 't Orders sh^d be reciprocally sent to / Governors o Both Sides, to appoint Commissaries upon / Spot who sh^d assemble / Chiefs o these Villages or Clans; And t^{hat} in / Presence o

"Both / Chiefs shd be left to chuse, wher they wd live under / Protecⁿ o / English or Dutch;
" ~~I shd~~ I they wd abide by t^e Decⁿ & be v^y well contented if / Natives shd chuse /
" English". I told them I hd no Power to accept o such an Expedient; but t^e I wd not
fail to inform Y^r Grace; & communicate / Orders I shd receive in Consequ^e.

The o^r Point, insisted upon by us, is / Common Use o / Bay o Com^menda. The
Proofs, I alledged, were so Strong in Our favour. t^e Mo^r: H^op was surpris'd; And
tho' / two Govern^{rs} were unwilling to own th^e having new^r ch^o o Molest^g us in / free
Use o / Land^g Place, & wd h^e fix'd / Boundary upon / Bank o / River to / West o /
Bay; Yet upon my press^g them to declare wher, before 1746, when / Disput^e arose,
they hd ever given any Orders f^r Interrupt^g us in Land^g. They were oblig'd to
confess they hd not; & t^e in effect, it wd be unreasonable to deprive us o a
free Access in a commodious Bay, when / Land^g Place nearer / English Fort
was often unaccessibile.

Find^g / Govern^{rs} cd make so little Use o it, Mo^r: H^op desired to know
wher they remember'd any Toll be^g collect'd in / Bay, f^r / Act^o o / Dutch Co,
wher they did not remember; & he charg'd them to make partⁿ Enquiry
upon t^e head. He then desired me to propose to Y^r Grace, I send^g over a
Project o a Convenⁿ betwⁿ / Two Cos, wh^o mt^g put an amicable End to
these Disput^es, w^o Prejudice to / Right^s o either naⁿ; I Care m^o be taken, by
some Article in it, to prevent / Carry^g on a Contraband Trade, by th^e People's
Shift^g Goods out o Dutch Canoes into English Ones; wh^o was / Consequ^e o a Common
Land^g Place; I they hd no Intenⁿ to deprive us o / Use o / Bay, provided we did
not attempt to make any Innovat^{ns} in Prejudice to th^e Right; wh^o he sd was /
Consequ^e o / Civility they hd shew'd hitherto.

Upon/whole, I must do Justice ~~to~~ to Mr. Hop, to own, & He was as reasonable as possible, & w^d desirous to act a friendly & amicable Part in / Affairs; But the often repeated / Disputes were not o Consequence enough to wrangle abt; & provided We were will^g to act openly & reasonably, We m^t conclude w^t loss o Time.

I sh^d be obliged to Y^r Grace (if they are to be found) 1 Y^r order Copies o / Contem^s made betwⁿ / Two Cos, in / Years 1707, 1708 & 1728, to be sent me
9h - 9c -

Joseph Yorke

His Grace / Duke o Newcastle

Enclosed

Trade Africa
Extract o a letter fm
Col^o Yorke to / Duke
o Newcastle
Hague March 23^d 1753
Dd 126.
Recd April 6th }
Recd May 2^d } 1753

Extract o a letter fm Col^o Yorke to / Duke o Newcastle
Hague, March / 23^d 1753

Burgomaster Hop came to me by Appointm^t This Morn^g & delivered into my hands a Paper, o wh^{ch} / inclosed is a Translaⁿ. It is a Declaraⁿ o a Person who commanded formerly in The Dutch Fort at Commenda, in relaⁿ to / free Use o t^e Bay. The

Views o giving me this Paper is, to shew, T/Dutch are used to raise a small Toll upon / Fishers t Land in t Bay, wh The West India Co desire may not be annulled, in / Consenⁿ proposed to be made w/ Royal African Co o England, as they apprehend, such a Consenⁿ on the Part wd be givⁿ up entirely the Right

Mons^r Hop repeated his Assur^{es} in / strongest manner, T they were ready to terminate wth the amicably, & they wd willingly receive any Proposⁱⁿ from England t^o t Purpose

Enclosed.

Trade Africa

~~Embassy~~

Certificate de M. Van Stajckenborg
cy de l'ant^e Chef de dans la
Baye de Commenda en Afrique
Utrecht le 19 Mars 1753

M Col^o York's o March 23^d 1753

Recd April 6 } 1753
Recd May 2^d }

Del. 127

... [vide Red notebooks - p. 435] ...

... [Reports on Forts. How. Glory 1751-2. all in Adm 1. (2) p 48 seq] ...

Copy Letter. Melvil to Committee 7 Jan 1753. Red notebooks 807
" " " " 25 Jan " " 809.

Endorsed

Trade Africa
 State o/ English
 Right o/ Land
 Place o/ Comenda
 & / Towns o/ Busha
 & Atchua upon /
 Gold Coast o/ Africa
 Read may 25
 Read 50 } 1753
 Dd. 145

... [Vide Red Notebooks p 428] ...

Endorsed

Trade Africa
 Right o/ English
 Right to Comenda Land
 Place, Busha & Atchua
 referred to by Committee
 o/ Co o Merchants
 trade to Africa
 no 1. to no 4
 Read may 28th
 Read 50 } 1753
 Dd. 146.

Encaminaⁿ o Quabino Bricklayer & Comp Slave Sworn upon / holy
 Evangelist to answer / truth to such ques^{ns} as sh^d be asked him.

Q. How long is it since he first knew Dixie?

A. He knew Dixie in Gen Dalby Thomas's time

Q. Whom did Cape Three Points belong to at t^h time?

A. To / Brandenburgers.

Q. How does he know it belonged to / Brandenburgers?

A. This Dep^t carried letters backwards & forwards from Dixie to Cape Three Points.

Q. Where did he carry / letters to?

A. To / Brandenburgers at Cape 3 points to Gen Owey.

Q. Was the any Fort at Accoda?

A. Yes, the was

Q. Who did Accoda belong to at t^h time?

A. Three white men, Brandenburgers, lived at Accoda.

Q. Does / Dep^t know any such place as Atchua?

A. Yes, he always went thro Atchua to Cape 3 points

Q. Who did it belong to then?

A. The English Slaves cut Timber & Boards the.

Q. Did this Dep^t used to go to Atchua to work?

A. He went the to be a Timber & lime Stone down of / English

Q. When he first went to Atchua did he find any of English Slaves at work the?

A. When this Dep^t first went the, they went to Atchua to pick shells, & afterwards they found dimes stone at Atchua & came the to pick those dimes stones, & upon Owey got dimes on^t o them, & sent / same down to Gen Dalby Thomas to try it. When he first came

first to Atchea, / Cabbow Accroo lived at Accoda, & his ground reached
from thence to Atchevee.

Q. When he first went to Atchea were there any English Co Slaves at work there?

A. Yes, this Dep^t saw / English Co Slaves at work there, & they left off [off] at
Atchea & went behind it to gather Shells.

Q. How does he know they were English Slaves?

A. The time when he worked at Atchevee [Atchevee] / Cabbow Accroo lived at Accoda.
he never claimed ground or said it belonged to him. Neither did / Brandenburgers
who lived there ever claim to ground or write to his Masters about it, & he found
his fellow Slaves at work there.

Q. Was there any Croom at Atchea at the time?

A. Yes, there was a Croom there & Buoy Carn^{ter} lived at Dixicou, & had a Croom
there & lived there.

Q. Did / Cabbow~~ers~~ & Atchea people use to work for / Co at the time?

A. When they had big Timbers or Joists, too hard for / Co's Slaves to haul, Bessie's
people & Atchea people helped to bring them down.

Q. How long (to / best of his remembrance) had / Brandenburgers Cape three
points & Accoda, before / Dutch had those Forts?

A. This Depon^t was there when / Dutch & English joined together agst John Coney -
but / last time / Dutch got / Phantas & all / Country to fight John
Coney, this Depon^t was at Cape Coast Castle.

Q. How long was it for / time he went first to Dixicou to / time he came
away?

A. This Depon^t knows not - a long - long - time

- Q. All / time he staid at Duxiere, did he hear o any Palavers betwⁿ / English
+ / Brandenburgers?
- A. No, he never heard o any.
- Q. Had / Cabboceer Buoy Contem a house in Duxiere?
- A. Yes, he had.
- Q. in what Town was his House?
- A. In Bossu's Town.
- Q. Were ther any Crooms in Atchua Bush when he first went ther?
- A. Ther was a little sort o a Croom made, to get Palm Wine + Oil, this Dep^t
used to go ther to get Palm Wine, t^h ther were Fowls ther, + o Course a
Settlem^t.
- Q. Does he know Tye's Croom?
- A. He does.
- Q. In what Bush is it?
- A. In Atchua Bush.
- Q. O Gen. Vigt^r where was he born?
- A. He is a right^t Whydah man.
- Q. If he is a Whydah man, who told him / ground o Atchua belonged to /
English?
- A. All / time this Depoⁿ^t was ther, they (/ English^t Cos' Slaves) worked fm
Atchevee to Atchua, he never heard any body ag^s^t it, therefore he knows
it to belong to his Masters.

Duress & amos. Saith

... [Vide Red Notes p 445] ...
no 3.

William Dacres Deposeth.

... [Vide Red Notes p. 447] ...
no 4.

Nassau Senior Chief o Diccove saith,

... [Vide Ibid., p 204] ...
no 5.

John Roberts Esqr Governor o Cape Coast Castle, Deposeth.

... [Vide Ibid., p 198] ...
no 6.

John Roberts Esqr Governor o Cape Coast Castle, Deposeth

... [Vide Ibid., p 191] ...
no 7.

no 7.

Cape Coast Castle March 2^d 1738

Honourable Sir

We were lately informed by our Chief at Diccove t^t yr Honours
Chief at Aquadah has molested some o/ Royal African Co's Servants, in
Town belongg to Diccove called Itchua under pret^{ce} t^t sd Town is under / Juris-
diction o/ Dutch wh pret^{ce} we apprehend yr Honours will find ill Grounded
after Considerg / followg Reasons t^t we h^{ve} to alledge to / Contrary (1st) / Dutch
can h^{ve} no Colour o/ Pret^{ns} to t^t Town unless it be in right o/ Fort o Aquadah,
wh must be observed was allow'd to be built by a Conces^o / English Co
D^{ic}rise such Buildg shd h^{ve} b^{en} an Infringe^{mt} o/ 10th Article o/ Convenⁿ betwⁿ
/ two Co's, made by Sir Dalby Thomas & Gen Peter Nugt, where it is expressly

provided t neither party sh make any new Settlement on this Coast betw Amcoy
& whydah inclusive, but t each may repair & alter any o/ present Settlements as
they sh think Convenient, fm wh^t plainly appears t/ Buildg/ sd fort was by/
Comissⁿ, at least Comissⁿ, o/ English, & how Improbable it is t/ English in makg t
Grant to /Dutch wd give up a place just in th^r Neighbour hood, & by wh they h a
gt part o th^r wood. (2) It's ab^t double / Distce fm Aquadah t it is fm Discove,
& all or most o/ Inhabitants belong to /English Cabovers Borru at Discove, &
all /Natives Acknowledge t they h bn always under /Protⁿ o/ English. (3d)
In /time o yr Honours Predecessor Gen Pranger /same Claim was made by
/Dutch upon /Town o Atumah, wh Gen Pranger gave up to /English f/
Forego^d Reason. Andrew Lewis Dettmer was then Chief o Discove, to
whom Gen Pranger made a Verbal Renunciaⁿ o all Rights t/ Dutch
cd pretend to t place, & as he Dettmer is now upon / Coast, can attest /same
f yr Honours.

As we are o Opinion t this is a step taken by yr Chief at Aquadah w^t yr
Honours Participaⁿ we deemed it our Duty to inform yr Honour before we made
any Advances in /Affair, as it is our Settled Purpose to improve /Friendship &
good Harmony betw us, to Chuse alldways to Act in Concert w yr Honour so
t no Ground o diff^{ty} or Dissenⁿ may Arise betw us fm any mistake or
Blunder in our respective out Chiefs.

The Knowledge o yr Honours Mind & Opinion o/ Forego^d Affair
soon will be v^y Acceptable to Honoured Sir

Yr most obedient & most humble Servant

John Cope

Jas Slope

W^m Lee

D Elmina 17th March 1739.

High Esteemed Gentlemen

We h/ good Fortune to Receive / Letter where with yr Honours h^{ve} b^{een} pleased to oblige us w/ 2^d Cur^r O.S. & by / Contents perceive t^{hat} yr Honours Complain o our Chief o Acquadah. We take / Freedom to assure yr Honours t^{hat} we do in no wise approve o his Behaviour & are Convinced t^{hat} his Rashness & Ignor^{ance} h^{as} occasioned what hath happened. We sh^{all} not fail to make him Sensible o his Blunder & likewise to give him orders Immediately to release yr Honours Subjects who are Panyard.

We hope t^{hat} yr Honours will not impute this or any o^{ther} Blunder o our our Chiefs t^{hat} hath or sh^{all} happen to us, on / Contrary we always to prevent any Misunderstand^{ing} Encourage a good Harmony & Friendships between our officers & those o yr Honours, wh^{ich} we make no doubt will be maintained upon yr Honours part.

As to / three Articles in yr letter we sh^{all} not trouble yr Honours w^{ith} any Answer Part^{ic}ularly, but must say t^{hat} / Affair is Strained too far, however we sh^{all} take notice to yr Honours briefly o what is w^{ell} known, / Being o Prussia hath a g^{reat} many years ago Surrendered to / Dutch Fredericksburge (now Hollandia), Taverado & Accada w^{ith} respect^{ive} Jurisdiction.

We had also a long War w^{ith} Brandenburg Cabocers named John Conny. During wh^{ich} time / place was w^{ith} a Garrison & a little better than a heap o Rubbish, in wh^{ich} Condition it remained till / time o Gen Walkonier in / Year 1724 when John Conny was totally routed & fled f^{or} refuge to Ashantee, & f^{or} Azim / Negroes who formerly possessed t^{he} place came back & settled in th^{is} ancient Hohiba^{nt}.

These th^{ings} moved Gen Pranger in / Year 1732 to undertake / Revival o Trade at Accata as b^{eing} beneficial to our Co &

Accordingly He repaired / Fort so as to make it proper for a white man to live & carry on Trade thro.

From whence yr Honours will perceive t / Fort o Accada was not built by / Connisee o / English, as yr Honours h^{ve} b^{een} wrong informed but t it is only repaired & brot back to its former State.

The Convention makes a nice Distincⁿ betwⁿ / Buildg^s o a new Fort & / Reparaⁿ o an old one, wh^{ich} last is made allowable.

After all we Cannot be Surprised at / Singular Expressⁿ Concerng our right to Accada if it is not so long since it was repaired as our Chief o Succowide was upon / Coast & was Chief o Accada & Overseer o / Reparaⁿ, & said it Completed, neither doubt we o Mr Dettmers beg Chief o Duxide at / same time.

In fine we Esteem ourselves v^{ry} much obliged to yr Honours for / Sincere Testimony y are pleased to make towards Cherishg mutual Friendship, & we beseech yr Honours firmly to believe t for our part we h^{ave} nothg more at heart^{er} than to Support / Good Friendship betwⁿ us, a thg highly necessary & Advantageous to both Co^s & we add t we sh^{all} be always willg to make t Tye firmer.

Gods Blessg w^{ith} health &

Prosperity to yr Honours is / hearty wish o
High Esteemed Sir

Yr Honours most Obed^t & humble Servant
Martin Francis De Bordes

PS. I humbly beg Excuse for be^{ing} so long in Answerg yr Honours' Letter, but / Delay was Occasioned by my Indisposiⁿ

96.
Endorsed

Trade Africa

Copies o Treaties made
between / English &

Dutch African Cos

in 1707, 1708, & 1728

Recd may 25th

Read do

Dd - 147

Articles o Agreement

made & Concluded upon betwix us Sr Dalby Thomas
Knight Captain Gen & Chief Director & / rest o /
Council f / Royal African Co o England, now called
Sr Britain, over all / South part o Guinea, in behalf o
/ said Royal African Co o England, now called Sr
Britain, & on / one part, And Mr Peter Neuyts
Director Gen & / rest o / Council f / Gen Netherlands
Authorized West India Co on / same Coast

Done & transacted at Fetue River byg & beg between
Cape Coast Castle & Fort St. George D'Elmina This
30th Day o June Old Style & 11th Day o July New Style
Anno 1708.

Article 1st

Thenceforth a firm Friendship & Unity be kept & Established betwix each party
on this Coast f / Honour & Interest o both Cos & t all Differences, Quarrels, Disputes,
or pretences on any Acct whatsoever wh has happened before / date o these presents
betwix / Servants o either Co or / Natives o / Country now in the Service or

within the Respective Jurisdiction sh not be fm hence forward Remembred or
mentioned to Interrupt frustrate or Invalidate this followg Friendship, Unity
& agree^{mt}.

2d

1 no Soldiers or o^{rs} o either Side t sh Deserv be Entertaind, except 9 such o / Majesty
o Gr Britain's Natural born Subjects, or such o / Natural born Subjects o / States Gen
o / United Netherlands as sh offer the Service to either Party respectively. But t they
(namely all o^{rs}) upon / first Demand in Writing be sent back in Irons to the respective
Forts or Factories & t timely & Publick Notice be given by / Gov^{ts} o both Cos o
this Article

3d

1 no King, Cabbocce, Country or Town o Guinea, either Sevvly or Jointly toge, sh
be aided or assisted either directly or Indirectly by either party in making War
amg themselves or agst either Party on any pret^{ce} whatso^{ev} & t when any Quarrels
sh be betwix any o / sd Natives o / Country, we toge will endeavour to Compose
all such differ, or if either party sh f / future be engaged in a War or
Quarrel w any o / Natives as aforesaid then / eth party sh not directly nor Indirectly
abett Aid or Assist / sd Natives but sh Interepose as Mediator & give the best Assistance
towards Adjustg all such differ in such manner as sh be f / Interest o both Cos, & in
case either party or both Parties o / sd Contending Natives or any o / Natives at
Enmity w either Co sh refuse to accept our Joint Mediat^{on} & terms o Accomo-
da^{on} we agree upon, then we both sh Jointly consult togeth & resolve upon /
most effectual means to Compell / sd Dissenting party or parties to agree to
what we sh Jointly determine & be aidg & assistg to those who sh accept
& our terms.

If any Native or Natives of Country sh run away fm either party f Debts Contracted or upon / Rec^d o any Misdemeanors Committed after sign^g & Seal^g these Presents, then / o^r party sh upon Demand use all Endeavours to Oblige / s^d run away Native or his or th^r Relat^s to make Satisfacⁿ to / th^e Injured party, also all run away Slaves & Pawns to either party sh be upon Demand Seized & delivered up to th^e respective Masters.

T no Traders or any o/ Natives or oth o this Country be any way hindered or Molested, Interrupted or Disturbed Directly or Indirectly by any Person or Persons in / immediate Service or under / Jurisdiction o either Co fm bring^g / Commodities o this Country to, or Carry^g / Goods o either Co fm any Fort or Factory belong^g to either Party as they are com^g or go^g or pass^g thro' any Part or parts o / Country. And t it sh be lawful to, & f / s^d Traders to pass thro' / Towns belong^g to Either Co w th^e Native Commodities or / Goods o either Co Publickly in / Day time w^o mak^g any stay longer than to rest & refresh themselves, & not to sell or dispose o either Co's Goods in / s^d Towns, upon Penalty o Forfeit^g / s^d Goods, upon due proof made thereof to / Satisfacⁿ o both parties

T no Dutch Interlopers be suffered to Anchor in any o / Roads belong^g to / English Forts on this Coast, & in case any o / s^d Interlopers sh presume to such protecⁿ under our Guns fm any o our [sic] Ships belong^g to / Dutch West India Co, we oblige Ourselves by these Articles to fire at them & in case they do not th^em immediately leave / Road it sh be allowed / s^d Co's Ship or Ships to do w th^em as they sh think fit.

Such Portuguese Ship or Ships as sh. come to Anchor in any of Roads belongg to English Ports or Factors sh. not be interdicted by any Dutch Ship or Ships belongg to /sd Co. They be blocked up by them in /sd English Roads, not attacked or seized as they go out of /sd Ports, neither sh. they offer to seize any such Ship or Ships L.R. fort
 put demands under /sd Ports, neither sh. they offer to seize any such Ship or Ships L.R. fort
 Ship, they have one of Royal African Cos servants on board carrying /some
 Ton / or side none of English Ports or Cos Ships sh. protect or seize any
 Portuguese wh. were first in Possession of any Dutch West India Cos Ship, neither sh. /
 English Men or Crews except / some has grant Passports to any Portuguese
 Ship going to or from Brazil or any of / Portuguese Islands

To the Kingly firm agree in behalf of both Cos upon any Occaⁿ of any Ship or Ships belongg to either to come into each of Roads or any Ports or Factors or / Gold Coast, not to trade directly or indirectly, or in case of any such trade it sh. be a way be lawful for both parties to seize & confiscate / some

To demonstrate how entirely / Dutch West India Co is supported by a Govt in a good understanding w/ Royal African Co & England, why do not a sincere Friendship permit / of several Royal African Cos many have the vessels w/ / Spain & America to Govern & Clean them as often as Occaⁿ requires. Also I when they want Cannon they sh. be obligd to buy them in any place belongg to / West India Co as sh. likewise be permitted to /sd Dutch Co to do / some in any place belongg to / English, a Court House has first asked for / Ships or other side

1 / Dutch West India Cos servants Europeans or natives sh. not directly or indirectly disturb or hinder in London / English for gathering taking or buying what Dutch Skills

they may h^o Occaⁿ f^r fm Tackherador. And t^h neither party sh^d make any
new Settlement on this Coast between Ancobree & Whydah Inclusive, but t^h
each may repair & alter any o^r present Settlements as they sh^d think convenient.
11th Dec^r.

Eleventhly & lastly t^h all / afores^d Articles sh^d punctually be observed. And t^h / Gens
& as many o^r both Councils as conveniently can sh^d meet at least once in six months
or oftner if Occaⁿ requires, to Consult o^r best means f^r / advanc^d o^r Common Good o^r
both Cos or to take away any diff^r t^h may happen to arise upon any o^r afores^d
Articles. And what resolutions they sh^d come to sh^d be fairly wrote out & signed by them &
Authentick Copies transmitted to the principals by / first Oppy. to be approved o^r by them.
And in case any o^r these Articles sh^d not be approved o^r by either Co t^h then immediate
Notice thereof sh^d be given on both Sides. And t^h till such time all & ev^{ry} o^r afores^d
Articles sh^d be o^r full force & Virtue at Cape Coast & / Mine fm / Date o^r there presents,
or over all o^r parts o^r / Coast fm & after / third Day o^r July next (OS) & / 14th Do (NS)
1708.

This sincerely & wth any manner o^r Equivo^{ca}ⁿ both parties h^o here-
unto Set the Hands & Seals / Day & Year above-mentioned
Dabhy Thomas

Cha: Hayes
John Chaigneau
Wm Hicks

We do hereby Ratifie & Confirm all / above-written Articles o^r Agreem^t made heretofore
upon this Coast by / respective Gens f^r / Royal African Co o^r England & / Authorized West
India Co o^r Holland

In Witness whereof we h^o hereunto set our Hands, & / Seal o^r Co
This 30th Day o^r January 1728

Brathwaite
John Brathwaite
Robert Cruikshank

By Order o^r Chief Agents
Thomas Threlkeld Secretary (L.S.)

Additional & explanatory Articles o Agreement made & concluded
between Messrs Seth Grav: James Phipps, & Robert Pollock Chief
Directors o/Royal African Co o England on this the South Coast
o Guinea in behalf o/sd Co on /one part, & Mr Hieronimus
Haring Director Gen & Council f /Gen Netherlands
Authorized West India Co, done & transacted in Cape
Coast Castle this 5th Day o May. 1705. & 16th May. 1705. Anno 1713.

Article 1st

I / Contract or agreement made between Sr Dalby Thomas Director Gen o/Royal African
Co o England & Mr Peter Nuys Director Gen f /Dutch West India Co dated 30th June
1705. & 11th July 1705. at Fette River between / Forts o Cape Coast Castle & St George
D'Elmina are hereby confirmed & to remain in full force except wherein it is
Contradictory to what's hereafter mentioned Vizt.

2^d

Whereas in / second Article o / aforesaid Agreement no provision is made f / paym^t o / just
& lawful Debts o such persons as may Desert / service o either Co as beg natural born
Subjects o either Na^m, as in / Second Article Express, we do hereby agree & Oblige ourselves
to see such Debts paid as are contracted in this Country o / return / person o / Deserter

3^d

Whereas in / third Article o / sd Agreement it is Express t we are mutually obliged to
Compel / Natives to agree to what we sh^d jointly determine f / Compassy chr D^o f^o.
It is now agreed t neither Co sh^d be obliged thereto by engag^g themselves in a
War, but to use all o^r effectual means as mentioned in / sd Article

4th

I / latter part o / fifth Article in / sd Contract is to be understood in this
manner. T no Natives sh^d pass by any Forts or Castles w^o any Merchandizes w^o
a Note or small sufficient Proof t / sd Merchandizes are Assuredly bot in one o

/ Cos Castles or Factories, & if so proved yet they sh not h / ~~Liberty~~ Liberty to
stay all Night (unless on urgent Occas^{ns}) under any Fort where / Goods
are not Bot And then not to expose them to Sale, on penalty o the Goods be^g
forfeited or Confiscated, to prevent if possible / Native private Trade wh
they Exercise to / Prejudice o both Cos.
5th

I whereas / 6th Article Relates only to Dutch Interlopers it is hereby agreed t no
Interlopers o either Naⁿ sh be permitted to Anchor in any o our Roads or
Receive any protecⁿ thro. But t each Naⁿ sh be allowed to seize or Surprise
such Interlopers or Interlopers as they sh think most Convenient
6th

As it is not mentioned in / Dutch Original o / 4th Article t / Royal
African Cos Servants put on Board any Portuguese Vessel f his protecⁿ
sh h a Certificate o same, it is hereby fur^r agreed t / Portuguese sh not
be molested by / Dutch Cos Serv^{ts} Residg here o what Degree or Quality
soever or by any o the Ships. The sd Portuguese, havy on Board one o /
Royal African Cos Serv^{ts} either fm the Ships or Factories, w a Certificate
Signifyg fm whom or where he comes.
7th

And lastly t all a s^y / foreg^g Addit^{ns} & Alterat^{ns} are to remain in full
force & Virtue until Countermanded by either Co

This Sincerely or w^t any manner o Equivocaⁿ both parties h
knownto Interchangably set the Hands, seals / Day & Year above written
Sech^g Govern^{rs}

In pres^{nc} o

Thomas Matthews Sec^y

James Phipps (d^s)
Rob^t. Bleau (o/Com.)

We do hereby Ratify & Confirm all / above-written Articles o agree^{mt} made
heretofore upon this Coast by / Agents of / Royal African Co o England & / Gen of /
Authorized West India Co o Holland

In Witness whereof we h. hereunto set our hands & Seals o / Co
John Braithwaite
Rob^t Cruikshank (d/s)

By Order o / Chief Agents
Thos Threip Land, Secy.

Additional Articles o Agree^{mt} made & Confirmed on Board
his Britannick Majesty's Ship Saphire Commanded by
Capt. John Smit, at Anchor in / Road o Cape Coast,
Petern / Royal African Co o England & / Honourable
Dutch West India Co by the Deputies the Treat^y &
whose Names are hereunto subscribed

Article 1st

That all past differ^s betwⁿ / above-mentioned Cos on / Coast are Adjusted & Satisfacⁿ
mutually made in sev^l Part^s (except Restitⁿ of / Damages Sustained by / Royal African
Co in Charg^e of [off^r] / Coast the Ship Clarendon, & / Detenⁿ o & Damage done the Ship
Bonetta while in / Custody o / Honourable Dutch West India Co & sev^l o^r Grievances referred
to / ~~Decⁿ~~ Decⁿ o / sev^l Co in Europe & except^y also sev^l Grievances on / part o / Hon^{ble}
Dutch West India Co to be decided in Europe as abovesaid

2^d

That from henceforth a firm & lasting Friendship Peace & Unity sh^d subsist & be main-
tained bet^wn all / Servants o both Cos on / Coast: And t^h if any Misfortune or un-
foreseen Accidents any dispute or diff^e sh^d arise betwⁿ / Servants o either Co t^o

they sh them respectively interpose in / most Friendly manner towards accomodat^g such
diffe or Dispute. And sh not proceed to make³ Reprizal or any ways molest^g /
offend³ party till Justice is denyd on him or them by his or the Principals, & t
in such Case it sh be only lawful to take Just Satisfacⁿ. This only relat^g to / Blacks
gd

T to prevent effectually all diffes o what nature soever, It is mutually agreed t all
Articles o Agreemts & Contracts heretofore made & Confirmed by our predecessors &
respective Cos sh remain in full force & Virtue, & be Inviolably kept & observed by our
respective Principals & the successors

Done & passed on Board / above mentioned Ship this
twenty Eight day o January 1728 / 9 O.S.

B. Peake (LS) / 9

Dun Campbell (LS).

In presce o
Jn^o Smit.

We do hereby Ratify & Confirm all / above-mentioned Articles o Agreem^t betwⁿ
/ Royal African Co o England & / Authorized West India Co o Holland made
& Concluded by Messrs Benjamin Peake & Duncan Campbell on / part o / Royal
African Comp o England & Messrs Jacob De la Planque & Joan Everhard
~~Bittersdrop~~ Bittersdrop on / part o / Authorized West India Co o Holland.

Done on Board his Britannick Majestys Ship Saphire in Cape Coast Road
in presce o Cap^t Jn^o Smit mediator.

In Witness whereof we h hereunto set our Hands
& Seals / Co's Seal this Thirteenth o January 1728 / 9

By Order of Chief Agents
Tho^s Threipland
Secretary

John Brathwaite (LS)
Robert Cruikshank

Endorsed Trade Africa
An acct of money
received & expended by / Committee
of Co^s Merchants trad^g
to Africa f / Support & Improvement^{m^t}
of Forts & Settlements upon / sd
Coast.

Recd^d fm / Commee
of Co^s Merch^ts
trad^g to Africa
Received Jany^y } 1753
Recd June 6 }
Dec 14th.

Anno 1751
[- Accts paid to "Persons Names" f "Commodities" supplied
Total f Gambia [except f small bishopp^t accts] 1722. 13. 2
" f Cape Coast " 6655 0. 5
& Charges & Managem^t by Act of Parliam^t 000

Total 9864. 14. 6
Balc due to / Committee f 1752 28 /
9892. 15. 1

Endorsed

Trade Africa
Copy of a letter dated 12th
August 1752 from Thomas
Melville Esq^r Gov^r of Cape
Coast Castle to / Committee
of Co^s of Merchants
tradg to Africa
Read June 6 1753
Dd 151.

... [Vide Red Notebooks p. 674] ...

Endorsed Trade Africa
Copy of a letter dated 27th
June 1752 from Thomas
Melville Esq^r Gov^r of Cape
Coast Castle to / Committee
of Co^s of Merchants
tradg to Africa

Read June 6 1753
Dd 150

... [Vide Red Notebooks p. 670] ...

Endorsed

Trade Africa
Letter from / Commerce
of Comp^s of Merchants
tradg to Africa dated
30 May 1753 inclosg
Copy of 2 Reports from Merch^{ts}
of Bristol & Liverpool
complaining of Trade
carryd on by / Officers
of Co^s at / sd^s
Efforts of Negroes &
of sd^s irregular proceedg^s
by / sd^s Officers
Recd } June 6 1753
Read }

Dd 152

... [Vide Red Notebooks p. 738]
764.^a
790

Indorsed Trade Africa
Substⁿ o Instruc^{ns}
intended to be sent by /
Committee o / Co o
Merchants tradg to Africa
to / Gov^r o Cape Coast
Castle & o^r Officers upon
/ Coast.

Recd } June 6 1753
Read }
D^d 153

At a Committee 10th May 1753.

The Committee proceeded to / Considerⁿ o / Complaints o / Merchants o Bristol o g^t
Injury done to the Trade upon / Gold Coast o Africa by / Liberty ~~allowed~~ allowed / Servants
o / Comp^y to trade in Slaves, & to wh^{ch} Cause they impute / high Prices wh^{ch} h^{ve} been lately given
f / same; & have gone thro' Examinaⁿ o / Evidence bro't by Messrs Wansley & Harris, & taken
it into Considerⁿ w^{ch} the Letter containg Observa^{ns} upon / sd Evidence & Proposals f
remedy; / Inconveni^{es} complain'd o & also a Letter f'm a Committee o / African Merchants
in Liverpool w^{ch} like Proposals.

Resolved T Instruc^{ns} to / followg effect be sent to / Govern^r & o^r Officers upon /
Gold Coast

T f / Future no joint Trade sh be carried on by / Servants o /
Co residg at diff^t Forts upon any Pretence what^{so}.

T no Servant o / Co do presume to send out any Servant or
Slave up / Paths o^r Country to intercept or prevent / Slave Trade f'm
comg freely down to / Shippg.

T none o / Warehouses, Vessels, Canoes or o^r Craft belongg to / Co sh
be made use o f / to lodge^{mt} or Convey^{ce} o any Goods except such as

are sent out by / Committee of / Pay^{mt} o Salaries &
/ Support o / Forts & Settlements, but in such Cases as /
Act o Parliam^t directs

That no Servant o / Co be permitted to lodge any
Slaves in any o / Castles, or to export any Slaves
purchased upon ~~the~~ own Accts for any Part o / Coast

That / Chief ~~Gov^r~~ ^{Gov^r} of the Fort, as well as / Governor
o Cape Coast Castle be directed not only to prevent w^y
Obstruc^{tn} to / free Exercise o / Trade o Settlers in the
Neighbors^g Towns, but to encourage & protect them as
much as possible.

That / like Instruc^{ns} be sent them to assist to /
utmost / Commanders & Cos o w^y British Ship
in / Prosecu^{tn} o the Trade, & in wood^g & water^g
the Ship^s

Endorsed

Trade Africa
Copy o / Deposit
o William Brown 16
June 1753, Commander
o / Ship Bristol

Received of June 20 1753
Read

Dd 154

City o Bristol
(to wit)

William Brown, Master or Commander of Ship or Vessel called / Bristol, & belongs to / Port o Bristol & lately arrived thro' from / Coast o Africa, & Jamaica, maketh Oath & saith, That dur'g / time he this Deponent was on / Coast o Africa, carry'g on his Trade on his late Voyage, he was informed by Mr Brew Chief or Commander o Tantomquery Fort & Mr Withers then Chief or Commander o / Fort at Winnebah, t they / sd Brew & Withers were engaged in a partnership in / Slave Trade w Mr Melvill Governour o Cape Coast Castle, Mr Young then second Officer in / sd Castle at Cape Coast & one MacKie then a Surgeon o / sd Castle. And this Deponent fur saith, t / sd Mr Melvill & Mr Young in conversati^o w this Deponent likewise told him this Deponent t they expected to receive shortly from / Holland laden w a Dutch Cargoe, a Ship or Vessel wh they / sd Melvill & Young had sometime before sent to Jamaica w a Cargoe o Slaves. And this Deponent fur saith t dur'g such his Trade on / Coast o Africa he was in company w Mr William Dares Chief or Governour o / Fort at Accra, & t he / sd Dares acquainted him this Deponent in conversati^o t he apprehended Mr Young above-mentioned & who was then come from Cape Coast Castle aforesd to Accra, was come w an Intenti^o to turn him / sd Dares out o his Office or Place o Chief or Governour o / sd Fort at Accra, & t / Reason why Mr Melvill & Mr Young wanted to ~~remove~~ remove him / sd Dares was bec he / sd Dares wd not come into / partnership aforesaid w Mr Melvill & his Copartners. And this Deponent fur saith t / sd Mr Dares likewise added t he shd h b'n v'y glad t h continued his Employ^{mt} but rather than live uneasy he was determin'd to quit it in case they / sd Melvill & Young shd insist on it, or words to t or / like effect. And this Deponent fur saith t before he left / Coast he / sd Dares did quit his sd Employ^{mt} o Governour o Chief o / sd Fort at Accra. And this Deponent fur saith t in / Course o Trade carried on by him this Deponent on / sd Coast o Africa in his sd late Voyage, he this

Deponent did not purchase o / Chiefs o / Forts any Slaves under one Ounce & a half,
& generally two Ounces a head more than he gave f / Slaves o equal Goodness to /
Negro Traders, & constantly paid them such an advanced Price. And this Deponent
saith t it is his real Opinion t / high Price o Negroes when he this Deponent was
on / Coast was principally occasioned by / Trade t was then carried on by / Chiefs
o / sd Forts. And this Deponent fur saith t when he was at Annamabo he was
this informed by / Natives t if he went to trade under any o / Forts it wd be
proper f him to take w him Canoes & Canomen f t / Canomen under / Forts
were so overawed by / Chiefs t they durst not assist this Deponent in carryg on his
Trade. And he this Deponent accordingly did take w him fm Annamabo Canoes &
Canomen. And this Deponent saith t he verily believes t he shd h bn under
gt Difficulties in carryg on his Trade if he had not so as aforesd provided himself
w Canoes & Canomen fm Annamabo. And this Deponent fur saith t at / sd Forts
where he came to trade he found / Negroe Traders cautious & fearful o dealg w
him, lest it shd come to / Knowledge o / Chiefs o / sd Forts; & t / sd Traders fre-
quently sent to him this Deponent in a private & secret Manner when they had
a Slave or Slaves to dispose o. And this Deponent fur saith t at / time he was
on / Coast o Africa in his late Voyage / Forts or Castles at Cape Coast, Tantumquerry,
Winnickah & Accra were used by / Chiefs o / sd Forts or Castles as Repositories f the
Market Slaves, & t he this Deponent saw such Slaves lodged in / sd Forts or Castles,
And lastly this Deponent saith, t he is verily persuaded t / Negroes will always bear a vt high
price whilst any o / Chiefs or sd Persons belongg to / Forts are permitted to trade f them, & t
such high Price will so affect / separate Traders as to endanger / loss o / Trade to them & all
Persons but such as are concerned w / Chiefs & sd Persons settled at / Forts & Castles on / Coast.

at / City o Bristol / sixteenth Day o June
in / 14 Year o our Lord one thousand.

(Signed) Will^m Barnard

Seven hundred & fifty three

Before (Signed) D. Pelouquin, Alderman

Indorsed

Trade Africa
Copy of an Affidavit
of David Hamilton
taken before
Mayor of Bristol
11th of June
1753.

Received June 20. 1753
Read

Dd. 155

Copy
City of Bristol (to wit)

David Hamilton of City of Bristol Mariner late Chief Mate of Ship or Vessel Called Polly belong'd to / Port of Bristol during her late Voyage to / Coast of Africa, maketh Oath & Saith That during such Voyage he was informed by Mr Richard Brew Chief or Commander of Tantum-Querry ffort & also by Mr Withers then Chief or Commander of ffort at Winnebah & also by Mr Ebenezer Young belong'd to Cape Coast Castle as he this Deponent was in conversati^{on} wth them severally, That / sd Brew, Withers & Young & also Mr Melville Governor of Cape Coast Castle & one Mr MacKeite, Surgeon at Cape Coast Castle, were Concerned in a Partnership in / Slave Trade, & / sd Brew f^{ur}ther added that they had sent off a large^{er} of Slaves to Jamaica & shortly expected an Assortm^{ent} of Dutch Goods partly Knives & Gunpowder, wh^{ich} w^{ould} enable them to Carry on the sd Joint Trade to a better Advantage. And he this Deponent saith that he actually saw / sd Brew w^{ith} / Course of his Trade barter Dutch Guns, Knives & Gunpowder for Slaves. And this Deponent f^{ur}ther saith that during such Voyage he was in Co^m w^{ith} Mr William Dacres who then was Chief or Commander of ffort at Accra & in conversati^{on} w^{ith} him heard him Complain of hardship of being superseded from his sd. Command by Mr Melville who he sd intended to do it bec^{ause} he / sd Dacres was not in Partnership w^{ith} him / sd Melville & / sd Persons above mention'd, or Words to that or of like effect; & this Deponent saith that before he left / Coast / sd Dacres was superseded from his sd Command. And this Deponent f^{ur}ther saith that during such Voyage he this Deponent was oblig'd to give / sd Brew of what Slaves he had occa^{sion} to purchase of him two Guinea a head

more than what he gave to / Negro Traders f what Slaves he was able to get
o them, although / Negro Traders' Slaves were o equal goodness w those he
purchased o / sd Brew. And t / high Price o Slaves durg this Depont's beq
on / Coast was entirely occasioned as he this Depont verily believes by / Trade t
was then Carried on by / Governours or Chiefs o / sd fforts. And this Depont fur
saith t durg such Voyage he this Depont rented or hired a ffactory at Lagos
o the endeavoured to purchase what Slaves he cd, t thereupon he / sd Brew sent
his Negro Traders o goods fm Tantom query to Lagos o also to Mumford wh
is to seaward o Lagos, in order to oppose this Depont in his trade. And / sd
Brew in Conversaⁿ w this Depont, told him t it was impossible f him this Depont
to trade w him or to / some advantage as he / sd Brew cd when he / sd Brew hd so
good an Assortm^t o Goods, o fur added t if he this Depont gave Eight Ounces
a head f Slaves, he / sd Brew wd give eight o half, o in order fur to intimidate
this Depont fm Seelg at Lagos af^o he / sd Brew sd likewise to this Depont
t he hd and^r g^t advantage over him this Depont t he wd send / Servants belongg
to / ffort up / Paths o prevent / Trade comg down to this Depont, And this De-
pont saith t / sd Brew did actually send some Servants o / ffort up / paths leadg
down to Lagos w desire who thereby prevented sevl Traders fm comg down to him
this Depont, o carried them to / ffort at Tantom query af^o; And this
Depont fur saith t in conversaⁿ w / sd Brew, he this Depont, askd / sd
Brew wh he answered his ends to send his Goods to ffactorys at Lagos o
Mumford by Black Servants o wh they did not imbezle it, to wh / sd Brew
replied t it did answer his ends, but not so well as before it hd done when
he sent his Sergeant to Mumford who, as he / sd Brew fur added, hd bot him
a good many good Slaves the, but who was at t time gone fm him. And
this Depont fur saith t durg / time he was on / Coast he this Depont
applied to / sd Brew o desired to purchase some Slaves o him, to wh / sd

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fearfull o be^s seen by /sd Chiefs to trade w him or be employed by him.
And fur this Depont saith t at /time he was on / Coast / fforts or Castles
at Tantomquery, Winnabah & Mera were used by /sd Chiefs o /sd fforts as
Repositories f the Market Slaves, And t he this Depont saw such Slaves
lodged in /sd fforts or Castles. And lastly this Depont saith t he is verily
persuaded t Negroes will always bear a v^y high Price wholse any o / Chiefs
or o^r persons belong^d to / fforts are permitted to trade f them, & t such high price
will so affect / separate traders as to endanger / loss o / trade to them & all persons
but such as are Concerned w / Chiefs or o^r persons settled at / fforts & Castles on /
Coast.

Signed David Hamilton

Sworn at / City o Bristol
/ Sixteenth day o June
in / Year o Our Lord one
thousand Seven hundred &
fifty three Before John Clements, Mayor.

Enclosed

Trade Africa
Extract o a letter
fr^m Tho. Westgate to
John Pinshell dated
at Cape Coast Castle
/ 14th Decr 1752

Recd } June 20th 1753
Read }

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Young is still at Winnebago, & after threats, I suppose, to turn out poor Sacret, who had so much Goods upon his hands, he knew not what to do wth them, they at last came to an Agreement wth him for his whole Stock, brot him over to their own terms, & ~~now~~ ~~now~~ are v^{ry} willing to let him remain Chief till he purchases wth sd Goods a sufficient Number of Slaves to pay himself, say One w^{ch} he is to take at 10 Oz. a head, w^{ch} was / Agreement, & w^{ch} when y^e consider it, you'll find to be no trifling One on the Side.

Abstract of a letter from Thos Westgate to John Russell
Dated Cape Coast Castle Decem^r 14th 1752.

Endorsed

Trade Africa
Copy of Affidavit of
Captⁿ Alex^r Graham taken
before / Mayor of Bristol
June 16. 1753.
Received } June 20. 1753
Read }
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Copy. City of Bristol
to writ

Alexander Graham of City of Bristol Mariner Master or Commander of Ship or Vessel Called / ffly, & belong^g to / Port of Bristol where he arrived from / Coast of Africa, maketh Oath & saith. That his late Voyage to / Coast of Africa He, this Deponent was trad^g at Annamaboo in Co wth / Ship or Vessel called / Sylvia, whereof Richard Jenkins was Commander, & t^{at} / beginning of such Trade, he this Deponent & / sd Richard Jenkins bot sd Slaves at / Price of five Ounces & half, & from t^o seven Ounces & half a head, & agreed wth each o^r not to raise / Price higher. Whilst such this Trade was go^g in a good way, they found a sudden Stagnaⁿ in

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it, upon wh they enquired o the Gold takers or Brokers, what was / Occaⁿ o it, &
were informed by them t / Price was raised at / Forts or Castles in / Neighbour-
hood, wh this deponent doth verily believe was / fact. t thereupon he this depon-
ent & / sd Richard Jenkins were Obliged to give & actually did give an
advanced Price before they cd procure any more Slaves, & this deponent saith
t he is verily Persuaded t Negroes will always bear a v^y high Price whilst
any o / Chiefs or o^r Persons belong^g to / Forts are permitted to trade f^r them, & t such
high Price will so affect / separate Traders as to endanger / loss o / Trade to them
& all Persons but such as are conversed w / Chiefs & o^r Persons settled at / Forts
& on / Coast. And lastly this deponent saith t in such his Voyage he was at
Cape Coast Castle, & there saw betwⁿ forty & fifty Negroes f- sale belong^g to /
Servants o / Co o Merchants trad^g to Africa, wh were lodged & kept f
Sale in / sd Fort.

Signed Alex^d Graham

Sworn at / City o Bristol /
the twentieth day o June in / Year o Lord One
thousand Seven Hundred & fifty three.
Before John Clements Mayor

Endorsed

Trade Africa
Copy o John Stokes
Certificate dated
Gold Coast o Africa
Marz 14th 1752

Received 7 June 20 1753
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Gold Coast of Africa

14th March 1752.

These are to Certifye t^t I John Stokes upon / Arrival o^t Tho^s Melvil Esq^r
President o^f Council at Cape Coast Castle, he^rg dismissed my employ^{mt} o^f a Factor in /
Royal Africa Co^s Service, & it he^rg declared ffres & lawfull by / s^t Melvil, as also set
forth by / Act o^f Parliam^{nt} t^t any o^f His Majesty's Subjects m^t establish Factories
& carry on a free, open, uninterrupted Trade under any o^f British Castles & Forts
on this Coast, repaired to English Commenda wth a Quantity o^f Dry & S^t English
merchandise & set up a Factory th^re, where hav^g continued / space o^f three Months
I experienced no Service fm / For^t, nor encouragem^t to continue th^re, The Chief
William Tinnewell tak^g all undue means to Ingress / Trade & Relay all / Trad^r
Paths to / Town aforesaid to / g^t Detrim^{nt} o^f myself, at / same time / Negroes be^g
encouraged to Trade (& supplied wth t^e purpose wth Brangoes, Dutch Liquor,
Tobacco &c) in opposi^{on} to me. I was obliged to quit my sd Factory, hav^g
purchased neither Slave or Tooth in all t^e time, nor Gold to / value o^f One Ounce
tho^{ugh} / Chief William Tinnewell made g^t Purchases o^f such sort wth G^o Goods,
wh^{ich} he replaced wth Dutch Commodities as Mr John Smallman Gardener,
another Free Trader, can well depose

Witness my hand

Signed Jⁿ^o Stokes

Witness

R. Stockwell

Endorsed

Trade Africa
Copy o letter fm
Scot Merchants o
Liverpool to Mr Tho^s Chalmers dated at
Liverpool June 15th

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desiring him to attend this
Board on the behalf upon
/ subject o / comp^{ts}.
agst / Officers o /
Co upon / Coast

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Copy Mr Tho^s Chalmers.

Liverpool June 15th 1753

Sir

Mr Manesty shoud us yr letter 12 Curr^t. & We desire y woud wait
upon Mr Wansley to / Board o Trade w^{ch} in / Representa^{ns} w regard to /
Governors & d^r Servants o / Co tradg w / Coast, & y Know / Sentiments o / Traders
here on this head. We are o opinion the Trade in Negroes shoud be stop^d as far
as possible, but we do not see how they can be restrained fm layg out / money they
receiv^e o Salaries in / best manner they can, tho' we are o opinion they shoud not send
any Negroes to America, but be oblig^d to sell em on / Coast.

We sh refer / Affairs to yr Managem^t & We are — — —

John Hardman
James Pardoe
Tho^s Chalmers
Jos^{ph} Manesty

The African
Committee
appointed by /
Liverpool Merch^{ts}
6th Mo^o 1753

John Hardman
Joseph Manesty
James Pardoe
J Knight is not in Town

Condensed

Trade Africa
 Copy of letter from
 Seal Merchants of
 Bristol to Mr William
 Wansley dated Bristol
 June 16th 1753 debtd
 him to attend this Board
 on the behalf upon
 Subject of the Complaints
 ag^t / Officers of
 Co upon / Comb^d
 Recd^d June 20
 Read
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Copies.

Bristol June 16 1753

viz.

In favour of 9th (to us / African Committee of Correspondence here) came
 in due course of time, by wh we discover t / Committee of London appear inclinable to carry /
 matter of our Complaints (touch^g / Trade in Negroes t is carried on by / Servants of / Co
 at / ports & Settlements on / Gold Coast of Africa) before / Lords Comms of Trade & Plantations.
 Shd / Committee refuse to redress our Grievances wh are so notorious, & continue
 to Countenance / Servants of Co in the present Trade, to / prejudice of free & open Traders,
 We must desire y^e to attend this Lordships on / part & behalf of Merchants of this City trad^g
 to Africa, & lay before them / State of our Complaints & endeavour to obtain a total restraint
 upon / Servants of Co trad^g in Negroes. For w^{ch} some such restreⁱⁿ we are apprehensive
 (for what we already felt) t t branch of Trade will soon be lost to this place
 We sh^d forward to y^e by / Robt / Affidavits of Commanders Gahann, Hamilton
 Leutenants & Brunson We are - - - - - signed Wm Ware. // James Darroche // Mich^d Beecher //
 Your W^{ch} Wansley. Rich^d Fane // Jorge // Thos Harris // Jno Hoothouse //
 Walter Lingers // Mich^d Miller // Dan^l Cheston.

Endorsed

Trade Africa.
Copy of a letter from
Thomas Melville Esq
Governor of Cape Coast Castle
as a To / Committee of /
Co of Merchants
trading to Africa Dated
13th Decr 1752
Recd from Mrs Hollis
Recd June 20th } 1753
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... [vide Red Notebooks p 687] ...

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Trade Africa

Messrs Messrs Wansley &
Chalmers in Behalf of /
Merchants of Bristol &
Liverpool w respect to
1 Complaint exhibited
by 1 sd Merchants
against Officers & Servants
of Committee of /
Co of Merchants
trading to Africa
Recd June 20 1753
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... [vide copy in Red Notebooks p 792] ...
Some parts omitted

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Trade Africa
The Applicant
John Roberts

MERCHANT

Recd 7 June 20th 1853

Da. 16th

[3 "vi Rine" stamps]

[Anguarie]

John Roberts of Barbadoes & South America Solicitor at the London Merchant
Deputed

I Thomas Melville Esquire on Supersedeas this Dependent in Barbadoes & Affiant at
 Cape Coast Castle in Africa on or after last month June one thousand seven hundred & fifty one
 refused to read / instruct give him by / committee in Publick the enclosed depositions & Exhibits
 aforesaid Stock Coy to enquire / Trade on / Gold Coast & why doth he give / depositions under his Com-
 mand to / of / advantage & that Dependent of the said Trade
 Ten or above twenty Sixty July one thousand seven hundred & fifty one / Sine cur
 Panna Edward Esquire at Cape Coast Castle in a Cargo declared to be Consignment & belong to
 SA Melville & Co who lay in a 1/2 part Dutch Manufacture was deposited in / Warehouse at Cape
 Coast Castle & / Stows for same to same purchased Inventory, lodged & ducted in SA Castle.
 This Dependent for said 7 on July one thousand seven hundred & fifty one /
 King & Cape Coast sent an Informant to SA Melville purchase of the Cape Stock, / Melville did not
 come into / Town to Barbadoes, or large Staff, Goods of / Cape Stock, / Melville did not
 suffer time to do it, therefore it was no Act, to that Dependent Knowledge, SA Melville
 is Plaintiff says Stock but a Plaintiff he was obliged to bear Escrowment from / depositions
 / Melville bore him indomitable & why doth he take it on or / Town to Plaintiff
 Melville says / depositions but Plaintiff says Stock, it being not usual for him to do so
 before / Answer & SA Melville, as has been intimated before.

This Deponent fur Sixth Ten or abt / Ninth August One thousand Seven hundred & fifty One / sd Thomas Melvil draughted a Considerable Quantity of Goods out of National Supplies & thereunto Assorted those belongg to himself & Co more effectually to Encrease / Trade & / Benefit of himself & Co as this Deponent was Informed & Verily believes

T twenty Eighth September One thousand Seven hundred & fifty One Captain How & Digges of his Majesty's Ship's Glory & Saram, sd Melvil & Deponent dined at / House of Cudjo Cabocheer, where soon as sd Melvil was departed / Towards people assembled & brot Mr Gardner a free Trader & thet tried, insulted & abused sd Gardner, & Demanded Merchandize to / Am^t of Thirty Six pounds fm him before / sd Negroes wd let him know / reason or Occaⁿ of such treat^{mt}, T Deponent thro Compatⁿ interfered in / Matter & hd / sd ffine of thirty Six pounds moderated. Whereupon / sd Negroes Alledged t sd Gardner did not pay twenty Shillg^s p. head of each Slave he purchased, & t he ot^r not to h Complaind bec some Sheep of his hd bn panyard or seized by / Governor's Cooks, Signifyg t he, sd Melvil, must h provin^m of / Captains of his Majesty's Ship's of War who came thro of the protecⁿ, but did not say or insinuate t sd Gardner was a troublesome Man or words to any such effect as sd Letter of Melvil's unjustly set forth. T sd Negroes in Gen^l informd sd Deponent sd Palaver or Cause was Commenced & Carried on by order & Contrivance of Mr Melvil, wh this Deponent verily believes to be true, it beg / received Opinion of / Europeans present.

T / Eleventh November One Thousand Seven hundred & fifty One Cudjo do Bay, his to Cudjo Cabocheer informd Depon^t t sd Melvil had given sever Tradg Men Felish or Solemn Oaths to Trade only w sd Melvil & Co to / q^t prejudice of free Traders in gen.

T on ffourteenth November One Thousand Seven hundred & ffifty One sd Melvil proposed Sellg fforty Slaves wh he hd purchased on Board / sd Smeau Prince Edward to a Dames Captain, & actually did make a barters w

sd Name & Sell him Slaves to / prejudice o Sev^t American Vessels in / road a Cape Coast Castle & Annamaboa. And t this Depon^t has bin informed o^r Bartens were made by / Officers o sd Melvil w^t foreign Ships f / benefit o sd Melvil & Co, but this Depon^t deny^s t he ever proposed join^g w^t sd Melvil in a Contract to Slave off any Danes Vessel or o^r fforeigners as sd Melvil's letter falsely Sets forth.

T in / Months o October & November One thousand Seven hundred & ffifty One Mathew Mackeel Surgeon o Cape Coast Castle, & while his Mate went to Annamaboa & Tantumquery, t in / road o Annamaboa / sd Mackeel traded in / Prince Edward Sneau, f Slaves, in Oppositi^on to Cap^t. Taylor o Rhode Island & o^rs, who Complained t sd Mackeel raised / price o Slaves.

T on or abt Sixth January One Thousand Seven hundred & ffifty two this Depon^t hav^g made a Barter w^t Cap^tⁿ Yewart o Liverpool f Slaves, / sd Melvil declared he w^d prejudice Mr William Husbands, this Depon^t's Partner, as much as he possibly c^d in Trade, bec in part a paym^t f / Barter aft^r aforesaid he hd received a Long Boat fm sd Yewart.

T on / Twelfth January One Thousand Seven hundred & ffifty two, this Depon^t hav^g w^t much diff^{ic}ulty prevailed on a Portuguese to trade w^t him on / Mate's Com^d to this Depon^t's ffactory & a bargain begⁿ near Agreed upon, sd Portuguese was sent f by sd Melvil & induced to make / Traffic he wanted w^t sd Melvil & Partners to / prejudice o Depon^t.

~~T~~ T this Depon^t hav^g put an Assortm^t o Merchandize on Board a Vessel to trade w^t am^d / fforts & Settlements to seaward o Cape Coast on or abt / Seventeenth January, proceeded on / Voyage, & on his Arrival at Tantumquery, ffort was informed by Mr Brew^r / Chief t he hd bin informed o this Depon^t's Expedi^on & hd Orders fm Mr Melvil to Overbid this Depon^t Dep^t in / price o Slaves, & to give an Assortm^t ont o / Good Foods / better to frustrate this Depon^t's design, t on / Twenty Second day o January follow^g this Depon^t Saw / Public Supplies paid

on / purchase o Slaves, wh Slaves O^rwise wd h^{ve} b^{en} Sold to this Dep^t.

On Twenty fourth sd January Mr Withers Chief o Wimbah informed this Dep^t he sd Withers had Orders fm sd Melvil to Overbid this Dep^t in / price o Slaves, And t^o enable sd Withers effectually to Command / Trade fm Dep^t had b^{en} Sent by sd Melvil fforty Casks o / Gun's Gunpowder + o^r Choice Goods - Tsd Chiefs Brew & Withers informed this Dep^t assured Dep^t o^r Customary Price o Slaves was Seldom more than Six Owners + a half or Seven Owners on those parts o / Coast till Melvil & Co gave Orders to Advance + raise / price.

T Mr Xarres Chief o Neura informed this Dep^t he / sd Xarres had b^{en} made /o Understand by sd Melvil he shd be discharged / Service, was obliged, in Order to prevent such ~~Thimism~~ to take fforty Slaves worth o Goods fm sd Melvil & Co at most exorbitant Prices + t^o sd Xarres in part had b^{en} sent Beads at / rate o Three Ackies / or ffifteen Shill^{ings} two Bunches wh he cd not dispose o f more than one Ackie p. Bunch by wh sd Xarres lost ffifty p Cent

Jⁿ. Roberts [long sign]

London

Subscribed this 26th day o June 1753
before me

Rob^t Ladbroke

Endorsed

Trade Africa

Copy of a letter from
Mrs Christopher Whyte
Secretary of Cape Coast
Castle. To / Committee of
/ Co of Merchants
Trade to Africa. Dated
14th March 1753 at
Cape Coast Castle

Recd June 1 28th

Recd July 4th

Dd 165.

} 1753

... [Vide Recd Notebooks p. 906] ...

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Trade Africa

Famille Law

& Excludg / French

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} 1753

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... [Vide notebook Adm 1. (4) 93.] ...

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in for Admilly ^{Successors} Cockburns in 19 Aug 1753 w Acc^t of Forts except Cape Coast
Vide admilly Notebooks

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1749/50
Feb^y 6thReport to /
Rt Honble / Lords
Spiritual & Tem-
poral in Parliam^{nt} assembled
relating to /
better securg.
improvg &
extendg /
Trade to Africa

Trade

To / Rt Honble / Lords Spiritual & Temporal in Parliam^{nt} assembled

May it please Yr Lordships

His Majesty having been pleased by a Letter from His Grace

/ Duke of Bedford one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of
State, dd / 30th June last in consequence of Yr Lordships' Address of
/ 19th of same Month to direct us to prepare a Scheme of / better securg,
improvg & extendg / Trade to Africa & to lay / same before both Houses
of Parliam^{nt} at / Beginn^g of present Sess^{on}: We did in obedience to His
Majesty's Commands immediately take this matter into our consideration, & t

We were not better enabled to answer / interm^o of Parliam^{nt} We wrote to / Royal African
Co, / Merchants of London, Bristol & Liverpool, tradg to Africa, & / Gentlemen interested
in & tradg to / British Colonies in America, desirg they wd State in Writg, in as
full & explicit a manner as possible, & as soon as they conveniently cd, what wd,
in their sevl opinions, be / best method of securg, improvg & extendg / Trade to
Africa, tog^e wth the Reasons of such Opinions.

After much delay, dift proposals were laid before us by / sevl Parties

We have been attended by them, & have heard / Arguments they had to offer in
support of the respective Schemes, tog^e wth all such Evid^{nc} & Informa^{on} as they thought
proper to lay before us

Trade Bundle.

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58, 60, 59.

Whereupon we humbly beg leave to Represent, that having considered
each Scheme wth utmost atten^{on}, we are not able to chuse, or to form
any one, wh^{ch} may not be liable to gr^ot Diffic^{ulties} & Objec^{tions}; We
beg

beg leave to annex / cert Plans laid before us, & Submit them to /
Judge^{mt} & Wisdom o Parliam^t.

Whitehall
Feb 4th 1749/50

Dunk Halifax
J. Pitt
J. Grenville
Dufflin
C. Townshend
Fran: Fane

1749/50
February 6th
199] Report to /
Hon^{ble} ye Commons
o Brittain
in Parliam^t
Assembled, rela-
ting to / better
securg improv-
ing & extendg
/ Trade to Affri-
ca.

To / Hon^{ourable} / Commons o Brittain in Parliam^t
Assembled.

This Majesty has^d bin pleased by a letter fm his Grace
/ Duke o Bedford one o His Majesty's Principal Secretaries o
State, dated / 30th o June last, in Consequ^{ce} o an Address o /
House o Lords o / 8th o / same Month to direct us to prepare a
Scheme f / better securg, improv^g & extendg / Trade to Africa,
... [This address is in identical terms wth to / House o
Lords, supra, & bears / same ~~add~~ address, date, & signatures] ...

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February 6th

Trade

list o Papers laid before / Hon^{ble} House o Commons by /
Commissioners f Trade & Plantam^t, pursuant to an Address o /
House o Lords to His Majesty / 8th o June 1749, f / better securg,
improv^g & extendg / Trade to Africa.

Copy o a Representa^{tn} & proposals o / Royal African Co to / Trade bur:
Commissioners f Trade & Plantam^t f securg, improv^g & extendg / Trade to Africa CC 51.

2.
 Copy o a Memorial o / Royal African Co to / Commissioners f Trade + Plantam^{ts} w an Estimate o / Charges o a Military Force f supportg the Forts + Settlements in Africa ib. 52.

3.
 Copy o a Plan fm sev^l Merchants o London to / Commissioners f Trade + Plantam^{ts} f / better Regulatg + carryg on / Trade to Africa. Trade bundle Cc 53.

4.
 Copy o Scheme fm sev^l African Merchants + Traders o / City o London to / Commissioners f Trade + Plantam^{ts} f securg, improv^g + extendg / Trade to Africa ib. 60

5.
 Copy o a Scheme fm / Merchants o Bristol to / Commissioners f Trade + Plantam^{ts} f securg, improv^g + extendg / Trade to Africa. ib. 58

6.
 Copy o a Representat^{ion} fm / Merchants tradg to Africa fm / Port o Liverpool to / Commissioners f Trade + Plantam^{ts} f carryg on, extendg + securg / Trade to Africa ib. 54

7.
 Copy o a Representat^{ion} fm / Sugar Planters + o^{rs} to / Commissioners f Trade + Plantam^{ts} f retriev^g, extendg + preserv^g / Trade to Africa Trade bundle Cc 59

Indorsed.

Trade Africa
 The Representation
 & Proposals of Royal
 African Co of England
 To
 The Right Honourable /
 Lords Commissioners for
 Trade & Plantations
 Dated 12th of Octo^r 1749
 Recd w^{ch} Mrs Spence's letters
 dated y^e 13th of Octo^r 1749
 Recd Octob^r 14th
 Recd Nov^r y^e 1st } 1749
 Cc 51.

[Indorsed Trade Africa
 Letter from Mrs Spence
 Secretary to / Royal African
 Co dated y^e 13th of Octob^r
 1749 in Answer to me from /
 Secretary of this Board, dated
 y^e 14th of July last trans-
 mitted [sic - Doc 51]
 Recd Octob^r 14th
 Recd Nov^r 1st } 1749
 Cc 50]

To / Right Honourable / Lords Comm^{rs} of Trade & Plantations
 The Representation & Proposals of
 / Royal African Co of England

May it please y^e Lordships,

In pursuance of a letter of 14th July last from Mrs Hill y^e Lordships Secretary,
 we h^{ave} taken into Consideration what we apprehend will be / best Method of secur^{ing}, improv^{ing}
 & extend^{ing} / African Trade, & h^{ave} given our Opinion in as full & explicit a Manner as
 we are able w^{ith} our Reasons of such Opinion.

We h^{ave} in / first Place taken leave to offer some Considerations & Remarks on /
 late Proposal of preserv^{ing} & extend^{ing} / Trade to Africa by an open Co w^{ith} a Joint Stock,
 & on an exclusive Joint-Stock Co, w^{ith} a View of remov^{ing} all Obstacles; so t^{hat} this intricate &
 imp^{ort}ant Affair may be cleared up & determined / next Sess^{ion} of Parliam^{ent}.
 We are w^{ill}ing to give up all our Rights & Property in Africa if a reasonable
 • whose & where is it?

Compensaⁿ, or in case no Subscripⁿ can be filled of a moderate Joint-Stock w a
 free & open Trade, or no o^r certain Method sh be agreed on to secure to this
 Naⁿ / Trade to / Gold Coast, Whydah & Gambia, we are willy to engraft w
 our Creditors upon a reasonable Reimburse^{m^t} fm / Publick to enable us to
 carry on / African Trade, & part^{ly} to secure those Branches wh are o /
 utmost Consequ^e to / British Plantaⁿs in America, & consequently to / well
 beg o / British Naⁿ, f wh Purpose we refer y^r Lordships to / follow^g Part^o
 1st Considerans on / Late Proposal of preserv^g & extend^g /
 Trade to Africa by an open Co w a Joint Stock.

It is submitted, wh^o any Person shd be made a Freeman o such an
 open Co w Power to elect Committee - Men, unless they sh prove they h
 actually traded to or fm Africa, within 1 Year, f £100, or some limited
 Sum, & not to be a Freeman upon only say^g he intends to trade to Africa,
 & pay^g Forty Shill^g; wh in all Probability wd be but an insignificant
 Aid towards / Maintenance, Support & Improv^{em^t} of Forts & Settlements, & f
~~provid^g~~ provid^g Ammuniⁿ & o^r Stores & Officers & Soldiers to defend / Same.

The Committee - Men shd be under some Checks t they will be true &
 faithful, to / Trust ~~reposed~~ reposed in them, accord^g to / true Inten^t & Mean^g
 o / intended Act, & part^{ly}, t they will keep up / Number o Men, G^t Guns,
 Castle - Slaves & o^r Necessaries f / Support & Defeⁿce o Each o / Forts &
 Settlements in Africa, accord^g to some certain Estimate; & to h an Allow^{ce}
 fm / Publick, f a certain Term o Years to answer / sd Purposes, wh, w
 some Rules o Gov as well Civil as Military, as it now stands in / present^r
 Charter o / African Co, or in some o^r Shape, shd be establish^d by / sd intended
 Act. And / Committee - Men shd be oblig^d to acct^g f / Disposal o / Publick
 Money in Africa, as / present^r African Co h done till within these few Years,
 / Accts not beg come home.

It is to be feared how the Committee - when we see from the 19th June a

debt is to be feared how the Committee - when we see from the 19th June a

Public money is to be feared how the Committee - when we see from the 19th June a

with a plan of a committee - when we see from the 19th June a

of people, writes a block, + / between a kind of machinery for a / district

find proper persons a sufficient ability, I will be glad if not impracticable to

to be attended as so much trouble + so little advantage; besides /

fatal consequence I may attend this from the / British influence, or

consequently / British Rights, Dominion + Trade on / Gold Coast + at

commerce + industry of want a sufficient allowance for / Public + a

proper management or a permanent trade stock.

find investors, / Committee - when we / majority of / members to

to create such Committee - when, may, per advertisement find it is the interest

to trade chiefly to Angola, Calabar + / Ports a Africa where / assist

Gold a Negroes may be had at lower Prices than / best sort on / Gold

Cost; they not self - interest present in this case as in / Case, a

encourage such Neglect or misconduct as may hazard / whole Gold Coast, a

obliges / British Planters to give as much / as they can get as they may

Planters + our Plants in Trade, who will thereby increase the Sugar

Some special Plan from London, and be made to secure a constant +

sufficient Return a Supply of Goods at all / British Ports + Settlements on /

Gold Coast to carry on / England Trade, + thereby support Atlantic + /

markets + adjoining populous Towns + the neighbouring Abies, + to be

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sufficient united Forces in Cases of Insults; This mt be done by raising
Money by Subscri^{on} to afford a constant Supply of Goods at such Forts
& Factories on / Gold Coast & also at Whyddah & Gambia, as may
not be otherwise supplied by separate Traders. But such a Power is
no ways made by / sd Proposal, since no Money is to be taken up on /
Common Seal, nor can any Money be raised upon a Common Seal to be
suspended, where there are no Effects or Security to answer a Reimburse^{mt}.
And / Co shd be enabled to secure a Balance of Power on / Gold Coast
& at Gambia agst / Encroach^{mts} of Dutch & French, or / Insults of Natives,
& in Case of an Insufficiency of Publick Money, on any Emergencies, to be
Power to take up Money, & also a Security t / same sh be afterwards
repaid by / Publick, wh is no ways provided for. And it can't be sug-
gested t any separate Trader or Traders will advance any Considerable
Sum upon / most Urgent Occas^{ns}, as in Cases of Sudden Wars or Wars,
necessary Repairs or otherwise upon / Forts of / sd Proposal, whilst there is
no Joint Oblig^{on} or any Security for a Reimburse^{mt}. For hence it is
Evident t these Things are not to be done wth a Joint Stock in some
Shape or o^r, togth w a sufficient & certain Allow^{ce} & Security for / Publick
for some certain Term of Years to enable a Co to answer all these Purposes.

2^d.

Remarks on a Proposal of an exclusive Co, to carry
on / African Trade to / Gold Coast & Gambia

Such a Co to be those two Branches of Trade, wd it be exclusive of
Dutch & French, mt indeed prove a National Advantage, & as it now
stands they may find it somewhat beneficial to themselves as they will
buy Negroes cheaper in Africa than a g^d Variety of British Separate
Traders bidding upon one ano^r, but this cannot be any g^d Diff^{er}
as / Dutch & French will always be ready to buy such Negroes as /

English refuse, or bid a low Price of, since / Dutch are interspersed w / English throughout / whole Gold Coast, & in some Parts within Gun Shot o our Settlements, & / French are in / Neighbourhood o Fambia & now trade largely on / Gold Coast. And if such a Co shd undertake this Trade, wth any Publick Aid, whilst / French & Dutch grant large Bounties, Exemp^{ns} fm Duties & o^r Immunities to support the African Trade, / whole Charge o maintaining / British Forts & Settlements wd be in gr Measure on / American Plantations, since such a Charge must be made up by an ext^{ra} Price upon / Sale o Negroes in / British Plantations, as well as to Foreigners, or these two Branches o African Trade must be flung up to our Rivals just mentioned. And moreover it is to be observed t / private Interest o such an exclusive Co will ever be opposite to / Prosperity & Increase o our Colonies: It will be too much such a Co's Interest to keep them thinly supplied w / best Sort o Negroes, as t^{is} / surest Means to preserve & augment the Profit.

And fur, if this Trade is put into / Hands o an opulent Co, whose Stock sh^d amt to Millions, then / Profits thereof will be so insignificant to w^y Individual as not to be felt, wh may prove a Temptⁿ to those in / Direcⁿ to make / African Coast a receptacle of such as may be alleg^d unfit for / Trust & may be reposed in them; & besides / Competition will be too powerful for / Separate Traders, wh may in Time weary them out & so leave / Trade a Monopoly to / Prejudice o seel populous tradg Towns & o / American Plantations, & consequently to / Prejudice o / Trade & Navigⁿ o this Kingdom.

3d

A well regulated Co wth a Joint Stock & a free & open Trade seems to be / most eligible for / following Reasons. - Because it is apprehended t such a Co wth a moderate Joint Stock & a sufficient Allowance

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fm / Publick of a certain Term o Years, to support / British Honours, Dominion
& Jurisdiction in Africa & to maintain / Forts & Castles in a defensible & respect-
able Condi^m, & to h a constant Supply o Goods at / such Forts, & Settlements
in Africa, partly to be sent fm England by / Co & / Remainder to be
purchased in Africa o / British Separate Traders in Exchange f Negroes
& o^r African Products or f Bills o Exchange, will be able to afford g^t
Advantages to all Separate Traders as well as to / Planters in America,
by means o a quick Dispatch fm / Coast so as to save in Demurrage &
to avoid Distempers in / Negroes, usually contracted by means o be^g
too long confined on board / trad^g Ships wh carry them off, as will
after they are purchased by / Planters as before such Purchase; And
sth such a Co & the Agents & Factors in Africa, may be
encouraged to avoid carry^g it w a high Hand to / Prejudice o /
British Separate Traders, & to be guarded ag^t a Monopoly by be^g
encouraged to trade w such separate Traders in Negroes & o^r Merchandize;
so t each Party may apply themselves to those Branches o Trade t suit them
best. — And for fu^r promot^g any Harmony & good Understand^g betw such
a Co or all British separate Traders, there may be a Bounty* granted

* The French separate Traders take Licenses for the India & African Co ^{by}
& pay 10 dunes, wh is abt 9^s 2^d St^l p Head f w^t Negro they carry off / Coast;
& / French exempt one half o the Duties in France on Sugar & all o^r
American Products taken in Exchange f Negroes carried to the Plantat^{ns} fm
Africa (wh is fm 40^s to 4^s 2^d per Head) besides many o^r Immunities to
encourage the African Trade.

by / Publi^{ck} to all such separate Traders f^r 254 Negroes they sh^d buy o/ Co at Cape Coast
Castle on / Gold Coast & at James Fort in / River Gambia, to be regularly entered in /
Council Books at / sd two Settlements, & then to be carried to / British Plantations in
America & sold ther^e; Such Bountie to be paid upon proper Certificates be^g produced
in London & such Negroes were bot^t & sold as afores^d; And fur^t / Co's Agents
& Factors in Africa may be permitted to Charge / Co wth Commis^{ns} on all
Negroes they sh^d sell to such separate Traders at / sd two Settlements. And in Gen^l
& / sd Co & o^r Constituents give such separate Traders a friendly Recep^{tn} &
Relief at / sevl Forts & Castles under proper Penalties on such as sh^d act & w^{is}e

There are many trivial Objections to a Joint-Stock Co founded upon
Prejudice & Misinformaⁿ. But / Security o/ Trade to / Gold Coast, Whyddah
& Gambia is / main Point to be considered; & in Case / Objections to / before
mentioned open Co & exclusive Co cannot be answered or provided f^r, & t^h
neither o those Proposals nor any o^r sh^d be that preferable to a Joint-Stock Co
as here propos^d. We do, in pursu^{anc} o y^e Lordships Commands, offer / follow^g Plan
or Proposal f^r a Subscripⁿ.

4th But nothing, however, can be done to secure this Trade until /
Incumbrances & now lay on / African Co are cleared off in order to
encourage Adventurers in this Trade, & when all Circumstances are duly
weighed, It is apprehended t^h no less than £150,000 can be judged a reasonable
Compensaⁿ to / Co & o^r Creditors, especially when it is considered t^h after / Co
were deprived o^r o^r exclusive Privilege, granted by Charter, they h^d b^en burthened
wth / Charge o/ Forts & Settlements whilst / Private Traders & / Part^{rs} h^d b^en rec^{ev}g / Advant^g
Advantage, & part^{ly} fm / Year 1713 to 1730 wth any Allow^{nc} fm / Publi^{ck}
to / Co; & fm 1730 to 1746 wth only an Allow^{nc} o £10,000 p. Annum to / Co, &
since t^h Time no Allow^{nc} at all. Admitt^g / Co suspended or advanced onl^y
£10,000 p. Annum f^r / Support & Maintenance o/ Forts & Castles fm 1713 to 1730

(although it is far short of real Expence) I alone at 5 p. Cent p. Annum, compound Interest, to this Time, wd amt to upwards o £600,000, & / Sum proposed for as a Compens^m of all the sd Expences, & also of / first Cost o the Forts & Castles, purchased & built at a vast Expence, & of the Negroes & o^r Property in Africa, is but one Quarter Part o t^e Sum, or five Shillings in / Pound, & bring^g all the sd Property into / Bargain.

Proposals of a Subscrip^m to secure, improve & extend / African Trade wth a moderate Joint-Stock & proper Encourag^{mt}s to all British Separate Traders.

1st It sh^d be forthwith a Subscrip^m to raise / Sum o £150,000, of a trad^g Stock to be paid in as sh^d hereafter be agreed on, & in Case / Inland Trade sh^d increase then to raise an Addit^m to such Capital in Propor^m to such Increase, but special Care to be taken t^h such a Capital be extended no further than to what may be necessary to carry on / Inland Trade in Africa effectually, whereby w^{ch} Proprietors will feel / Profit t^e may arise ~~therefrom~~ thereupon, wh^{ch} will naturally encourage them to be watchful t^h / Trade be carried on of / common Good o all Parties interested, accord^g to / Inten^m o / Legislature.

2^d The 1st Subscribers, after / Royal African Co sh^d be dissolved o^r the Property, accord^g to / Resol^m o Parliament o / Thirtieth o May last, be adjudg'd & Deem'd / same Body Politick, as was incorporated by King Charles / Second, & to h^{av}e proper Powers & be under such Regulat^{ns} as sh^d answer / Purposes above mentioned, & also to h^{av}e / Care o / British Forts & Castles in Africa of / Benefit o a free & open Trade, wth all due Encourag^{mt}s from / Publick to secure / British Rights & Trade & to promote ^{an} Harmony & good Understand^g betw^{en} / Co & all British separate Traders. And par^{ty} wth / Publick grant to all British separate Traders a Bounty o 20^s p. Head of w^{ch} Negro

they sh buy o/ Co at Cape Coast Castle, or at James Fort in Fanti, to be regularly intrench in / Council Books at / sd two Settlements, & to be carried to / British Plantations in America, & sold thr: such Bounty to be paid upon proper Certificates beg produced in London t such Negroes were bot & sold as aforesaid; & t/Co permit the Agents to Charge 3 p Cent x try Commissions on all such Negroes as they sh sell to British separate Traders at / sd two Settlements

3^d T/ New Co keep up / Number o Men, 9t Guns, Castle-Slaves & d^r necessaries f / Support & Defe o each o Forts & Settlements in Africa accordg to some certain Estimate, w a Provisⁿ fm / Publick f Years, whereof £18,000 p. Annum to answer / African Charges, & £2,000 p. Annum f Salaries, House Rent, & all d^r Charges o Managem^t in England & some Provisⁿ shd be made to rebuild / Fort at Pramahoe & where else our Privals sh attempt any exclusive Settlements.

4th T/ whole be under a proper Survey & Inspectⁿ attended w Powers to see & enforce / due Executⁿ o / Service intended.

We / Subscribers do severly agree to / Proposals above written, & to fulfill our respective Subscrip^tions accordg to / Sums annexed to our Names

But if such Subscrip^tion cannot be obtained or in Case new Adventurers sh not care to engage in a permanent Joint Stock, / followg Proposals are offered f / Consideraⁿ.

1st T/ present Rights & Property o / Royal African Co o England be valued at £150,000 - £125,000 thereof, more or less, accordg to what sh appear to be due to belong to the Creditors, & / Remainder to / Proprietors o the Stock, & t / whole be engraffed into 15,000 Shares at £10 p. Share.

2^d T/ Publick, in Consideraⁿ o / Expenses o / sd Co in maintaing / Forts & Castles f many Years w^t any Allowe at all, grant to / sd Co £150,000

f a trad^g Stock & no Dividends to be made upon any Acc^t whatso^r, but for /
Profits o/ Trade.

3^d There be / same Privin^{ns} made for / Publick to secure / British
Rights & Trade in Africa, & to promote an Harmony & good Understand^g
between / sd Old Co & all British separate Traders & / same Survey & Inspect^{ns}
as are proposed in / forego^d Proposals f a Subscrip^{ns} by a new Co.

All wh is most humbly Submitted

By Order o/ Court o Assistants

R^d Spence

Sec^{ry}

African House

October 12th 1749.

Endorsed

An Estimate o/ Charges
o a Military Force f / Forts &
Settlements belong^g to / Royal
African Co o England.

Cc 52.

To / Right Hon^{ble} / Lords Commrs f Trade & Plantin^{ns}
The Memorial o/ Royal African Co o England

Sheweth

To a new Sub & Deputy Governor & most o/ Court o Assistants, who never
were in / Direc^{ns} o this Co before, hav^g bin elected on / 5th Instant they immedi-
ately ordered a Gen Court to be called this day & in pursu^{ce} o/ letter w wh Your
Lordships were pleased to honour them, / Favour whereof they acknowledge w
much Gratitude, do w all Submis^{ns} presume to lay / follow^g Tho^ts before Yr
Lordships as / more effectual means to retrieve, extend & preserve / Commerce
o/ British Tra^{de} to Africa.

To enter

[Cc 52] To enter on / one Hand into a Detail o / Consequence o / Trade
to Africa, Endeavour to make it appear / Support o / Sugar Colonies, & demonstrate
how nearly North America is connected wth, & depends upon / Prosperity o / those
Colonies, or on / o^r to Shew / vast Improvements made by France in the African
Trade & consequently / g^t Increase o / the Sugar Colonies, / Inroads w^{ch} t^h French
are duty making upon / Coast o / Africa, having already excluded us fm / Gum Coast,
o / Endeavourers they are usg to interfere wth us on / Gold Coast; at which o^r
Gambia where if they are once permitted to get a footing & fortify themselves they
will soon prevent / Traffick o / His Majesty's Subjects; wd in our humble
Opinion be tak^g up too much time in explaining what must be so well known
to yourships & therefore tak^g / above b^e granted us sh^d proceed humbly to offer
what we think / most proper means to retrieve extend & preserve / Trade o /
British Subjects to Africa & render / same more beneficial to / Colonies & Separate
Traders.

1st We presume t^h this can never be accomplished but by maintaining / Co^s
Forts & Settlements upon / Coast in a proper & respectable State o / Defence.

This is v^y evident fm / many Resolutions o / Honble House o / Commons
shew^g / Necessity o / Support^g / Forts & Castles o / Co w^{ch} h^d cost a Million at least,
as it is by / Strength o / them alone t^h this Naⁿ can maintain the Weight & Dignity
upon t^h Coast, or be able to prevent / Inroads w^{ch} o / French & o^r French noting it
has b^e reported by some t^h they are o / no Utility, but this c^d not proceed fm
Sentiments confined to a present momentary Advantage w^{ch} any Regard to /
Honour o / Naⁿ, / publick Welfare, or / secur^g this Trade to Posterity.

2^{dly} T^h as this cannot be done effectually wth a sufficient Aid o / Parliam^t,
We conceive t^h what^h Sum they are pleased to give will be more
usefully applied by an incorporated body o / Men w^{ch} a Joint Stock. T^h suppose^d
/ Directors o / such a Co to be Men o / Candour & Property, & such whose Interest
it is to support / Trade to Africa, w^{ch} a view in part^l to / Welfare o / Colonies
as well as / Inland Trade, they must appear more adapted b^e this Trust
than any Committee o / Separate Traders whose immediate Profits may
reasonably be supposed to be the principal Object & who cannot be made
answerable to / Publick (be^g so subject to change & give up the Trust) as
an incorporated Body o / Men who act upon more reticent & beneficial
Principles b^e / Publick. And we beg leave to say t^h if such a Body o / Men sh^d

not be enabled by the Charter to build Forts & Castles upon / Coast o Africa,
we sh^d probably by this time be obliged to apply to our Rivals f^r Negroes,
or perhaps to take our Sugar from Them, as we h^d, f^r many Years past, & still
do Indigo.

3^{dly}

If as / proposed Joint Stock Co we not to enjoy / benefit o an
Exclusive Charter we think it will be vry s^uably made appear t
they can be rendered vtreemly useful to separte Traders in the Slawg upon / Coast.

The Co have Factors continually residg the will be able not
only to purchase Slawes & sell them to Traders at a much cheaper Rate than is
usually done by Captains o Ships but dispatch them in a quarter part o / time they
are commonly obliged to pay upon / Coast, wh^{ch} will enable them to carry a g^r Number
o healthier Slawes to our Colonies & to sell them cheaper wth a more certain Profit
to themselves, f^r wh^{ch} Slawing / Co will take / Cargoes carried abroad in Paym^t, & by
keepg Journals open to / Inspectⁿ o all Captains o / prime Cost o the Negroes it
may be mutually agreed betwⁿ / separte Traders & / Co how much per Cent
is to be allowed f^r Profits on such Parters.

4^{thly}

To prevent / Co fm being obliged to keep too g^r a Number o Slawes &
provided f^r / separte Traders upon hand we presume we sh^d be
h^{av}ing Liberty o sendg a certain Number annually to our Colonies after havg kept
them at least thirty days wth an Opp^t o Sale.

This may meet wth g^r Opposⁿ fm many o / separte Traders, but
we esteem it / only means to establish a good understandg betwⁿ them & / Co,
& o providg / Colonies wth cheap Negroes, as wth it, / separte Traders
wth h^{av}ing a Monopoly dangerous in its consequence to / Colonies, & / Co be undone by
/ separte Traders refusg to purchase the Slawes f^r some time, or be obliged to
sell them at g^r loss, all wh^{ch} this Liberty may be a means o preventg.

5^{thly}

We propose t^h / Transacⁿs o this Joint Stock Co sh^d be subject
to such annual Parliamentary Inquiry, Penalties & Regulatⁿs in
regard o / Applicatⁿ o / Money given by Parliamt as to / Legislative sh^d seem
fit t^h / good Ends proposd may be fully answered, & / British Negroes
& Inland Trade on / Coast o Africa, be retrieved retindd & preserved to
all His Majestys Subjects separte Traders as well as to / Co.

[C. 52.] To recapitulate / many Expenses incurred & losses sustained by
Royal African Co in Purchas^g Buildings & maintaining the Forts & Settlements, &
Examining into / Causes wh^{ch} reduced them to the present low Situation while / separate
Traders h^{ad} by rais^g g^ot Fortunes upon the Ruins, tho' it m^{ay} be an Apology & / does
o^{ne} the original Capital yet it m^{ay} be made use o^f as an Argument agst the Management,
but at / same time it wd plainly demonstrate t^{hat} under proper Dire^{ct}on, Prudence & Economy
a Co may carry on this Commerce if enabled to support the Forts & Castles by Aid
fm Parliam^t at least w^{ith} equal or superior Advantage to any separate Traders in point
o^f purchas^g Slaves upon / Coast, & w^{ith} far g^ot^{er} Opp^ort^un^{it}y o^f settling / Inland Trade o^f
Africa in Elephants Teeth, Gum, Dye Woods, Druggs, Beeswax, Gold &c wh^{ich} is known
to be v^{ery} considerable.

It is upon these Considerat^{ions}, my Lords, t^{hat} we h^{ave} resolved upon a Change o^f
Measures in / future Managem^{nt} o^f our Affairs & hav^{ing} maturely weighed on / one
hand all / Disadvantages we labour under w^{ith} a load o^f ab^out one hundred & twenty
thousand Pounds Debt, / ruinous Condit^{ion} o^f our Forts & Castles, / lost Credit &
Reputat^{ion} o^f / Co, & impartially considered on / other hand t^{hat} as / Just Demands upon
/ Co sh^{ould} be discharged, the Forts & Castles by some body o^f men or Joint-Stock
Co supported, & proper means used to reestablish / Credit o^f / Co, Mot^{ing} all /
Difficulties we h^{ave} to encounter w^{ith}, we flatter our selves by a sufficient Parlia-
mentary Aid & a proper Dire^{ct}ion & Economy The Royal African Co may yet
be saved & bro^{ught} back to a flourishing Situat^{ion} to / g^ot benefit o^f separate Traders
& / Colonies We wd not be too sanguine in our Promises but / most hearty
& disinterested Desires sh^{ould} not be want^{ed}.

It is humbly conceiv^{ed} T^{hat} an annual Allowance accord^{ing} to / annexed
Estimate f^{or} / Term o^f Thirty two Years, & no less w^{ith} g^ot^{er} Economy will be
necessary to enable / present Royal African Co to restore the Forts & Settlements
on / Coast & support them in a proper & respectable State o^f Defence & raise a
sufficient Joint-Stock to carry on a v^{ery} beneficial Inland Trade & keep a
continual Supply o^f best Negroes f^{or} separate Traders. At / same
time it will be requisite t^{hat} / Parliam^t sh^{ould} enable / Co to agree w^{ith} the
Creditors by pass^{ing} a Bill to make effectual such Agree^{ment} as sh^{ould} be sign^{ed}
& consented to by two thirds o^f the Creditors in Number & Value by a time
to be limited & in / mean time all Proceedings agst / Co to be stay^{ed}.

If upon grant^{ing} / above Parliamentary Act / Credit o^f / Co sh^{ould}
be so far recover^{ed} as to induce Gentlemen to subscribe a Joint Stock &

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depend upon / Profits of the Trade of the Dividends, they will then submit to what Regulations or Penalties sh be that propose by Parliam^t of / faithful Application of whole Sum they receive to reestablish & support the Forts & Settlements.

Shd / Gov present Siliam make Men of Fortune diffident & unwilling to subscribe / Sum requisite for carrying on the Trade, We must then most humbly implore / Permission of Parliam^t to deposit / annual Sum of three thousand pounds or above laid in / Banks of England as a Security upon wh a Trade Stock may be raised, & they may not be put under a Necessity of giving exorbitant Interest or obliged to accept of a Subscripⁿ upon too disadvantageous Terms, / Co in t Case oblig^d themselves to apply such annual Sum of three thousand pounds in Africa (out of Profits of the Trade) as directed by Parliam^t of / support of the sd Forts & Settlements in lieu of sd annual Sum of three thousand pounds so to be deposited.

These, my lords, are / obvious Reasons wh occur to us.

- 1st For / necessity of support of our Forts & Settlements,
2. For / Grant of sufficient Parliamentary Aid of Thirty two Years & interest of Application of same rather to a Joint Stock Co than any set of private Men.
3. To shew / Means by wh such a Joint Stock Co under proper Regulations may be made very useful to separate Traders & / Colonies.
4. To point out a Method by wh / Co will not be subject to / Distresses they mt otherwise be laid under by / separate Traders declining to purchase Slaves of them.
5. The Inten^t of Co to lay themselves under such Restrictions in Application of money granted as to make it answer / good End of wh it is intended.

We make no doubt they will be the proper Weight w^{ch} yr Lordships as we offer / foreign Plan of / assist most certain, effectual & lasting Method of retrieving & extending & preserving / Trade to Africa & support of Dignity & Weight of British Manⁿ upon t Coast.

We therefore humbly desire yr Lordships wd be pleased to accept of this as / present Sense of this Gen^l Court.

We sh conclude w^{ch} acquainting yr Lordships t as we cannot help thinking this our Memorial consistent wth / Views of British Planters We sh readily concur in such Measures as may convince them / this our Plan is calculated not only partly to this encourage^{mt}, but also of Encouragem^t a gen^l Benefit of British Manⁿ.

All wh is most humbly submitted

African House
Jan. 11. 1749

By Order of Gen^l Court
of Royal African
Co of England
Rd Spence Sec^y

L^s.
of RAC.

The estimate of the maintenance & support of respective Forts & Settlements belonging to the Royal African Company of England on the Coast of Africa

1. James Fort on the River Gambia ... 36 Guns ... [Total £ 4242 - 2-6

2. Annamaboe Fort

beg a place of gr Trade where French are attempting to settle

	per diem	per annum		
1 Lieutenant	5	91 5		
1 Sergeant	2 6	45 12 6		
1 Corporal	2	36 10		
1 Drummer	2	36 10		
12 Soldiers	6	109 10		
1 Sergeants mate	4	73		
24 Blacks, Soldiers including Black Artificers & laborers	6	219		
Recruiting 24 Blacks at 1 man in 10 p. ann + £15 p. man		36		
Medicines & Surgeons Instruments		20		
Provisions for 12 Soldiers at 12 ^s p. man p. day		219	886	7 6
Officers & Men under head of Ordnance Service				
1 Gunner	3	54 15		
1 Mate	2	36 10		
4 Artificers viz. a Smith a Carpenter & a Mason & an Armourer	3	219	910	5 1196 12 6

And whereas the Fort of Annamaboe above mentioned is not in a Condition to receive a Garrison, the Amt of this Estimate for the Fort is intended to be applied towards repairs of same

• Six; 9 Sergeants

5. Accra Fort

Situat'd within Gun Shot o a Dutch Fort & near a Danub's Fort.

1 Lieutenant

1 Sergeant

1 Corporal

1 Drummer

16 Soldiers

1 Surgeon's mate

20 Black Soldiers, includg Black

Artificers & Labourers

Receiv'g 30 Blacks 1 man in 10 p.m. & 15 p head

Medicines & Surgeons Instruments

Provis'ns f 16 Soldiers at 12 p man p day

Officers & men under head o

Ordin'ce Service

1 Gunner

1 Gunner's mate

4 Artificers, viz^t a Smith, a Carpenter a

Mason & Bricklayer & an Armourer

6. Whydah Fort

7. Commenda Fort

Beg within Musket Shot o a Dutch Fort

1 Lieutenant

1 Sergeant

1 Corporal

1 Drummer

12 Soldiers

20 Black Soldiers includg Black

Artificers & Labourers

Receiv'g 20 blacks 1 man in 10 at 15 p man

Medicines

Provis'ns f 12 Soldiers at 12 p man p day

Officers & men under head o

Ordin'ce Service

1 Gunner

1 mate

4 Artificers, viz^t a Smith a Carpenter

a Mason & an Armourer

Carried over

36 Guns

5 91 5

2 6 45 12 6

2 36 10

2 2 36 10

4 6 146

4 73

6 275 15

45

20

292

1059 12 6

3 54 15

2 36 10

3 219

310 5

1369 17 6

8366 17 6

1369 17 6

31 Guns

5 91 5

2 6 45 12 6

2 36 10

2 2 36 10

6 109 10

6 182 10

30

70

219

760 17 6

3 54 15

2 36 10

3 219

310 5

1071 2 6

19804 17 6

1401 8. **Secundee Fort**
 Beg within Muster Shot o a Dutch Fort

	#	per diem	per Annum	29 Guns	1000	1
1 Sergeant	2	6	45 12 6			
1 Corporal	2		36 10			
1 Drummer	2		36 10			
10 Soldiers	6		91 5			
1 Surgeons mate	4		72			
20 Black Soldiers includ ^d Black Artificers + Labourers	6		182 10			
Recruit ^{ing} 20 Blacks 1 man in 10 p.m & 15 ^l p. man			30			
Medicines & Surgeons Instruments			20			
Provis ^{ions} f 10 Soldiers at 12 ^d p man p. day			182 10	697	17	6
Officers & men under / head o Ordnance Service						
1 Gunner	3		54 15			
1 Mate	2		36 10			
4 Artificers viz ^t a Smith, a Carpenter, a Mason + an Armourer	3		219	310	5	

1008 2 6

9. **Dix Cove Fort** 30 Guns

beg / principal place on / Gold Coast f furnishing Timber & Lime f repairs
 Wood & Water & provis^{ions} f Negroes on board Slave Ships

	#	per diem	per Annum	29 Guns	1000	1
1 Sergeant	2	6	45 12 6			
1 Corporal	2		36 10			
1 Drummer	2		36 10			
12 Soldiers	6		109 10			
20 Black Soldiers includ ^d Black Sawyers Artificers & Labourers	6		243 15			
Recruit ^{ing} 30 Blacks 1 man in 10 p.m & 15 ^l p man			45			
Medicines			10			
Provis ^{ions} f 12 Soldiers at 12 ^d p man p. day			219	795	17	6
Officers & men under / head o Ordnance Service						
1 Gunner	3		54 15			
1 Mate	2		36 10			
3 Artificers viz ^t a Smith, a Carpenter, a Mason an Armourer & 4 Sawyers	3		438	529	5	

1305 2 6

Carried over

£ 13,121 2 6

10. F Cape Coast Castle
 11. Fort Royal
 12. Phipps Town } Outwards
 13. Queen Ann's Point }
 40 Guns
 12
 5

- 1 Captain
 1 Lieutenant
 1 Ensign
 1 Secretary
 1 Commisary o Stores & Provins
 3 Sergeants
 3 Corporals
 2 Drummers
 50 Soldiers
 1 Chief Surgeon
 1 Surgeon's Mate
 150 Black Soldiers including Black Artificers
 & labourers.

Recruity 150 Blacks at 1 man in 10 p ann + 15² p man
 Medicines & Surgeon's Instruments
 Provins for 50 Soldiers at 12^d p day p man

Officers & Men under head o

- Ordnance Service
 1 Engineer & Surveyor
 1 Deputy Surveyor
 1 Master Gunner
 2 Surveyors Mates
 16 Artificers viz Smiths, Carpenters, Masons
 Bricklayers, Sawyers, Armourers

F Recruity 261 white men for Cape Coast Castle & 128 Forts on
 1 Gold Coast & at Whydah, 50 men p Ann including charge o dis passage }

F Charges o Sloops & o Small Craft such as Boats & Canoes to attend / }
 Service o / Jail Forts on 1 Gold Coast & at Whydah
 Forward Bents

F Ammunition such as Gun Carriages, Cannon Bullets, Gun powder, Small
 Arms & all o Military Stores also o materials for repairs such as Bonds
 Iron, Ironwork, Bricks, Tarra, lead &c, also o Tools & Stores o all kinds o
 Smiths, Carpenters, Masons, Armourers, Bricklayers & labourers }

	per diem	per Annum	£	s	d
10	182	10			
5	91	5			
4	73				
4	91	5			
3	54	15			
2 6	126	17 6			
2	109	10			
2	73				
6	456	5			
6	109				
4	73				
6	1362	15			
	225				
	90				
	712	10	3847	2	6
4 6	136	17 6			
4	73				
4	73				
2	73				
3	376		1231	17	6
					5079
					450
					800
					450
					700
					2700
Total Annual Charges in Sterling money					2900.

An Abstract of Number of People proposed to Keep up / Estimate made by / Royal African Co was an acct^s thro Pay per diem

Pay per diem	Stores	James Fort at front	Cape Coast pt.	Provinc	Succoon da	Commenda	Annamaboe	Tambrungora	Winnamook	James Fort at Accra	Williams Fort at Ashanti	Total.
5	Secretaries	1	1									2
6	} Engineers & Surveyors	1	1									2
4		Deputy Surveyors		1								1
10	Captains	1	1									2
5	Lieutenants	1	1		1	1			1	1		6
4	Insigns	1	1									2
6	Surgeons	1	1									2
4	Surgeons Males	1	1		1	1		1	1	1		7
2	Serjeants	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		12
2	Corporals	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		12
4	} Gunners	1	1	1	1	1				1		8
3		Gunners Males	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		12
3	Milificers, such as Carpenters, Sawyers, Coopers, Blacksmiths, Masons Bricklayers & Armourers	10	16	8	4	4	4	2	3	4	4	59
3	Commissary of Stores & Provins	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		11
2	Drummers	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		11
6	Soldiers	30	50	12	10	12	12	8	10	16	16	176
		54	86	25	20	22	23	13	18	27	27	316
	6 Black Soldiers incld 3 black Milificers & Labourers	60	150	30	20	24	24	20	20	30	30	404
		114	236	55	40	42	47	33	39	57	57	720

N.B. Nothing is charged in / Estimate of any Military Officers beyond / Degree of a Captain; nor of Scurmors, Accountants, Factors or Writers, who occasionally supply / Places of Military Officers. Nor of any Salaries, House-Rent, or any other Charge, or Management in England. Nor is anything charged for the Settlement at Prampam.

The part's amt of sum all at sum
Settlement includg all Charges

Cape Coast Castle
Anamaboe
Tantum quarry
Winnebah
Accra
Whidah
Commenda
Succondee
Dixcove
Prampnam
James Fort Gambia

Sterling

£	s	d
7.779		
1.196	12	6
859	12	6
898	12	6
1.369	17	6
1.369	17	6
1.071	2	6
1.008	2	6
1.305	2	6
4.242	2	6
£ 20,900	2	6

Endorsed

Trade Africa

letter fm Mr Alderman Bethell, dd ye
yth Dec^{br} 1449, return^g / Plan f
/ better regulat^g & carry^g on y^e Trade
on / Coast o Africa. signed by sev^l
Merchants o London concern^d in t^e
Trade

Cc 53.

Recd Dec^{br} ye ythRecd _____ 8th 1449.

My Lords I h^{ave} b^{een} much concern^d t^{hat} I c^{ould} not sooner send Yo^r Lord-
ships / Enclosed Plan signed; but as Time has b^{een} so far spent,
I was determin^d to keep Yo^r Lordships no longer in suspence,
therefore I hope y^e will excuse / rough dress it now appears in.
I am - &c -

yth Decem^{br} 1449.

S. Bethell

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The Right / Honourable / Lords Commissioners o Trade & Plantations have
called upon / Merchants & Traders o City o London as well as those resid^{ing} at Bristol &
Leverpool to prepare & give into the Lordships the sev^l Plans in order to form such a Scheme as
the Lordships may Judge most proper to be laid before / Parliam^{nt} f / better
regulat^g & carry^g on / Trade on / Coast o Africa, & as / Merchants o London
are thoroughly satisfi^d / legislature will be always ready & desirous to
give all possible encouragem^{nt} to Commerce in gen^l & partly to those
Branches o it wh^{ich} take o most o / British Manufactures, & at / same time
ffurnish this Natⁿ in return w^{ith} useful Commodities no ways Interfer^{ing} w^{ith}
our own such as gold, Ivory, Gum, Bees Wax, Dye Woods &c fm Africa, &
Sugar, Tobacco, Rice, Indigo, Cotton, Ginger & o^{ther} valuable Traffick fm /

British colonies, besides finding employment for a great number of ships & seamen.

And as these latter productions depend absolutely on / African trade

of ... dabblers & if trade should be lost or long neglected all / west

must fall or in proportion ... neglect desirable as it is so / merchants of London

in / further confidence & / parliament ... especially in respect of the security &

assistance of / Russia & thus once valuable business ... more partly on /

Gold Coast & Windward, where not only / most useful Stoves for / ... are to be

had, but where more Western & British manufactures are wanted than on ...

Coast but for.

And / under various merchants of / City of London having deliberately con-

sidered / state & ... / sd trade in all its branches & circumstances do beg

leave to offer to the desirability with ... as / most eligible Plan & means

whereby / some may be on in the Opinion can be recovered ... properly

First - They recommend it as essentially necessary / present number of Forts

& Castles ... / Gold Coast & at Windward, should be kept up & sup-

ported besides building a Fort at Annamaboo ... in / River Senega (Lion)

not as matters of position only but in such defensible state & condition ...

at least an equal if not a superior Degree of Power is there in / Islands

of / British Forts in / Trade on / some Coast as it will not only en-

large / Forts to give / British Subjects a Possession in Trade, but they

would be sure to be protected in the Indian Commerce thereby & it will be

/ same time Command for them all & proper defence & respect for the

several to / English Residents there, when / sd Strongholds were kept in a

defensible state & in this first & principal step, / them in / British

has as well as / present & it is immediately & deeply concerned.

It is recommended as equally necessary / sd Forts & Castles be

in time to time supplied with a sufficient quantity of well assorted Goods, so

that / Island Factors shd be furnished on, too, three hundred Miles

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down fm / Country, they may be sure o a Markt f the Slaves + o^r Com-
odities, meet us a civil encourage^{mt} + not return w^t / goods they want.

3dly. The Under-written Merchants give it as the opinion t this Trade
may be vry well secured, improved + Extended by a Joint Stock
Co as an Extensive Capital to be restricted in / manner hereinafter
mentioned, or in such o^r like manner as / Legislature sh think fit

And shd the Lordsb^{ps} be o / same opinion, t this is / safest + most
eligible Scheme this Trade can be settled upon, ~~Merchants~~ The Mer-
chants o London are Convinced

4. T by / Encourage^{mt} o Twenty Thousand pounds per annum
fm Parliam^t to enable . . . to Erect, Maintain, + Support the
Fortifications;

5. And by his Majesty's order^s Two Men o War to be always
Stationed on / Coast o Africa f / protect^o t Trade; It is
supposed

T Merchants + o^r Monied Men o Credit + Reputa^o may be found
who will Raise s. . . . Capital as sh not only be deemed a sufficient
Pledge + Security to / Publick t / sd . . . Castles sh always be sup-
ported + Kept up in a proper + Respectable Condim but also ~~in~~
in su . . . manner as sh be found necessary f / extendg + Improvg
/ sd Trade to / Utmost, + . . . especially to / Rich + populous Inland
parts o Africa wh never can be attempted w^t . . . o Success upon
any o^r Foot.

The Restraints / Merc are these

. . . at all his Majesty's Subjects sh ty o Trading upon /
whole Co . . . at / Co's Forts + Castles + sh be assisted + supplied by
/ Agents at / sd Forts + Castles when^r applyed to by them

2. T / New Joint Co be restrained fm Trading to / British Plantams on
the own acct.

3. T/ Governors, Directors & the Servants or Agents at Home be restrained also from Trade on Coast of Africa in the private Capacity.
4. T/ To be not permitted to sell any Slaves to Foreigners unless it be in Exchange of Gold or Brazil Tobacco - But / Co may ship directly or otherwise to gr Britain all the Gold, Elephants Teeth, Wood, Wax &c.
5. T/ Traders also in Merchants Ships be in like manner debarred from selling any Slaves upon / Coast to Foreigners but of Gold & Brazil Tobacco.
6. T/ To be restrained from making any Contracts here of sale or purchase on / Coast
7. T/ Co's Agents be tied up from giving any undue preference to any Ships upon / Coast or be obliged to use the Endeavours to get Ships to arrive first be first dispatched
8. T/ Co lay annually before Parliament an exact acct of all Sums they have expended to support the Fortifications, Agents & Servants upon / Coast Separately & distinct from what they have sent out on acct of Trade
9. T/ Commanders of Men of War stationed on / Coast of Africa of / protection of Trade be required to transmit once in 6 Months to ye Lords of ye Admiralty a full acct of ye State & Condition of / Co's Forts & Settlements

All wh Wee / Subscribers humbly Submit to the Lordsships Consideration

Thos Truman
 How^d bryce
 Sam^r Turner
 James Johnson
 Roger Drake
 Beeston Long
 Geo Heith
 Rich^d Maitland

Endorsed. Trade Africa

Representam to this Board of Merchants
Trading to Africa from / Port of
Liverpool. Dated ye 24th October 1749.

Recd. Octob^r ye 30th }
Recd. Nov^r ye 1st } 1749

Cc. 546.

Liverpool October 27 1749.

Thos Hill Esq^r.

Sir I wrote y^e last Post & I now enclose y^e our Representa^{on}
to / Board of Trade abt / African Trade. I hope the Lordships
will soon receive one from Bristol & I hear they h^e already
got one from London but w^{it} any names to it

I sh^d be glad to hear y^e h^e received this & if the
Lordships desire anyth^g more from us we'll be v^y glad to
do all in our Power f^r the Lordships best satisfac^{on}

I remain - etc -

John Hardman.

[Cc. 54]

To R^t Honble / Lords Commissioners of Trade & Plantations,
Liverpool 27th 1700.

The humble Representation of Merchants trading to Africa from Port of Liverpool.
May it please yr Lordships
In Obedience to yr Lordships Verdict signified to us by Mr. Hill we beg
Leave to lay before yr Hon^{ble} Board our Sentiments w^{ch} regard to / best Method of carry^{ng} on & ex-
tend^{ng} this Trade or in what Manner / Forts & Settlements on / Coast may be most usefull
for this Purpose.

We need not mention to yr Lordships, that Fact & long Experience has sufficiently proved,
that this Branch of Commerce never did flourish in / Hands of / Co, notwithstanding they have
enjoyed many Advantages & exclusive Privileges as well as large Grants from / Publick
& have in Possession of all / Forts & Settlements for a long Term of Years.
From / first Grant of this Charter in 1642 to 1699, they had an exclusive
Trade, but during this Period, yr Lordships will find there were frequent Complaints
made from / Plantations, that they must be entirely given up, if / African Trade was
not put on some other Footing, & / Trade extended so as to give them a better Supply of
Negroes. And in the Year 1699 / Trade began to / Han & / Plantations began reduced to
a low Ebb, it was then necessary to make an Alteration, & a Liberty was then given
to / Subjects in gen^l to trade on / African Coast pay^{ng} / Co 10 p. Cent for 14 Years;
During this Period / Trade increased by three or four Years at / first, but /
Purden of 10 p. Cent was soon found too great / Trade to bear, & before / End of
this Term, this valuable Branch was again almost entirely lost to / Han & /
Plantations were in a miserable Condition & want of a proper Supply of Negroes
w^{ch} wh they ~~can~~ never can be supported. Hence a necessity appeared of a further
Alteration & from 1712 / Trade was carried on by / Separate Traders w^{ch} pay^{ng} ~~any~~
anything to / Co; from wh^{ch} Period it greatly increased, & / Plantations were supplied
better than they had ever been before, but principally by / separate Traders,
For the / Co were in Possession of / Forts & Settlements, & all / Advantages that could be derived
from thence, yet the Trade gradually decreased, & was so far totally lost, that in /
Year 1727, began reduced to / lowest Ebb, they were obliged to represent
represent to yr Honourable Board that they were no longer able to carry on
/ Trade or to maintain / Forts w^{ch} some Duty from / separate Traders, or

some Publick Aid. This occasioned / separate Traders to oppose the Attempts, & it ended at last in a Grant o Parliament o £10,000 p Annum, wh they h enjoyed so long as to h received £170,000 fm / Publick since t Time. But / Event has shewed 'twas to vly little Purpose, as they h now in a Manner (by the own acct) suffered / Forts to be quite ruinous, & they must be deserted unless / Publick maintain em.

We need not be more parts to yr Lordships, as y h these Facts fully stated in yr own Possessn, we only hint them to shew yr Lordships, t it is in vain f this Naⁿ ever to attempt / Prosecuⁿ o / Trade by any Co whatso^r, since y h hd already sufficient Experience t a Co w an exclusive Trade in one Period, & w ten p. Cent^r fm all / Traders o Gt Britain durg ano^r, & w a lge Grant fm / Crown durg ano^r, & always in Possessn o all / Forts & Settlements on / Coast & layg / separate Traders under all / Hardships they cd. yet at all Times in / same Condn. unable to support themselves, much less to maintain a Trade suitable to / Wants o our Plantations, or to be o any real Service to / Naⁿ.

And we need not hint to yr Lordships, t this is not peculiar to this Trade only, but will hold good w Respect to / o^r Branches, f in Pursuⁿ as Trade is confined it must languish & decay, & / Benefit to / Naⁿ be in a g^t Measure lost.

Yr Lordships will also allow us to observe the is g^t Reason now than at any former Period to be watchful o this ~~is~~ beneficial Branch o Commerce, as our g^tst Rivals, / French, are pursuⁿg it w / g^test Care, & h not only laid it open to all / Subjects o France, but give w / g^t Encouragem^t to it above any o^r Branch o Commerce, well knowⁿ g^t / Excludⁿg o it is what alone can make the Sugar Plantations beneficial; And they h already so far prevailed as to supply almost all Europe w Sugars,

[C. 54] & w^{ch} be still able to out-do us, for / Advantages w^{ch} we
Price Price they sell thro' Negroes for, w^{ch} is much more than / British Subjects can get
for thro'.

We know v^y well yr Lordships are convinced of / Impce o this Trade & /
Necessity o putt^g it on some proper Foot. And we are v^y glad w^{ch} this Opp^s
gives us o lay^g our Sentiments before yr & we doubt not but yr Lordships own Sentiments
will convince us what we h^{ve} / Honour to represent; Viz^t: t^{hat} it is no^t Method
to be found out of sett^g this Trade on a proper Foundamⁿ to answer / Purposes
o / Publick, to support & enlarge our Plantam^{ts}, & in some Measure enable us
to vie wth o^{ur} Rival^{ing} Nations; but t^{hat} it remain entirely open & free to all his Majesty's
Subjects, wth any Change whatso^{ev}; or rather (if possible) t^{hat} some fur^r Advantages
shd be annexed to it. This Method has by / Experience o former Times, b^{een} found
/ best, & by this only has it b^{een} extended to such a Height, as not this not any
o^{ur} h^{av}ⁿ ever saw it before.

And yr Lordships will permit us to hint, t^{hat} / Representatives last Year in
favour o this Scheme, at / Bar o / House o Commons, procured / unanimous
Resolutions o t^{he} House to this Purpose, to w^{ch} we beg leave to refer yr.

We h^{ave} therefore nothing fur^r to trouble yr Lordships wth on this Subject, but
to recommend what we think / best Scheme for preserv^g / British Forts & Settlements
on t^{he} Coast, & render^g them more usefull to / Trade & o more Service to / Publick,
& we cannot do this more agreeably to our own Sentiments than by recommend^g
/ Scheme on w^{ch} / Bill was founded & pass'd / House o Commons last Se^{ss}ⁿ

t^{hat} / Gov^{rn} shd take them into thei^r own hands & support^{em} them at a Publick
Expence, for / impartial & undistinguished Benefit o w^{ch} Trader (w^{ch} we hope / Trade
will decrease) & t^{he} / Dispers^{al} o Money w^{ch} shd be granted by Parliam^{nt} for this Purpose
may be put into / Hands o a Committee o three Persons trad^g to / Coast from
London, three from Bristol, & three from Liverpool, liable to acct ^{for} w^{ch} Years in
such Manner as was point^{ed} out by / sd Bill. And we propose t^{hat} / sd Committee
shd consist o Persons from these three Ports only, bec ^{cause} / Trade in a g^od Measure is
now carried on from ~~London~~ Bristol & Liverpool, & it is natural to suppose they
are most likely to execute this Trust in / best Manner, w^{ch} h^{as} most Concern wth

Success o it. And we propose three in London, as it is / Capital, cho / Trade
from thence is not 19c to this Coast.

And we apprehend / Wisdom o Parliamt wd always pursue / Same
Steps, t as Trade is fluctuating when^r this Branch is removed to d^r Places, /
Committee may also go w it.

And as we take this to be / only Method o fixing / Forts & Settlements on t
Coast, to answer / high Purposes to Trade, & to be useful to / Publick, so we beg
leave fur^r to say before yr Lordships / bad Consequ^s o having them in / Hands
o any tradg Co, / Experice o former Times shows t such a Co h always
done all in the Power to prevent / natives from go^g off to or tradg w / Ships at
Sea or anyone else on Shore but themselves; And th^r own Advantage will always
induce them to do / same, whereby / Trade had bin & must be in a g^t Measure
removed from / Settlements to Anamaboe & d^r Places o free Trade in / Neighbourhood o
them. In Proof o this we may venture to assert, t more Negroes h bin carried
from Anamaboe alone in one Year, to our American Plantations, than h bin in ten Years
from all our Gold Coast Settlements ~~put~~ put to yr; f w^{ch} no Cause can be assigned
but / Freedom o Trade thro^g & / Want o it at / Forts. Beside all / Negroes wh /
Co can purchase wd be sold to Foreign Trants, our Privals in Trade, & our own
Plantations hereby be ill supplied w Gold Coast Negroes, / best o all o^rs; F / separate
Traders cannot give / Prices / Co will always put upon them, wh Prices they may get from
/ Dutch, French & Portuguese Ships, as they can sell them in the American Settlements
f near double o what / British Subjects can get in any o ours.

The Consequ^s will therefore certainly be, t ~~these~~ these Foreigners
will be admitted to / Forts by / Co, & carry off / whole Trade.

By / above Provisions, these & many d^r bad Consequ^s will be effectually
prevented & if it be established w t Equality o Power in / Execuⁿ to each o three Princip^l
Ports o Kingdom (wh was not to be necessary by all Parties when / Bill was formed) but
Seen or wh we hope from / State o Trade o two Out-Ports, will appear to be th^r due) We doubt not
it will produce all / valuable Effects. On our African Forts & Settlements wh / noⁿ can desire or
expect & w^{ch} give us British Subject an equal Share in / Benefit o them; wh is all we propose or
can aim at, in this Representation To yr Lordships

Hereby they may be rendered g^ty useful & well worth preserving; But in / Hands o a Co they will be
Car^d they like to h bin) a Burden & Nuisance, a obstruct rather than cease our Foreign Trade & Navigation
We sh^d trouble yr Lordships no fur^r on this Head at present, but to assure y^e we think ourselves under / g^test
Obligations to yr Lordships f giving us this Copy & explaining our Sentiments on this im^prt^t affair, in wh we h so g^t a
Concern. And we assure t it is to be laid before a Board so well acquainted wth true Interests o Trade, we
doubt not but a Report will be made to yr Lordships t will answer most valuable Purposes o / Publick
And in this Confidence we remain, My Lords - - - [64 Signatures]

Endorsed

Trade Affairs
Letter from Merchants of Bristol
ye 15th of Nov^r 1749 inclos^d a Scheme of
extending & improving Trade
to Africa
Recd Nov^r 15th ye 3^d } 1749
Recd Dec^r 14th }

CC. 58 5.

My Lords In pursuance to yr Lordships directions wh I received from our Hall. I summoned
our Merchants together, out of whom have selected a Committee, & h considered o/ several
matters recommended to us, & herewith I transmit to yr Lordships a Scheme wh we
apprehend most beneficial to / Publick, & also our Observances on / Bill wh pass'd /
House of Commons / last Sessⁿ

We cannot pretend to say t/ Scheme differs in any w^t material point from
what hath bin already proposed, but / alterations in / Bill, wh^{ch} we gr submitⁿ we
recommend to yr Lordships. We humbly presume, if approv'd o, w^{ill} more certainly
secure / Advantages thereby intended.

It is w^{ith} utmost pleasure t/ We perceive yr Lordships inclined to hear /
Arguments o all such as are concern'd in this most valuable Branch o British
Commerce, & doubt not but Y^e will distinguish betwⁿ & preferre / true Interest o our
British Subject before / Views o a few design^d Monopolizers whose Schemes are
destructive to all but themselves.

In gr confide o this so laudable a design we rest ourselves fully satisfied
o/ w^{ill}ent, & beg leave to return yr Lordships our most sincere thanks for this opp^t
which we o lay^d before yr Lordships our Sentiments, wh we hope will meet w^{ith} yr
approbation. I am My Lords - &c -

John Foy

March^s Hall Bristol

Nov^r 15th 1749

To / Right Hon^{ble} / Lords Commissioners of Trade & Plantations

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A Scheme of Security, Improv^d & Extend^d / Trade to Africa f /
Benefit o all his Majesty's Subjects.

- 1st T all his Majesty's Subjects sh h full & free Liberty o tradg To & fro / Coast o Africa.
- 2^d T in order f / Manage^{mt} & Support o / Forts & Settlements on / Coast, an open Co be established, o wh^{ch} ev^{er} British Subject tradg To Africa sh h a right to become free, on paym^{nt} o forty Shill^{ings}.
- 3^d T / sd Co sh be a Body Corporate & Politic, but sh h no Joint Stock, or any power to trade as a Corpora^{tion}.
- 4th T / sd Co sh be managed by a Committee o nine Persons Members thereof, three o wh^{ch} to be chosen by / Merchants o London, three by / Merchants o Bristol, & three by / Merchants o Liverpool, Treasurers o / sd Co.
- 5th T a proper Annual Sum be granted by Parliam^{nt} f / Maintenance & Support o / Forts & Settlements, wh^{ch} sh be disposed o f t purpose by / sd Committee only.
- 6th T out o / sd money granted by Parliam^{nt} an allow^{ance} be made to / sd Committee f the trouble & expens^e & attend^{ance}.
- 7th T / Committee sh h power^s fm time to time to make Rules & Orders & to appoint Governours & o^{ther} Officers &c f / better manage^{mt} o / sd Forts & Settlements & to displace & remove them as they sh think proper.
- 8th T / Forts &c sh be made use o f / protect^{ion} o all his Majesty's Subjects & the Trade, but not as Reposit^{ories} f Goods & Merchandize in gen^{eral} except in case o need & emerg^{ency}. But t it sh be lawful f any o his Majesty's Subjects to erect Houses, & Warehouse^s under / protect^{ion} o / Forts or in any o^{ther} part o Africa t / conveniency o carryg on the Trade ther^e.
- 9th T / sd Committee do annually lay before / Cursitor Baron o / Exchequer or such o^{ther} person or persons as / Parliam^{nt} sh be pleased to appoint, an Act o applic^{ation} o / Public money & o all Orders & Transac^{tions} relaty to / Forts & Settlements.

The Committee having thoroughly examined & considered / Bill bro't into Parliament / last Session Entitled a Bill for Extending & Improving / Trade to Africa. Do give in their Opinion t / gen Tendency o / sd Bill is calculated to prevent a Monopoly o / sd Trade, & / permissus Consequences o / its being carry'd on by a Joint Stock. But as they humbly apprehend t said Clauses therein are not sufficiently explain'd, & do may give in our Opinions designing Men to pervert / & / avoidable purposes & intentions o / sd Bill is Nature of / Public Advantage, beg leave to lay before / following Alterations & Amendments, w^{ch} Reasons of / same, wh^{ch} if admitted & approv'd o, They in this Case recommend / sd Bill as / most effectual means o Support of / Forts & / himself & protection of Trade & preserving / same free & open to all his Majesty's Subjects.

2^d Clause It is therein declared t all his Majesty's Subjects who sh^{ll} Trade to or from any o / Ports or Places o Africa sh^{ll} hereafter be a Body Corporate & Politic &c.

Observation It is our Opinion t / sd Clause shd not be construed so far as to prevent any Person or Persons not free o / sd Co from trading to & from / Coast o Africa, but t such who are not free o / sd Co sh^{ll} only be exempted from a right o Voting of a Committee Man, to be chosen for / Management o / Forts & Disposit^{ion} of Public Money granted to the Support.

Reasons.

Our Reasons for this are t many Persons residing in America & o^r places, wd not wth Convenience make themselves free o / sd Co & as many o^rs in G^t Britain wd rather chuse to drop their Concerns in this Trade than be obliged to come into / sd Co, We think this Restriction wd tend to lessen / Trade, & by t means destroy in some Measure / Intents o / Bill wh^{ch} is to lay / same free & open to all his Majesty's Subjects.

4th Clause.

It is herein Enacted t / Director & Management o / Affairs o / sd Co sh^{ll} be in & by a Committee o Eight persons &c.

Observation

It is our Opinion t / Committee shd consist o Four persons

Reason

Because this Number will admit o an Equality in / Divis^{ion} of Committee Men to be chosen for London, Bristol & Liverpool. w^{ch} We think necessary to be preserved in order / better to prevent either Place from having a Superiority in / Management to / prejudice o / o^rs

5th Clause.

It is herein Enacted t four Persons sh^{ll} be chosen by / Traders o London, Two by / Traders o Bristol, & Two by / Traders o Liverpool, to constitute / Committee o Eight persons mentioned in / preced^{ing} Clause.

Observation 1st

We humbly presume t as / Trade to Africa from Bristol & Liverpool respectively is, & hath been for many Years past, considerably greater than from London, therefore / Traders from each o those Places sh^{ll} have / Choice o at

162 least an equal number o Committee Men w / Traders o London, + f a Party o this
Fact as to / Port o Bristol, We are ready to produce a list o Ship's employed on this
Port to / Coast o Africa f many Years past, by wh w're appear / reasonableness o this
proposal. It is also presumed t those persons who h / g'eat Share in / Trade, + whose
Interest most immediately depends on its Preservation, w / most likely to exert themselves
in / Care + Support o / Forts.

2d Bristol + Liverpool are no ways concerned in Trade tog^s, + upon all occasions ~~real & usual~~
each o' on any beneficial Branch. Whereas on / Contrary each o these places are in
Some Degree connected w London, for whence may justly be inferred t no persons
who wish well to a free + open Trade, can derive t one part sh'd chuse a Majority
o / whole Committee wh may be so prejudicial t in its Consequences.

3d Besides it may be farther observed t as / Committee Men will in all likelyhood be
resident in London no ill consequences can be apprehended for even an improbable
Support o an Union betwⁿ Bristol + Liverpool agst London, f certainly In-
habitants + Merchants o t City, altho' Agents f Bristol + Liverpool must be
supposed to h at least as gr a regard f / Welfare o t^{he} own City, as any o^r,
+ will o Course oppose any Schemes t may be proposed to its prejudice

18th Clause. Whereas it is enacted t no Officer or any o Person to be employed by /
Committee at any o / Forts or Settlements built or to be built in Africa
sh at any time hereafter in any manner or on any prett obstruct or
hinder any o His Majesty's Subjects in Trade.

Observe aⁿ.

We highly approve o this Clause so far as above expressed but f
such Reasons undermentioned, wd recommend t / Remainder thereof
sh'd be altered in / following manner.

And t / Forts, Warehouses + Buildings already erected or wh here-
after sh be erected by / sd Co. sh + may at all Times hereafter be free
+ open to all His Majesty's Subjects f / safety o t^{he} persons + Security

o the Effects in Case o need o Emergency, but not to be made use o by any persons
or Traders whatsoever as Repositories f Negroes, Goods or Merchandise, except Gold, Elephants
Teeth & Gunpowder. And it sh^d & may be lawful f any o his majestys Subjects Trav^g to
Africa, f / Security o the Goods or Slaves, to erect th Houses & Warehouses under / Pro-
tecⁿ o / sd Forts or elsewhere in any o part o Africa within / limits afo^r, f / better
carry^g on o his or the Trade ther, wh^{ch} Houses or Warehouses sh^d be / property o / Persons or
Persons who sh^d build / same, but sh^d not be disposed o or let to any Foreigner whatsoever.

Reasons. In Case / above Clause sh^d stand as express'd in / Bill, / same may be
attended w/ follow^g Inconveniencies.

1st It may occaⁿ gr^t Confusⁿ & endless disputes as to / Quantity o Goods each Trader
may h^{ave} a Right to deposite in / Forts.

2^d Various Prefer^{ences} may be given by / Agents at / Forts, to such Goods as may be sent
over by the immediate Employers at Home, One o whom may be o / Committee, & by
this means / Goods o und^{er} persons may at all times be excluded under some
pre^{text} or o^r.

3^d In Case o an Attack in Time o War, or Pirates be^g on / Coast / Forts be^g always
kept full o Goods, the Trade^g Ships may f want o Room be prevented from
lodg^g the Cargoes, & lodg^g them in / sd Forts & Warehouses wh^{ch} belong^g to
the immediate Security.

4th The Reason wh^{ch} argu^{es} f / above Exceptⁿ in regard to Gold Elephants Teeth &
Gunpowder be^g lodged in / Forts is bec^{ause} / whole Quantity o Gold & Teeth wh^{ch}
we apprehend will at any time be purchas'd, may w^{ith} in commo^d / Forts be
lodg'd therein. And as to Gunpowder, bec^{ause} all / Warehouses w^{ith} / Walls o / Forts
are usually thatch'd, it may be w^{ith} liable to danger from lightning & many
o accidents by Fire &c.

19th Clause It is presumed this Clause is very just, except in / Penalty be^g fix'd to One
Hundred Pounds, w^{ith} any power o mitigatⁿ / same, wh^{ch} may make an Office
o / lab^{or} nature altho' attended w/ most favourable ~~but~~ Circumstances liable
to an equal Forfeiture w/ most culpable, & therefore we wd propose t^{hat} these
Words (A Sum not exceed^g Five Hundred Pounds) may be insert'd in
lieu o One Hundred Pounds, by wh^{ch} alteratⁿ / inconveniencies may be pre-
vented & / Offender meet w^{ith} a Punish^{ment} w^{ith} adequate to / Crime

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Trade Africa
 The Represent^m
 o/Sugar Planters to
 To
 The Right Hon^{ble} / Lords
 Commissioners o Trade &
 Plant^{ns}
 Recd fm our London
 Recd 7 Dec^{br} y^e 14th 1749.

Lc. 59. y

To/ Right Hon^{orable} / Lords Commissioners o Trade & Plant^{ns}
 The Represent^m o/Sugar Planters &c.

Most humbly sheweth

That we think it altogether unnecessary to men^m to yr Lordships / vast imp^t o our
 Trade to Africa since / yr wealth & preservⁿ o/ British Sugar Colonies depend on it;
 & as most o all our Fortunes are in / Sugar Colonies, we beg leave to lay our throts
 before yr Lordships w regard to preserv^g t valuable branch o Commerce, in wh / gen
 Trade & Navigⁿ is so essentially interested.

↑ It is w / deepst concern we see our dangerous Rivals / French carry on suc-
 cessfully this branch o Trade to / Coast o Guinea, by wh they are enabled to improve
 & extend to an incredible height the Commerce to & fm the Sugar Colonies. And
 notw^g / Crown o Gr Britain has bin in possessⁿ o t Trade, partly on / Gold Coast,
 Whydah & Gambia, above fourscore years, yr / French are daily encroach^g on our
 Rights thro: wherefore, unless some immediate care is taken to preserve / Forts & Fortific^{ns}
 on t Coast, / French will soon become masters thereof, & consequently o / most valuable branches
 branch^y o Trade on / Coast o Africa; as they will erect new Forts & Fortific^{ns} where^r
 this is Trade, & thereby soon exclude / Subjects o Gr Britain fm ~~the~~ so y o^r part o
 t Coast, as they h already done f/ Ginn Coast. To preserve & secure this Trade therefo
 to / British Subjects & to render it beneficial to our Colonies; we are humbly o Opinion

1. Four Forts + Fortific^{ns} thro' of to be put into, + constantly kept, not only in a defensible, but in a respectable Condⁿ
2. Aid / aid o Parliam^t is absolutely necessary fo t purpose, / ends o grant^g such sh grant, to an incorporated body o men w a Joint Stock (made answerable under penalties f / due securⁿ thereof) than to any temporary, mutable + transient set o men whatso^r, who mt renounce it at pleasure, + who wd be answerable each f his own acts only, + not one f / acts o ano^r.
3. T this Trade will be carried on most beneficially to / British^e tra^{de} + our Colonies by a Co w a Joint Trade Stock, wth any exclusive Priviledges, but under such Regul^{ns} + Restrict^{ns} as will leave / Trade free + open to all his Majesty's Subjects; W^{ch} this part^l Condⁿ, t such a Co h liberty o carry^g annually to / British^e Colonies a certain quantity o Negroes to be limited by Parliam^t; as, wth t liberty, it is extremely doubtful wh^r / Co will be able to employ the Capital to advantage; + if this is not a reasonable prospect o t, it cannot be expected t such Capital can ever be raised.

As to / First Point, it is well known t Trade is now considered by almost ev^{ry} State in Europe as / source o Wealth, + Wealth as / measure o Power, + therefore as eagerly contended f as Territory; + as no one thinks t he is longer secure in any Territory than whilst he is able to defend it, it wd be in vain, as we conceive, f / British^e tra^{de} to think itself secure in / possessⁿ o a branch o Commerce so v^{ry} valuable as this, wth noth^g to protect it but Forts kept up as mere marks o Possesⁿ, + so defenceless t ev^{ry} rival in Trade may kick down wth his foot when^r he pleases; t is, when^r / bait sh prove a sufficient temptⁿ to begin a quarrel.

W^{ch} regard to / Second Point, our Reasons f think^g t this Trust wd be better + more faithfully executed by a Joint Stock Co than by private men, are

1. Bee such a Co wd be more interested in / durab^l + condⁿ o these Forts than any private man, or number o private men, wd be. F / care o / latter wd extend no farther than to make such repar^{ns} as mt last dur^g the own time, wth hardy any / least concern f / build^g were to drop at / end thro^g; whereas / care o a Co wd be not only to make a present, but a last^g reparⁿ; it beg much more reasonable to expect t a Tenant who has / inherit^{ce} o a house, wd repair it in a more durable manner, + make better provⁿ f uphold^g it; than a Tenant who has only a lease f a small number o years.

2. Rec^d / Publick, will h a much better security f / due applicⁿ o / money so granted by Parliam^t for a Co w a Joint Stock, made answerable f^r it than they can h for any private persons ~~whatso^r~~ whatso^r.
3. Rec^d such a Co wd naturally be, ^{much} more cautious not to take any step to pre-
judic^e / future Trade, & much more capable & solicitous to extend / Inland
Trade, hitherto goly neglected, than any private man, or number o private
men; whose only view wd be present profit, w^t / least regard to consequ^{ts}.

We respect to / Third Point, we believe

1. T all agree it is / Interest o this Nam^t / British Colonies be supplied w
a Number o Negroes equal to th^r wants; & t / more money is employed in this
Trade / more Negroes will be imported into our Colonies, & / more th^r are im-
ported; / less exorbitant will th^r prices be; And as it is evident t more
money will be employed in it when it is divided betwⁿ a Co & private Traders,
than if it were confined to private Traders only, We cannot help thinkg, as /
seperate Traders are v^y sensible o this, but they at present will strongly
oppose a Co's havg / Liberty o carryg any Negroes for Africa to / British Col-
onies, well knowg t if none can supply those Colonies but themselves, they
will then h it much in th^r power to buy for / Co on / Coast o Africa, at such
prices only as they sh^d think proper; & on th^r arrival at / Colonies, to impose
th^r own prices on / Planters. Besides these seperate Traders will also h
it in th^r option to introduce into our Colonies none but / worst kind o Negroes,
t can be purchased cheap at Calabar, Congo, Angola & o^r parts o Africa, & th^ry
neglect / Gold Coast & whydah where our Forts & Castles are situated. Notw^d /
only proper Negroes f / presentm^t o our Sugar Colonies are to be purchased
nowhere but on t part o / Coast o Africa.

Our Reason f^r doubtg wh^r a Co will be able to employ th^r Capital to
advantage if they are not permitted to carry a certain number o Negroes to our
Colonies is, t if they h t liberty, a good part o th^r Capital may be thus employed,
& th^r chief profit will arise from buyg Negroes on / Coast; all w^t, were they restrained
from exports, they must sell to private Traders th^r, who wd soon know how to make th^r
advantage o this prohibition, & turn it to / utter ruin o / Co.

If / Co shd at any time buy up a gr number o negroes wh they cd not sell but to / separate Traders on / Coast, as has been said / liberty o carryg them to our Colonies, it is but too probable t those Traders wd force / Co to sell the negroes wem under pressure, or leave them on their hands. So t if wem / Co shd find themselves in this circumstance (wh they must often be, or else let a good part o the Capital lys dead & unemployd) it will be much more eligible to sell such negroes, tho at a loss price, than to keep them - F negroes, like Horses but f sale, will soon rat off the heads

But, wem those negroes must be confin'd within Walls o the Forts (as it will not be safe 'till to work them or give them / liberty o walkg abt) if they are long kept on hand in such numbers, & under such confinement, there will be a gr risque o introducing some infectious distemper among them; So t, what w / hazard o mortality, & expence o maintenance, / Co must be under / necessity o sellg them at / private Traders price.

2. T such a Co w proper encouragement & direction to promote a good understanding & harmony w all British separate Traders, may become exceedingly advantageous to all parties concern'd. F thereby such Traders may be induced to purchase part o the negroes o / Co, & thus dispatch their ships in three or four weeks instead o three or four months; whereby they will be considerable gainers in Demurrage partly, besides sundry o head o charges; but about all in / health & soundness o the negroes before sale; And finally, by means o such dispatch on / Coast, / separate Traders will be enabled to afford negroes much cheaper o cheaper to / Planters, wh are considerable o / great consequence & moment.

As to / Objection wh / separate Traders may make; T if a Joint Stock Co has a power to send negroes fm Jamaica, / Gold Coast & whidah directly to our Colonies, they will be likely enabled to monopolize t Trade entirely to themselves. It is assur'd, t / extensiveness o Coast, & / retreating / Co as to / number o negroes they sh be permitted to send to our Colonies, will prevent all possibility o any consequence o this nature; especially as / separate Traders may at all times purchase negroes on those Points fm / Traders, in case / Co's Factors shd refuse to supply them w negroes at reasonable prices; wh they never can be supposed to do; as it will always be / Co's Interest to supply / separate Traders at such prices as they can afford to give. And thus by having / some a cheque upon / Co, the most valuable branch o Commerce will, in our Opinion, be retrench'd & extend'd, to / Honour & Interest o this na^m; & / British Colonies be better & cheaper supplied

T in addn to above Represent^{ns}, we are humbly o opinion, it will be indispensably necessary to h some rights o wem constantly establish'd on / Coast o Africa, as proper Powers & full instructions to preserve inviolable / Rights o wem o / Crown o St Britain & o / Trade o British Subjects, - to prevent / French fm carryg on any Trade to / Gold Coast & Jamaica; w^{ch} wh all o undearness o preserving this Trade will be fruitless; & therefore we beg leave earnestly to recommend this to yr Lordships' most serious attnⁿ.

We cannot conclude wth begg^g yr Lordships' permission to return yr most sincere thanks f^r regard wh y^r h^{on} is pleas'd to shew us, in consultg us upon this occasion; & most humbly submit what we h been offer'd to yr Lordships' Consider^{ns}. [40 signatures headed by, Home, Montfort, Obyphant.]

Trade Africa
 The Opinion of diverse Merchants
 of London & is gely interested
 in / Establishing / African Trade
 humbly offered to / Consider an^d
 / Honourable Board of Trade

C. 60

Recd } January 8th 1749/50
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4.

To / Right Honourable / Lords Commissioners of Trade & Plantations

We / Underwritten African Merchants & Traders of City of London, having been Informed & it is yr Lordships Pleasure We shd prepare a Scheme for / Securing Improv^d & extendg / Trade to Africa, & more especially to part thereof on / Gold Coast, Do most humbly beg leave to lay before yr Lordships / following Partis, wh^{ch} as they are Calculated upon a Plan Conformable to / Purpose of / Bill pass'd / Honourable House of Commons last Session, We hope they may Deserve yr Lordships Approbation; if it is yr Apparent / Endeavour of E Honourable House were, as our Intention is now, to establish / whole African Trade upon Principles most Conducive to / gen^l Advantage of our Commerce, / benefit of our Kingdom, & Increase of his Majesty's Revenue. We therefore humbly propose as our Opinion

- 1st. That his Majesty's Subjects sh^{ld} be full & free Liberty of Trade to, on, & fm / Several Parts of Coast of Africa.
- 2^d. That it is absolutely necessary to Forts & Garrison on / Coast of Africa shd be kept up & maintained not only as Marks of Sovereignty & Possession, but likewise to prevent all Incroachments on our Trade from any Rival what^{so}ever.
- 3^d. That in Order to Support / Forts & Garrisons, an Annual Sum be Granted by Parliament to the Purpose, and that an Open Co be established, of wh^{ch} any British Subject Trade or Intendg to Trade to Africa sh^{ld} or may become Free on Payment of Forty Shillings, wh^{ch} sh^{ld} be Applied towards / Current Expenses of sd Co.

- 4th T/ sd Co sh be a Body Corporate & Politick, but sh h no Joint Stock or power o
 Trading as a Corporation
- 5th T/ sd Co sh be Chosen a Committee. We submit to yourships better
 Judgmts, / Propos^{ns} proper to be Allotted to London, Bristol & Liverpool to
 Compose this Committee, but humbly propose t out o/ sd Co a Committee o nine
 Persons residg in London may be Chosen; Three owh by / Merchants o London,
 Three by / Merchants o Bristol, & Three by / Merchants o Liverpool.
- 6th T/ sd Committee be Chosen Annually, & at evy such Electg Choice be made
 o Three new Members Freeman o / sd Co, One f each o sd Trading Plaues, in Lieu
 o/ like Member o/ Oed Ones who are to be Discharg'd by Ballotts to prevent
 Partiality &c. It is also humbly proposed t not any one o/ sd nine Committee
 Men sh be Chosen or Empowrd to Act f more than three Years successively
- 7th T/ Money granted by Parliamt f/ Annual Support & Maintenance o/ Forts &
 Garrisons sh be Disposed o/ t Purpose by / sd Committee Only. & t / sd Com-
 mittee sh Annually lay before / Curators Baron o/ Exchequer or such o^r Person or
 Persons as / Parliamt sh be pleas'd to Appoint, a State o/ the Fortifications, & an
 Acc^t o/ applicⁿ o/ Publick Money, And / sd Committee so Acc^t upon Oath,
 sh be Discharg'd f/ all future Claims & Inquiries whatso^r
- 8th T/ ^{our} / sd Money granted by Parliamtⁿ Allow^{nc} be made to each Member o/ sd Com-
 mittee o p. Annuum f/ the trouble Expenses & Attendance on / Affairs o/ Co.
- 9th T/ sd Committee sh h Power f/ time to time to make Rules & Orders & to
 Appoint Governors & o^r Officers f/ better Managem^t o/ sd Forts & Garrisons & to
 Displace & Remove them as they sh think Proper.
- 10th T/ Forts &c sh be made Use o/ f/ Protecⁿ o/ all his Majesty's Subjects & the Trade, But
 not as Repositories f/ Goods & Merchandizes in Gen. except in Cases o/ Need & Emer-
 gency. But it sh be Lawfull f/ any o/ his Majesty's Subjects (First havg Licence f/ sd
 Committee) to erect Dwelling Houses, & Warehouses undyr / Protecⁿ o/ any o/ sd Forts, or in
 any Part o/ Africa f/ Convenience o/ Carryg on the Trade the.
- 11th T/ It havg ben found by long Experi^{nc} E/ Strength Security we can be f/ our African Trade
 on Gen. without agst Infringd Rights or Injults f/ Private, & by a Succession o/ his Ma-
 jesty's Ships o/ Warre Cruisg along / Coast. Therefore it is hoped his Majesty will be Pleas'd
 to Order such Cruis^{rs} f/ time to time as sh be deem'd necessary f/ this Service

[31 Signatures]

[End o/ docs. presented to / House o/ Commons by / Board o/ Trade]

Trade Africa
Extract o a letter from Mrs W^m HusbandsTo
John Ashley Esq^r

Dated at Cape Coast Castle, May 10, 1750

relatg to an attempt made upon
Dixcove Fort by / Natives
instigated by / Dutch, & to
1 / want o 2 Small Ships
to / Security o / Coast.

Recd from Mrs Ashley

Recd Octob^r 4th 18th } 1750Recd Do^o 19

Lc. 70.

Extract o a letter from Mrs W^m Husbands to Tho Ashley Esq^r

Dated at Cape Coast Castle, May 10, 1750.

I can't omit this Oppy to acquaint y as a Director to / Court's assistance
 t we are at present employed in our Affairs o wh / Conseques had like to h bn
 fatal, The Dutch who wish f gain at all Opp^s to inroach upon / Rights & Privileges o / Co on
 this Coast, h endeavour'd to invade / same at / Cob Fort at Dixcove, f wh Purpose they h
 engaged / whole Aphantah Country ag^t us at t Fort, & wh aft^r many fruitless Disputes
 & hiffly Palavers they openly attempted in a Body to take / Place by Storm, & as we look'd upon
 it t / last Supply was sent us out to protect these Rights & Properties, so we got Mr Roberts to
 go up th^r, & by his vigilan^t Behaviour, & by raisg sundry Works (wh were before omitted in /
 Reparation o / Fort to h bn raised) before they came on, gave them such a Reception t I believe
 they will h no gr Inclinaⁿ to a second Repast o / same kind, they havg bn repuls'd w / loss
 o many o th^r Men killed upon / Spot, & a gr many w^o wounded. The Dutch openly own
 themselves to h / Protection o these People, wherefore I do not know but before it be brd to
 a Conclⁿ it may draw / two Parties to some Exertments wh perhaps may be pernicious to
 one Side or o^r, f we are determin'd what^s Encroachments they make upon us, they sh make
 them (if any at all) w / loss o more than perhaps / Matter in Dispute may be worth to
 them, but we hope f / best & t they will not put us to / Trial o our Mettle, f Peace is

1/ The I wish for, as it is much wanted on this Coast & we may be able by a gentle mild Depo^{mt} & good Usage to win Inhabitants to reconstate into the Minds t^e good Opinion & Love wh^{ch} they formerly always had for / English, & wh^{ch} we h^{ave} not yet had sufficient Time to do. We sh^d h^{ave} sent / Acc^t o this Affair at l^{ast} for / Council to / Court o Assistants, but / Notice we h^{ad} o this Vessels' sailing has bin so short t^{hat} it will not permit us to put / same into t^e Form & Order wh^{ch} is necessary for an Affair o t^e Sort to be laid before such a Board in; Therefore t^{hat} it is t^{hat} I sent y^e this short / Sketch o / same t^{hat} y^e may be so kind to make / same sufficient to t^e Board, not hat I imagine t^{hat} Mr Roberts (who is now here & intends soon to set on^t of Dixcove agn I hope to put a finish^y Stroke to / Affair by Treaty wth / Dutch) will send a full & ample Acc^t thereof to / Honourable John Vaughan Esq^r our present Sub Govern^r. So far I think my Duty calls upon me to do however, & at / same Time I beg y^e to make known to those Gentlemen t^{hat} it is my humble Opinion t^{hat} we sh^d never be w^{ith} two small men o War, or 20 Gun Ships upon this Coast, but more especially at this Time & for some Years yet to come, not only to keep / French Ships entirely off / Gold Coast, to gain wh^{ch} y^e may depend they will use some, strong Efforts, but also to prevent / Dutch from endeavouring t^{hat} at th^{ese} Inconveniences upon us. & I assure y^e Sir t^{hat} / g^ot Slo^o wh^{ch} has bin made in London abt / re-establishing this Co pretty much alarms them & sets them at Work to gain us all / Trouble they can, however I beg y^e to be assured we sh^d always be upon our Guard, & will use w^{ith} Care w^{ith} our Liberties, but o this more hereafter, in / mean Time give me leave to subscribe myself.

In Africa

In / Country o Aethiopia to / Eastward [sic] o Cape Coast Castle are situated / several undermentioned Forts & Settlements

Dixcove

where there is a Fort w^{ith} 30 Guns belong^g to / English.

Dutch Settlements to / East o Dixcove	Leagues
Fredericksburg	8
Axim	2
	<hr/> 10

Dutch Settlements to / West (sic) o Dixcove	Leagues
Batteroe	3
Tacquerado	3
Secunder	3
	<hr/> 9

All to / Eastward [sic] o Del Mena & Cape Coast Castle

The Complement o Officers, Artificers & Soldiers to support & maintain this Settlement is estimated at 25 Whites & 20 Blacks

DIXCOVE is / principal Place on / Gold Coast for furnishing Timber & Linn^e of Repair, Wood & Water for / Persons of Negroes on Board Slave Ships & it is 22 Leagues Dist^{ance} from Del Mena & 25 Leagues Dist^{ance} from Cape Coast Castle

172. Endorsed

[Where are
Plans.]

Trade Africa
 Letter from Mr Cleaveland, Secy
 to Lords of Admiralty dated
 13th of Dec^r 1750. in wh^{ch} Observa-
 tions on / State & Condition of
 British Forts & Settlements on /
 Coast of Africa, togr wth Plans
 of each Fort; Communicated to the
 Lords by Captⁿ Pyc Commander of
 His Majesty's Ship Hummer, and
 transmitt^g Copies of same to /
 Inform^{am} of this Board via [rec]

Recd Dec^r 2^d } 1750
 Read do 11th }

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 ... [Cleaveland's letter m.c.] ...
 [Plans. not here]

Trade Africa
 Copy of a letter from Captⁿ Pyc
 Commander of His Majesty's Ship
 Hummer to Secretary of
 Admiralty, dated Hummer of 5th
 Thomas ye 13th of March 1749
 Recd wth Mr Cleaveland's Letter
 dated ye 13th of Decem^r 1750
 Recd Dec^r ye 13^d } 1750
 Read do 11th }

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... [Copied from Original in Adm 1. 2289.] ...
 Vide also Adm 1. (2) p 23.

[Send extracts from CO 386/44]

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January 15th &

Letter to / Earl
 o / Holderness inclos^d
 Copies o Extracts
 o / Letters + Papers
 fm / Committee
 o Merchants Trade
 to Africa

To / Rt Hon^{ble} Earl o Holderness
 One o His Majesty's Principal Secretaries o State

My Lord The Committee o / Co o Merchants Trade to
 Africa have laid before Us Copies o Letters + o^r
 Papers wh they h lately received from the Agents +
 Officers at Cape Coast Castle + James Fort in /
 Africa's Gambia upon / Coast o Africa, relat^g am^t
 o 1750 to / Proceed^gs + Conduct o Captains o
 His Majesty's Ships abate upon t Coast + likewise
 contain^g an Acc^t o Behaviour o Governor o
 / Dutch Fort at Diccove [sic] upon / sd Coast. We
 beg leave to inclose to Yr Lordship Extracts o
 such Parts o those Letters as relate thereto, togth
 w Copy^s o / sevl Papers therein refer'd to
 We are &c

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J Pitt

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Whitehall

January 15th 1752

p 269. - Similar letter o same date w same encs. to John Clerk Land, Sec o Admiralty,
 for / informⁿ o / Lords Commis o / Admiralty.

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February 4th

letter to / Earl
of Holderness
upon / Memo
presented to his
majesty by /
Comm^o / Comp^o
of Merch^o / to trade
to Africa.

To / R^t Hon^{ble} Earl o Holderness
One o his Maj^{ty}s Principal Secretaries o State.

My Lord,

In Obedience to his Majesty's Commands signified to Us by
yo^r Lordship's letter o / 15th Instant We h^{av}e taken into Our Consider^{on}
/ Memorial presented to his Majesty by / Committee o / Co^o Merchants
trading to Africa sentg forth to John Corrantee one o /
Councillors o / Kingdom o Fante upon / Gold Coast h^{ad}

"Bundle Dd.
No 50"

refused Permission to / French to build a Fort at Annamaboe & h^{ad} at / same time given
Assurances o his Readiness to assist His Majesty's Subjects in rebuilding / old Fort or
in erectg a new one at t^e Place, / do^{ing} wh^o w^old be o / highest Imp^o to / Interest o
His Majesty's trading Subjects in those Parts, & t^h fm / best Acc^{ts} they are able to
procure they apprehend / Expense o building or compleatg a proper & sufficient Fort
t^o / Service o t^e Coast will not exceed / Sum o £6000.

T We w^old be / better enabled to execute His Majesty's Orders & to report
Our Opinions more fully to yo^r Lordship We thot it necessary to call before Us /
Committee o / Co^o Merchants trading to Africa & h^{av}ing b^{een} attended by Mr William
Boswell, Mr Nathaniel Barnet, & Mr Abraham James Hillhouse Members o
/ sd Committee t^o / Citys o London Bristol & Liverpool & heard what they h^{ad}
to offer in support o / Memorial We beg leave to acquaint yo^r Lordship

T they h^{av}e given it as th^{er} Opinion t^o / buildg a Fort at Annamaboe at
this Conjuncture will be a means o preserving / Rights o / Trade & securg & protectg
/ Trade o His Majesty's Subjects upon / Gold Coast; T as John Corrantee is now
o^{ld} they apprehend his view in proposg / buildg o a Fort is to secure his
Riches & Possessions to his Family, & t^h if his Offer be not accepted he w^old
resent / Refusal & probably apply to / French or some o^r Power.

The sd Committee further acquainted Us t^h they considered Annamaboe
as / Key to / whole Trade o / Gold Coast; T / Fante Trade wh^o furnishes /

best Sort o Negroes is removed from Cape Coast Castle to Annamaboe; And t if
/ French shd get Possesyn o Annamaboe, We sh not be able to carry on any
Trade at Cape Coast Castle.

W respect to / Situaⁿ o / Fort proposed to be build they represented to us t
Persons best acquainted w matters o this kind a w / Situaⁿ o / Coast were o
Opinion t it wd not be so proper to build this Fort upon / Foundaⁿ o / old one
as they apprehend t stood at too gr a Dist^{ce} from / Sea. / A Ground Rent had bⁿ
constantly paid by / Old Co f / former Fort but they cd not be certain wth
this gives them a Right o buildg a Fort upon / Spot t mt be most proposed,
tho' they believe it does, as they apprehend t / Ground Rent was pd not only
f / part^r Spot upon wh / old Fort stood, but f some land abt it.

This appears to us to be a Fact v^y necessary f^r /^r Lordships
Informaⁿ to be ascertained, We thot it Our Duty to get / best Acct o it
t We were able t have bⁿ attended by Mr David Crichton formerly Chief
Agent f / Old Co at Cape Coast Castle t a Person well acquainted w /
Situaⁿ t Circumst^{cs} o / Place, he represented to us t it appears from an
Entry in / Journals o / old Co in / Year 1743, a Copy o wh he produced
to us, t they paid 12 Arles or abt £3. Sterling per month to / Braffoo
t Guarantees o Fantien f Ground Rent t Water Customs not only
at Annamaboe but also at / two adjacent Towns o Amasheen
t Aggah; / these had bⁿ paid w^{ch} since / English had any Fort
th^{er}, t t gives them a Right o buildg a Fort in any part o / Town o
Annamaboe t shd be most proper: / as to / Situaⁿ o / Fort, he was o Opinion
t / Spot upon wh / old Fort was build^d was / properest f buildg a new
one, beg near to / Shore t secured from any Danger from Ships by / Surf wh
is always v^y gr th^{er}: t / buildg upon / old Foundaⁿ mt however be attended
w Inconveni^{nc} as he had bⁿ informed / Tank or Cistern f / Recupⁿ o Water
wh is absolutely necessary in all Forts, was so foul t it wd be impossible
to cleanse it f t Use.

We must first beg leave to acquaint yr Lordship t/ sd Committee
 having laid before us a Plan of a new Fort wh they informed us had bin
 drawn by Admiral Knowles who had bin ~~on~~ upon this Coast & was well
 acquainted w/ Situaⁿ thereof, We thot it Our Duty to take his Opinion as to
 / properst Place f/ Situaⁿ o a Fort, & havg bin attended by him he has re-
 presented to us t he is o Opinion t / Ground whereon / Old Fort Wood is / most
 proper f/ buildg a new one upon as it Commands / Channel & is not within Gun
 Shot o / Fort wh / Dutch h at this Place - T / Old Fort stood in a Valley shut
 in on / land Side by Hills & t if / Fort was built upon / Side o these Hills &
 wd be v^y expensive as / Walls on one side must be v^y high - Tasto / Tank
 or Cistern, if it was well cleand & lind w Brick it m^t be used agn.

As to / Expence o buildg a Fort / sd Committee represented to us t
 they were o Opinion t they cd build this as cheap if not cheaper than in
 England, f altho they shd be obliged to send out Bricks & Timber for fence yet
 t Expence wd be more than ballanced by / Cheapness o labours wh they appre-
 hended wd not be expensive especially as John Coramtee had made Offers o
 so good gr Assistce: T they did not believe t / Expence o Buildg this Fort
 cd be defrayed out o / £10,000 granted by Parliam^t f / Support & Pro-
 tectⁿ o this Trade. As Mr Roberts who went out / last Year had not only
 expended all / Goods sent out w him but run them in Debt £3000
 & they cd not say how far / Goods now sent out wd answer t Debt;
 T if only £2000 shd be granted to them f / present they wd begin upon
 / Work, & are willg to take the Money as / Work went on

Upon / whole, My Lord, havg attentively weighd & considered /
 Facts & Reason^s set forth in / Memorial o / Committee o / African Co, &
 also / Informaⁿ We h received fm / Persons who h attended us, We are
 clearly o Opinion t / Buildg a Fort at Annamaboe will g^{tly} promote
 / Commercial Interests o this Kingdom by preservg & improvg / imp^t
 Trade o His Majesty's Subjects to those Parts, & thereby preservg / seal o

Branches o Trade wh^{ch} are supported by it, & by security / Friendship & assistance o
John Corralee & his Family upon wh^{ch} this Trade so g^oly depends. T / present
Oppⁿ is / most favourable We can ever hope to h^o build^g such a Fort - t^o if
We shd not accept / Advantageous Offer now made to us by John Corralee
Our Refusal wd probably provoke him to make / some Proposal to / French or
some o^r Powers who will certainly accept wth Readiness so desirable Command over
/ Chief Trade to / Gold Coast & w^{ch} probably when in Possessⁿ o such a Post
make use o it to / Exclusion o us & / Ruin o our Trade.

As to / Situation o a new Fort & / Expence o build^g it, We are [o^r] Opinion
f / Reasons assigned by Admiral Knowles t^o be built upon / Ground
where / Old Fort stood. T / Sum required by / sd Committee f this Service
is a reasonable one & t^o / method wh^{ch} they h^o proposed o receiving / Money at /
Work sh^o go on seems to us to be unexceptionable. We are - re -

Dunk Halifax
J. Grenville
Chas Townshend
J Pitt

Whitehall

February 4th. 1752.

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May 18th Letter
Letter to Claudius Amyand
Esqr. Secretary to /
Lords Justice inclo-
sing Copies o 4
Papers relating to
/ Designs o /
French in /
Coast o Annamaboh.

same Subject. I am directed by the Lordships to transmit to y^e / in closed Copies o
these Letters, wh^{ch} appear to them to contain matters o g^ot National Imp^ort & to desire t^o if
will be pleased to lay them before the Excellencies / Lords Justice f the Excellencies
Drems thereupon. Tam - re - Thos Hill

Whitehall
May 18

To Claudius Amyand Esqr. Secretary to / Lords Justice

In The Earl o Halifax has communicated to my Lords Commissioners
f Trade & Plantations, a Letter wh^{ch} his Lordship has lately received from
William Anrah Sizarava, Son o John Corralee Chief Cabosier o
Annamaboh upon / Coast o Africa, containing an Acc^t o Arrival & Proceed^g
th^o o a Fleet o French Ships & o / Transac^{ns} o / Commander o / sd Fleet
during his stay th^o, as well wth / Natives as wth Capt Buckle, Commander o a
Squadron o his Majesty's Ships in those Parts, & / Committee o / Co omer-
chants have likewise laid before my Lords Commissioners / Letters wh^{ch}
they h^o received from the Agents & Officers at Cape Coast Castle upon /

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Letter to / Gentle-
men of Committee
of Merchants Trade
to Africa
inclos^d Sketch o
Observans prepared
by this Board
f/ use &
Inform^{on} o/sd
Committee &c

Gentlemen

I am directed by my Lords Commissioners of Trade & Plantations
to send y / inclosed Sketch o Observans & Instr^{ns} prepared by the
Lordsships f yr use & Inform^{on}, containg the Lordsships' Sentiments
upon / late Transacts o Mrs Melvill & Natives Complaints o her
conduct, wh h bn transmitted; to wh they desire y will make such
Addit^{ns} as sh appear to y to be necessary & proper in / present
Situa^{on} o Affairs, I am - &c -

Whitehall

July 1. 1752

John Pownall

1752.

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July 1.

Sketch o Observans & Instr^{ns} . . . [ut supra "f/ use & Inform^{on}
o/ Committee of Co^o Merchants Trade to Africa" - viz "y^r"] . . .

. [Copied on Red Notebooks p 707. 599. fm 10/70. 24. 14. 16.] . . .

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July 4.

Letter to / Commit-
tee o/ Co^o &
o Merchants tra-
de to Africa

To/ Gentlemen of Committee of Co^o Merchants Trade to Africa.

Gentlemen

My Lords Commissioners of Trade & Plantations have under
the Considerat^{on} / Papers relative to / Disputes betwⁿ yr Agents & those
o/ Dutch West India Co upon / Coast o Africa, I am directed by the
Lordsships to desire / favour o yr Attendance thereupon at the Board on Tuesday next /
y^r Instant, & the Lordsships desire t y will bring w y all such f^r Evidence as y can
produce either fm / Books o Old Co or otherwise, relative to / Points in Dispute
& partly, t y wd enquire, whⁿ any Acknowledgements h at any time bn paid to
/ Natives o Comenda or Attchumah; & if any, upon what Act these Acknow-
ledge^{nts} h bn paid. I am - &c -

Whitehall

July 4 1752

John Pownall

1752

July 23.

Represent^m
to / Lords Justices
relative to /
Disputes w/
Dutch upon /
Coast o Africa.

To Her Excellencies / Lords Justices

May it please yr Excellencies

In Obedience to yr Excellencies Commands signified to Us by a
Letter from Mr Amyand dated / 30th April last We h^e Taken into Our
Consideration / Copy o a Letter to yr Excellencies Secretaries from Mr
Cleland Secretary to / Lords o / Admiralty, dated / 12th o / same month,
transmittg to them / Copy o a Letter to him from / Honble Cap^t Howse
o His Majesty's Ship / Glory, in wh^{ch} certain Articles o Agreement entered
into or signed by / Agents & Officers o / Committee o / Co o Merchants tradg to Africa, & / Directors
Gen^l o / Dutch West India Co at Elmina, upon t Coast; by wh^{ch} Agreement some disputes wh^{ch}
had arisen w respect to Jurisdiction & Sovereignty over / Natives & / Privilege o Landing &
Waters at certain Places near / Forts belongg to both Nations, are referred to refered to
/ Decim o / two Cos in Europe.

As / Papers referred to Us by yr Excellencies did not explain what
were / Points o dispute wh^{ch} had given rise to / afore-mentioned Agreement We thought our
Duty to call upon / Committee o / African Co to lay before Us all such Papers as they
mt h^e recd from the Agents relative to this Affair to / end t yr Excellencies mt
h^e fullest Inform^m in a matter o so gr^t National Imp^o & having recd from / sd Co
a gr^t variety o Letters & o^r Papers relative to this Affair, & obtained / best In-
forma^m We are able upon / sd Points, We sh^e humbly take leave to lay before
yr Excellencies, a short State o / Disputes & in what manner they arose, &
sh^e Subjoyn our Opinion o what appears to Us proper to be done thereupon.

The dispute wh^{ch} gave rise to / Conven^m or Agreement betwⁿ /
President & Council o Cape Coast Castle & Mr Van Voorst Chief Agent of
/ Dutch West India Co at Elmina on / 10th October 1751 (wh^{ch} has been
referred to Us by yr Excellencies) appears to h^e arisen from / English Coy's
Agents at Duxare having in 1750 seized one o / Chiefs of Hansta Nation
who inhabit / Coast thereof, upon suspicion o his being accessory to a Robbery

committed some years before. This occasioned / Hantab to seize some o /
 Co's Slaves, & many were taken Prisoners on both sides. Thus far it was only
 a quarrel w / King o / Hantab, till / Dutch Director Gen at Elmina sided w
 t / King, sent Deputies to make up t / diffc; But as they wsd not speak
 English & / Co's Agent cd not speak Dutch, / Conferce broke off, & in three
 days / Fort was attacked & / Dutch Gen did in a letter to / President o Cape
 Coast Castle o / 30th April 1750, declare War agst / English upon a false
 Informan^m as / President alledges, t / Co's Agent hd attacked Bushhua, a Village
 within gunshot o Dixcove wh, tho it hd formerly bn sometimes neutral &
 sometimes English, / Dutch now claim. A Cessa^m was at length agreed to on,
 but before it was elapsed / Dutch seized two Canoes w 22 free men; Hosti-
 lities continued till / Arrival o Captain How. Commander o His Majesty's
 Ship / Flory, who, after a full examina^m & considera^m o / Affairs, demanded
 / English Prisoners fm / Dutch, who immediately delivrd them up to him &
 / afore mentioned Conven^m was agreed to & ratified.

This however is not / only point in dispute, f soon after /
 Ratifica^m o this Conven^m / Dutch director Gen, upon pretice t / English Agent
 at Dixcove hd declared t / Dutch hd thereby disclaim'd f ever all
 Right to Aitchuah, a place abt two miles fm Dixcove, directed /
 Chief o / Dutch Fort o Acquedah to signify to / English t / Soil o
 Aitchuah was / Property o / Dutch & its Inhabitants thre Subjects, t he
 shd accordgly exercise Acts o Sovereignty, & in / first place collect a
 Toll on fish. In / many letters wh h pass'd betw / English President
 o Cape Coast Castle & / Dutch Gen on this subject, / latter asserts w
 positively / Right o his Ma^m to / Village o Aitchuah; but he offers no
 Proof o t Right. On /^o hand / President alledges t / Place in Quest^m
 has bn peaceably possessed by / English f 50 Years at least; / they

h^e has constantly supplied themselves wth Timber & Limestone for thence; & t^{he} / Dutch had always asked permission to take th^{ese} necessaries from t^{he} place. In proof o^f these Assertions, he sets forth / following Facts, wh^{ich} he offers to prove by depositions on Oath. In / year 1736 (at wh^{ich} time Mons^{ieur} Debordes was Director Gen^{eral} o^f / Dutch Factories) / Dutch Chief o^f Bonting attempted to exercise Jurisdiction, but Mons^{ieur} Debordes upon Complaint made to him disavow'd / Chief's Proceedings, & said he had done wrong & reprimanded him for it; & fur^{ther} t^{he} / Dutch Decree new Governor o^f Accra, did, at / request o^f / Dutch Chief give him two Canoe-load o^f Limestone from Atchual to repair his Fort, wh^{ich} request, / President presumed, wd never h^{ave} been made if Atchual had belonged to / Dutch.

This is a third matter o^f dispute wth / Dutch, wh^{ich} arose in 1746, & has been lately revived concern^{ing} / Right to / Bay or Land^{ed} Place at Commenda, where both Nations h^{ave} a Fort; / State o^f wh^{ich} Dispute is as follows.

In June 1746, a Dutch Soldier having for a while taken a Fish from an English fisherman at Commenda, & struck him, / English Cos Agent directed / Fishermen to defend themselves if / Dutch sh^{ould} attempt a second time to take the Fish; they obey'd these Orders & a Skirmish ensued betw^{een} / Fishermen & / Dutch Soldiers & Cos Slaves. This triffl^{ing} Circumstance appears to h^{ave} been / Source o^f a dispute wh^{ich} concerns a point o^f National Right & still remains to be determined. F^{or} / Dutch hereupon assumed an exclusive Right to / whole Bay, wd suffer no English Canoe to land at / Land^{ed} Place, wh^{ich} had till then been in Common to both Nations; attacked / Fishermen w^{ith} small Arms who attempted to land there, burnt & destroyed / English Cos Canoes & Shade & at length fired / Cannon o^{ver} the Fort on /

182 English Fort wh returned it, & Shot was exchanged f / g best part o /
yth o July when a Cessa^m o Hostilities was agreed on.

From this time to Decem^r follows, / English Agents at Commenda (sic)
endeavoured to settle this dispute Amicably w / Dutch Director Pen, but
find^g t he continued obstinately & positively, to asser^t / Exclusive Right
to his Constituents w^t of fers^g / least proof o^r it, they then sent him a formal
t Protest agst his Proceed^gs, asser^tg likewise / Right o / English to the Privilidge
o^r aⁿ o^r the Land^g Place at Commenda, & transmitted home Copies o all the
Papers relative to this Affair.

From / seel Papers t pass'd betwⁿ / sd Agents & Director Pen upon this
Occasion, it appears t / Dutch alledge t they were / first Possessors o /
Territory o Commenda, t / Use o / Bay wh / English h^{ad} heretofore enjoy'd
was an Indulge wh it was in the Power to grant or refuse; & t as /
English Agent, des^{ly}, was, accord^g to the Act, / Aggressor in / Affairs o /
Skirmish, & hd therein insulted the Na^m, they did not think fit to Continue
t Permissⁿ any longer. They set forth t / common Use o / Bay was not
granted to / English before / Year 1734 or 1735, & this they say they can
prove, but they did not produce any Proofs, tho' called upon to do it.

On / o^r hand / Cos Agents asser^t t / English had bn in Practice
o Land^g & go^g off w the Cannos in / sd Bay since there was an English
Fort at Commenda, t the Right to do so had till then never bn disputed.

t / call^g t Right in question was contrary to / fourth Article o / Agreement
bear^g date / 27^o May 1707, made betwⁿ / two Cos in Europe whereby it is
stipulated t, no Merchant or any Nature on / Coast sh be hindered by any
Person or Persons in / Service o either Co, directly or indirectly, to go or come
fm any Factory on / Coast; t in / seel Conventions made betwⁿ / two Cos fm
t time to 1729, no menⁿ is made o it, t / British Na^m h a Right to Land

Prescription, as it does not appear to / Dutch's to ever quere any formal Interruption to / constant use wth / English & made o this Bay, nor authentically taken any measures at any time to prevent / Right wh has accrued fm this Prescription.

In proof o / Fish o these Arrivants, / Cos Agents he transmitted a Copy o / Certificate o / Pymms or Chief Men o / Fishermen, concerning / Anaint Customs w regard to / Use o Land^g Place, wherein they declare t it has always bn free to both English & Dutch Vants. T they never knew any dispute betwⁿ / Forts concern^g the use o Rights o / sd Bay but t it was always understood as Common to both; t in regard to / Canoe Shades, / Chiefs used to allow them as they thot fit, sometimes build^g it in one Place or sometimes in ano^r; T when Mr Raems was chief o / Dutch Fort + Mr Besouth chief o / English Fort, the happend some dispute betwⁿ / Native Fishermen o both Towns, concern^g / part^r Bounds o Land^g o the Canoes; in wh dispute two mens belong^g to / Dutch were killed, But / Decisⁿ o / Boundaries beg left by / Chiefs o both Forts to / Fishermen themselves, Assama, at t time beg head-man o / Dutch, & Acquaba on / English side, it was by them agreed t a Stake shd be set up on a part^r spot somewhere near ab^t / middle where / two Canoes Shades last stood. And t ever since t time, all t part o / Bay lgg to / eastward o t stake has retaind / name o / Dutch Land^g Place, as t Part to / Westward o it has t o / English Land^g Place, T / reason o / Forts mov^g the Shades so close to / Land^g Place as they last stood was by a joint Agreem^t o / Chiefs then at / Forts, in order to prevent / Natives fm carry^g on an illicit Trade on board private Ships in / Night-time, t as a full convinc^g proof o / Right o / English Subjects to land in Common w / Dutch, always won / Dutch fishermen, as well as themselves, always, at the return fm Fish^g, used to pay a Toll or Custom to / English Cobbeaces o Commenda, hec, as they say, he made a Purchase o / Ground fm / them King o / Aquaf for.

The Agents h also transmitted / Copy o a Certificate fm Roger Edwards
 & William Earnshaw to / Commander o His Majesty's ship / Mary
 Gally, in wh they Affirm, T on a Survey o / Shore o Commda, it
 appears Plain to them, t there is no holdg free Communica^m w/
 English For th^r use than by a free & uninterrupted Use o /
 unquestionable Right to / Common Bay or Landg Place w/ Dutch Settlem^t
 th^r; th^r beg^m in reality no^d. T as to / Intricate passages betwⁿ / Rocks
 wh / English Negro Subjects do, while / Dutch Na^m prevents them fm /
 Use o / Common Bay, make use o to go out to fish, when / Sea permits,
 it is alto^g impossible f^r lge Canoes such as are Commonly made use o
 f Transportg Proviost & Merchandiza to land th^r. T / Mouth o /
 River is constantly dry at low water, not even accessible at high water,
 exceptg at Part^r Seasons o / Year, when / Sea is Calm & Smooth, T /
 British Subjects makg Use o it at those times must be only f^r Ease o Car-
 riage as it is much rougher / Fast than / proper Landg Place; And t / in con-
 veniency standg / Harbourg, th^r is t on any Emergency they must wait till
 three quarters flood before they can get out, besides wh its often fills up,
 as it appeared them v^y likely to do. T upon / whole, shd / Dutch Na^m continue
 to deprive / British Subjects o / free Use o / Landg Place / Consequ^e evidently will
 be / total Deber^m o / British Natives, as th^r fishg, wh is th^r chief support,
 will be thereby interr^upted, & / British Settlem^t o Commda will be
 consequently ruin'd almost o no Significan^m.

Fm / forego^g State o Facts it will evidently & clearly appear to Y^r
 Excellency, t / Pretens set up by Mr Van Vorst, / Dutch Director Gen^l
 at Almida f^r excludg His Majesty's Subjects fm havg any Intercourse
 or Correspond^e w/ Natives in habitg abt Diacove h no founda^m either
 in fact or reason, & t / Actual Declara^m o War made by him & / Hostilities
 Committed in support o such false Pretens is a manifest Usurpⁿ o / Rights
 o His Majesty's Subjects & o / Peace & good Understandg wh o^r to Sustain

• Vide Capt's letters, Capt Swanton, Mary Gally. Adm^l.

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between / Subjects o two Nations so closely connected in Interest & Alliance. / Rights
o His Majesty's Subjects to Attendance & to / Knowledge o Landg in / Bay o Com-
monda are clearly & fully proved; & / Pretences made by Mrs Van Voorst o an ex-
clusive Right thereto, are unsupported by any Proofs what^r, contrary to / Agreements
heretofore entered into by both Cos, & if admitted will render / English Forts
now in Possession o His Majesty's Subjects, entirely useless.

We are therefore humbly o Opinion t / National Rights o his Majesty's
Subjects shd be supported, & t it wd be g^rly f^r the Interest as well as t o
/ Subjects o the High Mightinesses / States Gen. t no time shd be lost in bringg
/ disputes to a final & amicable Dismissal & Conclun, in order to prevent any fut^r
Unreasonableness or Misunderstandg between them; How far this can be brot abt say
a Negotiam between / two Cos conformable to / Terms o / Agreement made upon /
Coast, We cannot take upon us to say; if how^r such a Negotiam can be
carried on We are humbly o Opinion t it wd be advisable f^r His Majesty
to interpose his Royal Favour & Countenance in support o / Rights o his Sub-
jects, by directg His Minister residing in Holland to give all possible assistⁿ
towards bringg / matter in dispute to a happy Conclun. As we cannot how^r
but be apprehensive, t a Negotiam between / two Cos may be attended wth
Difficulties, We wd humbly submit to the Excellencies wher it wd not be /
more advisable & effectual way o puttg an end to this affair, t a full
state o / Case attended wth all / Papers (Copies o wh are herewith
annexed) shd be transmitted to His Majesty's sd Minister & t he shd be
directed to make a Proper Representation thereupon & to endeavour to
settle & adjust / said Points in dispute in a manner consistent wth
/ Just Rights & Interests o his Majesty's Subjects

W^{ch} is most humbly Submitted.

Whitehall
July 23^d 1752 }

Dunk Halifax
Charles Townshend
Andrew Stone
James Oswald

M. Mangin
in red ink
Vide B^o
Dd. 165^o
186^o

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358/45
where / last
doc is
Dd. 177.

186.
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Novem^r 8

Letter from Mr
Pruce all to Mr
Hollis Secy to
/ Committee
o/ Comp^y o
Merchants Tra-
ding to Africa
inclosg a Copy
o the Letter to Mr
Melville Agent
at Cape Coast Cas-
tle w^{ch} some ad-
dres thereto

Whitehall

Novem^r 8 1752

To William Hollis Esq. Secretary to / Committee o/ Co^m Merchants
Trading to Africa

Sir The Draught^r o a letter from / Committee o/ Co^m
Merchants Trading to Africa to Thos Melville Esq^r at
Cape Coast Castle, wh^{ch} y deliver'd to me yest^r, has
bin laid before / Lords Commissioners of Trade &
Plantations, the Lordships h^{av} directed me to return /
sd Draught to y, wth some additions wh^{ch} they h^{av}
thot proper to make thereto, & to desire y will lay
/ same before / Committee, & / Original Letter may
be made conformable thereto before / departure o /
Ships wh^{ch} y acquainted me are ready to sail. I am - &c -
John Pownall

In margin on
red ink:-

Vide Bundle

Dd. 104

[P 76. supra]

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March 28

Letter to / Rt Hon^{ble}
/ Earl o Holderness
or, Melville Sec-
tary o me from Mr
Melville Chief Agent
at Cape Coast Castle
to / Committee o
/ Comp^y o Mer-
chants Trading to
Africa dated 23^o
Sep^r 1752

To / Rt Hon^{ble} / Earl o Holderness, one o His Majesty's
Principal Secretaries o State

My Lord.

The Committee o/ Co^m Merchants Trading to Africa h^{av} laid
before us / Copy o a letter to them from Mr Melville, the Chief Agent at Cape Coast
Castle upon / Gold Coast o Africa, dated / 23^o Sep^r 1752 in wh^{ch} he acquaints them t^h he
has concluded a Treaty w/ Fantee N^{at}ns whereby they oblige themselves to
give up the Interest & Commerce w/ French & f^{or} ever to exclude them
from coming th^{er}

Vide Bundle

Dd. 122

[P. 76. supra]

As Annamaboe is the principal Place o Trade upon t^h Coast where /
French h^{av} attempted to make a Settlement & / Committee wth His Majesty's Approbation
h^{av} sent out Materials for building a Fort, is situated in this N^{at}ns; as / being a firm
Allie wth them is o / great consequence to / British Interest upon / Gold Coast o Africa,
will establish our Trade th^{er} upon a lasting Foundation & prevent a Continuance o a
v^{ry} costly & considerable expence, wh^{ch} this N^{at}ns has lately bin at in sending a l^{et}

additional Naval Force to protect & support to just Rights in / prewar'd State in wh they h lately
 stood; We h therefore shopt in our Duty to give yr Lordship / earliest Informaⁿ o so happy an event, &
 more so, as / disputes w / French relatv to this Point may possibly h b'n / Subject o a negotiaⁿ
 betw / two Crowns; And We desire yr Lordship will be pleas'd to lay / inclos'd Extract o our
 Meddell's letter, wh contains an Acc^t o this Affair, before His Majesty, Ideare - &c -
 Whitehall
 March 28, 1753 } Dunk Halibae / J. Pitt / Dupplin

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 May 3d
 Letter to Mr
 Hollen, Secy to
 Committee o
 Comp^t o
 Merchants Tra-
 ding to Africa

Whitehall
 May 3d 1753 }

Sir The Lords Commiss^{rs} of Trade & Plantations have recd a letter from Mr
 Grace / Duke o Newcastle, w a Copy & Extract o two letters to him from Mr York,
 His Majesty's Minister at / Hague, relatv to his transacⁿ w / "vide Bundle
 Dd. 124"
 [pp 82-3 supra]
 Minister o / States Gen upon / Points in dispute betw / Agents o /
 Co o Merchants tradg to Africa & / Gen^l o / Dutch West India Co
 upon / Coast o Africa, the Lordships h appointed Wednesday next to
 take these Papers into Consideraⁿ & I am desir'd to desire yr writ acquaint /
 Committee o / Co o ~~Merchants~~ Merchants tradg to Africa therewith, & t the Lordships
 desire the Attendance at the Board on t Day. I am - &c -
 John Pownall

1753
 320] July 9th
 Letter to / Duke
 o Newcastle upon
 Letters from Col
 York to his Grace
 & / Papers ther-
 with transmitt'd
 relative to / dis-
 putes betw /
 Affrican Co
 o / Dutch West
 India Co.

To His Grace / Duke o Newcastle, One o His Majesty's Principal Secretaries
 o State,

My Lord
 In Obedience to His Majesty's Commands signified to us by yr
 Grace's letter dated 15th day o April last We h taken into our Consideraⁿ
 a Copy & Extract o two letters to yr Grace from Colonel York His Majesty's Min-
 ister at / Hague, relatv to / disputes wh h arisen upon / Coast o Africa
 betw / African Co o England & / Dutch West India Co; & t We w't be / better
 enabled to lay before yr Grace our Sentiments o what Orders w'd be proper to be
 given to Col York w respect to these Points w't called upon / Committee o / Co o
 Merchants tradg to Africa to lay before us
 "Bundle Dd
 No 146"
 [pp 88 supra]
 "ib. 145"
 [Red nb. 725]
 1. All such additional Points o Rights o Crown o St Britain
 w respect to / Points in dispute as they sh'd furnish, & partly in
 Answer to what / Dutch h't Alleg'd
 2. The Sentiments upon / respective^s proposed by / Dutch &
 an Accomodaⁿ
 3. Copies o Conven^{ts} in / Years 1707, 1708, & 1728 mentioned
 in Col York's letter, together w such fur^r Informaⁿ & Opinion upon
 / Seal Points as they sh'd think Proper.
 "Bundle Dd
 No 147"
 [pp 46 500
 supra]

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In consequence of this Refere / Committee he made a Report to us upon / Several Points, wh
we humbly beg leave to lay before yr Grace, togs w a Copy o / Evidence in support o / Right o
/ Crown, w respect to / Matters in dispute, & also Copies o / Treatys or Conventions made betw
/ English & Dutch African Cos in 1707, 1708, & 1728 annexed to / sd Report, beg / best Evid
wh can be collected & / only Evidence we are able to produce wh can h any weight in / presen
dispute betw / two Cos, or viable Col^o York to form a Just Idea o / foundam o this Majesty's
Rights

It may not be improper to observe to yr Grace, t this Negotiaⁿ turns upon turns
upon several diff^t Points, viz / Right wh / Dutch claim o / exactg a Toll at / Bay o Comenda;
/ Right claimed by / two States to / towns o Busha & Atchua; & / Demand made by /
Committee o / African Co o a Recompce f / Expenses brot upon / English by / Mission o the
Known Rights & Properties

As to / first o these points, / Gen allegaⁿ in / Declaratⁿ o Mr Van Starckenberg,
transmitted by Mr Yorks Computer t us noⁿ o / Dutch Right to a Toll, wh it was brot to
/ support: It is evident from this Declaratⁿ, t this Toll was first collected only upon / English
Vessels wadg / Toll by Collection w / English; & / parts Evidence o this fact & / Agreement wh was made
in 1736, is vry clearly & distinctly given in / State o Right laid before us by / African Co, wh in
this Matter throws a gr light upon / Act o Mr Van Starckenberg, wh it w^d otherwise be vry
difficlt to understand, & / proves this Transacⁿ, wh he begs as a Proof o an immemorial
Right in / Dutch, prudently omitg / date o it, to h bⁿ a Regularⁿ o / year 1736, takg its Rise
from parts Circumstances intended f / Convenience o / Dutch & extended no fur than to a part o / Bay

As to / town o Busha, both / African Co & / Dutch West India Co have agreed in
proposg a / neutrality f t Place.

As to / Right to Atchua, wh seems to be o gr Consequence to this Majesty's Interest in Africa,
as beg / Place from whence / English h the droma Timbur & Provins, nothing fur can be done
in support o this Majesty's Right than to transmit to Col^o York / Papers wh h received o it.

As to / demand o a Recompce to / African Committee, yr Grace is / best Judge had
fore it may be proper to mix matters o Charge w Questns o Right upon this Occasⁿ & how fore
it wd be expedient or likely to facilitate an accommodaⁿ to insist upon such a Recompce.

We h not made any Alteraⁿ in / manner o sitg / Evidence furnished us by / African
Committee, bec it is already put into a vry good Order, & we hope we h answered / Intenⁿ
o yr Graces desire to us by furnishing such Evidence as may be scarceable in proving this
Majesty's Rights, w such Observans on our own part as may tend to enforce^m o t Evidence

White Hall

July 9th 1753

We are - &c -

Dunk Halifax
Charles Townsend
James Oswald