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My Lords. I am commanded by His Majty to refer to ye Consideran / inclosed Petion o / Royal Affrican Co setg forth / Hardships they lye under, / Decay o / Trade & Negroes, & what they apprehend to be / Causes o it. Yu are please to give due Attenn to a Matter o so gr Weight & Consequence, & to report to His Majty yr Opinion o what is set forth in / sd Petn, & o / Methods proper to be taken for / preserving so considerable a Branch o / Trade o His Majtys Subjects I am — &c —
Holles Newcastle

Commrs o Trade

To / Kings most Excellent Majesty
The humble petion o / Royal
Affrican Co o England

Sheweth

That / Trade to Affrica hath at all times esteemed / main Support o yr Majtys Colonys & Plantans in America, & in many yr respects highly beneficial to this Kingdom, His Majtys King Charles / 2d for / preservan & better improvemt o / sd Trade was graciously pleased by his Charter under / Gr Seal o England, bearg date / 27th day o Septr 1672. to Grant to / Royal Affrican o England / Sole Trade to & from o / Coast o Affrica comprehended betwn / Port o Sally in South Barbary, & / Cape o Good Hope, w such Powers & Priviledges as were at ye time judged reasonable & Sufficient to enable / sd Co to advance, carry on, & improve so Valuable a Trade.

That for supporg / English Interest on / Coast o Affrica agst yr European Rivals, as well as for / Conveniency & Security o the Trade of / Natives, / sd Co not only purchased o the Predecessors such Forts & Settlemts as they were then actually possessed o, but have also been obliged, from time to time, as / power o yr Rival Nations has increased, gitly to enlarge the old, & to build & erect many new Forts & Settlemts at a very great & extry Charge & expence.

T recovery. preserv & improv this Trade. / sd Co did at first raise a Stock o one hundred & Eleven Thousand pounds, & h since by Sundry Subscripns & Calls on the Adventurers, raised so many such large Summs. as in / whole amounts to near One Million o money: But t notwtg these thr repeated Efforts, / sd Trade is at this time in / gtst danger o beg lost to / Nation, & in consequce throf / British Plantans in / utmost hazard o beg ruind & undone.

T / present ill state & condn o this Trade is occasiond partly by / more than ordy Resort o / Dutch, French, & Portuguese to / Coast o Affrica, / late Insults & hostilities wch / sd Co h received fm / Portuguese at Cabenda, & fm / French in / River Gambia, and / repeated attempts both those Nations h lately made to gain a better footg & Interest w yt Natives o those Countrys; But Chiefly by reason t f many Years past, gt Numbers o private persons (Ss Mayts Subjects) h fitted out Ships, & Traded on their own private & Separate Acctt to those dy parts o / Coast, where, wt / protecn o / sd Co's Forts & Settlemts they cd not be able to carry on any Trade; By wch Meanes / sd Co h not only been at a gt expence in maintaing thr sd Forts & Settlemts, & such private Traders putt to no Expence at all on t Acctt, t own inconsiderable Duty excepted, & wch continued only f a few Years, But such a Competn & so many ill practices h been introduced between / said contending parties and / Natives o Affrica h so fare taken / advantage o such Divisns & interfering Interests t in many places they h raised / price o Negros to more than four times / Value o what they were formerly purchased f; wch misfortunes still daily increasg by / practices o / South Sea Co's Servants on / Same Coast, who are continually enhancg / prices o Negros to such a degree, as nothg but / gt rates t Co sell them at to / Spaniards, cd enable them to bear; insomuch t by these meanes, it is become impracticable, not only f / African Co under thr present circumstces, but likewise, as they believe, f any pr private Merchants to furnish Ss Mayts Plantans w any considerable Numbers o Negros fm those parts o / Coast, wt apparent loss to themselves. Hn Court, wch / sd Co were so sensible must be / unavoidable Consequce o a Competn fm so powerfull a Body, Tn / Month o December 1724 they thot it their Duty to lay a Representan touchg / same (a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed) before / Rt Honble / Lord Visct Townshend, Ss Mayts Principal Secretary o State, a Grievce wch not only affects / African Co in a peculiar manner but wch, if not remedied in time, must of course prove / ruin o / sd Plantans, & as is much to be feared, be / occasn o thrs Trade beg entirely lost to / Kingdom.

T / sd Co's Losses, Disappointmts & Discouragemts are such t they h been obliged to come to a Resolun to putt an entire Stop to thr Trade f / present. And in a short time by reason o / gt charge they are at in keepg & maintaing thr sd Forts & Settlemts, will be necessitated to abandon them, notwtg they h cost them so dy dear, and t they make so considerable a part o thr present Estate, & are, as they apprehend, o / gtst use & impce to this Nation, unless proper measures be speedily taken to putt / Trade upon such a foot, as may enable those concerned therein, t carry it on in all its branches, in / most advantageous manner, & more especially to furnish / British Plantans w sufficient Numbers o Negros at cheaper rates than they are forced now to pay for them, w a reasonable Profit likewise to themselves.

T f these purposes / sd Co are still Willg & ready to contribute
their best Endeavrs, & to submit & agree to such measures as sh be thot
fit & reasonable to be taken f / preservan o so Valuable & necessary
a Trade, & f remedyg / many gr disorders & Labours under at
present. Beg fully assured t under Yr Majtys just & most auspicious
Reign, what Resolutns sh be taken, such regard will be had to / Right
& Property o / Royal African Co o England as / Nature o / Case sh require.

May it therefore please Yr Majty graciously &
Vouchsafe to take / State & condicn o / Trade to
Africa into Yr Royal consideran, and to grant
Yr Petrs Such Relefe as to Yr Majty
in Yr Gt Wisdom sh seem meet.

By Order o / Royal African Co
o England
Fra: Lyam Secr.

African House
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To / Rt Honble / Lord Viscount Townshend.
His Majts Principal Secretary o State.

The humble Representan o / Court o
Assistants o / Royal African Co o England

May it please Yr Lordp.

The Royal African Co o England having f many Years
struggled w gt difficultys in carryg on a Trade, beneficial to this Kingdom
not only w regard to / Exportan o its Manufactures, but / Importan
o Gold, Ivory, Dye Woods, & ot most Valuable Commoditys, was abt 4
Years since reduced to ye lowest Ebb, & in all probability had then
Sunk, & so extensive a Branch o Commerce hn lost to / Nan, if sevl
Gentn had not agreed togr to advance money by an Engagemt on /
Stock o / Co, not only to clear / heavy Debts they then lay under, but also to
Support & carry on / Trade f / future. In Order whereto the Forts &
Settlemts on / Coast o Africa were repaired, new ones erected, & necessary
Offrs sent abroad. Many Ships built & taken up on Freight, & ye
Numbrs o Seamen employd, & proper Cargoes o Goods sent out; The
Charge o all wch fm t time to time has amounted to upwards o £600,000
wch tho a very lge Summ, is but a small part o what / Trade wd require, was
/ Co permitted to carry it on upon / foot / Charter intended. The Returns
fm / Exports wd likewise hn answerable, had not / Trade itself met
w so gt an interruptn & discouragemt fm its beg open to / Private
Traders who not beg at / expence / Co are, hn able to part w their
Goods at under rates. And thereby teaching / Natives / Value o them & enabled
them to raise / prices o Slaves in most places liable to what they were
formerly, by which means we are sorry to say, / Plantns hn gtly
suffered, & / loss & damage to this Nation has bn very considerable; Neither /
Co nor (as we are informed by Our Agents) / Separate Traders having
bn able for sevl Years past to send thither near / Number they yearly
require.

But what moves us Chiefly at this time give Yor Lordp. this trouble, is / apprehen we are under o beg f / future disabled frm carryg on / Trade w any prospect o advantage, by / powerfull competn we meet w in frm / South Sea Co. who not w their having already furnished them w gt quantitys o Slaves, & / reasonable Offer we h made them, to supply them w what fur Numbers they shd want, h thot fitt to purchase on themselves, and in Order thereto h lately sent out several Ships & are daily fitting out more; / consequce o wh must be, that as Some or other o their Ships will be perpetually on / Coast, / contenn between Our Agents, this, & / Separate Traders will Still lower / prices o our Goods, & raise / Negres to Such a height as will not only prevent Sendg to / Plantations any thg near / proporn they annually want, wh must o course prove their ruin, but be, in a little time, as We cry much fear, / occasn o this Trade b[e]g entirely lost to / Kingdom; Especially when it is considered, That this misfortune is gtly increased by / interferg o / French, Dutch, & Portuguese, who h drawn a much gter Trade f Slaves these last three or four Years, than ever they h b[e]n known to do before, And are not only endeavouring to improve their Commerce, but to increase / Numbers o their Settlemts, to / vy gr prejudice o, & encroachmt upon Our undoubted Rights, who act under / Authority o Hrs Mays Charter: a Severe instance o wh We h felt frm / Portuguese in / loss o Cabenda, a Representan whereof has ~~lately~~ been lately layd before Hrs Grace / Duke o Newcastle.

As / Imple o this Trade to / Bar is perfectly understood by Yr ~~lordships~~ Lordp We will not take up Yr time by entering into a detail o / Nature & usefullness o it, but f Our own justificon in so publick a concern And t / inconveniencies wh must inevitably attend / loss o it may be prevented, We think it Our Duty to lay this Representan before Y. & to entreat Yor Lordp will be pleased to move Hrs Majty to take this Trade into Hrs Princely consideran, & to provide f / Support o it, in Such manner That either We, who h / Right o / Charter on our Side & are at a vy gr Yearly expence & h laboured under so many discouragemts & difficlties may at last be enabled to carry it on (under such Regulans as Hrs shall think expedient) to / benefit o / Publick as well as to Ourselves, & that We may not f Want thereof be forced, in Order to lessen Our Charges, to abandon any o ours Forts & Settlemts, Or that it may be putt upon such a foot, as will preserve it to / Man, makg it such consideran as shall be judged reasonable f Our Forts & Settlemts, Shipp[i]g & other Effects, And / Valuable Priviledges allowed Us by Our Charter.

All wh is most humbly Submitted

By Order o / Court o Assistants o /
Royal African Comp[a] o England
Fra: Lynn. Secr.

African House
Dec[r] 18th 1724

Endorsed. Trade.
Representan o/ Royal Affr
Compa to/ Right Honble / Lords
Commrs o Trade & Plantans
Mar. 2d 1725/6

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To/ Rt Honble / Lords Commissioners
f Trade & Plantans.

May it please Yor Lordps.

The Royal Affrican Co o England having most humbly petitiond His Majty graciously to Vouchsafe to take / present State & condin o/ Trade to Affrica into His Royal consideran: And Yor Lordps having bn pleased to do them / Honour to signify to them by a Letter fm Yor Secretary dated / 25th day o Febr last, That the sd Petn is referred to Yr Lordps Board, They humbly crave leave to Submitt to Yor Lordps consideran such material partrs as h fm occurred to them, in relan to / Subject matter o/ Same.

The sd Compa humbly presume t offer / Past Charge & Expence they h bn at f a long course o Years to purchase, build, & support their seal Forts & Settlemts on / Coast o Affrica, nothg can be a stronger proof o present ill & dangerous State & Condin o this Branch o Trade, than / Resolun they h found themselves obliged to come to, o putting an entire Stop to the Trade f Some time past; Wch it cannot be supposed they wod h done if they cd h carryd it on w any hopes o advantage to themselves. They therefore humbly hope, they may take be granted t Yr Lordps wise Dr o Opinion t this is an immediate necessity Somethg shd be done f / preservation o so necessary & Valuable a Trade, & f remedying / many gr discouragemts & disorders it labours under.

In Order to this. The sd Compa do fur hope they may presume upon Yr Lordps consurrence to / following Proposns.

1. That / Welfare & Prosperity o/ British Plantans depend in a gr measure upon / preservan & well Ordring o / Trade to Affrica.

2. That in order to preserve / Trade to Affrica fm falling entirely into ye hands o Foreigners, Forts & / Settlemts on t Coast are absolutely necessary

3. That / Charges o buying, building, & Maintaining such Forts & Settlemts & making / necessary Contracts & Allyances w/ Natives Natives or to be borne & defrayd out o / whole Trade carryd on to those parts.

4. That / better Supplying / British Plantans, as well as / Spanish Assientists & others, w such Quantities o Negroes as they may Justly h occasn f, & moderate rates, all due care ot to be taken to putt / Trade under such Regulatns as may best prevent / Natives raising / price o Negroes so exorbitantly as they h done f. seal Yrs past.

To answer these seal purposes / sd Co humbly apprehend, that nothg cd so effectually contribute, as a perfect Union & Harmony at all times betwn / seal persons that now are, or may hereafter be concerned in this Trade; And as this is in no ways to be procured, but by a Union o Counsels as well as Interests, so they

cannot but be o Opinion, t / best if not / only proper & effectual way o attaining those Ends wd be to carry on / Trade by a joint Stock, under such Regulans & Restrictions, as shd be judged reasonable: And if / sd joint Stock was made as lge as / Trade cd employ, if / African Cos Quick & Dead Stock were valued at a Moderate rate, & taken as part thereof, if / Shipps & ot Effects o / private Traders belongg to London & yt Out Ports were likewise Valued, & taken as anor part thereof, if / residue o / sd Stock were to be filled up by such persons as shd think fitt to be concernd therin. And if such an United Co shd undertake to carry on / Trade to / utmost extent to redress all / disorders therein, to furnish / South Sea Co w Negros much cheaper than they can buy them now themselves, to supply / Plantars regularly & plentifully with such numbers o hands as they shd be occasion of at moderate rates, And to extend the Trade to many gr & populous Inland Countrys o Africa, & thereby become Masters o some of richest Mines o Gold in / World, / African Co are persuaded, Yr Lordps will not be offended if they take / liberty to say t they cannot see w what reason or propriety, or by what rule or law such a National Corporan as they wd or cd be called a Monopoly.

But if it shd not be thot expedient to settle / Trade on such a foot / sd Co do in / next place humbly submitt it to be considered, whr upon their consenting to leave above two third parts o / Coast within / limits o their Charter (/ whole comprehendg upwards o Six thousand miles) free & open, & agreeg to bear / Charge o ther own Forts & Settlemts, they may not be justly intitled to / sole Trade o those Places, where they h bn at a vast expence in making & maintaing such Forts & Settlemts, & to / parts adjacent, within such limits as shd be agreed.

Hg f some other Expedients wh some h thot of, Such as a Duty on / Tunnage o all ships imployed in / Trade, or on all Goods exported to Africa in order to raise a Fund f defrayg / charges o / Forts & Settlemts, & makg / African Co a reasonable Satisfacn f ther Estate & Interest therein, they cannot but beg leave to observe to Yr Lordps. T in the Opinion such a Duty will neither answer those purposes w any manner o certainty, nor will / gt cause o complaint, / present high & exorbitant price o Negros be by this means in / least remedyed, or any ot o / growg Impositns o / Natives o Africa / more prevented: And yt unless some way can be found, not only to prevent / fur rise, but even to reduce / present exorbitant price o Negros especially on / Gold Coast & at Whydah, 'tis certain the melancholly Truth t / British Plantars can no longer be supplyd w any Considerable Number o Negros fm those parts. T / Cos Forts & Settlemts will become burthensom, & they must o necessity be obliged to abandon them, & consequently t all t Coast must in a vy few Years fall intirely into / hands o / Dutch & French, or ot Foreign Powers

If therefore Yr Lordps shd be o Opinion t this Trade ot to be Settled upon such a foot as t / whole Coast o Africa shd remain free & open f all Hs Majts Subjects to resort to, / sd Co do nevertheless humbly presume Yr Lordships Yr Lordps will agree t what way be taken, it ot to be such as shd make full & effectual Provisn f / following Parties, viz:-

1. That Forts & Settlements are absolutely necessary, & must be maintained & supported at a certain & great Yearly Charge & Expence, so that Fund wch is to be charged w[th] / same or Deficiency to be in all Events certain & sufficient

2. That such a Fund of to be raised upon / whole Trade after ye easiest & most equal manner that may be.

3. That in order to reduce / present exorbitant price of Negros on / Coast of Africa as well as to prevent & putt a stop to many & great Impositions of / Natives, some gen Regulations be agreed upon, & made binding to all Partys on that Coast, especially on such parts of / Coast where / African Cos Forts & Settlements are situated.

4. That a reasonable Valuation be putt upon / African Cos Forts & Settlements & that such Security be given for / paymt of / same as any or prudent Subject will require & be allowed in / like case.

5. These / sd Cos are persuaded Yor Lordps will allow to be fundamentall points, And that no Scheme or Establishmt wch shd not make full & effectuall provision for every one of them, can be agreeable to / Sevl partys concerned or afford a sufficient remedy for any one of / Evills so much complained of. And therefore since a bare Duty on / Tunnage of Ships, or on / Exports to Africa will in no respect answer such purposes, / sd Cos do in / last place humbly crave leave to submitt it to Yor Lordps consideration, whether / Trade to Africa may not be settled & / Interests of all / partys concerned taken in & provided for upon / foot of / following Propositions viz[t]: -

That a Subscripn be taken for such a Yearly Fund as shd be judged sufficient for defraying all / Common & necessary Charges of / Trade at home & abroad & for paying / African Cos such an Annuity for / use of their Forts & Settlemts as shd be thot reasonable.

That / Royal African Co, / South Sea Co, / Seperate Traders from / Ports of London, & / Separate Traders from / Out Ports be allowed to subscribe to / sd Yearly Fund in such proportions as shd be thot fitt.

That / Subscribers to / sd Yearly Fund be Incorporated, & be allowed to Trade each on their own private & separate Accts in proportn to ye Summs they shd Subscribe respectively to / same.

That / sd Subscribers have power to make such Orders, Regulations & Bye Laws for / better regulating their Trade with / Natives on / Coast of Africa, as they shd from time to time see fitt.

That such of / Out Ports, as shd choose to Trade only to those parts of / Coast wch lye to / Southward of Cape Formosa or / Bight, be excused from contributing anything to / sd Yearly Fund.

These being / Sentiments of / Royal African Co on this Important Subject they have only hope to intreat Yor Lordps to believe that if any better way can be proposed for Setling this Trade, they will most readily concurr & Agree to / Same.

African House
Mar: 2d 1725/6

By Order of Royl African Co
of England.
Fra. Lynn Secr.

Endorsed. Trade Affrica

Answer o/ Royl Affrican Co
to seval Querys sent them fm/
Rt Honble / Lords Commrs f
Trade & Plantations

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To/ Rt Honble / Lords Commissioners
f Trade & Plantations

May it please Yor Lordps.

In obedice to Yr Commands signifyd to/ Royal Affrican Co o Engleand by a Letter fm Yr Secretary o/ 3d instant, / sd Co having duly considered / seval Querys Yor Lordps were pleased to order to be sent them, do thereupon humbly take leave to answer

To/ 1st.

T to lay / Trade to Affrica intirely open, wd be to expose it more & more to all / ill. fatal, & ill disposed inconveniencys arisg, goorg, & still increasg fm a divided, disconcerted, & Interfering Interest, And gorg / Dutch & French Cos who are already vy powerfull in those parts / fairest oppy they cd possibly desire, to take possesn o t whole Coast at Last, & to exclude this Nation intirely fm any part or share thereof; And t therefore becomes necessy in Order to remedy all / inconveniencys so justly complained o & to prevent such ill consequces / vy Nature & uncommon circumstces o this Trade do necessarely require t it shd be carryd on by a Co.

To/ 2d

Since / Dutch, French, & Portuguese are possessed o many strong Forts & Settlemts on / Coast o Affrica (most whereof lye vy near to, or intermixed w those belongg to / Affrican Co) & are daily endeavourg to enlarge their Trade, & to fortify & secure to themselves whatr they h already or can for acquire in those parts o/ World; And since / French h already layd claim to / gtest part o/ Coast o Affrica to/ Northward o/ River Gambia extendg near 300 Leagues, & h f some time past taken all / Ships o ye Nation on t Coast, or within Six Leagues o/ same & t/ Portuguese putt in a claim to / whole Coast o Angola, & h lately in a vy unprecedented manner taken, plundered, & destroyed a Fort wh / Affrican Co at a vy gt Expence, built at a place on t Coast called Cabenda. The Royal Affrican Co are not only o Opinion, T it is absolutely necessary the present Forts & Settlemts shd be kept up & maintained, but do likewise humbly hope it will be their reasonable & expedient they shd be Enabled to support & defend / British Interest on t Coast agst / Encroachmts & hostilitys o all such Foreign Rivals in / best manner t may be, And even to make such new Settlemts, as they sh fm time to time see requisite f / benefit, improvemt & security o/ Trade

To/ 3d

That / Charges & Expences o such Forts & Settlemts ought most certainly to be borne & defrayed out o / Trade carryd on to those parts.

To/ 4th.

If it be considered t/ preservan or entire loss o/ Trade to Affrica & consequently o all / Trade to & from his Majtys Plantations depends in a vy gt measure on / preservan or loss o/ sd Forts & Settlemts, / real Value o them may on t respect be vy truly sd to be rated only as proporn exceed all price or estiman; If regard be had to what they h Cost (all things considered) cost / Co; Or if they were to be rated only in proporn to what / sd Co actually paid the predecessors f/ one

or two small Forts they bot o them. Or to what it has cost lately cost a Neighbouring Man to purchase & get possession o one small Fort at Cape-Three-points on / Gold Coast. / African Co mt at a moderate Value wch was worth Five hundred thousand pounds. But if this shd still be thot to gt upon a price, they humbly beg leave to add That case it sh be thot Expedient to Settle this Trade upon / foot o a Join Joint Stock, & under such Regulations, as by they may be encouraged encouraged to resume the Trade agn, they will most readily consent & agree to make such fair Concessions & allowances in t respect as sh be thot reasonable

To / 5th

The sd Co are o Opinion, t / Propositn o putting / Forts & Settlements wth / hands o / Crown will be attended w so many defects & Inconveniencys, especially in relan to / way & manner o raising / necessary Summs o money for purchasg or defrayg / Ch & annual Charge o / sd Forts & Settlemts, & makg & maintaing ye necessary Contracts & Alliances w / Natives, & of preventg many ye abuses wch will creep in under such a Constitn, t they cannot but look upon / same as wholly impracticable.

The Royal African Co having thus briefly answered Yor lordps Queerys, they humbly hope Yor lordps will give them leave to refer themselves to / Representan they had / honour to transmitt to Y / 2d inst. in relan to / Settlemt o this Trade, & do them / honour to believe, t if any fur Explanan sh appear needfull as to any o / sevl parties, they h taken / liberty to lay before Yor lordps they will be ready to do / same in such manner as Yor lordps sh think fitt to direct

By Order o / Royal African Co
o England
Fra: Lyon. Secr.

African House
Mar: 4th 1725/6

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Trade.
South Sea Co's Answer to
certain Queries relatg to /
African Trade
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S. 30.

My Lords

By Mr Popples letter o / 3d Inst. to our Secry Mr Wescomb We are acquainted w Yor lordps pleasure t We shd give Y our Answer in Writg to certain Queries inclosed concerng / African Trade, on / Consideran whrof Y intended to Sitt upon Monday next: The Queries are these following Viz.

1. Whr it be for / Service o / Publick t / African Trade shd be carried on by a Co, or laid entirely open.
2. Whr it be necessary t / Forts & Settlemts on / Coast o Africa shd be kept up & maintained?
3. Whr & Expence of men to lye upon / Trade?
4. What / present Value o those Settlemts is?
5. In what Manner / Property may be purchased, & how they sh be maintained for / future on / Hands o / Crown or otherwise.

May Lordships.

As / South Sea Co are at present / Spanish Assientists, they are become Considerable Traders to / Coast o Africa. And it is o Impce to them t / African Trade shd be put upon Such a foot, as t they may purchase what Negroes they want f / Spanish West Indies upon Terms equal to any o Traders Corporate or Separate, And therefore We are much obliged to yr Lordps t'y gave us / Oppy o Delivg our Thots on this Subject, altho We cd not Satisfy ourselves / Cos Interest to yr Care, wt humbly yr Lordps, beg permitted y will very well form yr Judgement by hearg / Argumts o ors. And t y will Conclude upon t Method wh sh appear to y to be / most Equal, Just, & Fitg. Pmit us yr Lordps are pleased to require our Thots, & h given us so Short time to Collect them, We desire t what We lay on Answer to yr Queries may be taken ~~in some D~~ to be on some Degree Superficial. And t We may be at liberty if Occn requires, o Explaing ourselves, or Correctg any Mistakes in / Opinions we give.

May Lords

We are firmly persuaded o / Necessity o Supportg / Forts & Settlemts on / African Coast f / Security o a British Establishmt &c, agst / Pretensions o yr Neighs; Bec o'wise / British Plantations wd be Subject to a Supply o Negroes too precarious

And altho a very Considerable Part o / sd Trade is managed & Carried on at Places where / African Co h not, nor ever hd any Forts or Settlemts, Yet / whole Trade to all Parts o / Coast, ought on our Opinion to Supply their Quota to Hands / Support o them.

May Lords.

If yr Lordps are w us in Opinion t / Forts & Settlemts are fitt to be supported & maintained & t / whole Trade shd bear an Equal Share o t Charge & Burthen, the Trade cannot We think consistently therewith be laid entirely Open; Some Method must be ascertained & secured f raisg / Proportionable Duty thereon, And this does not seem to us possible to be done but by one or yr o these Ways, either by a Regulated Co, who shd be Empowered to lay suitable Duty on / Trade carried on by / parte Traders, Or by an Exclusive Co wh shd Support them at their own Charge, Or by / Govt taking them into their own Hands & levyg such Duty on / Trade as shd from Time to Time be sufficient to Reimburse / Publick.

We believe there is not a Separate Trader t wd not think it / greatest Evil to h / Management o his Trade in / Hands o / Crown, by beg Subject to / Power o other Governors abroad, & so precarious in / Duty on their Trade as they wd in t Case be; so I say We imagine will not be acceptable to any Part o / Traders

As to an Exclusive Co, there are many good Argumts f Trade on a Joint Stock Exclusively, But under proper Restrictions; whereby / Trade wd very probably flourish, Negroes be bot on much easier Terms, Consequently / Plantations be Cheaper Supplied than they h been for many Years Past; And Attempts to further Discoveries made o / Inland Trade & Country by a Co so Established & Encouraged t may be o great Use & Advantage, wh can never be done by an Open Trade: But / Numbers o Ships employd by / Seperate Traders in London & / Out Ports & / great Estates they h Running & Depending on / Trade are Argumts o great Weight agst / so doing, unless they can be some way satisfied, wh yr Lordps will undoubtedly put in / Scale before y determine.

Under / first mentioned Method o a Regulated Co Supposed to be on / same Foot w / Levant or Russia Cos, / present Seperate Traders may, if they think fitt, become free o such a Co, & Trade, as they now do, upon their own Stocks & w their own Ships & Servants, General Regulations may be made from time to time f / good o / whole, by their own Consent & Agreemt, as they are always done by those Cos;

Reasonable Duties may be laid by themselves on / whole Trade, f Defrayg / usual Expences o / Co, Fany & Xtry Charges t Accidentally may Arise, & f payg / present African Co what sh be adjudged Reasonable f the Forts & Settlemts; w / present Value ~~thereof~~ whereof We are not in / least acquainted, but f adjusting wh an easy Method o Arbitrators may be found.

Thus my Lords, upon / whole, In answer to Yr 1st Quesn, We think it most f / Service o / Publick t / Trade shd be carried on by a Co & not laid entirely open, but o what Kind such Co sh be, must be submitted to Yr Lordps. And we necessarily think so, in Consequce o our Opinion, t / Forts & Settlemts shd be supported & maintained; & t / whole Trade & to bear the Proporn o t Charge, wh cannot well by any Method but t o a Co, be laid & collected. wh is our Answer to Yr 2d & 3d Quesns.

As to / 4th, We h no Measure to judge o / Value o the Forts & Settlemts by; but as to / manner o purchasg / African Cos property & maintaing them f / future in / hands o / Crown or otherwise, wh is Yr 5th & last Quesn, We h shewn t they may be purchased by Arbitrators, & maintained in future by Duties on / whole Trade; ~~but~~ we think it may not be so convenient to be in / hands o / Crown.

We h received / Copy Mr Popple sent us o / Royal African Co's Representan to Yr Lordps, but not beg willg to delay our present Answer, we chose to postpone / Consideran o it till it was done; but shd anything occurr upon Considerg / 3d Representan, so as to occasn us to alter our Sentimts w regard to Yr Queryes, We sh transmit / same to Yr Lordps as soon as possible.

By Order o / Court o Directors
o / South Sea Co
D. Wescomb.

South Sea House
4th March 1725.

Endorsed

Trade
Virginia
Dr fm Mr Micajah Perry
inclosg / answer o Sevl Virginia
Merchts to some Queries sent him
13 Jan 25 in relan to Yr African
Trade
Read March 11th 1725/6
Read Do 8

S. 31

Sir In obedice to / Commands o / Lords Comrs o Trade signified to me by yr favour o / 3d Instant I h laid / sevll Quesns proposed before / sevll Merchants Trading to Virginia & they h agreed to / inclosed Answer, wh they desire me to transmit to y. I did not think it necessary f them to sign it, but if it be required I believe they will be ready to do it. I am - &c -
Micajah Perry

London March 5th 1725/6

Whr it be f / Service o / Publick t / African Trade shd be carried on by a Joint Co or laid entirely open?

We are o Opinion t restraint / African Trade is vy prejudicial to / nan. t / Welfare o / British Plantns in America depends upon / carryg on t Trade in / most extensive manner, & in / most frugal manner, & t it be free & independent.

As to / extensiveness o / Trade it seems to us to be employd more hands & more Stock in / Seperate Trade than in / Joint Stock, on wh alone depends / prosperity o any Trade & renders it more beneficial to a nan.

It is certain t Seperate Traders carry on the Trade at less charge than a Corporan, t they manage the Affairs in more frugality, are more Studious in contrivg Methods f carryg on the Traffick & de greater deligce & applican presente the Projects, & as their own interest & / Welfare o their Familys depend upon their prudent managemt, they will not be so easily diverted fm such measures as will render the Trade both flourishg & extensive (wh is a National Advantage) as / Managers o a Joint Stock may be.

As / Prosperity o / British Plantns depends upon their beg plentifully Supplied w Negroes, / carryg on / African Trade by an Exclusive Co will make their sale (f the beg Supplied w Negros is so to them) be Subjected to / mercy o a Corporan; But if / Trade be laid entirely open, / Planters will be at liberty to Supply themselves w Negros if no body else will.

Whr it be necessary t Forts & Settlemts on / Coast o Africa shd be kept up & maintained?

We refer this Quesn to those who are more immediately in / African Trade, & are consequently / best Judges.

Whr t Expense of not to lye on / Trade?

The Trade & Navigan o / Subjects abroad, hath always ben esteemed to be as much / care o / Crown as / Protecn o their Lives & Properties at home, & if it be necessary to keep up Forts & Garrisons f this purpose, tis much reason f maintaing them at / charge o / Gov in Africa, as in America, & it will be no more expense, to keep Settlemts f / Security o a Trade, than to fit out Ships o War.

The Publick hath a gre Share in / Trade, as far as Virginia is concerned, than / private adventurer, f 2d pound o Tobacco, wh is / Labour o Negros, imported fm Virginia, brgs into / Treasury near 8 pence p pound; Whereas / Merchants Interest after Freight & Custom is deducted will not amount to above two pence p pound in an Average, on wh is included his Stock in Trade, / Risks o wh he hath risqued to / Benefit o / Nan, f wh reason / Trade ot to be protected at a National charge.

What / Present Value o those Settlemts are?

We know not / Number nor / condn o those Settlemts, & so cannot pretend to judge o / Worth o them.

In what Manner / Property may be purchased & how they sh be maintained f / future in / hands o / Crown or otherwise?

O this We are not Competent Judges

Endorsed

Trade
Lre [Edd of Mar 1725/6] fm Capt Hyde.
in Answer to sev Queries
relatg to / African Trade
Recd March 9th 1725/6
Read Do 9.

S. 32.

[The Queries are on p 9 Supra Capt Hydes replies are as follows]

[1] I am o opinion t if ye Trade to Africa shd be granted to an Exclusive Co. it wod be prejudicial to ye Trade o this Nation fr the a Co by / Degrees o the limited Stock may be able to Trade Cheaply f some time, yet I think it cannot be carried on w so much advantage & frugality as when / Welfare o ev'y Private Person is concerned in ye good Manage mt o each respective Voyage, & who will employ his whole time & Knowledge in ye Direction o ev'y part & branch o his Trade, & what makes it more necessary t it shd be Free & unrestrained is bec all ye Nations Trade on ye Coast o Africa as well as ye Subjects o Gt Britain, & ye Subjects o some of Princes h ye Advantages o better Markets fr their Negroes in America than / Subjects o Gt Britain, nor do I think ye first Cost o Negroes on ye Coast is o so much Consequence as preserving ye Trade to ye Nation, wh accordg to my own observation & ye best Informan I h had fm ye is most likely to be done by its being free & open to all Traders.

[2] Where it be necessary t Forts & Settlements shd be Kept up on ye Coast o Africa, I submitt to such as are Concerned in t Trade, but in gen I am o opinion t ye Coast well guarded by Ships o War is much more Serviceable to Trade than Fortifications by Land. Gr part o ye African Trade is carried on where ther are no Forts or Castles & ye Dutch carry on a Trade on yr Coast even in oppoin to their own Fortifications

[3] If Forts & Settlements shd be necessary on any Parts o ye Coast o Africa regard ot to be had not to burthen ye Trade, but they ot rather to be maintained & supported by ye Crown considerg ye Revenue t arises fm ye Produce o ye Negroes Labour in ye Plantations

[4] I know not ye Present condn & Value o ye Forts & Castles on ye Coast o Africa.

[5] As I h never been Concerned in ye Trade to Africa, I know not how to give yr Lordships any information upon this Querie

[S. 33 - nc]

Endorsed

Trade
Barbados.
Lre fm Mr Tryon w
his Answers to / Queries in
relan to / African Trade
Recd March 10 } 1725/6
Read do 11 }

S. 34.

Sr I am Conscrd y shd h yr trouble o sendg after me againe
f my Answrs to yr Boards Queries, wh I was unwillg to doe
till I hd shown it to three or foure o yr most Considerable Westr
India Planters now in England, wh I did not / oppty o doeg
till this day, & having kept the opportun o my Sentimts, I
now Inclose it to y to lay before the Lordships w my duty
& rc —

Wm Tryon.

Lyme Street
March 9th 1725 —

To / Rt Honble the Lords Commissrs f Trade
& Plantns

My Lords, In Obedice to yr Lordships' Commands recd
by yr Secretary I sh endeavour to answer yr Querys in
relacon to / Affrican trade as well as / Short time will permitt,
agreeable to yr Sentimts o some o ye / Planters o yr Sugar
Colonys now in Towne, & to yr Inclosed Printed Paper, /
Originall o wh was Drawn & Signd in Barbados by all /
Persons whose names are thr mencond, who were then / most
Considerable Proprietrs o / Land & Negroes o / Island aforesaid,
who also then signed a Petn to yr Parliamt for a Settlemt
o / trade to Affrica, to wh I crave Reference.

To yr first Query Experie hath proved t
Rayg / Trade open hath produced so many Seperate
Intrests & Buyers on / Coast Bidding one on / ot t they
h raised / Price o Negroes on yr Gold Coast & at wh doth
to six times / Price they were purchased by / Co when
they enjoyed thr Charter. Therefore its certainly f / Intrest
o / Publick to Buy Cheap, wh I conceive cannot be done
while so many Buyers appear on yr Coast, & t nothg
can reduce / Price o Slaves, so as to be sold in yr Plantns
at reasonable rates, but one Limited Intrest wh in time
will reduce / Exorbitant Imposins o / Negroe Merchants,
when they see they h but one Market, & Set o Buyers t
will not bid one on / ot.

To yr Second & third Queries I conceive it
absolutely necessary f / Safety o / Trade & Factorys t Forts
& Castles be Maintained & Increased at proper Places on /
Affrican Coast, & t / Charge thereof be born by those t
Carry on & Reap / Benefit o / Trade

To yr fourth Query, as to yr Value o /
Cos present Forts & Settlemts, I crave leave to say they
are Invaluable in Consideracon t / British Sugar Colonies
Depend on this Trade, wh cannot be Carryed on w them,
& were they in Possesn o any ot Trad Nation they wd then be
that so, tho set lightly by, by a few Persons t h some
Private Intrest in View & regard not / Plantacons on
whose Welfare so much o / Ballance o all our Trade
Depends by Export o thr Produce

To / fifth & last Query how they may be maintained & / future is already answered. but if by this is meant to put them into / hands of ye Crown to maintain, I conceive ye Governours & Garrisons not Subject to those yt Carry on / Trade and clash & Interfere in Interest to ye Prejudice of ye Trade in Gen[ll] & will doubtless Create Difficultys not easily to be remedyed. As to purchasg ye Forts none can Set a Value on them but / Proprietors & they must Submitt to ye Parliamt or whom else they sh Empower to Set ye Price as in ye Case of Unitg / two India Coys.

Nor can more be Sd on these Heads & Doubt not Yr are much better Apprized from other hands of / Necessity of puttg this Trade on a ffoot yt it may not be lost to ye Nation, / Consequence of wh must be / ruin of / British Sugar Colonys, / Value of wh is too well known to yr Lordships to let Slip any occon of Promotg the Welfare. I am — &c —

Wm Tryon.

Lond[o] March 9th 1725

In dorso - To Alured Popple Esq[r]
Secretary to
Hon[ble] Board of Trade
White Hall.

Endorsed. Trade

[In Print] "A letter from / most considerable Proprietors of / Island of Barbadoes, to / said Persons in Gr Britain interested in / sd Island, requesting their Application to / Honourable / House of Commons, for Establishg / African Trade by a Joint Stock."

[mss] Read 10th March
Read Do 11th } 1725/6

[Printed] A Joint Letter from / most considerable Proprietors of / Island of Barbadoes, to Colonel Richard Scot, Colonel Robert Steward, Richard Bate, Patrick Mein, & Thomas Fullerton Esqrs & other Friends in England, having Estates or Interests in / said Island, touchg / Petn wch they lately transmitted to be given in to / Honourable House of Commons, & having / Trade to Africa carried on by a Co of different Joint Stock: Copy of the Reasons subjoined.

Barbadoes

Barbados, August 1709

Gentlemen

"Beg sensible t, both by Interest & Inclinat, y are all engagd to do "good to this Island, We think it indispensably Necessary (& a Respect "due to yr Characters) to acquaint y, t we h signed a Petn to / "Honourable House o Commons, representg t unless / Trade to Affrica "be carried on by a Co o a sufficient Joint-Stock, We h not / least "ground to expect t we sh h either a sufficient Number o Slaves "imported here; or at such Rates as we may be able to purchase "them, even in time o Peace, By wch this Island will not be "on a Condn to support our Plantations. And we are by Experience "convinced, t / late high Prices given f. Negroes has risen fm no "other Cause, but / Liberty given to separate Traders; wch, unless "remedied in time, is like to prove fatal, not only to us, "but to / British Trade upon / aforesaid Coast. We therefore "hope & entreat t y will zealously concern Yourselves in "this Matter. For wch y will oblige,

Gentlemen,

Your most humble Servants

[Here follow 14 Names]

2] Since in all Petns o a publick Nature, / Real Qualities & Characters o / Persons, & not / Number o Hands subscribg, is to be regarded especially in this Case; it is first necessary to inform / Honourable House o Commons, t / Subscribers to this Letter & / Petn therein mentioned, are Gentlemen of best Characters & Estates in Barbados, & are now Proprietors & Owners o at least two thirds o all / Land & Negroes in t Island: But / 2d Petn t came fm thence by / Interest o / Separate Traders, & Signd mostly by a Number o mean, inferior Persons, who h no manner o Plantations in / Island; as / Gentlemen now here in England, to whom / aforesaid Letter is addressed, & who h Considerable Estates in / same Island, can easily distinguish. So t / one beg / Effect o a free Choice, fm a due Consideran o their own Interest; & / 2d beg / Effect o a servile Complce, in a Matter t was indifft to them, as having little or no Interest in / Plantations; it is hoped t / Wisdom o / Parliament will h Regard to them accordgly.

Then, as to / real Reasons wch directed / Choice o those Gentlemen above-named, in the petitiong f having the Trade to Affrica carried on in / Method o a Co having a sufficient Joint-Stock; they were probably these, & such as these;

1 lo/ole / Trade to Affrica remained under / sole Management & Direcn o / Royal-Affrican-Co, before / Revolun, they purchased Negro-Slaves on / Coast o Affrica at abt 3 £. per Head; & sold these agn in / Plantations fm 13 £. to 16 £. per Head; whereas ever since / Interlopers made Infracons on / Privileges o / Cos Charter; & more especially since / Permission granted to them in / Year 1694: by wch / Trade has been laid open; / Prices Prices o Negroes h (by reason o interfering Interests, & a dis-concerted Management o / Trade) arisen gradually

to such a Height, t as the is no purchasg o them now on / Coast o Guinea. & less than abt 8 or 10 £. per Head at least; so these h bn sold agn at Barbadoes, fm 25 £. to abt £40 £. per Head; & on / Leeward Islands fm 40 to 60 £. per Head; Nor h / Plantans bn, o late Years, supplyd w sufficient Numbers o Negroes, even at any Rate; & t merely by reason o / gt Discouragemts wh / Co h met w in the Trade, since / same has bn laid open, as aforesaid. The Truth o / Premises will appear by / Co's Accounts o Sales (wh are upon Oath) what may be falsely suggested to / contrary; & likewise by peste Certificates fm / principal Planters & Inhabitants o those Islands.

II. As / Royal-African-Co, & the Predecessors, may not improperly be esteemed to h bn instead o a Parent & nursg Mother to / British Plantans in America, as contributg extremely to / first Foundan & Increase o t wh renders them now so Considerable to this Kingdom; so / Planters may vy justly be supposed to think, fm / Course o the own Observan & Experience, t the real Mother, / Co (if in power) may still h a more natural & tender Regard to the Welfare & Interest, than / new Supervenient Sett o transient & unconstant Separate Traders, who (for many Reasons t may be given) can be reckoned, but at best, but as a Step-Mother to these Plantans; & consequently not so mindful o the Interest.

III. A Co w a Joint-Stock, & having / sole Managemt o / Trade to Africa, may easily give such concerted, regular & uniform Orders, Directns & Instructns to the several subordinate Officers, Agents & Servants, both at Home & Abroad, as may unquestionably, by degrees, bring down / Prices o Negroes on / Coast o Guinea; & such Co having, by much, a greater Regard to Perpetuity, than we can suppose any transient Separate Trader can h, will still o course, find it the own Interest to sell these Negroes agn in / Plantans at proportional Abatemts o / Prices; nec indeed by encouragg / Planters, they not only enable them to be constant Purchasers, but likewise good & sure Payers: And / constant Practice o / Royal-African-Co, while they enjoyed / exclusive Privileges o the Charter, is an antecedent Proof thereof.

IV. 'Tis vy certain, t neither / Royal-African-Co, nor / British Plantans in America, were ever in a more prosperous Circumstce than when / Co trusted / Planters fm Time to Time w considerable Number o Negroes, to / Value o many thousands o Pounds, until they cd conveniently pay / same, to / mutual Satisfacn & Advantage o both Parties; yea, probably one o / Produce o / Labours o those vy Negroes themselves: But neither / Inclinans or private Interests o Separate Traders can prompt them to pursue such generous & national Ends, as a Co w a Joint-Stock must unavoidably h in View, of course, as / best Means o preserving & promoting the own Interests; F, as but vy few or none o / private Traders (except such o them as h / Benefit o Commissns & Commissn Houses) do constantly follow & persevere in / African Trade; so neither

h they any Consideran in View, but merely a little selfish present Gain; wt any Regard to / Interest o / Planters: Yea, most o them who went one Voyage (or sometimes two at most) h seldom or never gone and; as may be seen by the seal Entries in / Custom-House-Books, & so th they have perhaps previously resolved not to return agn, either to / Coast o Africa, or / Plantns, makes them pretty indift o any Impresn that they may h left behind them in those Parts.

V. Well! But suppos t / Separate Traders hd both Capacity & Inclinan to trust / Planters fm Year to Year; what then? why truly, if by any unforeseen Accident / Planter shd happen to fail in mak his Paymts precisely at / respective Times agreed upon; We cannot reasonably suppose, but t, in such Case, all / Separate Traders who trusted him, wd immediately commence Actions agst him; & each o them have a diff Interest, & consequently contendg f a Preferce / Plaintiff's Estate wd o Course be torn in Pieces, by these transient Interferg Traders: whereas were he in / Hands only o one limited Co, havg / sole Managemt o / Trade; / Co wd (f the own Sake) h / same tender Regard to / Preservan & Recovery o / Plantiff's Interest, as commonly a Landlord has to t o a Tenant who owes him some Arrears o Rent, & will not (f fear o turng his own Lands Waste) prosecute him w t Rigidity t any o transient & indift Creditor will do.

VI While / Trade to Africa is carried on, in any open Method whatsr, / Planters can h no reasonable Security t they will be supplyd w sufficient Numbers o Negroes upon at any Rate whatsr, nor can it be possible f them to know agst whom they shd exhibit their Complaints, f not supplyg them duly; bec no Separate Trader is bound to trade longer or f more Stock than he thinks fit. But if / Co were established exclusive, they may be obliged to make all necessary Provn fm Time to Time, f supplyg / Plantns w sufficient Number o Negroes, on reasonable Terms, so as / same may be f / mutual Security, Interest & Advantage o all Parties concerned.

Then, as to / Separate Traders vain & empty Clamours, concerng a pretended Monopoly, when / Trade is carried on by a Joint-Stock it is equally frivolous & ridiculous. Yea, it may be easily made Evident, even to moral Certainty, t while / Trade to Africa is continued open, in any National Shape whatsoe, / unavoidable Consequences throf do & still must prove a pernicious Monopoly in / Hands o abt a Dozen o private Traders, havg / sole Benefit o Commissns & Commissn-Houses &c. And plainly, always, if it were committed to / liberal Care, Tuition, & Uniform Managemt o above 1000 Joint-Adventurers, who to Compass their own Ends, must unavoidably o Course, employ Constantly a Stock o 4 or 500000 l. & seval Thousands o Hands, in carryg on & improvg / sd Trade to any certain Advantage. And, in such Case, it will be simply impossible f them to improve their own Interest, wt Communicatg & Diffusg / many Advantages throf thro / whole Circle o / Trade o Gt Britain.

So therefore 'tis hoped t Clamour, Calumny, & Scandalous empty Pretces, will no longer be allowed to take Place, agst so many Weighty Arguments in Favour o a Joint-Stock-Co, founded upon Reason, Experience, & / Universal Practice o all or European Nations Tradg to Africa.

Endorsed Trade.
The Bristol Merchts Answer to ye
Queries sent them relatg to /
Affrican Trade.

Read 7 March 18th 1725/6
Read

S. 37.

To / Right Honourable / Lords Commissioners o Trade & Plantas.

The Answer & Representan o John Becher, Peter D... [Term] & William Jefferys o Bristol. Merchants on behalf o themselves & all ot Merchants o / sd City Tradg to / Coast o Affrica to / affore said Queries sent by Yr Lordships Secry Mr Popple by yr Lordships order to Sir Abraham Elton Bart one o / Representatives in Parliamt f / sd City o Bristol

First Query. Whr it be f / Service o / Publick t / Affrican Trade shd be carried on by a Co or Trad entirely open?

Its Experice affords / best means o Knowledge so thereby it will appear t 'tis f / Interest o / Publick to h / Trade to Affrica free & open to all his Majestys subjects. For / most flourishg time / Affrican Co had it, they never carried above 3.400 Negroes p. ann, whereas / separate Traders have [illegible] do? have?] do not carry less than 30.000 Negroes p. ann into / Plantens, whereto by the great Industry they h ben prompted to carry them even where / Co h had little or no Concern, as Virginia Carolina, & ot parts o t Continent & we think it necessary to acquaint Yr Lordships how we h increased & do at present carry on / Trade to Affrica & what share we h thrin. When / 10 p. Cent duty ceased we had but 8 or 9 Sail o Ships in t Trade But by / Encouragemt o Parliamt we h pursued & improved this Trade to t degree t we h now employed 63 Sail o Ships & upwards tunnage decks whose Complement o negroes is 16.950. A List o / Ships & / Masters names we hereto subjoin. Tho one o these Ships employ two more wh are 126 & in / whole 189 Sail o / Ships to Affrica we man w neare one third Land men. If / Fishery & Colliery continue to be esteemed o t benefit to / Nation wh they h hitherto ben it is apprehended this Trade affords one gr Nursery f Seamen. Idle cumberground fellows are hereby taken fm / Shore, & made usefull to the Country. And lett it be considered t / gr Number o / present Traders are Sons o Gentlemen o / best Estates & fortunes who h served their apprenticeships to Masters who h learned them / mistery o / Affrican Trade & who consequently h a natural right to / Exercise o / Trade they h learned in / most Extensive liberty. We for humbly beg leave to represent to Yr Lordships t / Trade to Affrica is now in a very flourishg Condn & in no danger o decrease if continued as now carryed on & t / true & just Quesn at this time is How it may be so preserved & Continued? And if on / one hand a Sail is lately fallen how we h encreased & do at this time carry on / Trade notwithstg / gr losses we h in / Course o it sustained fm / Pyrates & on / ot hand how / Affrican Co h at severall times become unable to carry on / Trade, such an Examinan will

determine / Quest ... [t?] a free & open Trade to Affrica is much more beneficial to / Publick than a Trade carryed on by a Joint Stock ffor Security by Law is / best ffriend ... Industry, & if / separate traders are freed fm / apprehens & any future disturbce & Brittain will h no cause to fear any Rivals in an open & free Trade.

Second. Whr it be necessary t / ffortts & Settlemts on / Coast o Affrica be kept & maintained

We think it necessary to lett yr Lordships know, t / Co's ffirst settlemt & Factory is in / River Gamba, fm thence to Dicks Cove is abt 430 leagues in wh Distce there is no settlemt o / Affrica Co, yet gr Trade is carried on there by / seperate Traders & Negroes, Gold, Elephants Teeth, dyg Woods, Bees Wax &c. The Settlemts or Nominal ffortts are in / distce o abt 40 odd leagues fm / aforesd place to Acra, wch all wth part / Negroe Trade is much abated, occasioned by / Severities & abuses putt on / Natives & Trade by / seperate Ships, fm Acra to Angola is abt 500 leagues more, In all t distce / Co h no Settlemt except at Widah, where they h a ffactory House wh is near 4 miles within Land fm / Sea, yet & Trade is at Sabee 6 miles upe ffor up in / Country; in this last space is / great Marketts & Negroes on all / Coast & consequently / ffactorys & Settlemts are not o use as suggested by / Co. & this for reason also, t / Trade o / Coast by / Seperate Traders is carried on in the ffloating ffactorys (/ Ships) except at Widah & Angola as aforesaid. ffor / Coast o Affrica is very shoal & nothy & a gr Swell fm / Western Ocean & / most part breaks [sic] / shoar so t / Co's Guns can neither protect or annoy Ships in the Trade, neither dare Masters o Ships seek & protection but in very Calm Weather, & t only at Cape Coast Castle where / Shoar is equally dangerous & no Trade. The Constant practice o our Masters has bn when they saw an enemy either to putt the Ships in a Posture o defce, or to endeavour to gett away by sailg, accordg as / Exigency o / Case requires. As we h always traded in defce o / Co's settlemts & under as many difficltys as the Factors cd lay on us we cannot think them necessary to Trade. W humble submissn to yr lordships we Represent t one or two Men o Warr is / only security to / Trade on / Coast & not settlemts o any Kind whatr.

Third. Whr / Expence ot not to lye on / Trade?

We are o Opinion t if / settlemts are to be supported & maintained, t / Crown shd bear & maintain them in regard t / Prosperity o / Plantns entirely depends on the Negs well supplyed w Negroes. We desire to refer yr Lordships to / Custom House books & a parte each how / produce o / Plantns has bn encreased since / Trade has bn laid open, & as / Increase o / Plantns Growth is an addn to his Majesty's Revenue, & Consumpn o our Manufactures, it seems just to us t / Charges shd attend / Profitts; Our Trade is to be considered w regard to our Rivals Neighbours / Portuguese, ffrench & Dutch, if we cannot go to / Coast on equall terms w them, we may be in danger o loosing / Trade. Whilst we paid / Duty o 10 p.Cr We cd never exceed 4 or 5 Sail o Ships as aforesaid & Tax Negs so gr a load, & if it continued longer we must h abandond / Trade, but if we are not cramps at home we fear no fforeign Rivals.

ffourth. What / present Value o those Settlemts is.

In / Comon method o buyg & sellg, / Sellers make / Demand & Property out & specify in a parte manner what it is they h to sell. As / Affrica Co h not to our knowledge as yett done one or / o^{r} we can give no farther answer at present to this Query, than only to Observe t as / Settlemts are o no use or profitt to Trade, but in a sorry Condicon, we cannot think the materiales worth much, if anything

ffifth. In what manner may / Property be purchased, & how they sh be maintained f / future, in / hands o / Crown or o^{rs}?

If it shd be thot necessary f / preservan o / Property & / Crown to one or o^{r} o / settlemts be kept & supported on / Coast o Affrica, it hagg already shewn they are o no use to Trade; this beg National, who shd h / possesn but his Majesty, & as / Expence wee be but a Trifle, so its humbly hoped t Yr Lordships will be o opinion t / Trade to Affrica shd be ffree & open to all his majestys subjects & not clogged w any Duty or Limitan whatso^{r}. The seperate Traders are under no Terror o his just Admonistran, all his subjects wd then be on a levell in the Trade thither, & / same wd continue to flourish as it does to this day; but if it shd be lodged in / hands o this or any o^{r} Co we are under / gtest apprehen^{n} o losses / sd Trade, / Consequc whrof has also ben already shewn.

May Lords

The many reasons t may be given to shew how much more beneficial this, or indeed any o^{r}, Trade must be to / Nan in gen in / hands o Private Traders, than in t o a Co is what we at present forbear to trouble Yr Lordships wth, not only as hagg Conscious / same must be obvious to Yr Lordships, but as we are fully persuaded we sh h anot^{r} oppy in person by ourselves & Council o stating these or any o^{r} matters we sh apprehend to be necessary in the fullest light to Yr Lordships, wh we begg leave to desire / rather, if t we find, & accordgly represent to Yr Lordships, t / Petn to his Majesty fm / Royal Affrican Co dd / 15th o ffebruary last & referred to Yr Lordships, & wh is / foundan o this present Enquiry, contains many unjust Suggesns & ffalse ffacts wh in our apprehen^{n} makes it necessary f us to desire to be heard thereon, & accordgly we do desire t / sd Affrican Co may be required to Verifye by proof (if they can) / Suggesns & ffalse ffacts o this the petn And t Yr Lordships will be pleased to give Leave t we may be heard by ourselves & our Council touchg / same before Yr Lordships come to any resolun on / sd Petn.

14 March 1725.

John Becher
Peter D....
Will: Jefferies

List o Ships belongg to / City o Bristol now on / Affrican Trade
Ships Names. Masters Names. Negroes

Names o 63 Ships & the Masters: / capacity o each in / number o Negroes carryg betwn 150 & 450 -

Endorsed. Trade

Ire from Mr Chester in answer to some Queries sent him in relan to ye African Trade.

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March 14. 1725/6 Crutched Fryars. Letter. Robert Chester to Alured Popple.

- In reply to his letter o 15th inst he sends his thots upon / Queries inclosed in it -

1. Qr . . .

I think it wd be for / Service o / Publick t / African Trade shd be carryd on by a Co provided such Co be strictly obliged to carry on / Trade to / utmost extent, & t ye care be taken t they supply all his Majesty's Plantations & Settlements w a sufficient quantity o Negroes annually to carry on the Settlements att reasonable rates, & Care shd also be taken t / South Sea Co are not prejudiced in provdg Negroes to supply / Assiento Contract, & I believe a Co established w proper limitns may carry on / Trade better than when it is intirely laid open bec a Co have no ye Persons to oppose them in Trade can sell their Cargoes to good Advantage & Buy the Negroes on reasonable Termes whereas when there is no regulan on / Trade but Ships o / Cos & Seperate Traders com[e] in unexpectedly one upon and often obliges them to sell their Cargoes for what they can gett & they beg many Purchasers for Negroes, att / same time makes / Price ytly advance by wh means they become exceedg dear to / Planters & ye who must Buy them

2d Qr - - - I think / Trade to Africa cannot be carryd on Safely & to advantage wt Forts & Settlements considerg / Vast extent o / Country & / prodigious number o / Inhabitants who upon any occan may Rise & destroy / Factorys had they not Forts & Settlements to secure them, & if a Warr shd happen Forts & Castles are o ye greatest security to preserve / Coasts & protect / Ships t Trade upon it as we import Gold from Africa, wh is Got o / Natives, I am o opinion ye Factories shd posses power to make Forts & Settlements up in / Country sufficient to protect themselves fm / Insults o / Inhabitants they not in time find out Mines t wd produce gt quantitys o Gold

3d Qr. - - - I think these t reap / benefit o / Trade ot to support / Expence o maintaing / Forts & Settlements t protect them.

4th Qr - - - I know nothg o / Value o those Settlements

5th Qr - - - If / Persons concernd in / Property are willg to sell it I suppose affrican wd be made to them by those who are inclind to purchase & if / Parties cannot agree they may, if they think proper leave / dispute to / determinacon o a third person or persons

If / Crown shd think fit to purchase, as it wd receive gt benefit fm / Trade in gen so if / Expence o maintaing Govern[m]t & / charges t must necessarily attend it was pd by / Crown, it wd be a gt Incouragemt to / Trade.

But if it shd be thot proper to lay / Trade open or put it under a Regulan it may be supported by Pay[g] a Duty on all Ships & Merchandize, but I think it shd be well considered how / alterg / course o Trade to Africa, & putg it into anot form o Govt may not be attended w many difficties & unforeseen Accidents to / prejudice o / Trade in gen.

Endorsed London March 18th 1725/6
Trade
The Memorial o/ Merchants
o London Tradg to/
Coast o Affrica & an
answer to Evil Queries.
Recd March 22d } 1725/6
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S. 39.

To/ Right Honble The Lords Commrs of Trade & Plantas

The Memorial o/ Merchants o
London Tradg to/ Coast o Affrica.

Humbly Sheweth.

That yr Lordships by yr Secretary having sent to Humphry Morice Esqr a Copy o/ Petn o/ Royal Affrican Co to His Majesty dated / 15th o February last, & also a Copy o/ sd Co's Representan to / Rt Honble The Lord Townshend one o His Majtys Principal Secretarys o State dated / 14th o December 1724, & likewise a Copy o a Memorial to yr Lordships fm / Royal Affrican Co dated / Second o March last, togr w Sevl Queries fm yr Lordships in relan to / Trade to Affrica, / 4th o March instant: to wch Queries an Answer or Reply was desired, wch desire was agn repeated on / 9th o March instant We hagg leave to returne yr Lordships / following Answers thrto.

1st Query. Whr it be f / Service o/ Publick t / Affrican Trade shd be Carryed on by a Co or Laid intirely open?

May Lords. If Experience is to be regarded as to this Quesn & / Method & manner is considered t all Nas has practized in Carryg on this Trade it will appear t no Man whatso has ever Carryed on this Trade to Affrica by a Co w Success, but all attempts o t Nature & kind h constantly proved Vaine & abortive, a fresh instce thereof has lately happned in Portugall, where a Co was established to Trade to Affrica under / Name o/ Corsico Co wch in a short time was reduced to an Incapacity o Trading, & are under such unhappy Circumstances as / present Royall Affrican Co o England & ye Predecessors labour under.

May Lords. We are unanimously o Opinion T it will be f / Service o/ Publick & / benefit o/ Plantas & Colonys in Amerca T / Trade to Affrica shd remaine free & open to all / Subjects o Gt Brittain, wh We think / best & only Method to preserve, improve & increase this Valuable Branch o Trade to this Kingdom & to Carry it on by a Co wd be to Crampe, Confine, lessen & decrease this Trade.

2d. Query Whr it be Necessary T / Forts & Settlemts on / Coast o Affrica shd be Kept up & maintained?

May Lords. We are Sensible & Convinced by long Experice T / Forts & Settlemts on / Coast o Affrica are not Necessary or Usefull to be Kept up & maintained f / Benefit & Trade: f in time o Warr they cannot protect / Traders Shipps fm a Forreigne Enemy, nor in time o Peace secure & defend them fm Pirates; besides / Cheife & gtst part o/ Trade to / Coast o Affrica is Carryed on at Places farr distant fm / Forts & Settlemts upon / Coast o Affrica, & / Subjects o any Nan drive & Carry on a considerable Trade to / Coast o Affrica, who h no Forts or Castles on t part o/ World, & / Subjects o our Neighbour Nan t h Forts & Settlemts, Trade thither in Opposn & despite o them, wh we Conceive to be a strong Argumt & convincg Reason t Forts & Settlemts on / Coast o Affrica are not Necessary or Usefull to Trade, but we hagg leave to represent to yr Lordships T Shipps o Warr, / Moveable Forts o this Nan, Cruizg along / Coast o Affrica can only be / Security & Protecn o this Trade.

3d Query. Whr the Expence of wch to lye upon / Trade?

My Lords. As / Traders to Affrica reape & enjoy no Benefit fm / Forts & Settlemts upon / Coast o Affrica, it wd be an Hardshipp & Greivce to them to beare / Charge & Expence o Supporting what cannot be o use & Service to ther Trade, & a gr discouragemt to them fm Supplyg / Plantations in / West Indies West Ir wth Negroes at moderate prices & on / best termes.

4th Query. What / present Value o these Settlemts is?

My Lords. These Settlemts not beg particularized nor the Condn described & Sett forth, We are o Opinion the Value must be Computed fm / Advantages 100
wch will accrue to a Purchaser by beg possessed o them: And as we h already represented to Yr Lordshipps, the Benefit or Service can arise to / Traders fm these Settlemts Yr Lordshipps will easily judge o Our Opinion o the present Value.

5th Query. Yr what manner / Property may be purchased, & how they ? Sh be maintained f / future in / Hands o / Crown or otherwise.

My Lords. Yr ~~must~~ is usuall to enquire into / Title o / present possessor, & how / Property Claimed & proposed to be Sold was originally ~~bt~~ both & purchased wch at present we are under Doubts abt, therefore untill t Matter is explained & Cleared up to us We cannot give our thots to 100
Yr Lordshipps in what manner this Property may be devolved & purchased & maintained f / future

These my Lords are Our immediate thots on Yr Lordshipps' Queries, but as we apprehend / Same to spring fm / sd Petn & Representn of Royall Affrican Co, & as upon perusall o / Same we find they contain many gr misrepresentns, so we thot it our duty gently to apprize Yr Lordshipps hereof, & to desire o Yr Lordshipps t Yr wd call upon / Royall Affrican Co to support / Truth o the Several Allegans by proper proofs. And we fur begge leave to informe Yr Lordshipps t we h Several ~~th~~ Materiall Observans to lay before Yr upon / sd Petns & Representns, besides what we may h fur to offer on / sd Queries on a reconsideran thereof, when Yr Lordshipps sh appoint a proper 100
time f hearg us by our selves & Council in relan thrto, & wh we accordgly desire o Yr Lordshipps.

And when we consider / gn consequa this Trade is o to / Nation in Genll, / Guardianship whereof is peculiarly assigned to / Province o Yr Lordshipps, we are under no apprehen, but Yr Lordshipps will, w / gtest readyness both require / proper proofs fm / Royall Affrican Co, & also receive all / Informans possible t we can, & hereby declare ourselves ready to lay before Yr in this Matter, by hearg us by ourselves & Council, accordg to this Our united request before Yr Lordshipps come to any determinan. All wch is humbly submitted &c

London March / 15th
1725/6 [49 Signatures = Hum Morice beg / 15t & 180
R Harris / 3rd o them.]

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James Douglas to / Lords Comrs of Trade & Plantns. Answers to Queries

Query 1st Answer. 'Tis my humble Opinion t / Affrican Trade ought to be carried on by a Co. it beg already too apparent by its beg open to any Traders, / sevll Competitors in t Trade h reason / price o Negroes so excessively t / Plantations in his Majestys Plantns are not able to purchase Enough for / carrying on the Sugar & other Works, & t wth due Care not only our Trade for Slaves on t Coast may be entirely lost & t we shd need no Factors in England for Plantn Sugars, but be obliged to buy / same at Foreign Markets even for our home Consumptn as may appear from / annexed Accot o what / Dutch h imported o t Commodity from / distantest Places o Asia for these ten Years past.

2d. I think it absolutely necessary t / Forts & Castles shd be Keept up, & even some others added to what they are there already under such limitations as by / Superior Wisdom o / Legislative Power may be thot proper, for Proprietors on a joint Stock can be / only Supporters thereof.

3d The Trade in Gold ought to support all / Settlemts on t Coast.

4th It is a difficult Matter for any Co. even much more for me to compute / Value o their Settlemts, their first cost & Preparations beg less or more Valuable as / Trade is beneficiall to England, / Support o the Plantns, or t / Nation & Plantns may suffer by their falling into any forr Powers hands, otherways / Value is what any forr Power wod give to h these Settlemts from / present Proprietors, if they were allowed to dispose o them, & t may be more than I can judge, these Settlemts beg of well situated for / Portuguese & Dutch.

5th / Support o / Affrican Cos Settlemts for two Reasons

First, / Support thereof wod inevitably bring / Nation in Debt & encumber / Trade.

Second, t is only proper for a joint Stock o Merchant Proprietors, who cd cultivate / Trade under his Majestys Patronage; penetrate further into / Country, & make Allies for promotg & discovery o fur Trade than hitherto has been done.

As our Trade on Affrica now stands, excepting on / River Gambia (where we are lyable to be disturbed by / French.) we know no more than / Skirts o t whole Coast from Confines to / Cape o Good Hope, wch will remain so, unless / Trade be carried on by a lge joint Stock under / above mentioned Patronage

My Lords As I am no Affrican Trader but a really & Hearty Wellwisher to our Plantns, I give my Thots freely, making no manner o Doubt but t / Legislature will in due time take Care thereof I am — &c — James Douglas

London 21 March 1725/6

[The Inclosure re Dutch imports o Sugar into / Holland, n.c.]

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Trade

Anonymous Lre in relan
to / African Trade

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Sr. My Lords

Beg informd t / State o / Trade to Africa is now under
yr Lords Lops Consideran by virtue o a Reference from his Majesty in Council,
founded upon a Petin to his Majesty by / Royal African Co; & having seen
yr Lops Queries sent to sevll Merchants & Traders to the same thereon;
& h'm encouraged by this gt Candour & Condescen o yr Lops to brg in
my Mite; not so much out o Vanity to shew my Parts, or thinkg myself
any ways fit or able to advise yr Lops, but from a Sincere love o my Country,
& apprehen I may observe somethg to yr Lops may not, but if it shd be otherwise,
& what follows shd appear to be already known, or better sd, I h'm taken care
t yr Lops shd not lose much time in / Perusall or Consideran o it; &
therefore h reduced my thots in this Affair to / following Propositns &
endeavourd to prove & explain them in / shortest & briefest Method possible.

Prop: 1. T / Trade to Africa is an advantageous Trade to this Nan, &
absolutely necessary to / support & well beg o our Plantaes in /
West Indies

Prop: 2. T / present Forts & Settlemts o / African Co on / Coast o Africa
are absolutely necessary f / Preservan & carryg on this Trade.

Prop: 3. T / best ~~Method~~, & most f / Service o / Publick, to manage &
carry on / Trade to Africa, wd be by a Joint-Stock or Co wh
exclusive Privileges, consistg o a Fund or Capitall sufficient
to answer all / necessary Expences & Exigencies o such a Trade

Prop: 4. T next to / Method o carryg on / Trade by a Joint Stock
or Co, is wd be best & f / Service o / Publick, t / preserv
Forts & Settlemts o / African Co shd be in / hands o
some Corporan or Body Politick, o sufficient credit &
ability to maintain them; & a Duty laid upon / Trade
in Gold towds the Support & Maintence.

Prop: 5. And lastly, t 'tis absolutely necessary t Somethg shd be
immediately done, f / establishg & preservg / Trade to Africa,
on some or better Foot than it now is

Rs to / 1st Prop: My Lords, / first Prop: is either self-Evident wh is
Fundamental, is agreed to by all Persons who know
anythg o / Trade to Africa, as well by / Seperate Traders as / Co; &
therefore certainly deserves yr Lops great care & most mature consideran
how best to preserve it to / Nan

Rs to / 2nd Prop: But my Lords / 2nd Prop: tho' equally true, yet ~~as~~
as it serves / Purpose o some People to deny it, is not
I believe so universally confest or agreed to, at least not on Argumt
f fear o / conclusns it wd plainly ~~be drawn~~ follow: But my Lords,
if / Nature & Circumstnes o our Trade upon / Coast o Africa be
considered, t we are to traffick & deal w a Barbarous & uncivilized
People, made up o sevll Petty & Independent Kingdoms & Govts
(if they may be so called) who h no Laws amgst themselves but
force) what Security or Protecn can we h f our Trade or f
Justice amgst them, but by keepg a Constant force & Strength
to resort to, upon all Emergencies; besides, / great use & Convenience
o keepg Stores or Factors ready upon / Coast wh wh scarce any

Foreign Trade can be carryd on to advantage; And t Forts & Settlemts are thus necessary, is not only evident fm / Observatn just made, but is so by / consent & agreemt o 3d Nations tradg thither, especially / French & Dutch & by / Preamble & / Statute 5 / 9th o K9 Wm 3d ca: 26: & Layg / Duty o 10 ℔ p cent. on / Separate Traders, it is expressly recited t Forts & Castles are absolutely necessary & carryg on / Trade to Africa. And as to / present Forts & Settlemts o / African Co they are ~~necessary~~ necessary, as they are already built & Stored, since shd they once be sold to ~~some~~ any Foreign Nation or deserted wh is all one; it wd be impracticable to build new ones, considerg / vast Expence & Obstruction t wd be given by / Natives & equally unlikely to regain / old ones; considerg what / Dutch h lately done w respect to a Fort deserted by / Portuguese; mentioned in our Courant o / 30th December last; & tho it may be objected t our Separate Traders make no use o / Cos Forts & Settlemts & therefore / Trade may be carried on wt them; I shd be glad to know o those Gentlemen, if they can w any Face or Truth affirm t they hope or expect to h / same Freedom & Privilege o Tradg, in case our Nation (i.e. / present African Co) hd no Forts or Settlemts at all: F tho / separate Traders may h no direct or immediate Dealgs & Intercourse w our Forts & Settlemts, it is certain they enjoy / Protection o Em; & shd they once be demolish'd, or in / hands o 3d People, / Natives wd cease to h any Regard to us; & no doubt / 3d European Nations who continue to h Forts & Settlemts amongst them, wd not fail to prevent them as much as possible fm any Dealgs or Traffiqg w us.

As to / 3d Prop: As to / 3d Prop: wh is, that has bn always / main Question between / Co & / Separate Traders, as I don't doubt but yr ~~Lords~~ Lops h received & are apprizd o all t can be said on this head. I sh only beg leave to observe briefly, t wherever a Trade is to be carried on w a Barbarous People, w whom there can be no Relyce or Faith kept up by Ambassadors or Publick Ministers, there, not only Forts & Settlemts are absolutely necessary, but it is best t / Trade be carried on by a Co or Joint-Stock capable o a continuance & Succession bec o / necessity o a gr & constant Expence, in such case, wh cannot be provided for w any certainty o Security where People are left to trade, as it were, at pleasure; And on / other hand, one Interest & a regular & uniform Method o Proceedgs are plainly preferrable, & more advantageous to any Trade than differg & interferg Interests & Proceedgs by wh, w respect to / African Trade, / Prices o Negroes, & 3d Merchandizes on t Coast may be inhanced by / craftly Natives to a gr & excessive rate, & / frequent Abuses in Bargains & Dealgs wh persons who, it may be, never design to trade agn, may be tempted to commit, especially where no complaints could reach them, wd in all probability soon sink / Little Trade, t wd be left in case it shd be laid open in / extensive & unlimited manner some People contend for; And to this may be added / Sense & Practice o 3d Nations as / French & Dutch, who trade to Africa by exclusive Cos, & yet must be allow'd to understand / Nature o t Trade, & to consult / Interest o their People, as much as any 3d Nation whatsoever. And here I cannot omitt taking notice o / late Arrêt o / French King & establishg / present African Co in France, Published in our Daily Courant o / 29th Sept 1720 wh shews at once / Value o this Trade in Genll & / best Means o carryg it on to advantage.

As to 3d & 4 Propn: But if this be thot too much, & / only a Monopoly must be yielded to, then accordg to / 4th Propn: it is submitted to yr Ldps t / next best Method is, t / present Forts & Settlemts o / Affrican Co shd be put into / hands o some or Corporan or Body Politick o sufficient Credit & Ability to maintain them, w a Duty upon / Trade in Genll, either o Tunage or otherwise towds the Support & Maintce: And that they shd be possessd by a Co or Corporan is necessary, bec o / constant & necessary Expence & Care attendg these Forts & Settlemts, wh require a constant & perpetuall Succession in / Owners or Proprietors, & where to find such a Co or Corporan, I can't better think than t o / South Sea Co who by reason o their peculiar Circumstãces are more fit & better qualified for this Trust & Burthen than any other Body Politick or Corporan whatsoe. 1. As they are / richest & o / gtest Credit o any Corporan in / Words. 2. As they are a Trading Co, & 3dly more especially as they are possessed o / Asiento, & / furnishg whereof they must necessarily carry on a gt Trade to Affrica, & h at present the Affairs relatg to / Asiento very much interwixed w / Affrican Co, So t / Transmutan both o / Property & Person o / Affrican Co's Effects & Settlemts Abroad wd be much easier & better done w respect to / South Sea Co than any other Co or Corporan whatsoe. I cannot see any Objecn to this but three (t is) 1 Obj: T'd wd be better t / Affrican Co's Forts & Settlemts (if thot necessary) shd be in hands o / Crown & / comon Benefit o all his Majesties Subjects. 2. Obj: T / South Sea Co is too Powerfull already, & this would be such an Accession o Interest & Property as wd in time turn to / Prejudice o Trade in Genll, & then it wd be easy & such a Body to obtain an exclusive Charter when they thot fit. 3d Obj: Why do not / Affrican Co desire to keep their own Forts & Settlemts w such a Duty as is proposed & / South Sea Co? In answer to wh twell Objecns, it is submitted to yr Ldps, As to / 1st Obj: / putty / Forts & Settlemts into / Hands o / Crown wd brg gt Inconveniences to / Traders by subjectg them to a Military Power, & to / Exacn & Oppresn o Officers & Soldiers. Whereas it is manifest t / Trade & / Power to protect / Trade would be best under one Authority, influenced by one uniform Council & Direcn, besides / gt Burthen & Expence it wd be to / Crown, as well in / Purchase as / annual Support & Maintence o / Forts & Settlemts for wh / Crown could h no other Satisfacn but / precarious Contribun o persons trading or not trading at Pleasure; whereas in / Case o / South Sea Co they would themselves h a gt Share & a gr profit in / very Trade they were to preserve & defend. As to / 2d Obj: fm / gt Power & Wealth o / South Sea Co, tho they are very gt & powerfull, 'tis not to be supposed they are or can become too gt or powerfull f / Legislature. And if 'tis not now reasonable to put / Trade to Affrica upon / foot o an Exclusive Trade, it is not likely, nor can be supposd t at any time hereafter it shd become so; And if it does, / Objecn must & ought then to give way, bec no Objecn surely is to prevail over reason, And to suppose / South Sea Co or any other can obtain anything o / Legislature contrary to reason, & to / prejudice o Trade, or / Nation, is a Supposn t need not be answered. And to / 2d & last Obj: Why shd not / present Affrican Co desire to continue their Forts & Settlemts under such a Regulan & Duty or Contribun fm / Separate Traders as shd be thot proper. 'Tis submitted as an

Answer hereto t / present African Co having ben / cause o / Separate Traders breaking in upon them. Pleaded under / great Difficulties w respect to the Trade, having ben at a gt & constant Charge in maintaining the Forts & Settlemts more for / Profit & advantage o the People than themselves, are so far wearied out by such constant Charge & Expence, & by / great losses they have suffered, that they can sustain / Burthen no longer, & are resolvd & have so represented to his Majesty, as I am informd that if nothing is done (i.e. effectually) for them they must desert the Forts & Settlemts, having already stopt the Trade, & what will follow may be guessd by what has ben observd touching ye use & Impce o these Forts & Settlemts under / 2d Propositn

As to ye 5th Prop: Touchg ye 5th & last Prop: / necessity o doing something & to immediately for / establishg & preservg / African Trade upon a better foot than it now is, does as this apprehended appear manifest, for what is just beforehand Sd w respect to / use & necessity o / African Coys Forts & Settlemts & / Incapacity o / Co to support them, ye carry on the Trade any longer. And shd those Forts & Settlemts once be lost & we them our Trade to Africa, (as if what is observd be true, it must) / Consequences thereof to / Nation, & possibly to our Plantatns abroad, cannot be easily foreseen & is submitted to yr Ldps Serious Considern

Upon / whole as what I have here offerd to yr Ldps, has proceeded fm a thorough Conviction o / Truth o wrytng I have advanced, founded upon a serious & impartial Enquiry, & is confessedly on all hands upon a Subject o the gtest Impce to / Trade & Welfare o / Nation, so I doubt not but yr Ldps will w all convenient Speed make such a Report herein to his Majesty as will fully answer what all desire, Vizt an effectual Establishmt & Preservatn o our Trade to Africa

I am — &c —

J. B.

London, 21st March 1725/6.

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S. 43.

— March 19th 1726. Stoake Newington Edascelles Junr to Popple Esqr

Private

Sir, by Order o my Father Mr Edward Dascelles, who has ben very ill for severl days, or Hee wd have answered yr Letter himself, he observes ye Queries I have sent him relatg to ye African Trade and he observes & gives his Opinion as Vizt.

[Co?] That Trade cannot well be carried on to any advantage unless it be a Co[mpany] Exclusive, / gtest advantage it has ben made o that Trade since it hath ben laid open has redownd to / Advantage o / Natives o that Country, for he has known formerly ye Value o three pounds laid out here in proper goods fit for that Country hath purchased a good slave, & now if am rightly informed, that £16 now wont buy one, for now they make us pay wt Price they please, & also they give but wt Price they please for Goodes we carry to them. My Father knows very well ye time when it was an Exclusive Co & then ye Plantations were very well supplyd w Negroes & at a much cheaper rate than hath ben since. He thinks it is very fit ye Forts & Settlemts on ye Coast shd be kept up in good repaire, & whomsoever shd Trade there shd pay the Charge

As to / Value o those Forts & Settlemts, he is no Judge of

And if / Crown shd take it into their Hands, no doubt they will take Care to maintaine all / Forts & Settlemts.

Endorsed Trade.

Memr for Liverpool Merchts
& ye Queries relatg to ye African
Trade.

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S. 44.

To / Right Honble / Lords Commissrs o Trade & Plantns
The Memorial & Answer o Samuel Ogden & Charles
Pole o Liverpoole Merchants, in behalf o themselves &
all / rest o / Merchants o Liverpoole Trading to / Coast
o Africa to / seve Queries sent from yr Lordships by
yr Secretary to Thomas Brereton Esquire one o /
Representatives in Parliamt o Liverpoole.

My Lords. Ye is w / utmost concern We observe / Repeated & Restless
Endeavours o / African Co to Deprive / Outports o ther Share in a free
& open Trade to Africa, wch w t to / Plantns, intirely dependant
upon it, is ther only Support, ther Bread, ther All.

We ha seen a Copy o ther Petn presented to his Majesty,
& by him referred to yr Lordships Consideran, & cannot but take notice
o / fallacious pretes on wch it is founded, An instn o wch appears in
ther Suggestg a Trade in danger o beg lost to / Nan, when it
never Flourished in an equal Degree.

Ye yr Lordships h ben pleased to send us certain Queries,
We humbly lay before yr Hrs Answers to / same; ffirst mottg it our
Joint request, t, in regard / Allegans in / Co's Petn Cuh is / foundan
o yr present Enquiry) are throughout so full o Misrepresentans, t yr
Lordships will require / Co to support / same by proper proofs, And
t We may be heard ourselves, & Council, in refce thrto, before yr
Lordships proceed to make any Report thrupon.

Yr Lordships first Query is, Wht it be f / Service o /
Publick t / African Trade shd be Carried on by a Co or laid intirely open.
We Answer, Monopolies in Trade h ben in many former Reigns Condemned,
In Queen Elizabeths last Parliamt 1601, they were Voted Publick
Mischiefs. In King James / first, & King Charles / first's time, they
were stiled Comon Nuisances, And on Wlliams time, / African
Monopoly was partly Arraigned & Condemned.

The impartial Judgemt o all Mankind, must necessarily
Conclude them a gt hindrce o / Growth & Improvemt o Trade
Reason & Constant Experice fully prove it. Why in Reason they
are so is Obvious — F when any Trade is in / sole power o a few,
& they under no Apprehen o beg ons done by Competitors, they
are not likely to Exert ther utmost Industry & thots to improve
& Enlarge it. But when free & open to all the Vast Care &
Projects o Multitudes are employed to Outdo one anor.

Again, / Extravagant Expense & Charge always
attendg / managemt o a Co's Affairs, above & beyond what
/ private Merchants are at, must necessarily be a heavy
Burden on Trade, confined to a Co, & Consequently Render it
far less beneficial to a Nan.

Fur still, Ye is / Interest o Cos not to do much in
Trade — By this means they have it more in ther power to
fix ther own prices both on Exports & Imports & thus to gain
as much by a thousand pounds, as two or more; And if so
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we may be assured, they will not venture / gr Sums. And / Consequces will be these. The Consumpn o our Manufactures will be lessened, many Families wh ~~might~~ must not be Employed therin left to starve, The Revenue Diminished, Navigan Discouraged & a whole Nation brot under a Gen Tax by / unlimitted power o an Incorporated few.

But Experce too bears Testimony agst Monopolies in Trade. Here we sh confine ourselves only to this Branch under yr Lordships' Considern. And if we take a View o it, whilst solely in / Cos hands, & Compare / same w / State o it under / 10th p Cent duty, & especially when freed entirely fm t heavy Burden, & open on equal Terms to all, it will fully appear what Method was most advantageous to / Nation, & best Answered all / Ends o / Trade - whilst in / Cos Exclusive Time [?] numerous Complaints o our West India Plantns agst / Arbitrary Exacns Exacns o / Co in / Sale o those few Negroes they did brg in, & tht not imported a fourth part o / Number wanted, tht Neglect o such parts as Virginia, Maryland, Carolina &c whether they brot few or none. These sufficiently shew this was not a proper Method o carryg on this Trade, but had it been Continued wd in a few years be proved / Ruin o our Plantns abroad. This Considern moved / Parliamt in 1698 to hold / Trade free to all his Majesty's Subjects. And if we peruse / State o it then, its true our Plantns were much better Served w Negroes, but principally by / seperate Traders who were under / Heavy Burden o 10th p. Cent imported & one w / Co, so much still was / Trade neglected by them. But so gt a discouragemt was this Duty, tgr w what Treatmt / seal Ships met w on / Coast fm / Cos Servants, & tht / Outports Struggled w / same f some Years, they never cd wholly surmount it nor Extend tht Trade to above ten or twelve Sail o Ships any Year in it, o wh number we never had above one or two.

But w pleasure We may now view / Effects & / Gradual Increase o this part o our Navigan ever since freed fm this heavy Incumbrce, till its brot to be as advantageous a Branch o Trade as belongs to / Nation, & / Number o / Ships ingaged in it fm Liverpoole only, are no less than 21 (a List o wh is hereunto annexed) besides at least 40 or 50 more yrly sent fm t place to brg home / American Produce raised & brot to perfecn by / Labour o / African Negroes, & / Manufactures o Cotton, Woollen, Copper, Pewter &c, Spread particularly all over / County o Lancashire & parts adjacent so much influenced by this Trade, are now put into / most Flourishg Circumstces, whereby / numerous Inhabitants (far too numerous to be Supported upon / small farms into wh those parts are Divided) are furnished w means sufficient to enable them to pay tht Rents, & a handsome Subsistce f tht Families

But shd / Trade be removed fm / Outports, & our Neighbourhood, & / Manufactures Confined to / most distant Port in / Kingdom only, f Exportan & all / materialls necessary be subjected to so heavy a Carriage, many o wh as ~~Redwood~~ Red Wood, Indigo, Cotton, &c, they h now ready at hand, How gt a discouragemt this must be, We humbly Submitt to yr Lordships' Considern - And thus

We hope, Reason & Experience fully Answers / first Enquiry: & plainly Shews t its a far more likely way to h our Manufactures Encouraged & Continued. This branch o Trade Extended, & improved (wh is still so Capable o it) & our Plantations sufficiently supply'd on / best Terms Served w Negroes; by a number o adventurers or seperate Interests, than by any Joint Stock Co. wh any Spur to the Industry, or Restraint on the Avarice.

We m̄t here urge how gr an Injury Exclusive Acts are to / Excluded part o / British Subjects who (equally in the proportion & Contributg to / Support o / Gov) may reasonably be supposed to h a right to / Privileges & protection o / same. We m̄t add, how much / Landed Interest o / Nation is likely to suffer by Such discouragents o Trade in / Outports, what an uncomfortable prospect f. Prosperity wd hence arise & how effectually Gentlemen wd be ~~Dissuaded~~ Dissuaded fm bringg up their sons to Trade, when / Eastern, Western & Southern Navigation sh be all Confined to Exclusive Cos? in wh any one may as well manage his Stock, as / most Experienced Merchant, & / Gr̄st ignorance in Trade meet w / same advantage as / most improved ~~acquainted~~ acquaintce therewith.

Yr Lordships 2d Query is, Whr it be necessary / Forts & Settlemts on / Coast be Kept up & maintained?

To this we Answer, The Dutch, French & Portuguese always hd a gr Trade on / Coast, notwstg all / Settlemts, & even in / Midst o them, & in those yrs when / Pirates so much infested / African Coast, & took almost all / Ships they, We never hd one Ship protected fm the Insults in any Settlemt whatr.

The Situatn o / Settlemts makes it impossible they shd be o any Service to / Trade. The Force is Gambia, at / very Entrce upon / Coast, & not frequented by any o our Ships; between this & / next is upwards o 400 Leagues, all along wh Track, a Vast Trade is carryed on, & all / Cos Settlemts are Comprehended in / Compass o abt 40 Leagues, below wh is 4 or 500 Leagues more, ~~in any~~ not any Settlemt: & in these parts, above & below the pretended Efforts, almost all / Slaves Carryed off / Coast are purchased.

We further add, as there can be o no advantage to / Trade, so they h bn a gr disadvantage to it. & tho formerly a considerable Trade was hd in those parts where these Settlemts are, now its near extinct or rendered not worth pursuing, by / people o t part o / Country beg almost all Carried off some time Since, & by / Cos Servants' ill practice in sellg what Slaves are brot to them Coastways to / Portuguese.

And as to securg or protectg / Trade in Gen by any Land Forts, The Vast Extent o / African Coast along wh Trade is carryed on, (Computed 5 or 6000 Miles) We humbly Apprehend, Renders it ~~the~~ impracticable; Fr unless they were Scituated within Gun Shot one o anot, How can they be supposed to Answer this End? And even if so, The Vast Shoals & Rocks all along / Coast, & on t Back, / gr distce / Ships trade at in most places fm / Shore, wd make them wtless either to Annoy an Enemy or Protect a Trade.

And upon / best Informan We can get fr those We Employ in / Trade, / Inclinan o / Natives was always more to Trade w^th / Ships at Sea, than w^th / Land Factories; Pretty much occasioned by / Abuses they receive fm those Settled amg them.

So upon / whole, we are o Opinion, A Man o Warr or two, yearly on / Coast is / only Security & Protecn o this Trade fm Enemies in Warr or Pyrates in Peace.

The 3d Query is whr / Expence ought not to lye on / Trade?

We Answer, as on this / Welfare o our Plantans so much depends, Its / Exports in this Trade are mostly our own Manufactures; / Imports all so usefull & necessary to carry on those Manufactures, Its / Number o Sailors (who are Guardians o our Coast) is hereby so much Encreased, / Publick Revenues so gtly advanced, & in Short so Gen an advantage Diffused throughout / whole Nan (in wh all fm / highest to / lowest are some way or o^r Sharers) We humbly hope it will be thot worthy as o^r Branches o Trade are, o / above mentioned publick Expence & National Protecn. ffor to lay any burdens on / Trade (especially fr / maintence o Forts no ways usefull to it) is to give our Rivals & Neighbours a proportionable advantage over us; Such if we can go to / Coast free o any Incumbrce at home, We do not fear any Competitors whatsoe.

Yr lordships' 4th Query is what / present Value o / Co's Settlemts are? / wh we can only say They are o no Value or Service to / Trade fr / Reasons above, And we Apprehend / materially not worth removg

Yr lordships' last Query is, How / property may be purchased & how / Forts shd be maintained fr / future, whr in / hands o / Crown or o^rwise?

We Answer, as Cape Coast Castle was took fm / Dutch at a National Charge. We apprehend it as / undoubted Right o / Crown. And / Royalty, as we are informed, reserved in / African Co's Charter. And fr sh. be that for in regard to / National Right, To take possen o & Support / Same, We are humbly o Opinion: Tis / only way to have it remain in / hands o / Gov in manner o our Colonies in America, & under no Co or Priv^d Traders whatsoe.

Thus we have gone thro' yr lordships' Queries, & hope it fully appears, fr / seperate Traders, who be extended & improved / African Trade fm so low an Ebb & languishg a Condn in / Co's hands, to / present flourishg State o it, & a much better Claim to a free & open use & Exercise o / same than any / African Co can possibly pretend to.

March yr 22nd 1725/6

Saml Ogden.
Chas Pole

Indorsed thereon :- A List o Ships in / African Trade fm Liverpoole took Octr 20th 1725

— Names o 21 Ships & the Commrs. w^th a total number of Slaves fr each - 450 highest - 100 lowest.

Endorsed.

Trade
Representation of Royal
African Co to / R. Hon^ble
/ Lords Commiss^rs of Trade &
Plantations. w^th an Acc^t o
Forts & Settlem^ts belongg to them
& to ye Nations. Mar 31 1726

Read 3 March 31^st 1726.
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S. 45.

To / R^t Hon^ble / Lords Commissioners
& Trade & Plantations.

May it please Yo^r Lordps.

The Royal African Co o England have rec^d Yo^r Commands by a Letter fm Yo^r Secretary o / 25^th instant to lay before Yo^r Lordps an Acc^t o / Nature, Number, Strength & Situation o their Forts & Settlements on / Coast o / Affrica. In Obedice thereto & in order to Sett / Nature, Value & Impo^ce o / sd Forts & Settlements in a due light, They humbly hope for Lordps will give them leave in / first place, to lay before yo a short acc^t o / Number & Situation o / seal English, French, Dutch, Danish & Portuguese Forts & Settlements in / same Order they lye on t Coast. Secondly a more part^r Acc^t o / Nature, Strength & Situation o / African Comp^a's Forts & Settlements. Thirdly an Estimate o / ~~their charge~~ Yearly Charge o / sd Forts & Settlements Supposg / Co Established & in full Trade; And lastly some short Observ^ns relatg to / Nature, reasonableness & necessity o settlg & preservg this Trade to ye Kingdom.

First. As to / Number & Situation o / seal Forts & Settlements belongg to / English, French, Dutch, Portuguese & Danes, they are as follows.

1. The Northermost Settlem^t is t o Arguin, on / Gum Coast in / Lat. o 20 degr. North, formerly belongg to / King o Fesse Prussia. w^ch in / late Queens time on occa^n of an Overture made by / sd King, to dispose o t & a nor small Fort at Cape three Points, w^ch is afterwards mentioned, to this Nation. He demanded for them 200,000 Crowns, but they have since bn purchased o him by / Dutch (as they h bn informed) for £30 000. And taken by / French in / 21, & now in their possn.
2. The River Senegal on / Lat o 16 Degr: North, where / French h several Settlements & Plantations for a gt way up / River
3. The Island Goree a little way to / Southward o Cape de Verd, where / French are likewise Settled & h a strong Castle.
4. The River Gambia on / Lat. o 13^d 40 North, where / Royal African Co h a very good Fort on James-Island a little way up fm / Mouth o / sd River, & Factorys higher up on each Side o / Same
5. Cutcheo & Bisseo two Portuguese Settlements, lyg in 12 degr. North Latitude.
6. Sierra Leone River on / Lat o 8 degr 30 North, where / Royal African Co h a Fort on Bence-Island, a little way up fm / Mouth o / sd River
7. Sherbro River on / Lat o 7 degr North, where / Royal African Co hd lately a Fort on York-Island, near / Mouth o / sd River, but keep now only a Factory House there.
8. Ancobra. / first European Factory on / Gold-Coast belongg to / Dutch West India Co.
9. Axum, abt 4 leagues to / East ward o Ancobra, a Fort belongg to / Dutch West India Co.

10. Fredrickesburg at Cape-3-Points, abt 5 leagues to / Eastward o Axim, a Fort formerly belongg to / King o Prussia lately sold by him (together with Arguin before mentiond) to / Dutch for £30,000. afterwards taken & demolished by / Natives & lately recovered out o their hands, at / expense o a long & Chargeable Warr, & now resetld by / Dutch West India Co.

11. Dixcove, a Fort belongg to / Royal African Co abt 8 leagues Eastward o Cape-3-Points

12. Butteroe, a Fort belongg to / Dutch West India Co abt 3 leagues Eastward o Dixcove

13. Tacquerado a Factory House belongg to / Dutch West India Co, abt 3 leagues Eastward o Butteroe

14. Succondee, a Fort belongg to / Dutch West India Co, abt 3 leagues Eastward o Tacquerado.

15. Succondee a Fort belongg to / Royal African Co within Gunshot o / last mentiond Dutch Fort.

16. Shumah, a Fort belongg to / Dutch West India Co, abt 4 leagues to / Eastward o Succondee.

17. Commenda, a Fort belongg to / Royal African Co, abt 5 leagues Eastward o Shumah.

18. Commenda, a Fort belongg to / Dutch West India Co within Gunshot o / last mentioned English Fort

19. St George del Mina. The Principal Fort belongg to / Dutch West India Co on / Gold Coast, abt 4 leagues Eastward o Commenda

20. St Iago, a Fort on / top o a Hill within Gun Shot o St George del Mina, belongg to / same Co.

21. Cape-Coast-Castle, / Principal Fort belongg to / Royal African Co on / Gold Coast, abt 3 leagues to / Eastward o St Geo. Del Mina

22. Phipps's-Tower, built for / Defence o Cape Coast to ds / Land

23. Fort Royal, on / top o a Hill, within Gun Shot o Cape Coast Castle, belongg to / Royal African Co.

24. Queen-Anns-Point, a small Fort abt a League to / Eastward o Fort Royal, belongg to / Royal African Co.

25. Mourea, a Fort belongg to / Dutch West India Co abt 2 leagues to / Eastward o Queen Anns point.

26. Annisham, a Factory belongg to / Royal African Co, at present withdrawn, abt 2 leagues or half to ye East ward o Mourea.

27. Annamaboe, a Fort belongg to / Royal African Co, abt 2 leagues to / Eastward o Annisham.

28. Agga, A factory belongg to / Royal African Co, at present withdrawn, abt a Mile to / Eastward o Annamaboe

29. Cormantin, a Fort built by / English. In / Warr 1665 taken by / Dutch, & now belongg to / Dutch West India Co abt 2 leagues to / Eastward o Annamaboe.

30. Tantum querry, a Fort belongg to / Royal African Co abt 7 leagues to / Eastward o Cormantin

31. Apong, a Fort belongg to / Dutch West India Co, abt 3 leagues to / East ward o Tantum querry.

[& Apam]

32. Winnebah, a Fort belongg to / Royal Affrican Co abt 5 leagues to / Eastward o Apong.

33. Barracoe, a Fort belongg to / Dutch West India Co abt 6 leagues to / Eastwd o Winnebah

34. Shidoe, a Factory belongg to / Royal Affrican Co abt 4 leagues to / Eastwd o Barracoe, now withdrawn.

35. Accra, a Fort belongg to / Royal Affrican Co, abt 6 leagues to / Eastward o Shidoe.

36. Accra, a Fort belongg to / Dutch West India Co, within Gunshot o / last mentioned English Fort

37. Accra, a Fort belongg to / King o Denmark, abt 2 miles to / Eastwd o / Dutch Fort.

38. Alampo, a factory belongg to / ~~Kome~~ Royal Affrican Co abt 5 leagues to / Eastwd o Accra, at present withdrawn.

39. Quittah - a factory belongg to / Royal Affrican Co, abt 15 leagues to / Eastwd o Alampo

40 Whydah. a place where / English & Dutch only were allowed to Trade formerly, f wh reason / Royal Affrican Co built & h still kept up & maintained a Fort ther called Williams Fort, but some Years since, / French obtained leave to build a Fort ther at / same place, & it is now there / cumm o / Natives made a Free Port f all Nations to resort to; / consequce whereof is, t Negroes, wch were purchased ther, when / Affrican Co first settled amongst them, f abt 50 shillgs or £3 p. head, are now advanced to £20 p. head first Cost; this place lyes abt 2 leagues to / Eastward o Quittah.

41. Iaquin, a Factory belongg to / Royal Affrican Co, abt 3 leagues to / Eastward o Whydah road, at present withdrawn.

42. Cabenda, a Fort on / Coast o Angoy in / Lat. o 5 degr. S. built by / Royal Affrican Co in / Year 1721, & taken, plundered & destroyed by / Portuguese in / month o October 1723

43. Loango St Paulo in / Lat o 10 degr S. where / Portuguese h seat Forts & Settlemts & a lge City, & thereby carry on a vy gr & advantageous inland Trade f some hundreds o Miles.

My Lords

Fm this Gen Acct Yor Lordps will perceive / high Value o Mans sett upon / Trade to Affrica & w what care, industry, & expence they h laboured to gain & secure to themselves a share therein; And t Yor Lordps may be more partly apprized o / part wh / sd Royal Affrican Co h otherwise taken in this gen Struggle, They humbly beg leave in / Second place to lay before Y the following more

Parte

Partr Acct o/ Royal Africain Cos' Forts + Settlemts on / Coast o Africa. [CO 388/25]

I. Cape Coast Castle, f wh / present Co payd the Predecessors £34.000. Situated abt / middle o / Gold Coast. The Fortificatns consist o Outworks, Platforms, + Bastions, + h bn enlargd w new Buildgs, + made regular, as well as Six times lger + Stronger by / present Co, w Stone, Bricks, tiles, lime + Tarras. And is a Security f all Ships in / Road; was many Years a dog. hasg apartmts f / Directr Gen. Chief Merchants, Chaplain, Factors, Writers, Surgeons, Artificers + Soldiers; Magazines, Warehouses, Storehouses, Granaries, Guardrooms; two lge Tanks or Cisterns, built w Brick + Tarras sent fm England + holdg abt 200 Tuns; Repositorys to contain One thousand Negros, + Vaults f Rum, Workhouses f Smiths, Armorers, Coopers + Carpenters; Fifty Seven Gr Guns, Small Arms, Blunderbusses, Buccaneer Guns, Pistolls, Cartouch boxs, Swords + Cutlasses, Ammunin f Gr Guns, + Small Arms; Stores + Tools f Brickmakers, Bricklayers, Smiths, Carpenters, Coopers, Surgeons, Armourers, Gunners + Gardeners; Small Vessells, Punnaes, Canoes, + Men answerable, attendg on / Castle + Garrison, + f fetchg + carryg Materials f Buildg, + Stores to + fm / Out forts. This Castle is Situated in Fetue. / Residce o / Cos Directr Gen, who manages the Trade + allies w / seve Kingdoms on / Gold Coast, and opens a Trade to Fetue, Saboe, Cabesteira, Arcania, Cuffera, Dankera + Ashantee. And is a Repository o Goods f Supply o all / Factorys. W Gardening ground + Ponds o fresh Water o a lge Extent, producg all necessarys f / Castle + Shipg as Plantains, Bonanas, Pine apples, Potatoes, Yams Corn, Colworts, Pease, Beans, Cabages + all or European refreshmts.

II. Phipps's Tower built f / Defence o / Town + Gardens o Cape Coast, agst any Inland Enemy.

III. Fort-Royal. bt o / Danes by / present Co f £459 + Assistant to / Defence + Security o Cape Coast, + / Ships in / Road.

IV. Queen-Anns-Point. built f / Security o Cape Coast + f purchasg Corn, Slaves, + Gold.

V. Annamaboe Fort built by / present Co; The Fortifican consists o Flankers, Outworks, lodgg rooms + Apartmts f / Cheif Factor, Writers, + Soldiers; Magazines + Storehouses. Ten Gr Guns, Small Arms, Blunderbusses &c, Ammunin f Gr Guns + Small Arms, Canoes to attendg / buildg + Garrison, a lge Tank or Cistern made w Brick + Tarras sent fm England, W a Negro House f One hundred + fifty Negros. This Fort is Situated in / Fanteens Country + opens a Trade to Fantein, Braman, Acrong, Atkim, Cabesteras + Arcania, f Gold, Corn, Palm Oyle + Slaves

VI Tantumquerry Fort, built lately by / present Co w Apartmts f / Cheif Factor, Writers + Soldiers, a Magazine, + Guard Room, a Tank or lge Cistern made w Brick + Tarras sent fm England, A Negro House f Fifty Negros, Six Gr Guns, Small Arms, Cutlasses, + Ammunin f Gr Guns + Small Arms. This Fort stands in / Acrong Country. And opens a Trade to Fantein, Atkim, + Anguina, f Gold, Slaves + Corn.

VII Winnebah = Fort. built by / present Co. The Fortification has 4 Bastions, Outworks, Apartmts f / Chief Factor, Writers & Soldiers, Magazines & Guardrooms, a Tank or lge Cistern made w Brick & Tarras sent fm England. A Negro house f one hundred Negros, fifteen Gr Guns, Small Arms, Cutlasses, & Ammunition f Gr Guns & Small Arms. This Fort stands in / Country o Anguina, & opens a Trade into Akim f Gold & Slaves. And has a River o fresh Water to Supply / Ships. Also Timber & Oyster shells f reparg / Forts; And a little to / Westward is a Hill that has Gold Mines.

VIII Accra = Fort. built by / present Co. The Castle is four Square, has a Tower, Bastions, & Outworks, Apartmts f / Chief Factors, Writers, & Soldiers. Magazines. Guardrooms & a Tank or lge Cistern made w Brick & Tarras sent fm England, A Negro house f one hundred & fifty Negros; thirty Gr Guns, Small Arms, and Stores f Artificers. This Fort stands in / Kingdom o Accra, & opens a Trade to Quambo, Akim, & Aquawoa, f Gold. Slaves, Elephants Teeth & Salt.

IX Williams = Fort. at Whydah, built by / present Co a-back. Platforms, Parades. Outworks, a Moat round, & Apartmts f / Chief, Factors, Writers, Surgeon, Artificers & Soldiers. Magazines, Storehouses, a Guardroom, a Negro house. Thirty Gr Guns & Small Arms, & Ammunn f Gr Guns & Small Arms & Stores f Artificers. And is seated in / Kingdom o Whydah.

X Commenda = Fort. built by / present Co at a vy gr expence ~~Maugre~~ Maugre all / Interest & Opposn o / Dutch West India Co; The Fortification is four square, w 4 Bastions & a Tower, & containg lodgg & apartmts f / Chief, Factors, Writers & Soldiers Magazines, Storehouses, a Tank or lge Cistern made w brick & Tarras sent fm England. And a Negro-House f one hundred & fifty Negros, Twenty six Gr Guns, w Small Arms, Stores, & Ammunn f Gr Guns & Small Arms. This Fort stands in / Kingdom o Aquafoe, & opens a Trade to / Kingdoms o / Cufforoes, Dankaries, Ashantees, Arcania, Acqua, & Abrambo, f Gold, Slaves, Teeth & Palm Oyl.

XI Succondee = Fort. built by / present Co in / Antees Country near / Adooms, & near a Dutch Fort; Once taken & destroyd by Negros hired by / Dutch West India Co; And / rebuildg thereof afterwards much interrupted by / same Interest; But since Rebuilt, fortifyed & made lger & stronger than it was at first, Has twenty Gr Guns, Small Arms, Stores; Also lodgg rooms & Apartmts f / Chief, Factors, Writers & Soldiers. Magazines & Storehouses, w a Tank f Water made o Brick & Tarras sent fm England & a Negro house f One hundred Negros.

XII Dixcove: Fort, built by / present Co, & is Scituated in / Antee Country. The Fortificaⁿ being four square, has 4 Bastions, w Nineteen Gr Guns, Small Arms, & Stores, also Lodgg: rooms & Apartmts f / Chief, Factors, Writers, Soldiers & Artificers, Magazins & Storehouses. And opens a Trade to / seal Kingdoms o Acam Awantee. [Howin?] Warsaw, Dankeray & Ashantee, inland Countrys, f Gold, Elephants Teeth, Negros & Corn, & furnishes Timber f / repair o / Ors Forts & Ships, & Water f Shipg, & Limestone, & is a place f Careeng Small Vessells; has a Tank or lge Cistern made w Brick & Tarras sent fm England for fresh Water, & a Negro house to hold One hundred Negroes.

XIII James: Fort & Island in / River Gambia . . . . . .

XIV Bence: Island & / Island o Tassa in / River Sierra Leone. On / first was a Castle fortifyd, wch in / late Warr was plundered by / French. But / Co h lately resettled / same. It has Fifty Gr Guns, Small Arms, Stores &c Also Lodgg rooms & apartmts f / Chief, Factors, Writers, Soldiers, Artificers, & Castle Slaves, Magazines & Storehouses & a Negro house f One hundred Negroes.

XV Sherbro on York Island on / North Coast
Annishan, Agga, Shidoe, Hampa } on / Gold Coast
Quitah, Iaquin } under direcn o Whydah
} Seven Factory Houses f purchas[e] Redwood, Negros, Gold, & Corn, wch / Co settle & withdraw fm, as they see occasn.

My Lords.

After so partr a detail o / Number, Nature, Strength & Scituan o / Royal African Cos Forts & Settlemts on / Coast o Africa, Yor Lordps will easily judge o / Xtny Charge wch o necessity must arise in / raiseg & preserveg such remote Buildgs & Fortificaⁿs by sendg fm hence Bricks, Tiles, Tarras, Lead, Ironwork, Boards, Timber & all or Stores, Tools & Materials, And in contracty w, hireg, & transporty Soldiers, Carpenters, Smiths, Bricklayers, Masons, Armourers, Brick makers, Sawyers, & or Artificers, & fm time to time Supplyg & Recruity / Same, as well by reason o / Insults & Losses durg / Warr, first w Holland & then lately w France, as also / Hireing, Wear & Tear o Vessells & often Keepg Ships o Force upon demurrage f / Assistce & Protecn o such undertakgs; to wch may be added / Gr Cost & Charges o obtaing Grants & Agreemts & makg & Supporty Allies, w / seal Kings, Queens, & Gr Men o / Country, as well in order to make Settlemts & build Forts as to defend / Co agst / Sinester & undermining Designs o or European Competitors in t Country. So t upon / whole, / sd Co humbly hope Yor Lordps will agree, If they were to part w the Right & Property in the sd Forts & Settlemts, either to / Crown, or any or Society or Body o Men, & to Value them only according to what they h actually cost them, they mt justly Sett a very gr price upon them.

My Lords.

As to / 3d parte, relatg to / Yearly Charge & Expences o/ sd Forts & Settlemts. The sd Co do acknowledge, t some times ye Circumstces h bn such t they h not bn Supplyd so fully as they cd h Wishd; But certain it is nevertheless t they h cost them much more than can be easily imagined, And t in Order to Keep & Maintain them, as they ot to be, ye word ~~Keep~~ require at least a Fund o £20,000 p. annum; as will appear fm / following Estimate, taken fm / Co's Establishmts in / Year 1721.

	To Keep & maintain	p annum
James Fort in / River Gambia, wd require		£ 4000
Sierraleone		2000
Sherbro		1000
Dixcove		1000
Succondee		700
Commenda		800
Cape Coast Castle		8000
Phipps's Tower		200
Fort Royal		300
Queen Anns point		250
Anashan		250
Annamaboe		800
Agga		250
Tantumquerry		600
Winnebah		700
Shidoe		250
Accra		1000
Alampo		200
Quitah		200
Whydah		2000
		£ 24,500
To wch add all Sorts o Stores & materials sent Yearly fm England		5500
	Totall	£ 30,000

But if it be considered t much / greatr part o this Charge is payd in Africa. in Goods at an advanced price, or in Gold purchased w such Goods. it will reduce / sd Yearly Charge fm £30,000 p. annum, as above, to abt £20,000 p. annum Sterlg money; both, as far as yet appears to / sd Co, is / least / sd Forts & Settlemts can be Kept & Maintained f.

My Lords.

The Royal African Co having thus given Your Lordps / best informan / shortness o / time will allow, as to / Nature, Number, Strength, Scituatn, & Charges o the Sevl Forts & Settlemts on / Coast o Africa, And Yr Lordps beg now furnished w / Opinion o all Partys in relan to / Sevl ways & Manner o Settlg & preserveg thes most Valuable & necessary Trade, They will only beg leave in / last place to Submitt what they h further to offer to Yr Lordps on thes Subject under / following Heads & Observations.

1. T / French, tho' they h only three Settlemts on / North Coast, Viz^t. In / River Senegal, On / Island Goree, & at Arguin, Do in Virtue o those & o a Grant fm / French King, claim & assume to themselves / Sole Trade o those parts, for near 300 leagues. And do, & ever since / erecting ye / two first o / sd Forts, h taken & condemned all such English Ships as they found at any time Trading on any part o t Coast, or within Six leagues o / Same.

2. T / Dutch pretend by Virtue o Conquest fm / Portuguese, & Seol old Grants & Donac^ns fm / Kings & or Gt Men o / Country to an absolute & Universal Right & Property to / Gold Coast beg t part o Affrica where / African Co's Forts & Settlem^ts are cheifly Situated.

3. T / Portuguese h seol strong Settlem^ts at & near Loango St Pauls, on / Coast o Angola, & do likewise claim a Right to / Sole Trade o all t part o Affrica. lyg to / Southward o / Equinoctial line.

4. T is owg to / Royal African Co & / gt expence & Charge they h bn at in buildg & Maintaing a Fort on James Island in / River Gambia, T / French h not wholly ingrossed / Trade o t River to themselves, as well as t o all / seol Ports & Countrys to ye Northward o / Same.

5. T is likewise owg to / Royal African Co's Forts & Settlem^ts on / Gold Coast, t / Dutch h not gott possess^n o all t Coast & parts adjacent, and t they h not long before now excluded / English, as well as all o^r Nations fm any part or Share in t Trade, as much as fm ye Spice Islands in / East Indies.

6. T by / Same pretce t / Portuguese fitted out a Man o Warr fm Lisbon in / year 1723, & on a time o Peace, & not as much as a Summons given attacked, plundered, & destroyd / Royal African Co's Fort (before it was finished) & Guardship at Cabenda, abt 200 Miles distant fm / nearest o the Settlem^ts on t Coast, they may, if timely care be not taken to make proper Settlem^ts ther, Send out o^r Men o Warr, when they sh see a fit opp^y, & take, plunder, & destroy all such English Merchant Ships as they sh fond Trad^g in those parts.

7. The Royal African Co therefore cannot but be exceed^g ly Surprized to hear t any Person, t pretends to / most Knowledge o this Trade, shd say, they are Sensible & Convinced by long experience, T / Forts & Settlem^ts on / Coast o Affrica are not necessary or usefull to be kept up & Maintained f / benefit o / Trade, An Assert^n / more astonishg in as much as it is a manifest contradic^n to / Well Known Sence & practice o all such Foreign Nations as carry on any Trade to those Parts; to all / reasons & Motives wch induced those Kings o this Realm Successively to commit / care & Manage^mt o this Branch o ye British Trade to a Co; to a Declaratory part o an express Act o Parliam^t; as well as to Sundry Subsequent Votes & Resolu^ns o / representative Body o this Kingdom; & in short, to / Sentim^ts & Confess^n o / private Traders themselves, when they were formerly called upon to give ther Opinion in this head, at ye Lords Board. The Co therefore do, w / great confidce, entirely submitt this point to ye Lordps decn.

My Lords

As f / many o^r allegans contained in / Separate Traders' Seol Answers to ye Lordps Queries, / sd Co do likewise humbly Submitt it to ye Lordps whr / Co in the Representa^n o / 2^d instant, or in any o^r o / Papers they h ha / honour to deliver to ye Lordps, h sd or offered anythg tendg towds encourag^g Monopolys, or cramp^g & / Exportat^n & consump^n o Our own Manufactures, or lessen^g / Shipp^g or Navig^n o / Kingdom, or o abridg^g / Out Ports, or any o^r / meanest o this Majts Subjects o ther just Liberty^s & Property^s; wh^r / whole Scope

& design o all t they h taken / liberty to lay before Yor Lordps is not to sett forth / Nature & uncommon Circumstces o / Trade to Africa; / dangers & inconveniences it is exposed to fm Foreign Nats, & / Natives o those Countrys; / hazard / English Trade to these parts wd be lyable to, if / Cos' Forts shd be either lost, or not duly Supported; / reasonableness o putty / Co at least upon a equal foot w all / rest o thr Fellow Subjects who Trade to there parts; / absolute necessity o takg some measures or other f regulatg / Trade on / Coast o Africa, & f reducg / present exorbitant price o Negroes, as well as preventg / many & gr & growg imposns o / Natives o those parts, And wch if not remedyed in time, Evidently threaten / ruin o / Plantns, & / entire loss o thes Trade to / Kingdom; And in / last place, Wch / Gentlemen to whom Your Lordships were so indulgent as to Communicate / sd Representan o / 2d instr h, in any o thr Answers to Yor Lordp's Queries, bn so free & open, or given Yor Lordps such Satisfacn as to ~~these~~ these & ye like parts, wch are / principal points in Quesn, as Yor Lordps, after so much condescention mt reasonably h expected fm them.

African house
March 31. 1726.

By Order o / Royal African Co o England.
Fra: Lyon Secr.

Endorsed

Trade
Mr Gees Answer to ye Sect Queries sent him relatg to / African Trade
Reca March 30th
Read Do 31
1726
S. 46

Q 1. . . . . .

It is my opinion t / Trade to Africa ot to be kept open. For it does not appear to me t it is possible to supply our Plantns & preserve our Trade in them unless we h negroes as cheap as ot Nats do. As all private merchants who h had liberty to Trade to / same places as Cos do, h abundantly outdone Cos in managemt, so it hath bn in this Co in parte. For I never cd understand t / African Co ever Traded f above 5, or 6000 negroes yearly, & / private Traders h Traded so boldly & carryed / Trade so high t they h some years Traded f 30,000 or upwds, by wch it appears by plainly / African Co was a hindrce to / Trade & not an advantage.

As it was w us when / Africa Co hd / Trade, so also it was in France when the African Trade was managd by a Co. The Merchants o France did frequently solicit / Counc o State, & keep ther Colonies cd never thrive while the African Trade lay under / managemt o ~~the~~ a Co; Trusting but Competn & liberty on Trade cd render Commerce beneficial to / State & all monopolies or Trafficks appropriated to Cos exclusive o pts are inconceivably burthensome & pernicious to it; & / Co chose, by sellg a few negroes, to make / price three times as much as they might be sold at, by wch means ther Plantns became almost desolate, & ther manufactures o little emplt. By those remonstrces they got / Trade laid open & soon made such advances in ther Plantns, t they h quite beat us out o / plantg o Indigo in all our Plantns, & h gained a gr part o / Trade f Exportn o Sugars fm us, & if our African Trade shd come under a Co. by probably they wd h / whole in a little time.

However

However/
Stockjobbers, those unwearied Enemies to Trade, did not rest here. They set up a Mississippi Co to ruine a Thousands a Families & once more got / management a / Affrican Trade into their Hands who put the Planters into a second danger, But / Council a State soon sent into it & not only redressed the Grievces but banished the Brand Projector & now the Planters go on in a flourishg Condn

2 . . . . .

I am a Opinion it is not necessary to any Forts or Settlements shd be kept up & maintained on / Coast a Affrica. For to beg a Coast a above 4000 miles long if / Trade was only capable a beg carried on under / protecn a Forts & Settlements wd be so Chargeable to a Trade ten times as Valuable as it is cd not bear it.

Experice has taught us t Petty Kingdoms & Govs on / Coast rather choose to Trade & private Ships when they come on / Coast than ye / Coys. Ten forts upon a Coast so extensive as it is cd not h one quarter part a / influence t two men a war mt h who hd liberty to sail from place to place along / Coast to protect our Ships agst Pirates & keep any a those petty Princes in Awe who mt offer any Violce to any a our private Traders.

3. . . . . .

If it is thot necessary to h some Forts or Settlemts or Houses & ffactorys called by t Name to shelter our property to them, I am a Opinion t expence wd be best supported by / State. For I believe / Trade a our Plantns is a all ors / most profitable belongg to this Kingdom, & as it flourishes or is depressed accordg to / Supply a Negroes they receive from Affrica, / Govr or to take all Imaginable care to protect & Incre / Encrease a t Trade is an Encrease a / Revenue a / Crown, & a Trade wherein we h so many Competitors ot to be left as free as possible & carryed on at / least expence for fear our neighbours shd outdo us.

4 . . . . . .

As to / Value a those Settlemts I know vy little concerng them, but I apprehend they cannot be worth much.

5. . . . . .

I cannot prescribe a Method a purchasg them but if they are purchased I think they ot to be supported by / Crown

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Endorsed

Trade
Lre frm Mr Palmer in
answer to some Queries sent him
relatg to / Affrican Trade
dated 24 March 1725/6
Recd March 26th 1726
Read Do 31 1726

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To / first Query . . . . .

My Opinion is it will be for / Service a / Plantns t / Affrican Trade be carried on by a Co. provided they are supplyed frm time to time w a Sufficient Number a Slaves. For since this Trade has bn laid open / Seperate Traders (as I h bn informed) h done considerable Damage to / Same by Enhancing / Value a Slaves upon / Coast & by underselling one anor h lowered / Prices a Goods sent to purchase them. wh if managed & carried on by a Co only mt in a gr Measure be prevented. The it must be acknowledged t / seve Cos t h engaged in this Trade h hitherto bn Unsuccessfull & / Proprietors h suffered vy much thereby. Whr t has proceeded frm / gr Charges they h bn att in Carryg on / same, or any Mismanagemnts in them I will not take upon me to determine.

4.

The Second Quere is . . . . . .

I do not think it absolutely necessary also t / Forts & Settlemts made upon / Coast o Africa shd be maintained & Kept in good Repair & t it wod contribute vy much / Security o / Trade thr.

The Third Quere is . . . . . .

If / Trade to Africa center in a Co only then I am o Opinion t / Forts & Settlemts ot to be maintained at / Expence o / Co who are to Reap / Benefit o / Trade. But if it be thot advisable to lay t Trade entirely open, / said Traders ot I think to contribute in proportn to / Expence thereof

The fourth Quere . . . . . .

I am not able to give yr Lordships any Certain Accot o the Value but must leave t to more proper Judges to Determine.

The Fifth Quere . . . . . .

If / Crown sh judge it necessary to purchase / Forts & Settlemts o / African Co & be at / charge o maintaing them f / Future f Security o t Trade to / Nation I think t proper Persons shd be sent over to ascertain the present Value. But if a New Co be Established I cannot see any Reason why they shd not be Obliged to maintain their Forts & Settlemts thy made f / Security o / Trade. The Govt only allows them from time to time so many Ships o War as sh be thot necessary to protect them in the Trade, wch is o so gt Extent & Consideran . . .

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Aldermanbury
24 March 1725/6

Hen Palmer

Endorsed

Trade
Am Accot o / Paymt
o 34,000 £ by / Royal
African Co to ye
Royal Adventurers in /
year 1672 f the effects

London 1672
Am Accot o / paymt
o £34,000 to / Co
o Royal Adventurers

Recd } 14th April 1726
Read }

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London 1672

The Royal African Co o England
agreed to pay / Co o Royal Adventurers 34,000
Pounds f the Effects

1672	Dec 3	Paid one half . . . . . amounts to	£ 17,000
1673	mar 21	Paid in part . . . . . / Sum o	12,000
1674	Dec 10	The Co o Royal Adventurers are debited f arrears o Stock & o^r remains due to / Royal African Co	5954-11-4
			£ 34,954-11-4

£34,000 was / whole debt
954-11-4
34,954-11-4

The Co o Royal Adventurers stood debtors till December 31. 1681. when t accot was cleared by Profit & loss

Richd Beaumont Accountant

Endorsed Trade London 1688
An acct o/ costs o
Fredericksburgh } £4594-4-11.
or
Fort Royal

Recd } 14 April 1726.
Read }

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London 1688

By Indenture dated / 17. January 1683 at Cabo Corso Castle Peter Agent Greenhill & Council, & Hans Luckte Agent &/ King o Denmark, / sd Hans Luckte & o^r / Subjects & Servants o/ King o Denmark Resid^g at Friedrichs Burgh beg brot unto such g^t straits &/ want o money & Supplys from home t^t they were likely to be rendered totally uncapable any longer to subsist in or maintain / sd Fort or Castle o Friedrichs Burgh, it was Covenanted by way o Mortgage t/ Agent & Council sh^d lend / sd Hans Luckte Mk. 4..6..6..6 to be repaid in a month w^t Interest at 10 p. Cent. a / 15^t August 1683 Henry Spurway 8^d Cent Mk. 3..6..5..2 & in / like manner Agent Morse Cent Mk. 6..1..9..6 / 21^st April 1685. In all Seventeen Marks, Six Ounces, five Angles & two Taccoes, viz^t

Cent 15^t August 1683 .. Mk 3..6..5..2.
Cent 17 January 1683 .... 4..6..6..6
" 11..4..11..8 at £32 p. Mk. £370. 18. 4
Interest fm 17 January 1683 to 21^st April 1685 at 10 p. Cent .. 46. 13. 5
The 21^st April was Cent Mk 6..1..9..6 is at £32 p. Mark .... " 198. 7. 6
The Debt on Fredericks Burgh 21^st April 1685 when Possess^n was delivered was 615. 19. 3
The was 8^d Cent on Christian Burgh / 11 July 1684, Mk. 6..1..9..6 198. 7. 6
Interest to 21^st April 1685 at 10 p. Cent. 15. 7. 5
Due April 1685 on both Forts £829. 14. 2
Interest on £829. 14. 2 fm April 1685 to April 1686 is 1 year at 10 p Cent 82. 19. 5
£912. 13. 7

Expences in Keepg Friedrichs Burgh fm April 1685 to April 1686, viz^t.
The Governor o sd Fort & Wages & Diet £150
Eight Soldiers & a Sergeant ditto .. 290
Maintaing / Arda Slaves 150
Ground rent 3 marks 96
Sundry Expenses 64
750
£1662. 13. 7
Carried over

Expences in Keepg Ditto Fort fm April 1686 to April 1687 ... 750.
Interest o £1662. 13. 7 fm Aprile to Aprile 87. ... 166. 5. 4
£2578. 18. 11
Maintaing / Fort as before fm April 1687 to April 1688 ... 750
£3328. 18. 11
Interest o £2578. 18. 11 fm April 1687 to April 1688 ... 257. 17. 10
£3586. 16. 9

October 1688 { Paid / Danes Agent £107. 10.
Paid / Danes by Agreem^t 902 18. 2 1010. 8. 2
£4594. 4. 11

Richd Beaumont, Accountant

Endorsed Trade
Rm Accr o/ Cost
Summs o money payd in
Originally & Since /
Cos Establishmt
Recd } April 14 1726.
Read }
S 55.

Rm accr o/ Sevl Summs o money paid in originally & since / Cos Establishmt

		£. s. d
1671. Decemb	The first Subscripn	111,100 - -
	...	...
1723 Decemb	...	...
		£1.214,694. 11. 10

Richard Beaumont. Accountant

Endorsed Trade London Apr 1726
Rm accr o/ annual Expe
Expence o maintaing /
Cos forts & settlemts
Recd } 14th April 1726
Read }
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Gambia, Sierra Leone . . . .

Cape Coast.

The Charge paid at Cape Coast frm Jan 1 1720 to Nov 1 1724 beg 3 years 10 months . . . .

	Coast money Rm / whole £. s. d	Coast money Pr annum £ s. d
	47624: 19: 2	
Paid in England Sterlg	3315. 11. 5	
Stores sent out	3043. 17. 9	
	6359. 9. 2	12718. 184
		60343. 17. 0 15741.

Schedule . . . . [Total of all forts] £34568

Richd Beaumont Accountant

Endorsed Trade
Rm Accr o/
Duty o 10 per Cent
exclusive by / Royal
African Co
by Vertue o an act
o Parliamt made
in / year 1698
Recd } 14th April 1726
Read }
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- Recd [Total recd from London & Out ports, deductg "Lost by returns", frm July 1698 to July 1712. £73785. 10. 6½]

Signed ut supra.

Endorsed Trade
Dutch Settlemts on
/ Coast o Africa
Recd } 14th April 1726
Read }
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Anecbra. Accra. Fredricksburg. Arqueda. Butteroe, Tacquerado, Succoondee, Shtamah, Commenda, St George del Mina, St Jago. Mouree, Cormantin, Apong. Barracoe. Accra.

Fra. Lyon. Secr.

Endorsed Trade.
Copy o Votes
o ye House o Comons
o ye 9th o Febr 1709
relatg to ye Trade
to Africa.
Recd 14 April 1726
Read
S.59.

Jovis 9° die Februarij
Anno 8vo Annae Regnae 1709.

The Lord William Powlett Reported fm / Comittee o / whole house to whom it was referred to consider o / Trade to Africa That they had heard / Royal African Co & / Separate Traders to Africa upon the said Petns & had come to two Resolucons wch they had directed him to Report to / house. & he read / same in his place & afterwards delivered them in at / Clerks Table where they were read & are as follows, Viz.

Resolved
That it is / Opinion o this Comittee That forts & Settlemts are necessary f carryg on & preservg / Trade to Africa.

Resolved
That it is / opinion o this Comittee, That / Trade to Africa be free & open f all her Matys Subjects to trade to Africa fm any part o Gr Britain w / Plantans under such regulacons & provisns as may be f / preservacn o / sd Trade & maintaing / sd forts & Settlemts

The first Resolucn beg read a 2d time,

Resolved
That / house do agree w / Comittee in / sd Resolucn That forts & Settlemts are necessary f carryg on & preservg / Trade to Africa.

The 2d Resolucn beg read a 2d time
And a Motn beg made and / Questn put beg put That / sd Resolucn be recommitted.
It passed in / negative

Resolved
That / House do agree w / Comittee in / sd Resolucn That / Trade to Africa be free & open f all Her Majestys Subjects to trade to Africa fm any part o Gr Britain or / Plantans under such Regulans & Provisns as may be f / preservacn o / sd Trade & maintaing / sd forts & Settlemts.

Resolved
That this house will upon Monday Morng next Resolve itself into a Comittee o / whole house to Consider further o / Trade to Africa

Paul Jodrell
Cl Dom Com

8.

Endorsed

Trade

Lre fm mr Lymn Secry
to / African Co w
an explanatory Acct to t
delivered in / 14 o April last
o/ Sevl Sums paid into
/ African Co & since
/ Cos Establishmt

Read } April 29th 1726
Read }

S. 65

Endorsed.

Trade.

Mr Harris's Remarks
upon / African Cos
Peticon
w 4 o papers
recd at / same time

No 1, 2, 3, 4

Recd April 29th 1726
Read Do

S. 66

Some observans on / African Cos Two Petens.
And what was sd by the Councell, wch 9 hd /
Honour to Speak to att / Third Heargatt / Board.

The Fust in Paragraph sets forth t / sd Co hd a Charter in / year
1662. In Pursuce wherof they carried on a gt Trade & purchased o the
Predecessors Diverse Settlemts in Africa & Erected many o'r New Settlemts
at a vy Gt Charge & Expence.

The Sovereignty o / African Settlemts is Declared
in / sd Charter to be / undoubted Right o / Crown o England.
But t they Co Purchased any o them or t they Paid anything
f them to / former Proprietors cannot be admitted f as
much as one o / Heirs o Sr Nicholas Crisp / Proprietor throf
came to / Bar o / House o Comons in / year 1709 when
this Affair was then in Parliamt & maintained t / sd
former Proprietors hd never bn ~~paid~~ paid anything f / same
by this Co or by the Predecessors wch cd not be Denyed
or Disproved then by / Co, & / sd Crisp ther did ~~get~~ assert
his Right & Property to / same accordgly. And as to
what Addcons or improvemts h bn made amg / sd Settlemts
or Factorys since h bn done by Means o / Gt sums o money
amounting to above £112,000 received by / Co o / Seperate Traders
& on ther own Exports pursuant to ye 10 p cent Acct, f wh
they were accountable by ye sd Act o Parliamt. But / accts
o / Expence throf, by them exhibited abt / Time this Co obtained
ther Act to Compound w ther Creditors in 1710, were proved at
/ Bar o / House o Comons to be wholy Fictitious, they haveg
partly in / acct o / Charge o / North Parts placed an Article
o 63 Thousand pounds as a computed Acct whereas
Chidly & Shirm the Chief Factors at these places did prove
at / Comons Barr, they never received fm / Co more than
7 or £8,000 Value in / whole Time Mentioned in / sd Accts

ont o wh they remitted to / Co Goods wh sold f £5000. besides what was / Charge o / Factorys in all t time. so ab / Property was always understood by / House to be a mixt or Joint property

ffs o the Agents came also & Prard at / Bar t / Accts o the Settlemts on / Gold Coast were fictitious Accts. & t they had Directns to make them so & send them home as if true & genuine Accts o / Expence o / sd Settlemts. And in the sd Accts were included all the Charge o merchandize also wh were of gt

But altho / Co had bn at / Expence complained o, which is Entirely Denyed, they had / Sole Trade to Affrica Exclusive f many Years togr. till / time o / Revolution, & a Grant o Cape Coast Castle also wh was taken by our men o War at / Publick Expence, f all wh they had paid nothg. And as to / gt Charge Complained o, o Maintaing these Settlemts & Factorys. Tis well known / Needfull Charge was so little t the Factors maintained them w of small Assistce as well as they had always bn before f many Years after they failed, betwn / Year 1709 & / Year 1720 f / Sake o Residg in them [sic].

The 2d Paragraph sets forth t / Co h raised & Spent gt sums o money amounting to above one Million, but nevertheless / Trade is in gt Danger to be lost & / Plantations thereby like to be undone.

To wh tis true they h called in gt sums o money under Pretce o Trade in / fatal Year 1720 when Projects made t gt Noize in / World, & thus Co above all ors, whereby gt numbers o Familys o low Condn were Ruined & undone, & many Persons, Sufferers therein, made away w themselves rather than Survive / Miserable Condn they were brot to thereby. And sure t will not be alledged now that / Mony then called in was spent in maintaing Settlemts & factorys in Affrica. And as to ye mony called in before, t was divided all ont agn & a gt Sum ovr, as appears by ye Accts throf No 1.

But as to / loss, Decay & Dangerous condn this Trade is Represented to be in, Yr Lops will be / best Judges throf on Consideratn o / Numbrs o Ships now Employed in this Trade, wh amts to abov 200 Sail belongg to / Seperate Traders, wh can carry above 40,000 Negroes, on wh subject I must further add what I know & remember o / Rise & Increase o this Trade, Viz. before / Revolution repeated Complaints were made from time to time o / Want o Negroes in our several Plantations, f as much as / Co then furnished no more than 4 or 5000 Negroes a Year unto all / sd Plantations, & employed abt 8 or 9 Ships a Year at t time in / African Trade. Since / Year 1694 I h bn ingaged in it now 29 Years myself, abt wh time / Ships employed by / Co & all ors did not exceed 25 or 30 Sail or thereabts as I remember. After wh / Trade increased to abt 50 or 60 Ships betwn / Year 1700 1702 & 1706. And in / Year 1709 ther were 71 Ships o Seperate Traders altho / Co had in in a manner abandoned / sd Trade long before. From wh time it hath gone on gradually increasg to / degree it now appears to be in, nothwtg more than 100 Seperate Ships were destroyed betwn / Years 1718 & 1720 by a Piratick War, & notwtg / constant Obstructns & Prejudices done Seperate Traders from time to time by means o / Cos Factorys,

And this remarkable by / Rect o / Importan o Sugar
betwn / Year 1700 & 1723 t / Increase o t Branch
o our Plantans produces hath gone hand in hand
along w / Increase o / Trade o Affrica, whereby it appears
by / Customs House Books t / Importan o Sugar from
our Colonies hath bn near Doubled in less than 20
Years time, & whereby / Revenue arisg therfm hath bn
also doubled in propor^n thrto. Nor is ther any Reason
to doubt but Tobacco Price & o^r Plantan Goods hath
increased in like Propor^n also, in all to / Value o some
Hundred Thousand Pounds a Year Advantage to / Crown
All wh can only be owg to / Increase o / Slave Trade as
above, fm whose Labour these Commodities can only
be raised & produced, fm whence Yr Lordships may
judge wh^t / Trade is likely to be lost & our Plantas
like to be undone as is suggested in / Cos Petn.

And as to / Cos gt concern f us Seperate Traders,
lest t Branch o Trade whereby we get our Negrs, shd be
lost, / Seperate Traders are much obliged to them,
but sure Yr Lord^ps will be o opinion, if ther was t
Danger or Truth in t case, our Business, who live by
~~& Trade~~ this Trade, & h near a Million & a Half o
Mony employed ther^in, to complain on these points than
/ Business o those who h lately abandoned this
Trade & never intend to trade ag^n, unless they can,
on this occas^n by these & many o^r Wrong Sugges^ns
h an oppy o driv^g all o^rs out o / Trade & h it them-
selves Exclusive.

It wd rather be

The 3d Paragraph sets forth t / ill state o this Trade is occasioned by / Resort ~~of~~ o Dutch French & Portugueze on / Coast & / late Insults received by / Co & by Private Traders, who cd not carry on any Trade w^t / Protec^n o / Cos Settlements, t / Prices o Negroes is Raised on / Coast by a Competn o Contendg Partys to a much higher Price than formerly, t / South Sea Co giv^g ~~a higher~~ high Prices hinder / African Co & Private Merchants fm Supplyg / Plantans w^t loss, wh much affects / African Co so as / Trade is likely to be lost to / Kingdom.

To wh t is admitted t / Dutch, French & Portugueze do resort to / Coast o Affrica, & t is supposed, cos they always h resorted thither so they cannot now be prevented by any future Treaty any more than fm Trad^g at Leghorn or anywhere else, partly / latter who long traded thr before o^rs & w^t ther Tobacco formerly, & w^t ther Gold lately, did & will always command / sd Trade preferable to us & all o^rs what, who do not carry Gold & Brazile Tobacco. And as they usually give fm 6 to 8 oz o Gold p. head f Negroes themselves, so they do & will always fix / Market f all o^rs also, who hav^g no Gold cannot help giv^g / same Value in Goods as / Portugueze do in Gold. And this is / one Gr Reason why Negroes are become now Dearer than they were before / Portugueze found out ~~the~~ Gold Mines, & not so much by Competn o Contendg Partys as is Wrong suggested.

Besides all wch, for gter Numbers o Negroes are carried off now by / Portuguese f / use o the sd Gold Mines, & by Seperate Traders t / Supply o own Plantans, & by / Ascanto Contractors than ever were formerly by any o them. wch are all just & true reasons of cause o Negroes beg dearer now than formerly, f as much as / Number wanted at least beg six Times more, & / Demand six Times as gt as formerly, / Prices must naturally needs rise accordgly, were the no other Reasons what?

As to / Insult complained o by / Co at Cape Benda, / Co may thank themselves, the beg no manner o need o any European Settlemt in t place, in regard Houses are always ready provided by / Natives f all Traders t come ther on payg so much Custome and all Ports & Places o Trade on Angola h bn constantly free to all Nats & always supported in / Maintence throf on t foot by ther Neighbours & Allies / Portuguese o Loango St Paul. This / Co all Knew or ot to h known, & hd no reason to expect other than what happened to them. And whereas / Co assert t / Private Traders cannot carry on ther Trade wt / Protcn o ther Factorys & Settlemts wch are all except Gambia (wch is a Burg Place f all who go ther & / Trade lyes many Hundred Miles up in t river above it) scituated on abt 150 Miles Space on / Gold Coast betwn Dickys-Cove & Apra wch takes up but 4 Inches Space in a Map o / Coast 7 foot long. Tis true durg / Infancy o / African Trade t part o / Coast was chiefly resorted to by us; but f more than 20 Years past / Slaves o t Country beg mostly carried off / sd Coast is become now like a forest where all / Timber hd bn long since cutt down, & so as all Private Traders were forced to open / Trade many Hundred Miles above & below those Settlemts, & all but a vy few Slaves are now brot up or down frm remote Parts by / Natives in Boats even to sell on / Gold Coast, whereas / Windward Trade is carried on by Floatg factorys as well by Private Traders, as by all Nats, on board ther respective Ships, this / Co do themselves likewise by Keepg Vessells constantly many Hundred Miles above & below / Gold Coast, who dayly send what they buy to / sd factorys, ther beg little else but Corn to feed Slaves to be hd now on / Gold Coast, so t to speak / truth / factory Houses or Settlemts are now a little or no advantage to / Traders in gen. f they hd ever bn so before, no more than Pendenis Castle is to / Trade o London, bec tis well known nine parts in 10 o / Slaves are o or Countrys & are purchased many hundred Miles out o / Infice throf. As an instce, / Port o Widda lyes near 60 Leagues below those Settlemts on / Gold Coast wch is / principal place o Trade in all Africa & where near one half o all / Slaves are purchased, & where all Goods are carried by all Traders by land Carriage, to be sold nine Miles into / Country to a place called Sabbe, / gtest Market f Slaves in all Africa, where ther are no factorys or Settlemts nor ever were. Tis true ther is a Place o / Co to lodge Slaves in, as they are brot down before they are Shipped off, three miles distant frm / Sea Side by reason ther are two Bars to pass over out at Sea, wch cannot be passed but in good Weather, so / Slaves must be lodged near / Waterside till an Oppy offers. In like manner

all Private Traders h their Tents set up f / same purpose, & their are Trading Places & Villages contiguous one to anor fm the Port o Widda to Old & New Calabar Callabar & fm thence as far as / remotest part o Angola, f many Hundred leagues together. Tho' there are no Settlemts or Factorys o any Nation but / Trade hath always bn carried on, on / faith o / Natives only & Slaves are this usually bot at half / Prices as at o' own / Co's Factorys. And sure / Co will not alledge t Private Traders cannot carry on this Trade wth / protecon o their Settlemts on / Gold Coast in parts many Hundred leagues below / sd Factorys. Nor t they can or do protect / Gr Trade carried on by Private Traders at Places as many Hundred leagues above them. And as to / Co's Complaint o / So Sea Coys beg giving high Prices, thereby hindring / African to & Private Merchants fm Supplying / Plantations wt loss, tho' is an easy Remedy f t Complaint, when t Honble Co shall think fitt to putt it in Practice, especially when it is considered so as / African Co would be but little affected by this buying. From F all wch will appear pretty plain, especially when this considered t / Private Traders f some Years past h bn forced to go one after anor fm one Place to anor to seek f a Market before they can sell a Ship load o Negroes. I say 'tis plain t tho' is no gr sign o / want o Negroes in our Plantations or any sign o Danger o / African Trade beg lost, as is suggested in / Petion in Quesn.

To / fourth Paragraph t if they stop Trading f / present, & t, by reason o / charge, they must, thro' necessity, abandon their forts & Settlemts, beg / greatest part o their present Estate, unless / Trade be put on such a foot as they may furnish / Plantations cheaper than they now pay f them.

In Reply to wch tho' is no Doubt but they must stop Trading when the Money is gone wch 'tis well known was not spent on maintaining the Settlemts, & altho' / Co shd be at all Expence on / Coast as is pretended, yet a very little part of cloth arose fm / Charge o Forts or Buildgs or fm maintaining Soldiers or on any Military Occasn whatsoever, but as properly so to be accounted f in the Charges o Trade & Merchandize carried on by the Inland Factorys & the Gr Number o Factors & Writers, wch is a Method attended wt / great Inconveniencys & carried on in / most Chargeable Manner, as f Instce f / Co's factors to live at Cape Coast & send Vessells one, one hundred & fifty leagues one way, another one hundred leagues another way in order to buy Slaves to bring up to Cape Coast, as they h often done, this must needs be thereby / Charge o Double factorage, as well as / Charge o one or two Ships, & o / Factory Houses besides, f one & / same purpose, & likewise / charge o another Vessell whereon to load / Slaves f / West Indies afterwards. And if they were not to follow this Method they must then purchase only such Slaves as are to be had at Cape Coast, wch would not be sufficient to load above one or two small Ships a Year, or else they must purchase them o those who go & buy them & bring them up by Sea fm other parts o / Coast to Anomabo, f wch they must often pay 30 p Cent more than they are sold at / Places fm whence they are brot, or if they were to buy them coasting along in the Ships, & so go off, the

ther wd be no occasn o land factorys. Whereas / Seperate Trader takes / Trade along as he goes from one end o / Coast to / other in his ship, wh is his floatg factory wt any Expence o land factorage or o other vessells than o his own, wherein he not only carries on all his Trade on / Coast wt fair Charge but also transports his Slaves to / West Indies in / same Ship. By all wh Yr Lordps will easily judge wh is / Cheapest, / best & indeed / only Method o carryg on / African Trade, whr by / Co factorys at Land or by / Seperate Traders floatg Factorys at Sea, & by this last Method this Trade hath in a very short Time risen to / most flourishg State & Condn o any or Branch o Trade now belongg to this Nam, & its humbly conceived any alteran o this Method, or puttg it out o / Channel wherin it hath soe long been carried on wt great success for above 30 Years past, must needs tend to its Ruin & Destruction. And as to / Co's abandong their Settlemts, it was / old sayg all / while this affair was in Parliamt & before, for many years, but not wt these Pretences for many Years afterwards those who lived in yr Factorys did maintain them as aforesd, wh was owned or admitted to be true by yr Cos Accomptt att his examinan, & those who live in them will no doubt do so agn, & / Trade will be still carried on as it was then by ye Os concerned in it, in as great a Degree, & / Plantans be as well supplied & as cheap as ever before or since, provided they leave the Settlemts tomorrow, wh was / Case when they discontinued / Trade for many Years before / Year 1720 as abovesaid

'Tis remarkable / Settlemts for many Years past have been o no other use but to hinder & oppress Seperate Traders, partly by / Factors buyg up all / Corn, wh they make all Seperate Traders pay for at a very extravagant Price, & often refuse them any at all. And for / same reason makes Slaves dear up thither to be much dearer there than where there are no factorys at all. And by / great numbers o Ships taken in / French War formerly, & by / Pirates lately on this part o / Coast, 'tis plain they have been o little or no use for protectg o Trade, but a Prejudice thereto. And there is no lyg under Cape Coast but in calm Weather 3 or 4 Months in a Year. And nothg is more convincg Proof to our floatg factorys, wt any regard to factorys at land are / most proper & only way o carryg on this Trade, than / manner o / Portuguese, who purchase many Thousand Negroes more than we do, by this like Method o Trade wt / help o any Settlemts or factorys at Land on any Part o / Slave Coast, who have always had / Trade in question at Large in / same manner as ours now is. Wh is undoubtedly / best Method o Preservg / same, as may further appear by / vast gradual Increase aforementioned amg us / last 20 Years, to / great Encouragemt o Navigan & / great Benefit to / Publick thereby, as aforesd. And this Method was after / most mature Deliberan in Parliamt approved o, & hath succeeded accordgly, & whereby we have in a great measure beat / Dutch Interlopers & all other Nations out o / Trade, except / Portuguese, & / Plantans are now furnished at cheaper Rates than can be under any other Method whatr. And were / Co & their factors both to abandon their factorys tomorrow / Natives would live in them, & beg Masters o their own Country. We shd then buy Slaves on / Gold Coast on much better terms than we do now, or on / same as at other Places where there never were any Land factorys. But as / present Method / Trade is now in, is undoubtedly / only one way it can be

carried on in such an Extent o Coast as is fm Cape de Verd to Cape Negro in Angola, & some 5000 Miles along / shore; so I persuade myself Yr Lordships will believe ther can be no oth Way & / Protecn & Preservan o this Trade but by Ships o War & not by Land Factorys.

On / matter o this Petin I make no Doubt but will appear to Yr Lordships

1st That they purchased the Settlemts o ther Predecessors cannot be made to appear.

2d. That / Suggesn in / sd Petin o / Traders beg in danger o beg lost is wrong in Fact.

3d. That / Plantans beg likely to be Ruined & undone for Want o Negroes is wrong in Fact.

4th. That / Protecn o / Cos Factorys / Private Traders cd carry on no Trade is wrong in Fact.

5th. That twas not Practicable for Private Merchants to furnish / Plantans wrong in Fact.

6th. That / Co are obliged to leave off Trade by Reason o / Charge o ther Settlemts, We say is wrong in Fact, & cannot be made good by any Accts they can produce.

7th. That / sole Property in / African Settlemts is not theirs, but a mixed Property, & / Sovereignty is / Right o / Crown, & so declared in / first Article o ther Charter aforesaid

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In Observacon o / several Volumnous Papers o / Co sent us by Yr Lordships, I pray leave to make Two or Three short Remarks.

As to ther assertn that / Seperate Traders were formerly for maintaining these Settlemts under a Regulan, how was it Case then. Why truly / Trade was then at Market. And it was paid before / Ministry have / load o a heavy War then upon ther hands, as a Branch o Ways & Means to borrow Mony upon. First by an Exclusive Project. Then by a Project for a Regulan. The one, / House o Commons refused absolutely. The oth was a Project to answer / same purpose, by putting / Trade under such a Method & such Powers as were to enable / Managers to make themselves exclusive in manner as / New E India Co had done that Trade some time before. All this while / Seperate Traders pressed to continue / Trade at Large as it is now; constantly deny any necessity o / Land Settlemts or Land Factorys on acct o Trade. In wh opinion / Traders have been unanimous when this matter hath been upon / Carpet. For near 40 Years past. And / vast Increase & Success under that Method now used for 14 Years past puts this Case out o all manner o Doubt, by plain & clear Demonstran that no oth Method, either Exclusive or Regulated, cd or can ever in any manner equal / present State this Trade is now under thirby. And as / Trade lay exposed to Sail [sic] all / Time betwn 1704 & 1713, & intended in Lord Oxons time, partly, to be Ingrafted on / South Sea Co under a pretended Regulan, whereby the Co

Co and h be enabled at any time to make / Trade exclusive. The Seperate Traders, therefore, & the Friends in / House were forced to be content to gett such Resolves in Parliamt, fm time to time, as they cd, by submitting to one part o a Resolve to go w and. But, thanks be to God, it cannot be supposed if we stand upon t foot now, unless we shd be so unlucky to fall under a proverb t all Foreigners, unjustly I hope, reproach us w, viz. T an Englishman never knows when a thg is well.

I pray leave to observe t by an Exclusive Method / Trade was Starved & Ruined, & many Seperate Traders at t Time carried on / Trade fm Zeeland, in Partnership w Dutchmen, who before knew nothg o / Trade & afterwards went to live th themselves & sett up / Interlop. Trade, wh they carried on many Years fm thence, to such a Degree t they beat all or Nations excpt / Portuguese, & even the Dutch Co: out o / Trade; till / Year 1698, when / Seperate Traders o England first began to increase; but since / Expiran o / 10 p. Cent Duty we h beat these vy Interlopers almost entirely out o / Trade within this 10 Years. And t Branch o our Navigan wh was carried on by 8 or 10 Ships a year under an Exclusive Managemt at first, & by 40 to 50 Ships under a Regulan afterwards, is now increased to 200 Sail o Ships & upwards by / Traders havg ben at Large 13 Years past; & / Increase o our Seamen is in propon to / Number o Ships, 3 or 400 beg employed in an Exclusive Trade, & 4 or 5 000 Seamen are employed in / Trade as it is now carried on at Large; and / Exportan o our Woollen & or British Manufactures hold good in propon thereto. The Increase o / Revenue also in / same Manner; & as Numbers carry Conviction w them & make any Propositn self-evident, so yr Lordships can never be at a loss to find out wh is / best Method whereby to carry on or continue / Trade in Quesn.

And as to / 3 Projects in / Cos Memorial, they are no or but Joint Stock Exclusive Projects so as there can be no need to trouble yr Lordps in debatg on the Pasts or argug thereupon, as beg Ruinous & Destructive to / Trade to all Intents & Purposes.

As to / assertion t / Factory at Gambia is / Cause why / French do not Ingross / whole Trade o t River, were t true, wh is yt denyed, a Vessell o 12 Guns w / King's Commissn will prevent t effectually in all parts o t River wh / Trade wherof reaches up 200 leagues, much better than a Fort or Factory upon a small rock ten miles up within its entrance, wh cannot hinder any Ships goig up to Trade at Pleasure.

And as to the or Asserin t / Portuguese claim / whole Slave Trade o Angola, t is entirely Wrong in fact, & as much as at a Tryall at Guildhall, / end o last Michaelmas Terme, where I myself was then present, / Secretary o / Portuguese Embassador beg Subpaenaed in / Cause, as well as I did then Declare upon Oath, t all Places beyond Cape Katherine, wh is many Leagues on this side o Angola, were free to all Nations.

In answer to what is pretended likewise, o / yr Value o / Cos Forts to be o £500,000, they say at one time they cost £30,000; then in / Report o / Board o Trade to Parliamt they say £40,000; then in or the Projects £150,000

and in 1720, when / Assurce Cos were to give £300,000 f the Charters they lett in new Subscribers into ye African Co at £140,000 or under in consideran o the Charter, wch was aft / Price / Charters o Assurce Cos wood on at t time at any Forts or Castles, all wch may be worth ye Lordships Consideran on t point.

Ths / Increase o / Trade appears by the Charter to be / ye Cause Reason, & foundan o granting this Charter to / Co: but wh hath produced / ye contrary effect - I am wch amt in my humble opinion to an Abuser or a Destroyer & so at least the Charter is or ot to become Void. If it were not otherwise so & the Grant be resumed by / Crown f as much as / sd end o granting this Charter hath bn intirely frustrated, as appears by / vast Increase o Trade under ye Methods o freedom established since 1698, & whereby it must necessarily appear t / sd Charter hath bn many Millions o Pounds prejudice to / Nan under its first conduct & hath served only to plague mankind wt f 60 Years past

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Some Remarks on ye Subject matter mentioned by ye Co's Councill at ye first Hearg

I cannot find out on what Ground / Councill f / Co did assert t / Seperate Traders had admitted or agreed t Forts & Settlemts and Settlemts in Africa & Allices w / Natives were necessary.

Tis true after / Alteran o / Ministry in / Year 1710/11 when a Gentleman was made a Commr at this Board who had bn at / Head o / Managemt agst / Seperate Traders f many Years before, he had then a fair Oppy thereby to sap / foundan wh wt, his old Antagonists, stood upon, viz. The Honest Representan o this Board to Parliamt o / State o this Trade in those times before he came to this Board.

T wch purpose they were sent to us Diers Msnarg Queries in Janry 1710/11 & ors Papers to return Answers to, And I find in an Answer to one o those Queries these Words "If Forts "are necessary as is alledged", and / 9 next Query after those Words runs thus, viz.

"How will ther be such a Stock o Goods lyg Ready
"always in / Forts to be disposed of for preserv
"Contracts or Allices w / Natives or f Increasg / Number
"o Settlemts w proper Powers f those Purposes"

In answer we say viz - "T in / Bill f Vestg / Settlemts in / Crown ordered by Parliamt to be brot in wt / Year before, ther was a Clause to incorporate / African Traders to / End t they might annually be enabled to choose a Comittee wh shd h Power to send Factors or Warehouse Keepers to take charge o all Goods & Issue them as Dashes or in respect to Contracts or Allices w / Natives under / Direcn o / Governor o Cape Coast who was to be by / Queen appointed, but at / recommendan o / Traders, so t ther seems no more Difficulty on this Head under a Regulated Trade than under an Exclusive Trade in regard / Committee & Governor o / one can doubtless do / same as / ors

N.B. Now sure this Answer amts to no more than to shew t by / one Method / same thgs cd be done as by / p[r] & t no implica[n] can be drawn fm thce, t we did not thereby admit t Forts & Settlemts or Allices were necessary or t we therein say or mean to say any such thg. The Word ["] If Forts are necessary as alledged, ["] implys / contrary, & t we do not admit them to be necessary. But it plainly appeared afterwards t these Queries were designed f no o[r] end, but so wrap us in our sd Answers, whereby to be made use o as a foundn. f / Report o this Board taken notice o by / Council signed by L[d] Oxon, A Moor & / rest o t Ministry & dated 15th March 17 11/12 to her late majesty, wherein they scarce admitt or rather Explain / Meang o our foregog Answer, in / Words as wh are part o t Report viz ["] they (Seperate Traders) say they can Establish Consuls on / Coast w sufficient Quantitys o Goods f Payg Ground Rents, Presents, & all o[r] Occasn ["]

On wh Occasn 9 must take Notice to yr Lordships t / 12th o March preceds / date o t Report / whole Body o Traders waited upon / Board to explain the Meang to be entirely agst / necessity o Forts or o Allicances, & desired / same might be entered in the Journall wh we find done accordgly, to wh we refer f yr Lordships' informan.

N.B. Now as Cape Coast pays a Ground Rent o 80 or 90 £ a Year Affrican money to / Natives as well as o[r] Settlemts in proporn, And as t Value was usually paid in Goods, on wh there is a gt Advantage rather than to pay in Gold, & as / Presents consist o 4 or 5 Gallons o Brandy mixt & then to these Petty Princes, when they send f them, we therefore set forth in t our Answer, & cannot mean otherwise than t must as well be done by a Warehouse-Keeper or factor under a Regulated Method as under an Exclusive Method.

N.B. And / Better to sett this Point o our ~~matter~~ not ever Admitting Forts or Allices necessary, 9 find in an Answer to a Paper to this Board, dated 11th December 1710, but six Weeks before this our Answer to Queries, these Words, viz ["] / Settlemts wh there hath bn so much Pains taken to prove absolutely necessary to / Trade f Reasons therein ~~stated~~ mentioned, ot to be Demolished ["]

N.B. The Representan or Report to / Queen, aboresaid, was designed f no o[r] Reason but to Destroy or Invalidate / former Report o this Board made to Parliamt, & called f when[n] / matter came before them. And t it may h gtr Weight, it was signed by L[d] Oxon, A Moor, Secry St John, L[d] Dartm[o], Mr Chancellor o / Exchequer, besides / Standg Comm[rs] o this Board. And were Mr Popples father alive he cd h acquainted Yr Lordps much more o this matter than becomes me to mon.

N.B. 'Tis vy well known this Trade was then to h bn ingrafted ingrafted on / South Sea Co, & t this Report was to h bn / foundn throf, & all Difficties were to be laid in our Way when it came into / House, & / better to come at this Point, vy gt Offers were made in / meantime to Desist our Opposn. But these vy Articles o this Report were recommended fm / Throne by Mr Secry St John t Sessn o Parliamt, & Quesns prepared Pursuant to t Report accordgly. But the beg also added as / last Quesn after these cld h bn first agreed to, whr a Joint Stock or a Regulated Method was best f carryg on / Trade f these Purposes.

Purposes. I beg pres[t] in / House do y[e] well remember t Craven Peiton stood up & sd t he took it t those forego[g] Articles or Quest[ns] were to lead / House into a Concession to / last[r] o a Joint Stock, & therefore moved t / last Quest[n] o a Joint Stock shd be debated first, & was Seconded by Sir R[d] Onslow, wh after some time was Resolved in / negative, & a Bill passed accordg[ly] f an Open Trade.

'Tis indeed y[e] time t / Pretence f forts has b[n] in a manner forced into Bills brot into / House, but, God knows, much ags[t] / Consent o / Seperate Traders. But I was likewise [present?] when we were forced to submit to anyth[g] tho ags[t] our opinions & Judgm[ts] & when we were in / lyons Mouth when all Trades were, in a manner, Prostituted to Sale. At t time we thot it sufficient to lose / Newfoundland Trade by giv[g] up Cape Britoon [Breton?], & / appearce o loss[g] most o our o[r] Trade by / French Commerce Bill, excused all unvoluntary Acts on our parts to save this g[r] Branch o Trade wh was goi[g] amis / rest. If we h[d] come into or admitted o Forts beg necessary, but never expect[g] / Enemys Artillery o those times wd be so many years afterwards pointed ags[t] us now by our own Friends, but I hope all t will not conclude t we therefore h thereby ever admitted t forts & Land Settlem[ts] were necessary f Trade or otherwise.

And Numbers o Instr[ces] m[t] be given by all our Printed Papers, wherein we h always born [bin] our Testimony ags[t] / Necessity o Forts ~~& Settlem[ts]~~, & in sev[l] parts o t Report made to / Parliam[t] in 1709 by this Board, before mentioned, wherein / Matters o Fact on both sides are litterally sett down & Reported in our own Words & in those o / Co, impartially w[t] any unjust shaving / Sense thereof, I say it will thereby appear t we were always ags[t] any Necessity f Forts or Land Factorys on any Accou[n]t, & on / Contrary, it appears in Pa: 5 in / sd Report we complain o the Bribg / Natives to obstruct / Trade, & in page 8, t the Factors h[d] orders to undersell / Seperate Traders, tho they sold to Loss, & gave more f Negroes, than Seperate Traders, in order to ruin the Voyages, in Pa: 9 t is sd / Seperate Traders look upon those Places no otherwise usefull than f / Secur[g] / Co's own Goods & not any Protec[n] to Seperate Ships Trad[g] thither, instances whereof h[e] been given by some Traders to t Coast. Page 11, t Forts & Castles are neither an Advantage nor Security to Trade, but an unnecessary Burden. Burthen thereto, Neither are they any Inducem[t] to / Natives to Trade w[th] us, on whom nothg can h[e] any Influence but fair Dealg or Mutuall Advantage. Pa: 12 / Co owned they were not capable o resistg any attack o an European Enemy w[th] Ships o War.

And as to our admitt[g] o Regulated Methods o Carryg on this Trade formerly 14 years ago; In Answer, there was no South Sea Co o 18 Millions Capitall existg at t time who were Private Traders w[th] us, whose weight under any Regulat[n] whatsoever cod crush Private Traders to atoms; & were y[e] Lord[ps] to make what laws y please 'Twould be / same case as 'Twas w[th] / new East India Co formerly, which was established free & open by Act o Parliam[t], but by Virtue o y[e] Incorpora[n] o one

Part o/ Traders, they made themselves Exclusive afterwards, so as in our present Case we hd as good come into an Exclusive ~~Trade~~ Compa now at once as into a Method wh must unavoidably end in t Point soon after, as appears by / same like Case above.

But my Lords, thr is ever Reason o as gt, or greater, force than this agst making any Alteran whatr in / present Method / Trade is now in by its beg at large, under any pretce whatr. And t is by Reason o / Vast Increase throf. And t appears to be / first Cause. Reason, & Cheif End o Granting / Affra Cos Charter at first, as is sett forth at large therin, under / sd Present Method compared w / former o an Exclusive Method & w t also o a Regulan or Examinan t wld appear by / first Method / Trade was Starved & abandoned to ye Hans: by t o a Regulan under a Duty o 10 p. Cent it increased neverless 4 or 5 times more, than under an Exclusive Method, & since 13 Years past t this Trade hath bn at large it hath gone on increasg Dayly till now 3 times more than under / former Regulan. The Vast National Benefit arisg thrby I need not Repeat, but only Observe if a doun o one Million is intended by any Alteran o this Method & / same o havg it at 3 p. Cent Cr. as is sd abroad, a fund must be found & / Same & & 4 p. Cr. wh / Interest South Sea & India Bonds at / present Premium go at. / Money may doubtless be hd o any Body, & & t shd be / Case & savg £100,000 a Year to / Publick on one hand, we may by some new Scheme or Project on this Trade defeat / Revenue o Ten Times as much on / ye hand in two or 3 Brandes thereof. wh as they h bn increased by this Trades beg now at Pge in 14 or 15 Years in an extry manner & wh doubtless deserves Yr Lord ps Considern, so if Cramped or Oppressed by any means whatr will soon decline agn to a gt Degree, accordg as this Trade sh be Burthined or Affected

And as to thes Cos ~~dis~~ Dispossall o ther Land Settlemts in Affrica I must Refer Yr lordships to what was done by / former Co as is mentioned in ye Charter t it be surrendered to / Crown in Reguard thes Co is now in / same Circumstes as / former Co was then when they surrendred the Grant back to / Crown in / Year 1672. & & wh they never made appear they wer paid one Twopenny Peice either before, or their Successors / present Co. after / sd Surrender.

As to / Councels Proposall to exclude / Seperate Traders fm a part o / Coast only qt 300 Leagues, t they m h / sole Trade thereof wh they mean, or they mean nothg.

In Answer I wd willgly ask / Co, in t Case how t can be, how can they exclude / Dutch, French, Portuguese & Danes fm tradg in t Distrct. I believe they will not say they can. Then how can it possibly be t they can h / Sole Trade to themselves only, whilst so many Hans do Trade besides themselves; & always did & will, & h an Equall Right to Trade as much as / Co. & / Seperate Traders shd be Excluded, as they do most insist upon, / Case then wd be t t Trade wh was usually carried on by / Seperate Traders must o necessity fall into / Hands o Hans & / Co cant exclude them also as well as / Seperate Traders. And as to any pretce

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t / Co wd carry on a Trade as much after / Separate Traders were excluded, as before, t Case wd be like / Contracts made w / S^o S. Co, never half performed; so as to exclude / Separate Traders only & not other Nations also fm ye Trade o t part required by / Co can avail nothg to / Co. 'Twd appear very absurd for a Jewish Shopkeeper to come & ask or desire t such & such persons, his Neighbours sh not go by his house in Cheapside; wh is an high Road or Throwfare f all / rest o / World; or t such a person sh not come to such a Market where he comes, tho it is common to all o^rs besides; or t a Man sh be debarred fm / Trade o / City o London wh is a Market f all / Universe but sh be confined to Trade in / Hundreds o Essex, May they not with Ease / Separate Traders Merchants' Trade at / o^r places where they first opened / Trade, but / Co wd by this their Request or Demand now exclude them even fm thence also, so as upon / matter o / Proposn o Excludg / Separate Traders fm any limitted or Certain District in Africa 'Twill by no means Answer any Manner o Purpose to / Co, but on / Contrary must naturally throw a Gr Part o / Trade more enjoyed by these Nations into / Hands o Foreigners over Walls in / Plantan Trade, wh will doubtless appear to Yr Lordps a Wild, Vain & Dangerous Project

As to / Case o / Co's leaving the Settlemts & / Danger o o^r Nations getting Possessn o them, / Co having on 3 or 4 Times in / same Condn since / year 1661. as they are now, & having left them as Derelicts 2 or 3 times f a considerable Space o time & then occupied them agn, Yet in / interim as Nobody did ever attempt to possess them, so ther can be no more Reason to believe or expect that any o^r Nation wd or cd take possessn o them more now than they did formerly. In / like case, partly betwn / Year 1665 & / Year 1672, when / Co o Royal Adventurers, their Co's Predecessors left them all f 4 Years, no o^r Nation regarded them a-on Establishg this present Co, they revived but 2 Factorys only, One, at Anisham & ano^r at Comenda wh w Cape Coast, as appears by / Co's Books, were / only Factorys they first intended to Keep. Yett it doth not appear t on / Meanwhile / Dutch, whose Factorys were 4 Years them ever attempted to Possess themselves o any o / Rest, tho Derelicts then & f many Years before, But afterwards they Settled Factorys att o^r Places where Interlopers came / better to hinder & destroy ther Trade, rather than f any o^r Causes. And since t time in / Case o Gambo . . .
In like Manner Sherbro was a derelict f 13 Years as it is now & / Factory withdrawn. Yet nobody ever went abt to possess it And on like manner now, / Co say in their late Memorial to this Board, they h lately withdrawn 6 or 7 o their o^r Factorys, yet we don't hear any body troubles themselves abt them any more now than formerly. As to / Co's Vain Suggestn or Pretes to sell them to those who wd give most for them, they must ask / ~~their Consent first~~ Natives consent first to whom they pay the Ground Rents, & Otherwise / Consent o / Legislature to whom belongs / Sovereignty; so t in effect, this pretce is very frivolous & is wt any Manner o foundan & I doubt not but Yr Lpps will be o Opinion t these

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Memoriall Forts & Factorys beg often withdrawn & ~~setled~~ Resettled agn, & not wer bn/ cause o Trade or o Gaing or Losg / Trade or f protectg Trade, but t / Trade hath bn / Pretence o / factorys here & there. But / true Reason o erectg them proceeded always fm a motive to Distress Interlopers at first, & / Seperate Traders since. Nor need it be feared t / Dutch or o^th^ Nations wd occupy or Possess these Settlemts any more now than wer before were / Co to desert them or withdraw fm them all immediately As to / Councells sayg / Private Traders were / only people in / World who disputed / Necessity o Forts as Usefull to trade, in answer, pray my Lds who shd know whr they were or were not necessary to Trade, but / Traders themselves, to whom only they c^d^ or cd become necessarey. But if t was not found to be / case if they by the long Experice hd not found them so after 30 or 40 Years time, but on / contrary hd found them made use of att all times to Ruin, Destroy & Oppress / Seperate Traders by all Ways & Wicked Acts imaginable, f Gods Sake, wod Mr Attorney h / Private Traders allow them necessary after such a long Experice to / Contrary. Or who in all / World coud or c^d^ to know if they are or are not necessary, whr those who do Trade, or those who do not Trade but who time after time h abandoned them & left it off after a short Tryall & do not intend to Trade any longer. What are wee disputg abt? Is it not to preserve our Right to / Trade, t we may not lose it, & is it not Naturall to believe if ye Quitg Land factorys wd conduce any ways to ye loss thereof, t ye Seperate Traders wd not be f keepg them if t were ye Case.

And as to what Mr Attorney mentioned abt / Preamble o / 10 p Cent. Act in Confirmation o / Necessity o Forts, t was owg to Sr D Thomas, our Advocate at / Comons Bar in 1694, who Betrayed us, as is sd before, f a Bribe o 1000 Guineas & to be made Governour o Cape Coast, as he was afterwards, else we hd never hd t Act or its Preamble now thrown in our Teeth. But Mr Paggen, Mr Saml Shepperd, & all o us unanimously opposed any Necessity o Forts or Land Settlemts in Africa f / use o Trade in / same manner as we do now, 35 Years ago fm 1691 to 1694.

I must observe t Mr Beaumont, / Cos Accotnt on his examinan / 8th day, sd / Co in 1692 advanced £111,100 f carryg on / Trade, maintaing Settlemts & Purchasg them o / former Co, to whom they paid £34,000 f / same, & t ther was no more Money called in after till / Year 1693, wh is abt 20 Years after, & says likewise t / Charge o / Forts is £34.000 a Year. Now if this is true, then, Deductg £34000 gnt o / sd £111,100 & likewise £600 they gave King Charles the will remain but £3500 Stg f Trade & f maintaing / Settlemts also, whereby Jor Lordps may Judge how / Trade hath bn carried on f 20 Years after / Charge o Forts is deducted, & if t Charge was true ther wd be nothg left to Trade w^th^ in 3 Years time. But it must be observed t / sd Mr Beaumont beg asked what / Charge o / Forts was fm / year 1709 f many Years after, he sd / Factors & Agents maintained them themselves all t time. And I must observe to yr Lordps they must always h bn maintained in t manner w^th^out any fur trouble abt them, or wt loadg / Trade w^th^ any Destructive Duty at all or wt giveg yr Ldps this Trouble abt them.

As to what our Attorney ~~said~~ mentioned ℔ this was a necessity those Forts must be maintained to preserve / Trade from falling wholly into / Hands o Foreign Powers, Sure it cannot be shot ℔ this is Danger o / Trade falling wholly into / hands o or Nations if / Forts were no more seen. most Part o / Trade is where no Forts are. But as to / French, Dutch & Portuguese having Forts, & ℔ this is an Evidence o / necessity o them, ℔ is proved / French h any or but Goree wh is under / first hand upon / Coast, or ℔ / Portuguese h or made use o any except Loango St Paul, wh is 40 leagues w℔ / Trade & beyond ye utmost limits or ye Coast where any Trade is carried on, neither o those Nations having any Land Settlemt for 4000 miles along / Slave Coast

And as to its being one thing to carry on Trade w an European & another thing to carry it on w / Petty States o Africa. I never found any or Difficulty but ℔ I always met w as good if not better Quarter from / Latter than I ever had done for 30 Years past w / former. I suppose ℔ no Body will think ℔ Forts or 9 Guns att / Sea Side or Military Doings where obliges / Natives to come many hundred miles out o / Country to trade w Merchants who bring them Goods, wch they must go Naked, ℔ wd be very absurd for a Frenchman, last Year, who came to Southampton for Corn, to go home & say truly he wants a Fort to facilitate his buying o Corn, or / Corn Trade will be utterly lost.

As to what was said by / Councell o / Co's sending out £300000 in 5 Years in Goods, I h heard they did appoint abt £160,000 for Trade Part o £ 600,000 called in in 1720, & ℔s no Doubt but as Returns came ~~in~~ Home for ℔ were sent out in the Room out o ℔ Capitol, all wch not amt to £300000 in 5 Years. Only this I must observe, that they agreed to stock / S. Sea Co w 2500 or 3000 Negroes, I cannot tell wch, & cd supply but half ℔ Number, so ℔ Co chose rather to supply themselves than Venture to trust them w a Contract agn; ℔ beg / second Time they had Contracted w them, & never complied w ℔ Contract; wch was one Reason ~~why~~ they were obliged to carry on / Trade themselves, not dareing to trust / to any more

And as to ℔ 40 Ships they built or bot, as / Councell mentioned, I find Nine or Ten o them built from 24 to 30 Ton apiece, 9 or from 45 to 90 Ton a piece, 10 o them from 100 to 130 Tons, & 10 or 12 more o them from 170 to 280 Tons or thereabts, all but 2 or 3 o wh h be sold or disposed o. And / £300,000 Traded for, hath be Traded away, as I h be informed, in 4 or 5 Years time.

'Tis true our Attorney seemed to give up an Exclusive Trade, but / 3 Projects laid by / African Co before this Board, tend to nothing else, or is ℔ any or thing meant by / Travelling Project o selling ℔ Factorys to another Co if they meet w Success now, but thereby to obtain hereafter such Powers by any Regulation / Trade may be formed into, as sh enable themselves or Assigns to make themselves Exclusive, or they wd not be goeing for Lordships all this Trouble all this Time.

My Lords, I ~~have~~ by well know ye Ldps h collected / Opinions o Diverse persons on / Queries sent to us to answer.

ye wch ben of ye Inquisitive wch them or the Answers, nor h I seen but one or two o them. Some I know never were in / Trade, some in / African Direcn, ors h ben our Adversarys in this Debate formerly, some h ben in / Trade 25 Years ago, wby ill success left it off. The Cos meang we of y well know in all this. But in answer, I must observe t Merchants o diff Branches o Trade, know as little o each oth Business as / Plummer does o / Bricklayers, or as a House Carpenter knows how to make a Pair o Boots. On / oth hand Truth & Numbers are workg. Besides wch we have Vote Popeli, / whole City o Bristol where are 4 or 500 African Merchants, ag[t] Number at Liverpoole, & a gter Number o Private Traders, owners o 84 Sail o Ships runng in this Trade, now residg here in London, who are unanimous in this Point, t Land Gentlemn are entirely useless t / Trade o Africa. Nor if / most Enemys to England were in person o them, we cd not ever h received / Injurys as we h from / African Co all times, & of my own part I can speak t truth by woeful experice of 30 Years past.

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I leave it to yr Lordps wbr if heretofore / Co wd presume, as they do now, to give out as they do by way o Insult on the Superiors t if they can't get what they will h of the Forts here at home, let us sell Cape Coast say they. Let us sell our Forts & Castles to the Dutch, scatterg the Terrors & Apprehens abroad o / Dangers o / loss o / Trade & God knows what if they shd do so, I doubt in oth Times they wd not h remained much longer possest o this Charter, wch hath ben many Millions loss to this Kingdom already, as can be made plainly appear when required: but wd rather be called to an Acct of a Discover & Cabuser, & of many unaccbable Acts some h ben guilty o in / course o the 20 or 30 Years past in this Direcn

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As to / necessity o Settlemts to make Allies w / Natives, t hath always proved one o / most Destructive Measures taken to ruin our Trade t can possibly be. They beg made f no other Reason or View but to set / Natives togr by / Ears, whereby all / Inland Passages beg stopt presently, / Trade is all at a Stand f Six Monthes togr. Many Private Traders Voyages h bn thereby ruined & undone. And in one o those Alliances they, / Cos Factors, treacherously murdred one o those Princes into one o the factorys, & the murdered him in cold Blood.

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Trade wh is / foundacon o many o^r Trades wh produce many Hundred Thousand Pounds a Year Custome, w^ch any needless Charge or Expence more than it hath already, more especially when it can be demonstrated o what mischievous Consequce / former 10 p. Cent Duty was to / Trade, wh languished under it a long Time & never increased to any Degree till t Duty was expired. And since t Time / Trade is increased to 4 Times more than what it was before. And as we Compute Employs a 5^th Capital than any o^r foreign Trade to / Kingdom.

But in Case o any fur load on this Trade, / Effect thereof will soon be felt; tho' beg no more certain Way to destroy Trade than by high Duties, especially where a Trade cannot support them, as this o Africa by beg so v^y near Drove as t^y now cannot by any means do, tho never so small. In regard Duties & Prohibitions always bin looked upon as Brothers & Sisters & fain not to h / like Effects in Trade more or less accordgly. And if in pursuance o / late French Edict o 1719 aforesd. / French continue to remit all Duties to their African Traders o Exports & Imports, I doubt we must be forc'd so farr fm layg any new load o Duty's on our African Traders, t we must be forced even to remit some o our old Duties already inbeg on our Plantan Goods, in manner as / French do on theirs.

But if on^t o any Politick View it be thot fitt^g to keep footg on / Coast o Africa, tho' I am fully convinced t^wd be best & Trade t all Places were in / Hands o/ Natives, y^t as Cape Coast is a Property o/ Publick / Nat^n may resume it agn no doubt if they think fitt. And formerly, in my L^d Godolphin's time, / Co talkg in / manner they now do, t they cd sell their Forts to / Dutch &c. there told they had only / Usufruct thereof, & if they w^d leave Cape Coast, they mt, & care shd be taken o it.

And if it sh be thot fitt to resume / sd Grant accordgly, and a Governour be appointed by his Majesty, in / manner o our Colonies in America, / Charge thereof will be found to be little more than / Charge o one single Co o Foot; as will more fully appear on y^r Lordships' perus^ll o / several Extracts out o / Co Books, hereunto annexed. No 3. wherein / Charge o Cape Coast & 4 more o / Factorys now in / Co's Possesn, are settled, / D. o York beg present; on^t o wh Estimate, deductg / Charge o / Co's Factors, Writers & all o^r Charges relatg to / Trade, / Military Charge will appear inconsiderable. And sure this Trade fm whence arises so g^t a Revenue to / Crown may admit o some small Expence therefrom if ~~need be~~ needfull. Otherwise to lay any fur expence on / Trade wd be like layg a Duty on / Merchandize & on / Ass & who begs it also. Nor is there any need to keep any o^r Place but Cape Coast, if it be thot fitt to keep any Land footg on / African Coast, t^t standg in / midst o / factorys on / Gold Coast wh h bin often withdrawn (& wherof some are Thatch't Houses) & wh influences all / rest. But if / Gov^r thereof shd be Committed to any o^r than to a King's Governour, / Case will be as it hath bin hitherto amg us Rivale Traders, where any one o us trusted w^th a Military Power will be apt to make / worst use o it, in / most Rigorous Manner, to distress annoy & Oppress by all

subtle means imaginable, his Brother Traders, in order to get / Chief Advantages in Trade to himself. by wh Case most o us h bn very gr sufferers by / Co's factors f many Years past as Buers Instees. And tis humbly offered t this can be no gr Reason given why a Kings Governour in Africa may not be as intitld to as Proper a as a King's Governour in our Colonies in America. who is by Act o Parliamt accountable here at Home, in Westminster Hall, f his Conduct & Acts Abroad, even to those whom he sh venture to Injure & oppress. And as it hath bn found necessary to resume / Proprietorship o Buers o our Colonys in America, it is humbly Submitted, why not / same in respect to Cape Coast in Africa, if / Publick Good requires it.

Tis very Remarkable t / House o Commons, after 4 or 5 Years havg had this African Affair before them, laid so little Weight on these Settlemts t at last, in a Bill past t House & sent up to / House o Lords in / Year 1712. no or Regard was had thereto but only a Provisо they mt still keep the factorys if they wd, but / sd House beg Convinced t our floatg Castles ca be / only Method f Securg, Protectg & Preservg the floatg Trade on / Long Extended African Coast, did in pursuit thereof address her late Majesty t / sd Coast mt be constantly guarded by Ships o Warr, wh was done accordgly a long Time. And by Reason o t Method beg discontinued / gr losses happened afterwards by Pirates

However, Strangers to / Trade may be imposed upon or mistaken by / pompous Names o Forts & Castles given to these factorys in Africa. & fm thence Conclude they must needs be necessary to Trade, yet they h f 30 Years past always bn found by Woeful Experice a Nusce & Prejudice thrto. & will always be so if continued under any Society whatr, unless they are in / Hands o / Natives as all or Parts o / Coast are, or in / Hands o / Gov as aforesd, they beg o no or use but first established to hinder / Natives fm Trade w Seperate Traders ashore, while in King James's time his Men o Warr were sent to take our Ships at Sea formerly, & they formerly Kept Blackmen or Mulattos Constantly in them to Patrole abt Day & Night to take away all Goods bot by / Natives o / Seperate Traders, & whip them if they found any, & Kept Boats out at Sea to fire at them t came ashore, sendg Guns abt / Country to depretiate Goods when Seperate Traders Ships were on / Coast; & Queen Anns Point, partly, was Built f no or uses than but to hinder us geltg Corn, & f its beg a good Place f / Natives to ship off sd Corn f / Seperate Traders, wh / Factors buy themselves to sell to Portuguese & ors, to deprive Seperate Traders throf. And these are / Uses I h found they h bn of durg near 30 Years Trade; & but in October last I had a Ship called on / Gold Coast f Corn, but / Co's Governours at Winneba havg bot it up, wd not let my Ship h an Ounce, wh was / Worst ca be done if in any or Hands even in / Hands o an Enemy. But nothg is more convincg Proof o / late Uselessness o Land factorys than / present Case at Anquinabo, wh is scituate 10 or 12 Miles o Cape Coast. The Natives h made it a free Place o Trade, in spight o all Cos, f all Nats f 20 Years past, & will not admitt above 2 or 3 Persons to reside in / Co's factory House thr, at a time; nor any Ammunition or Arms to be brot to it, as I am informed. And since then they are

Purchased

Purchased 5 Times more Slaves at t Place than at all parts o/ Gold Coast besides. And as to myself I h bn damaged many £1000 by the factorys in my Ships Trade, & never received any manner o Benefitt thereby, & was always o Opinion they ot to h bn demolished & Deserted, or possessed by / Nation or ye Govt as aforesd, & so declared my mind at all Times, / Truth whereof I am more confirmed in ev'y Day I live.

I must observe to yr Lordps, / Second or third Clause in / Co's Charter in 1672 assigns as a Conclin & a Reason f / Grant o/sd Charter (wh / Councell sd was / Sence o/ Kings) t they / Trade might be Improved & Increased in these Words following viz

"Now know Yee t We Graciously Tendring / Advancemt
" & Encouragemt o/sd Trade & to / End / New Co hereafter
" Erected & Constituted may be / Better Enabled to maintain & Inlarge
" / sd Trade & Traffick into & from / Parts & Places in / sd Letters
" Patents & hereafter in those Presents Expressed"

Tho / Limits o this Charter reach fm Salle to Cape Bona Esperance yett / Co never extended / sd Trade 40 leagues in 40 years, as / Seperate Traders h done since some 1000 miles in half t time, but Confined themselves & their Trade to / Gold Coast only, wh beg as aforesd but 150 Miles o all t Grant; except only 8 miles up 2 Rivers in Gambo & Serralone.

Tis remarkable when a Bill was brot into / House formerly f vesting / African Settlemts in / Crown, on / Co setting forth they cd maintain them no longer, in like manner as they do now, tho they had before Valued / sd Settlemts (as was then sett forth in / Report o the Honble Board to / House) at below 40 & 50,000, yet they then came & demanded £260,000 f / same, Cryg on, Their Property, & t they so cd not part w'them, so / House dropped t Bill, but next Session passed a Bill, & sent up to / Lords, f an Open Trade as aforesd, w'a proviso t / sd Co might be at liberty to Keep the sd Property or Settlemts but / Trade shd remain Open, on wh foundn is arisen this amazg Increase in / African Trade, in 13 Years time since then.

T yr Ldps may better Judge o / Co's Valuan o the settlemts laid before yr Lordps, I h hereunto annexed / Copy o an Originall Paper, delivered in by Mr Paggen in 1709 (who had defended this Dispute formerly) No 4, under his own hand, beg an Acct o the Value in 1694, as attested by Sevll Witnesses upon Oath whose names are therein mentd, whereby it appears t all the Settlemts were o no more Value at t time than o £4,100 exclusive o Cape Coast, & wh is mentioned in yr former Report in 1709. And as to / Complaint o / gt sums they h called in fm time to time, wh they pretend they h all bn spent in maintaining Settlemts, I refer yr Ldps to / acct thereof before-mentioned, and how / sd Money hath bn disposed o below / Years 1672 & / Year 1720, / Time o the last Bankruptcy, marked No 1, whereby it will appear t they raised all / money they ever paid in & £84,866 more here at home besides / Charge o maintaining the forts & factorys all t time, & the Charge o the Trade abroad also.

The African Trade is now on / foot o / sevll yr Known Branches o Foreign Trade, & is carried on at large as / East Country, Hamburg, French, Portugall, Spanish Italian & Canary Trades are, wh were all formerly

under Cos like this also, but w this Trade to this o Africa is o as much Benefitt to / Nation under its present freedom as almost all / rest are, by its beg / Basis o all our Western Navigation, & there is as much & more reason to putt all those Or Trades under Cos as there is this o Africa.

The Gentlemen in / present Direction o / Co will I believe allow they are all but one or two o them new in this Trade, & h bn misinformed in Divers Materiall Points relatg thereto, or I believe they hd not troubled Yr Lordpps on this occasn after so many solemn & mature hearngs as there were formerly, both at this Board & in Parliamt, wherein some o us seperate Traders h gone thro / whole Controversy wch ended on leavg / Trade on / foot it now stands. 'Tis indeed true / Co's old Papers & confuted Arguments h always bn transferred along w their Stock, & / same thgs as were sd then since 1691 are now sd over agn as I h bn a Witness, altho' found false untrue by Dayly Experience & Demonstran, & confuted fm time to time accordgly.

It the says viz w Shame it may be sd o us as to careless Persons they h lost all & is true

Sr Josiah Child in his Book o Trade mentions Divers Branches o Trade whereof this Nation hd bn in Possesn wch mostly in his time ha bn lost to England & Removed to Or Countrys thro our own Mistakes, since wch I h lived to see / loss o / Newfoundland Fishery, divided now betwn New England & France, & Gt'r part o / Spanish or Silver Trade lost, so as little or no Silver Money hath bn Coined here these 25 Years Past, fm wch o wch Providence hath thrown into our Mouths / Gold Trade o Portugall & this o Africa wn / Sworn thereof; / latter o wch hath bn now f many Years past attacked & undermined by / Restless endeavours & most Subtle Designs o Vy Artfull Men, but chiefly Chiefly by some o those who brot into Parliamt & Supported / famous Commerce Bill in order to destroy / Trade o England Root & Branch, wch cannot fail o beg / fate o this Trade were it in Ques, if wrong Measures shd be unhappily taken in Regard to / same. Nor wd Mischief end here forasmuch as our Sugar, Tobacco & all Or Branches o our Plantan Trade entirely depend upon this o Africa; nor are the wants vy Watchfull men amg our Rivalls in Trade Abroad at / Head o the Commerce who wd take advantage o any Mistake we shd make by discoragg our African Traders, & where once Hispaniola, wch is reckoned as big as England, & one o / finest Countrys ever saw in America, well cultivated, wch by any Discouragemt paid on our African Traders were here, wd quickly be affected, by turng / Channell o Trade into France as 'twas formerly in Zeeland, We mt, in t Case, lose vy likely in a short time lose both our Sugar & Tobacco Trade to France, both wch are more easily raised amg thos in Hispaniola than amg our Colonies in America; in like Manner as we h lost t o Indico already Indico already whereof more now is raised in Hispaniola than / World can consume, & wch, when I was in Jamaica, was then one o / most valuable Products o t Island

'Tis a Melancholy Prospect to find o late Years t / Ballances o most, if not all, our foreign Trade h bn agst us, wch by no Articles o Trade are made good so much as by our American Products, or rather, by our African Trade,

wch is / Root fm whence they all spring. & when once some Branches o our Trades, either Foreign or Domestick will not Ballance ye we must then be forced to Mortgage our Land to pay ye ballance of our foreign Luxurys.

I doubt not but Yr Lopps will be o Opinion t this fm / figure we make in / World & fm / Power o this Nation at Home t we derive / Security England enjoys or ot to enjoy abroad in all ye Branches o its Trade in foreign Countrys. & among all ye Nations, wh no Factory Houses o Merchants or Forts under / Comand o any Co o merchants what, were they Real as they are only Imaginary, cd any Ways influce, affect, Secure or Protect, ye awfull Consqle Name o Gt Britain & her Floaty Castles, whereby She is able at all times to Chastise any Pirate Traders t abuse or incroach upon / Commerce & Trade o her Subjects in / Remotest Parts o / World. Trade is a Coy Mistress & loves to be Courted Among herself to be / Favorite o wch if not all wise men & gt men; yt always delights to take her own way wh gently proves & after ye ruines of her Purpose - - - - - - - - - -

N.B. But to conclude it must be observed t in / former Reports o this Board this sd / African Co deliverd into our Plantations below / Year 1698 & / Year 1704, 17.760 Negroes, most o wch must be either Dead or unserviceable long since, fm wch time till 1721 they left off Trading so as most if not all o our Plantation Goods wch amt in Value fm 15 to 1,700,000 a Year for 20 Years past cd not be raised & produced by / Negroes imported by Seperate Traders, / Value whereof including likewise / Negroes sold to / Spaniards & French will amt to upwds o forty millions since ye time. all o wch is owing to / present Method / African Trade is now under & to / Seperate Traders

[no sig.]

Endorsed An Accot o / Money paid into / the Stock o / / African Co / betwn / Year 1672 / & 1708 & what was / paid or Received only / in / same Time / by Dividends &c.

(Recd of Mr Harris's Remarks, Trade S, no 66)

N. 1.

Dr. African Co 1672. Cr.

To 12 Dividends made betwn December 1676 & April 1691	£143,596 : 15	By paid in	£111.100.
To one Dividend Octr 1692	14,331 : 18	By Paid in in Apr 1693	42,340
To 10 Dividends betwn / Year 1702 & / Year 1708	69,669 :	By Paid in in 1694	54.096
To Money Received pursuant to / 10 per Cent duties	112 000	By Paid in fm 1703 to 1708	187,195 : 10
To Yearly Salarys paid to the Governors & Directors in 25 Years	175 000	By Ballce.	84,866 : 3
	£512.597 : 13		£512.597 : 13

N.B. By / above Acct. it appears / Co were so far fm losg by maintaing / Settlemts & they received out in money £84.866 more than was paid in in money.

N.B. Twas a Custome o / Managers o / Co a long time before they failed to issue out Uncommon Bottomree Bonds payable at 25 p. Ct Advance upon / first arrivall o any one o 602 Ships mentioned in / sd Bonds. wherby, & by ye undue Practices they ran in Debt upwards o £ 300.000

N.B. By an Accot laid before / House o Commons by / Co in 1710 o their Debts, & Effects they owed £ 298,000 upon Bond, for wch they obtained an Act o Parliamt to oblige the Creditors to take what / Co cd pay them. But after they got / Act they not only refused to pay them a penny, but have obliged the sd Creditors to take Shares in the Stock & the Bonds, they made them afterwards pay £3 p. Share or forfeit o those Shares, according to a By Law to t Purpose, so as many o them lost the Bonds & money also.

Fm all wch the Lopps will judge wher / Co h ben undone by maintaing Forts & Castles as they call them, or spent a Million o Money thron as is set forth in the Peticon

Endorsed Extract o a French Edict dated fm January 1719.

N 2

(Recd of Mr Harris's Remarks, Trade S. no 66).

Indorsed. Extracts Taken out o/ African Cos Books wch were left at/ Board o Trad May 1726

No 3

(Recd at Mr Harris's Remarks Trade S. No 66.)

Att a Gonll Court o/ Compa Royal Adventurers Dd 18th ~~Octr~~ 8ber 1672

Present

His R. Highness — Governour
Jo[n] Buckworth — Dep[ty].

E Anglesey — Grey
E Craven — Sr J. Shaw
Lr Hawley — Sr Bt Viner

Read Pence.

Mr Buckworth acquainted his R. Highness & this Court The Old Charr: as to / Trade therin Limitted was Surrendered to his Majesty & thereupon his Majty had bn Graciously Pleased to Grant a new one by / Name o/ Royl African Co o England to such Psons as were therin Named. They approved o/ sd Surrender & Appointed a Comittee by Name

John Buckworth Esqr Dep. Govr
Sr John Shaw — Mr Thos Gresp.
Mr Thos Andrews — Mr Peter Bodey
John Ball Esqre — Sr Bt Viner

or any Three o them who are Empod to assign likewise

NB. under / Common Seal o this Co. all Debts, Rents, Plantn Goods, Remanets, leases & anywhere belongg to / Co o Royl Adventrs o England Tradg into Africa to / sd Royal African Co o England when / sd Royal African Co o England sh pay to / sd Comittee

N.B. / one half o £34,000. wch by the Preamble they did engage to pay, & likewise to pay / sd Comittee / or And / sd Comittee having Recd / sd £34.000 or any Part therof are Empowered & Ordered to Distribute / sd Sum from time to time as they received it, To every Creditor o this Co after / rate o 40 £ p. Centum accordg as his Debts became due to / Promotang Last past. And likewise to every Adventurer of / Stock he hath paid after / Rate o 10. p. Cent. Provided he is not indebted to / Co by any Arrears o Stock or Arrear: & to receive the Dischargs.

The sd Comittee are likewise empowered fully to Exon all Acts as they sh Judge to be Just & Equall betwn / Co & / Parte Members & Creditors thereof.

11 June 1672. That there be no more Factorys settled at first save Cape Coast Comenda, & Anisham, but the / Cos Right be carefully preserved unto Aygga, Winebah & Accra, tho' w / least Charge possible, & so when / Co sh think it Convenient, they may erect Forts & Factorys there also. That Cape Coast be / Head Factory & Garrison, / Ordy Residce o/ Gov[r] & Councell, & do consist o/ persons to be allowed / Salleries followg

	£
Agent Gener[l]	400 p. Ann
Chief Merch[t]	200
2 Merchants	150
6 Young Factors	300
Dr to Soldiers	50
Surgeon	50
2 Sergeants	80

44 Soldiers o wch as many to be Coopers, Carpenters, Bricklayers, Pardoneers or Stone Cutters as may be procured, allowd them an Angle in Gold weekly besides the ~~Ordy~~ Ordy allowce of 30 Negro Slaves, not Natives but brot fm ye Parts o/ Coast

To be / Ordinary Allowce for the Dett
90 Persons.

allowce

Allowce p Table p / Factors Agents &c ... 700
entertainmt o Strangers £50 p Ann
Present to be Prot as low as may be.

T / Co House at Comenda be secured agst fore p Safety o the Goods
| but t so Fort or Garrison be erected thr
T / Factory thr be settled & Consist o

	£
1 Chief Merch[t]	150
2 Do	100
3 Soldiers & 7 4 Slaves	

9 Persons to be allowed as at Cape Coast

Anisham
T a Small Garrison be settled. To pay p this over Diet exp o / Gallerys to be paid them as at Comenda.

1 Chief Merch[t]	To be allowed as at Cape Coast
2 Ditto	
5 Soldiers	
6 Slaves	

T / Agent Genll visit once a month these Two Factorys.
Commissn given to take interlopers

13th Augt 1672

A Draft o New Charter Read & Approved in Court o Assistts, & when / Co o Royl Adves o England sh h surrendered the Charter so farr forth as may stand w his Majty grants a new Charter to / Royal Affrican Co o England, & his Majesty sh accordgly h granted to / sd Royal Affrican Co as when / sd Co o Royal Adventurers sh have h Sealed an Instrumt under the Common Seal whereby they surrender all / Remains o the Stock & all / Priviledges o other Trade unto / sd Royl Affrican Co

T at / same time / Royall Affrican Co will affix the Common Seal to and Instrumt to engage the Stock to pay / sd Adventure Co / sum o £34,000 agreed on

18th Sepr 1672.

Surrender o / Adventure Co o / sd Trade to his Majesty Read & then Resolved Nem. Con.

T / Cos Seal be affixed to sd Surrender & t / same be surrendered up to his Majesty as / Acts o / sd Adventure Co

And accordgly / Seal was affixed in open Court & approved o, Resolved Nem. Con. & Declared

T this Co will perform / Articles & Agreemts made w / Co o Adventurers accordg to / Preamble

T / Dep. Govr be desired to hasten Passg / new Charter & when done to call a Genll Court.

2d Octobr 1672.

Resolved & Proposed to be made to / Gen Court. / New & Old Stock beg Summoned

T f / better carryg on o / Trade. & paymt o £34.000 agreed to be paid to / Old Adventurers it is needful to call f / Payts following. viz.

5 p Cent o / Subscr^s by / middle o this Octob^r
10 p Cent by / end o this month
10 p. cent more / end o Novem^r
10 p. cent .. .. Decem^r
10 p. cent .. .. Jany
10 p. cent .. .. Feby

T / African Co will pay to / Adventurers Co on / Dec^r next one

N.B. Moiety o / £34.000 agreed to be paid them by / Preamble & 1st Moiety by 1st March next, oblegg the Stock f / same & the Common Seal f & on Consideration o / Royal Adventurers Remains & Debts.

Provided / Royal Adventurers do first frā the Seal & / Surrender o all the sd Remains & Debts, to / sd Royal African Co, & on paymt o / Money sh give such Release as Counsell sh advise to be needfull

14 Nov^r 1672 A Carpenter offers himself to go over f 40 / a Month.

At a Court o Assistants held 3d December 1672.

Articles o Agreemt Royal Adventurers Co & Royal African Co dated 18 Octob^r last imports / Surrender o Stock Debts & Trade to this Co

N.B. on this Cos payg them £5000 / 1st December £14.000 more / first March next after / Date thereof were now interchangeably sealed.

Warrants. To / Royal African Advent Co beg Paymt now due £14.000

21 May 1674. Repr o / Committee appointed to consider o a Supply o / Plantations w Negroes

Barbadoes	2050
Jamaica	2000
Leeward Is & Virginia	1000
	600
	5.650

includg mortality.

The like Quantity f next Year in 6 ships more by Xmas. to carry 2000 o them fm / Gold Coast o / rest fm Arda & Angola.

They agree to grant no Licenses bec they do design as plentifull a Supply o Negroes, thither as / whole Coast o Africa will afford & / Planters buy, / Co beg in a settled way to perform it & had sent a Sufficient Quantity o Negroes, f / War had not hindred it.

12 Jany 1674. Agreed to take up 6000 at 1^{nt} made up 2000 afterwards

22d Octob^r 1674 Pursuant thr to we h drawn out an Acct whby it will appear t this is due fm Sevll Members o / former Co f arrears o Stock upon d^r Accts, upwards o £22,000 wh by Agreemt w / sd Co is part o / Remaines belongg to this Co. Wherefore in regard this is some money due fm / Old Co f / Persons therein named f / 10 p. Cent o the Subscripton & 40 p Cent f such Money as was ownd them at Interest Otherwise, we are o Opinion t / Money so due, wh by / acct herewith appears to be £5954: 11: 4 d^r to be allowed out o £34.000 payable by this Co to / former, so t owes & above / 5000 detained by this Co there is further due

954.

18th Feby 1674. T/ upon ye Buckhursts demand o/ books kept by / Old Adventurers,

T/ books kept by / Old Adventurers upon this Stock being, & Stocks Remaining do belong to this Stock, & /sd Books do remain in ye Yard / Accountants Custody where / Committee o/ Old Advent^rs may h recourse to them when they please, but not so alter anyting wt / consent o this Co, nor will this Co alter anyting wt ye Priority

8 July 1675. A Factory to be built or Settled at Dickys Cove.

21 Sept^r. T/ Committee o Shipg do provide & laid on board / Merchant Delight materials to build an house at Dickys Cove.

Apportionm^t for Accra

Chief Merch^t	150
2d Ditto	100
3 Ditto	100
4 Soldiers } to be paid as at Cape Coast	
4 Slaves }	

25 Jan^y 1675.

11 April 1676. Upon readg a letter fm / Lords Com^tee o Trade & Plantans requirg an answer to / complaint o/ Plantans in BBdos agst / Co accordg to / Copy received w^th / letter & Order for preparg an Answer thereto, Ordered, & neither Secry or Accomt shd admit any person to inspect / African Cos Books wt Order fm / Court o Assistants, especially & / Secretary do not shew / Proceedgs o Court to any, save Adventurer or Officer but by Order o / Court o Assistants aforesaid.

A Leaf torn out 24th June 1675

16th Jan^y 1676. Co 16 Ships

26 June 1677 500 Guineys given to L^d Y.

Indorsed Copy o Capt Ingons Value & Paper o/ Forts & Factorys o/ Cos / proved by Witnesses / 1694 (Recd w^th Mr Harris's Remarks. Trade S. No 66).

N. 4

Accot o / Forts & Fortificans in Affrica belongg to / Royal African Co, w^th / Number o Guns & Men in ye^y Fort & Fortifican Viz^t

Sarriboe note	Is a little Thatched House, no Guns, one white man & two negroes wch may be valued at	£ 50
Shurbrows	Is a pretty lge house much out o repair w^th a mud w^ll w^th 16 Guns 2 o wch are Saker, 14 o wch are falconets, fm 2^lb to 14^lb, being abt 10 white men. The guns are all of old mett & them unserviceable for want of beg as wide as ye^y ought, & no carriages, all wch may be valued at	£ 500
Dicks Cove	Is a brick house w^th a wall abt / Guns / Buggoes 8 sometimes 4 & sometimes 8 men. The Guns are all out o order. wch may be valued at	£ 500
Comenda note	Is a house built w^th bricks walled in w^th 6 small mountin Guns, abt 6 or 8 & abt 6 men. Valued at	£ 500
Anusham note	Is a Negro Thatcht house wch may be valued at	£ 50
Fort Royal	Is a Wooden house w^th mud Walls, hath abt 16 Guns, most times but 8 men but some times more, wch may be valued at	£ 500
Cabo Cors.	Is a regular Fortificaⁿ w^th 40 Guns & abt 50 men, but in regard this place supplys all o^r forts, there is on it sometimes 20 or 30 men more Navies taken fm / Dutch in King Charles / Seconds time by English men o Warr, wherefore it is not to be valued, / Co not having purchased it	
Anomabo.	Is a Brick House 2 Story high, flat at Topp, w^th 12 Guns on ye flat. The Guns are most small fm 2^lb to 10^lb, w^th 6 men sometimes 10 men, wch may be valued at	£ 500
Accra	Is a Fort w^th abt 18 Guns, w^th 10 or 12 men in all ye^m, wch may be valued at	£ 1000
	Is a New Brick House w^th 16 Guns & 10 men, wch may be valued at	£ 500
		£ 4100

Note / these are considerably over Valued beg they all pay a Ground Rent to / Negroes.

Endorsed Trade

Lre from Mr Lyon Secretary to / African Co; inclosg some extracts o letters frm / Co's Officers upon / Coast.

Recd 3 4th May 1726
Read 3 4th May 1726

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African House
May 4th 1726

Sir . . . . . Yesty [Royal African Co] received some letters by way o Holland frm the Officers at Cape Coast, o wch I am ordered to send y / inclosed Copys, & to desire they may be layd before my Lords Comm^rs f Trade & Plantations to / end their Lord^ps may see / present posture o / Co's affairs in those parts, likewise where the Chief officers are upon quitting the Posts & returng home; as also / dangerous prospect there is o / Dutch layg hold o such an Opp^y to deprive / Co o their property & privileges, & this Nation o / Trade on t Coast. I am - Sr -
Mr Popple Yr. Lyon

Copia. Cabo Corso Castle 2d October 1725.

May it please / Royal African Co o England.

Hon^ble Sirs

Inclosed is copy o our last by way o / West Indies & We are under / Past concern not to h rec^d any advices frm Yo^r Hon^rs since Yo^r Ships / Chandos & Guinea Pacquet who arrd here in March last.

We h in Our last acquainted Yo^r Hon^rs o / Agreem^t we had made w Cap^t Daniel Macnamara o / Catherine Galley, in / So. Sea Co's Service, wch we h complyed w in furnishg him w his full Compl^t o Slaves; & t Bargain was o farther Service to Yo^r Honours as it enabled us to support & carry on / Trade o / Coast; & We do assure Yo^r Hon^rs had it not bn f this timely Supply we must h lain idle f any good we cd h done w Yo^r Goods in Yo^r Warehouses, wch tho indeed enough o, but / most part unvendable, & therefore we are / more pressg & desirous, as tho is / more necessity f fresh Supplys o Sortable Goods, to help off these t lye on Yo^r Hon^rs hands.

We are concerned to h occan to acquaint Yo^r Hon^rs t Yo^r Sloop Accra comg out o Elmina River whither she had bn to repair (We believe occasioned thro / inexperience o / Dutch Pilot) struck upon a Rock . . . . & accordgly she is brok on shore & broke up . . . The Master takes his Passage to England in / Guinea Sloop. . . . . .

Yo^r o^r Coast^g Sloops Vessells are employ'd as We find occan & where tho is most likelyhood o meet^g Success; either to Windward or Leeward. The Fame Sloop is on a Trad^g Voyage to Leeward, & / Dolphin has bn to Windward where she had fallen into pretty good Trade, but hav^g / mis fortune to spring her Boat Spritt, was obliged to return back. We intend so soon as she is refitted to send her up agn; also / Shark Sloop to / Bight (if We can make up a Cargoe f her) & hope they will meet good Success. The Tryton is not yet returnd frm thence but We expect when She comes she will brg a good Cargoe & we intend to put some on board / Clarendon on her arrival.

Yo^r

Yor Capt. Jenll & yor Chief Merch.ts h in ther last Advices to yor Hons desired leave to return f England & t yor Hons wd accordgly send them ther discharge, wh they now repeat & earnestly request y wd not be unmindfull o, as they cannot think o losg / oppy to get home this ensueg Spring, so t shd not such come over timely, they will take care to leave yor Hons Affairs in / hands o such o yor Servants on / Coast, as we doubt not will behave to yor Satisfacn

We call not more to mind at present than t We h bn in informd the Brittanick Majestys Ship yr Kensale, & yor Hons' Ship / Clarendon, are upon / Coast comg down; so t we may expect ther arrival here vy shortly

[Log. 1725 May 4 to Kensale, 1728 June 13
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Cape Corso Castle 3d Janry 1725/6

May it please / Royal African Compa o England
Honourable Srs

The forgog is a Duplicate o / Letter we dispatchd yor Hons p. / Guinea Snow; but We are since informd by / Govr o Whydah, t on her arrival ther, / Master & Mariners hd protested agst proceedg any fur in her, having found out some fresh leakes wh rendrd her incapable o undertakg a Voyage to Europe in / Winter Season. They h employd her on yr Service ther till such time as / Kensale Man o War shd arrive in order to h her haul down by him; & as t Ship sailed fm this Place / pmo Curnt. so we h prevailed on / Captain * to do you t good office, when we h left it to / desire.m o / Govern.r & Council at Whydah, either to send her home, keep her on / Coast, or order her to / Islands to be sold, as they sh judge most conducive to yor Interest.

* Name o

We are since favoured w yor Hons.rs o / 24th June, wh was brot to hand by / ~~Clarendon~~ Clarendon, Capt. Wm Gosber, / pmo. Decem.r: w Provns & Madeira Wine, wh, beg much wanted, were vy acceptable; as wd h bn a sortable cargo o Goods to support / Trade o yor Garrisons wh we h no method left to do now, but by traffiqug w all Comers, since we h accots fm everybody t y h bn pleased to dispose o yor Ships & Goods in a diff.t manner to sendg them abroad, wh yor Hons may believe is vy melancholly News to those who h taken so much pains to improv / Trade f yr Interest; But We hope thgs will soon take a happy Turn in yr favour & t / God will do somethg towds / Support o these usefull Settlemts abroad, or / Nation may bid adieu to / Trade o Africa & Wn the Colonies in / West Indies. We shd not h presumed to say any more on this Subject in conformity to yr former orders; but / Streights we find y are reduced to, gives us / greatest concern, & on t score we hope y will excuse us, & principally bec t is one reason t induces / Capt. Jenll to come Home (he beg o opinion 'tis too expensive to maintain t character while Affairs are at so low an Ebb) & f t purpose We h taken / liberty to detain / Clarendon 'till such time as We can brg up our Accts & Papers to ultimo Decem.r wh we hope to get compleated by / latter End o March when / Capt. Jenll's time will be expired: in / interim we shd send her on a Trip to Windward, in order to make what Trade she can.

We are vy glad to find by Yr Hon 3d & 4th Paragraphs, t our Conduct in relatn to Jno Coney as well as / Trade made w Capt Smith in / Rhinglon, met Yr Hons approbatn; but we did not think it was necessary to fill our letters up w Accts o Barter, since those things always appear in the proper places, & We doubt not when Yr Hons come to peruse t as well as all or Accts & Trade made w Inter lopers; you'll find we h acted vy much f yr Interest & t Y h had / strictest Justice done y.

. . . . . But we admire t in almost evy letter we h yr repeated Orders f discharg ye Servants wt sendg evy recruits; & we assure Yr Hons had we not entertained seal hands on o Ships, We shd h bn in a vy weak condn tho even now its bad enough, & we intreat yr Hons to take this into considern, & wher y can so plentifully supply us w Goods or not, it will be necessary to keep / Coast well manned & victualled lest our Neighbours / Dutch, or any Fr Foreign Power shd make use o an opty to deprive Yr Hons & Yr Proprietors on / Coast, wh they are ready eno. to do et / best o Times.

. . . . . In ye 12 Paragraph y are pleased to direct t / Ship Clarendon sh not be detained longer than 14 days at this Place, & wn / 16th Inst yr orders t an exact Inventory be made out o all / Goods, Stores, &c. t are in / Castle or / Forts dependant thron, & t / same be sent y by Captain Gower. Ye Hons cannot but be sensible tt it is morally impossible to compleat such a work in less than two months, especially partly under / present circumstances We labour f want o assistce; but in complyce to Yr Hons direcn it shall be done & sent y by her; as well as / Yr Papers promised in a former paragraph.

. . . I — are inventorying / Warehouses at Cape Coast consequent on / death o Mr John Wingfield on 26 Nov. last & Mr Phillip Francklyn Secy appointed successively in his place - beg / eldest Factor J . . .

. . . Its now our duty to acquaint Yr Hons in what manner / Coast's Vessells are employed. Y already know / fate o / Guinea Snow. The Tryton is not yet returned fm / Bight wh gives us some uneasiness, she having bn gone so long, tho' we still hope she will be back timely enough to contribute much to / Clarendons Loadg. The Sarne is on a trip to Leeward & Windward, & ye Dolphin was some days since dispatched to Sloops to / Islands o St Thoma & Princes, &c / Master represented how necessary it was to see her bottom, . . . & / Cape Coast Sloop is at Succoue repairg . . . The Shark sent on 30 Oct with a vy Valuable cargo o Dry Goods to be disposed o at why dah & Islands o St Thoma & Princes - The Master having spoken disrespectfull words o / Cos Ceres, as they heard, & refusing his interim not to return, but with Murphy appointed Master o / Cape Coast Sloop in his place — . . .

May it please / Royl Affrican Co o England

Honble Sirs — &c -

John Tinker
Nathaniel Rice
Phillip Francklin

Endorsed Trade
Rep. of Affrican Trade
fm Mr Becher of Bristol
Recd } May 4. 1726
Read }
S 67.

By John Becher of Bristol 4th May 1726

My Lords,

As a Merchant fm Bristol & deputed fm ye City I beg yr Lordships Favour to be heard, & indulgence in using these Notes.

The Enquiry now before yr Lordships, beg grounded on / Royal Affrican Co's Petn to his Majesty, dated / 15th of February last, & ye Representan to my Lord Townshend, dd. / 18th of December 1724, having bn fully explaind, I shd not fail trouble yr Lordships therewith, but make some Observans on them, & / Trade on / Coast of Affrica, in wh I will be as breef as possible . . .

My Lords,

The City of Bristol, when / Trade to Affrica opend in 1698, under / Duty of 10 P. Cr. immediately embarked in it w Vigor, & employed 100 Ships, but but such a heavy Clogg & Duty was upon us, yt we never cd exceed 40 or 50 Sail, till / Expiran of ye Duty, since wh time / Affrican Trade has abundantly flourishd & increasd, not only in our City, but also in London Liverpoole & ye Places.

A list of our Ships we took / liberty to lay before yr Lordships, annexd to our Answers to yr Lordships Querys, dd. / 14th of March last, it amounted to 60 in Number who went fr 1696 to Negroes, & I am really informed ye is now employd fm this City betwn 80 & 90, fm Liverpoole upwards of 20, fm Lime & ye parts five or six & fm / Plantans above 20 Sail, all wh amt to 190 or upwds, wh is more than was ever employd at any time before, & can carry more than fourty 000 Negroes wh / Plantans wh is seven times more than ever / Affrican Co did in ye gtest Prosperity, wh I think fully answers ye / suggesn of / Co in the Petn to his Majesty, yt at this Time / Trade is in danger of beg lost, & consequently / British Plantans in hazard of beg ruind & undone, as also in the Represenan to my Lord Townshend yt / Plantans h gitly suffered (wh I apprehend they mean for want of Negroes) & yt neither they nor we, / seperate Traders, h bn able for seval Years past to send thither near / Number they yearly want, these my Lords are ye own Words, all wh I hope yr Lordships are of Opinion is not true, nor to be supported, for / Plantans were never better or so well supplyd as at present, & bn for late Years wh will be proved by / seval Merchants & Gentlemens Testimony now ready to be examind before yr Lordships, so yt it is apparent, yt a free & open Trade to Affrica, is most beneficial to / Nan, in all its Parts under a Co of what Denomination soever.

Trade free & open always flourishes, & ye is as much Danger of loosg / Portugal, Spanish or Italian Trades, wh were formerly carried on by Cos, as this to Affrica if continued free & open & not put under any Restraint

Wee of Bristol Liverpoole, & ye western Ports, are debard fm Trade to almost 3/4 of / World by Law, & fm / North, Baltick &c by Seasun, so yt where we are not restraind there we push

Trade w/ almost Ruin over, as is evident fm / gr Robbery we h made, so I hope yr Lordships will be o Opinion not to work ~~or debate us~~ debarr us fm what naturally belongs to us, a free Trade, wh if alterd fm / present Method & Use it is now carried on, will be / inevitable Ruin o our present flourishg City, & o'y gr Prejudice to our Neighbouring Countys, wh so much depend upon us.

Our Genius naturally bends to Trade, & when attended w tolerable Success we pursue it, & were it not f / Alarm & Apprehensions o / Designs o / Co, swd more Ships wd now b fitt in buildg f Affrica, but it is deferd & / Trade stagnated as it will so continue, till delivrd fm our present Fears, to confirm it at this time some hundreds usually employd at Birmingham & / Parts adjacent in making Gun locks, Barrells, &c. f Affrica are turnd off, the Masters beg apprehensive o / loss o / Trade.

The list o Ships we laid before yr Lordships, is what are now on / Trade, but please to observe, that of those Ships make three Voyages in abt two years time, this shews / Number o Negroes imported into / Plantans, is rather more than as by our sd list, & by what I can learn, all th / seperate Traders are ~~as~~ full as diligent & applicable to Business as we are, so that / Co's Suggestns that / Plantans will want Negroes, or that / Trade is in danger o beg lost is groundless & not to be hearkend to.

In / Co's Representation to my Lord Townshend wh was abt five years after / Ingraftmt, in 1720, they say they had fitt at upwds o £600 000 Change in carryg on & Supporting the Trade, Forts, & Settlemts; altho they sd before yr Lordships, they exported but abt £340,000, what is become o / Returns o that Sum (if it cd not be all lost) & / remaing £260,000, yr Lordships may easy judge. by / Distress they expressd themselves ~~to be under~~ then to be under, & the abandong or putting an entire Stop to the Trade since, shews as if all that vast Sum was sunk, & lost; wh is o'y surprisg, certainly it shews it is not a Scheme f Trade f a Co, f since that time o Ingraftmt / Co h not imported into all / Plantans, but little more than 6000 Negroes, Contracted w / South Sea Co f 3000, o wh they delivrd but abt 2000, & w / Portuguese f 12000, wh they deliverd on / Coast; all wh is but a trifling Number f so gr a Sum & shews that / Affrica Co is not capable o carryg on a Trade like private Merchants, f at Bristol at that Time, 1720, we had but 25 or 26 Ships on that Trade, & now so much increasd, & Liverpoole increasd more in Propor.

Like o / other Ports h no View but foreign Tradg, we h no Exchange Alley Projects, no Calls to make Dividends, 'tis Trade & Merchandize only we subsist by, & by that only / Plantans h so gtly increasd.

The Trade to Affrica, my Lords, is o that Nature, that / Sun is not more visible at noon day, than that it cannot be supported or carried on by a Co, w/thers / Failure & Destrucn o all that were ever concernd in such, as well / English as Foreigners, f by what I can learn they are alike under / same Circumstces; But what / Co so much value themselves upon, is the Forts & Settlemts wh, my Lords, are so far fm beg advantagious to Trade, or as they say wt wh no trade cd be carried on, that they are / gtest Obstacles, & Hindrce to Trade ~~of~~ imaginable, for I positively assert, that fm all Masters o Ships usually tradg on / Coast, wh I h conversd w, & many yrs, they all agree & declare those Forts & Settlemts are not on / least capable to protect them in Trade, or necessary thereto; but on / contrary, oppress / seperate Traders all in their Power, so that instead

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instead o beg protected or assisted, they are impeded, & often denyd / Common necessarys o Water, Wood, &c.

The Manner o our Trade on / Coast is sett forth in / Answer to yr Lordships' Queries, wh is justly true, & altho' / Affrican Co in their late Remonstrce to yr Lordships, dd. / 31st March last, are pleas'd to say, they cannot but be exceedgly surprisd if any Person t pretends / least knowledge o this Trade, shd say they are sensible & convinced by long Experice, t / Forts & Settlemts on / Coast o Affrica are not necessary or usefull to be kept up or maintaind f / Benefit o Trade. I must beg leave to say, if / present worthy Directors were as well acquainted w / Nature o / Trade on / Coast o Affrica as most Seperate Traders are, notwtg it wd be much the Interest to say / contrary, I am ~~perswaded~~ persuaded they wd be o / same Opinion w us, so t / Reflexion is only Errors in Judgemt in wh I am / more confirmd by / Proposn made by the learnd Councill : o have / sole Trade o 300 leagues only fm Gambia, wh if granted, as I hope never will, f one Single league, they wd then be excluded fm all the rest Settlemts by 150 leagues, wh shews they are not throughly acquainted w / Coast; or t the Mapps, by wh they form their Judgemts, are false

To read / Descripn o the Forts as laid down in / Remonstrce to yr Lordships, they are describd such Places as Calais, Gravelens, Dunkerk, in its Prosperity, Ostend &c / Litle, o a Vast use & Impce, even f protectg Men o War, as urgd by one o the learnd Councill, whereas they are only Factory houses, f securg / Cos Goods, not a protecn to any Ships tradg thr, as will be fully provd; & by / Report o this Honble Board to her late Majesty Queen Anne dated / 3d o February 1707/8, / Affrica Co did then allow t the sd Forts were not capable o resistg an Attack fm an European Enemy, how / present Co come to be o a diff Opinion, is best known to themselves, f the Forts are not in a better Condn than they were at t Time; James Island in / River Gambia ..... but is now blown up by Accident, & were all / rest o / Cos Forts in / same Condn, / Affrica Trade wd be in a better state than now it is, they beg / only Opponents we h on all / Coast where we trade, besides, my Lords, / whole Coast o Affrica is shoal & rocky, & in all our Ships tradg to windward, & / Gold Coast, we send spare Anchors, wh are frequently lost, / Cables often cut, by / foulness o / Ground, so t instead o our Ships beg protected by / Forts, they cannot safely anchor within Reach o the Guns.

Wee o / City o Bristol are so sensible o / little use o them t to end / Dispute we will submit to the sinkg any o our Ships, when they come within Reach o the Guns wh we wd not do if we thot them any way necessary to protect or preserve Trade. Certainly / seperate Traders who have, & design to continue / Trade, wd not be such Enemys to themselves so unanimously to deny the beg necessary, if they thot so, besides, my Lords / Co have no Fort or Settlemt on / Coast, but betwn Dicks Cove & Apra, wh is within / Distce o 50 leagues in all, wh Space ther is but little Trade f Negros except Annamaboe,

wch is seated in / midst o / Co's Settlemts, & has bn provid even by their own Witness, Mr Snow, to be free & open to all Trading Nats, tho' were ye Places o good Trade in those Parts, but by / severity & evil Practices o / Co's chief Factors & Agents to / Natives, it is almost lost, partly where they h / ghst Command, so t they removed to distant Places, & finding themselves ill used at / Settlemts, they many miles distant strike out o t Road, to Places above & below it & make / Signals o Trade when on / Coast, goe off in their Canoes & trade w / seperate Ships.

The Places & Trade to Windward is where / Co never had any Settlemt, wch is carried on chiefly by / Seperate Traders, so likewise to Leeward; their Settlemt & Factory at Widah beg under t King, who observes an exact neutrality, encourages Trade w all Nats, & is paid Tribute alike by all Traders whats, both Co's & Seperate, so it wd be / ghst Discouragemt & Hardships on / British Subjects to be prevented or hindered fm trading to free Places, to wch they, in common w all Nats h a Liberty & Right to doe.

The Co likewise say, they h a Fort at Bents Island in / River Sierra Leon. . . . . My Lords, I must beg to make one Observation on / African Co's sd Representation t they h not mentioned, how many men are in each Fort; but in gen. Soldiers Coopers, Smiths &c, whereas if a true State was rendered, it wd appear they h not 50 white men in / whole, o all Degrees, those Settlemts beg so sickly t they are certain Graves & Britons, as is manifest fm / Miners sent by / Co a few Years since, / gter Part died soon after their Arrival there, so t but a very few returned.

In / Description o their Forts & Settlemts, they say they are & open a Trade & Gold, fm whence it not be conjectured, t Vast Quantitys may be imported, fm thence, but instead thereof, / African Co, as they h shewn, coind all / Gold they imported wh fm 1695 to 1698 inclusive, 25 Years was short o 500,000 Gs., not 2,000 P. Ann.; & fm 1698 to 1720 inclusive, twenty Years, they coind in / whole, but abt 45,000 wch is abt 2250 P. Ann. whereas a Gentleman here present, who w / rest o / seperate Traders, h not / Benefit or Liberty to trade at / Co's Places, do annually import on his own Acct near double / Quantity o Gold / Co did in / best o their Trading, & / Interlopers do proportionable, wh w / ye Numbers o Negroes carryd to / Plantations, as likewise supply'd / Assientists, shew how much / Trade is improved & extended & free fm any Manner o Danger; where Trade is free, open / British Merchants fear no Rivals, & I daresay if we are not put under any Restraint, as I h no Apprehension o, fm / present wise & just Ministry, under his most Sacred Majesty, whom God long preserve, / seperate Traders when delivered fm future fears, wh we h bn alarmed w o late, will yet extend & enlarge / African Trade so much to / Interest o / Nation, by Increase o / Revenue, Encouragemt o Trade, Navigation & our Manufactures as they h lately done.

The Forts & Settlemts as I took / Liberty before to acquaint yr Lordships in / united Judgemt o / seperate Traders, are not Necessary to preserve Trade in any Respect. How much his Majestys Property & Sovereignty are concerned, we dare not take upon us to say, only if Cape Coast Castle worth all / rest, wh undoubtedly is / Nations Property, beg a Conquest o our Mens o War taken fm / Dutch in 1665 by Sir Thos Allen.* & after yielded by Treaty, is not proper to be supported, we hope it will be in / Crown & not by any Co. fr ther, in Case o ill Usage by any Officers, we

* Incorrect, He was elsewhere - vide Brig. Naval Vol I

we can h a fair hearg & Redress, whereas t cant be expected frm any Co who in themselves are Enemys to all seperate Traders, as we h experienc'd by the Severe Treatmt o our Ships & Effects on / Coast

My lords The Rese o Pirates is gen'lly on / Coast & t is / Place they frequently resort unto, to supply themselves w Men & necessarys out o our Ships, wh we fatally experienc'd in / year 1721 when we lost taken & destroy'd by them upwds o 50 sail o ships; to / exceedg g^t loss & Damage o many o us, these are our g^t & chiefest Enemys; therefore frequent Returns o Men o War, & ranging on / Coast, wh may be done w v^y little Charge, by his Majesty's Ships o War, makg / Affrica Coast their way to / West Indies, this Method wd effectually preserve / Coast, & be / only Security to Trade, not Forts & Settlemts, as insinuated by / Affrica Co; as to / Scarcness o Negroes, t speaks itself & is not in / Power o / Co if they had / Trade exclusive or as it is now; / seperate Traders joind w them, to prevent it. All o Nations trade thr freely on as g^t or gter Degree than we o this Nation, but I beg leave to observe t / more o our Products & Manufactures are Exported, / better f / Nation, & if / Co who h bot Negroes formerly so much cheaper than we doe now, & sold them at equal or better Prices than we do in / Plantations at this Time, & h for so often undone, 'tis manifest they are not a Co anyways calculated to carry on a Trade, & we hope yr Lordships will be o / same Opinion.

One Objection my lords, made in Favour o / Co is, t some now present who deny any Use or Necessity o / Forts on / Affrica Coast were formerly o a diff^t Opinion as appears by a Remonstrance made to this Hon^ble Board in 14 11/12. My lords, w / g^test Submiss^n, t is not allowd by these Gentlemen, & I presume to say they h fully explaind themselves thereupon; but were it so, 'tis not at this time material, f 15 years Experice will convince & shew a necessity o differg frm former Opinions, t what then was not proper, is not now. Besides, my lords, if y please to consider / Time, / Year 14 11/12 when such Violent Attacks were made, t even what was & is most dear to us, wh now we happily Enjoy in his Majesty & his Illustrious Family, & our Freedom & Liberty's, in / fullest Manner was in apparent Danger. At Time, my lords, when / happy & seasonable Resolu^n & / Glorious Author o it was exploded & villified, / brave Assertors o it, & / Liberty's o the Country, censured, removed, deprivd & imprisond; such a high hand carried, & declard in Favour o / Affrica Co, who as Fame says was, a till but v^y lately have continud g^t Votarys to / Gentlemen then in Power, it cannot be admird, if / seperate Traders, who were gen'lly o a diff^t Interest made a Concess^n wh is demonstrable ~~a diff^t Interest~~ frm the then submitg to setting up a regulated Co, wh is destructive to a free & open Trade, t thereby they mt preserve Part o a Trade wh they g'rly apprehended they were in danger o beg totally deprived o. Such a Concess^n can't be thot an act o Choice, but a Force o absolute Necessity in t critical Time, & I do declare this was then our sentime at Bristol, But waiving all t, our Experice has since taught us t / Forts & Settlemts are not necessary to trade on / Coast o Affrica, & I hope yr Lordships will please to observe t / Vote o / Hon House o Commons was, t / Trade to Affrica ought be & remain free & open to all her Majesty's Subjects o G^t Britain & / Plantations, wh, wt all dowbt, is / best & only Method to preserve & continue it, to be o / utmost Benefit & Advantage to his Majesty's Revenue, / Support o / Plantans, & promotg Trade & Navigan-

The Co insist much on / Dutch buying Cape 3 Points fm / King o Prussia, wch, as alledgd, cost £30,000. My Ldps tis true / Dutch bot £, & w[ch] Arguin, on / Gum Coast, in S Barbary, for both wch they gave only 30,000 Florens wch is not quite £3,000 Sterlg, so much cost they impose upon yr Lordships. The Truth o / Fact is / Dutch had taken a Ship on / Coast w[ch] / King o Prussia's Comiss[n], tho in reality, a Dutch Interloper. Complaint was made by / Owners to his Prussian Majesty, whereupon he gave Directns to his Ministers at / Hague to demand Satisfac[n], for thence this arose. & / Money paid as Compensa[n] for / Ship, for wch / Right o those Settlemts were given up, they beg before abandoned by / Prussians & become derelict

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Endorsed

Trade
Capt Bonhams acct
o / Affrican Trade.
Recd
Read 11 May 1726

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The Attestam o Capt Samuel Bonham delivered on Oath before / Lords Commissioners o Trade & Plantns &c / 11th day o May 1726, in relam to / Trade o / Coast o Affrica &c.

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[Vide, minute o his Evidce in / Journal o 11 May 1726. This is Sufficient]

Endorsed

Trade.
May / 11th 1726.
Capt Wm Snelgroves
Minutes o Evidence before /
Lords o Trade. in relam to /
Trade on / Coast o Affrica
Recd
Read } May 11th 1726.

S. 70.

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[Vide minute o his Evidce in / Journal o 11 May 1726
This is Sufficient]

Endorsed

Trade
March / 30: 1726
An Accot o Ships belong[g]
to / Port o London. that are
imployed in / Trade to /
Coast o Affrica. Tog[r]
w[th] an Accot o / Names
o / Commanders. Owners, &
Number o Negroes each Ship
is designed &, to Carry fr /
Plantations & Colonies o
America
Recd
Read } June 14 1726.

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[a Table shewg a total no o 64 Ships, to carry a total o 26,440 Negroes - fm 60 - to 100.]

Endorsed Trade.

An Acct o/ Annual
expence o maintaining
/ Royal African Cos
Settlemts on / Gold Coast
fm 1712 to 1720.

S. 75.

London April 1726

An Acct o/ annual expence o maintaining / Royal African Cos Settlemts on / Gold Coast fm 1712 to 1720

	Yrs. mo			
Fm 15th Jan^{y} 1712 to 30 Apr 1713 is	1 4			
at Cape Coast Mk 376.0.10.10½ at £4 p. oz.		120,34: 14:5		
Paid in England £32 is coast money		64		
Sundry Stores sent out £219.13.2 is ditto		439: 6: 4	125 38	9
Fm 1st May 1713 to 1st May 1714 is	1			
at Cape Coast Mk 346.5.6½		11093: 11		
Paid in England £369.13.4. is coast		739: 6 8		
Sundry Stores sent out 906.14.5 is do		1813: 8 10	13646: 6: 6	
Fm 12th May 1714 to 30 Dec^{r} 1715 is	1 8			
at Cape Coast Mk. 568.6.15.11½		18209: 19 9		
Paid in England £1218.14.10 is Coast		2437: 9: 8		
Sundry Stores sent out 615.14.11		1231 9: 10	21872: 29: 3	
Fm 1st Jan^{y} 1715 to 25 March 1717	1. 2 25			
at Cape Coast Mk 316.4.13.2		10131: 5: 10		
paid in England £1107: 15: 10		2215: 11: 8		
Sundry Stores sent out £241.16: 8		543: 11: 4	12890	8 10
Fm 25 March 1717 to 14 June 1718	1. 2 20			
at Cape Coast Mk 423.2.8.5		13546: 2: 1		
paid in England £80.9.1		160: 19: 2		
Sundry Stores sent out £723.5.6		1446: 11	15153: 12: 3	
Fm 15th June 1718 to 26 Jan^{y} 1718/9	7.10			
at Cape Coast Mk. 168.5.13 10		5399: 9: 2		
paid in England £54.11.2		108: 14: 4	5508. 3: 6	
Fm 26 Jan 1718 to 31 Dec^{r} 1719/20	1 5			
at Cape Coast Mk 331.6.13.8½		10619: 8: 6		
Paid in England £74.16.8		149: 13: 4	10769: 1: 10	
Years	8		£92378 12: 11	
Carried Over			92378: 12: 11	
Brought over				

To wch add f mortality o Caste Slaves beg mostly artificers such as Carpenters, Joiners Bricklayers, Smiths &c & Canoemen in all upwards o 500 Slaves upon / Gold Coast each Year one wth and^{r}. / mortality beg abt 10 p^{r} Cent per annum o 50 Slaves. wch in 8 Yrs wants to 400 Slaves at £40 p. head is 16000

Total Charge o 8 Years £ 108 378 : 12: 11

wch is £ 13547. 5^{s} pr Annum

Fromd^{m} all / Cos forts on / Gold Coast except Cape Coast & Accra were maintaind by / Factors fm June 1st 1716 to March 24th 1717, beg 10 Months wh computd amt Slaves £ to / Co £ [sic] wch wd be fm an Addition to / above Charge.

Richd Beaumont. Accountant.

Endorsed

Trade
List of Ps Ships
Cos Ships employed
1720, 1721 1722, 1723
1724
Read 14th June 1726

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[Summary]

	No.	Tuns
1720	26.	3349.
1721	98.	5031.
1722	40	5166
1723	38	4419.
1724	30	2886

Endorsed

Trade
Accot of Ships sent out by
ye Royal African Co of
England w the Cargoes &
Factors & Years Viz.
1720, 1721, 1722, 1723, 1724
1725

Recd
Read 14th June 1726

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[Summary]

	No of Ships	Goods	Stores
1720	19	4618-11-10	564-10-11
1721	23	6712-11-1	321-17-1
1722	29	12752-9-6	902-2-11
1723	27	10095-1-1	758-1-1
1724	12	4647-9-8	802-19-11
1725	2	1596-10-6	175-19-8
		925,084-83-8	11,491-11-4

Endorsed Trade
London Apr. 1726
An acct o Guineas coined
ont o Gold imported fm
Africa by / Royal African
Co o England fm
1695 to 1725
Read 14th June 1726

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London april 1726

An Acct o Guineas coined out o Gold imported fm Africa by / Royal African Co o England, in / follow'g Years viz

Years	Guineas
1695	12.241
1696	15.248
1697	33.891
1698	5.000
1699	25.244
1680	17.144
1681	24.852
1682	23.235
1683	25.599
1684	20.684
1685	46.066
1686	23.434
1687	32.440
1688	9.371
1689	25.493
1690	1.562
1691	26.700
1692	19.036
1693	1.506
1694	15.801
1695	21.502
1696	2.410
1699	11.443
1698	17.529
1699	2.214
1700	...
Carried over	496.014

Years	Guineas
Brot over	496.014
1701	4.984
1702	...
1703	994
1704	1.836
1705	1.358
1706	...
1707	5.565
1708	2.918
1709	11.155
1710	10.362
1711	...
1712	2.925
1713	146
1714	...
1715	591
1716	...
1719	...
1718	...
1719	...
1720	...
1721	2.962
1722	12.254
1723	5.424
1724	14.388
1725	4.906
Total	578.754

Richd Beaumont Accountant

Endorsed Affrica Trade

Extracts o two letters fm / Chief Merchts at Cape Coast Castle to ye Affrican Co. relatg to / Designs o/e Dutch sent fm ye Directors

Recd } March 3d 172 6/7
Read }

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Extracts o letters fm / Chief Merchants at Cape Coast Castle

Fm letter Dated / 6th May 1726

Not three days after / Clarendons Departure / King o Warsaw (an Inland Country near Succundee & fm whence / Trade to t Place & Discourse chiefly flows) was forced out o his Country, by a powerfull Army o Ashantees & Coffrees, who not contented w plundrg & ravagg the Kingdom, resolved to pursue him down to / Waterside, whither he flew & addressed himself to ye Hons Chief at Succundee for protecn; wh He immediately communicated to us; & desired directns how to act therein; when we concluded it wod be infinitely to yor honour & Interest hereafter, / protectg such a Man, especially as / Fanteens (a formidable people) had been determined to, & were since ere rise in his behalf, & it is to be hoped will resettle Him in his Kingdom agn, when, fm our countenancg Him we may certainly expect / greatr Share o / Trade fm thence Wherefore We directed Mr Wheler (yor Hons Chief at Succundee.) to give him all / protecn in his power & accordgly sent Ammunn & a Gentleman to his Assistce; but before / Arrival throf, / Ashantees were come down & hotly engagg / Castle; so t was w abundce o Difficulty / Gentleman We sent cd get in. They continued fightg two days successively, when / Negroes desired to come to a Parley, & Hostages were accordgly given on both Sides, & / Affair amicably adjusted w us. The Enemy departed in pursuit o / King & his Cabboseers, who not long before had departed in order to join / Fanteens, whom as we before hinted promised to assist him. Ye Hons h bn at no Expence on this Score we having secured Pawns to / Value o wch was advanced / King, & expended on his Accot Wherefore We hope our Conduct on this occasion will meet ye Hones approbn, than wh nothg can be a greater Satisfacn. We cannot conclude this Paragraph wt noticg to ye Hons t tho it is reported (& We really believe) / Dutch are deeply concerned in this War as most o the Cabboseers or Head Servants are continually sent on Messages to / Ashantees, / purport whereof We cannot certainly learn, But it is evident they h bn Tampering w them wh the Rating o ye Hons Fort at Succundee since when / head Captain o / Army went to / Chief in order to make up / Palaver (as afore mentioned) He acquainted Him t one Cremah, a notorious Rogue & formerly resid in / English Town, but sometime since stopped to / Dutch, had not only requested / Castle mt be taken & proposed a

reward

Reward for doing it, but also offered / paying them in a way to make scaling ladders, where, as he said it might be accomplished with great facility. We were determined by some means or other to have brought this fellow to Justice, for such a vile Action, but Death put an end to his Villany, & deprived us of having / Satisfaction to give him / just rewards of his Deserts.

Extract from Letter Dated 30th June 1726

Since our Last / Ashantees have been very troublesome among / neighbouring Villages, which has put an intire stop to Trade, & We fear it will continue still for some time, as / Fanteens are now got up in Arms & have routed the Enemys / Ashantees, But as they (/ Fanteens) are fully satisfyed / Dutch & their Servants & Inst / Chief Instrument of bringing down / Ashantees to / Waterside (a thing they never dare before attempt) so are they determined to be revenged on them; And do now make reprizals on all Negros in / Dutch Interest, Killing & taking them Prisoners where they meet them, Nay, have gone so far as to block them up in their Capital Town of Elmina, & deny them all manner of Sustinence; & every Place in / Fanteen Country where / Dutch are settled shares / same fate. And it is very reasonable to suppose this Affair will not terminate there. But if We shall see / Dutch Treachery prove fatal to themselves, by their being taken in / same Snare they designed for us; For it is observed as high, the Design of having ye Fort at Succondee taken & razed to / Ground. Notwithstanding it would be pleasing to see them paid in their own Coin, yet we assure ye Honrs we are very far from giving them any Umbrage, or / least Cause to complain of us; as we shall always have ye regard to Gen Tinkers Maxim, "never to interest "ourselves so far in Negros Palavers as to involve for Interest." Tho they do not act so generous Part by us, but on all occasions are very open in prejudicing / Natives against us. However we shall be content to be Spectators of their Acts & shall take care to acquaint ye Honrs from time to time, as oppy offers, or anything else may happen worthy ye Cognizance.

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The foregoing are true Extracts of Letters received 12th of Febr Past from Mr ~~Franklyn~~, Franklyn Mr Smith & Mr Ross, Chief Merchts of / Royal African Co at Cape Coast

March 2d 1726/7 African House

Fra: Lynn S.

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I: 39 Read Feby 4 1764

London December 21st 1763.

For Hasty Card for ye 6th inst before / Clee o / Co o Merchts Trading to Africa whose Case is
desired by / Rt Hble Comrs o T & P. to be heard then o ye 1st 2d / 26th Oct & ye 2 last / 15th
relating to / Expediency o one Establishmt at or near Cape Appolonia. - - -

The Clee h desired me to acquaint ye Lds that as ye Affair is of great Importance
power on these impr Points, they postponed transmitting their own Opinion until they had consulted
the Gentlemen / African Merchts o Bristol London Bristol & Lpoole - these were immediately
applied to for this purpose; but not having received an answer from Bristol till very lately, occasioned
so long a delay. They now beg leave to send ye inclosed copies o ye Letters they h rec'd from Bristol
& Lpoole, in answer to what was wrote to those Places upon ye Subject: & likewise copy o a
Letter they h rec'd from Nassau Senior Esqr late Govr o C.C.C. all wh they desire /
favour o ye Lds to communicate to the Lds, w the Sentiments wh are: - According to /
best Informn they h been able to collect fm / Chief Officers o / British Forts on / Gold
Coast, & also fm persons at present in England who h resided there, it appears to /
Natives o Cape Apolonia, & / adjacent adjacent Villages & Territory, h always been
deemed free & independant o / European Nations.

That Cape Apolonia is situated to Westward o 2d / English & Dutch Forts on / Gold Coast, &
Commands a very Considerable Trade in Gold, Ivory & Slaves

That / Dutch h hitherto engrossed a gr Share o this Trade than / English, very little
o the Fort o Axim, a few Leagues to Leeward, wh beg leave to Cape Apolonia than /
English Fort o Dixcove, gives / Dutch a gr advantage in point o Traffick.

That in case / Dutch shd succeed in their attempt to reduce / Natives o Cape Apolonia,
under their Subjection, they wd most probably erect a Fort & make themselves ample
amends for / Expence, by totally excluding / English fm having any Share o / Trade

That / present Caboceer, named Amonia, having shewn a strong attachment to / English,
& invited them to build a Fort, if this shd be compleated w it wd be means o securing a
very Considerable Branch o / African Trade to / British Nation: That if it shd be / Opinion
o Govt to build a Fort at Cape Apolonia, such Fort or Forts ought to be constructed so as to be
capable o protecting / Natives fm / incursions o / neighbouring inland Kingdoms, & also
for any attempts o / Dutch.

That / Expence o building such a Fortification wd, in / opinion o / Clee, not amount
to less than £20,000, as most o / materials must be sent fm England, & / Establishmt for / Support & maintenance o sd Fort cannot be estimated at less than
£3,000 per Annum.

That in / meantime, till such Fort is built, we apprehend that / Capts o / men o
War stationed upon ye Coast, shd receive orders to inquire into / Circumstances of / Trade
at Appolonia, & to protect / British Subjects in the Negroes, at this or other places, in
wd be / most probable means o preventing all Encroachments.

That in regard to / contracts entered into by British Subjects w / French to supply
them w Slaves on / Coast o Africa. - - - Bance Island - - -

By Order &c

PS. Inclosed are also copies o two Letters fm / Clee - - - dd to / Govr Samll Fortrie Secretary
Govr & Council o CCC dd 15 Dec 1763, wh I was he pleased to lay before the Lds

Ii 40. Read Feby 4 1764

Fm the Council to / Secy o/ African Cttee.

Liverpool Nov 22d 1763

Sir I rec'd yr Ltr o/ 14th inst with inclosg me / Lrs & PPs (a Copy o wh are herewith remitted) to be laid before / Merchts o this Town & the Coun & sentiments thereon; wh PPs I laid before / Merchts at a publick meetg yesty, who came to / following Agreemts & dekd the unanimous opinion viz "T / Trade to Appolonia on / Coast o Africa is o gt consequence to this "Nation & it is / int o h Mts Subjects to prevent / Dutch making any Settlemt thr; & t / "Dutch h already a Settlemt on t Coast & / Windward o any British Fort, & if they erect "any Fortress at Appolonia, it will still give them a gt influence in / adjacent Countries, "& t / State o this matter is v fully & fairly represented in Mr Bells Ltr now laid before us."

Papers laid before / Merchts at Liverpool at this Meetg.

Mr Porriers Ltr dd 14 Nov 1763 to Mr Caldcleugh inclosg / following PPs

Extract o two Lrs fm / Govr o CCC. dd 24th Dec. 1762 & 14th April 1763

. . . . . .

On taking wh said Papers into Consn / above is / result o Opinion o/ Merchts fm wh I am accordgly ordered to transmit it y to be laid before / Govr & / African Cttee to the Comands of this Communicn. I am — &c — Francis Caldcleugh

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Ii 41. Read Feby 4. 1764

Copy o a Ltr fm / Master o/ Merchts Hall at Bristol to / Cttee o / Coa o Merchts trading to Africa dated Decr 17th 1763

Sirs On rect o Mr Porriers Ltr o/ 14th inst wh was delivd to me by Mr Farr, / late Master, I summoned / Cttee o Correspondce here, & / African Traders in this City, to meet this day, wh they accordgly did, & inclosed I send y / Resolves they came to I am — &c — (Sgd) Samuel Smith, Master

Resolves Merchants Hall Bristol Decr 17th 1763

The Cttee having taken into Consn / extracts o Lrs fm Chas Bell Esqr to / African Cttee dd CCC. 24th December 1762 & 14th April 1763, setting forth / attempts o / Dutch to establish a Fort at Cape Appolonia. are o Opinion, T the Trade of / Inhts o/ Traders to Africa to h Cape Appolonia preserved in its present situan, wt any Fort, or for t purpose t Armonia / Caboceer shd be supported agst / Dutch, for / following reasons. Viz: Bec / Trade carried on thr is chiefly for Gold, wh Trade / Cttee fear wd be carried on by / Govr o any Fort to be Erected thr, much to / disadvantage o / sepate Traders; & t such Fort, altho restrained by / laws cd more easily carry on, wt discovery, a Trade in Gold than in Slaves: but t if / Govrs hr, who / English or Dutch shd h a Fort at Appolonia, then they are o Opinion ~~t any person~~ / English shd erect such a Fort. It is for the Opinion t any person who now is, or hereafter shd be, appted Govr o any Fort on / Coast o Africa, shd give Security, in two sufft Bondsmen, resident in England, in a sum o £5,000 at / Coast, not to carry on any Trade on / Coast o Africa, nor directly or indirectly, in copartnership wt any pson or psons whatsoe, resident in Europe or America

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Ii 42. Read Feby 4 1764.

Copy o a Ltr fm Mr Nassau Senior to / African Cttee.

Tavistock Street Nov 7. 1763.

Gentn I desire my Opinion relatg to what the Ldps h wrote to y about / building a Fort at Appolonia, wh I shd do in as explicit a manner as I am capable o.

The extent o / Trade t has hitherto bn carried on by / English can be best known by / Bristol & Liverpool Merchts trading thr tho it is certain they can be but poor Judges o/ whole, as Foreigners, partly / Dutch, h f many years to my Knowledge, reaped / great advantage fm it. A British Vessel may off or comes to an anchor thr f a few hours, or a couple o days at furthest; whilst / h Known / Dutch to continue thr f 5 or 6 weeks. Therefore / Factor dowries make it worth the while, for wise they wd hardly surely never put the owners

to so needless an expense. Tis one t is any way acquainted w / African Trade, Knows t / merchts never keep the Commodities on hand, but endeavour to dispose o them immediatly on their coming to market. Therefore unless a Vessel is at anchor in / Road, they never wait but go immediately to Accra, a few leagues distce, where tis a Dutch Fort. The English therefore, by continuing so short a time can be little acquainted w / Trade. During my residce at Dixcove, wch is / nearest English Fort to Cape Appolonia, when / Dutch Forts h bn out o goods, wch happens sometimes tho' but seldom, take / Cabboceer or King has sent two or three hundred Pounds to lay out w me at a time, notwg he can / ask o have recd anything seized by / Dutch, in passg the Forts. Tis surprizg to any one t / Dutch shd exert the Authority to such a degree over a People they h no right to expect / least Subjection from. Might overcomes Right, they seem to me to be determined to keep them in as much awe as possible, for by such behaviour they think to frighten / Inhabitants from suffering / English to build a Fort, as they h, ever since their Settlemt at this, by apprehensive o. Shd they do it in my opinion / Dutch Forts at Accra, Cape three Points, & Acquedah wd be hardly worth mentiong, as the chief Trade comes from Dwowhie a country / back o Appolonia, where / Ashantee Merchants during / Disputes betwn them & ye Wassaws, come to sell their commodities. Wd a little trouble & Expence, bd not a Settlemt there. Tho' imagine those Traders mt be induced to come to Appolonia, wch wd make it a place o vy gt importce; besides, as / Inhabitants o t place are continually at War w / Assinee or Bassam People, & therefore, for their own Safety I suppose, vy desirous o a Fortificn, shd we not build one, w submission to the Gentlemen & yr superior judgmt, tho' can be no doubt but / French will use the utmost endeavours towds it; and shd they accomplish their ends, I need not mention / gt detrimemt & most consequently accrue to H Ms Subjects, not only those tradg thr, but any Planters in / West Indies, as they will in a short time draw / Trade from most o / markets to Windward o Annamaboe. I h often, when at C-C-C- represented to ye / gt hardships / British subjects laboured under by / Dutch monopolizg / Brazil Tobacco Trade, in not suffers / Portuguese Vessels to trade w / English wch sh not enlarge upon at this juncture, tho' cd wish, if / good o any one concerned (if any such pass I believe I never more sh.) / legislature cd by any means pursue steps to it; but only observe t by our having a Fortificn thr, we sh be to Windward o any Dutch Fort, & be able to procure such a quantity o t Commodity as to be able to supply any one t may want, unless they h a Cruizer stationed on / Coast to prevent it. The Commodities at Cape Appolonia are Gold Ivory & Slaves.

I am — &c.
N Senior

Ii 44 → take on fm p 4 post

Ii 45 read Feb 4 1764.

4 Jan 1764 Ltr fm Saml Pownall to John Pownall enclosg copy o Bell to / Clte dd 4 Aug 1763, to be laid before / Lords Commrs — & T. P.

Ii 46.

Bell to / Clte C.C.C. 4 Aug 1763

— his last was 25 May per / Duchess o Hamelton Capt Bagg. On / 29th [ult.] arrd / Black Prince Capt Valenge who brot me ye Ltr o 23d Feb. [p 28th. & Dup @ 173] & also / Goods & Stores as mentd in / Invoice. Sevl o / goods were damaged.

Capt Valenge died in Annamaboe Road abt 5 weeks ago & his Surgeon died here abt 4 weeks after his Capt. . . Mr Abercrombie is dead. He died o a bilious fever, a distemper wch has bn very fatal upon / Coast o Cote. The Dutch Ltr.-Gen. David Pieter Erasmi & 3 are died o / same sort o fever abt 12 days ago

On / 26th ult. / Meredith arrd here as / Secretary & / 2d Gentleman & Soldiers as mentd in ye list. These last comers still hold it out vy well altho' I never saw a more unhealthy season . . . He is still so poorly that he asks them to excuse his not answering ye Post by —

— He intends to resign his employmt in the Service on / 15th o this month & goes off / Coast in H M S. Ludlow Castle, Capt Bateman who sures sail abt / end o this month.

Ii. 63. Read Mar 19. 1764.

14 Mar 1764 to Admlty Office Letter Stephens to Pownall.

Capt Bateman of HMS Ludlow Castle Lately returned from / Coast of Africa having transmitted to / Admlty his Observations on / Forts & Settlements on / Coast. He is commanded to transmit Board copies of same & / information of / forts of G & P.

[Summaries]

Ii 64.

Shifts & Cashiers

Secondee Fort 20 July 1763

Patrick Greenhill Chief, 1 Serg[t], 1 Gunner, 6 Soldiers. Slaves - 3 m 4 w.
Guns 3 9lb. 3 6lb 11-4lb. 4 3lb & 1 lb. Carriages decayed. 3 unmanted.
... the Works are defenceless heap of ruins absolutely unreparable Barracks in very bottom condon ... Warehouses & Chiefs apartments only in tolerable repair.
sgd Patrick Greenhill

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Commendo Fort 1 Aug 1763

John Colcraft Chief, 1 Serg[t], 9 men & soldiers. Slaves - 13 m 10 w 2 c.
Free Blackmen in Cos pay - John Cabess Cabocier: Amagua Capt of Town: Chegua Linguist; Assam Bombay of Waterside. Guns 2-16lb. 14-12lb. 3-9lb, 2-6lb, 2-4lb, 10-2lb 6-1 lb.
N W Bastion not fitt for a Powder Mag. building the Rooms Joists, Roof of Hall very bad, House/Fort in tolerable good repair
(sgd) John Colcraft Chief

Cape Coast Castle 22. Aug. 1763 Ii 69

Wm Mutter Esqr in Chief. John Malcolm Actnt. John Grosse Secy. Wm Compton Reade Surgeon. David Mill Dep. Warehouse Kpr. Charles Bell Dep Secy. 7 Factors. Thos Trinder Surveyor. Nyt Surveyor. Seamen's Mate & Factor, Pickt Marine Lieut of Guard, 1 Serg[t] 2 Corpls. 1 Butler, Waterside Bombay. Gardener. Master of Hospital. 39 Soldiers, 1 woman, 5 Mulattor Soldiers, 5 Mulattoe Drummers & Fifers. Cudjoe Cabboceer & Linguist. 3 Black Writers & (Fredck Friday. John Ligna. George Sackey). Geo Bannisher Receivr Extr.
Slaves 132 men (Bricklayers Carpenters Blacksmiths Coopers Armourers &c & Labourers]
199 women
no weight

Guns.

	no.	weight
East Bastion & Greenhill Point	1	6
	3	4
	9	1
	5	6
N W Bastion		
W Bastion	3	9
	2	12
	3	6
	1	18
New Platform facg West	6	12
	2	10
S W Bastion	1	6
	1	9
	1	6
Old Platform facg S. W.	6	18
	2	12
	2	12
	3	3

Seamen Stores. 3,000 lb Powder &c.

The Interior buildgs except / new Barracks & Platform, Gov[r]s Apartmts & Warehouses are all very bad & must be rebuilt.
The Exterior Walls want all to be plastered & in some places repaired.
sgd William Mutter.

William Mutter to / Clee C. C. C. 15 August 1763

... Mr Bell having this day resigned his place o Gov in Chief in order to take his passage f England in H.M.S. Ludlow Castle, I h, accordg to your Orders ... in y.r lr o 28 Feb last [& Prop ⑤ 179] taken upon me / ppal Managemt o the affairs. The Alterations & promotns occasioned by Mr Bells resignatn you will ... observe by ... / inclosed Act o Council. ... Both Mr Johnson & Grosle think themselves extremely ill used on acct o Mr Grant having applied to Chief o Succondee: hav as / latter has served y a considerable time longer than either o / former Gentlemen / Council were o opinion t giving him / preference was no breach o y.r orders wherein y direct us to reinstate them in the former Rank & promote them accordg to t Rank, unless y are pleased to put / same construcn on those orders wh Messrs Grosle & Johnson do not - t the Rank went on, nothing they were at o y.r Service, wh could certainly can so properly be called an Indulgence on acct o the Civil Years residence, as an encouragemt f people to quit / Service & go home on frivolous vexatious pretences ... ... All I desire is t if it is agreeable to y to prefer any Gentn in your Service, t y will be pleased to give these Orders in as plain terms as possible & y may depend on their beg punctually executed but Silence read w / utmost submissn.

The Winnebah Pallaver is in a fair way o beg settled entirely: some Trade, & provns in abundce h bee lately brot to t market. All t remains to be adjusted is an affair betwixt / people o Curacoe & Wbah, wh was originally / source o all / trouble, mischief & expence t has happened. The inhabitants o both these places wd be glad to compromise all differs, & wd h done it before now, had / Dutch only acted a neutral part; but such is / disposn o those people, & so constantly do they pursue / same measure as gave us all / trouble t lies in their power, t we can never hope to see a change o Politicks, till ye methods are taken than h bee done hitherto

Mr Wbyte having in some measure recovered his health, & it being diverse inconvenient f him to go home, does not intend quitting yr Service f some time. As it is very necy t y shd appoint me a Succr, ... I am therefore to desire inform y by his desire t he wch he gthy obliged to y if y will ... appt him Vice-President o / Council ....

– Sends Memo f some furniture f / new Hall by / time it is built –

– Thanks them f the honour done him in appting him Gov & assures them o his utmost endeavours – I am – &c –

Wm Mutter

Enc to above – Act o Council. CCC. 15 Aug 1763

Present. Bell Gov in Chief, Mutter Vice President James Wbyte M.C.

Mutter to be Gov in Chief. President o / Council, Treasurer & Warehouse Keeper &c / Clees Dr o 28 Feb 1763. in consequence whereof: –

Wbyte transferred fm Wba to Accra Vice Mutter, w seat on / Council

Gilbert Petrie " " Executive to Wbah w seat on Council vice Wbyte.

Patrick Trenthill " " Succondee to Executive vice Petrie

John Grant applied to Succondee having served longer than either John Johnson or Grosle who h petitioned f Succondee

Archibald Dalziel lately arrd fm England as Surgeon's Assistant & Richard Burgis, Writer, promoted Factors at £80 pa.

Mutter to / Clee C.C.C. 24 Aug 1763

– Reports deaths o Mr Miller Mill & John Johnson Writers, & / death o James Langland Agd in Command at Annamaboe on 15th inst, & / apptmt o John Johnson to be his Succr at Mboe. –

I. 80.

The Ctee to Gov & Council CCC. London 31 December 1763

— Only 17 soldiers instead of 21 sent per Channing Beckie. Capt Jas Scott —

The Ctee to Gov & Council CCC London 11 January 1764

[April]

We wrote y on /13th/24th & 30th Dec last [24th not here] by / Channg Beckie. Capt Jas Scott, who beg still detained on / Downs by contrary Winds gives us an oppy of transmitting to y / following Resolves, & wh we expect to be compleat with

We confirm / appointt of Mr Mutter to be Gov of C.C.C. President & / Council &c &

That Mr John Hippisley be appointd Vice President of CCC. & Gov of Accra, he beg leave now here, & ready to embark by / next oppy. Offers

That Mr John Grossle be considered in any future promotion as prior in Rank to Messrs Webster, Pordon, Colcroft, Grant & Greenhill; & y he now succeed to / Post of Anamaboo during / suspension of Mr Brew; to appearg to / Ctee y he entered into pay as a Factor upon / Coast on / 15th Dec. 1756, when Messrs Webster, Pordon, Colcroft & Grant did not enter into pay on / Coast till Feb & Mar 1757 resply as Writers, Mr Greenhill was not in / Service till Mar 1st 1758.

By Order &c
(Sd) Saml Parker Secry.

I. 82 Read April 19. 1764

The Ctee to Gov & Council CCC. London 31 March 1764

— In reply to Mr Mutter's letters of 15 & 29 Aug 1763 (D.S. sign.):—

As to Mr Grossle we refer y to our letter of / 11th June last... & have since had some Conversan with Mr Peek on / Subject, wh gives no reason to alter our Sentimts in regard to his appointt to be Chief of Anamaboo during / Suspension of Mr Brew. Mr Johnson must stand as 2nd at Anamaboo, till a Vacancy happens to promote him to a Post.

Mr White having given up his right of Succn to / Command of C.C. to Mr Mutter puts it out of our power to comply with his request in appointg him Vice President, wh for this reason we decline in favour to Mr Hippisley. ... He must be contentd with / Command of / Post at Cobah till a better oppy offers offers of serving him Mr Petrie must return agn to / Command of Dixcove, Mr Patrick Greenhill to Secondee, & Mr John Grant to Tramprams; assuring these Gentn y due regard will be had to their promon in future Vacancies

The Furniture of / New House shall be sent by / next Store Ship at / publick Expence to remain for / use of / Gov & his Succors.

T. 44 Read Feb 4 1764.

To come on on p 9 supra

The Clee to Mutter & Council o CCC. London 15 December 1763

Yaull accr this by Capt James Scott o/ Charmg Beckie inclsg Invoices & B/L for goods & stores shipped on board / sd Ship amtg to £10.5.1.1. & wr Indentures of one Writer & 21 Soldiers ...

Yrs ... bts of Feb 6 [& Recp 186] Apr 14 [189] & 25 May [196] 1763 ... are before us

We have rcvd the half years box o accts endg 30 June 1761. ... ...

- Approve / applmt o Calcroft to Commenda, & o Malcolm to be accnt.

We cannot help remarkg on / extravagant freight insisted upon by mr Brew for carryg down / goods for Whydah, wch was Pkg an advantage o yr necessity. This Gentns conduct in many respects, yaull find by our last letters wch by this, was very dissatisfactory, & as repeated accts have come to us o his undue influence over / Natives, & breach o our Instrons in sendg off / Coast in his own name gr numbers of Slaves, we think it high time to put a stop to these transacns, & have partly considered a Letter from Robt Parry in behalf o / Co o Merchts o Dpole trading to Africa, inclsg an affidt o com Selton Commdr o/ Snow Maxwell o Glasgow dd Dpole 16th June 1763, setg forth that Richd Brew, Gor o Anamaboe did, in / Year 1762. ship on board / Marlb[illegible], by himself, his agents & factors, 512 Slaves, wch / sd Vessel, by / orders o / sd Brew, proceeded to Jamaica; & further setg forth that / Ships trading to that part o / Coast are greatly injured, distressed & prejudiced in their Trade by / sd Brew. Upon wch it was resolved, & it is now our express orders to / Gor & Council o C. C. C. that / time beg, to suspend / sd Brew from beg Gor or Chief o Anamaboe Fort, until he shall have justified himself from / Charge o / sd Selton to / satisfacn o / Clee, & in / meantime such person shall be appted to succeed / sd Brew, as they shall think best qualified for Gor or Chief o Anamaboe Fort, subject to / approbn o / Clee. A Copy o Seltons affidavit ... we send & inclose [No 2.]

We have had a conference w / Lords o Trade upon / proceedgs o / Dutch at C. Apoloma, & after intervs o sevl days a Paper at that place, in consequence o wch the Ldps have desired us to lay before them / most full & particr accts we can collect o / nature & Extent o / Trade carried on by / Hans Subjects to that place, w our opinion o / impce o it to / British Subjts, & whr we think / making of an Establishmt there is at present necy or expedient, & if so, what / nature o sd Establishmt shd be.

In order therefore to answer these Queries o the Ldps in / fullest manner, we have wrote to / Merchts o Bristol & Dpole desiring them to give us all / informn they can procure, w the opinions upon those seval Quesns put by the Ldps to us, that we may be able to give safe Answers thereto. We likewise desire yr to send us / fullest accts o / nature & extent o / Trade carried on by / British Subjects at Cape Apoloma & its neighbourhood, & what / inhabitants acknowledge themselves to be under / jurisdicn o / English, or Dutch, or independant o either, & yr opinion o / necessity o making an establishmt there by / British Nation & what sort of Establishmt shd be, & this as soon as possibly you can, that no time may be lost in forming such Resolutions upon this affair, so interesting, as we apprehend, to / British Trade upon / Coast o Africa

... ...

ye Pr gives us pleasure to hear ye a full progress is makg in / repairs o CC, beg ye necessary y this business shd be constantly attended to, & / repairs carried on, not only at ye Fort last of 25 ye Fort in ye Jurisdiction to / utmost extent o our Allowce, & for this purpose, wt materials & implemts & stock absolutely necy to be sent from hence, shd be complied w; desirg ye to transmit home, from time to time, / state & condition o 25 ye Forts, observg to ye ye / Lords o Trade & Plantations shd have ye an acct taken by / Capt o HM S. Assistance. lately arrd fm / Coast, wh represents them but in a very enormous Condn.

Ye have ye represented to us, since writg / above, ye / immediate Suspen o her Brews may be attended w peculiar hardships in case he shd not h / privilege o an apartmt on / Fort, for a reasonable time, for / better security of his effects, so far as is consistent w / Act o Parliamt. We are therefore to grant him such privilege for such time as ye sh think reasonable, provided his behaviour is such as to give no umbrage to his Succor, or to the Natives; nor are ye to permit him to exercise into / Fort any fresh goods whatr, after / receipt o this &c.

By Order o / Ctee o / Co o Mchts trading to Africa
(Sgd) Saml Parvis Secy.

I. 100 Read July 19 1764

To the Rt Hon: / Lds Commrs of T & P.

The Ctee o / Co o Merchts trading to Africa beg leave to represent to yr Lships, yt it must be in their power at present to give a satisfy acct o / tonnage o / Ships wh have annually fitted out fm / diff Ports o Gt Brit for / Coast o Africa since / Parliamentary Establishmt took place; nor an exact acct o / no o negroes exported by / Brit Colonies w / annual & average price p Head on / Coast they are obliged to postpone a reply to ye part o yr Lships' Orders signified to them in yr Lships Letr &c o / 11th inst. until they can be furnished w / needful particulars fm / seve Ports; for wh purpose they have wrote to Bristol, Lpool, Lancaster, Whitehaven, Pool & Glasgow, beg / ppr places, besides London, fm wh / African trade is carried on.

In regard to / Quesn. whether it be for / publick advantage & benefit o / Trade, yt / Officers upon / Coast shd be allowed to trade for Slaves?

The Ctee beg leave to observe yt ye / time o / present Establishmt o / African Trade, it was gently understood yt / same shd be kept free & open to all His Majts Subjects, wt restraint or limitation. In consequence o wh / original Instrucns o / Ctee to their Chief Officers gave them full liberty o trading, provided no undue influence was made use of by them in prejudice to / Trade o / Ships. If any complaints beg brot home by / Masters o Ships yt / Chiefs rea had raised / price o slaves upon them, & in other respects interrupted the Trade, / matter was referred to / Board o Trade, & after seol hearngs their Lships were o opinion yt / Ctee shd limit & restrain / Trade o their Servants on / Coast, & agreeable thrto / following Instrns (beg satisfactory to / Merchts & approved by / Board) were sent out to / Gov & Council at C. C. in May 1753. Viz.

1st "That for / future no joint Trade shd be carried on by / Servants o / Co residg at / diff Forts upon any pretce whatr."

2nd "That no Servant o / Co do presume to send out any Servant or Slaves up / Country, or Parts, to prevent or intercept or prevent / Slave Trade fm coming freely down to / Shipps"

3rd. "That none of Warehouses, Vessels, Canoes or other Craft belonging to the Co shall be made use of for Lodgment or Conveyce of any goods except such as are sent out by the Ctee for payment of Salaries & Support of Forts & Settlements, but in such cases as Act of Parliamt directs."

4th "That no Servts of the Co be permitted to lodge any Slaves in any of Castles, or to export any Slaves purchd upon their own accts from any part of Coast."

5th That the Chiefs of any Out Forts, as well as Agents of CCC be directed not only to prevent any Obstruction to the free exercise of Trade of Settlers in the neighbouring Towns, but to encourage or protect them as much as possible"

6th "That they do likewise assist to the utmost of their power, the Commanders & Cos of any Brit. Ships on the prosecution of their Trade & in the Wooding & Watering of their Ships"

--- [Gambia] ---

The Ctee founded their opinion of the Officers at the diffnt Forts shd have Liberty of trading under the above limitations, on the following Reasons:

1st "That a Trade being constantly carried on at the Forts encourages the Natives to bring down their Slaves & Commodities even from places, which frequently happens, as otherwise they wd be obliged to carry them to the Forts themselves"

2nd "That allowing the Officers on the Ctees Service to purchase Slaves from the Natives may be of great advantage to the Shipping (to whom under the present regulations they are obliged to sell them) giving them a quicker dispatch, on which in a great measure the Success of the Voyage depends & the general liberty of trafficking in the Commodities, with restraint, secures a market at all times to the Natives of those Commodities, & meeting any objections from the Merchts"

On the other hand, some certain Regulations & Restrictions became necessary, & particularly the prohibiting the Officers from exporting Slaves on their own Accts:

1st From the preference they wd command over the Natives, by the Salaries as Chiefs

2nd By the having the disposition of the Publick Presents &c

3rd By their having fixed Salaries

which great advantages (if the Officers were not restrained from exporting Negroes on their own Accts) would create such a Competition between the Forts & the Ships as to advance the price of Slaves on the Coast to the ruin of the Shipping & the great detriment of the Brit. Colonies

The Ctee further beg leave to represent to your Hons, that they had frequently made them of their Regulations, but broke thro', which Complts they always have properly taken Notice of, & the necessary orders sent out for the Reprimand or Dismission of the Offenders as the nature of the Case required.

By Order of the Ctee ... Saml Perrier Secretary

T. 102. Read July 18. 1764

Com Matter to the Ctee C.C.C. 10 January 1764

I had purposely deferred writing to you since Mr Bell left the Coast because I knew he would be able to give you entire Satisfaction in regard to African Affairs . . .

There has been no disturbance at Winnebah since I wrote you last, & I may venture to affirm that there is little or no probability of any happening there at present. Trade & provisions are brought into the Fort & Town by the Akroano, & there is nothing wanting to restore perfect peace & tranquility in that part of the country except the quarrel between the Dutch negroes of Berraclee & those of Wibah who as it was the real source of all mischief that has happened, may be the means of again rekindling the flame; and I say there is little or no probability of that at present

On perusg yr dis to Mr Bell, I observe in t dd 24th June 1761, it was yr desire t / quarrel betwixt / Warsaws & Aboremoes may be adjusted. I h[a]d wtg my best endeavours f t purpose, & it is wt pleasure I can inform yr t f / expence o 4 or £5, togr wt / assistce o yr Caboceer Cudjoe, / Warsaws & Aboremoes were prevailed on, abt three months ago, to drink Fetish & be friends.

Abt / time / Warsaws & Aboremoes took Fetish, I was informed by Binampon, Caboceer o Aboremoe, t ther was a considerable number o Ashantee Traders in Warsaw, & t they intended comg to / waterside, as / Warsaws had taken Fetish t they, / Ashantees, shd not be molested in passg thro the country.

As dis h[a]s been no Ashantees at any o / European Forts / (excepting three at Accra) since / year 40, I shod in my duty to use all my endeavours to beg there people hire, not f / prospect o any little trade they might h[a]ve, but if possible to learn whr ther was any probability o openg a free communicn betwixt the Country & / Forts.

It was undoubtedly f / same reason, togr wt hawg / pride o / first visit, t induced Mr Valkenbeek, President o Elmina, to dispatch messgrs wt presents f these Ashantees, in order to prevail upon them to come to t place, where the Messengers assured them, they shd be well entertained, & on / contrary, if they went to Cape Coast they wd get nothg but English Brandy to drink, wch y[ou] must know is at present looked upon as so pernicious a liquor by / Blacks, t many o them will not taste it. Therefore I must beg o yr to send us f / future some other Spirit, f English Brandy will soon be absolutely unsaleable.

But to return from this diversion: As / Ashantees were to pass thro Aboremoe, Mr Binampon / Caboceer o t place, thot he cd do no less, in return f my having interested myself in his quarrel wt / Warsaws, than beg them (/ Ashantees) to Cape Coast.

The Ashantees remained hire abt ten days, durg wch time I sent to / Fantees Aboremoes & Fetues, & f / space o 7 or 8 got them to send deputies hire to take Fetish t they wd not trouble nor molest / Ashantees in comg fm & returng to ther own country.

The Ashantees dont pass thro any part o Fantee, but / path lies so vy near the country & party no / large town called Abra, t it is in ther power to plunder / Ashantees wt / gtest safety, & it is well known how greedy they are o a little booty o t kind.

Fixed / Ashantees durg ther stay hire as well as possibly they cd expect, & h sent up two Messengers to t country wt presents f three considerable Caboceers, to / amt. o 12 or £15 Gold Price, wch wt abt an equivalent sum, expended in entertaing these Ashantees t were hire, is all t I shd venture to launch out till I am more certain whr this Path can be kept open or not; & t I shd be able to determine wt gtr certainty when my Messengers return, as they h orders to get / best informan they can relatg to affairs in Ashantee & in those countries betwixt them & us.

Upon / whole I h[a]ve done, & shd continue to do wt is in my pour to keep open this path, & shd I see no probability o success succeeding, depend on it, I will not throw away yr money on chimerical projects.

— Depreciates / buyg a sloop as schooner as recommended by Bell. Cost bec the expence o her crew & 9 white men at 5 or 6 Blacks — ther wages & provisns — wd equal t o 4 boats wh can brg all the shells required for Annaqua repaired —

— Has bot a 2nd boat costg 102 Gold f bringg shells.

— Dec / Annaqua people hd made a practice o givg short measure in shells. Mr prevailed on / people o Mussa to provide them at 5/- trade per hogshead. Mussa is 4 leagues nearer to C.C.C. than Annaqua & a boat has been constantly employed bringg shells from ther. Since when / Annaqua people have given fair measure.

In yrs dr o/ 28th February last [½ sheet @ 173] I mention'd ye necessity of rebuilding / Fort o Trade & the utter impossibility we added grant from Parliament of rebuilding o Succondee Fort. If y intend to keep possession o t place it is absolutely necy y / Fort shd be rebuilt, for as / Dutch have a very good Fort within musquet shot, w a large negro town adjg, it is in their power, by fomenting any differences which may happen among / natives, to dispossess y. o yrs Fort & ruin y Town entirely; & as it is notorious they never miss an opportunity of acting / part o Incendiaries, no time shd be lost in putting y place on a respectable footing.

The Dutch, as I am informed, are again preparing to attack Annamoiah, / Abroccus o Cape Appolonia. They have had all ye trouble & expence in forming an Alliance w Annantifoo / Caboceer o Assinee, whose country lies abt 6 or 7 leagues to ye eastward or west ward o Cape Appolonia.

This Annantifoo, who is a very powerful Caboceer, is to attack Annamoiah on one side, whilst Mr Huydecoper (formerly President at Elmina) at / head o / Phantahs & Elmina people are to march fm Accra Fort (wch lies abt 5 or 6 leagues to / eastward o Accra) & attack Annamoiah on / opposite side.

I am likewise informed y Mr Huydecoper has collected a considerable quantity o sparrs, joists &c. These, I imagine, are intended for building a small redoubt near C. Appol. fm wch he may harass / unfortunate Annamoiah.

Mr Bell, I see, has informed y o / liberty & assistance wch Annamoiah wod gladly give / English in building ye Fort at C. Appol. He has likewise informed y o ye advantageous Trade they carried on there for Slaves, Gold & Ivory. As these have excited / avarice, so they will continue to keep up ye cruel persecuting & unrelenting disposition wch / Dutch, till they can get possession o Appol. by Treaty, or extirpate Annamoiah fm off / face o / earth.

I say one or other o these will be / case, unless y embrace this opportunity o building a Fort, & if y do not, Annamoiah, I apprehend, will rather than submit to / Dutch, throw himself into / hands o / French, if he can possibly prevail upon them to build ye Fort at C. Appol.

There is one thing I must beg leave to acquaint y Hrs wch is, that although this is not a Capt. who uses ye part o / Coast, but will inform y. Hrs considerable a place o trade Appol. is, yet they may probably at / same time inform y t a Fort there, or any where else in Africa, never is nor can be, o any use.

There is nothing surprising in this, for as many people speak w reflexion, & on subjects wch they don't thoroughly understand, & diversity o opinions must be y / consequence.

Whatever those people may think, I flatter myself / Hrs are thoroughly convinced, y / security o this Trade depends on keeping up / Forts already built, & / erection o ye building of Forts. By Virtue o these possessions, or Charters are in a great measure excluded fm trading w / Natives & it is well known, & shd be remembered y before / Royal African Co had built Forts sufficient for / protection o their Trades, y / Dutch seized & confiscated several English ships on / Coast; & even at this day they will confiscate English goods brot into any o ye towns, excepting those o Cormantine & Appam, & they dare not, as / Natives won't suffer them to use any such jurisdiction.

After saying so much abt building Forts, I am almost afraid to trouble y w anything more on ye subject, but as / least fault wch in this case I can be guilty o will be only trespassing a few minutes on yr patience, I hope I may have ye favour me a hearing, & when y think my proposal o any utility or not, my sincere endeavours to serve y, can deserve no censure.

Abt fourteen or fifteen leagues to leeward o Accra is a very small Village called Loy, where y had a factory house some years ago, but at present / ruins scarcely appear above ground.

The Track wch is kept to Accra comes mostly fm a place called Aquambou on / river Volta, & / path fm ye place to Accra, lies near / Crobo Hills wch are inhabited by 4 or 500 o Lawless Banditti, they seize on / Traders & imprisonly when they please, & put a stop to all Trade till Matters are compromised.

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Where / Trade is stopped fm gog to Accra, it is carried to / Danes Fort ptn Ningo, wch lies abt 11 or 12 leagues to leeward o Accra; to / Danes Factory house at Addah (an Island in / River Volta); & sometimes to Popo, where / French, in time o peace, may come in for a share, as they & / Portuguese h gen'lly one or more Vessels lyg there.

Now what I wd propose to ye is only this; to build a small Fort at Loy. By these means, if wd in a gr measure cut out all ye trade fm Aquamboe to Loy does not go near / Crabo Hills, & as Loy is situate some leagues nearer ye market than any European Settlemts in ye Country; ye may fm hence judge what advantage ye wd reap by / situation o ye Fort.

If it is objected to / Danes Factory at Addah, beg situate as an Island in / River Volta wd skre h / advantage o Loy, I must inform ye ye by / course o / River, Loy is nearer Aquamboe than Addah; Besides, this Factory o / Danes, wch is only a thatched house, is so badly supplied in goods, & the affairs in gen so indiffly managed, ye by far / gtst part o / Trade wd centre at Loy, where not only a considerable quantity o Ivory wd be yearly bot, but / very best Slaves o any on / Gold Coast, called Cripees.

Two objections wch I know immediately occur to ye concerng / practicability & execucy so many Schemes, gravly them to be calculated for / improvemt o this Trade. The one I appehend will be / want o money, / 2d / want o Co. Slaves

As to money. I am convinced ye a Fort at Cape Appolonia, and at Succondee, & a third at Loy wd all three be built, & supported when they are built, for / same or perhaps less money than Annamaboe has cost & is at present supported for, & at / same time be made sufficiently strong & convenient to answer / purposes o Trade & Defce.

As to Co Slaves, it wd undoubtedly be nesy to h a supply o them, but tho they cd be procured, — free Labourers wd be hired, & they wd come full as cheap as Co Slaves: but then they must not be relied upon entirely, for if they once saw ye cd not proceed wt the assistce, extravagant Wages & insolent behaviour wd, in spite o / gtst indulgce, knock all over Schemes on / head.

In case these projects shd be thot worthy o notice, I hope at C. Appol. shd be / first built, & those at Succondee & Loy not be undertaken both togr. Give me leave to add ye for ye Fort at Rampram ot likewise to be repaired, & both ye & Loy, if y build a Fort there, made independent o Accra.

In / mean time, as it is impossible for me to know ye Sentiments in regard to C. Appol. I hope ye will not think it inconsistent wt my duty if I give Ammoniah ye / most private manner all / information I can, concerng / designs o his Enemies, & tho I shd by no means make myself ein a principal or auxiliary in / Quarrel, give a trifling present, now & then, of such thgs as may be absolutely wanted, given as a mark o ye friendship, may be / means o preserving ye intt of Ammoniah, all ye pleasure is known.

— Shortly after Johnson's apptmt as 2nd at Accra he & Brew quarrelled & they cd not be prevailed on to eat at / same table, Brew allows Mr Johnson £40 pa to find his own table

The has lately bn some disturbce at Annamaboe, / people o ye Town having stole / Soldiers cloaths, beat / Co Slaves, & otherwise behaved themselves as / almost insolent to ye body in / Fort, seemed determined to pull thgs to extremities. How / storm is now blown over, but I am sorry to say it, the insolence & villainy is come to such a height at present, yt there is little probability o peace & quietness for any lengthe o time.

— 2 ships at Accra, 1 in EC road —

Price o Slaves 8 & 6 oz — Goods in demand — striped & plain Taffaties — Spotted Bandannoes blue & red — Pullicat Romalls & India Cotton, Romalls, Patna Chints, Silesias, Brass Neen long Elbs, Ib Pepper, Ivge, Brass Pans & Sestra cundies. No time lost in carrying on / Kings Business here. We are at present all hearty & well

[End o CO 388/51.]

CO 388/52.

Trade Bundle Kk.

Kk. 9. Read Nov 19. 1764.

Bsm Matter to L Clee.

C.C.C. 10 February 1764

I wish please rece by HMS Phoenix Capt Cardelhalt Cleveland Accts fm 1st July 1761 to ult June 1762, likewise Indents f Supplies, Castle Stores & Medicines f / Year 65. ... partly send us some of spirit than English Brandy.

In my last dr of 10th Jan. ... I acquainted y t / Insolt & Villainy of / Annamaboe people was arrd at such a height t there was little probability of peace & quietness in t place f any length of time: & as I thn since lin obliged to give Capt Cleveland some trouble, & to beg his assistce in quelling / Licences & Villainies desposen of / natives of t place, & Agar. I sh acquaint y w / parties & this affair, by wh y may be able to judge how far such proceedgs are agreeable to yr intents, & consequently to give / necy orders f our conduct on similar occasns f / future.

Mr Robt Nibbs, a free man of / African-Co, beg settled in a Village called Agar, abt a mile & a half E / Leeward of Annamaboe, & havg thr hired a house fm Amurah, / Caboceer of t place, was disturbed one night by some noise in one of / rooms below, & upon goig down to see what was / matter, found two Negroes belongg to Amurah, diggg up a grave where a Caboceer, & consequently some Head Negro Beads he cd formerly buried

Mr Nibbs havg got one of these Negroes secured in Aboe Fort - / Mcerrum Pyrates, those of Annamaboe & Agar, beg called togr in order to examine into this Affair of Villainy, unanimously cleared Mr Nibbs of havg had any hand in / affair & condemned Amurah to pay all / Costs wh Mr Nibbs ha bn put to & each of assembly these Pyrates (or Judges) & likewise f / trouble they hd given them; f it too evidently appeared on / trial t Amurah hd set on / two abovementd Negroes to rob / grave, as no other motive than to be a fair pretce of sizg on Mr Nibbs his effects, wh he certainly wd h done he / theives made the Escape undiscovered.

Mr Nibbs havg on this occasn spent to / Value of 5 Mens slaves, applied to Amurah & / above named Pyrates f beg reimbursed in t expence; but finding they hd put him off fm time to time w frivolous excuses, & at last turned his demands into ridicule. he came up here abt 2 months ago & desired I wd allow him to seize on y 1st Agar man he cd meet w, & to confine him in irons in this Castle till he cd get paid of his Expences.

As this was nothg in this, but what was perfectly agreeable to / Laws & Customs of this Country, I cd not deny Mr Nibbs his request. Accordgly a man belongg to Agar was seized, & a few days after, t happened, / Agar people in a most unprecedented manner, seized on Mr Thos Drew, a factor in yr service, & absolutely refused to deliv him up till the Townsman was relsd

In short, after havg in vain endeavoured all in my power to procure Mr Drew's rele & Mr Nibbs satisfcn, wh comg to extremities, I applied to Capt Cleveland f his assistce, & he cy readily agreed to dispatch Capt Coldwell of HMS Sloop Martin, to assist in / destroyg / Town of Agar, if Mr Drew was not set at liberty. Capt Cleveland likewise sent Capt Spry w a detachmt of his Marines to assist Mr Drew in firg / guns on Aboe Fort on / Town of Agar; but as these people cd shelter themselves fm / shot, they still persisted in detaing Mr Drew.

As / Pyrates of Aboe hd decided / Palaver in favour of Mr Nibbs, & it was on their power to rele Mr Drew but instead of doig so t hd sett on / Agar people, not only to seize but detain Mr Drew, I say, as my Body on / Coast Knew this to be / case, the was no way left of endg this affair, but to submit to / most shameful & villainous terms, or fire on / Town of Aboe, Accordgly Capts Clevd, Coldwell, Spry & Mr Drew havg rece orders to fire on / Town of Aboe, if Mr Drew was not deld up, t Town was

84 ~~mentd~~ sent into / Fort, & an agreemt made t Mr Pebbs shd be pd his exes.

I shd not trouble y w any remarks o mine on / above mentd subject or narrative, but I must beg leave to observe to y t I am afraid / Capts o / Mens ships who are sent on this Coast, are not sufficiently warranted by the Instrons to intermeddle in our affairs; consequently, unless in be for such gentn as Capt. Cleveland, we cannot hope f many favours, & ye whose assistce we cd never b ended this scene o iniquity in an hon ble manner.

K.K. 4 Read Nov 19. 1764.

Wm Matters to / Clee. C.C.C. 24 February 1764

– Reports deaths o Richd Means f many yrs Lieut o / Guard at CCC. & o Mr Malcolm Rec^r^.

– Has appted Thos Miles Sergt at CCC. to be Lieut o / Guard.

I h two messges here fm Ammonah, / Caboceer o C Appol. The purport o the message is this – Ammonah repeats his offer he made to Mr Pelle o his coming f / English to build a Fort in, & complains o / little regard t has been paid to his request o his having a white man sent to take poss & settle thr.

He complains t whilst / Dutch are hirg / Negroes, & stirrg up Enemies on all hands t agst him, he can rec^v^ / least encouragemt nor assistce fm / English.

He begs I will send up a boat loaded w corn, Yamtos, & some or ~~ammunition~~ necessaries, t his own people as well as his Enemies may see he has friends. He offers to pay f what may be sent him. Howr as / expence o / whole will be but a trifle, I hope y will approve o my sending these things in a present.

Upon / whole, Ammonah says he neir fears / Dutch nor the allies / Annies; but holds them both in equal contempt. Neir is he so much distressed f provns but t he can do well enough w^t them. He has some regard f / English, & he therefore will be glad they will build a Fort in his country, where he will assist them to / utmost o his power. But if, on / contrary, they are determined to h nothing to do w^t him Apolonia, a plain & direct answer to t purpose will oblige him.

I shall say nothing more upon this subject at present, but t it shall be my endeavour to cultivate a friendly correspce w Ammonah, till I am favoured w yr Orders.

– Gifts to be sent, as presents to such Caboceers who h in their power to serve us & shew any attachmt to ye Fort :– 9 black hats w gold lace, 9 do w silver lace, 6 hickory canes w silver heads, 3 scarlet cloaths 2½ yds each w gold lace; 3 Blue Cloaths, same size, w silver lace – not fine, but gaudy & ostentatious. Also 3 red & 3 white feathers f Hatts / 6 hats.

In Mose roads – HMS Shannon Capt Bertie, by whom this goes.
on on the ships – some warned (including 4 men o Expn.)

Kk 6. Read Nov 19. 1764

List o / Clee o / Co. f 1764 dated July 3. 1764.

– 9 Mariners. 3 each f Lon. Liverpool & Bristol & Dpool

K.K. 8. Read Nov 19. 1764.

Anno 1763

An Acct o/ money recd & expended by / Clee of / Co o Merchts trading to Africa, f / Support & improvemt o/ Forts & Settlemts upon / sd Coast, / Clee consisting o/ follow'g Genus --- 9 names.

[Summary.]

Recd Balce fm Clee f 1762 1607-4-10

Fm Warrant 13000
Deduct fees 664-13-6 12332-6-6

Fm Warrant 7000
Deduct fees 361 11 6638-9--

Bd Orders. Paymt in full. Charges Annamaboe Fort 11-3
Misc. (includg fees fm Freemen) 70 00-5

20,938-2-0

Expended.

Senegal.	5827-1-7	
Gambia	1712-2-8	
C.C.C.	10989-15-1	
	18528-19-4	
Managemt. (Ach o P.)	1200	
Misc.	56-9-2	
	19,785-8-6	
Balce to Clee 1764.	1152-13-6	
	20,938-2-0	

K.K 1.6 Read Nov 19. 1764

Wm Mutter to / Clee

C.C.C. 27 May 1764.

In my Ltr o/ 10th inst [not here] I acquainted yr Ld I had sent Mr Trender to C. Appol to see if he might be thereby enabled to send yr Ld as full & satisfy an answer to / queries I propose in yr Ltr o/ 15th Dec last [& y. supra.] as soon as possible. In / first place then, as to / nature o/ Trade carried on at C Appol. it consists in Slaves, Gold & Ivory. The no o/ Slaves or / quantity o Gold & Ivory sold there in a Year is what I cannot pretend to ascertain, nor is it possible f me to learn w any certainty. However it is a place of very considerable trade, parly f Gold, & in all probability wd be much more so if a Fort was built there, f I am my opinion, wd not only secure / Trade wch / present disturbces & considerably encrease, but be / means (w/ influence o Annamaboe) o carryg it to a much greater height than ever it was before. As to / queries, wch / makg an establishmt at C Appol. is at present necy & expedient, & f wo, what / nature o f establishmt shd be. The necessity o makg an Establishmt at C. Appol, at present, appears fm this; T H.M's Subjects h always had a free & uninterrupted Trade w / Natives o f place, wch w / Trade carried on at Assinee, Cape Lahou, & Bassam, has bn / means o present'g so many a numerous Voyage, f / Capts o Ships in Aboe Road, send the Boats to these places to dispose o such goods f gold as are not in demand, & f gold passed on Slaves at Aboe in / place o/ commandg articles. Now / Dutch want to build a Fort at C. Appol either by force or by fair means. If they can't / French probably will. If we o them does, will they suffer English Long Boats to ruin away w the Trade? No, not an ounce o gold, & far less Slaves, wd be suffered to go to the Beach except by stealth. As Query in regard to / Nature o/ Establishmt, I think can be answered no other way than by sendg yr Ld a Plan o/ Fort, I h herewith enclosed f one wch in my humble opinion wd answer my intent o a Fort in this Country. I h likewise enclosed f an Estimate o what I imagine wd be / expence o buildg f Fort, & an Invoice o Stores & Supplies wch wd be wanted f carryg on / Works & defrayg / Charges.

Shells & marly lumps, stone & building, timber & girders & joists, may be had at C. Appol. but at some miles distant fm / place where / Fort must be built. Hence y will see fm / Estimate & / expence o building this Fort, many such accidents as no man can foresee, will be unconsiderable & when / Fort is built it may be supported at / same expence as those at Diccori & Commenda, viz. & abt 5 or £600 p ann. Gold price.

Yr next Query is who / inhabitants acknowledge themselves to be under / Jurisdiction o / English or Dutch, or independant o either? The inhabitants do not acknowledge themselves, neither are they under / Jurisdiction o any European or African Power whatever, & are in fact as free & independant as any people on / face o / Earth, exclusive o the beg mostly slaves to Ammoniah & his Brother.

I have answered all yr Queries in as perfect a manner as I can, but to nothing may be wanting wh lies in my power towards giving y as full & ample an information in regard to C. Appol., as well as carrying on expediting / building o a Fort at t place, I will beg leave to trouble y w a few remarks on those heads.

If y intend to build a Fort at Appol. y must either give orders & doing it soon, or on all probability yr Orders will come too late.

If y give orders & building a Fort, a small Vessel must be dispatched immediately w / Stores indented for, & these Stores must be landed at Appol: for it wd be a monstrous expence & waste of time if delays were / Stores to be sent fm this place in Canoes or even boats.

As to / Supplies wh are indented for, in case it shd not be in yr power to send them immediately, rather than that delay shd oblige y to defer giving orders & building / Fort, I am very willing to advance a further Sum to defray any expences it may occasion, provided y [give] me yr Orders & so doing.

In case y send out a Vessel with / Stores indented for please to give / most early intelligence o / time she will sail for England, & very thing may be in readiness, Cattle &c as there are no lasting Stores at Appol, on account o / badness o / Sea in / months o June, July & August, let the / Vessel be dispatched so as she may arrive on / Coast at a proper time o / year.

As there are always one or two o Hms Ships sent annually upon this Coast, / Lords o / Admiralty shd be petitioned to give orders to / Commander in Chief then sent, not only to protect, but also to assist & expedite / building o / Fort to / utmost o his power. Unless it is done, / Dutch may possibly take in umbrage this heads to be insolent; they may stop our Canoes & messages fm going & returning fm Appol. They may even attack / place, wh wd not only retard / Work but have a bad effect on / Natives, who'd if they saw a Man o War on / Coast, & knew she was come to protect / building o t Fort, the wd be an end o / affair at once.

There are two considerable Egg towns at Appol: situate on / sea or abt 2 or 3 miles distant fm each other. On these depend many Villages situate either to windward or leeward, or in / Country. Ammoniah is Caboceer o / leeward or East ward town. Abbocy o t to Windward. This Caboceer is elder brother to Ammoniah, but / latter, beg / active man, makes a greater eclat; however he does nothing without consulting Abbocy. Both these Caboceers treated Mr Trinder w / greatest respect, & civilly assured him they wd give him all / assistance in their power towards building / Fort, & t there was nothing they so much wished for as to see it begun made, & t when / Fort was built, they wd use all their influence to enlarge & extend / Trade. I am very confident t these Caboceers will make their people give all assistance in / beginning, but as a very little work goes a great way w / Blacks, they will cool in time; therefore, according to / old proverb, / Iron must be struck while it is hot.

It is very probable, likewise, t Shells, Wood, & some other necessaries towards building may, in / beginning, come considerably cheaper than / price fixed on them in Estimate, but t they will continue, is scarcely to be expected. Were

As Mr Trinder has for many years been in the Service, & sufficiently acquainted w / Customs o / Country & very capable o building the Fort at Appol, t he is in my opinion / properest person to be sent there as Chief.

In my Ltr of 10th Jan last (P.9). I acquainted y Ex I had sent two Mengrs to Ashantee. These Mengrs returned here some days ago, in company of abt 200 of their people, who had brot 17 or 18 Slaves & some ounces of Gold Dust.

I am far from beg clear, how, this path will be opened, for Quarrels & disturbances wh are continually happening in this Country. The greedy avaricious & villainous disposition of Natives puts it out of any White mans power to keep up a free & uninterrupted intercourse w/ inland Countries. Besides, if this path was fairly opened, tho it wd be of considerable advantage to / Trade at this Castle, & / Windward Forts, yet I am perfectly convinced it never can be of service to / Trade in gen, wh it has been in former days. Goods are more plenty; / Blacks are more known than they were in former times. Besides this, regular markets have been settled on / borders of / Fantee Country, where / Warsaws, Akwins, & sev others, keep up a constant intercourse betwn / Ashantee & Fantee Countries.

The Ashantees have met w a very considerable loss lately, wh had almost deterred them from venturing to / Waterside, & made them postpone the journey for some time. The affair is this:— One of the Caboceers named Ocrang wah, having made an incursion into / To country wh lies behind Whydah, the rest all his people, to / number of 10 or 12,000 men, fell into an ambuscade, & were cut to pieces or made Slaves of.

There have likewise been some disturbances in Warsaw, wh I shall just mention to y, that you may see in what an unsettled way affairs are gently in in this Country, & how little dependence there is in opening paths, or keeping them so, when opened.

A Caboceer named Assherry having attempted to drive Enimrea, / present King of Warsaw from his Stool (as / Blacks term it) & was so near accomplishing his design, that he had got Enimrea in irons, & in all probability wd soon have dispatched him, / Dutch Fort not some of Caboceers in Warsaw come to his assistance. Assherry was then obliged to make his escape, w as many of his people as cd or wd follow him, & is now under / protection of Poby, King of Akim. Poby refuses to deliver him up to / Warsaws. They insist on his being delivered up to them. Such / affair rests at present.

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— Reports reach of John Mary a Water — —

KK. 18 Read Nov 19 1764.

Estimate of / Expence of building a Fort at Cape Appolonia on / supposition that / Fort will be finished in two years . . . reckoned at Gold Price

[Summary]

1 Chief at £100 pa & same table allowance	£400
1 Factor at £80 pa	160
2 White Overseers at £50 pa	200
50 Cabbosheers at 12/6 p month	750
Passport & other Pieces	100
100 Free Labourers at 12/6 p month	1400
Army Caboceer 2 Ps Headed Staff p m.	48
Army Linguist Caboceer 20/- pm	24
1 Linguist at 20/- pm.	24
Schooner Bombay, 15/- pm	18
Cabbosheers 10/- pm	12
8 Canoes & Slaves Shells (Dixcove) at £12 each	96
Canoe hire £10 per month	240
House Rent for Workmen 20/- pm	24
Candles "	24
Provisions 10/- pm	12
2 Cooks at 10/- p m each	24
Hall Case at 80/- pm	96
Messengers hire 20/- pm	24
3000 Hogsheads of Stones at 5/- p Hogshead	750
150,000 Billets Wood (many Shells & Lime)	375
Charges on Pallavers, Presents to Chiefs Caboceers, & Contingent Expences	300
	£5101

Notice of Goods wanted to defray these charges.

300 Gallons Brandy	£300	Forward	£3931-10-0
50 Puncheons Pimpes	150	150 Barrels Gunpowder	150
30 Pistols	150	6400 lbs Cowries	400
50 Fusees	150	20 Striped Taffaties	10
50 Fuzees	175	20 plain do	60
100 Knapes & Sayes "	175	20 Red silk Platee Romalls	10
100 Dejita Pauls	175	20 Blue Spot } Bandannas	37
100 Begane Pauls	175	20 red " }	
100 India Chelloes	175	30 yds Blue Broad Cloth } 6/- to 8/- p yd	45
200 Scot Romalls	225	30 " Scarlet do 30/- } Average	
144 Cotton do (red stripes)	144		
100 Manchester Tapseils	150	25 yds Gold Lace 7 inch bd	10
100 " Cherridobries	150	15 yds do 1½" broad	12-10
200 Patna Chintz	300		
200 Painted Linens	300	20 Hogsheads Beef	109
500 Guinea Stuffs	187-10-	5 ditto Pork	31-10
200 Baize Yards	200	100 Chintz Checks & Chintz & Allegar Chelloes pattern	134-10
100 Scallops	375		
Forward	£3931-10-0		£5101 —
Gunpowder Jumpeter	150		
6400 lbs Cowries	400		
20 Striped Taffaties	10		
20 Plain do	60		

8. Indent o Stores f Buildg a Fort at Cape Appolonia

[Summary]

100.000 Bricks £100. 5000 Tiles £50 – Tools – Bellows – nails – 20 ℔ heads Terras 20 Bushels £35
Invoice – Triangle f mountg 9 guns £12 – 4 Chalderns Coals £8. Rope Yarn – Linseed Oil
Sundries (w carres, hammers, quoins, beds &c) – 6 qtls £54. f 6 Cwt £40. 18 2 ℔ £62.
50 ½ barrels Gunpowder f blastg stone @ 44/6 £106.5.0 1000 foot Portock Pavg stone.
Shot f ye Grape shot f cannon. Total £763-14.9. (Sgd) Wm Mutter

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KK 19 Read Nov 19 1764

8 Sep. 1764 Admlty Office P Stephens to John Pownall Secy B.o.T.
Sends f / information o / Ltrs Commrs of T & P extract from a Ltr dated
13th ulto from Capt Cleveland o / HMS Phoenix giving an acct o his proceedgs on / Coast o
Africa; togr w copies o / Acts o / state & Condition o / Forts & Settlemts on / sd Coast,
wch accompanied / same.

K.K 20. Read Nov 19 1764

Extract o a Ltr from Capt Cleveland to Wm Stephens
dd Phoenix at Spithead 13 August 1764.

... [Senegal] ...

Please also inform their Lops that when I was at Cape Coast / Govr & Cst informed
me that one o / Factors belongg to / Castle was seized upon & forcibly carried away
by a number o / Natives o / Town o Atta, about 3 miles to / Eastward o Anamaboe,
upon his being demanded by / Govr they refused settg them (viz) at Liberty. Accordgly
w / opinion o / Govr & Council I gave orders to / Capt. o / Merlin sloop to anchor as
close in shore o / Town o Atta as possible, & then sent to / Capashier to tell / Factor, or
to / Town shd be immediately forced upon & on his refusal / Merlin began to fire, wch
obliged them to deliver up / Factor & mg & / affair was settled by / Council

The Govr o C.C. also informed me that / Capashier who is / Chief o C: Apol:
had for these two years defendg himself agst / Dutch who were endeavourg to settle
a Fort at / sd Cape, & that he had given repeated invitations to / English to establish a
Fort & assured / Govr o C.C. that he wd assist w Slaves & materials f buildg a
Fort, & wished above all things that / English wd settle there, it being a part o / Gold Coast
& most beneficial f / Gold & Ivory Trade

Inclosed I send their Lops / State & Condition o / several Forts & Factories
on / Coast o Guinea as / Comes I called them, & I am sorry to say they are all in a very
ruinous & neglected Condition f want o proper supplies from England, wch enables /
neighbouring Forts o / Dutch to carry away all / Commerce, our Forts being very
little able to protect / Natives owing to their unpaired condition & want o a
recruit o robust Soldiers

Accordg to their Lops directions I informed myself o / encroachmts
apprehended by / Cttee from / Dutch on / several places o Acksumam & Commendo,
wch / pleasure to acquaint their Lops / same has been adjusted by / Govr & Council
o Cape Coast

K.K 21. Read Nov 19. 1764

An Acct o / State & Condition o / Forts &c on / Coast o Africa

[Summary]

Succondee
Commenda Fort 1st February 1764

John Grant Chief 1 Sergt 1 gunner. Soldiers 1 robust 5 Mulattoes: Black Servants, Cudjoe Caboceer,
Issoe, Billy Cudjoe Yankie Caboceers; Yankie dungeon Cook. Slaves 4 m 4 w 1 c.
Guns 9 qtls, 2 6 ℔, 11 4 ℔, 4 3 ℔ 8 ℔. Interior o / Fort entirely in ruins. Chiefs Apartmts need new roof
sd John Grant

Commenda 1st Feb 1764

John Colcroft Chief 1 Sergt, 1 gunner, 5 Soldiers, Free Blacks John Cabess Caboceer & Ground Landlord
Amagua Caboor & Capt o / Town, Enfah Caboor. Cheque Linguist. Ittam Bonboy o / Salesside
Slaves 6 m. 8 w 4 c. Guns 2 18 ℔ 14 12 ℔ 3 9 ℔ 2 6 ℔ 2 4 ℔ 10 2 ℔ 6 ℔ 1 ℔
No Bastion open beg a new Magazine f Powder ditto. Roof Floor o Hall wants repairg
please m yr next order Sgd John Colcroft.

Cape Coast Castle 1st Feb 1764

Wm Mutter Gor & Chief, John Mulcahy Accot, John Grosse Secy, Wm Templon Pzeale Surgeon, David Mill Dep to Commissy, Chas Bell Dep Secy, 7 Factors, Thos Swinden Surveyor, John Smith Asst Surveyor, 1 Surgeons Mate Richd Mumm Lt o/ Guard, 1 Sergt, 2 Corpls, 1 Butler, 1 Waterside Bombay, 1 Gardener, 1 Master o/ Hospitals Elizabeth Sandbell, 20 Soldiers, 3 Mulatto Soldiers, 6 Prisoners & Fifers, Cudjoe Caboceer & Linguist Fredk Addy, John Aqua, Geo Mackey Black Writers, Geo Burnishee Mongst Alley, Coffee Pro. Gold Taster. Slaves 124 m. 103 w 10 ch. Guns E Bastion or Grenadier Point 6lb 3 4lb 9 1cb. 1806. 12lb NE Bastion 5 6lb: W Bastion at rear of Spur 18lb 2 12cb 3 9cb, 3 6lb: new Platform facg S.W. 2. 8: SW Bastion 19th. 2 6lb: Old Platform 8 12cb 4 3lb. Interior Buildgs (except new Barracks & Platform Gors apartmts & Warehouse) all v. bad & must be rebuilt. Interior walls all need plastering & in some places repaired

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Annamaboe 9th Feb 1764

Richd Brew Chief Gor. John Johnson Factor Archibald Dalziel Surgeon, 1 Sergt, 1 Gunner, 11 Soldiers 1 Gardener, Wm Ansah Black Writer. Free Blacks on Cos Pay, John Currantee Head Caboceer My Lord Quassia Caboceer, Appea, Coffee Abboe Linguist, Affaray Caboceer, 4 Wives of Aqua Caboceer & Aggah. Slaves 16 m. 1 w 1 c.

Fantum Quarry 1st Feb 1764

John Cockburne Chief, 1 Sergt, 1 Gunner, 3 white soldiers 3 mulattoe Soldiers, Free Blacks Coffee Aqua Ground Landlord, Qua Cumah Waterside Bombay. Quansah Caboceer Mumford Appracoe Caboceer Lagoe. Slaves 6 m 3 w 1 ch. Guns 2 9lb. 6 4lb 2 3lb 4 1ch 2 2lb 1 [Sundry repairs necy]

Winnebah 3rd Feb 1764

Gilbert Petrie Chief, 1 Sergt, 1 Gunner, Soldiers 1 white 5 mulattoe, 1 Drummer, Slaves 7 m. 4 w. Free Black men Cudimoney Ground Landlord, Quabin Caboceer, Quow Bully Linguist 1 Water Bombay, Naquitty Capt o/ Town. Guns 3 6lb 6 4lb 2 3lb 8 2lb 2 1lb. Ingen in bad repair Tank & Cistern leaky -- sgd Gilbert Petrie

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James Fort Accra 3rd Feb 1764

James White Chief, 1 Sergt, 1 Gunner, Soldiers 2 white ½ mulattoe: Black Servants Freemen. Attache Boy Coy Caboceer Accra ... Aggwi Caboceer o Studoe Cudjoe Linguist, Slaves 6 m 12 w 12 ch. Guns 10 12lb 2 9lb 15 6lb 4 3lb 4 1lb.

[Sundry repairs required]

Prampram Fort Vernon.

1 Sergt 2 mulatto Soldiers. Black Servants Freemen Quey Ahmah Caboceer, Lawtichie Caboceer, ... Adda Caboceer o Doy. Slaves 2 m 3 w Guns 1 3lb, 6 1lb.

Crazy & all Inside Walls cracked & shaky ...

(Sgd) James White

KK. 35 Read 24 Dec 1764.

William Mutter to / Clee C.C.C. 20 July 1764

I hear / Dutch are agn preparg to attack Annamiah, but I am not certain as yet if they intend any such thg, however if I find there is any truth in / rumours, I will dispatch ye boat to Appolonia, w two o Annamiahs people, who were sent here abt a fortnight ago to let me know wy they were quiet. I say I will dispatch these people & they may put the Master on his guard agst a surprise, or, what may be equally feared, an accomodan, if I imagine if / Dutch cd collect any number o the Black Troops at Accra, & they wd then offer Annamiah ye advantageous terms & liberty to build a Fort, & these troops wd no doubt give some weight to the proposals. However I may be assured the sh be wanting nothg wantg wh lies in my power to prevent an accomodan, at least till I h ye Orders how to act, wh. by / by, Annamiah & wybody else think are ye long a comg.

Cudjoe ye Linguist at Accra has had a troublesome affair lately w Cudimoney King o Akroom, wh is this — Amgst many ye

thgs wh / Winnebah people agreed to pay Cuddimenny, in / time o ther Palaver w him were 2 Hhds Rum. Cuddimenny wd not take this Rum. The Winnebah people insisted t he shd take it, or at least hazard it nothg else from them in place o it. Cudjoe, ont o no ordr views there to settle matters amicably agreed to give Cuddimenny eight cows f his two Hhds o rum. This he was extremely well satisfied wt, knowg / Actroomans cd not drink / Cows, wh was / objection he hd agst takg / rum. Accordgly Cudjoe got / rum & Cuddimenny was to send f / Cows when he wanted them. However he never sent f one o them, but sometime ago sent to Cudjoe to beg he wd send him a man Slave to pay a debt. To oblige him, Cudjoe sent him a Slave. Sometime after this, he sent a messgr to Cudjoe, to acquaint him t he was well informed t he hd got eight Slaves fm / Winnebah people in / place o / 2 Hhds rum wh was to b pd him; t he wd take now Cows, but expected seven Slaves fm him, & / one he hd borrowed wd make up / eighth. However he took proper afterwds to deny t he hd borrowd this Slave fm Cudjoe but affirmed positively t Cudjoe hd sent him / Slave in acknt & part paymt o / debt o / eight Slaves.

As Cudjoe absolutely refused to pay Cuddimenny so unjust a demand, / latter seized on 3 or 4 o Cudjoes' people who happened to be at Berrackoe, & put them in irons in / Dutch Fort ther.

In short, Cudjoe have endeavoured to / utmost o his power to brg Cuddimenny to reason, but finds, after much trouble & considerable expence, t Cuddimenny hd actually paid away his people to Mr Pieter [sic - Pieter?] Chief o Berrackoe in part paymt o / guns & powder wh he hd furnished Cuddimenny w t destroy Winnebah, & t they were a going to be sent on board a Dutch bound Ship then in Berrackoe road, he hd no other resource left than to apply to Mr Petrie, who very readily lent him 4 Slaves to redeem his people, this beg / least t Cuddimenny wd take f his villainous demand.

I wee pleasd to observe t besides these four slaves wh Cudjoe hd o Mr Petrie, he hd (as above mentd) lent Cuddimenny one slave, & hd for ab something more than / expence o anor in carryg on his Palaver, wh makes in all six slaves, f wh Cudjoe recd 2 Hhds o rum, scarcely / value o 2 Slaves; consequently he has lost by Cuddimenny's Villainy, in an affair wh he hd no fur concern in than to serve / Publick, four Slaves.

If y will please to take this affair into yr consn, & if y then think proper to allow me to pay Cudjoe 50 or £60 Gold Price ont o yr next supplies, I will thinky oblige a very grateful man, & do in my humble opinion only what is just & reasonable. Cudjoe has not applied to me to get reimbursed f any part of his expenses in this affair, not even so much as hinted t he expected it; however he does not / less deserve to be considered on t acct.

I must beg leave to trouble y w another affair relatg to Cudjoe, wh I think extremely well worth yr consn. 'Tis nety t y shd know, then, t Cudjoe is a Cos Slave, & has by his industry raised himself to be a Caboceer, & a man of very considerable consequence in all t Country near, but especially to leewd o, Accra. He is / only man o any consequence in / English town, & is at present, & has been f many years, by-past [sic - by far?] its ppal support. Cudjoe, tho he is not a very old man, yet he is infirm & his constitun is much broke. For these reasons, & bec he is a Co Slave, & consequently may dispose o his effects in what manner he thinks proper. He has made a Will appointg / Govr & Council of / time beg his exor; a copy o wh I have the incloze of is hereunto inclosed y. How what?

How what I h to observe on this head is, if y do not give orders to yr Govr & Council to take Cudjoes heir into the protecn, & at all events to see justice done him, yr town at Accra, after Cudjoes dece, will be ruined; for those who h effects in this Country, but want family & friends to protect them, assuredly become a prey to the greedy

In my ltr o 24th May [p 15 supra] last I acquainted y t a considerable number o Ashantee traders were here. I did not intend sendg any messgrs to Ashantee by / return o these traders; but these people, & Cudjoe Cabr Likeure,

were so by solicitous I shd send messgrs, I consented to the proposal, I more willgly as my former messgrs had not been at / King o Ashantees Capital Town (or Capital, if a gr number o huts deserve ye name) & consequently had not paid the compliments to him. My reasons for not beg fond o sendg messgrs to Ashantee were these; Bec the is no such thg as sendg messgrs wt presents. Some they had already had, & if they & / Warsaws are really serious in opening this path, I think the is not much occan for bribg them to do it as they wize reap / benefit by bringg the Slaves to / Waterside; besides I have already done wything in my power, & / Ashantees have now passed & repassed seve times in safety. And thg I or wille to be considered & I is, let / Ashantee path open when & where it will, / consequce to / Trade in gen wize never be what it has been in former days. However, I am very far from thinkg this is a sufft reason for neglectg any oppty it may offer, o preservg an open path or free intercourse wt / Ashantee Country.

— Reports death o Thos Scotland Surgeon mate o this Castle. also deaths o seve Soldiers, so a recruit wanted o them, Surgeons mates & Writers. Mr Balzil, Surgeon at Pn'boe was appted Surgeon o this Castle on 16th inst

John Currantee departed this life on / 28th ulto.

— Vessels in An'boe Road: — 2 fm Bristol, 2 fm London - 3 fm Lpool
1 fm Whitehaven, 5 fm America
C C road — : sloop fm London

Matter to / Clee

C C C. 10 August 1764

Evything is very quiet at Winnebah & has been so for sometime. However, / quarrel between those people & / inhabitants o / Dutch town at Berrackloe remains still unsettled, & must continue so, bec / Dutch seldom will allow any diffce to be settled, where they can possibly prevent it.

As Mr White took his passage for England by / Beckie, Capt Scott, I presume the is no occan for alterg / present appt'mt o yr officers at / out Forts. Therefore, till yr pleasure is known, Mr Petrie will remain at Winnebah, Mr Greenhill at Succoa, Mr Grant at Succondee.

I wize see / necessity, I hope, o sendg out people capable o bringg up yr Accts. It gives me a great deal o uneasiness to see them so much behindhand, & the are a great many inconveniences attendg this creepg method o doing business

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K K. 91 Read Sep 2 1765.

Anno 1764

An Acct o / Monys recd & expended by / Clee & / Co o Merchts trading to Affrica for / support & improvemt o / Forts & Settlements upon / Gold Coast. the Acct consists o / following Sums ... [9 names] --

[Summary]

Recd. fm Clee 1763. Balce o last years acct. 11552 - 13 - 6
Treasy Warrant 20,000
Deduct Fees 1017. 13. 6
18,982 - 6 - 6
Add Int & premiums 72. 8. 4
Discount. Debentures. Freedoms o / Co &c 19054 14 10
741 - 10 - 2
20,948 - 18 - 6

Expended — Senegal 6359 - 11 - 9
Gambia 1411 - 17 - 10
Cape Coast 10435 - 9
18,506 - 10 - 4
Sundries 242 - 16 - 8
Charges o Messages by Act o Parlt 1200
Sundries 43 - 17 - 3
19,993 - 4 - 0
Balce to / Clee f 1765 955 14 3
20,948 - 18 - 6

NB. The Sum o £661 - 15 - 6 due to / Assignees o Messrs Roberts, Husbands & Boteler (big part o / Balce o £955 - 14 - 3) is still reserved till demanded by persons authorised to rece it.

KK 124 Read Sep 2. 1765.

The Clee to matter & / Counsel of CCC London 1 August 1765

Since our last o / 15th & 17th Oct p / Ruby [Capt Pool.] / House o Commons hr come to a Resolution to grant a sum o money f building a Block House at C. Appol. We therefore direct y Abuy immedly to send up our Tender & 2 proper persons to our friend Amoniah & his elder brother Abuy & make a firm agreemt with them & any other Chief men o t Country (whom they may find necy to h a share) f a convenient district o ground proper f such a building, wh must be made defensible not only agst / Natives, but / Dutch, French, & all other Nations. Take especial [care:] to secure / best Landg Place by having a battery or batteries on / spot immedly, as marks o poison, to prevent any disputes hereafter.

The experience we h had o / faithless conduct o / Natives at / building o Fort Royal, wh originally was estimated at £6000 & / 9th experience they put / Nation to after t Fort was begun, not less than £40,000, requires yr actg w / greatest possible circumspection.

We desire y may send w our Tender &c, such presents to Amoniah & his brother Abuy as y Judge necy, to be delivd them when / agreemt is signed, / ground marked out & / English Flag flying on / Spot. On / day o t ceremony give / Natives some Brandy & call / place Fort Appolonia.

We also direct y to raise a House, as soon as possible on / place t is agreed upon between y & / Chiefs we must be satisfied so near / Sea as to command / landg Place, at / expence o 100 or £200 wherin some o / people y send thither may reside, w / Flag flying in order to make trial o / sincerity o / Chiefs o / Country, w whom y are [to make ?] a written contract f time, Stone & Timber &c to be brot by them & other people to / spot. In this, y may hazard for to / value o one or two hundred more. By actg thus cautiously we sh also see / behaviour o / Dutch, French, & other foreigners, who must all be excluded in / Agreemt w Amoniah. Abuy &c fm making any Settlemt on t part o / Coast. This y must partly attend to.

We propose to apply to Govr f orders to / first & all Ships men o War they send to / Coast, to cast anchor at C. Appol & give all / Countenance in the power to yr negociations & proceedgs.

We desire y will h / original Instruments drawn up between y & so many o / Chiefs o / Country as y find necy to engage in / agreemt, two to be sent to us by Men o War, & one to remain at C. C. C.

The Establishmt f this House must be as low as possible consistent w its safety, as / Govr does not intend to increase / sum o £ 13 000 p ann. f / maintenance & repair o that & all other Forts on / Coast.

Let us h by very oppy an exact Acct o / expence y are at, in this Tryal, reduced into English money w a detail o all yr proceedgs to be laid before / Bd o Trade, wh we expect will be full & distinct.

On receipt o the letters, they lead us to express our apprehensions t in case / Dutch shd oppose our building this Fort, or Block House, they may make it very difficult perhaps impossible f us to succeed in / undertakg & shd Amoniah & his brother be debauched by / intrigues o / Dutch, all / money expended by us will be lost; how we flatter ourselves, by yr address, such a misfortune will not happen, as Amoniah has hr so very ill treated by t Nation.

We expect our Tender will, fm / spot, send us a new plan & estimate (w his observations on / people & Country) takg in all incidents t it may happen, & let it be calculated not to exceed £ 4,000 sterlg, on rect o wh y sh h immedly our further directions.

We propose to send abt 40 Guns f this service & desire to h yr opinion, what sizes they shd be: also Bricks f turning Arches, & boards f Floors. Stone & lime & other materials y say are to be had at & near / place.

We expect y will try / depth o water off / place where / Block House is to be built, & let us know how near any Ships o force cd come to annoy / Fort, in order t we may send guns proper to defend it.

Whereas y have / Acts o Parliamt passed last Sessions, conferring our repeated orders t / Chiefs & others in our employ sh not send off Slaves on their own acct &c / Govr & Council &c are to give an Acct upon oath o / Expenditure o / Stores we send them annually, wh we expect will be exactly complied w.

We h / pleasure to acquaint y. / African affairs are a great object o / Govts attention, therefore we must agn repeat our former instructions to send us by 1st good Ship a state o all / Forts &c & acots to shew clearly under / diff Heads / expenditure o / Public Money, distinguishg more particularly than has hitherto been done, what part o / annual Supplies is laid out in repairg / Forts.

We hope to dispatch / Ship w Goods Stores &c this year in November

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By Orders o / Clee ...
(Sgd) Samel Perrier Secy

[End o CO 388/52]

CO. 388/58
Trade Bundle L.l.
fm Nov 21 1765
to June 20 1766

[Evidently C.O. 388/53 is intended — see below page 52.
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Ll 3. ~~Read Nov 29 1765~~

~~Wm Mutter to / Clee~~ ~~CCC 20 July 1765~~

Note The following docs all read on 29 Nov 1765 & bn rearranged in order o date:
[Ll 8. dl 10. Ll 11. dl 9
Ll 8 read Nov 29 1765

Wm Mutter to / Clee CCC. 21 January 1765

The last Ltr wh I hd / hon o writg I was dated / 15th October last [in h]
since wh I h bn favoured w yr Ltrs o 25 July [in h] & 22 Aug [in h] 1764 by /
Oswego Capt Cumming

I am afraid I sh tire yr patce by mentiong C Appol. but as / Caboceer ofr
sends frequently Messgrs to me, & enquires o / Capts o coy English Vessel wh calls at Appol.
when a Fort is to be built. I say, as this is / case, I can do no less than let y Know these Chgs.

I wish y hd explained yr intons more partly in regard to this place, & I mt
w more certainty h known what was most proper to do. It is impossible f me to keep up
such a correspondce w Ammoniah & his brother as I imagine it to be kept up, wt some
trifling presents. f all Black men expect these, & think they are neglected if they h them not

As this is / case, shd / build a Fort at Appol he looked upon as an improper
measure, it is possible I may be censured f interfering in an affair wh I hd no
business, & giving presents wh cd serve no manner o purpose. But if, on / contrary, a Fort
is to be built, & I shd thro an ill-timed frugality, & lost / goodwill o / people at C. Appol;
censured I must be f having thro a mean stingy temper, forfeited / Ctt o / British Nation.

I hope by / arrl o yr Storeship to h these doubts cleared up in regard to
C. Appol. f it is not proper C I shd, even at a trifling expence, keep up a corresp^ce w
Ammoniah, of its not / National intern^t o building a Fort. Neither Ammoniah to be kept
longer in suspence, f as he has dealt honourably w / English, so he ot to be told plainly
& honestly what the intens are, & whr they will or will not build a Fort.

Our new buildgs here are now almost complete — The expence o having to
get Timber fm 10-12 miles inland behind Commenda. Therefore recommends timber
beg sent fm England f / much needed repairs o / out forts —
— New Tank will be built in / centre o / spurr, to replace / old one
damaged by / firg o / platform guns at / French Men o War - as recommended
by Bell in his Ltr o 20 Sept 1757 —
— On taking down / old Hall or Chapel & rooms adjoing, the apartmts
underneath were found so bad & they will h to be taken down level w / Parade
& consequently rebuildg / interior Walls fm / Foundatn. — These new Buildgs
(nos y nearly complete) are certainly / best ever done in Africa.

In my Ltr o / 20th July last [P 19 supra] I acquainted y o my having sent
Messgrs to / King o Ashantee's Capital. These Messgrs returned fm thence abt 5 or
6 weeks ago, but not one Ashantee man along w them. Soon after the arrl in Ashantee,
Quishee / King departed this life. His succr Sey Coomah not to / Messgrs return till / late
King had Custom made f him. After this Sey shewed them abt 40 slaves wh he proposed
sendg along w them; but before they set out, news came to Ashantee & / Warsaws
were resolved to let none o them pass thro the country, & it seems they had already seized
on eleven Ashantees who were got to / Waterside, & sold them

The Warsaws, Dinkerahs, & Akums Tufferwes, who h bn in league f there many years,
to present / Ashantees. fm cutg them off sepry, h at last quarrelled amg themselves.
Ossabody, King o Dinkerah was suspected by his allies above mentd, o carryg on
correspdce privately w / Ashantees, & o having formed a design o abandong his own
country in order to assist / Ashantees in destroyg / 3 Nations in alliance w him.

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Accordgly when / Warsaws pannured / Ashantees abov mentd, Oussabody insisted on their beg set at liberty. The Warsaws & the allies refused to do this, & beg now convinced o Oussabody's underhand practices, they were determined to put him to death, & fixed upon / next Saturday for putg the Scheme in execun. How Oussabody on / Thursday morng precedg, fell upon them at 5 o'clock, & as they had not / least intimn o his design, nothg cd save them but their heels. A considerable number were Killed & many taken prisoners, who, it seems, afterwards made their escape; & it is thot / booty in gold & Agree Beads will be of considerable, w[ch] / King o Dinkerah set on, & h fixed the Camp abt half way betwn Warsaw & Ashantee.

The Ashanteer now give out they will join / Dinkerahs & them attack / Warsaws, Akims & Tufferoes, in wh case they will in all probability become the Masters, & consequently force a Trade to / Waterside. This will make trade brisk for a while, but in time must be prejudicial as these Countries must soon be depopulated, wh belongs to / Warsaws & the Allies. Let these affairs be as they will, I don't intend to interfere in them, as nothg can be more uncertain than / Event o a battle, nor anything more inhuman than actg / Mandatary.

If I cd h opened / Ashantee path & made a free intercourse on an amicable manner betwn t Country & / Forts & Shipg, I shd h thot myself very happy, but as I h not succeeded I hope no blame can fall upon me for having thrown away a few trifling presents: less I cd not h given wt offering / people who came here, even hd I bn certain / Ashantee Path never cd ~~or will~~ not ever wd be opened.

--- [Cobydah] ---

Ther has bn some disturbce at Dixcove lately. Enterry & Quashie Ancora, two o yr Caboceers ther h bn Quarrelg for some time past, & by / accts wh I hd frm Mr Greenhill & Cudjoe Caboceer, it appeared ther was some danger o ther having recourse to arms, if matters were not soon terminated by anr method. I thot it was therefore most advisable to send for Enterry & Quashie Ancora to this place. They very readily obeyed / Summons I gave them, & w[th] Cudjoe's assistce I settled the diffce in an amicable manner.

I forgot to mention to y[r] in a former ltr that / Dey o Fetu departed this life abt 3 months ago.

— Sends Indents for Supplies, Stores & Medecines —

Three French Vessels h slaved off Anbroe within these 11 or 12 months. Nothg but a Man o War beg on / Coast can prevent them; at least we cannot, effectually, by any other method. Some Dutch Vessels h slaved off ther likewise: but it makes no diffce whr they purchase their Slaves ther or in Cormantyn Road, a league to Leew[d] o Anbroe. How[r] if I do not approve o Dutch men slaving off in yr Road, men o War must prevent them.

LL.9. Read Nov 29. 1765.

The Ctee to Mattr & Council o CCC. London 8 February 1765

— Send copies o their last ltrs o 15 & 19 Oct [n h] —
yr ltr o / 15th Oct [n h] is since come to hand.

In answer to a para in yr ltr dd 10 Jan 1764 [P 9 supra] in regard to Prampram, we direct that it may continue, as heretofore, annexed to / Gov o Accra, wt any diminun.

For / future we direct that accordg to / sum allotted by / Gov & Council for / support o / Forts, their proportn may be distributed, in a regular & proper assortmt o / Goods sent out by / Ctee, wt any partiality; & that copies o each Forts share o / such supplies be transmitted to us.

If I continue o opinion to give Cudjoe, linguist at Accra, 4 Slaves, or the Value, for his services, & to take his heir under our protecn, we leave this affair to yr discretn, & desire it may be well considered; & that I will use yr endeavours to keep / Ashantee path open.

We remark / Charges o Anbroe Fort runs 8 high. If it can be lessend wt safety, we expect it will be done.

We can't add anything to our last ltr relative to C. Appal. as / House o Commons h not as yet taken / African affairs into consn.

The has ben laid before us a copy o a letter fm Mr Mutter to Messrs Brew & Webster dd / 13th July last, a duplicate whereof is herewith inclosed. Tho' it is granted it is a genuine answer to a lr wrote him by those Gentn. desirg protection in / Fort at Am'boe for the persons & effects, we must observe to the appears in it some private resentmt, by no means consistent w / situan Mr Mutter is now in / Publick Service. The duty o our Govrs on / Coast is certainly to give all possible protecn to Trade & Private Traders. If they don't encourage / Spirit o / Act o Parliamt they shd always interpret it in favour o / Private Traders, rather than put to risk any o the pply. We sh not at present enlarge on this Point, only refer to our lrs dd 25 July [in h] & 15 Octr last [in h] in regard to Mr Brew.

We desire you will forthwith send us an exact descripn o / Forts, the Condon &c, & o what materials they are built, signed by / Chief o each, mentiong / Size, no o rooms, distce fm / Shore & any other circ it may give / You here a right idea o / necessity o a pper Sum o mony to put them into a respectable Condon

By Order &c
S Pownall

Ll. 10. Read Nov 29 1765

Wm Mutter to / Ctee

C.C.C. 10 February 1765

– Arrives the lrs o 15 & 17 Oct. [in h] per Ruby Capt Thos Poole who arrd here on 26 ult about on shore 3 Writers, 1 Acctnt, 1 Surgeons Mate & 20 soldiers —

Every thg is quiet fm one end o / Coast to / Other, at present. How it seems to be / opinion o most people here t this will not be / case long, as by all accts / Ashantees are determined to force their way to / Waterside. In / meantime, Trade is as dull as it possibly can be.

Ll 11. Read Nov 29 1765.

Wm Mutter to / Ctee

C.C.C. 25 April 1765

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– Mr Patrick Greenhill Chief o Dixcove applied f his discharge, wh beg granted, he resigned / Command o t fort on 16th ulto –
– Mr John Grant Chief & Succondee quitted / Service on / grounds o ill Health on 28th July & sailed to Granada –
– By Act o Council Mr John Johnston succeeds Greenhill at Dixcove & Mr Thomas Saunder apptd Chief o Succondee vice Grant – Or promons & alterans as per / Act o Council [in h] –

Ph herewith inclosed y a letter fm Mr John Cockburn Chief o Tantum querry relatg to / behaviour o / Master o a French Vessel, who was an Officer on board / Amethyste Frigate in / late war, & at / time when she was on this Coast, when Mr Cockburn unfortunately went on board his off Succondee.

By Mr Cockburn's lr & copies o 3 more fm / above mentd French Officer, y will see t / latter Gentleman has seized & carried off a free canoeman belongg to Tantumquerry, by way o paymt f his share o Mr Cockburn's & his canoemens ransom when taken off Succondee by / Amethyste. What / consequ o this affair will be 'tis really cant tell. The Tantum people are pretty easy at present as they do not know but they may be a possibility o / Canoeman beg brot back. However as there is little or no probability o t beg / case, I am afraid as soon as they are convinc'd his beg irrevocably lost, their demands will not be very moderate

In y lr dd o / 26th Jan 1762 [½ Rup ⓑ p 155] y gave liberty to Mr Bell to make good to Mr Cockburn out o / Phenix / loan Mr Desaynes may h paid to / Capt o / Amethyste f / redemptn o / Canoe & Canoemen, bec y say they were / ppty o / Publick: / canoe must h ben o small value, & tho / canoemen be really / ppty o / Publick, as were Mr Cockburn's ppty, they were certainly a fair prize, & if not ransomed, not in justice h ben carried off / Coast as Slaves. But by what Law can a French Capt oblige a British Subject to ransom free negroes wh he seizes in Wartime on / Coast o Africa? The Blacks living under / British Forts are not Slaves to / English nor are they, properly speakg, even Subjects. By what right, therefore did / Capt o / Amethyste insist on Mr Cockburn ransoing / above mentd Canoemen. But granting he had a right, & this debt was really just & lawful, shd not / Officer who has lately ben at Tantumquerry, and h produced Mr Cockburn's Order on Mr Desaynes, f / paymt o / Canoemens ransom? I shd imagine, wh having / Order to produce, he had no right to demand / paymt, far less to seize on a free negroe, especially as Mr Cockburn says he does not know what is become o / order. As / Tantum people must be satisfied f / canoeman lately carrid off, wh y may be assured t be done on as moderate terms as possible, I hope y will please to allow me to reimburse Mr Cockburn f any expence he may be put to on t acct. He is certainly no ways culpable in this affair, & as his conduct is in gen very satisfy, it will be very hard indeed if he shd suffer f / piratical behaviour o this little dirty French officer.

The Warsaws, Akims & Tuffocroes. h at last abandoned thr own country & are at present encamped at a place called Bendah, abt 40 miles to / N.E. o this. Wy body imagined / Ashantees wd h fot / Warsaws before this time & they certainly cht so themselves; but as they wd not h quitted their country. How thr has on no battle hitherto, the str has been a little skirmish betwn / Aquambocs, who are gone to join / Ashantees, & a party o / Akims. As thr is little or no communicn at presnt w / Ashantee country it is not certainly known what prevents them fm following / Warsaws & thr allies. The only reason I h heard given, & wh / custom o / country renders probable enough is t two or 3 considerable Ashantee Caboceers are dead & t this prevents / king fm setlg one till he has buried, & made custom fo / dead.

The Fantees h bot up a considerable quantity o ~~powder~~ Guns & Gunpowder, but they don't seem to h come to any resolun how they are to act. It is probable they will wait / event & fall upon / weakest.

— In Oct last wd 14 or 15 Brit & American Vessels, none of any 2nd man. Price o Slaves 10 oz fo men & 8 oz fo women, to / Blacks. Trade excessively dull, wh, w / high price o Slaves will occn some bad Voyages.

— Order fo anr Surveyor Turner have fn applid to a Fort.

We are in peace & quietness ev'where on this Coast at present, & / British seem now to h dropt thr War agst Amonich, to try what a negocian will produce in thr favour.

LL 16. Read nov 29 1765.

John Cockburn to Wm Mutter Tantum quarry Fort 7 march 1765.

The misfortune I sustained at Succondee in beg taken prisoner by a French frigate wholly I was robbed o Gold dust to / amt o near £100, & (what was still harder) obliged to draw a bill on mr Devaynes then Chief o Williams Fort wholydah fo 6 men Slaves to serve as ransom fo a free serv't & 4 free canoemen: / acct o t accident, I say, as all its circs must be too well known to y to need a relan fm me now, & only make mention o it here, to lay before y an acct o / conseques t h lately arisen fm it.

On / 17th ulto a French Sneau commanded by one De Beys, came to an anchor in this road & fired a gun. ... I sent a message by a small canoe to know / Capts business here. By / Canoes return I recd / inclosed ltr No 1 [n.c] wherin / Capt informs me t he was in want o provns & t he wd be obliged to me to let him know early in / morg if thr was anything to be had here. This happened in / Evng, so early next morng I sent back / canoe & wrote him t as provns o wy kind were so excessive scarce at this place, I cd not possibly supply him w any. By / canoes return on shore I hd / ltr No 2 [n.c] in wh, to my gr astonishmt / Capt informs me t hawg bn 2nd Capt o / Amethyste frigate when I was made prisoner, & hawg never recd his share o what was agreed fo / ransom o my attendants, he hd taken one o / Tantumquerry canoemen fo his share. Immedly on sending me this ltr he got under Sail, & as soon as I recd it I perceived [sic] wt Capt Pool's mate (who luckily happened to be here) to follow him in his long boat, to expostulate w him on / injustice o his proceedg, in hopes o inducg him to rele / free canoeman he hd seized. I ... dispatch / mate (after ...) / French Capt persisted in his obstinacy ... in carryg off / Canoeman off) to beg him to come to an anchor agn & gave me time to procure a slave (as I then hd none) to redeem / one he hd so unjustly seized ... but was now to no purpose, / French Capt ... refused to stop a moment & only sd if a prime man slave was put on board his Vessel / free man shd be returned ... The Capts refusal to make any stay put it out o my power to borrow a slave fm ... Capt Pools mate at his return, deld me / inclosed ltr 3 [n.c] wh beg[ged] in French. I do not understand.

I dispatched a canoe express to Accra & wrote mr Hippisley begg'g the French Sneau shd stop thr, t he wd ... advance a slave fo me to redeem / Tantumquerry free Canoeman. Unluckily / French Sneau went down so fast 2 t my ltr ~~to mr H.~~ arrd too late fo mr H to ... comply w my request tho he generously exerted himself to t effect, as did mr Woortman / Dutch Chief o Accra ... He put 2 men Slaves on bd a Ships boat ... wh set sail in pursuit o / French Sneau both – despite signals – / Sneau over-stood on sail ... & he [/ mate o / Ships boat] had to return w'out beg able to execute his Commn

– Was since heard of / French Sneau is bound to Slave at / Benin river – so that is little hope o recovery / Tantumq: Canoeman

– What will be / consequence o this affair he cannot foresee but fears it will be very troublesome & expensive, fo y know t by / Laws o / Blacks / Justice & Equality o such spirits is never considered, be it right or wrong, / pson on whose acct a free man is cd off / Coast is obliged to satisfy / demand o / relans, however extravagant.

Mr Bell was pleased to inform me before he went off / Coast t in consequce o his applcn to / Clee, ... they hd bn pleased to allow him to reimburse me / ransom o / Canoemen taken w me at Succondee, fo wh I hd drawn on mr Devaynes. But as / Capt o / Amethyste Frigate left wholydah wt demandg payt o / draft wh ... was never paid, thr was no need o executg, his generous intentns, but as I shall incur a considerable expence in satisfyg / Canoemans relans fo this piratical acn o / French Capt, I hope I will be judge / present case as similar one to t wh induced my masters to be so favourable to me. At present / Tantumquerry Canoemans relans are pretty quiet fm a belief in my beg able to recover him agn; but as soon as they know he is expected ... they will instantly make their demands on me.

Read Nov 29 1765.

Com Mutters to / Clee

C C C. 20 July 1765

- Acknes the Brs o y Nov 1764 [in h] & 8 Feb. [p 24 supra]

Cudjoe, Cos longuist at Accra sh agreeable to yr Orders, on / arrl o yr next Store ship, be pd / Value o 4 Slaves, wch he certainly well deserves.

A desertion o / Forts, the Condition &c o what materials they are built, sh be transmitted to y by / 1st o Nov's ships wch sails for / Coast

- Has appted Com Gould, Thos Barbes, Richd Miles & Peter Quenoncaill as Writers - but wks for 4 Writers, 2 Surgeons Mates & asst Surveyor by next Store ship -

In my Letter o / 25th April last [p 25 supra] I acquainted y Ct / Warsaws, Akims & Tufferoes were encamped at a place called Bendah wch lies abt 40 or 50 miles to / N.E. o this. Abt 6 weeks ago, / Warsaws & Tufferoes, hearg / Ashantee army was advancg towds them, separated themselves from / Akims & went (as some people imagine) by permissn o Sey Coomah King o Ashantee to a place called Aherman, abt 50 or 60 miles to / N. W o this, & ther they remain encamped at present. The Akims, havg ben thus deserted by their allies, half starved & worn o provns, & in a manner surrounded by an army o Ashantees commanded by Sey Coomah, King o ye Country, & and o Fantees, who encamped wt / Akims purposely for / sake o plunder, fell mostly an easy prey into / hands o ther Enemies. Poby, the King, is a prisoner amgst / Fantees, & a considerable no o his people, it is said, h escaped & are at present in or near ther own country, but ther I do not suppose, they will remain long. The price o Slaves was, immediately on this conquest o / Akims, reduced to 6 oz; but ther is very little Trade, bec / Fantees keep up ther Slaves till / prices rise, & by ther greedy & perfidious conduct h ben / means o cutt off all communicn wt / Ashantees, who h certainly numbers o Slaves to dispose of. No sooner had / Ashantees fired a few musquets amgst / Akims than they were dispersed & / Fantees came in for a gr share o / plunder. Notwg this gr booty, so easily acquired, & wh they owed entirely to / Ashantees, yet these people, beg in a manner starvg for want o provns, were consequently under / necessity o goig amgst / Fantee villages to buy what they wanted; & tho fetish had ben taken by people o both Nations deputed for ye purpose, to live in amity wt / each other, yet it is supposed ye not less than twelve or fifteen hundred o / Ashantees h ben stole & sold as slaves by / Fantees. The King o Ashantee sent agn & agn to desire / Fantees to desist from stealg his people, & no man nor no body o men in the country havg virtue enough to put a stop to these unjustifiable proceedgs. hostilities commenced betwn these two Nations, & after several skirmishes, / Ashantees, more for want o provns I believe than anything else, decamped in / night time & are now in Dunkirah, wch lies abt 60 or 70 miles to / North o this. Before hostilities commenced betwn / Ashantees & Fantees, on my beg informed o / gr scarcity o provns wch prevailed in / camp o / former, I thot it an oppy, by no means to be neglected, o shewg my regard for / Ashantees I therefore dispatched 25 free men & Cos Slaves loaded chiefly wt provns; these togr wt some other Articles, wch I knew wd be acceptable, I sent in [sic] a present to / King o Ashantee & some o his ppal Caboceers. My people passed safely thro / Fantee country, beg accompanied wt Messrs from / ppal people o Accra, & were very well recd by / King o Ashantee, who sent some o his Messrs here to return thanks for / present; but hostilities havg since commenced betwn / Fantees & Ashantees, I am obliged to keep & maintain these Messrs like an oppy offers o sendg them back in safety. Notwg / Fantees h behaved in this perfidious manner to / Ashantees, yet they seem to be under gr apprehensions, & it is not improbable, if affairs are not soon settled, but / latter will return wt a force sufft to overrun the country; in wh case all / Forts on this Coast will be at / mercy o / King o Ashantee.

Y will please to see by / Act o Council inclosed, what are our sentimts & what are / resolutns / Council h come to in regard to these affairs. Mr Huydecoper, Pen o Elmina, has ben here for these eight days past, & we h jointly taken wy step wh we think proper & necy in order, if possible, to reconcile / Ashantees & Fantees.

I h herewith enclosed y a Letter from Messrs Huppesley, Petrie, & Grossle, relatg to some Winnebah people in my Possn, wh, by the advice I h offered y. Ct y may, if y please, purchase these people, wh, in my humble opinion, will not only redound to / Credit o yr Service in / eyes o / Natives, but also be supplyg yr Settlemts wt a considerable number of better men than, perhaps, y will ever h an oppy o gettg agn

– By HMS Shannon. he has sent / Accts for 1 July 1762 – 31 Dec 1763

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Ll 4. Read Nov 29 1765

At a Council held here this day. C C C. July 10th 1765
Present William Mutter Esqr President &c &c
Gilbert Petrie } Councillors.
John Grosle }

Whereas / Fantees & Ashantees after destroyg / Akims, h commenced Hostilities agst each other, / consequce o wh is likely to be a War betwn these two Nations; & it is / Opinion o this Council that / Fantees, who by / best Information h bn / Aggressors in this Quarrel, get / better o / Ashantees. a total stagnation o Trade wd ensue; & that, on / contrary, shd / Ashantees become masters o / Fantee Country, / Forts & Settlemts upon / Coast wd be gtly endangered, as / King o Ashantee beg an Absolute Prince, not upon / slightest provocation or from mere caprice, so effectually block up any Fort as to oblige / Garrison (if four or five Europeans & as many Mulattoes deserve / name) to surrender.

Such beg / present unsettled State o Affairs in / Country, it is hereby resolved (after mature deliberation) to observe a strict neutrality betwn / above mentioned two Nations as it is possible.

And whereas Mr Huydecoper Gen o Elmina has come here purposely to consult w Mr Mutter on / most proper steps to be taken in this critical conjuncture o Affairs, it is hereby resolved, after sevl Conferences w that Gentleman to act in Concert w him; & if possible by our joint mediation to reestablish Peace betwn / Fantees & Ashantees.

And whereas an affair o this Kind cannot be attempted wt incurrg a considerable Expence it is / Opinion o this Council that all Charges attendg it shd be defrayed by / Publick; as this Palaver or Quarrel is intirely o a Public nature – & o / gtest Importance to / Trade o this Country.

(Signed) Wm Mutter
Gilbert Petrie
John Grosle.

Adjourned

Ll 5. Read Nov 29.

Copy o a Ltr fm Messrs Appisley, Petrie & Grosle to / Ctee. o/Co ...
C C C. 5 July 1765.

Genlmn

A Business wh we apprehend to be o a very critical & impt nature to / Service o / Trade & to / Safety o one o yr Settlemts, puts us under / necessity o addressg this Ltr to you, confident that we shd not incur yr displeasure, since we h no private int to serve further than as it is combined w that o / Coast in gen.

The people o Winnebah, in / attack that was made upon them four years ago by / Accroans, were obliged to sell – abt Seventy people for ransg themselves to Mr Mutter. The were no Goods o yrs then in / Fort, & if that Gentleman had not advanced his own, / Town must h bn abandoned.

The Headmen solicited his dog this w very much o grief that cd arise fm / dreadful alternative o seeg themselves totally ruined, or o selling a part o their / Inhabitants, & part the Children all in / prime o life, & fm whose Labours they principally derived their own Subsistence.

A Choice was made & those young men, to save the Fathers, Wives Children & Countrymen, devoted themselves to slavery for life.

We doubt not but you will think the fate sufficiently hard.

They h have yet been kept by Mutter upon / Coast, & h worked well & faithfully for him. Still upon / Gold Coast they submit cheerfully to live at a distce fm the non immediate country: But as sooner or later Mr Mutter must dispose o them, we h. felt much uneasiness fm / probable consequences o such an event. The English reputation will be exceedingly hurt upon ye Coast in this letty / Blaster o one o the Settlemts be sent off Coast to / West Indies when / whole Country is witness & they not be turned to so good an Account, in supplyg / yt wants of are in o Slaves for ye Only Work amg / Forts.

This indeed is so apparent to / wholl people, who are most interested in this affair, & who doubtless consider it most likely probably be drove to some desperate measure, such as applyg to / Dutch at Apam &c, if refused in ye Qr, o seeking an Habitn elsewhere & leavg / Town desert.

This once happeng, ye Fort is hardly tenable or at least it will be o no use to / Publick, & / Chief & Garrison be constantly subject to ye Violce, even to upon the loss if they stir out the Walls. On / or hand shd y think proper to purchase these unfortunate people, / English intt in this Country will take a new lustre, a lustre wh at present it certainly wants, & wh we humbly think wd be cheaply purchd at / expence in ques: even if the were no or return f it. But in this case y are paid Value f Value, it, too, in / very article y want, & wh part f this Event y cd not get at any price, rate. Even if / Govr shd in some little time, be prevailed upon to grant a sum to purche Slaves f / Forts, they must be content to get such as one usually offered f sale sitter at Gambia or other part o / Coast. Fts to / last we shd not think o purchasg Waterside Negroes who beg brot by restraint wd run away as soon as they were out o irons. & f / inland country Blacks they must be mostly o / only sort called Duncoes, who are very stupid & even weakly kind. Gambians answer very ill, comg fm a plentiful country they prize away in so scarce a one as this, notwtg ye the pay is double what wd subsist Gold Coast men. They will soon sometimes run away; are of little or no use f / first year or two & are in gen very little docile & very Sullen.

As regard to / price, we beg y to believe, Gentn, ye we wd get them as cheap as possible. Mr Mutter asks f / prime £25 pr head; f / rest £20. Of / first ors are betwn 50 & 60, o / ors betwn 10 & 15. Certainly it is, following / rule ye soyg is worth what it will fetch, these Slaves are worth what he asks By / best calculan we can make, allowg f mortality & soy ye Circ, they wd not £25 a Head, reckong them to sell at no higher price than / usual rate o good Slaves at / Jamaica market.

But this Lot consistg o such a number o fine Canoemen, & some very passable & improvable Young Carpenters & Bricklayers, soy one born upon / Gold Coast, it may be reckoned, we think 50% better than any Lot ye has left / Coast, & indeed Mr Mutter is strongly persuaded o this not only fm his own Judgemt but fm his having bn repeatedly offered / price he now asks f, by Capts, who were to take them to / W. I. & who doubtless expected a profit by sellg them thr.

I need be under no apprehension, Gentn, ye this will make a precedent f ye like o / same kind at ye places. Such an affair may not happen agn in a Century: may, indeed, it is almost impossible to happen at all. Scarce a Town upon / Coast is so circumstanced as Wbah, wt a single Cabocees, wt wealth & wt any exterior Connexn whatr. They were obliged to rely upon / Fort intirely. But having now in a manner given them all, they are pretty effectually prevented fm any future applica-

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In short, this wont so fatal to Work, may be made most advantageous to / Service by provid'g y' w' such a parcel o fine carve men & or useful Slaves as cd be got by no or means in / world.

We therefore most humbly & earnestly ~~beg~~ recommend to y' Govrs to purche them, by wh y' will at once supply a most exigent want, strengthen y' Forts, give gt reputn to / English in this country, & in a gt measure save a Town fm destrucn. We are sensible t w' regard to / last circ. / Public money is not to be made use o to gratify / sensibility o private hearts; but we cd not omit them it upon this occn where humanity & / publick int' happen so closely to coincide

We can add nothg on this subject, but to intreat y' hon' request meets w' yr approbn. t y' will immediately on receipt o this, send a direct & explicit answer to it & impower us to draw Bills on y' f / amt o / Value o / Slaves, payable to hr Mutter at 60 days sight

We are — &c.

John Kippisley // Gilbert Petrie // John Grosse

Lr 6 Read Nov 29.

The Ctee to / Govr & Council at CCC. London 29 October 1765

— Enclose copy o hr Lr o 8 Feb 1765 [p 24 supra] & 3rd copy o the Letr o 1 Augt 1765 [p 22 supra] & Send herewith per King o Prussia Capt John Shepherd, goods & stores amtg to £11,836-11-0 Ster w' Invoices & B/Ls f same, Ster w' also o 3 Waiters 1 Sergeant Mate & 25 Soldiers — ...

Y' will observe by our Lr o / 15th Augt t / Govr had determined on build'g a Blockhouse at Appolonia & in consequce we shd expect to hear as soon as possible t y' h taken / necy & preparatory steps ags' / arrl o / goods & stores to be employed in t service. We, in order to fur t Work h thot proper to send out by this ship hr John Anderson Armstrong & John Holmes who are recommended as psons well qualified to execute / Plan fixed on f / building this Blockhouse. Y' will therefore employ them in / interval at C Apotle Apol: or any or o / Forts where their Services may be more immediately wanted.

The Accts sent us o / alterans & repairs made at Cape Coast Castle are very agreeable to us & hope yr attenn is not less towds what is wantg at Annamaboe & / ont Forts wherein materials & Stores f send fr fm England f these purposes will always be provided as far as is consistent w' / allowce made by Parlian f the support & maintence ...

As / gr use o this National Expence is to preserve an exclusive right o Trade to / British Man at / diff Forts, we are sorry to find t our Rivals / Dutch & French can reap an equal benefit w' us in / Trade by reason in Annamaboe Road wt molestan. We agree w' y' t ships o War are / most effectual means o preventg those Encroachmts; but formerly on like occans / English Merchts used to exert themselves, & h succeeded so far as to drive / French away. This we imagine may be done now, if properly countenanced by / Govr, & therefore strongly recommend such justifiable means to be made use o f this purpose.

The audacious behaviour o a French Capt in taking o a free canadian
for Tantumquerry deserves exemplary punishmt but / difficulty is how to come at
him. In / meanwhile we fear yr apprehensions in regard to / consequences are too well
grounded. As this [sic] an affair o some standg we refer yr to our former instructions abt
it, observg that as this troublesome affair took its rise from the Cockburns Cockburns
leavg his post to go on board / Frenchman, whatever expence accrues to / publick
for this proceedg ought to be imputed to Mr Cockburn & / damage shd fall
upon him; however we permit yr to take such steps w / Tantumquerry people
as to satisfy them for this outrage, as yr shall think most advisable, but
cannot justify / allowg any further indemnity to Mr Cockburn for his own
particr loss than what has been already agreed to.

. . . . .

What present advantages may accrue to / Trade from / disturbces
betwn / Ashantees & / diffts Nations situated betwn them & / sea coast, we
fear in / end the consequences will be bad Yr keepg free the clear
of these disputes is certainly right & hope yr will wait / issue wr beg
obliged to take any part on one side or / other

— they disapprove / apptmts made by Act of Council dd 23 Feb 1765 —
— The orders now are:—
Mr Trinder to be Chief of / new Fort to be erected at C. Appol:
Mr Wm Lacey to be Accountant, for which place he was sent out.
Mr Cockburn Govr of Tantumquerry to be one of / Council
— ~~They~~ we must again insist that at every Council there shd be at least 3 members
present.

. . . .

Beg informed by some persons lately arrd from / Coast that
for Annamaboe is not kept up agreeable to / intention of / Govt & / money granted for that
purpose, or / cause assigned to / unhealthiness of / place thro / ill construction of / Fort
& interior accomodations: we desire if will by 1st opptty transmit to us a particr
acct of / Officers Writers & Soldiers employed at that place w / rate of Cancemen
ye w / reference attendg the maintence & Support, at / same time informg us
yr Sentiments in regard to / unhealthiness of / place & points out such
alterations as may occur to yr by way of remedyg this inconveniency
As I mention nothg relatg to / bad state of Succondee, we hope Mr
Trinder has done something at last towds putty that place in a habitable condition.

At / request of / Society for Propagatg / Gospel in Foreign Parts we
have engaged in our service Mr Quaque who has been regularly bred here
from 11 years old & always behaved to / satisfaction of his patrons both
in respect to learng & sobriety & was lately ordained by / Bishop of London,
We were therefore willing to receive him into yr Castle in / capacity of a Chaplain, having
applied him to that station at a salary of £60 p annm gold price. His wife, &
another woman by way of companion, attends him, & are to be paid at / rate
of £13 p annm [8d p diem] each as / usual encouragmt given to white women
on / Coast. We recommend these 3 persons to yr protection & desire that they may
be as well treated & accomodated in all respects as yr situation will admit of
no doubtg but Mr Quaque's behaviour will be such as to deserve any services
yr may do him; & as he proposes to extend his usefulness by instructg /
natives in the duty we desire yr will give him all / assistce yr can
to promote so good a design.

. . . By Order of Ctee . . .
sgd Sam[l] Perrier Secy

P.S.

92. PS. Since writg / above we h recd hr Mutter's several Lrs o
30 October 15 May [not kept] 20 July [p 27] 25 July [not k] 1765. Also a
1765 letter from Messrs Hippisley, Petrie & Trosse dd CCC 5th July 1765
wh last Lr we h taken into consn

Resolved That it is / opinion o/ Ctee / yo Slaves bot by hr Wm Mutter Esqre
o/ people o Cobah shd be ~~purchd~~ purchased o him & made / ppty
o/ publick

That such a sum o money p Head shd be pd f / sd Slaves as sh be
sufficient to indemnify Wm Mutter Esqre f / prime cost & charges o / sd Slaves
presumg he does not expect any private emolumt to himself.

That / sd purchase shd be made in goods to be taken out o / supplies
sent out f / support & maintence o / Forts & Settlemts in Africa & sent by
Bills o Exchange drawn upon / Ctee. But if it shd be / opinion o/ Govr
& Council at C.C. t / take such a quantity o goods fm / Supplies o this Year
wch will desoon [sic] / Cargo & consequently be a hardship upon the servants
& partly upon / Chiefs o / sevl Forts, we in t case direct t only one half o/
price o these negroes may be paid hr Mutter out o this Years Supply
& ye moiety to be paid out of / next Years

The ye Letters we sh answer by a Vessel wh wee sail fm hence to
/ Gold Coast in a few weeks

By order o/ Ctee ...
(sgd) Saml Perries Secretary

Ll 52. Read May 9. 1766.

Wm Mutter to / Ctee

CCC. 25 October 1765

— He wrote them on 20 July last [p 27] per Hms Shannon
& sent copy & ors pps per Hms Hound. —

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In my Lr o / 20th July above mentd I informed ye o /
Ashantees having destroyed / Akims. & t some skirmishes had
afterwards passed betwn / Fantees & Ashantees, wh, togr w / want o provns
had obliged / latter to retire to Dunkirah, but whr they are still, or gone
to their own country is not known here w any certainty at present. The
Ashantees remained some time at Dunkirah w an intenn I believe, o settlg
all diffces w / Fantees but it does not hitherto appear t / latter h / smallest
inclinan to adjust mes. Sensible, perhaps, t shd affairs be freely & openly
discussed betwn them & / Ashantees, they must acknw they h acted a most
perfidious part, & in t case some reasonable satisfacn to / King o Ashantee
f / ill usage he has met w, & moderate compensan to his people f / loss
they h sustained cd not well be refused, but t / insatiable avarice o/
Fantees w / inconsistent, licentious & anarchical form o Govt under wch
they live has hitherto kept them averse to an accomodan, & will, I am afraid
render ey conciliatg method impracticable. In short, they h cut off
all communican w / Ashantees, & to judge by their behaviour & conduct
there is little or no probability o their ever suffering these people to h a free

Plan of a Fort at Cape Apollonia

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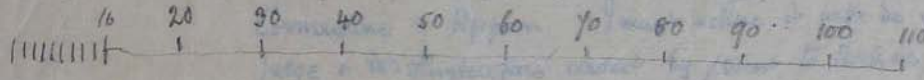
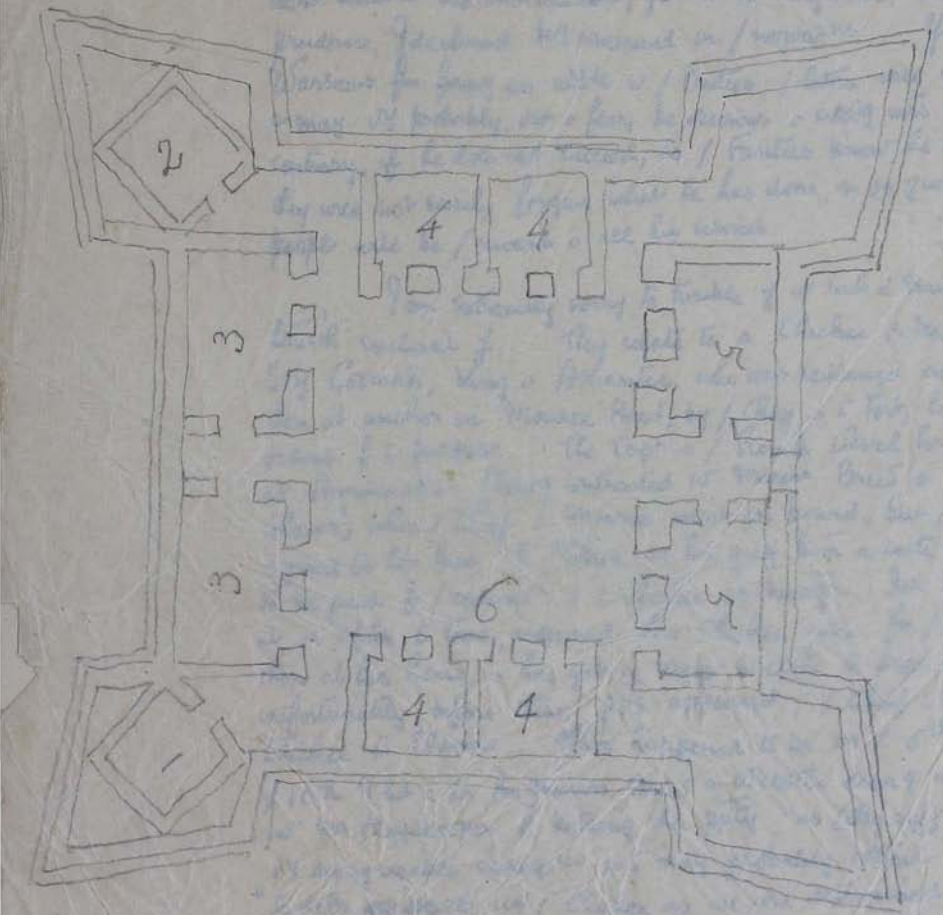
KK 17.

No 1. Powder Mag:
2. Slave Hole
3 Warehouses under Chiefs apartmt
4 Barracks
5 Platform next sea
6. Place of a Tank or Cistern





30 October 1765 — 15 May [in box] 20 July [P 24] 25 July [in A J 1765. 0250 a
letter from Messrs Hippesley, Petrie & Grosse dd CCC 5th July 1765

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& open communicn w / Forts, & I imagine it is f the reason, as well as in case o an attack fm / Ashantees, t they (/ Fantees) h now bn constantly f these three months by past, at Fetue, in makg an allice w / Warsaws & Tufferoes. These they want to drink Fetish (or take an oath) o fidelity & allegice to them, f wh they sh be entitled to live under the protecn & be defended agst / Ashantees & all o'r Enemies. And t / Warsaws & the allies / Tufferoes may h an entire confidce in / sincerity o the intens, seal o / ppal Caboceers in Fantee h given them the relatives as pawns & are upon / final settlemt o affairs, to drink Fetish to hold / treaty sacred & inviolable. The Warsaws & Tufferoes h not as yet taken / Oath requred, partly occg to / insincerity o / Fantee chiefs & partly occg to / address & intriguing disposn o Mr Huydecoper, Gen o Elmina, who has hitherto prevented / Warsaw Caboceers fm goig to Fetue.

This has gthy exasperated / Fantees agst / Gen, & shd he be able to render all the labours abortive, it may prove troublesome to him & expensive to / Co. At present / Fantees h stopped all trade fm goig to Elmina, Mouree, Cormantine & Appam. I must acknowe it wee be a vy easy matter to judge o Mr Huydecopers conduct by / wch to teach us, but at present, tho I dont think it discommendable, yet in it is dangerous; therefore out o downright prudence, I declined beg concerned in / negocns. If he can prevent / Warsaws fm formg an allice w / Fantees, / latter wee not be a little intimidated & may vy probably, out o fear, be desirous o settlg matrs w / Ashantees. On / contrary, if he does not succeed, as / Fantees know he has spared no pains, they wee not easily forgive what he has done, & so going / all wee o those people wee be / reward o all his services

I am extremely sorry to trouble f w such a number o letters as I h brought enclosed f. They relate to a Chichee & messgr belongg to Sey Cosmah, King o Ashantee, who was redeemed out o a French Vessel then at anchor in Mouree Road, by / Chief o t Fort, he having Mr Huydecopers orders f t purpose. The Capt o / French Vessel happened then to be at Annamaboe (having contracted w Messrs Brew & Webster f all his Slaves) when / Chief o Mouree went on board, but / Mate vy readily agreed to let him h / Slave on his giving him a note o hand f anor Slave, to be paid f / redemptn o / Chichee or messgr. Mr Brew had either before, at, or after t time, redeemed this Chichee also fm / French Capt, who was then at his house, & has got a receipt & certe to prove his ppty. But unfortunately, before these pps appeared, / Chief o Mouree had sent / Chichee to Elmina. This happened to be on / 6th or 7th Augst & on / 16th I rcd a Le fm Messrs Brew & Webster desirg me to espostulate w Mr Huydecoper f detaing their ppty "as (they say) it may prevent some vy disagreeable consequces wh may probably attend his refusg immediately "to deliv up us / Chichee, as we are determined, if it shd cost us "£10,000, to have him."

I accordgly wrote to Mr Huydecoper, but he refused to deliv / Chichee, insistg upon it t he was his ppty.

A few days after this, a messgr belongg to Mr Huydecoper, accompanied w Yr Linguist at Annamaboe – whom I had dispatched to Murram on public business in conjunc w / Gens Messenger – having

/ length o Annamaboe, on ye return to this & Elmina, ye Brew thot proper to put ye Gentleman's messenger in double irons, o wh he informed him by a vy short letter, "hopg (as he sd) / severity o it wd make up for / length of / Voyage" At / same time ye Brew ordered my messgr to remain at Annamaboe, wh he vy complacently did. Howr, suspectg ye some notice wd be taken o his too gr condescen in ye part, he came up here abt a fort-night ago, to make some sort o an apology for his long stay, wh he did by telling me ye Brew wd not give him leave to come up before. Upon this I dismissed him fm yr Service, having beforehand asked / opinion o ev'y one in Council for ye purpose, & in this weighty affair we were unanimous.

The Gens' messgr remains still in double irons; / French Capt is sailed having taken pay for / Chichee fm Messrs Brew & Webster but not fm ye Buydecoper.

Two reasons oblige me to be so part in / detail o ye affair, & to trouble yr w / lrs wh I passed on this occa. The first is, ye if I were positive & certain / Chichee bears / ppty o Messrs Brew & Webster, wh I declare solemnly is vy far fm beg / case w me, yet I h it not in my power to compel ye Buydecoper to restore him to / true proprietors. Nothg, these Gent write as if it cd be done w a single stroke o / pen. They know / contrary; but perhaps flattered themselves, by my meetg w a denial, ye I would immediatly h had recourse to such rash measures as wd embroil us fm one end o / Coast to / other; & after all, not be able to extricate myself w any sort o credit or reputa, & they themselves wd perhaps h ben / first to h censured me for my rash & precipitant conduct.

My second reason for layg / parties o this affair before yr is, ye Mr Brew has, fm / beginng, decled in all cos his firm resolu to apply to / Lords o Trade, & if proper & adequate satisfac cannot be had there, he intends to lay his grievces before Parliam. And what is more astonishg it is seriously talked o by some politicians at Annamaboe, ye an immediate war betwn / two Nations wd be / consequce o this affair beg taken into / consn o / Hon. House o Commons.

I am vy sorry to observe, & there are few in yr service but what are o my opinion, ye / gr indulgce Mr Brew has met w fm y has begot in him a degree o arrogce extremely disagreable & he has more or less become / object o ev'y one's aversion. His temerity seems to respect no laws o his own country, nor customs o this, wh are in some measure held sacred by / barbarous Natives. Shamefully abusive in his language; domineerg in his conduct & behaviour; implacable in his hatred; intoxicated by / hopes o great fortune, he regards ev'y man as an enemy who will not prostitute his character by / meanest flattery & lowest adula.

I am vy sensible it may perhaps be more prudent in me to keep silence, but not beg in a humour to buy favour at so high a price, & as I h thot proper to put me at / head o yr affairs, I am determined not to sacrifice what I apprehend to be / true intt o yr service to any man's ungovernable passions: nor will I "out o regard for my own safety" (as my good friend wrote me) conceal

ben of what I certainly ought to have been informed of long ago. For many
reasons I must beg leave to present you with a Past & present State of Annamaboe
Fort, & by so doing submit it to you, whether the place is really & truly, or only nominally
for the gen benefit of Traders.

In the first place, then, there have sometimes been no less than 440 or 50 Slaves
lodged in the Fort, & perhaps not above 50 or 60 of these but what
were the property of Messrs Brew & Webster. If you would be pleased to look at the plan
of Annamaboe Fort you may then be certain what a nuisance such a number of Slaves
crowded together must be: surrounded on every side with high walls, with a possibility
of being refreshed with the Sea breezes or Land Winds: the Slaves room over head
above cleanly; the Country of itself naturally hot, sultry & unwholesome, what dreadful
effects can result from such a situation but to render the place more disagreeable &
unhealthy than any Gaol in Europe.

Every free trader has certainly an equal right to lodge Slaves, Servants, & goods
of what kinds on the Fort as well as Messrs Brew & Webster. But how
can it be? Both one half of the Warehouses are filled with their goods; the
Magazine can scarcely hold their Gunpowder, & the Soldiers must be
crammed into three of the smallest & worst holes in the Fort to make room
for the Slaves & Servts.

This I know must be submitted to, & is required by the Act of Parliament in
case of necessity & danger, but when these are real, they will be palpable to every one.
But Brew's danger & necessity is not apparent, & tho' it has continued without intermission
for 18 months, & tho' there is some talk of its being made perpetual, yet it is now needless
invisible
I know well that this Fort has been built & is now supported at a considerable
expence to the Nation; & I know as well to lodge such a No of Slaves when there is so small
a garrison Kept there, is endangering the lives, & even the safety of the Fort itself. I know
likewise that it is prostituting the Fort to a use which it never was intended for; I mean
the turning of it into a French Slave hole, for that it certainly has been, as the French
Capt, whose Vessel is lately gone off the Coast, & who lay during his stay, at
anchor in Mouree Road, had his Slaves from Messrs Brew & Webster, & in
their Fort
The proper Slave Holes in Annamaboe Fort can well hold more
than 150 or 60 Negroes, & unless in cases of real necessity & danger that No of never
to be exceeded, for setting aside every loathsome inconvenience arising from putrid air
& nastiness of all kinds, the No of Officers & Soldiers ought certainly to be as one
to ten. For that is the proportion observed by all masters of Vessels who trade on this
Coast. I hope you will please to take these affairs into your Consideration, & then make
such regulations for the future as you judge proper.

... [repairs to C.C.C] ...

I intended to have put a period here to this long epistle, but having
(since writing the above) been favoured with your Letter of 15th August [p.22] it would
be improper to conclude without giving my opinion of the measures I am ordered to
pursue in regard to Cape Appolonia & to which I hope no offence will be taken.

I can assure you it grieves me to the heart & soul to see that instead of a
Man of War being dispatched to countenance our proceedings, not so much as a
small Vessel has been sent with the most necessary stores & tools. Surely a Man of War
might as well range the Coast at a time when they could be of some use, as at another
The expence must be pretty near equal, but had a small Vessel been dispatched
with the Stores I intended for in June 1764 the inconvenience had been in some
measure remedied.

When I sent y a plan & estimate f building a Fort at Appolonia, I endeavoured to / utmost o my abilities to make my estimate as plain as possible. Of / measures I then proposed & for compleating it, / expence in erecting a Fort the cost not to exceed / estimate I sent y & that Fort or Blockhouse take as many years in building as Annamaboe Fort did, / expence will no doubt be gitly increased

I am perfectly convinced t Ammoniah & his brother Abany wod at this present time chearfully & willingly give us / assistce t we cod reasonably expect; but t they will always continue so heartily in our int is what I cant be answerable f. Ammoniahs Mengr who is now here assures me t his Master has already at his request, built a house f / recepn o whitemen, & gathered a considerable number o shells f making lime. I don't imagine t / house is either elegant or convenient, f / Blacks thr are much worse Architects than they are here, but unless it is a very bad one I think it will suffice

I hope no inference will be drawn fm what I have said t / difficulty o putting y Orders properly in execn will make me circumscribe or dilatory in doing anything which lies in my power; t, I may depend upon it, shd be done wt loss o time.

I am only afraid o one thg & t is lest / Gen o Elmina shd hire / Warsaws to go agst Ammoniah. They & / Tufferves (a gr body o people) are at present in a very uneasy & unsettled condn & certainly a better oppy never offered to / Dutch o extirpatg / Appolonians, root & branch.

... I am — &c —

(sgd) Wm Mutter

Ll 55 Read May 9 1766.

Copy o a letter fm Messrs Brew & Webster to Mr Mutter.

Annamaboe. 16th August 1765

Sir We wod h answered yr two letters sooner but wanted to be able to give y a satisfactry answer relative to Say Cromahis Chichee, wh Mr Huydecoper by an unparalleled piece o injustice, got out o / French Snow, & after we had redeemed him as y will see by / date o Capt Amadis Receipt to us, & / day on wh / French officer delivered / Chichee to / Chief o Mourees, beg / 6th inst. We h enclosed y our letter to Mr Huydecoper, & also t Gentris letter to yr French Capt f yr perusal, t y may be able to judge o this affair, & we beg of y / favour o y to expostulate w Mr Huydecoper on his detaining our ppty, as it may prevent some very disagreeable consequences wh may probably attend his refusg immediately to deliver us y Chichee, as we are determined, if it shd cost us £10,000 to h him.

Mr Huydecoper is extremely sensible o/ impce o/ his acquisn as he knows perfectly if he is obliged to delr up Accra he must cut a Fy pass to figure as a mediator betwn / Ashantees & Fantees, wh / imperious temper o/ man can ill brook

Please to return us / receipt, as we h nothg else to ascertain our ppty to / Chichee. when y h read / lrs, please to seal them, & if y wree write Mr Huydecoper a lr on / Subject to accompany them, y wree ~~obleg~~ obliged Fy much oblige us. We must also beg / favour o/ y to furnish our messgrs as a Fy hand canoe to brg down / Chichee in case he is dead

We are — &c —
Rachd Brews & Wm Webster

Copy d'une Lettre de Monsr Mutter a Messrs Huydecoper

Cap Corse ce 16e Aout 1765

Monsieur J'ay reçû une Lettre de Messieurs Brews & Webster de cette date, ou ils font de complaints complain que vous avez envoyez à bord du Navire françois mouillé à la Rade de Mourée, & en absence du Capt, que vous avez eu, un Chiché de ce Navire, & que le Chiché, autrefois appartenoit au Roi de Ashantee, est leur droit, & fut degagé par eux du Capn françois, & qu'ils ont le reçû pour le paiement de cette Chiché du Date du 2e de cette mois. S'il ceci est le cas, j'espere que vous rendrois le Chiché à la Personne que Messrs Brews & Webster ont envoyez pour le recevoir. J'ai l'honneur — &c —
Wm Mutter

Extraire d'une Lettre de Monsr Huydecoper à Monsr Mutter

de Mone ce 19e Aout 1765

Monsieur

Quant à la lettre dont vous m'avez honoré hier touchant le Tetje que Messrs Brews & Webster redemandent, j'ai l'honneur de vous dire que ce n'est pas en mon ~~droit~~ pouvoir de le rendre, est (sic) que ~~j'ai~~ je serois avoir le meme droit que ces Messieurs. Vous scavez que Zaai nous à redemandé entre autres, un Tetje que avoit été Vendu par les Fantins. J'ai appris qu'il étoit a bord du Capitain Francois en Rade de Montrée. La dessus j'ai ordonné à notre Commandant du dit fort de se rendre abord pour le relacher. C'est ce qu'il a fait en seignant un billet, par lequel il s'engageoit de payer un bon Captif, & la dessus il ~~le~~ me l'a envoié. Je ne vois pas, Monsieur, pourquoi je serois obligé de le remettre a present en d'autres mains. Si l'officier que etoit à bord a fait plus qu'il ne pouvoit de droit ce n'est pas ma faute, & vous scavez qu'il importe beaucoup aux deux Nations que le dit Tetje soit remis à Zaai, puis qu'il nous l'a fait redemander. Je suis avec estime, Monsieur — &c —

P.J Huydecoper.

Sur le 26e Messrs Brews & Webster mis en fers l'envoyez du General sur lequel ils leu informoient par une lettre du dit date, & sur le 28e Monsieur Mutter reçû la lettre suivante au dessous de Monsieur Huydecoper.

Monsieur

Monsieur

Depuis que nous avons le maniement des affaires de la Compagnie des Indes Occidentales sur ces côtes, en vertu de deux patentes qui nous ont été gracieusement accordées, l'une par Messieurs les Directeurs de la Compagnie, l'autre par leurs Hautes Puissances nos Seigneurs les Etats Generaux nos legitimes Souverains, notre premiere soin a toujours été d'entretenir autant qu'il depend de nous, la paix et une harmonie parfaite entre Votre Nation, et la notre, persuadez qu'il sera peu convenable à nous de troubler dans ce paix louable cette Union que nos Souverains cultivent avec tant de soin en Europe, et croyant d'ailleurs que notre interet reciproque demand que nous serions unis de bonne foi, pour doubler par là le respect des Naturels pour nous tous, tant que nous sommes de blancs, et pour leur donner une plus haute Idée de notre candeur et de notre droiture

Il semblerit, Mons^r, qu'avec ces sentiments nous aurions pu nous promettre d'être à l'abri d'insulte et de Violence sous vos Forteresses, dans toutes les endroits qui reconnoissent vos Loix, comme Vous et les Votres l'avez toujours été dans toutes places de notre dependance. Cependant Monsieur, il s'est trouvé deux hommes assez hardis et assez peu avisés pour hasarder de Front toutes les bienseances dues au caractere dont nous sommes revetus en mettant aux fers

a. Quoy Tiem sur Huydecoper Messenger } a Quoy Tiem que vous avez vous mêmes depeché du Cap Corse pour aller avec Votre Envoye à Murram Capitale du paiz de Fantins pour tacher d'entrer en Negotiation avec les Chefs de cette Nation, et pour les engager à nous mettre en etat de etablir la paix entre eux et les Adsiantins.

C'est pour vous demander Justice de cette Violence que nous prenons la plume en main, et nous connoissons trop Votre Empressement pour le bon ordre, Votre amour pour la tranquilité, et Votre zêle pour la justice, pour craindre que vous refuserez de faire relacher notre Envoye, et de nous procurer une Satisfaction proportionné à l'offence qui nous a été faite Vous croyez peutêtre Monsieur que les auteurs de cette offense sont gens de paix, puisque jusqu'a ici il n'y a eu que les plus mechants d'entre eux capable d'une telle Violence. Mais non. Ce sont des Gens qui se disent civilisés, qui se nomment Anglois. En un mot ce sont Richard

b. Zaai or as we call him Sai Coma, is / King of Ashantee } Brew et Wm Webster, Pour leurs raisons ils disent que nous avons refusé de relacher un heraut du Roi Zaai qu'ils pretendent leur appartenir, et qu'ils ont l'effrontiere de publier parmi les Negres que nous avons volé. C'est sur ce fait que roule toute la dispute, mais comme elle pourroit donner lieu à une Correspondence ennuieuse, et à des Ecritures sans fin. nous aimons mieux traiter toute cette affaire une fois à fond, et commencons par vous donner un détail de ce qui s'est passé à son egard.

Vous savez, Monsieur, que lorsque nos Envoyez revinrent du Camp des Adsiantins, ils nous porterent pour reponse que Zaai etoit prêt a faire tout ce que les blancs lui ordonneroient pourvu qu'ils lui fissent rendre quatre negres distingues qu'il avoit envoyé aux Fantins et un heraut un Tetje, et un heraut d'armes qu'il avoit envoyé depuis pour voir ce que les quatres premiers

c. Tetje or messenger } etoient devenus. Vous savez que pour les retirer des mains des Fantins nous deputames les memes Envoyez, dont l'un vient d'être traité avec tant d'indignité, puisque non content de l'avoir simplement arreté, on lui a mis les fers aux pieds et aux mains. En revenant ils nous apprirent que trois des Negres que Zaai demandoit s'étoit tuez eux memes; que le quatrieme etoit sauvé quoi qu'il eut tenté de se couper la gorge, mais que les Fantins refusoit de le rendre qu'ils n'avoient osé [? oui] dire

aux Canotiers de Richd Brew, qui faisoient la traite avec un Vaisseau François mouillé à la rade de Mouree, que le Tetje se trouvoit au bord du dit Vaisseau nous crumes qu'il n'y avoit point de tems a prendre, et comme la Marée etoit à notre Poupe, nous ecrivimes d'abord au Commandant de Mouree de n'acheter le Tetje à tout prix parsque nous pensions que quand même il nous seroit impossible de savoir tous les Negres que Zaai redemandait ce seroit toujours une marque de nre bonne Volonté pour lui si nous lui rendions le seul que nous avions pu rachaté. Le Capn etoit absent, son Second remit le heraut à Mons. Ruttema qui apres avoir signé un billet par la quel il avouait devoir un Captif, nous l'envoia le lendemain. Nous ecrivames sans tarder au Gov de Mouree de prier le Capn François à envoyer ici pour choisir un Esclave à son Gré, mais au lieu de cela il nous ecrivit une lettre pour redemander le Tetje à la quelle nous repondimes que nous ne pouvions pas lui faire ce plaisir puisque nous ne l'avions pas rachaté pour nre propre compte, mais pour nous en servir utilement pour le bien public, en montrant nos bonnes intentions à Zaai, et pour retablir par ce moyen la traite. Il insista, alors ennuiez de son importunité nous l'avons prié de ne plus nous importuner sur cette affaire, et nous lui reprochames même tems le peu de complaisance qu'il avoit pour nous, puisque apres nous avoir trompé sur son sejour et sur la Cause de son retardement à Mouree, il nous refusoit comme une Grace ce que nous avions pu prendre d'autorité, puisque mouillé sous notre pavillon, il etoit sujet a nre Gov Peu de Jours apres nous recumes une lettre et alle de R Brew & Webster qui etoient fort etendue, et tout pour redemander le beau Tetje. Nous & + repondimes comme nous avions fait à Capn Hermades, en ajoutant que si le Second avoit fait plus que ne pouvait faire de droit, c'etoit à lui et non pas a nous qu'il falloit s'en prendre. Voiant que les lettres faisoient peu d'effet. On persuadoit aux Fantins de m'envoyer deux Tetjes pour m'intimider, et pour me prier de rendre le heraut de Zaai a leur Ami Brew. Je persistai à le refuser. Le bel Ami de Fantins pour se montrer le veritable Oreste de ces beaux Pilades a preuver qu'il etoit vraiement digne de porter ce nom, ne se mit seulement au niveau avec eux en imitant leurs moeurs et s'approprians leurs coutumes, mais rencherit même sur leur Violence en arretant un envoyé que les Negres mêmes les plus injustes avoient epargné.

+ Capn Hermades à / Capn o / French s'nom

Ruttema Je chief Dutch fort at Mouree

Voila le fait exposé en peu de mots, et nous nous flattons Mons. que vous n'y avez point decouverte aucune demarche de nre part qui peut autoriser la Violence dont nous vous plaignons. car il est certain que partout ou il y a une Gouvernement etabli, celui ou ceux qui l'exercent ont le droit, et même sont obligé de faire tout ce qui depend d'eux dans pour procurer le bien public, sans regarder a l'avantage ou au Caprice de quelque Particulier et c'est ce que nous avons fait. Nous avons racheté le Tetje dont il s'agit, non pour en faire notre profit particulier. Il est trop vieux pour cela, mais parceque nous avons cru qu'il nous etoit absolument necessaire pour suivre le plan que nous nous sommes formez de Concert avec vous, pour retablir la paix entre les Fantins et les Adsiantes, sans la quelle tout le commerce est ruiné sans ressource tout le long de cette cote. En relachant ce heraut nous nous mettrons en danger de faire avorter ce plan puisque les Negociations des Fantins ne nous donnent que trop de raison pour Craindre que, le negre, dont il s'agit est le seul que nous pourrons recouvrir des Six dont Zaai redemande la restitution comme une Condition preliminaire de la paix. Et vous sentez, Mons. aussi bien que nous qu'il ne seroit ni sur ni prudent de renvoyer des Messagers au Roi des Adsiantins sans qu'ils fussent du moins accompagnez par un de ces Gens, au sort des quels il paroit

s'interesser à fort. Ainsi, puisqu'il est impossible de traiter de paix avec les Ashantins sans envoyer, il est evident que nous devions faire ce que nous avons fait, et racheter le Negre à quelque prix que ce fusse. sans faire attention aux injustes plaintes de nos particuliers, dont les vues ne nous etant pas connues ne peuvent meriter aucune attention, car le General est preferable au particulier. Or c'est nous qui travaillons de Concert pour hater le retablissement de la paix, dont les fruits ne peuvent etre que utiles et doux, non pour nous seules mais pour toutes les deux Nations, puisqu'en faisant revivre la traite, elle comblera les negotiants de richesses, en augmentant le debit des fabriques Europeennes et en fournissant aux Colonies une nombre suffisante de bras pour faire fleurir ce que nous avons d'etablissements dans le nouveau monde.

En vain fait on beaucoup de bruit d'un pretendu propriété que nous devions, puisque nre droit est pour le moins aussi bien etabli [2]
[2] Que celui de Brew et Webster, car nous n'avons point use de Violence ni employé la ruse pour avoir le heraut que nous avons racheté. de commandt du navire nous l'a remis de bon gré et a exigé lui meme un billet de Mons Antk Attkema par le quel il se engageoit a lui payer un bon captif au lieu d'un vieux negre qu'il emmena, e par la nous avons acquis une propriete entiere et incontestable, d'autant plus que la possession est icy pour le moins un aussi bon titre que la promesse du Capt. Dira t'on que le Seconde n'avoit pas le droit de se defaire de ce Negre, nous repondrons que ce n'est pas la une question qui nous reguarde. Tout homme qui a quelque Commandement et qui s'engage avec nous est supposé savoir ce qu'il doit faire, tant pis pour lui s'il a l'imprudence d'exceder le pouvoir qui lui a été confié. Jusqu'a ici Monsieur, nous n'avons fait qu'etablir nre droit et nous nous flattons d'avoir fait de l'avoir fait d'une maniere claire et convincante. A present nous allons plus loin pour ~~avoir~~ voir si une saine politique ne vous oblige pas, vous et nous, d'empecher que Brew et Webster ne s'empare de ce Tetjé. Car quelles peuvent etre leurs vues ? que cherchent ils ? Quel est leur dessein ? Veulent ils tout uniment par eguard pour Zaai le lui remettre ? Non car si c'etoit le cas ils seroient charmez que les Chefs des deux Nations Europeennes etablies ici ~~voulussent~~ voulussent s'en charger, parceque cette voye seroit plus courte et plus sure. Veulent-ils s'en faire un merité auprez de la Roi, et avoir la gloire de pouvoir lui rendre un de ces gens, pendant que les Chefs des deux Nations se sont efforcez en vain pour lui rendre ce service ? Nous croyons que c'est la justement tout le nœud de l'affaire, et dans ce cas nous sommes surs d'avoir retenu leur pretendu propriété, puisque l'amitié des Ashantins les rendroit trop redoutables. Car si a present amis des Fantins seulement, ils mettent aux fers nos entrées, que ne feroient ils pas qu'ils les Ashantins leur accordoient le meme titre. Nous n'ignorons pas leurs pretensions et qu'ils feignent d'agir dans cette affaire que pour faire plaisir au frere de Zaai, qui est chez eux. mais pourquoi n'ont ils pas eu cette bonté avant que de le vendre ? et d'ou vient cette envie de voir ce Tetjé n'est venue à Zaai Ottkerra que justement depuis que nous avons cherché a le ravoir pour Zaai lui meme.

Re. to relation o/ King o Ashanties to buy him given as a hostage to/ Fantees to assure em of his favourable hostile intents agt them, if put in y[r] hands of Aromarah Cabbr at Muwram but left he sd escapes sent to Quasah J. Currantees heir who, not choosg to maintain him, gave him to Mr Brew.

De tout ce que nous venons de dire Mons[r], s'ensuit que Richd Brew et W Webster nous ont fait l'injure la plus sensible et la plus atroce qui attaque moins notre personne que notre caractere, et par la meme ceux qui nous avons l'honneur de representer ici. Qu'ils ont violé le droit des Gens en mettant aux fers un envoyé chargé d'affaires publiques, que chez les peuples les plus barbares pareille eut été respecté ; car ils ne pouvoient point le meconnaitre, puis qu'il avoit notre caractere, signe ordinaire de sa mission, et que, de plus, il etoit accompagné par [illegible] Messager. Ainsi Monsieur, n'y ayant aucune

pretexte

prétexte, ni aucune excuse, nous vous demandons le relachement du prisonnier et une satisfaction proportionée à l'offence reçu, sans laquelle Monsr il nous seroit impossible à l'avenir d'exercer notre emploi dans quelque cas qui pourroit vous arriver ou à vos Sujets, et nous ne voudrions pas etre responsables des suites que cette affaire pourroit avoir. Il nous auroit été aussi aisé Monsieur de commettre des violences pour nous venger de l'affront qui nous a été fait, mais outre que nous nous imaginons qu'il y a trop de distance entre Richd Brew et Wm Webster et nous, pour pouvoir leur faire une injure assez fort pour compenser celle que nous avons reçu de vous ou de moins qu'ils ont voulu nous faire, puisqu'il n'est pas bien clair qu'ils croient en etat de nous offrouter, nous avons mieux aimé employé des raisons que la force, parceque nous serions fachez que la brutalité de deux hommes sans aveu, qui ne sont connus que par le tort qu'ils font au commerce dans ces contrées, nuisent à la bonne intelligence qui regne entre nous, et que nous souhaitons de rendre de plus en plus durable. Etant avec une estime parfaite

Monsieur — &c —

La Mine ce 28e Aout 1765 P. T. Huydecoper

Copy d'une lettre en reponse de Monsr Multer à Monsr Huydecoper.

Cap Corse 10 Septr 1765

Monsieur

Dans ma lettre du 30e d'Aout, je vous informois que je demanderai l'opinion des Messrs in Conseil, à l'egard du Comportemt de Messrs Brew et Webster. C'est ce que j'ai fait Monsr et je trouve que le Conseil sont entierement de mon Opinion que nous n'avons point d'autorité legitime sous [sic - sur?] Messrs Brew et Webster, nous ne pourrions pas empecher vre envoiez d'etre arreté ni le mettre a liberté à present qu'il est arreté. Dans le meme tems Monsieur nous disapprouvons entierement du comportement de Messrs Brew et Webster on ayant arreté vre envoiez, qui etoit chargé d'affaires publiques, et dans le fait d'exercer son office. Mais comme nous n'avons point d'autorité de faire ces Messrs rendre compte pour avoir agie dans un maniere insoutenable ainsi ce n'est pas dans nos pouvoirs de vous donner la satisfaction que vous demandez. Ceci nous presumes [sic] suffisamment plaidera une Apologie, comme nous ne pouvons pas vous donner autre satisfaction sans avoir recourse aux Violences, ce que nous condamnons en ces Messieurs avant dit. Jai l'honneur — &c

Wilem Multer

Copy letter from Messrs Brew & Webster to Mr Multer

Annamaboe 26 Augst 1765

Sir

This wee be delivered to you by a Fishterman who we h sent up to mark our pensher as / Magazine is so full t it will not admit a single cask & we beg y wd let us h as many Qr Casks as possible.

We herewith send y Mr Huydecopers letter & our answer. As we found he was determined to keep poison o our Chiefee we h this day (w / consent & approbation o / Principals o Fantee) detained / Messrs he sent to Murram w Coffee, & are resolved to keep him till he sends us our property, wh we presume is not to be invaded by any Dutchman whatr. We once more take / liberty to beg y wd send / inclosed to Mr Huydecoper. We h sent y Mr Huydecopers letter to us whirby y wee see at one view / injustice o his proceedgs, & we are extremely sorry to be drove to such a method o redressg ourselves, as it must put a total stop to / settlg o / Ashantee Palaver; / Sole honour o wh that gentn aims at, & wd exclude every Englishman from having any hand in it if it was in his power, but we hope to convince him t (inconsiderable as he takes us to be) our influence in this country is far superior to his own, & tht

2. / palaver be settled when it will, we th h as gd a share in t transacn as himself. We are Sirs — &c —
Richd Brew & Wm Webster

Remarks. The above mentd Gentn say, by modesty t they detained / Pens messengers: true they did so, & t in double Irons. I wd please to observe they don't say they detained Coffee Aboe my messgr, how'r, they nevless did so. They say "The method we h taken o redressg ourselves must put a total stop to settlg / Ashantee Palavers" — Certainly, & all oth palavers; for if Messgrs sent on publick business can't even pass under / Guns a our Fort in safety, how is it possible (settg aside / insult & gross affront) t publick Commons shd ever be settled. They say t they h detained / Pens Messgr "by / consent & approbation o / ppals o Fantee" The ppals o Fantee were then & are still assembled at Fetue, but supposg they were consulted, pray what h they to do w Messrs Brew & Websters seizg / Pens Messgr? / approbation o / people cd sanctify any mens acns, a few gallons o Brandy we h obtained the consent to h cutt / messrs head off.

(sgd) William Mutter

Copy o a Letter fm Wm Mutter to Messrs Brew & Webster

C C C. 27 August 1765

Gentn I recd yr ltr o / 26th w yr Huydecopers answer to yr former ltr & wch y h wrote him. Inclosed I h herewith returned y yr Huydecopers letter to / French Capt. It does not appear clear to me t yr Huydecoper has invaded yr pptys, neirs h I observed hitherto any inclinan in t Gentn to exclude / English fm having a hand in settlg affairs betwn / Ashantees & Fantees; & if he did not come purposely fm Elmina to this place to consult on / most proper steps to be taken, & to act in concert w / English, I know not what he came f. I am sorry I h not a Qr Barrel o Good Gunpowder in / Castle ...

I am &c —
Wm Mutter

Copy o a Letter fm Messrs Brew & Webster to Wm Mutter

Annamaboe Augt 28 1765

Sir We h recd yr favour o yestys date, & are sorry we h not been able hitherto (notwtg / pains we h taken) to convince y t yr Huydecoper hd in / most flagrant manner invaded our ppty; but we hope / inclosed letter fm / Capt o / French Snow will put / affair out o dispute, & t y will take such steps as yr station requires y shd do t assert / rights & protect / ppty o British free Traders We are — &c —
Richd Brew & Wilm Webster.

Copy o a Letter fm Wm Mutter to Messrs Brew & Webster

C. C. C. Augt 29th 1765

Gentn. I recd yr Ltr o / 28th & Capt Kmadus also. who informs me t / Chichee Capt o / Q is yr ppty as y pd him a man slave f yr [illegible] redemn wch appears Richd Brew by / recpt he gave y & also by his never having contented to let yr Snow Huydecoper h / Chichee. The recpt I observed was dd / 2nd o this inst. The Chief o Mouree by yr Huydecopers orders went on board & redeemed / Chichee on / 6th & not a word was heard fm y o this affair until / 16th.

Now as / distce betwn Aboe & Mouree is abt 4 leagues & as the messrs, boats & canoes gog backwards & forwards almost ev'y day, it was something strange t / French Capt did not write his mate, nor / mate write / Capt t / Chichee was redeemed. At least it was very strg t y deferred writg to yr Huydecoper & me till / 16th As to / French Capt not having given his consent f / redemn o / Chichee I don't think it a matter of any consequence, f it is well known t mates in this Coast frequently transact / most part o /

business, & as / Vessel was at anker in a Dutch Road or at least off a Dutch Fort, / Mate no doubt thot he might very safely take / liberty o bartering an old & bad slave f a good one. f it is not to be imagined / Capt left him any orders to / contrary. But even Supposg / Mate did a little exceed his orders, what is t to our Hudsdecoper? Did he, a / Chief o Mouree by his orders take / Chichee by force? Did not he agree to pay him more than his Value? & what did he want this Chichee f but to serve / publick in gen? How cd / French Mate refuse our Hudsdecopers so insignificant a favour? as neither he nor his Capt cd be ignorant t hd not they anchored off some Dutch Fort, they wd h bn drove off / Coast by / last men o War f Capt Garnier* seemed to be extremely sensible t ye contractg f whole cargoes o French goods & fillg the ships full o Slaves, must in time prove / ruin o / British Trade on this Coast.

What ye Upon / whole I am not sufficiently knowg in / Law so to be certain wht, if this affair o / Chichee was tried in Europe, he wd become ye ppty or our Hudsdecopers. But this I am very clear in, t ye have seized / Gens Meregr who was sent on publick business is a consequence to / trade o both English & Dutch, & havg confined t Meregr in double irons in ye house is not only a gross affront to his master, but an unwarrantable & unprecedented act.

I am - &c -
Willm Mutter.

Copy o a ltr fm Messrs Brew & Webster to Mr Mutter

Annamaboe Sept 14th 1765

Sir We recd ye ltr dd / 29th ulto in answer to wh are to inform ye t / French Mate wrote his Capt on / 9th ulto o his havg deld / Chichee / preceding day to / Chief o Mouree, upon wh / Capt wrote his mate to go on shore immediately & demand him back agn, & wrote / Chief o Mouree by / same oppy to deliv / Chichee as it was not in his power to dispose o him, we havg previously paid a man slave f his redemptn. The Chief o Mouree returned / Capts answer t he hd sent / Chichee to Elmina by orders o / Gen & as he dared not write him on / subject, begged / Capt wd do it himself. Accordgly he wrote t Gentn on / 9th, & recd an answer on / day followg in wh he politely excused himself fm delivrg / Chichee. On / 11th or 12th / French Capt wrote a second letter to our Hudsdecoper, tellg him it was not in his power to dispose o our ppty, & desired he wd send down / Chichee; in answer to wh our Hudsdecopers wrote t remarkable letter wh we sent ye up, & was dd / 14th. How Sir ye ask how it comes to pass t we differred writg to our Hudsdecopers or y until / 16th. Our answer is, t as we cd h no manner o doubt o our Hudsdecopers deliverg / French Capt his Slave, we did not think proper to interfere till he hd absolutely refused to do it, & wh did not happen till / 14th, as y must & seen by / date o our Hudsdecopers' letter. wh arrd at Abee on / 15th & was transmitted to y. togr w our first ltr to our Hudsdecoper on / 16th, wh was answer, & our letter o / 26th y h seen also; & was it possible f y to divest yself o yr usual partiality w regard to us, y wd not only h pleaded our cause (as / justice o it is unquestionable) but h obliged / Dutch Gov Gen to an immediate restitn o our ppty; but instead o t, it will appear to all unbiassed unprejudiced men t y are Council f / defendants, &

* Capt Garnier o HMS Shannon. arrd Spithead 24 Oct 1765 fm St Thomas's having sailed from / Coast early in Augt 1765 all / British Forts & Settlemts the state & condition o which he enclosed to his ltr to / Admalty o 24 Oct. This is no or report fm him of than this be in Admlty 1/1836. [Vide this file fwrd under Graves, Edgar]

altho' y disclaim any Knowledge in / laws, y't y'r desire to act as Judge in this affair is too flagrant.

What business h we w / French Capt's obligat'ns to Mr Huydecoper? We are under none, & we think his seizg & detaing our ppty to liquidate / favours shewn / Frenchman is both unwarrantable & unprecedented. Of y't Gentn wanted / Chichee f / publick good, / infamous method he took to come at him savoured too much o' private int't as his own servant, whom we now h in irons, told him [&c] in / presence o' Coffee Aboc. t' he heard us engage / Chichee for / French Capt., after wh, had he / least sparke o' honour or honesty he wd not h' wrote his Chief o' Mouree to go on Board / French Snow & persuade / mate to let / Chichee go on shore w' him; besides, Sir, Mr Huydecoper has not paid f / Chichee, nor / Chief o' Mouree f' him. We h. & h got / Capt's Receipt to produce, also a Certe prong our previous & unquestionable right to / Chichee; a right wh y may depend we will ourselves assert to / utmost o' our power since we find we h' never protection nor Assistce to expect from / English Govr in Chief.

What y' or Capt Garnier (tutored by y') can say abt our taking a French Vessels' cargo & filling her w' Slaves, gives us very little uneasiness.

Pray, Sagacious Sir, h we not as good a right to do all this as / Factory at Sierraleon? or do y' forget t' we are free British Traders, Independant o' Ctee's restrict'ns & bound only by / Laws & o' England wh do not exclude us from trading in what manner & w' whom we please. The impoke & malice o' this insinuat'n is too obvious, & we are very certain if y' was not tied down by / laws & Restrict'ns o' / Ctee, y' wd be / first in setting an example to trade w' Foreigners, o' wh / many & lge barters y' made w' Dutch & Danes whilst Chief o' Succondee & Dixcove is very convincg proof.

We cannot conclude w'out telling y' t' Slave redeemed / Chichee in dispute f / by same reasons Mr Huydecoper pretends he did it f' / Publick Good, by sendg him w' some more o' / ppal Ashantee Caboceers in our possn to Sey Coomah, & to h a small part o' / lustre wh Mr Huydecoper says will naturally reflect on those who so disinterestedly engage in settlg / peace o' / country & opening / trading paths, to establish wh we h done more than Yours & Mr Huydecopers efforts united cd effect. To put / affair out o' dispute, two Members o' y'r Council acknd our right to / Chichee, one o' them f'm under his hand & / 3d told us so in / presence o' sevl Witnesses, & if it was in y'r nature to act / dispassionate part of must say so too; but y' rather chuse to verify / old say'g t' the is none so blind as those t' will not see, nor so deaf as those t' will not hear. And as this is / case, we must tell y' Sir t' in Justice to those we are concerned w', & to ourselves, we will not sit tamely & suffer our ppty to be invaded by / capricious insolce o' any men or sett o' men whatr.

If it is unwarrantable & unprecedented in us to detain Mr Huydecopers Mercht, pray was it not much more so in Mr Huydecoper to detain our Slave in his Castle w't any sort o' provocat'n or misunderstandg whatr?. Had he done this in any o' H. M's three Kingdoms he wd stand a chance to be hanged f' it. But as he has done it where no European laws exists we are surely justified in dealg him in his own coin. Nor are we solicitous abt / consequences, as y' may depend if our Slave is not speedily restored, this whole affair sh be laid before a Tribunal f'm whom we may expect redress. We are Sir — &c —

/Sgd/ Richd Brew & Wm Webster

Copy o a letter fm Mr Mutter to Messrs Brew & Webster

C C C Sept 15 1765

Gent^n

I h recd yr lr o/ 14^th in answer to yrs wh I think proper to inform y^u since y no longer chuse to write w civility & good manners I desire not to be troubled w any o yr impertinence & if I can't clear up my conduct to / satisfac^n o those whose business it is to know & examine it I must then submit to / punishm^t my crimes deserve

I am Gent^n — &c —
Willm Mutter.

Remarks. Tho' / above lr was I presume such an answer as m^t suffice f Messrs Brew & Webster, yet it may perhaps be unsatisfactory to y^u, f wh reason I will take trouble y^u w a few remarks on the lr.

In / first place, then, Messrs Brew & Webster say t / Mate o / French Vessel wrote his Capt on / 9th t he had deld / Chickee or Menge in dispute to / Chief o Mouree / preceding day & t they did not think proper to interfere tell the Huydecoper fd absolutely refused delivering / French Capt his slaves. It is sy possible t / French Mate wrote / Capt on / 9th. All I know is t I never heard a word o / affair till / 16th But it is not sy clear to me t if / Chief o Mouree, by the Huydecopers orders redeems a slave fm a French mate & afterwards refuses delivering up t Slave to / Capt, t Messrs Brew & Webster hd any right to interfere. If / Mate exceeded his orders / Capt can call him to acct If / Capt has been unjustly treated by / Gen o Elmina can't he get satisfon in Europe? The Gen did not refuse to pay him f / Chickee; he did not take him by force out o his Vessell; neither do I believe he knows t he (French Capt) had agreed to let Messrs Brew & Webster have him; t is if the Agreem^t was not made posterior to / Chickees being deld to / Chief o Mouree. Tho I cd have obliged / Gen Dutch Gen to an immediate restitution o / Chickee & t my desire to act as Judge in affair is too flagrant fm / above mentd Gentn are pleased to say) are assertions both equally false

Please to ask Mr Bell or Mr Senior what vast influence / Govr o Cape Coast has over / Gen o Elmina? My ambition to act as Judge in anything wh Messrs Brew & Webster are concerned in is mighty small f I can assure y^u t I look upon it as a great unhappiness to have / least connexion w them.

If Mr Huydecoper took any infamous method to come at / Chickee is what I don't believe, f a day or two before he redeemed him, he wrote me that such a Negro boy on board / Frenchman, he intended to redeem him. But then his own servant whom we (Messrs Brew & Webster) have in irons told his master t he heard us engage / Chickee & t before Coffee Aboe, a man o strict veracity no doubt, who we also thot proper to detain at Annamaboe.

I submit it to y^u whether this is not something infamous in such wrdce & such proceedings I need not say anything here o / Trade carried on by Messrs Brew & Webster w / French wh they vindicate w so much insolence It is to be hoped y^u will by yr next regulations convince them o / difference there is between Aboe [illegible] supported by / National Expence, & / Factory at Sierraleone maintained at / charge o a few private merchts. However it may perhaps be necy f me to say something o / Trade wh Messrs

6. Brew & Webster accuse me o having made, when to Windward, w / Dutch & Danes

Tho it is upwds o six years ago since I was Chief o a windward Fort yet my memory is good & can very well recollect t I once sold 5 slaves to a Dane (more I don't remember) & these I cd sell to nobody else.

I cannot deny t I h sold some slaves, when to Windwd, to Dutch Vessels f no other reason than bec English Capts cod not buy them. The diffce betwn an English assortmt & a Dutch or Danes to windwd, is moderately speakg 3 or 4 pounds on a slave. I mean t / English assortmt is t much better, but / few slaves t are sold to Windwd, perhaps 20 at a Fort in a year, are in gen very bad, & if a Chief turn these away bec an English Capt would not buy them, he must starve. Let any impartial man acquainted w / Coast, be asked if this is not / case to Windwd. To Leeward / Chiefs can & do sell the best slaves f rum, but very little o t commodity can be sold to Windwd.

The next thg I shd take notice o is t Messrs Brew & Webster boast t they h done more towds establishg / peace o / country & openg / Ashantee path than / united efforts o Our Honble Governor & yr humble servt cd effect. To this they, Our Honble Governor, or yr hble servt h hitherto advanced one single step towds settlg matters betwn / Fantees & Ashantees is what I positively deny. We can't force / Fantees, nor is it an easy matter to bribe a whole country where / ppal men want nothg. We h done all we can but unfortunately h no reason to boast o our success. T Messrs Brew & Webster h by their violent proceedgs, put a total stop to settlg / Ashantee palaver, is what they are pleased to say themselves in the foregog ltr to me o / 26th Augt o wh I h sent y a copy

That they h done a gt deal o mischief is what I freely confess. In / first place by throwg away the money in presents to / Fantees, to get a few Ashantee people brot to Apoe; In / next place by their continually tellg / Fantees how much they wd spend, how much Our Honble Governor & I ot to expend, sometimes 50, sometimes 100 slaves apiece. I say by actg & talkg in this manner they h bn y ppal means o makg / Fantees entirely averse to all accomodatn. What diffce does it make to / Fantees who they keep a few Ashantee Caboceers & people whom they h got in their power, in / town o Apoe or in any other town in the country? why none at all. Our Honble Governor & I hd sent to desire / Fantees to lodge these Ashantees wh are in this Castle or in Elmina, but t they refused to do, knowg t they cd not so easily come at them agn

Messrs Brew & Webster in / meantime kept sendg considerable presents to prevail on / Fantees to brg / Ashantee people to them, wh / Fantees readily complied w f / reason above mentd. No sooner had Messrs Brew & Webster got these people in their possn than they immediately concluded all diffces betwn / Fantees & Ashantees were brot to a period. All / insolent Vanity wh success can produce in ungenerous minds was now displayed in their Letters & conversatn, but the triumph was o short duran. Messgrs were immediately dispatched by them to / Fantee Caboceers assembled at Fetue to desire a safe conduct f the Ashantee Caboceers, people & messengers to go directly to Ashantee; but no answer was given. Upon this 15 or 20 Ankers o Brandy were sent to Fetue to try if t wd make / Fantees speak. The Brandy was drunk, & / answer was t / Ashantees must not go to their own Country yet / palaver or quarrel beg too young.

I have no further remarks to make on this Lr, further as to what Messrs Brew & Webster say of 2 members of this Council having acquired the Right to / Chiefee will be cleared up in / ensuing Lrs

(sgd) William Mutter.

Copy of a Lr from Messrs Hippisley & Petrie

Accra 13 Septr 1765

Sir We have yr favour & are still of opinion that a publick Lr shd be wrote in / name of / Govr & Council that they entirely disapprove of a seizure of a publick Messgr, & that / Cless offairs shd not be involved by it. Disallowing / propriety of / Seizure we must also think / Publick House shd not be / receptacle for / person seized. We know not what our Grossles sentiments are, but if they do not coincide, we ought be as freely to declare them as we do. Certainly an unanimous opinion wd be best, in this case particularly, & we think it shd be declared clearly & decisively, for ever. But if unanimity cannot take place, every man shd openly give his opinion. Coffee certainly deserves having out of yr service, but flogging we think had better be let alone, not from any tenderness to his skin but from / probability of giving more trouble at Annamaboe, of which there is enough already. We are — &c —

(sgd) John Hippisley
Gilbt Petrie

Extract of a Lr from Messrs Hippisley & Petrie to Wm Mutter

"We must notwithstanding condemn Messrs Brew & Webster's seizure of / "Govr's Boy, whatever right they may have to / Chiefee whom / Govr had purchased from / French "Mate

"The Boy was a Publick Messgr & on / act of executing his office. The Boy was of "him & going upon / same errand calculated to promote peace & trade"

"Allowing, even in a country where no law is to be had, these seizures must take "place when Policy is withheld, yet shd publick Messgrs be spared, as indeed they "were not Publick Commodities with Contentions, and never be put an End to."

Remarks After rect of / above Lr I sent for Mr Grossle, & as he was well enough acquainted with / circs of / affair in dispute, / following Lr was wrote to Messrs Brew & Webster for his approbation. But first I will please to observe that tho' we are all unanimous in disapproving of / seizure of / Govr's Messgr, yet whose Policy / Chiefee has so fully, since continues a mystery wch I presume will never be cleared up in a satisfactory manner, like / Witnesses & Parties concerned are examined upon Oath. & tho' a want of some Judicatory authority hath established on / Coast, cannot be done here

(sgd) Wm Mutter

Copy of a Lr to Messrs Brew & Webster by order of / Govr & Council

C. C. C. 24 Septr 1765

Sirs I am ordered to inform you that / Govr & Council do unanimously disapprove of yr having seized / Govr's Messgr & they are therefore resolved that / Cless offairs shd not be involved by it. I am Sirs — &c —

Franc Cahuac. Dep Secy.

48 Copy o a Ltr fm Messrs Brew & Webster to Francis Cabbac in answer to / above

Sir We recd yr favour & sh be much obliged to yr to inform / Gov & Council & we are sorry they gave yr so much trouble & more amply our Matter acquainted us / affair before Mr Huydecoper & Co, was only more matter o form, & / deliberate or opinions o / Gov & Council w regard to us are o no manner o consequce

We are Sir — &c
Paulo Brew & Wm Webster.

Remarks Mr Grosle beg here on / rect o / above Ltr, after perusg it, a copy was sent to Messrs Huppisley & Petrie. At / same time I gave them a partic acct o / present state o / Ashantee palaver, & how / diffr negotiations were employed. The following Ltr is a copy o the answer

Cabbs Matter

Accra 1 October 1765

We are favored w yrs & are most concerned at what yr apprehend o / Fantees using force in regard to / people in yr posson & we heartily wish yr may be able to keep clear o such a mortificn. As to Messrs Brew & Webster's contemptuous be, it is to be hoped, they will this good effect happen from it, t when their business comes to a hearg at home, / necessity will appear, / absolute necessity o ascertaing / privileges & free traders & o settlg some degree o coercive power upon / Coast

For yr beg intimidated &c / affairs beg laid before / Lords o Trade, it is what, upon / above acct, we wish for.

Our opinions were given to / best o our judgmts & we are inclined to think they will not differ widely fm t o / Tribunal we are threatened w, or, if it shd, there is nothg criminal in a man's errg in matter o opinion only, & where self is totally out o Ques. The double dealg o / Fantees was all along fm pretty plain; but is nothg more than this, o lettg Messrs Brew & Webster fancy / Palaver is in their hands by / posson o / Ashantee Cabbocceers, & at / same time offerg to put them into yrs, upon / terms & mean

In toyng it appears to us t Messrs Brew & Webster will spend a good deal o money to no purpose, & discover how accurately / Fantees have played / game for their own private ends. [not?]

As to Mr Huydecoper we doubt he is so much attached (as are & he yn, all his countrymen) t / Ashantees t he wishes for nothg more than to h them masters o / Waterside, a system wh we see, & we believe every Engl man, beg w destrn to / influe o white men in this country.

Bad as are / Fantees & negroes along / Gold Coast, are certainly desirs what power we h fm their litigious disposns & disunited Intts; but was / Ashantee King once master, we shd be as much his slaves as his meanest Democoe; commandg (as he wd) / habitants to / Waters Edge, we wd h no more musicn nation / Forts, nor by land or Sea; our Propty, so hardly acquired, & our persons, wd be at his mercy.

The Kings o Dahomey h by long experce found it best to keep upon terms w whitemen; but this experce will be wanting in / case we are supposg & this can be no doubt but / first acts o power o an untutored inexperienced young man will be savage & terrible. Differg thus fm Paolo fm Mr Huydecopers politicks, we apprehend his negotiations are to be regarded w an eye o some jealousy. But this, as y are upon good terms w him, & as hitherto he appears to h been pretty open, y are best enabled to judge decide upon. We cd not, how, make offers y our sentimts & are — &c. —

John Huppisley
Gilbert Petrie

Remarks. The abv 20 Ashantee people in this Castle, beg mengrs & Ors sent by Sey Cromah, King, & some Cabbocceers o t Country. Acquainted Messrs Huppisley & Petrie t / Fantee Cabbocceers assembled at Fittue.

Ed sent first privately to make me an offer o half o these Ashantees as a present, provided I wod pay them for ye half, & upon my refusal, they sent agn to tell me if I wod pay them for ye whole. They wd then sell me all these Ashantees who were at Annamaboe in ye custody o messrs Brew & Webster. Upon my positively refusg to comply w/ ye o these requests, I found they intended to use force. They h applied to ye Gen o Elmina in a very haughty manner, as he has a considerable number o Ashantees, & therefore if he does not deliv up any one, t he has got in his possn they will pannar or seize upon Elmina people. You may depend upon it, I shd accept o none o these Ashantee people who are here in (ye) a present, nor will I deliv them up unless I am absolutely compelled to do it. Ammoniah, ye Cabboceer o Cape Appolonia has made me an offer o a safe passage to his country for these Ashantees but ye difficulty will be to get them there.

From what I h sd you will please to observe t ye Fantees, instead o taking any steps towds settlg mrs w/ Ashantees, are acting in ye most perfidious & villainous manner; & yet Messrs Brew & Webster h ye effrontery to say t they h taken great strides towds settlg affairs, & are prodigiously angry t I dont throw away great sums o money in presents to ye Fantees; but I do so at this juncture, I think I shd be justly be regarded as a gtr villain than any in Fantee.

As to what Messrs Huppisley & Petrie say o our Buy dreopers politicks, I entirely acquiesce in the opinion. At first ye Gentleman only proposed to render ye Fantees & Ashantees friends, if possible, but ye last time I saw him, I found he had altered his plan, & wished for nothing more than to see ye Ashantees conquer ye Fantee country, & by ye means force a way to ye water side; but I shd be very sorry to see, for ye reasons mentioned by Messrs Huppisley & Petrie.

Wm Mutter

Apology

To ye Cttee &c.

Tho' you will be persuaded, Gentn, it gives me a great deal o uneasiness to give you so much trouble. No man in his senses wod, if he cd avoid it, write so much on so contemptible a subject as that of Messrs Brew & Webster's to lay ye affair before a Tribunal. I wod justly h fallen under yr highest displeasure had I not sent you ye correspondence wh has passed on this occasn & such of information as may serve to elucidate ye subject in dispute

I am — &c,

Wm Mutter.

Ll 54. Read May 9 1766

Wm Mutter to Thomas Trundle upon his going to C Appolonia to build a Block House &c.

C. C. C. 22 November 1765

Sir Inclosed I h an acct of Stores & such articles as are intended for presents, wh I h put on board the Cos boat & dispatched to C. Appol. On my arrival there, after getting these 3 pps, wh I h inclosed, regd by Ammonah, his master Abbey, & all the ppal Caboceers of Appolonia, & having fixed on a proper spot (is yet to Fort), if are then to distribute the presents, not forgetting to hoist the flag & fire the guns wh I h sent up by the Cos boat, in order to make the Ceremony as agreeable to the Blacks as the present situation of our affairs will admit.

Ammonah has already built a house for the reception of whitemen, not very convenient I suppose, how I dare say it is habitable enough & do to suffice for the present. Ammonah's messgr assured me by his master he collected a considerable quantity of shells, for making lime & it is now 7 or 8 weeks ago since I sent to Ammonah to desire he wd get wood ready, after to burn these shells wh I hope you will find he has done.

I am perfectly convinced if we can at this time have all the assistance wh the people at Appolonia can give us in erecting a Fort &c; but if we do not embrace this opptty & make our advantage of the cheerful & ready help wh the natives will now give us, I say if, instead of doing this, we trifle the time away building a house wh can neither protect those who live in it, nor be of the smallest use to the inhabitants of Appol. in defending them in case of an attack, we shall by these futile & dilatory proceedings entirely alienate the affections of the natives & we must bid adieu ever to attempt building a Fort or doing it at a monstrous expence.

For these & many other reasons wh occur to me, I am, after fixing on a proper place for erecting a Fort, immediately & without loss of time, not only to begin, but carry on the same with the assistance of the natives, in the most expeditious possible, getting them to bring as quickly as they can to the Spot where you are building, the quantities of Stone, Shells, Wood & burning them, & timber for joists, girders & planks.

As Mr Grossle is half an Engineer, no bad Judge where a Fort is to be built, sufficiently able to make proper soundings off the place fixed on for the Fort, & every other respect well qualified to assist you in the business you are now going upon; for these reasons I h pitched upon him to act in conjunction with you in putting the Cttee orders in execution, & as any disagreement between you may be of prejudice to the Service & have a very bad effect on the Natives, I expect you will act with the greatest unanimity.

I wish you heartily a good Voyage & success in your undertaking.

I remain &c

Wm Mutter.

PS. The Medicines, Cloaths & Stationary are packed up in the Cos Goods, the Cloaths are wrapt up in the Flag & can take no damage.

Wm Mutter to / Ctee. C.C.C. 14 December 1765

Postn Some days after writg y on / 25th October [p.32] I was informed
her Hwydecopers Pon o Elmina had sent a Dutch Vessel to Assinee in order to
supply / Natives thr w guns & gunpowder f / attack on C Appol. Much obr
/ same time I also understood t a present o 100 oz had been sent to Ammonah by
her Hwydecopers. This present was intended to lull Ammonah to sleep till / Gen cd strike
an effectual blow agst him; & this Genn is now what he has for some time by past employed
in sounding / inclinations o / Ahantahs, & what by threats presents & threats togr
it is very far fm improbable but he will soon be able to prevail on them to muster
their forces & march to / attack o Appolonia.

In short, / Gen is unfatigable in his zeal f extirpating Ammonah, f wh
I presume he must h recd very express orders fm Holland, otherwise he cd not be
ventured to h thrown away such sums, nor to h carried matters to such extremities

The Warsaws & Tufferoes how, fm whom I expected / greatest danger,
are not likely to give / Gen any assistce, tho if I can depend on / repeated informa
wh I h recd, no pains shall be spared to prevail on these people to join /
Ahantahs. Such I think thr is not at present any probability o thr doing so, at
least I h done anything in my power to prevent it.

About 3 or 4 weeks ago / Warsaw & Tufferoe Cabooceers drank Fetish w
/ Fantees at Fetue. I took t opty privately / ppal people engd / former to Cape Coast
/ latter I knew wd come up beg asked. Some o / Warsaw & Tufferoe Cabooceers came
& all / rest sent the messges. They promised faithfully to me t they wd not go agst
Ammonah, & t if / Ahantahs did they wd send messges to / Cabooceers o t
country to let them know t they not depend upon it, as soon as they left the towns
& villages, t they (/ Warsaws & Tufferoes) wd come down & destroy them. Whr they
will be as good as their promise or not I cant tell, but this I am certain of, if they will
send a threatng & peremptory message to / Ahantahs, they will put a stop to their
march, & it was f t reason I asked / favour o / Warsaws & Tufferoes to send
such a message; at / same time I informed them I did not ask them to put the threats
into exon; nor wd they h done it if I had asked them.

I cd not dismiss such a number o Fantee or Warsaw Cabooceers wtr
giving them some presents. Indeed I was glad to get rid o / former in peace & quietness
f / Ashantee people who I hd in / Castle were so apprehensive o any hrs obliged to
detain them up to / Fantees, t they hd all provided themselves w knives to cut their
throats in case they found they were not to be protected. However we settled matrs
very amicably & parted all good friends.

The Fantees, Warsaws & Tufferoes have renewed Fetish to be friends & allies is
a great disappointmt to / Gen o Elmina, who by endeavouring to prevent t alliance, has
incurred / hatred o all / Fantees.

Thr is not at present any communicn w / Ashantee Country neithr h /
Fantees as yet taken any steps towds / settlg o affairs. In short, they want t
/ Ashantees shd send to them wh wd not only be flattering the pride & vanity
but in t case they wd also hope to gratify their avarice

I don't know whr it is worth while to inform y t Mr Brew has sent
messgrs & also some Ashantee people to / King o Ashantee w proposals to
accomodate matrs betwn him & / Fantees. This affair was brot abt in /
following manr & very manner. Some Fantee Cabooceers were bribed to let these
messgrs & Ashantees pass thro / Fantee country, wh favour was granted
accordgly. But as this journey cd not be kept secret, & as the granting t
permission was in these Cabooceers a treasonable act, when / affair became
to be known at Fetue, / ppal Cabooceers o / Fantee country assembled there,
dispatched people immediately after these messgrs & Ashantees w orders
to bring them back dead or alive. However, as they did not come up w them
they h probably got safe into / Ashantee country, & thr we shall leave them.

I h dispatched Mr Grossle & Mr Trenider, one white carpenter &
a Mulatter overseer to Cape Appolonia where I hope they are safely

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and by this time. I h also sent by one o yr boats all / Cos slaves Artificers & Castle stores wh cd possibly be spared from this, tog w such presents f Ammonah & all / ppal people at Appol. as I cld rely on this occan. It is not only my own opinion but t o wy one in Council / fort yr immediately to be begun upon, but unless a Vessel w / stores indented f in June 1764 is dispatched, & / Capts o HM ships h orders to countenance our proceedgs, it is more than probable / fort will never be finished. At all events I h ordered / Fort to be called as yr direc, tho this may be a piece o presumpn in me, as Your Smiths orders or t head are diffn something diffr from yrs.

I gave Mr Saunders on his setg out f C. Appol. a copy o yr ltr o / 5th Augt [P 22] last & also wrote him a ltr. a copy o wh I once more please to rece. The Winnebah people who were in my possn & wh Messrs Hippisley, Gror Petrie & Grosle wrote I apr in July last, all deserted in my night, & made the escape to Wbah where they were protected by the Fr[ench]. As I hd never them, nor at any time given these people / least ill usage I had no suspicion or knowledge o the design, & indeed my body else, so far as I can find was equally ignorant, Mr Brew only excepted, who it seems is pleased to boast o his superior knowledge in this affair.

How after much trouble difficulty & expence I got some o them agn in & on / place o what are wanting.

As these Wbah people thot proper to run away wt any manner o provocn they h forfeited all right & pretence to favour & indulgce, therefore I am determined to sell them, & Cos slaves they or not to be after such perfidious behaviour. As I kept these people by desire o Messrs Hippisley Petrie & Grosle tho we cd know who it wd be agreeable to if to purchase them, & they h fled under / Guns o one o yr forts, it was / opinion o / Council t / expences incurred on this occan shd be charged to / Publick wh has bn done accordgly, but Mr Petrie who has exerted himself w zeal Spirit & ability, has bn fortunate enough not only to regain my ppty but also to obtain frm / Wbah people, Six pawns, wh if not redeemed will be sold as slaves f / defraymt o yr expences

How[ever] / Wbah people will, I believe, redeem these pawns. In t case / people paid f / redemp[tion] o / Pawns will be made Cos slaves as these are gtly wanted at present, & will be so more & more

I am — &c —
Wm Mutter

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Trade Africa
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Secry to/Co/Cs more Trade to Africa
to Mr Pownall dated July 26,
1766. transmitting
Sevl Letters & Papers relative
to/State o affairs on
/ Coast o Africa
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African Office July 26th 1766

Sir

Pray do me / favour to lay / inclosed Copies o Letters & / Map, before / Right Honble The Lords Commissioners f Trade & Plantations, & you'll much oblige

Sir — &c —
Saml Pownall

Copies
Of a letter fm Mr Wm Mutter, Cape Coast Castle 21st Febry 1766
O a Map o/ Country at & abt Cape Appolonia [The Map is not Here]
O a Letter fm Mr John Hippisley. Cape Coast Castle, March 20th 1766
O The Cession o Cape Appolonia to / British Nation
And / Committee's gen Acct f/ Year 1765 as examined & passed by / Auditor Barron
To John Pownall Esqr.

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Copy
o a Letter fm William
Mutter Esqr. late Governor o
Cape Coast Castle. To /
Committee o/ Comp o
Merchants Trad to
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Copy o a Letter fm Willm Mutter Esqr lately Gov o Cape Coast Castle. to / Committee o/ Comps o Merchants Trad to Africa - Dated
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Gentlemen

Yr Letters o/ 29th o October, 30th o Nov & 4th Dec Past w/ sevl Invoices & Bills o Lading f Goods & Stores shipped on Board / Ruby & King o Prussia, came all safe to hand by Capt Shipherd, & / Recd Mr Quague, his Wife, three Writers, two Surgeons Mates, one Assistant Surveyor, one Carpenter & Twenty Soldiers, by / Albany & King o Prussia, ~~are~~ are all safely landed above a fortnight ago. Mrs Camage beg / only Person dis embarked, & whr She will land or not is doubtfull

We are now as busy as possible in landg / Cargo, abt wh I sh say nothg more at present than t evrythg hitherto sent on Shore seems to be in tollerable good Order.

In my letter o/ 14th Decr last I informed Yo my having some time before in Novr dispatched Messrs Trinder & Grossle to Cape Appolonia in Order to put / Orders contained in Yr letter o/ 1st August last in execn. From t place Mr Grossle returned in January, & I h herewith inclosed Y a Copy o/ letter he then wrote me, togr w a Map o/ Country, drawn by him, & wh will serve to give Y a very clear Idea o Yr new Acquisitns in t Part o/ World.

In Yr letter o 1st August last Y Direct t three Original Instrumts by way o Agreemt betwn / Principal People o Appolonia & us, may be drawn up, & two o them sent Y by Men o War &c/ to remain here. These Instruments are now ready to be sent Y, having bn drawn up here, by Yr Humble Servant; & want o some more able hand, and after having bn read & explaind they h bn Read & Signed by Ammoniah & Abeny, & above forty o/ Principal People at Appolonia. I am sorry I cannot send Y an exact Acct o/ Expence wh we h hitherto bn at, not Knowg what has bn issued by Mr Johnson at Discobe, where / People who were sent t Appolonia, were detained some time by a Leeward Current, not having as yet received any Acct o Mr Trinders Expences; however I apprehend / whole wh has bn delivered here, & at all Yr Places, cannot hitherto exceed £140 or 50 Stg.

The House or rather Hut, wh Ammoniah hd built, was not fit f any human Creature to live in; Mr Trinder was therefore on his Arrival at Appolonia, obliged to begin in buildg a House adjoing to / Spot fixed on f Buildg / Blockhouse, & this House must (by / Accts I h hd) be nearly finished.

Mr Armstrong / Assistant Surveyor informs me, t ale / Doors, Windows & their Frames, w Floors & many other thgs f / Blockhouse at Appolonia are now makg in England & will soon be sent over. I wrote express to Mr Trinder to inform him o this, & also to observe him to Keep all / People he hd got, employed Chiefly in getg Stone, Shells & Wood, as these three Articles must be wanted, what e'r is built or whatr Y send out. Mr Armstrong seems to think t if Mr Trinder has already laid / foundan, & if he was even to raise / Exterior Walls a few feet above / Ground, t it wd be no prejudice to anythg already made wh Y may send fm home; however, as / People at Appolonia can be f some time at least constantly & usefully employed in getg Materials f Buildg ready, I think nothg further to be done till / arrival o Yr Vessell w Stores &c.; But if She is not dispatched soon, / Natives will, I am afraid, be disheartened, & not give t ready assistce wh Y may now h. There is one thg, however, wh I am now perfectly easy in, & this, / Dutch cannot render yr measures at Appolonia Abortive; f Y will see by / Map t / Country is full o Rivers; & only place where an Enemy cd attempt to force a way, is, as Mr Grossle informs me, so well Pallisadoed & Garrisoned by / Natives, t ther is little or no danger o their beg surprised.

I h dispatched Mr Armstrong to Appolonia this day.

In my letter o/ 14th December last I acquainted Y o/ Villanous behaviour o my Winnebah People, who wt / smallest Provocan, or ill usage on my Part, hd all run away, & were at Winnebah protected by their Friends & Relans. Bad as / Negroes are in gen, ther were none o them who did not exclaim agst this ungrateful & Perfidious behaviour o/ Winnebah People (well Knowg what I hd done & what I hd suffered on Acct o their Town) & both Fantees & Akroams readily assisted me in recovrg my People, & do in the Place; & these I h now got, principally owg to / Spirited, as well as Prudent behaviour o Mr Petrie & / hearty

Concurrence o esq are in Council. Tho' it is ye best buy / Exchange, perhaps abt £140 or 50. Y are pleased to offer me / prime Cost o these Slaves; they cost Oz 8. each, wh was / price then given f Men Slaves, they are now Oz. 12. to Whitemen, + t price, was ye to take Yr Goods, ye must pay, as ye intend quitg / Coast. Add to this, ye must either take such an Assortmt as no Man wd Sell me Slaves f, or disbost / Cargo. wh wd be a hardship upon esy one in Yr Service + in either Case a vy parte one to me. Why shd ye lose 50 p. Cent? Is it hec ye advanced my own Money, when the was none belongg to / Publick, to save a Town under one o Yr Forts fm distruction? And yet f / safety o t Town, under went more Fatigue than any Man in Yr Service ever did undergo, having been 19 Months blocked up in / Fort at Winnebah by 6 or 7000 Negroes, + durg t time, frequently wt either Water or Provns, w a miserable Garrison o abt 16 or 20 Men in All, Whites, Blacks + Mulattoes. What Man cd be easy in such a Situan? or who can grudge / enjoymt o a Property so dearly earned? Besides all this, if these Winnebah People were some time ago entituled to Yr favour + Compan, they h now, by the ingratitude rendered themselves unworthy o Yr Notice, + by the Villainy unfit f / Service f wh they were intended.

As ye intend quitg Yr Service on / end o this or / beginng o next Month, ye need not write y any Parte Answers to Yr letters by / Store ship, but leave t as well as / Managemt o all Yr or Affairs, to Mr Hippisley. Y will give me leave therefore, Gentlemen, to return Y my most hearty + sincere thanks f all Yr favours, + ye shall always esteem it an honour + a vy parte happiness to convince Y by any Services o mine o / gte regard ye h f so respectable a Board, + beg y will be persuaded t in soyth relative to Yr Affairs ye h acted to / best o my Abilities, + when ye h fallen short o Yr Expectans, or thro misconduct lost Yr Approbn, it is not to design, nor to carelessness, but to / warnh o Capacity + not knowg better, Y ot to impute ifsuch Errors

I am — &c —

(signed) Wm Mutter.

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o a Letter fm John
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To / Committee o /
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Cape Coast Castle 20th March 1766

Gentlemen In this first letter o mine, after taky / Direcn in this Country, I wish I cd be more clear in my Acct o / Situan o Yr affairs than / time I h fm here, + / unavoidable hurry attendg a Change will allow. When I arrived / latter end o last Month, / Cargo o / King o Prussia was not much more than half landed; nor whilst I am writg (/ 12th) is t work quite finished. The Attendce on / Warehouse &c upon such an Occn requires / great part o a Mans time; + as

almost ev'y Face was new & Name unknown to me thro' / whole Fort, having never Stirred fm Accra since my Arrival there, I found no small embarrasym't for some time where to give Orders, tho' none in geng them executed.

Mr Mutter's Resolu'n o / leaving quitg was pretty Sudden, at least there appeared no Certainty o / Resignam taking place till within a Fortnight o beg executed, an Accident in his private affairs having rendered it a very likely matter t he wd continue still a twelvemonth upon / Coast. This prevented me concludg my own business when I left Accra in such a Manner as wd preclude me fm / ye Trouble unavoidably joined to an unsettled State o Affairs when a Man quits a place (in this Country partly) f good & all. Add to all this, t an Order to write clearly, a Man shd be master o / Correspondce betwn Yo / Coast, f a Couple o Years at least. This, on Acct o / above mentioned obstacons has bn impossible. I h only bn able to run over what I shd h studied. This Study will not be wanted after / Store Ship is gone; & I trust Gentlemen my future letters will be more Satisfactory.

With regard to Cape Appolonia, there seems to be no difficulty what'r (exclusive o / Stone beg at a very inconvenient distce) except / Impatice o Ammoniah at seeg / Work still suspended, & no Store Ship arrived. An Impatice t now amts to a Suspicion t nothg will be done. He says he wants to see a Hole dug, meang a place f / foundan. In this partic he will h bn Satisfied some time since, & / Wall will h bn raised to some Heighth, had not / News come o Frames, Floors, Windows &c &c beg prepared in England; This induced Mr Mutter to Order Mr Trinder to employ ye Slaves & Ammoniah People in collectg Stones Shells & Wood. Mr Armstrong indeed, as I am informed, seemed to think t / foundans wt be laid & / Walls raised a few feet high wt any prejudice to / already prepared Materials comg, but this, however, is very far fm clear, nor do I wonder at Mr Mutter's Orders to suspend / Work. If indeed Mr Armstrong had brot out an exact Plan o what was to be done in England, we shd h known as exactly what we mt venture to sett abt upon / Coast; but to build / Compleat exterior Walls wt Knowg / Size o / finished Structure to be put into them, is an absurdity wh Answers itself. Still are they not idle, f / preparatory business o collectg materials is full employm't. Not however to devise Ammoniah ont o Patice something more shd be done. It appears to me t / dilatoriness wh Mr Trinder Complains o in t Cabocers People in bringg Stone &c &c, & wh by exposTulan has in some degree bn got / better o, arises entirely fm his seeg no Ship appear & nothg begun. I h therefore Ordered Mr Trinder to lay / foundan one Side at least, & to carry up / Walls to some heighth, still wt closg anything; & in gen to contrive t there sh be no embarrasym't in adjustg / prepared Structure at home w what is built by him. I doubt not but in concert w Mr Armstrong this may be done. Certain I am, it will Satisfy Ammoniah, &, in Consequce, t his alacrity in procurg Stone & Lime Shells will be so much / more, t even if it is found necessary, at / Arrival o / Store Ship to pull down what has bn done, there will be such an increased Quantity o Materials, t, upon / whole no time will be lost.

We look ev'y day f this Storeship. If will give me / bitterest Concern if her arrival is protracted Six Weeks longer; / Rainy Season will then set in, & / Surf become so bad t I question if there will be a possibility o landg anything. This I believe Mr Mutter has already mentioned to Y., & is indeed a Matter o ev'y serious Consequce, to land Stores w any safety a Ship shd not arrive a Week later than Christmas, & if she came a fortnight sooner it wd be so much / better. Two o / Original Instrumts of Cession o Cape Appolonia sh accordg to Yr Direcn be sent by / first Ships o War.

Tho / Alterans & Repairs made in this Castle were not under my Direcn, I am glad they meet Yr Approbn. Still there remains an infinite deal to do. The Southern Courtin & Bastion beg down, & only a Temporary Wall built. / Castle is in a manner open, & / business o shutg / Gates at Night is in Consequce no better than a Matter o Custom & Ceremony. So I

found thgs. My most earnest endeavours sh be used to get this necessary Work done, a Work essential to / ry existce o/ Fort. Still I am afraid it cannot be begun till after / Rains, for there remains a Powder Magazine to be roofed & Covered. Cape Appolonia has taken away / better part o our Bricklayers & Carpenters. Even Slave Labourers are ry Scarce, & free ones not to be got in this Town, a Town as idle & selfish, & as Saucy as any upon / Gold Coast. This leads me to repeat what my predecessors h often & often writ Y: extreme want o Slave Artificers, Labourers & Canoemen. I need not repeat what I h sd concerng / two first, & am sorry to tell Y: t o/ Last, tho' are but three to Work upon / Store Ship. Old Age, Infirmities, & Death h within these two or three Years, deprived Y: o/ few Y: hd, & a Recruit became so absolutely necessary in a place where free Canoemen are not to be hd but by downright Fighg, & sometimes severe now then, t/ Communicatn by Sea fm this to Y: Forts, & / Circulatn o Supplies seemed to be at a total Stop. In this Situatn Y: Orders in / Postscript o Y: letter o/ 30th Oct: to purchase / Winnebah People, was in / highest degree acceptable. True it is, since Mr Petrie, Mr Grossel & myself Writg Y: these People run away, & Mr Mutter upon t Occasn, moved by a resentment ry Natural, where his Spirits hd bn put into such an Agitatn fm so great a loss impendg, writ Y: they no longer deserved Y: favour, & t he wd send them all off Coast. But there is a wide Difce betwn / Circumstces attendg this Situatn now, & / time when they took the Flight. They hd then only / Hopes o beg bot by Y: Hopes were all we cd give them, as a downright Promise wd h entangled us in a ry dangerous Manner. Mr Mutter they knew was preparg to leave / Coast, & they, as well as we, thot it wd be before / Arrival o Y: Storeship, & t was / Soonest Conveyce by wh we cd h an Answer to our letters, we told them we hd wrote Y:. In / Meantime Capt: Gray, who / Voyage before, to the Knowledge, hd offered £25 Stg. a head f them, arrived. Preparatns were made f Mr Mutter's shipg Slaves in this Vessell; & / Winnebah People saw few or none in / Castle. They then began to conclude themselves / Devoted Objects, & this Suspicion was no doubt increased by the Friendly ct Winnebah, who, connected to them by ry tie o nature, cd not, wt agony, behold / Apparent imminent danger o losg them f ever. The difce now is immense. We acad them Y: Resolves; They see we pay / finest Slaves f them; They know (likely as they are) t we can be no gainers by / Barter; We assure them in / most Solemn Manner, they are, f the lives upon / footg o Y: d: Slaves; We give each o them a Note f / usual Monthly Pay. The Ceremony passes before / Caboceers o/ Place. We put them out o Irons & turn them to Work. Influenced by these Reasons, we h unanimously in Council determined to purchase them in Y: Acct & Mr Petrie & Y: hble Servant gave Mr Mutter Slaves f / whole Amt (Slave f Slave) to Wit 46.

Ther were near Seventy before, but in / Interval since our Writg, a good Number h bn redeemed by / Blacks fm Mr Mutter. What we h got are all prime Canoemen & some Bricklayers.

As regard to / Price we h received out o/ Warehouse, I must refer y to Mr Mutter's paragraph upon t Subject in his last letter. We gave prime Men Slaves for these Men we cd h Sold to / Shipg f Twelve Ounces a head. I hd however just before purchased Mr Mutter's demand upon Y: to be paid at / rate o £30 Pounds a head Committees price in Slaves, one third o wh was to h bn Women, thus as / Difce in / Price o Men & Women is upon an Average, as ten is to 8, made / Price o Men £32-3, & Women £25.14. When I made / bargain wt Mr Mutter I hd not bn ry exact in my Calculatns; but upon Lookg over Y: last Cargo & Castg up / Trade Price, I find t 32.3 is no more than Oz.10:12 ac. tho' I attended to this before I shd never h taken Mr Mutter's Debt as I was manifestly a loser. My Slaves wd h Sold f Oz 1:4 ac p head more. Hang however accepted / above price fm him, I cd not, what was my mistake, make Y pay more. As regard to / assortmt / Accountant made it out to us / Demands o Y: d: Officers in an exact Proportn o/ whole Cargo.

I sh take care to countenance our Ships according to Yr Directn, in using any justifiable means in sending / French or ot Foreigners from Annamaboe Road. The is at this time a French Ship anchored a little to Windward o t Place, at wh however / English Commanders seem to h taken no umbrage, her Cargo beg, I believe, such t she can do no harm to / Trade; & they buy three or four Slaves a day. When I came here I found Mr Mutter had given / Captain permision to take Water; but as / Ponds appeared more than half Dry, I writ / Frenchman I cd not, in Justice to my own Man, let him continue taking Water, & t he must go to Annissah to compleat it. His Answer was after enumerating his distresses, t he wanted but thirty Casks more, & hoped t for such a trifle I wd not put him to / Inconvenice & Expence o going to Annissah. to this I cd not, I thot, consistent w Humanity, but agree.

The People o Tantum querry do not molest Mr Cockburn abt / Man o this carried away upon his Acct, but doubtless they will when they find he is quitting / Fort for good & all. He is not much inclined even to leave / Place for a time, nor is it consistent w Prudence t he shd as / People wd perhaps, as they h done before to ye Chiefs, take t Oppy o having / Business settled upon their own Terms, by refusing to let him Land. For this Reason I did not summon him to / Council.

Yr Censures, Gentlemen, o our Proceedgs in / Act o Council of / 23rd February 1765 sh h its due Weight. Mr Lacey is already, as Y Know, Accomt, & Mr Johnson continues Chief o Discove. This last Gentleman has, whilst I was writg this Letter, hm w me to desire to know "whr he has any thg more to expect in / Service"; a close Quesn & wh I hd no Right to answer. I therefore referred him to Y, & assured him t what was Ordered in his favour shd be punctually obeyed. If it is insisted upon t Explanation sh be given why he is not put into Winnebah Fort, wh I believe he wants to be appointed to, they sh not (by perhaps a blameable Delicacy wh hitherto has Operated w us in regard to Mr Johnson's Friends) be any longer withheld

Yr Orders at all times, sh be punctually & readily obeyed; but tile these Orders come, I sh act by / best lights I h; nor sh I, in / distribun o Forts h any regard than / good o Yr Service. Some places require a Chief w Talents o a parte Kind, when these are wanting, it is not an Ancienter Date on a Warrant sh influce me, & I sh in such a Case, wt Ballancg, let Merit supersede Seniority.

I come now, Gentlemen, to Yr Orders following immediately after Yr Rebukes, for our Act o Council, - Orders wh Y insist sh be exactly Obeyed. They are, t Mr Trinder sh h / usual Salary o Chief. To wh I can only say t I am positive, if Mr Trinder is informed o this, t he will directly Quit / Service; & as there is no gt dependce upon / life o a Man newly come fm England, as is Mr Armstrong, - Yr intended Settlemt at Appolonia will probably never take place. I dare not fly in / face o Yr Positive Commands, & I wd not risque / loss o Yr new acquired Settlemt. Tied down & devoted to obedice I wd also prevent a Casualty wh must give Y more uneasiness than my not executg these Orders cod raise Yr indignan. In this Dilemma I must Venture to take t part o / alternative t is likely to produce / least harm. Mr Trinder, till I hear fm Y, sh receive at / Rate o two hundred pounds a Year, & if Y do not then think proper to reverse Yr present Orders & confirm t Salary to him, I am willg to pay / Diffce myself. little as I can afford to do this, I wd not endanger / loss o Appolonia, for a still gter Sum, & I am persuaded, if Y Knew / State o / Case, as I h represented it, Y wd not hesitate a Moment. The does not appear any Species o Arrogce in a Mans expecg a Rise in some degree Equal to his Labours. Evy Chief has an hundred a Year; but what is / Trouble o one Chief compared to t o Mr Trinder. His

Service is hard, & Surely his Pay ought in some degree to be adequate to his Trouble. The Appointm[t] of Mr Appleby, who was not half so diligent as Mr Trinder, & Bad as Annamaboe is, did not mean so disagreeable place to reside in, amounted to five times Two hundred a Year. Add, if Y pleases Gentlemen, to all this, t upon / Estimate of / Charge of Appolonia, wh Mr Mutter sent Y. Mr Trinders Salary is sett down at £200 p Year. Now, as Y never made mention of any diminution of t Sum, when, by Yr letter of / 15th of Augt 1765 Y ordered Mr Trinder up, / Presumption was, t Y did no objection to it, & in Consequence Mr Mutter made no hesitation in giving it him. As to / Advantages derived from Trade, they are in a Manner quite out of / Question. Mr Trinder has just Sold three pieces of Goods since his arrival, now is it all at all likely t his Trade shd mend, whilst he has so many Boats belong[g] to / Shipp[g] constantly at Appolonia.

With regard to / unhealthy nurs of Annamaboe, I think I need say nothing after what Mr Mutter has wrote Y at lge, wh doubtless by this time Y h received. I sh, as much as / Case will admit, procure some Accomodat[ns] & make such Reparat[ns] at t Fort, as sh be thot eligible to promote / Health & conveniency of / Garrison; but after what I h said of / Condition of / Southern side of Cape Coast Castle, I flatter myself Y will not think it Amiss, if I postpone every[g] to t most necessary & absolutely essential piece of Work. The day Book of Annamaboe will inform Y of / Garrison, Slaves &c[a] at t Place & / Expence attend[g] their maintence

Succondee is still in a most miserable Condition. Mr Trinder made a little Alteration just in / interior & dwell[g] Part of / Fort, wh afforded some additional Convenience to / Chief, but / outer Works are in a Worse Condition than ever, as must be / Case where things h many Years ago gone so far t Reparation was then totally out of / Question, & certainly must be now.

Yr Orders relative to Mr Descaymes's Agent sh be observed; as also Yr Directions concern[g] / Salaries of Mr Armstrong & Mr Holmes, & / Deduction on / Pay of / latter. Stephen Fielding Fielding sh h every encouragement if he behaves in / manner his Friends at home give reason to expect.

Mr Quaque & his Wife sh want for no Convenience t can be procured in this Castle. They h been put in possession of ~~the~~ two of / most Convenient Rooms, & I believe are as Satisfied as they can reasonably expect in a Country so dreadfull for a White Woman. Mr Quaque has read Prayers & Preached / two Sundays I h been here, & I hope may work very good End for wh Y & / respectable Society h sent him out. Let me venture to say, Gentlemen, t £60 a Year is by [no] means a Stipend equal to / expence he must be at, even were he a Single Man, how unequal then when he has a Wife. The £13 a Year Addition upon her Acct is very little in a place where, upon an Average, / Necessaries of life are double / Price Y pay in London. If a White Woman is to be encouraged to reside in this Country, £13 a Year is not / Sixth Part of / requisite Sum to Keep Her from Starving. But I wish from my heart t this may be / last Woman of t Complection I sh see here. So many are / Shocking Circumst[ces] attend[g] / Residence of an European Female, if of Reputation, she ought to prefer / most indigent Means in her own Country; & if an Adventuress, besides / ill Idea formed from her by / Blacks, of our Country Women at home, (a Matter of some Consequence, & in some degree connected with / Idea t ought to be cherished of our Nation) She becomes / theme of Dispute, / cause of Idleness, & a Spring of diverse amongst Yr Officers. Discourage them. Let me intreat Y Gentlemen, t / com[g] of White

Women to this Country. It may be sd. t there is no separating Man & Wife when disposed to keep togr; But if a Married Man shd hereafter come out in Yrs Service, & cannot get / better o this Weakness, let him remember his Sensibility will be no excuse for what may happen, as t very Sensibility shd be a most decisive reason for leaving his Wife behind him.

I come now to our Act o/ first o this month. The first Article it becomes me to say nothg abt; & it is my future conduct in / Stan Yr hr bn pleased to honour me wt, t must speak for me. In / meantime my Sincerest & most respectfull thanks are due, & hrby, Gentlemen, I take / liberty to present Yr.

The Vice Presidency fell naturally, accordg to Seniority, to Mr Petrie, a Circumstce t gave me gr Satisfacn; for if Seniority cd not Justice be broke thro' it shd be in consequce o such Merit as Mr Petrie's: A Merit not barely confined to / Ordinary Transacns o Private life, in wh he is irreproachable, but such as make him an able Officer for executg any Publick Business. Yr, as I hope & take / liberty to recommend, he is confirmd in this Stan. I shd experience / more pleasure in puttg in execn any Plan o Yrs, knowg t if any Accident shd call me away, it will be so ably finished by him

Mr Mill is appointed Chief o Winnebah as / most fit by his abilities & Temper to rule so turbulent a People. T Place requires a Chief at once resolute & good humoured. Mr Mill is happy in both these Qualities, & I doubt not but he will acquit himself in such a Manner as to merit yr Approbn; & I hope, as / prospect before him is not very diverting, indeed rather / Contrary, & his Trouble will (in all likelyhood) be gter than t o any Chief, t, as a Douceur, y will think him worthy to fill / first Vacancy in Council.

Mr Drew, who is / oldest Factor & agst whom no objecn can be made, is appointed Chief o Succondee, & I doubt not will use his best endeavours to merit Yr Approbn. Mr Johnston, Factor at this place, will, I hope, acquit himself also to yr liking as Second o Annamaboe, at least his Conduct as far as I h learnt, does not give room to Suspect anythg to / Contrary

Mr Dalziel, Surgeon o Annamaboe, is appointed for Pram Pram, & having gained / good will o every one where he has bn, I doubt not but he will do / Same where he is gog. As a very deservg Man, I must beg leave to recommend him. The place o Secretary has bn conferred on Mr Williams, a Stranger to me, as is also Mr Cahuac, who hd acted before as deputy Secretary. The former hd a gr Superiority o Recommendn, & he is therefore appointed; nor indeed wod / Knowledge Mr Cahuac has o / French Tongue (wh is but moderate) h made / ballce on his Side, as I am myself sufficiently versed to write immediately in t language & when this can be done no Man will chuse to go / round abt way o first Writg in English & getg his letter Translated; for even if it is (what they call) well done, it wd never be so Clear, nor h / originality o one produced by a Man who (when / Occan requires) has it in his power to write, as well as think, in French.

The Promotg Messrs Marshall, Dyree, Allen, Williamson & Main to / Stan o Factors at £30 p Annm is what always has, & indeed always must be done; t Sum will barely keep them from real want o Necessaries, & £60 a Year they wd Starve wt. It never was enough, but is now less than ever, for by / increase o /

African Trade, luxury has risen to such a pitch amg / Negroes, & / Price o Rum in my remembrce, is raised at least forty P Ct. Tho' it is thr is now a free liberty o Trade, but thos, to such Merchants, whose whole Stock, Capital & finances joined, can't amt to only £80 a Year, Committees price, will signify little. Indeed this Trade is in a Manner thr Ruin. Amg such a Number o Competitors, thr will unavoidably (tho' as Secretly as possible) be some degree o bidg upon one anor, & / Trade will Suffer & / Young Trader be undone. The Negroe Dealers carry it w a high hand, in a place where if they are not satisfied in one Room they can go into anor, & so on, thro / whole Castle. This is / Course a good part o / Day, & / Rage o Trade must often leave Yr Accountants Office a desert. Sy lately a lot o Slaves came to this Castle, dispatched Secretly (by / intervenn o some Black Traders) by / Commanders at Annamaboe, partly to get rid, if possible, o what they expected wd turn to Nothg in / West Indies, & partly to see what sort o Assortmts, & encouragemt were given by our Sucbg Commercaints. The Slaves were greedily bot; but when offered to Sale to / Sy Captains who hd sent them, Y may easily guess / ridicule t arose, & loss t accrued to / unfortunate Purchasers. I ventured, Gentlemen, to tell Y this, to shew how little Yr inferior Officers are benefitted by Trade — a Trade however immensely hurtfull to those who do not want to trade f Trade's sake.

I am glad to inform Y t by Mr Lacey's Personal Assiduity & Knowledge o his business, / Books are brg up very forward; they are now Ballancg to / end o June, & I doubt not but in / Course o / Year, we sh b them still forwarder. Whilst I am mentiong Mr Lacey, whose good nature, so far as I see & b Learnt, is equal to his Diligce. I am sorry to complain o / behaviour o Mr Cahuac, Whilst I was writg this letter I hd (as usual on Sunday) desired Mr Lacey to give Notice amg / Gentlemen o his Office, t ther wd be Prayers at ½ Past Eleven. Evy one but Mr Cahuac (& wilfully I am sure) observed / Summons, but he thot proper to write a Note to Mr Lacey as follows.

"Mr Lacey, Ye Boy acquaintg me I must go to Chapel (I presume) was by "Mrs Hippisley's Desire. Suffice, I don't chuse to attend to hear any Black Man "whatso". I am Yrs in haste. F Cahuac."

When I spoke to Mr Cahuac abt this, he pretended to explain / Meang o this Note away. Asserted t he hd only understood t I hd ordered Mr Lacey to signify t thr wd be Prayers, but wt knowg t thr was any positive Injunctn f Attendce. This, I observed, was a distinctn wt a diffce; for a Notice t thr wd be Prayers naturally implied a Desire o Attendce, & I apprehended was more genteel than if I hd sent an Order. He sd if he was Ordered he wd Obey, Muttered Something abt Compulsion & was gog away when I endeavoured to represent to him / impropriety o his behaviour, in writg t even upon / presumpn o its beg my desire, t he notwg wd not Attend; & as to / Colour o / Preachers Complection, none but / most illiberal cd make objectn to t, as, under any Colour, Piety & Good Sence mt inhabit, & t we ot to Suppose this was / Case in / Person in Quesn as a most disinterested Society, & Sy Attention in Matters relative to thr Missionaries, hd recommended him. I & Sy one else attended w Pleasure, & a good example was necessary in a Case wh / Commee hd directly informed us was designed to make Converts amg / Natives; Finally, t if he was insensible o / Delicacy o a hint I wd see how he wd digest an Order, wh I insisted shd be exactly complied w. After this he wrote a Sy impertinent letter to Mr Lacey, such as tended to shew he hd flung off all Notn o Subordinatn to t Gentleman, & I am sorry to say fur, t from Certain Authority I am informed he takes pains, & has f some time, to sow a spirit o Disobedce thro / Fort a Circumstce o gt Moment; considerg t Sy one o / Clerks in Mr Lacey's Office are Young Men, & may prove too susceptible o bad impressns from Consequce o Offences o such a Dangerous tendency. I b taken from him / place o Deputy Secretary, Viz £20 a Year, & sh make no manner o Scruple, if he Continues refractory, to call a Council & dismiss him Yr Service.

The Trade has bn such for some time past as threatens ruy Merchants this Year wd a very bad Voyage. The Price Openly given for Blacks at this time by / Shipps is Ten Ounces for men. This added to / Contingent Charges fm Presents, House Custom, liquor, Cloths &c. make a Man Slave come to two or Twenty Pounds Stg each, at least. This, tho a most enormous Price, wd be in some degree supportable, if / time also was not so lengthened by / gr scarcity of Slaves. They h all hd a tedious time indeed. Capt Miller who sailed fm Bristol in August 1764 is more barely done, & will not, I believe, be ready this Fortnight. W no bad Cargo, w Abilities for / Trade, my well beloved by / Natives, & respected by / White Residents upon / Coast, he has not bn able to succeed, where by an almost Constant Scarcity of Slaves his Talents cd h no Room to be put in Acn

17th present ther is in this & Annamaboe Road

The Soree	—	Owen	
Sampson	—	Johnson	
Richmond	—	Richmond	
Sally		Gullam	} There Three full.
Black Prince	—	Miller	
Cerberus	—	Kendall	

The State of Affairs amg / inland Natives, is as Mr Mutter wrote by Capt. The Ashantee King however meditates an Invasn of / Sea Coast. The Oldest Counsellors endeavour to divert him fm his design, but / Young ones are all fir; & as is usual in gr Affairs of State, t Woman must h something to do, this Princes Mother urges him w all / force of Female Eloquence, to War, & Vows if he neglects her exhortns, t she will herself call / Ashantee Hands to Arms, put herself at their Head, & in an irruption upon / perfidious Fantees, shew them what the Sovereign himself ought to h done.

In / meantime / Akims are an undone Nation or rather they make a part of / Ashantees. I h seen them down at Accra for three or four Months past, & / Powder they bot was professedly for the new Masters

To guard agst / Danger arisg fm / passage beg now clear for / Ashantees by / Conquest of / Akims, / Fantees h entered into an allie Offensive & Defensive w / Warsaws & Tufferoes, to wh Annamaboe has acceded, wh is likely enough not to be broke as / very Existence of those States depend upon its maintence. Ther is much to be said upon / this Subject & sh on future Occasns

In / Indent for Stores I h mentioned some things for / Hall, wh it wants exceedgly. The two Smaller Glasses sent by / Ruby, are much too small for so lge a Room, & may suit well enough for / two Chambers. A Clock is very necessary, & a Telescope ther has always bn, but / Old one is worn out. I beg it may be of / Reflectg Kind, & not at a less price than I h set down. Taken / liberty to set down. The Prints are necessary for / Hall wh at present looks too much like / inside of a Barn. I trust / Prints will be of / Largest Size & most elegant Kind. Small ones will not do for so lge & lofty a Room, & pattry ones I am sure I wd not h in a place / good Appearce of wh is of no small Moment to / Idea t shd be formed in this Country of our Nation. Some Sort of Lamps are also necessary, tho two Lustres wd be best, & I believe ther is a Cheap Sort (for / time cut Glass used, as they must be lge, be too dear) t wd do vy well enough.

Whilst I was writg this Letter Twelve of Captain Richmonds People at Annamaboe rose upon him, & taking his Boat went away. I received an express abt this not till five days after it hd happened, nor I believe to its not beg known till then what course / Pirates hd Steered. The Captains then fitted out two Boats for / Expedition, but not having men enough I was requested to spare eight or ten of my Soldiers, & as they imagined these Boats (at one of them at least) wd be at Succondee ready for them, I despatched Ten Men Armed & Victualled, / morng of / Day I received / Express, to Succondee by a Canoe.

I hd before writ an express to / Windward Forts. apprisg them o these Pirates (wh at t time I hd heard were in Number Seventeen) & desirg they wd spread / Alarm & take my Method o securg them. after this (to writ when I sent away / Soldiers) I writ to Mr Mill at Succondee to look out f / Ships Boat & immediately put / Soldiers on Board. This letter (as at t time Mr Mill was I apprehended settg out f Cape Coast, in his way to Winnebah where he was much wanted) I directed to be opened by / Sergeant in his absce. The Sergeant receiued / letter & / Soldiers, Mr Mill beg sett out; & soon after a Boat appeared (beg / my one / Ships hd despatched) in wh / Sergeant counted just Seventeen People The Number answerg t we hd heard (tho' erroniously) o / Pirates, / Sergeant concluded it was them, especially as / build o / Boat answered exactly to / descripn he hd heard o it. Had he opened my letter wh was as plainly directed to him as to Mr Mills, he wd h made no Mistake. but neglectg to do this, or, most likely, in his hurry not remarkg more than / address to Mr Mills, he returned it to Cape Coast unopened. He put his People under Arms, mustered all / Towns People, went off & secured / Boat, Brot / People & / Mate on Shore & confined them in / Fort. Thus by a most egregious & perverse Blunder / Expedin was ruined, an Expedin wh, as the was then a Windward Current & fine Land Wind, wd soon, I think, h ben brot to a happy conclun Notwt. standg however, / failg in this, I was still hopefull / News wd get up as high as Cape Appolonia. I hd immediately on / first Alarm writ to / Dutch Gen to send Expresses to Axim & to spread / News up / Coast. Thus I hd / more Reason to think he wd do w / utmost Alacrity, as he hd Actually then a Sloop o his own, w a very Valuable Cargo trading at Cape Appolonia or Assinee. He promised to do all in his Power. But not to trust entirely to this Channel, I sent an express, to be forwarded in a three hand Canoe fm Duccise, & and by land, fm there to Mr Tavinder. I must confess I hd very little hopes o either o these. for / Express by land was to go thro an Enemies Country, & t by Sea was Subjected to be stopped by a Strong Sea Breeze, wh at t time Blew very fresh. We have since heard t by Sea Sett out. No news o / land one. Captain Johnstons Boat, wh we heard / Pirates were looking out f, has (I just now heard) ben taken & all her Lading o Goods & thirty five Ounces o Gold. I do not hear wht is / Boat was taken but Suppose at Assinee or Appolonia. I am sorry f this Accident an Accident wh I & Yr Ist Officers took my Possible Method to prevent, but indeed we were informed o it too late. I set in / beginng o this Paragraph, five days, but I believe it was a Week. As to / Blunder o / Succondee Sergeant, tho it was a mortifyg one, her certainly deid f / best, tho his not readg / whole o my directn was a very blameable piece o inattenn.

Certificates o Damages & Defraemies inclosed . . .

The Wine brot by / King o Prussia . . . health in a gt measure depends upon / goodness o / Wine they [Yr officers were to] drink.

– Furniture f / Hall o / Castle – . . .

I h accordg to Yr Orders given Cudjoe at Accra One hundred Pounds (Commercial Price) o Goods not amtg to four Slaves worth (as my men) but wh he receives w / humblest thanks & indeed no Black Man in Yr Service ever deserved Yr Notice more. His long experice & Natural good understandg are upon all Occasns o gt Service in / Concerns o our Nation at Accra. & / Virtues o his heart wd do honour to an European.

. . . . . I am – &c –

(Signed) John Hippisley

Endorsed Copy
of a Cession
Cape Appolonia
to
British Nation

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We Abuy and Ammoniah Brothers & Sovereigns of Country called Appolonia, extendg fm Cape Appolonia, thirty Seven Miles to / Eastward as far as / River Cobre or Ancober, & abt thirteen Miles to / Westward of / sd Cape, & fourteen or Sixteen Miles Inland, And We / principal Caboceers & People the Subjects, having taken into our Considera[tion], / bad Consequences arisg fm a War, wh / Dutch, wt / Smallest Provoca[tion] on our Part, h ys / greatest Injustice carried on agst us, & We beg firmly convinced of / Intent[ion] of that Nation if the Force was Sufficient for ye Purpose, either to Conquer us, for / Sake of Monopolizing our Trade, or to drive us fm / Country wh We & our Ancestors have possessed.

And whereas We have lived both before / Commencement of this War, & durg its Continuce, in / Strictest Amity & Friendship w / English, & upon all Occasions Experienced the Justice in Trade, the good Will towards us, & Assistce agst our Enemies, for these Reasons, we have upon Sundry Occasions by our Messengers, deputed to / Governor of Cape Coast Castle for ye purpose, invited / English to Erect a Fort, in any Part of our Country, wh they Judge most proper for ye purpose.

And whereas Mr John Grossle, member of / Council of Cape Coast Castle & Mr Thomas Trinder, Chief of Succondee, having come hither properly authorised by / Governor & Council at Cape Coast, in Consequce of Orders received fm / Committee of Merchants trading to Africa. We the aforesaid Abuy & Ammoniah, Sovereigns of Appolonia, w / Advice & free Consent of our principal Caboceers & People, do in / most Solemn & authentic manner, pass & enact / following Laws in / presence of / above mentioned Gentlemen.

In / first place then, We do hereby resolve & Ordain, that it shall not be lawfull for us to permit / Subjects of any European Power whatso[ever] (/ English excepted) to settle, either by Erecting Forts or otherwise, in any District or Territory fifty Miles to / Westward of / sd River Cobre.

And it is hereby enacted & required of all our Subjects & Slaves, that they shall to / utmost of their Power, & by open Force if Necessary prevent any such Settlements being made.

Be it also Known to all / Inhabitants of Appolonia, & all / People under our Obedience that We / aforesaid Sovereigns & Caboceers, do hereby Cede to / British Nation, and at / same time to cutt off all manner of Claim & Pretensions of any other European Nation, our Territory called Appolonia, extendg fifty Miles Westward of sd River Cobre or Ancober, for them to build Forts, Block-houses, Houses or Warehouses of what Kind & upon what spot they shall Choose.

Be it also enacted by / Authority aforesd that abt ten Acres of Ground shall be allotted for a Garden, in any Spott where no Town or Village is at present standg, & neither for that Ground, nor any other where Forts or Houses et cetera may be erected, shall Rent of any Kind be required.

Be it also Known to all / Inhabitants of Appolonia, that We / aforesd Sovereigns & Caboceers, being desirous of cultivatg / Strictest Friendship w / English Nation, do hereby resolve & enact that it shall not for / future be lawfull for any of our Subjects, & Slaves, to sell any Slaves, Gold, or Ivory to any European Nation whatever (Except / English) w this proviso, that whereas we cannot be supplied w Portuguese Tobacco at all times by / English, it shall be lawfull at such, & no other Times, to purchase Tobacco fm / Portuguese.

Be it also enacted & it is hereby resolved & agreed upon, by We aforesd Sovereigns & Caboceers, sh furnish forty Men & Twenty Women, Labourers, for three Years; Men at four Ackies, & Women at two Ackies in Trade Price p Month, to be employed durg ye time in carryg Stone, Sand, makg or mixg Mortar, cutg & haulg Timber fm / Bush &c. for more quick & expeditious buildg of / Fort at Appolonia.

Be it also Known & agreed by / Authority aforesd by We do hereby engage to brg to / sd Spot were / Fort is to be erected, as many Oyster Shells & other Kind of Shells, fit for makg lime as sh be wanted, at / rate of one Ackie Trade price for each Hogshead, heaped & Suagg One hundred Gallons, also to deliver at / Same Spot a Sufficient Quantity of Wood, for burng / Shells into Lime at 1 Ackie p hundred Billets.

We / Sovereigns & Caboceers who h hereunto set our marks do hereby declare these Laws to be Constitutional, & h agreeable to / Wonted Forms of our Ancestors taken Fetish in / most Solemn manner, for / exact & due performance of ev'ything mentioned therein, & to give / gtr Satisfaction & Security of our Sincere Intentions. We h taken an Oath on / Bible to keep these Laws Sacred & Inviolable, & do in / presence of Messrs John Prossle & Thos Trinder above-mentioned swear Allegice & Fidelity to / English Nation denouncg a Curse upon Ourselves or any of our Posterity, who sh attempt either directly or indirectly to break thro' any part of Our Engagements or Laws abovementioned.

Dated this Twenty fifth Day of December at Appolonia in / Fifth Year of / Reign of our Sovereign Lord George / third by / Grace of God King of Gt Britain &c. in / Year of our Lord One thousand, seven Hundred & Sixty five.

Signed in / presce of
John Prossle
Thos Trinder

wt / marks of Aby & Ammoniah & Forty four more of / principal People of Appolonia

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Endorsed

Anno 1766.

The Acct of / Committee of / Co of Merchants trading to Africa distinguishg ev'y Article of Expence under its proper Title

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Anno 1765

An Acct of / Money received & expended by / Committee of / Co of Merchants trading to Africa for / Support & improvemt of / Forts & Settlemts upon / sd Coast. The Committee consistg of / following Gentlemen, William Bowden, Henry Douglas, Charles Bell, Joseph Champion, Samuel Smith, Vincent Bascoe, Edward Lewis, Thomas Gildart & Christopher Chambers, Esquires

	£	£	
Received fm / Committee £1764 Balle of last Year's Acct			
By Warrant fm / Treasury, in Exchequer Bills	20.000		965 14 3
Deductg / following Fees, Viz:			
At / Treasury, Sign Manual Stamps & Fees £8.8.-			
Mr Palmer £2.2.0; Deskkeeper £1.1.0; Messenger £1.1.0 4.4			
At / Exchequer, Four Tellers £300; Auditor £125;			
Clerk of / Pells £45.4.-; Auditors Clerks £5.5.0 505 12	518 4		
	£19.481 16		
Interest & Premium on £20,000 Exchequer Bills, Deductg Brokerage	48 19		
	£19.530 15		
Whereof / Net Produce of £13,000, F Cape Coast Castle is			12604 19 9
Discount on Notes bot of Samel Towers of £7000 F Cape Appolonia is			6835 15 3
Debentures on Cleared & Muscavado Sugar, Rice, Sallad Oil & Linseed Oil, Spices, Raisins & Currants, Refined Sugar, Sail Cloth, wheat meal, Gunpowder & Irish Linen			1 17 3
F / Freedoms of three persons at Bristol & 96 Ditto at London			149 11
			198 -
		£	20835 7 5

Anno 1766.

An Acct o/ Expenditure in Goods Stores & Passengers o/ Money received by / Committee o/ Co o Merchants trading to Africa, & / Support & Improvement o/ Forts & Settlemts upon / Sd Coast distinguishg what has been shipped & Forts deliver'd in / Rivers Senegal, & Cape Appolonia & F Cape Coast Castle on / Gold Coast

Receipt Book Folio	Persons Names	Commodities &c.	Senegal	Cape Appolonia	Cape Coast	Total

[Summary.]

The Totals were & Senegal £ 129 . 16 . 0
Cape Appolonia 1000 10 2
Cape Coast 14298 6 . 10
Sundry Items 44 3 9
Total 15466 . 16 . 9
Ballce to / Committee & 1766 5368 10 8
£20835 . 4 . 5

"NB. The Sum o £661 : 15 : 6 due to / Assignees o messrs "Roberts, Husbands, & Botelers (beg part o/ Ballce o "£5368 . 10 . 8 is still reserved till demanded by persons "Authorised to receive it
"The Remainder is & build'g / Fort or Block house "at Cape Appolonia"

Note. The Items include Stores, Supplies, Trade Goods, Sumpsaides Passage & Accomodatns & Revd Philip Quaque & his Wife & 2 Suppliers & a Communion Table Cloth, & Two Silver Chalices & two Silver Patteens, & Cape Coast.
Mgan total - "Charges & Management by Act o Parliamt": Cape Appolonia £400, Cape Coast £800 - Total £1200

Endorsed

Trade. Africa
Letter from Philip Stephens Esqr Secry to / Lords o / Admiralty to / Secry & this Board dated Febry 19 1766 inclos'g & the Lordships information reports o/ State o/ Forts & Fortifications in / Coast o Africa
Rec'd Febry 22 } 1766
Read Sepr 2d }
F Mem. 10
(1) 19 papers.

Admty Office 19th Feb'y 1766

Sir my Lords Commissioners o/ Admiralty having received from Captain Graves o/ Edgar, Captain Garnier o/ Shannon, & Captain Allwright o/ Spy Sloop, the Reports o/ State & Condition o/ Forts & Settlemts on / Coast o Africa; I am commanded by their Lordships to send y Copies o/ Same herewith, & / information o/ Lords o Trade & Plantns. I am - &c - Php Stephens

John Pownall Esqr

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note Capt Graves reports & covrg letters only deal w Senegal, Gambia, Sierra Leone & Sierra Leone. It does not refer to / Gold Coast & does not seem to have gone there himself.

Capt Allwright reported on Fort St Louis, from London.

Extract o a Letter fm Capt Garnier o His Majestys Ship / Shannon to Mr Stephens. dated at Spithead / 24th o October 1765.

In pursuce o an Order fm Capt Thomas Graves o His majestys Ship / Edgar, I proceeded ws / Shannon & Hound Sloop down / Coast o Africa, touchg at all / British Forts & Settlemts in my way down. The State & Condin o wch I here enclose to y.

Note The followg are Summaries o / Tabulated Reports

Annamaboe Fort 18 July 1765.

Report signed by William Garnier John Grossle.

Cannon. SE Bastion 3, 16 Ps; 2, 6 Ps 5 Salutg Guns 1 Cohorn
SW " 3 " 5 " 1 "
NW " 3 12 Pds 5 "
NE " 3 12 Pds 5 "
Platform — 8, 24 Pds 4 Salutg Guns
Shot ... Small arms & Military Stores ...
The Exterior Walls & Platforms in very good Repair
But / Lodgg Rooms & interior Buildgs all fallg down.
List o Officers, Soldiers & Castle Slaves; —
John Grossle Chief; Thomas Drew Second. Names o / Serjeant, 1 Gunner, 1 Gardener 9 Soldiers; 2 Blacksmiths, 1 Cooper, 1 Carpenter; 11 Labourers; 4 Labouresses.

Fort o Commenda 23 June 1765.

Signed Wm Garnier Chas Bell.

Cannon	12 Pdrs	9 Pdrs	6 Pdrs	4 Pdrs
Platform —	8			
NE Bastion —	2		2	2
SE "	4	2		

SW " 2 unmounted 18 Pdrs. 18 Salutg Guns

Shot ... Small Arms & Military Stores ...

Officers, Soldiers, Castle Slaves

Charles Bell Govr, 1 Serjt 1 Gunner 1 Soldier 4 Mulattoe Soldiers. 1 Overseer, 1 Gardener 3 Labourers 1 Bricklayer 1 Blacksmith 1 Carpr 1 Cook; 9 Women & girls

Fort o Secondee 22 June 1765

Wm Garnier Thos Trinder

Cannon.	9 Pdrs	6 Pdrs	4 Pdrs	3 Salutg Guns.
SE Bastion				11
S Platform	3	2		
SW Bastion			5	
N W Bastion / face o wch is entirely fallen down			4	

Shot ... Small arms ...

The Fort in so bad a repair it will scarce stand / Fig o / Guns, gr part o it beg already fallen down The Gun Carrges in Gen very bad

6 Officers Soldiers Castle Slaves. Thos Trinder Govr, 1 Serjt 1 Gunner. 6 Soldiers 1 Bricklayer. 3 Labourers, 4 Labouresses

Tantumquerry Fort 21 July 1765

Sgd Wm Garnier John Cockburn

Cannon	9 Pd.	6 Pd	4 Pd	Salutg Guns.
SW Bastion	2	1	1	1
SE "	1			3
N W "			1	3
N E "				3

Shot ... Small Arms Military Stores ...

The above 9 fm Pdrs & 6 o / Salutg Guns are unserviceable ...
The first & second Floors o / NE Bastion want to be new Laid over. & / first Floor o / SW Bastion wants to be new Laid. The Warehouse & dry Goods wants a new cover g, & / Fort to be Plaistered in seval Places otherwise its in tollerable good repair

John Cockburn Chief, 1 Serjt 1 Gunner, 5 Soldiers, 1 Blind Pensioner, 3 Canoemen 2 Labourers 6 Women & girls, 1 Child & 1 Pawn)

List o Free Blackmen in / Committees Service

Coffee Aqua Ground Landlord
Qua Cumah Waterside Bombay
Appracoe Cabboceer at Legou
Quansah Cabboceer at Mumford
Quashie Perjunin free Cook

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James Fort Accra 25th July 1765

wm Garnier
John Hippisley.

Cannon	Pd 12.	pd 9.	pd 6	pd 4.	Salutg Guns
Platforms		2	8		
E Bastion	4				
N "	3		2		
W "			4	1	
S "			2	1	4

Shot .. Small arms & Military Stores ...
The Flanks of Bastions ry weak, / Platforms / same, / Guns & Carriages all ry Bad. The Rooms in / Fort light & in pretty good repair

John Hippisley Chief. 1 Serjt. 1 Gunner 7 Soldiers. 9 Labourers 14 Women. 14 children

Dixcove Fort 24th June 1765

/ Signed /
F John Johnson
wm Mutter.

Cannon	6 Pdrs	Salutg Guns
	18	16

Shot ...
Small arms & Mil: Stores ...

The Fort in gen in tolerable good Repair

John Johnson Chief. 1 Serjt. 1 Gunner 5 Soldiers. 8 Men 1 Boys (2 Canoemen)
13 Women & girls 12 children.

Cape Corse Castle 15th July 1765

wm Garnier
wm Mutter

Cannon.	pdrs. 24	pdrs 18	pdrs 12	pdrs 9	pdrs 6	pdrs 4	Salutg Cohorns. Guns
East Bastion or Greenhills Point						4	9
Sea / Castle Gate						2	
N W Bastion					5		
Ditto and Spur	1			6			
New Platform facg / West		1	9			1	
S W Bastion					2		
Front Platform		4	8				14

Shot ...
Small arms & Military Stores ...

William Mutter Govr in Chief &c; William Lacey Accomptant; Charles Fraser Warehouse Keeper; Archd Dalziel Surgeon; John Smith Surveyor; Francis Cahuac Deputy Secretary; 5 Factors, 1 Surgeons Mate; 4 Writers; Thomas Miles Lieut & Gunner; 1 Serjt 2 Corporals; 25 Soldiers. 1 Gardiner; 1 Master o / Hospital; 1 Butler; 1 Waterside Bomboy; 1 Castle Bomboy; 3 Mulatto Soldiers; 5 Mulattoes Fifers & Drummers; 3 Pensioners; Cudjoe Cabboceer & Linguist
Frederick Arlog, John Aquay, George Sackey. Black Writers;
George Bamishee Messenger 1 Eshiddy. 109 Men Boys (23 Canoemen)
165 Women & Children

Winnebah Fort 23d July 1765 wm Garnier

Gilbert Petrie

Cannon	pd 6.	Salutg Guns
S W Bastion		4
S E "		3
N E "		4
N W "	1	3
Over / Gateway		4
Over / Hall	2	

Shot ... Small arms & Military Stores ...
The Fort in gen is in bad Condn, / Embrasure Walls & Battlements beg weak & ill Built of bad Materials & / Lodging Rooms & Warehouses ill covered Floor'd, ill Covered, & ry Leaky. The Cistern o / Fort is useless on acct of a Leak in it Bottom wh cannot be discovered as / Bottom is a Rock

Gilbert Petrie Chief. 1 Serjt. 1 Gunner. 5 Soldiers, 1 Drummer. 1 Bomboy 5 Labourers
4 Women & Girls

Free Blacks in / Committees Service.
Cudimony. Ground Landlord.
Quabin Cabboceer o Ossin
Jakon Capt o Winnebah Town
Bundy Quashia Waterside Bomboy
Yeaw Cook.

Endorsed Trade. Africa
Letter fm Philip Stephens
Copies Secry to / Lords o
/ Admiralty to / Secry
to this Board dd Janry
20 1764 transmitg Copies
o Accts o / Forts &
Settlemts on / Coast
o Africa
Recd Janry 20 } 1764
Read — 27 }
M.m. 14.
12 papers.

Admiralty Office 20th Janr 1764

Sir, My Lords Commissioners o / Admiralty having received a letter fm Captain Macartney o his Majestys Ship / Phoenix, inclosg Accts o / State & Condn o / Forts & Settlemts on / Coast o Africa; I am commanded by their Lordships to send y. h / Informan o / Lords Commissioners f Trade, Copies o / 3d Accts, & am - &c -

Php. Stephens

John Pownall Esqr. Secretary to / Board o Trade

Dixcove 5 April 1766 (Signed) Jno Johnson Chief
(A Copy) Jno Macartney

Garrison John Johnson Chief; 1 Seyt; 1 Gunner; 6 Soldiers; Anthony Allen Black Writer; Acca Cabboceer & Linguist; Entcery Cabboceer; Quashee Ankoka Ditto; Eufau Ditto & Ground Landlord; Quamem Cabboceer o Atchuma.
Co Slaves. 1 Cooper Bomboy & Smith; 1 Carpenter, 1 Gardner; 2 Labourers; 3 Canoemen 13 Labourers & children

Ordnce 18, 6 Pdrs; 11, 3 do; 5 half do 1 6pdr dismounted, all in decayed carrids
Serjeants Stores ..., Gunners Stores ..., Carpenters Tools, Coopers Tools ..., Smiths Tools ..., Gardner & Labourers Tools ..., Cooks Stores ..., Warehouse Stores ... Bricklayers Tools ...,

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Commenda Fort 10th April 1766 (Sgd) Charles Bell
(A Copy) John Macartney

Garrison. Charles Bell Chief. 1 Seyt; 1 Gunner; 7 Soldiers. 6 Slaves 11 men, 9 women 2 childn

Common	18P	12P	9P	6P	4P	2.1P
Platform } Fac.g Land Front }		8				
SE Bastion		3		2	5	
NE "		3	3		4	
S.W "					5	2
N.W "	2					4

18P & 12P good
9 6.4.2 1 Pdr almost useless

Shot ... Stores ...

The Hall wants to be new roofed & new floored, & seol o / Cover rooms want new roofg 1 cookroom to be rebuilt, & three fourths o / outer walls o / Fort want new pointg. all / rest o / Fort in tolerable good condn

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Tantumquerry Fort. 14th April 1766. sgd Jno Cockburn (accopy) John Macartney.

John Cockburn Chief. 1 Seyt, 1 Gunner, 2 White Soldiers. 2 Mulatto Soldiers, 1 blind Pensioner
Free Blacks. Coffee Aqua Ground Landlord; Quaau Cumah Waterside Bomboy; Quash, Free Cook; Quansah Cabboceer ab Mumford: Apricoe, 1 same ab Logoe
Committees Slaves 3 men, 3 women, 1 child.

Guns 2 9pd good, carrids bad
8 3 or 4 P. } old unserviceable
2 3pd }
4 1pd }
2 2pd good, carrids bad

The NE Bastion wants to be new covrid, & / dry goody Warehouse wants also to be new covrid. Floor o / bed chamber o / Hall wants to be new laid & seol o / doors & windows wants new, made new; / outside o / Fort wants to be plastered & white washed all round. / rest o / Fort in tolerable good repair

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Succundee Fort 16th April 1766. (Sgd) Thos Drew
(A Copy) John Macartney

Thomas Drew Chief. 1 Seyt, 1 Gunner 5 Soldiers. Slaves, 4 men 6 women.
Billy Cudjoe Cabboceer; Yanthie Linguister; Yanthie Cabboceer; Assoe Do; Cudjoe Do; Attah Cook.

Ordnce 3, 9 pds 2 6 pdrs good; 12, 4 pd, 9 good 3 bad; 7, 1 pd, 6 good 1 bad, 5, 3 pd 2 good 3 bad
All carrids vy bad. 820 Shot.

Cape Coast Castle 1day o April 1766. Signed Jno Hippisley
(a Copy) Jno Macartney.

By
Jno Hippisley Esqre Gour &c &
Gilbt Petrie Esqre VPC & Gour o Accra.

John Hippisley Esqr in Chief &c; William Lacey Accomt; Erasmus Williams Secretary.
Revd Mr Philip Quaque Chaplain, Mrs Katherine Quaque; Charles Graves Warehousekeeper.
Jno Smith Surveyor, 12 Factors, Thos Miles Lieut & Gunner, 1 Seyt, 2 Corpls, 1 Carpenter,
1 Gardner 1 Butler 1 Castle Bombay, 1 Master o Hospital, 1 Pensioner
Cudjoe Cabboceer & Linguister; Fredk Adey Black Writer; Jno Aqua, Geo Savey, Black assist
Writers: Geo Barnis Free Messr Khey. 33 Soldiers; 100 men Co Slaves, 104 Women & children.
36 Canoemen, 10 Labourers, 2 Coopers, 5 Women Labourers Lately purchased f / Co ←

Cannon	18	12.	9	pdr	8. 4 1
[illegible] Bastion			9		
5	"		10		
6	"		8		
5	"		5		
[illegible]					
[illegible]				4	9
[illegible]					
Guns 9/Sea	1	12	2	pdrs	

Gunners Stores ...
Seyts Stores ...

Annamaboe Fort 14th april 1766 "not signed at all"

John Postle Chief, Jno Johnson Second, 1 Seyt 1 Gunner 1 Gardner a Copy John Macartney
7 Soldiers, 1 Mulatto drummer. William Ansah Black Writer; Quashee (John Currantee's
boy): Quashee Ancomah, Cos Messenger; Thomas Awishee, Cos Linguister;
Affary, Ground Landlord; Aqua Cabboceer o Aggah: Apea Waterside Bombay
Ordnce 6, 6 pdrs good (3 carries bad) 1, 6 pdr dismounted; 8, 3 pd good 1 Brass Cohorn bad
Co Slaves 15 men, 4 Women. Shot ball &c...

Winnebah Fort 17th April 1766 "not signed at all"
(a Copy) John Macartney

David Mill Chief, 1 Seyt, 1 Gunner, 6 soldiers
Cuddimony Ground Landlord; Gaubin Cabboceer o Asbin; Embay, Chief Fynin:
Naguity, Captain o/ Town; Bundy Quashie Waterside Bombay.
Ordnce. 2 6pd old honey combed; 1, 6 pd unserviceable; 6, 4 pd do; 2, 3 pd ordy;
8, 2 pd good; 2, 1 pd unsvble. Shot... ball... Shells...
Co Slaves 6 men 4 women

James Fort Accra 14th april 1766
sgd Gilbert Petrie
(a copy) John Macartney.

Gilbert Petrie Chief. 1 Seyt, 1 Gunner, 6 Soldiers
Seycoomah, King o Athantee & Ground Landlord; Cudjoe, Linguister;
Abbedie Captain o/ Town: Quey Carpenter; Aggery, Cabboceer o Shidoe
Ye ous Cook. Co Slaves 9 men, 13 women.
Ordnce. 2, 12 pdrs useless; 8 12 pdrs good; 2, 9 pdrs useless; 9, 6 pdrs useless;
6, 6 pdrs & 4, 4 pdrs good but carries useless; 3, 3 pdrs & 1, 1 pdr useless;
Shot... Shell... &c... Seyts Stores ...

Fort Pram Pram 17th april 1766
sgd Archd Dalziel
(a copy) John Macartney

Archd Dalziel Chief. 1 Seyt. 2 Soldiers
Lawis Tohie Cabboceer; Quey Hemia, Do; Adda Cabboceer o Loy.
Jye Tom, Linguister — Co Slaves 2 men, 4 women
Ordnce 6. 1 pdr good, 1, 3 pdr useless. Shot...

Indorsed

Trade Africa

Letter frm Mr Poirier to Mr Pownall, dated Jany 31. 1767, acquaint[g] him. of / informan o/ Board o / State o/ Fort buildg at Cape Appollonia, & / preparans made here & in Africa for carryg on t work.

Recd
Read Febry 3[d] 1767

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African Office, Jan[y] 31[st] 1766.

Sir,

In Answer to Yr Favour o/ 29th Instant to / Committee o/ Co o Merchants Trad[g] to Africa, I am directed by them to acquaint Y. L. / Informan o/ Lords Commissioners o Trade & Plantas; t they h received no Informan o/ State & Progress o/ Fort buildg at Cape Appolonia since those Communicated to the Lordships in July last; only they are informed frm Cape Coast Castle t Mr Trinder had Orders to collect Stone, Shells & Wood f burng lime, & f layg / foundan o/ Fort agst / Storeship arrived & t Mr Armstrong / deputy Surveyor was dead.

I am also directed to acquaint Y. f the Lordships fur Informan t in / beginng o Sepr last / Committee sent frm hence a Ship o near 400 Tons Burthen, loaden w Goods & Stores f construct[g] / intended Fort at Cape Appolonia; & on / 3d o Decr last / remainder o/ Stores were Shipped f compleat[g] it accord[g] to / Plans & Secns sent on t f Purpose

I am — &c —
Saml Poirier

To John Pownall Esqre

Endorsed

Trade Africa

Letter frm Mr Poirier to Mr Pownall dated Jany 28. 1767 transmitt[g]

Recd Jany 29. 1767.
Read Febry 3 1767.

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4 Papers

African Office Jan[y] 28th 1767

Sir

Pray do me / Favour to lay / inclosed Copies o letters & Papers (as by list underneath) before / Right Honble The Lords Commissioners f Trade & Plantas, & youll gtly oblige Sir — &c —
Saml Poirier

No 1. The Govr o Cape Coast Castle to / Committee, dd 25 Apl 1766.
2. Do. to Rd Brews Esqr & ca — — — 9 do
3. Do. to / Committee — — — 14 June
4. Two letters frm R Whitehurst to / Committee 11 & 16 June 1766.
5. The Govr o Cape Coast to / Commee — July 1766
6. The Committee to / Govr o Cape Coast — 3 Decr 1766
7. Do. to Mr Thos Trinder — Do

To John Pownall Esqr

Copy o a Letter fm John Hippisley Esqr Governor o Cape Coast Castle, To / Committee o / Co o merchants Trad9 to Africa. Dated 25th April 1766.

Gentlemen. I did myself / Honour to write Y by / King o Russia, o wh a Copy goes herewith, togr w Duplicates o Seal Papers. His Majestys Ships Phoenix & Hound arrived at Dixcove / 3d Instant w an intelligce o / Pirates, Commodore Clevland immediately dispatched / Pitt Cutter fm thence in quest o them. She returned after goG up as high as Cape La Hoa wt beG able to get any knowledge o them. It was then / gen opinion they hd gone somewhere to Leeward & wd Shelter themselves amG / Islands. This induced / Commodore to dispatch / Hound, to Range / Coast as far as Whydah, / Pitt Cutter he sent to St Thomas's, w Orders to go also to Cape Lopez & / Rivers Gambia. Gabone. The purposes to follow himself in two days & to touch at Annamaboe, so t if / Pirates do escape it will not be fm any Deficice o Activity in / Commodore who has indeed done wtG in his power & gained / Universal applause o / Presidents upon / Coast & / Commanders o Ships at Annamaboe. This wont shew / necessity o having Small Vessels Stationed upon / Coast to prevent such Accidents f / future, accidents t will unavoidably raise / Premiums o Insurce, & in all respects hurt / Trade upon / Coast. It does not become me to be sy urgent in a Case so vy Clear, & I trust Gentlemen Y will make / Applicam requisite f obtaing this Assistce to / gen Trade.

Since / Date o my letters by / King o Russia, I h heard nothG fm Cape Appolonia, this affair o / Pirates having presented in a gt measure our Communicam by Sea; & / Passage by Land is rendered impracticable by an inland People (/ Equiras) who beG at / beginnG o / Cape Appolonia War, excited by Mr Huydecoper to Arms agst Ammoniah will not soon be quieted even by t Gentlemans Orders. I am now endeavourG to get t Path Free, & am not wt hopes t I sh Succeed.

The King o AKanny has Offered his Mediam in SettlG / Dispute betwn / Ashantees & Fantees. In Consequce o this I am preparG to send Messengers to AKanny accompanied by / Fantees, to see what can be done. Tho is indeed a gt Probability o / Shantees beG induced to put up w / Affronts they h received fm / Fantees. They cannot see w Tranquillity all Access to / Waterside cut off, & no way left, Open is but War. The principal Councellors are firmly o Opinion t they shd not attempt a second Invasm upon Fantee & h (at least so / King o AKanny has sent me word) prevailed upon the Sovereign to think no more o it. Shd it be in my power to be in any degree instrumental in bringG abt a Peace, it will be one o / happiest Circumstces o my life, Since it must assuredly open such a flow o Trade as will be o gt Advantage to vy body concerned to this Coast, my utmost Attenm sh be exerted to brG abt so gt an event, & I hope next Letter, Gentlemen, to inform Y o something beG done towds it. Expences this will be, but I sh take care to make them as moderate as possible whilst any uncertainty remains o Success, but when / desired end is in all human probability likely to take place I sh venture to be more free.

. . . . . Y will be Pleased to receive two Setts o Books, fm January to June, & fm July to Decamber 1764. In a Fortnight / Books will be Ballanced to 1st June 1765. The great diligce is used in Yr Accountant Office, nor do I believe Y were ever better served in t Department. Indeed thro / whole Force I h / pleasure to see a disposim to Diligce & Good humour. Mr Cahuac upon his Submism I h restored to / place o Deputy Secretary, & hope he will for / Future deserve Yr Favours. But still am I glad he was not Appointed Secretary, a place he has proved himself utterly unfit f.

Mr Orbridge Captain o/ Pitt Cutter who came out w Captain Cleveland, has drawn us a Plan f/ Fortificn on/ Southern side o this Fort, & I purpose executg it exactly. This Gentleman was gtly instrumental in takg / Hassamah & wod be o infinite Service if he cd be employed in Plannig & superintendg / Work at this Fort or Annamaboe. Already he has projected a Mole to be run fm / extremity o/ Rocks off this Place, wh wod make a Basin sufficient to hold Seven or eight Ships, where, Secure fm all Dangers o ill Weather, they mt heave down, & be Sheltered fm / Attacks o an Enemy. The very shot o a Port in this part o Africa is equally astonishg & shing; in its Nowesever not / less Practicable & it wild be infinitely usefull. Fm Sierra Leonne to / River Gabone, a Coast o Fifteen hundred Miles in Length, tho is not one Port. I need not, Gentlemen, urge / infinite Advantage o having one made, & made it certainly can be, provided Y purchase One hundred Windward Slaves, The seems nothg wantg but mere Labour, nor sh we want a Single Article fm England f/ Construcn o this most usefull Work. Mr Orbridge purposes dog himself / Honour o waitg upon Y. Capt Cleveland is also extremely disposed to Cowerke w Y upon / present Situan o thgs in this Country. He shews indeed a most worthy Anxiety to compleat / Service f wh / Gov sent him out. His alacrity in dog every thg in his Power to suppress / Pirates (how unsuccessful) deserves / highest Praise; & / Pains he has taken to compleat / whole, by makg himself Master o every thg t may be usefull to his Country, will I am sure, give Y pleasure & produce an Interview betwn Y & Him.

This Gentleman, when he was at Dixcove, gave a flag to / Caboceer o Atchuma, wh h bn hoisted, & I suppose will produce a Remonstrce fm / Dutch Gen when his Majesties Ships are gone off / Coast; I sh take care to Answer it in / best Manner I am able, nor sh Yr Right to t Place be given up. The Dutch may indeed be more Powerfull upon t Part o/ Coast but I sh think nothg o t, whilst I am so Conscious o our National Superiority, & / Attenn Y will Shew, to get t power exerted, if / Public Property is Attacked. In / meantime / Speedy Presce o a Man o War will I believe be necessary, indeed is always necessary.

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A fortnight ago I addressed a Letter to Mr Brews & / Commanders o Ships at Annamaboe, o wh Yr a Copy inclosed. They all came into my proposal, & were even o Opinion / Reducn mt take place notwtg / Dutch Gens holdg out, & in this I believe they wod not h bn mistaken; f / Gen, tho his price was high, / Assortmt he gave was very bad. But we cd not try / experimt, f / two Captains Stroud (Father & Son) o Bristol came down, & not only refused to come into / Proposal, but h even raised / price. We know f Certain they give Ten Ounces & a half f Men, & h Sufficient Reason to think they go still higher. The Indignan o every one is excited upon this Occan, & surely w good Reason, f thr is Actually at this moment not an hundred Slaves wantg in Annamaboe Road. Thr are but two Vessels, Captains Owen & Richmond, Captain Johnston beg gone down to Tantumquerry, Winnebah, & Accra, & while I hear gets his Slaves entirely fm / Gentlemen at those Forts; a Capt Curnin [?] o Liverpool, who arrived here a fortnight ago, four days ago, is gone to Windward agn upon his findg / Reducn o Price cd not take place. Since I Knew / Coast o Africa thr never was a fairer Oppy o gettg / Price down. Capt Stroud mt at first h hd a pretext f this behaviour, he hard a private death in his Ship t was alarmg enough; but Commodore Cleveland came a few days afterwards & by / Assistce o his Carpenter put / Ship out o Danger. Indeed enough cannot be sd o/ Attenn of this Gentleman has Shewn to / Good o/ Shipg, & tho I wod not presume to point out what I think sh be done, Yet I hope confess I hope a Verbal Compliment at least may pass fm Y to him.

Mr Seed, soon after / Departure o/ King o Prussia, took his discharge on Acct o ill Health, & went off in Captain Miller. He purposes when he is restored to apply agn to Y f/ Place o Chief Surgeon. He left / Place upon such ill Terms w / Natives, & I hd so many Complaints fm them, Some o wh were too well founded, t I own I wish he may not be appointed. especially as am I / three Surgeons now in Yr Service, ther are two Seemingly very deserving men (Mr Williamson & Mr Mein) & one o wh m hill / Place. Indeed, Gentlemen, tho in / Case o Mr Seed ther was no false pretce, yet in gen wd be hard upon Yr Servants remaing upon / Coast there Trips o England on Acct o Sickness We are all Adventurers & / Sickly cannot be a Right t / Healthy shd do ther Business, for a Year or two in a Country where a Year is o such weight in a Mans life. I wd therefore humbly propose t a Trip up & down / Coast & over to / Islands (f wh ther are frequent Oppies) shd be allowed f / Recovery o health, & not Voyages to England.

Just before / Arrival o Commodore Cleveland, a Schooner o Mr Brew was taken away by / Crew whilst / Capt was a Shore at Appolonia. The Pitt Cutter was despatched as much in Quest o her as o Capt Richmonds Boat. We h lately got intelligce o / Schooner, she came to an Anchor at Nungo, & / pretended Captain (one Powers) went a Shore to purchase Stock. Soon after his goeg on o / Schooner, three o / People got Ashore in / Yawl, a little to Leeward o Nungo, beg, as they say, fm / beginning not disposed to Join in so Villainous an Adventure. They passed Nungo Fort Fearfull t ther Ring leader wd be able by a plausible Story to get them confined & sent on board agn. They proceeded to Pram Pram, & ther informed Mr Dalziel o wy chg. Mr Dalziel (1 Chief) immediately sett out f Nungo & Arrived ther in / Mg, just as Powers was ridg, got him confined, & then Caused him to write on board f / Schooner f / Second in Command to come on Shore & to brg w him a Chest o Silks &c / Value o Ten Slaves. There came on Shore & / same Method wd h ben continued till / Schooner was got Possessn, when unfortunately / Royal African wh Mr Brew hd despatched in quest o / Pirates, hove in Sight, upon wh they Cutt ther Cable & made off. This is / Last News; / Royal African beg them in full Chase. Powers & / Second are put on board / Hound Sloop wh them lay at Accra, & w them one o / three Men who escaped to Pram Pram. He goes to England as Evidce. Anor o / three goes off in / Commodore. The third is a Mulatto Slave who Stays upon / Coast. his Evidce not beg wanted, nor perhaps as a Slave wd it be taken. Now Gentlemen I confess I hope f / Sake o / Trade o this Country t these Villains (Powers & his Second) may, as undoubtedly they will be condemned, meet w no pardon. Indeed as the Crime is complicated w Murder & / most Terrible Cruelty, it is perhaps a piece o presumptn to Suppose t / Royal Mercy, how gt, shd be extended to them.

I wd how humbly propose & 'tis / Universal Request o/ whole Coast, t they be sent out here to be executed & proper Iron work w them to fix them on Gibbets to be erected near / Sea Side betwn this Place & Annamaboe.

I almost forgot to inform Y t Mr Cockburn has at last Settled / Palaser w his Towns People. f / Man Carried off by / Frenchman. It amounted to three Men Slaves. Be pleased to Order wher he sh be reimbursed this Expence. I am — &c —

(Signed) John Hippisley.

Copy o a Letter fm John Hippisley Esqr Governor o Cape Coast Castle to Richd. Brews Esqr & / Commanders o British Ships in Annamaboe Road

Cape Coast Castle 9th April 1766

Gentlemen

I flattered myself y / time o my Taking / Direction at this Place wd have been distinguished by an event equally interesting to / Merchants at Home & / Settlers abroad I mean / Lowering / price o Slaves: I shd have been far fm Arrogating to myself any Merit from this, had it really taken place, nor wd I have had a right to do it; but still a Circumstance of this Kind, happening at such a Period, cd not but have been very agreeable to me, & very thing seemed to concur & bring it about. The Trade o Captains Millar, Fullan & Kendals was done; & o Captains Owen of Richmond drawing near a Period; & / two Captains Strond alone were comg down. I was preparg to write a letter, but deferred it till I saw Mr Jan Wortman Chief o Cormantyn, who was then at Elmina & had promised to make visit me in his way fm thence. 1st his Conversation on an Affair o this Sort it is more too well known how ineffectual, not to say ruinous such Agreemts are. He joined heartily w my proposal. Offered, if Mr Brews & / English Commanders were so disposed, to Sign a Contract, but recommended me first to try / Dutch Gen also, who he feared so far from reducg / Price, was at y very time preparg to raise it, if he had not done so already. To my gt Mortification just after this I heard (almost for a certainty) & / Gen was actually givg Eleven Ounces. I visited him immediately & wt having heard, press him in / most earnest & civil Manner I was able, to Join us in an Agreemt wh wd be so advantageous to / Trade o / Coast. His Answer was dry & disgustg.

This is / exact Translation

"I can enter into no agreemt relative to / Price o Slaves: I have sent "Vessels to dispatch, nor have I any Power to Order / Gen Chiefs what Price "they are to give for Slaves."

Thus Gentlemen having at last done nothg, I write this upon / (perhaps unimportant) Subject o what I wished to do, hearable to brg abt / so much wished for Reduction o Price, I wd at least shew y I have not been inattentive to y business, & if I can point out any other Trial, such for instance as a Publick Remonstrance to / Gen, I am heartily disposed to Join in it. A memorial such as I mention may, I confess, be equally impotent & unusual; but an Attempt even where there is very little Prospect o Success, shews at least / good will o / attempters, & may dissipate them w their Constituents; & for its beg unusual, this shd have no weight, nor will I seek for precedents to act fm in a Case where / Duties o my Office are in Question, / first o wh Duties is / promotion o / Gen Trade.

The present Situation is perhaps / most Singular, in what relates to Trade, y has been known a long time. When there are 18 or 20 Vessels at Annamaboe, a lge Price is / Natural Consequence, such a Number o Competitors must enhance it. But y Ten Ounces shd be given when there are but two or three Vessels upon / ~~Coast~~ Gold Coast & scarce any more expected down, will appear very odd at home.

Every practicable expedient is therefore to be tried to preclude us fm Censure, & I beg o Y upon this Occasion & y future One to call upon me for y Assistance in my Power I am — &c —

(Signed) John Hippisley.

Copy o a Letter fm John Hippisley Esqr Governr o Cape Coast Castle to / Co o Merchants trading to Africa

Cape Castle [Cne] 14 June 1766.

Gentlemen My last was by his Majestys Ship Phoenix, Capt Cleveland, o wch I h / Honours to send Ya Copy herewith; since wh another Attempt has bn made to committ Piracies upon this Coast by a Sloop o mr Brews wh / People on Board took ont o Annamaboe Road, but were taken at Apam by a Small Vessel wh t Gentleman sent after him. A vy Melancholly Affair Happened to mr Johnson o Dixcove's Boat a considerable time ago, but did not come to Light till / time o Capt Cleveland beg here. I set them h informed Ya o it but beg hopeful vy Day o getg hold o / Delinquents. I differed the Acct quite / whole Cargo. His Boat was brot back fm some o / Trading Places abt Porta Nova by / Black Sailors who gave him but a miserable Acct o his Effects, & informed him t / Master & Mate & one o / Black Sailors had died in / Voyage. Mr Johnson was obliged to put up w this Acct bad as it was, nor indeed had he any Suspicion o / Truth. One Slave Boy however the was who amg ys brot up in / Boat, he retained in his Service, this Boy within this Few [? Three] Months has begun to talk Eng lish pretty well, & by him we are informed t / Black Sailors who brot up / Boat were / Murderers o / Master, / Mate & one Black man. He appealed f evidce o this to two Women Slaves whom / Murderers had sold in Cape Coast Town. Upon beg questioned they confirmed / Fact. One o / Murderers is Sold taken on board a Liverpool Vessel at Popo, & Captain Cleveland gave Orders to / Captain o / Hound when she was despatched to Leeward after / Pirates, to call on board get / Man & send him to Whydah Fort to be sent up here by / first Oppy. to this purpose I writ / Captain o / Liverpool Vessel, & to mr Goodson at Whydah, as yet no news o him. O / ye two Murderers One is gone off / Coast in a Vessel o mr Brews wh is soon expected here agn, ye is in some Craft o / same Gentleman's somewhere to Leeward. Vy Method sh be taken to watch & secure these Villains & mr Brews promises to do his best in what relates to these in his employ. He is indeed deeply interested as an Owner o Vessels & small Craft upon this Coast to do so.

The has bn / gtest dearth o Corn & consequently o all live Stock t was perhaps ever known. F near these two Months I h bn Witness to / most touchg Instces o Distress f want o Food; this Want, as it always does, has brot on an Epidemic. In / Castle we h escaped pretty well but / Natives h suffered severely, above all Ye Slaves afford / most pitcous examples t can be conceived. The Pay in / most fruitfull Seasons is vy barely a Subsistce, what must it be now, Gentlemen, when / Price o Corn is raised Six times above what it is in Ordinary Years? & can we / gtest difficty be got at all. To Support / Soldiers in / Garrison I h bried / whole Coast f Corn; & had it not bn f mr Cockburn o Tantumquerry I really think they must literally h Starved. He furnished me w all he cd get but this Supply exhausted. We were in / Old Dilemma. I am hopeful to get Rice fm Cape Appolonia, & a Fortnight ago despatched one o Ye Boats w Supplies f / Place, & Orders to mr Thrinder to fitt her w t Kind o Provsn. In / meantime I h let / Soldiers h Flour out o / Store, & to prevent their Selling it & their Provsn f Liquor & getg drunk & ruining their Health. I h Calomel ever since I h bn here) established regular Messes over wh / Officer o / Guard Superintends. The good effect o this has bn gt even much gter than I expected. The Trouble how is vy considerable to t Officer, & I humbly think deserves Ye Consideran; but this I cannot presume to give him wt Ye Orders. Beg Supplys / Soldiers w what Corn I got fm Tantumquerry, my Stock has suffered severely. I h had sometimes near an hundred head o Sheep & Goats.

besides Poultry, & not a grain o Corn to give them for a Fortnight. This has reduced them so much in Flesh, that was it not for a French Cook whom I brot w me from Accra, & who by his Art can disguise dishes & make lean meat go down almost as well as fat, I am afraid Y.ws h.d but a sad Acct o/ Hospitality o my Table.

... –[a long plea for increase o/ pay o/ Cas Slaves]– ...

Mr Armstrong Y.r Assistant Surveyor at Cape Appolonia died 29th March, & Mr Holmes who came out w him enjoys his health but ill Eas Y.th he cd not leave this Place. He seems how.r very careful & is always obligg.

... I remain – &c –

(signed) John Hippisley

Copy o a Letter from Mr Richd Whitehurst late Accomt at Senegal,
.... Dated Senegal 11th June 1766.

Copy o a Letter from John Hippisley Esq Gov.r o Cape Coast Castle to / Committee o/ Co o Merchants trading to Africa

Dated Cape Coast Castle July 1766

"N.B. Copy o this letter was sent in /
"letter to / Earl o Shelburne o 6 Febry 1767".

Gentlemen I must bespeak Y.r Patice; but / Subjects o this letter are o a very impt nature, & as I sh not depart a moment from them, / length o it can want no Apology. I writ Y last by Sloop Fanny, o wh a duplicate goes herewith. The Rains were then set in & became / most severe t were ever Known in / Memory o/ oldest Man. They were accompanied w Violent Gusts o Wind; & / small Craft h suffered very much. Not less than Eight or Ten Boats h.n lost within these two Months, one o them belonged to Y Gentlemen, & these were saved. I wish this was all; but our disasters upon and.r Element was / principal occas.n o this Letter. Succondee, irreparable before, is now a heap o Ruins, The Bastions & Curtins no more, & / dwelling Rooms o/ Chief in a Leaky crazy condit.n. Tis no longer a Fortificat.n, is hardly deserves / Name o a House, a poor House, w.r a Dutch Fort half Muskett Shott off it. Till it can be rebuilt I h ordered Mr Drew to run a strong & thick palisado round it, w small Flankers at proper distces to Scale it along.

Thus much f Succondee; & it wd be a gt Satisfac.n if t long ruined Place was all I hd to write abt. The people o t Country are not o an enterprizg disposit.n; & if not molested are little disposed to trouble o.rs. The Dutch dare not avail themselves o our Weakness how.r inclined to it by nature & Interest, – as, thank God Almighty, weak as we are thr & wh gen all along / Windward side o/ Coast, our Strength is sufficient wh my ship or part o/ Globe to make us [sic] pay Severely f any Injuries they may do us in this; – But Cape Coast Castle, itself, Gentlemen, is in a most ruinous Situat.n. The Round Bastion facg / Sea at / end o/ new Building is half down & / rest so threatening t thr was a necessity f removg / Guns. The Temporary Wall runng fm / Temporary Wale to / Parade Platform is also down, owg to an Accident o a very extry nature, no less than / Sinkg o/ Slave Hole Arch. This Slave Hole, built under / Parade, a curious piece o work & a most Commodious place f / Purpose, is now open to / Day. It seemed by its founda.n on / Solid Rock & / masterly manner in wh / Arches were constructed to be calculated to stand f Ages. Mr Smith / Surveyor is o Opinion t / Rock itself is shook by / Seas beatg so Violently agst one end o/ Platform, & indeed we all h all at one time or other felt / Castle shake when a very Violent Wave has broke upon t Part; but this Cudjoe Caboceer says has bn observed

many Years ago.

The Eastern Bastion called Greenhill Point, fm a Chief Agent of t name in King William's Time, who built it, is ready to fall, & / Guns removed. This is / most lofty Bastion o / Castle, beg 46 feet high & built, it is sd, in a very just manner.

The Lower Gateway, near this Point, threatens very soon to fall, having many fresh Cracks & beg more than usual on t o / Perpendiculars.

The Spur Wall, Carpenters ~~Shop~~ Work Shop covered w a very thick Arch, a Part o / Main Guard are down & thus / Castle is open this as well as on Southern side where / Temporary Wall stood.

The Arch leading to / gt Warehouse is so cracked t we do not pass under it wt danger.

Two o / Arches o / Warehouse itself, so thick t it is sd they are Bomb Proof, are considerably sunk & so Cracked t / Rain comes thro'! This was built by / Swedes. The Cypher o / Swedish African Co deeply cut on / Key Stone o / Outward Arch & / date 1654 are as legible as if they had been done but 12 Years ago.

Such is / Melancholly Condition o Yr Head Castle in this Country, a Condition t calls for help & t immediate. The place is open on two Sides, & to say nothing o / apprehended Ruins, Viz. Greenhill Point, / Lower Gateway, / remainder o / Southern Bastion, / Arches o / gt Warehouse, & / outward Arch, to say nothing, I repeat, o these, tho' very one o a very alarming Nature, / Rebuilding / Spur Wall & / Main Guard is o itself a very considerable Piece o Work, but t o / new Bastion & Platform on / Southern side where / Temporary Wall stood, & where I am sorry up and, this is nearly equal to Building a whole Fort such as Tantumquerry, at least so I think & Mr Smith is o / same Opinion

The Covering o / Platform Roof o / new Hall & / Range o Rooms adjoining must be all taken up, & a new one put on. This consisted o a Bed two foot thick o dirt Sand & Rubbish rammed hard down & Coated w Terras. A most absurd method o covering a Roof.

I hope having had / Mortification to see such Ruin, t I may be put in a Condition to repair it. Here then let me take / Liberty to say, Gentlemen, t Yr Attention was never more Requisite than now. W all Yr Slaves such Repairs cd not be carried on to any Purpose; but Cape Appolonia takes off a gt Number (these some o / best) & must ha more when / Store ship arrives. We want an immediate Relief o 100 Male Gambia Slaves, & wt these I believe fm my Soul, this place will be ruined. W all / Slave artificiers we can muster, & all / Labourers, we go on but very slowly, & if we ha not / above assistce, our work will be endless. for one Part will fall down whilst and is Building up. A Sloop also o Fifty Tons seems almost as necessary as / Slaves. We want it for / Transportation o Lime Stone fm Dixcove, & Shells fm Amissah, Anaguah & Winnebah. She must also occasionally carry / Supplies to / Forts, wh in one Trip She must [Exc] to / Windward ones, in another to those to Leeward, & in a third to Whydah, all for / whole Year, to / gt Saving o Canoe hire, & / exclusion o many Accidents attending & Tedious way o Carriage. But for Stone & Lime Shells a Vessell o this kind is absolutely necessary, nor, as I ha mentioned in my last Letter, will Boats answer in any degree so well, & in / end are dearer. She shd be Sheathed w Copper, & be o such a Construction as will fit her to sail well upon a Wind. I must repeat t both these Circumstances are o very gt Consequce to be attended to.

It is easy to guess what passes in Yr minds at this part o my Letter. What's necessity the may be to grant what I h asked, / difficy o Raisg Money puts Y to a Stand. after expendg so much £ / purchase o / Winnebah Slaves, Y can ill afford, I am afraid, fm / Publick Supplies, grant anor Sum £ so lge an additional Charge. To this I can only say I hope Y may be enabled to ~~pay~~ supply us; but, in any case, I shd be utterly unworthy o my Place, if fm a Presumpn o Yr inability, I forbore to make Y acquainted w our necessities. Can I despair o these Forts beg Kept up whilst they belong to Gt Britain? To despair wd be almost Treason; & after all, it wd be a matter o / last Astonishmt if / Govt shd refuse Money on so vy exigent an Occan. I am not askg £ Indulgce. The money is not to be laid out in decoratg my Apartmts, but to put them in a Condn (as well as those o / Officers & Soldiers) to screen us fm / inclemency o / Weather in this unwholesome Climate. No finery is to be purchased, no Gardens laid out, no Colonades, no Chinese Bridges, no Pagodas, but plain Bastions, Batteries & Walls to be built to mount our Guns upon, to defend ourselves & ors in these Hants o Barbarians.

Till / assistce I am beggg £ arrives, / order in wh / Repairs must take place, w my present small power is as follows

1. Erectg a new temporary Wall to / Sd ward in place o / old one fallen down
2. The Spur Wall & Main Guard
3. The Southern Bastion to be repaired
4. New coverg / whole Roof o / new Range o buildgs
5. Greenhill Point to be lowered so as to take off part o / Weight fm / whole Bastion may not fall before we are ready to sett abt buildg it afresh.
6. To point & plaister / inside & outside o / whole Castle
7. The Slave Hole to be repaired.

} N.B. These two Jobs done / Castle is inclosed

I am now agreeg w Cudjoe Caboceer £ fifty free Labourers. These people are Idle & Saucy enough but I flatter myself to Keep them at it. I do ~~nothg~~ not mrt wh I grudge my own frequent Attendce; but wt / Hazard o Slaves & a Sloop my presce & Encouragemt will not avail much. We also want an under Surveyor or two. Plain Common Men wte do, such as understand plain Buildgs, principally Masonry, but more ignorant o / Business o a Carpenter.

Thus, Gentlemen, I h told Y our wants, certain I am it is my duty to do so & happy if they can be supplied. I shd indeed deserve Yr mark o Yr Indignan if when it cd be prevented I suffered such a Castle as this to crumble to Pieces. Tt such a Time as this partly when / Young Enterprising Sayie King o Shantee seems to threaten / Gold Coast w a fiercer & better conducted Irruption than t he made Last Year. The principal Caboceers all along / Coast are much alarmed, & nothg but a pretty dextrous Managemt can prevent this Country undergog a Revolun / most extraordinary t has happened since first discovered; & / most fatal to / Liberties o / Inhabitants. The Dutch avowedly espouse / Cause o / Shantees; & this fm a principle / most erroneous in

African Politicks t ever was adopted. They urge / imbolic o / Fantees ever
since our Establishmts were made, & / frequt Outrages they are guilty o
to white Men, the confused Ideas, & / consequt difficulty o Appeals to
them. Whereas, say they, if / whole Gold Coast were under one Powerfull
Prince, the wd be only him to satisfy, & that accomplished, as it easily
mt be by Presents, we shd then be in a Condin to bid defiance to / resty
But if they not to consider we owe / Supremest advantages fm / mineral
Ports o / Fantees? At Variance w one Town or District, we are Friends
w / Rest & no ry gl harm ensues. Besieged in one Fort (a most uncommon
Case) we still h Communicn by Water to / neighg ry Town almost in / way
beg independt o each other, & never willg to unite into Quarrels w white
Men but f their own particr Concerns. This independce o district on district
is o such impce t which it subsists (& so it may if not put an end to
by / officious & Fatal Interposin o White Men) we may safely promise
ourselves to hold our Forts & his power in this Country as long as we
please, - not on / precarious Tenure o / Negroes Pleasure, but as
Subjects o / British Crown, independent o any but our Constituents,
at home, Masters o lge districts abt us, & gently deciders in /
Affairs o People ry Remote; But / Dutch to prevent Insults wh
may now & then be offered, wh after all are seldom ry atrocious,
attrocious, never dangerous, & are almost always repaired by
Presents & Submissn, - to prevent these, I say, they wd call in a
Negroe to be the Sovereign, as well as t o / Fantees,
Masters o / Coast, - Master to / Waters Edge, what Communicn
cd we hold betwn one Fort & anor if / Black Monarch put an
interdict upon it? Deprived o all necessaries fm / Country, what
Supplies cd we receive fm Shipg at land? Places where / Sea is so
boisterous t no Boat dares approach, for only f Canoes, & those
Canoes in / Hands o / King? In Vain shd we h a few Canoemen
Slaves; they wd be happy in screeng themselves fm immediate
death by flyg within / Walls o our Forts. Cut off by Sea & land
fm ry Assistce, fm all advice & fm ry Kind o Food, what must
become o us? But, say / Dutch, / adress o Europeans, & / presents
they can bestow, will obviate ry Difficulty, will keep / Prince himself
quiet & induce him to make / Negroes under / Forts Subservient to /
Chiefs. Slavish Principles to we [owe?] a power to anot, when we
cant hold it fm ourselves; if indeed t can be called Power wh is
maintained by a Constant Obedice to / Commands & an unbounded
attenn to / desires o any person whatsr. Yet such is / avowed
System o / Dutch, a System one wd think they shd never h
adopted hd they only considered it on Speculative Principles;
but what shl we say when they h hd actual experice agst it?
In this ry Century they lost a fine Settlemt at Whydah by the
Intrigues in bringg down / King o Dahomey upon / People amg whom
they dwelt. They expected no doubt t after such a Resolun, to wh by
the advice they hd so much contributed, they shd be partly, dis-
tinguished by / Conqueror, if not enjoy / Trade to / exclun o
all Europeans. But / ry Reverse happened. The Dutch by the
Subsequt Officious mesh & Presumpn lost the Settlemt, & h
never been able to regain it, while / English, French & Portuguese
h Kept theirs.

I shd perhaps observe t how clear I am t we ot to help /
Fantees, I mean only f they are in actual danger. We h no

occasn wantonly to make / Shantees our enemies by putting them at defice. Mr Mutter, when Sayie was so near him last Year, sent him a Present & was certainly right, for / Event was dubious, or rather indeed it was most likely / King wd carry his Point & in t case twas best to be upon Tolerable Terms w him at least. All I mean is, if things come to such extremity t no neutrality can any longer be observed, at least when by such a Neutrality we shd as effectually draw upon us / resentmt o / Victor, as if we had taken Part w / Vanquished (a Common Case I believe) wh side shd I then take? Prudce perhaps wd dictate to Join t Party wh was likely to be strongest; but besides / ungenerousness o this, it mt not be very easy to foresee wh side wd be successful, in such an uncertainty. I humbly think we shd when matters come to extremity, assist those whom it is our Interest shd be conquerors, & these are certainly / Fantees.

At this very time I am treating Sayie in a respectfull manner, a decent Present is preparing for him, & I have ordered / arrears o his Ground Rent o Accra to be paid his Messengers who are now dr. The publick Message I sent him two Months ago was conceived in Ten Terms, but I charged / Messengers to talk more closely to / Kings Ministers where he had Oppy & seem to Sayie himself if they found him disposed to Attent. The Substce o what I had my Messengr say to him in Private was t most Countries were destined for Possessn o / Natives, & t Invaders, besides / Constant fatigue o Body & Mind, were very often drove out. To a complice w / Intrigue o / Dutch to Sayie to come to / Waterside wd contradict / first Rule o his two immediate Predecessors' Conduct, his gr Uncle Apocha partly, who w all / Advantages o Successfull Wars & able Counsellors acquired by a long & Active Reign, had always declared agst any Attempt on / Coast. The reasons he had not given, but were, I believe, very obvious. "He apprehended "no doubt t by his Subjects residg at / Waterside, they wd quickly "be debauched both in their Constitutns & Principles. The first unavoidably "Spirituous Liquors, / delight o Black men, beg at least Six times as dear "in Shantee as at / Waterside; But / alterat o Principles, I imagined, "for his own Sake was what he most dreaded. What danger indeed wd "his Subjects Power be in when his Subjects began to contemplate / "advantages o Liberty. They wd quickly adopt / free Notions o / "people they had Conquered, for they cd not be insensible o / Sweets o "independce, full right o Trade & a Security to enjoy undisturbed / "Fruits o it. Shantees in their own Country, where they had not such "self Interesting objects to call off their attent to their Sovereign, they "wd become Fantees in Fantee, & his Sceptre wd drop out o his "hand. Such, I imagined, were / reasons t operated w his gr "Predecessor, & as he was universally allowed to be / Wisest, as well "as / most Valiant Monarch o his time in this part o / World, / "following such an example wd not, I hoped, disgrace a Young "Prince, who, I had bn informed, admired so much / heroic & "revered / Memory o Apocha."

By frequent talking w my Messengers I have made him master o / above Sentiments, & as he is an intelligent sort o a Man I dare say he will report them justly; & hope they may h / desired effect.

Yrs letter of 23 April came to hand whilst I was writg this. Please receive my humblest thanks for this confirmed appointmt. My letter is already a vy long one, but I dismiss the Yr Principal Officers & send off Slaves off / Coast lays me under / necessity of enlargg it.

These are remittances we must make for / Paymt of Debts contracted in England, & to support Families: for to / Honour of Yr Officers be it said tho are some amg them to whose bounty the Relatns & Friends of Negroes owed many of / Conveniences not to say necessaries of life. The fountain of these Supplies is now cut off by this Prohibin of freightg Slaves. Gold & Ivory are not to be had on these necessitous Friends must therefore pine in Want, or Yr Officers by supplyg them be cashiered. Surely, Gentlemen, I am not Guilty of Presumptn in pleadg such a Cause as this. It is / cause of Humanity, & I hope experience of / Ample share Yr Honrs possess of it. Let it not be urged it by permittg Yr Officers to freight off Twenties, a Door will be opened for sendg off Hundreds. 'Tis by / Ships they must go, & is it not / Duty as well as / Interest of / Captains to detect us if we Transgress? Are we not therefore in / Power of / Captains: & who is not a less alarmg circumstce, are we not in / power of one anor?

I trust, Gentlemen, Yr will think / above Matters worth Yr Considern. I must promise myself / Recruit of Slaves & / Assistce of a Sloop. For my Political Conduct amg these contendg Nations I must beg Yr Orders. The cause of our Families at home must claim Yr attenn. & I am — &c —

(signed) John Hippisley

Endorsed

Trade Affrica No 6

Copy

of a letter frm /
Committee of Compy
of Merchants tradg to Affrica
to / Governor & Council
at Cape Coast Castle
Decr 3d 1766
In ans Perrins letter
of 28 Janry 1764

Read.

London Decr 3d 1766.

Gentlemen.

Herewith Yr will receive Copies of what we wrote Yr last & Invoices & Bills of Ladg of Goods & Stores Amountg to £10763.10.2 by / Cumberland, Capt Howell.

You'll observe this to be vy short of Amt of what Yr indented for; but as / Parliamentary allowce is limited to a Certain Sum We cannot exceed it, & be obliged to curtail / Indents accordgly. Under these circumstces We cd not compely w Yr Request in sendg out / China, Pictures &c, thinkg these not better be dispenked as than / more essential Investmts for / Paymt of Salarys & carryg on / necessary Repairs: & We make no doubt of yr applyg them for these Purposes in / most frugall & usefull Manner — Yr last letters of 25th April givg an Acct of / distressed Situan of / Coast thro / Scarcity of Provns has induced us to send for an extry Quantity & beg obliged to give bond for Landg / same in Affrica; Yr must therefore Return us Certificate signed & sealed by / Governr & one of / Council, of Yr having Rec'd frm on board / Cumberland Capt Howell for / use of / British Forts & Settlemts One Hundred Barrels qtr 50 Quarters wheat flour, also anor Certificate signed & sealed

as above & / Landg 20 Quarts o Cordage. Wt 23-1-16 Nt by / sd Ship. Y will take Capt Howells Oath to / inclosed Certificate Relative to / Brandy & return it signed & sealed as afore mentioned. We are sorry to inform y Capt Cleveland o his Majestys Ship Phoenix died on / passage home, what y mentioned o his good Behaviour & Services on / Coast wd h bn properly taken Notice o if he hd lived to come home, his Successor Capt Maccartney did not pay t regard to Capt Clevelands Memory or his own Credit wh he ot, hav'g suffered his effects to be embezzled & amg st things yr Letter was lost & / Gold Dust y Ships home on Acct o Mrs Robinson was delivered 14 Oz. Short o / Quantity mentioned in / Bill o Ladg. The Accts o / Year endg Xmas 1764 are come to hand & shd be examined, hope soon to receive / Subsequent Accts. And as y h got a good sett o hands in / Office, expect they will not be so much in arrears as hitherto. Y will receive by this Conveyce three Writers who are Tollerable proficients in Accts. also an Assistant Surgeon well recommended for Sobriety, also a Supply o thirteen Soldiers; We h Ordered t / Soldiers' Cloaths & all st Goods subject to damage be packed in tight Casks to prevent / Complaints o last Year on this Head. Y will o Course return / bills o Ladg indorsed as usual, & in case o damage or deficiency on delivery, transmit to us / Parts o each, regularly authenticated, t proper Satisfacn may be demanded.

We hope to hear in yr next t a peace is concluded betwn / Ashantees & Fantees, as this may be a means o Openg / Paths & bringg down plenty o Slaves &c. Yr endeavours for this Purpose will wt doubt be exerted in / properest Manner & wt Oconomy wh / demands for st essential Services makes absolutely necessary. As to / usefullness o Skillfull Artificers on / Coast We are fully convinced & h never missed an Oppy o engag'g w such as offered; but y may suppose this happens but seldom, as those who are ingenious & Tollerably sober meet w too much encouragemt at home.

We are sorry for / death o Mr Armstrong & / Dangerous Situan o Mr Holmes & Mr Smith wh must greatly retard / Works Y are carry'g on. Mr Ordbridge who y recommended to our Countence & who pointed out to y some usefull Improvemt at Cape Coast Castle is also dead; as we observe Y are makg some Additn to / Fortificatn agreeable to his plan & h no objectn thereto if not attended w too much expence. As to / makg a Mole for / Security o / Shipg this is a Work o gt Impce indeed, & we fear such an expence ~~must~~ as must not be attempted wt a full aid o Parliamt, wh it will be difficult to obtain at present. Yr Acct o / advanced price o all sorts o Provins & Labour on / Coast requir'g more Supplys already than we are able to furnish. The Method y h pursued to procure Provins, & / immediate relief given to / Wants o our Slaves are highly approved o, these are objects always worthy / Attentn o our Governors who h / least humanity or regard for / Welfare o / Establishmt. On this Acct We do not hesitate / giv'g y Orders to exempt / Slaves from paymt o / advance in Considern o / badness o / times, but in wise no Ways omit / state o our Finances to raise / salarys wh h bn fixed for so many Yrs past. However in times o real exigency it must be left to yr Discretn to relieve / necessity o these poor people as y think proper, The regulatn made in / delivery o Provins is very proper & We h no Objectn to a gratuity beg given to / Officer whose business it is to Superintend this business, for his extra Trouble. — Mr Goodson Chief o Wydah has wrote a Mellancholy Acct o his Situan as to place & / danger / Fort is in o beg taken if attacked by / neighbouring Natives, wh is

vy probably / Case fm / Hopes o Plunder. He therefore begs us to order some assistce to be sent him fm Cape Coast o Workmen & Materials in order to put / Fort in a state o defence. This wee mentioned to yr in Our last letter, & now repeat those Orders, desirg there may be no delay in sendg down such a Supply o Men, Stores &c as yr can spare for this Purpose. Wee are sorry to find by yr last letter & / Goods sett apart for / paymt o Mrs Devaynes's demand were still at Cape Coast, & as this must be attended wt gt loss to / Proprietors, must insist, if not already gone, & no Oppy be lost o sendg them down. Wee are sensible o yr Want o Craft for this & Or Purposes, & if a small Sloop o abt 25 or 30 Tons Burthen cannot be met wt on / Coast, will endeavour to send one fm hence altho remember / last sloop wh was fitted out here & sent to Africa for / use o / Forts, was attended wt a vy lge Expence & more made use o in / Service o / Chiefs than / Publick. Mr Seed / Surgeon has made repeated applicans to us to be reinstated in our employ, but / reasons mentioned in yr Letter Relative to this Gentleman were sufficient to prevent it, & beg fully aware o / Inconveniencies arisg fm Leave beg given to Our Officers to return to England for Recovery o Health wee readily come into / expedient yr h proposed, & now direct yr upon all future applicans to / Govrnr & Council on those Occans, Leave o Absce be given for a Certain reasonable time to try / Change o Air on any other part o / Coast or at / Island o St. Thomas or Princes, but not to come to England wt an Absolute Discharge. Having taken into Consideran Mr Corkburn's case, do allow o his beg reimbursed / Value o three Men Slaves paid for settlg his Passage, howr as this was owg in some Measure to his own imprudent Conduct, this must be deemd a gt Indulgce thereon him & not put down as a precedent to ors. Mr Johnson has bn vy unfortunate both in his private Concerns & / right he stands in wt respect to his Publick Stan, / former is not in our Power to redress but Justice requires us to inquire into / Cause when our Servants are not promoted according to the rank & seniority, having laid it down as a Maxim o Our Establishmt & this shd be observed unless some vy material Objecn can be alledged to / Contrary. Wee must therefore repeat our former Orders in regard to Mr Johnson, expectg to be informd o / reasons o his not succeedg to / Command he was entitled to, as his Friends here Complain much o / Injury done him.

The detail yr h sent us o / Piratical Proceedgs on / Coast & / Mischief in Consequce is vy alarmg, it is pity / Vigorous Steps taken by Commodore Cleveland were not Crownd wt Success, as this would h nipped them in / bud, howr are glad to find / Ringleaders o / last expedn are caught & sent home. We desire yr wd give Captain Hassell yr best advice & what assistce y can in Ballastg his Ship.

By Order o / Committee &c
(signed) S. Perrier. Secy

Copy o a Letter fm / Committee o / Co o Merchants Trading to Africa, to Mr Thos Trinder Chief o Appolonia
Dated London 3d Decr 1766

Sir

Y will receive this by Capn Arthur Howell o/ Cumberland, inclos? Invoice & Bills o Ladg & Stores left behind by / Royal Charlotte Capn Anthy Calvert amounting to £ [illegible]

Y h inclosed a Copy o our letter o Sepr 3d last also Copies o Invoices o goods & Stores, & third bills o Ladg & / same by / last mentd Ship.

Y will not fail to return us / bills o Ladg both by / Royal Charlotte & Cumberland indorsed w receipts, observg / Directns contained in our letter to Y o Sepr 2nd 1766, & our instructns to Y for carryg on & compleatg / buildg o this Fort in / most expeditious manner w / least Frugality & w / utmost Harmony in regard to / Natives, to induce them to give Y all possible assistce.

We desire Y to give / Cumberland all / dispatch in yr power in dischargg, wh as she has nothg but timber to deliver we hope will by soon be done; more especially as by agreemt she has no more than forty Workg days allowed to discharge in, both at Cape Appolonia & Cape Coast Castle.

We are much concerned f / Death o Mr John Armstrong / assistant Surveyor, & h endeavoured to procure and to supply his place, but h not for able to succeed.

Dont neglect any Oppy o informg us how Y proceed in buildg this Fort, as we are by desirous o its beg compleated w / utmost Dispatch; Y will also let us Know, what sorts & how many white People Y think will be necessary f / Fort when finished, t we may provide them to send by / next Storeship.

By Order o / Committee o / Co o Merchants Trading to Africa
(signed) Saml Poirier, Secr

Endorsed

Trade. Africa
Earl o Shelburne
Whitehall
2d Febry 1767
relative to a Claim o
/ Dutch West India
Co. R. Febry 2. 1766 (sic)
4 pages
Read Febry 3. 1767.
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Whitehall February 2d 1767

My Lords, The Board o Trade having on / 9th May 1766 transmitted to this Office / Extract o a letter fm Mr Mutter Chief o Cape Coast Castle to / Committee o / Co o Merchants Trading to Africa, representg / injurious Conduct o / Dutch Governor o Elmina in exciting / Natives o t Coast in / Neighbourhood o Appolonia to attack Ammonjah / Cabboceer o t Place under whose Protectn / Committee were then making an Establishmt thr in pursue o a Grant o Parliamt f t Purpose, His Majesty's Embassador at / Hague was in consequence thereof directed to represent this matter to / States Gen & on / 8th Instant Mr Welderen delivered / Memoirs & Documents herewith transmitted to yr Lordships by wh it appears t / Dutch East India Co h complained o / Conduct o / Chief o Cape Coast Castle & h exhibited Claims o an exclusive Right to Cape Appolonia & / Coast in questn.

I am therefore to signify to yr Lordships His Majesty's Commands t Y will take / matters in Complaint on both sides into yr Consideratn & report to me f His Majesty's Information yr Opinion o all / Points in Dispute & particularly o / Propriety o / Claims made on / Part o / Dutch East India Co.

I am — &c
Shelburne

Lords o Trade.

Monsieur,

Le Soussigné Envoyé Extraordinaire et Plenipotentiaire de la part de Leur Hautes Puissances les Etats Generaux des Provinces Unies a l'honneur de representer a Votre Excellence, que Leurs Hautes Puissances ayant vu le Memoire que Monsieur le Chevalier Yorke leur a presenté au mois de Juillet dernier, contenant des plaintes contre le Gouverneur d'Elmina sur la cote de Guinée, qui auroit cherché a traverser l'etablissement d'un fort, que les Anglois elevoient pres du Caap Apolonia; ont d'abord ordonné aux Directeurs de la Compagnie des Indes occidentales de faire reexaminer la conduite du dit Gouverneur, et de leur en faire rapport.

Les Directeurs ont obei a ces ordres de Leurs Hautes Puissances, et ont envoié le 2d Septembre a leur Conseil d'Elmina toutes les pièces qui ont quelque rapport a cette affaire; Sur quoi il est impossible qu'ils aient encore de reponse; mais ayant reçu dernierement des avis, et des lettres detaillées, munies des preuves authentiques et incontestables; par ou il paroit clairement que le Gouverneur de Caap Corbe n'a eu que d'autre raison a porter ses plaintes a la Cour de la Grande Bretagne, pour presenir elles, que sa conduite irreguliere authorisoit en toute facon de porter contre lui, les Directeurs les ont communiqué a Leurs Hautes Puissances qui ordonnent au Soussigné de les porter a la Connoissance de Votre Excellence, comme il a l'honneur de faire; en se referrant a la lettre meme, que les Directeurs ont presenté a Leurs Hautes Puissances, et a toutes les pièces justificatives, dont elle est accompagnée.

L'Amitié, dont le Roy honore Leurs Hautes Puissances; les Traités qu'Elles ont l'honneur d'avoir avec sa Majesté; les persuadent, que Sa Majesté ne permettra jamais, que des ordres soient donnés, pour soutenir, et proteger des rebelles de la Compagnie de la Republique, on pour elever des forts sur des terres, dont Elle peut prouver d'avoir été en possession au dela d'un Siécle.

Leurs Hautes Puissances attribuent tout ce qui a été fait dans cecà; et toutes les autorisations, qui ont eté données pour cet affet, aux fausses informations, que le Gouverneur de Caap Corse en a transmises; et ne demandent absolument, qu'un examen exact et impartial des pièces, que le Soussigné a l'honneur de joindre; afin qu'en cas que l'on trouve, comme Leurs Hautes Puissances se tiennent persuadées que l'on trouvera, que le Gouverneur de Caap Corse a fait tort a la Compagnie de la Republique, qu'on lui envoie alors des ordres exprés de ne plus se meler de ce rebele Amachéa; de discontinuer l'etablissement du fort au Caap Apolonia, et de se desister de toute autre entreprise qui pourroit nuire ou tendre au prejudice de la Compagnie de la Republique; et qu'en attendant on lui ordonna de laisser les choses dans l'Etat ou elles se trouvent a present; de s'abstenir de toute hostilité, et de vivre en amitié et en bonne harmonie avec la Compagnie de la Republique; comme Leurs Hautes Puissances l'ont ordonné, et le feront reiterer encore a Leur Directeurs en Elmina

Fait a Londres ce 8 Janvier 1764

J. W. Comte de Welderen.

Lettre du Representant de Son Altesse Serenissime, et des Directeurs de la Compagnie des Indes Occidentales du 4 Xbre 1766

Hauts et Puissants Seigneurs,

En vertu des ordres de Vos Hautes Puissances contenus dans la Resolution du 13 Aoust nous avons envoyé le 2 7bre au Directeur General sur la Cote de Guinée le Sr Jean Pierre Theodore Huyde Koopers le Memoire avec les pieces y attachées que le Chevalier Yorke Vous a presenté le 18 de Juillet portant des plaintes que le dit Directeur auroit cherché a traverser un Etablissement que les Anglois erigeoient pres du Caap Apolonia; Nous lui avons ordonné ainsi qu'il a été exprimé dans la Resolution.

Il est impossible Hautes et Puissants Seigneurs que nous puissions deja avoir reponse a cette lettre mais par des avis et lettres authentiques et detaillées que nous avons recu dernierement de ces Contrées nous sommes plus que convaincus de la Veritable Situation des Choses: Nous trouvons que le Gouverneur Anglois de Caap Corse n'a eu d'autre raison a porter ses plaintes a la Cour de la Grande Bretagne que pour etre le premier, et pour cacher par la sa conduite irreguliere, dont nous au contraire les raisons les plus fortes et les plus fondées a nous plaindre et nous avions bien raison de dire dans notre avis du 8 d'Aoust que nous etions trop persuadés de la prudence du Directeur General Huyde Koopers que de le pouvoir soubconner d'avoir mis entre prise au prejudice des Anglois.

Pour Prouver combien nos plaintes sont fondées contre le Gouverneur Anglois, et combien il est necessaire que Vos Hautes Puissances y remedient, nous ne Vous produirons point tous les papiers et documents que nous avons recu sur ce Sujet, leur trop grande etendue interromperoit trop les occupations de Vos Hautes Puissances, nous en tirerons les principaux arguments et nous bornerons aux trois points suivants, Scavoir,

Nous donnerons premierement une relation historique de ce qui s'est passé dans l'affaire en question tant par rapport a un certain Caboceer Amnichia Vassal legitime mais a present rebelle de la Compagnie, qu'a l'egard des intrigues que les Anglois ont mises en oeuvre afin d'animer ce rebelle contre la Compagnie a d'ereger sous ce pretexte un fort au Caap Apolonia.

En second lieu nous mettrons au jour le droit exclusif que la Compagnie a sur le Caap d'Apolonie et sur tout son etendu

Et nous ferons voir en fin le prejudice et le tort que la Compagnie souffriroit par des irregularités pareilles qui sont contraires a tous les traités qui Subsistent entre Sa Majesté Brittannique & Vos Hautes Puissances

Nous remettons le tout a la Sagesse de Vos Hautes Puissances pour les remedes les plus prompts et les plus efficaces et nous serons aussi breffs que faire se pourra.

Nous observons dabord pour le premier point que le Caap Apolonia avec toutes ses ap- et dependances se trouve dans les territoires qui depuis la conquette de la Guinée ont été sous l'obeissance de la Compagnie ce que nous prouverons plus au long quand nous parlerons du Second point

Le Chef naturel de ce pays est a present un certain Caboceer Amnichia, qui ne s'est pas seulement sous trait de l'obeissance de la Compagnie, mais qui est c'est en outre rendu coupable de plusieurs brigandages dont nous avons eu l'honneur de faire mention dans l'avis que nous avons presenté a Vos Hautes Puissances / 8 Aoust, et au quel nous prenons a present la liberté de nous referer.

Nous l'aurions déjà longtems amené a son dessein si les Anglois ne l'avoient secrétement soutenus et protegés.

Le Feu Directeur General David Pierre Erasmi, s'etant apperçu de cette protection Secrette, s'en plaignit a Mr Bell. dans ce tems Gouverneur Anglois au Cap Corse, il lui expliqua le droit que la Compagnie avoit sur le Cap Apolonia, et lui marqua en meme tems les raisons pourquoi cet Amnichia etoit traité en rebelle de la Compagnie. Mr Bell lui repondit le lendemain 30 de Mars 1762 en lui assurant de la maniere la plus forte, que bien loin de donner de l'assistance au dit rebelle, il n'avoit jamais rien en a faire avec lui, qu'il croyoit que Son Caractère fut assez connu dans le pays pour ne pas etre soubconné d'une action aussi noire et si peu Chretienne, et qu'aucun Anglois, aucun homme d'honneur ne put etre capable d'une infidelité pareille.

Litt B.

Litt C.

Lorsque ce Gouverneur Bell fut retourné en Angleterre, le President Walbeck ecrivit le 29 Aoust 1764 a Son Successeur Willem Mutter, et lui donna connoissance de ce qu'il avoit appris du Commandant d'Azim (le present Directeur General) que les Anglois etoient a batir un fort au Cap Apolonia;

Litt D.

Mais ce Monsr Mutter lui repondit le meme jour et lui assura qu'il devoit avoir été mal informé, car qu'on ne batissoit ni forteresse ni maison au Capp Apolonia.

Litt E.

Alors et quelque tems apres tout se fit sous main et clandestinement jusqu'a l'arrivée du present Gouverneur Hippesley, qui a levé le masque entierement comme il paroitra par la Suite.

Quelques negres refugiés sous la protection de la Compagnie etant venus aux armes avec d'autres qui avoient passé de la Compagnie au Susdit Cabcceer Amnichia, et deux des derniers aiant été faits prisonniers et un de tué; le Gouverneur Anglois comme protecteur et defenseur d'Amnichia endossa son harnois, et ecrivit une lettre tres forte au Directeur General ci-jointe sous la lettre A qui pour l'engager a declarer ouvertement cette protection si longtems cachée lui repondit simplement qu'il etoit tres surpris de voir qu'il prenoit tant d'interet a ce qui concernoit Amnechia et ses Gens; Sur quoi le Gouverneur lui repondit une Seconde lettre ci jointe aussi sous la Lettre F, qu'il ne reconnut point le droit de la Compagnie sur le Cap Apolonia, qu'elle n'etoit point du tout authorisée a s'y etablir, qu'il protegeroit et soupendroit Amnechia et qu'il feroit batir un fort au Caap Apolonia, et si quelqu'un lui refusat le passage il le regarderoit comme une declaration de guerre.

Litt A.

Litt F.

Le Directeur General et Conseil sur cela lui ont fait sentir soutenu avec autant de discretion que d'emphase et ont soutenu avec pluseeurs arguments le droit incontestable que la Compagnie avoit sur le Pays Apolonia dans leur lettre ci jointe sous la lettre G. apres quoi ils ont protesté encore contre cette conduite du Gouverneur Anglois comme sous la lettre R.

Litt G.

Litt R.

Le Gouverneur Anglois aiant été rappellé en Angleterre a cause de son mauvais conduite comportement sur cette cote, a proposé cette pretension ridiculiere pour etre employé de recheff et pour se faire gouter par quelque chose de nouveau et de Singulier en quoi il a si bien reussi que la Nation Angloise sans s'informer de la veritable situation des choses l'a authorisé sur ces faux rapports a batir un fort au Caap Apolonia.

Pour ne pas arretter Vos Hautes Puissances avec le detail de ce qui a fait pendant qu'il estoit dans son premier poste, nous passerons au seconde point et prouverons le droit legitime et primatiff que Vos Hautes Puissances ou leur Compagnie ont sur le Pays d'Apolonia avec exclusion de tout autre.

Ce droit resulte de la Conquette legitime que Vos Hautes Puissances ont faite sur les Portugais dans la Guerre d'Espagne, et on n'a jamais eu le moindre doute que la terre Apolonia ne fut compriſé dans cette conquette, dont la preuve la plus evidente est que les habitans du Pays se sont rendus volontairement a la Compagnie de la Republique, et ont avoué qu'ils etoient auparavant les Sujets des Portugais comme Vos Hautes Puissances verront qu'ils le soutiennent dans l'acte de cession de la Province de Jumorea en date du 19 Janvier 1654
Litt H. ci jointe sous la lettre H.

Etant donc prouvé que la Province de Jumora a été cedée a Vos Hautes Puissances comment peut on former encore quelque difficulté par rapport a la ditte terre d'Apolonia qui n'est qu'une partie de Jumora ou Sumora, comme il paroitra par la lettre I ou le Directeur General Jacob Ruyghaver demontre que ces deux pays ne sont qu'un sous des noms differents. En outre tous les pays soirins ont été anciennement sous la domination de Vos Hautes Puissances, temoins les actes de Vassalage qui ont été plusieurs fois accordés aux habitans de ces Pays, que nous prenons la liberté d'annexer ici sous les lettres K et L, le premier etant en date du 6 Aoust 1658. et l'autre du 29 Aoust 1742.
Litt K. et L.

Nous serions fachés Hauts et Puissants Seigneurs de vous importuner par un detail de toutes ces pièces, nous vous prions seulement de vouloir remarquer dans la lettre L le contract et accord qui a été conclu et signé l'annee 1694 au nom de Vos Haute Puissances et a la prière et Sollicitations expresses des Caboceers et Cheffs de la riviere Cobbre et de tous les pays contigus dont l'article premier est tres remarquable pour la declaration que les Caboceers y font; que depuis l'annee 1642 quand les Hollanderis se sont rendus maitres du Fort St Antonio a Axim ils se sont mis entierement sous leur Souverain été pour qu'ils les gouvernent de la meme maniere qu'ils l'ont été auparavant par les Espagnols et les Portugais dont ils etoient les Vassaux aussi; que plusieurs fois ils ont été induits par erreur ou corruption d'autres Nations a se Soustraire de cette obeissance et se sont plongés par la dans des guerres terribles, qu'ils prient a present le Directeur General Johan de Zeevenhuysen de vouloir les accepter de nouveau comme des anciens Vassaux de leurs Hautes Puissances et de la Compagnie avec offerte et cession Volontaire de toutes leurs terres sans exception, et sans se reserver pour eux memes le moindre droit, moins encore d'y pouvoir admettre quelque autre Nation que la Hollandoise
Cet accord a été renouvellé et sermenté de nouveau l'annee 1742.

Jamais aucun Directeurs General, ou autre Cheff, qui a été sur ces coles de la part de Vos Hautes Puissances, n'a negligé en aucune façon le droit de la Compagnie, par

exemple dans l'année 1656 que les Suedois voulurent s'établir au Caap Apolonia et qu'ils avoient deja gagné le consentement des Habitans pour y batir un fort, le Directeur General s'y est opposé et les a empêché d'en prendre possession comme Vos Hautes Puissances verront par les pieces cy jointes Litt M. N. et O. Sous les Lettres M N et O dont la premiere est la deduction tres ample du Directeur General Valkenburg en reponce au replique du Commandant Suedois qui etant trop longue pour l'annexer tout entier, nous n'en avons fait tirer que le plus essentiel.

Vos Hautes Puissances seront plus convaincues encore du droit qu'elles ont au Caap Apolonia, et que leur Compagnie l'a toujours soigneusement conservé, quand elles verront par la lettre P ce qui c'est passé dernierement quand non seulement un certain Anglois nommé Richard Stockwell, s'etant etablis au Caap Apolonia a eté obligé de s'en retirer sur les ordres que le Directeur General Van Goor fit donner au Caboceer de l'en chasser; mais meme que le present Amnichia Cheff du Pays d Appolonia dont la defection cause tant de troubles, et de desagrements a la Compagnie a encore dernierement en 1753 passé un acte Solemnel de Soumission a la Compagnie et l'a fait signer et sceller par son delegué dans le Chateau d'Elmina comme nous en annexons la Copie Sous la lettre Q. Litt. Q

Cet acte seul nous croions devroit suffire pour faire decider cette affaire, etant passé par la personne meme qui se revolte a present. Elle y promet pour luy et ses Successeurs de ne jamais tolerer aucune autre Nation quelquonque au Caap d'Apolonia ou dans toutes les terres y appartenantes comme il est plus au long dans l'acte meme, la personne qui a pris encore dernierement des engagements aussi Solemnels est la meme rebelle qui est soutenu et protegé par les Anglois

Nous n'imaginons qu'on puisse objecter que cet Amnichia etant brouillé avec la Compagnie de la Republique ne seroit plus tenus a cet acte et seroit maitre de se soumettre a aucune autre Nation, parceque luy dont les predecesseurs ont eté de tous temps les Vassaux de la Compagnie e qui a renouvellé et sermenté de nouveau cette sujection, ne peut etre regardé que comme un rebelle et parce que d'un autre coté une Puissance qui vit en amitié et en harmonie avec Vos Hautes Puissances ne peut etre authorisée a soutenir et a proteger les rebelles de Vos Hautes Puissances ou de la Compagnie et par la leur faire tort du tort.

L'objection seroit tout aussi frivole si on voulait avancer que la Compagnie n'a point de Fort au Caap Apolonia et que par consequent le Pays ne le appartient point, parce qu'il n'est pas absolument necessaire qu'on aye des forts dans toutes les possessions; il suffit que les Habitans du Pays et tous les Cheffs se soient soumis a la Compagnie

Les deux premiers points etant ainsi developpés et avant a la Satisfaction, nous esperons, de Vos Hautes Puissances demontré le droit ancien et legitime de la Compagnie sur le Caap Apolonia, qui a eté renouvellé plusieurs fois de sorte que le Ministere Anglois jugeant selon les regles de l'equité et non sur des rapports legers et peu justes du Gouverneur Anglois Hippesley ny trouvera jamais rien a redire.

Nous passerons au troisieme point avec lequel nous croions pouvoir etre beaucoup plus court, ne doutant point que Vos Hautes Puissances ne sentent deja parce que nous venons de dire, le prejudice et le tort immense que la Compagnie suffriroit si les Anglois continuent de soutenir ce rebelle Amnichia et d'etablir un fort au Caap Apolonia.

Cependant comme il est assés naturel que d'une Supercherie on passe a une autre et que la Compagnie seroit ainsi dans peu reduite dans les bornes etroites de quelques peu de Villages par ou le Comptoir d'Axim seul perdroit au dela de Sept huitiemes de son territoire legitime et seroit en outre privé de tout son commerce ainsi que plusieurs autres forts aux environs, nous prions tres humblement que pour les raisons subdittes Vos Hautes Puissances plaisent d'avoir egard aux consequences funestes des subdittes entreprises, de vouloir maintenir la Compagnie dans ses droits et possessions legitimes, et de prendre pour cet effet les mesures que Vos Hautes Puissances jugeront les plus salutaires et les plus efficaces

Nous &c.

Amsterdam le 4 xbre 1766.

(Signé) par le Representant de Son Altesse Serenissime et les Directeurs de la Compagnie des Indes Occidentales.

F.V. Collen. S Dedele.

Litt A. Extrait de Resolution du Directeur General et Conseil D'Elmina

Lundit le 12 May 1766.

Le Directeur General et les Noble Seigneurs Conseillers assemblés au Conseil, et ayant pris leurs places &c

Sur quoi le Directeur General presenta une lettre qu'il avoit reçu du Gouverneur Anglais au Caap Corse qui apres avoir parlé d'autres choses de moindre Consequence, s'exprime en ces termes " la tete que " le Peuple d'Axim a tranchée a un negre d'Amnichia et deux " autre negres de ce Caboceer mis au fer dans la forteresse de cette " Place ne sont pas des choses qu'on oublie si vitte, et seront bientot " mises au Jour, Monsieur Fennekol, qui soufre ces injures, ou qui " peut etre, les encourage, eprouvera, si je ne me trompe, que le " pouvoir de notre Nation n'est pas si Meprisable que son long " Sejour sur cette Cote lui a fait imaginer."

Sur laquelle lettre le Directeur General demanda l'avis de Messrs les Conseillers pendant qu'il lui avoit repondu provisionellement. " A l'egard du Second point de votre lettre, il " est de trop grande Consequence pour que je prene sur moi d'y " repondre tout seul. J'en ferois ouverture au Conseil, et nous " vous y repondrons tous ensemble, tout ce que je puis vous " dire dans mon particulier, c'est que personne de nous quelque " longtems qu'il ait été sur cette Cotte n'est assés ignorant de " croire, que le pouvoir de votre Nation soit meprisable. Nous en " formons au contraire la plus haute idée, mais comme toutes les

" Nations policées, et principalement la Votre, agissent autant par droit que
" par force, nous sommes persuadés qu'elle n'abusera jamais de son
" pouvoir pour nous empêcher de traiter votre ennemi comme tel"

Sur quoi aiant été murement deliberé il a été unanimement conclu qu'on reponde en peu de mots à cette lettre Angloise, et qu'on feroit semblant de ne la point comprendre afin d'engager et de forcer par là le Gouverneur Anglois de se declarer pour ce qu'il a si longtems caché et nié, scavoir, d'avoir donné de l'assistance à notre Ennemi et la supercherie qu'ils ont fait jusqua present secretement auprès de d' Amnichia, et que pour cet effet, on ecriroit une Lettre en François et en Hollandois qui fut signé de tous les Membres et qui etoit en termes suivantes.

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[Vide letter sub date May 12. - translated into English - in Notebook (3). p. 81]

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Litt B. [no heading] Elmina
29 March 1762 y letter D. P Erasmi to Charles Bell.
French text - Vide "Note book "1762. Journal xxx" (paper book) p 29.

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Litt C. 30 March 1762. CC. letter Ch Bell to Erasmi.
French text - Vide ibid p 30.

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Litt D. 29 August 1764. Elmina Letter Hend Walmbeek to Wm Mutter.

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French text - Vide NbK (3) p 116.

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Litt E. 29 August 1764 CC. Bell: Mutter to Walmbeek.

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French text. Vide ibid p 117.

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Litt F. Extract de Resolution du Directeurs et Conseil d'Elmina
Jeudi le 15 May 1766.

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Le Directeur General representa que le Vaisseau de la Compagnie qui etoit sur son depart lui avoit donné tant d'occupations qu'il n'avoit pu convoquer l'assemblée sitot qu'a ordinaire quoique il n'avoit eu rien de bien pressé à y proposer, mais qu'il venoit a present de recevoir une lettre du Gouverneur de Caap Corse dont le Contenu lui paroissoit de tant de conseqence qu'il n'avoit voulu tarder un moment pour la mettre devant le Conseil et l'avoit convoqué pour cet effet. La lettre etoit ecrite en francois en termes suivantes.

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[Vide NbK (3) pp. 81-84 - where 1 letter fm Hippisley to Huydecoper dd. CC. 14 May 1766 is translated into English fm / Dutch]

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Litt G. [no heading]

21 July 1766. Elmina. Letter Huydecoper + Council to Hippisley

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- French text. Vide English translation / Dutch in NBK(3). pp. 88 — 112]

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Litt H. Acte de Cession du Pays de Jumora fait par les Possesseurs de ce Pays au faveur et pour la Compagnie des Indes Occidentales Hollandoises

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14 January 1654

[Vide Typed NBK sub anno: also ms transcript "Ex Forts + Lodges 16. C Apol. p 29. But title / date is 16 Jan. This French copy is dtd 14 Jan]

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Litt J. Extract du Journal de mons^r le Directeur General Jacob Ruyghaver concernant l'affaire de Jumora en Caap Apolonia

le 13 Juillet 1654

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Le 14 Juillet 1654

[Vide Typed NBK sub anno: also ms transcript ut supra p 7]

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Litt K. Renouvellement de l'acte de vassalage par le S^r Directeur General Johan Valkenburgh accordé aux habitants du Pays de d'Ithiriquem

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6 August 1658.

[Vide ibid; & ibid p 32.]

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Litt L. [no heading]

Ce 29 Aoust 1742 sont comparus devant moi Nicholas Nicolaas Matthias van der Meer de Ziutere Commis Commandant Commis Commandant du Fort St Anthonio a Rein les Caboceers assemblés et Cheffs des Rivieres Siam. du Pays Iguira . . . . . .

[Vide typed NA book 1742 p 156a.]

Contract et accord fait entre le Directeur General Ian van Seven Huysen . . . . . et les Cheffs des Caboceers habitants la Riviere Cobre . . . . . .

22 Aoust 1694.

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[Vide loose typed copy in envelope 1695-1694]

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Litt M. Reduction de Joan Valkenburg . . .
1656

[This is only a short extract the opening paragraphs of an extremely long document.
The whole doc is in Typed nbk 1656. & ms copy is in "XII Sweden. SAC" p 69 ch 334].

Litt N. Attestation sur la demande faite par le Docteur Suedois Isaac Mulla a Mina pour etablir une Loge a Jumoo.
de 20 Juliet de l'annee 1654 comparu devant moi Adriaan Hoogenbouck Sous Commis resedent au Fort St Anthonie a Mina . . . Louis van Congelenburgh et Roelof Dyck . . . qui un certain natif d'Agum nomme Beyesteen . . .
[Vide ibid - ut supra pp 29a. 46]

Litt O. - Anor attestation by same persons made at same place on 17 July 1754. abt / native Asouquama -
[Vide ibid. ut supra p. 46]

Litt P. - Letter fm J & C. Bacot [& van Vooren] dd Axim 1 June 1752.
[Vide Typed nbk. 1752. p. 154]

Litt Q. - Contract made at Elmina betwn Van Vooren & / representatives o Amsterdam on 13 February 1753
[Vide ibid 1753. p 203]

Litt R. - Protest Huydecoper a Council Elmina to Gov Hippisley Cape Coast -
French text. &

[Vide Reyserslonckx copy in Dutch fm 1651. 116 Dec 1764 - maart 1765 at p 54.
Vide my English translation fm / Dutch text, in nbk 59. Resol II. p 200.
This is no date in any o / copies but fm / context it appears to be 21 July 1766 (vide pencil note in above nbk in marg in o p 201]

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Trade Africa
Letter fm Mr Pownall
Secry to / Africam Com-
mittee, to / Secry, dated
March 25, 1767, acquaints
him t / Committee
will make their report
on / reference relative
to Cape Appolonia so soon
as they h recd answers
fm Bristol & Liverpoole

Recd
Read March 26 } 1767.

M.m. 24

– In their letter dd Africam Office March 25th 1767 Samuel Pownall Esqr informs John Pownall Esqr, in reply to his letter dd [illegible] to / Committee, & having again reminded them of reference made to them of / representation of / Dutch W.I. Co stating the claim to an exclusive right to / possession of Cape Appolonia, & their report; / Committee have sent extracts of t representation to / Merchants of Bristol & Liverpool for their observations, & when their answers are received, they will be ready to report to / Board on t representation —

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Recd
Read March 30 } 1767.

M.m. 25

Copy of a Letter fm / Committee of / Co of Merchants trading to Africa to / Govr & Council at Cape Coast Castle, Dated 4 March 1767.

Gentlemen,

We h received Mr Hippisley's letter of 17th July 1766. [not here] wh we shd in a short time take into consideration & fully answer. We h also Mr John Grossle's letter acquainting us w / melancholly Accot of Mr Hippisley's death & on t occasn we h resolved

That Mr Gilbert Petrie do succeed Mr Hippisley as Governor of Cape Coast Castle, President of / Council, Treasurer & Warehouse Keeper. That in case of Mr Petrie's death or quitting / service t Mr Jno Grossle shd succeed him as Govr of Cape Coast Castle rca like fr Orders.

That Mr Chas Graves be appointed to a Post t is vacant by / death of Mr Hippisley & / removals consequent thereon.

By Orders &c
(signed) Saml Powys Secy.

Endorsed

Recd
Read March 30 } 1767.

M.m. 26

Copy o a letter fm Gilbert Petrie Esqr Governor o Cape Coast Castle to / Committee o/ Co o merchts trading to Africa - dated Sepr 13th 1766.

Gentlemen

Although there is certainly no Office more undesirable than t o communicate bad news, yet since such an Office became my duty to ye, I cannot but be concerned at having missed / first opportunity t offered f executg t Duty, by conveyg to Y an Acct o an event wh is much to be lamented whr Considered in a publick light or a private one.

To / gen grief o ev'y man in Yr Service the Hippisley our late Governor, departed this life on / 11th instto. after a Weeks illness o a Putrid Fever, fm / almost uninterrupted State o good health he had enjoyed since his return to / Coast, & fm / appearce there was o his constitution beg in a manner naturalized to / Climate nothg cd be more alarmg than so sudden & unexpected a death; especially o a person whose publick conduct, no less than his private Deportment, had endeared him to ev'y one on / Coast. Mr Grossle who happened then to be here, lost no time in sendg to advise me at Accra o this event, but a long & severe fit o sickness had reduced me to such a state o Weakness, & rendered me so unable to undertake a Journey, t I did not get up here till / 20th, & in t intervening interval sailed / Ship Albany fm Annamaboe, an oppy by wh it was peculearly my Duty to be informed Y o / loss Yr Service has sustained: a Duty wh I shd readily be acquitted myself o, had not ignorce o / Ships departure put it out o my power. I do not however fear Gentlemen, t I sh suffer in Yr opinion by this appearce o neglect o my Duty, after Y h considered t these obstacles were insurmountable by / Ignorce I was kept in by those whose duty it was to have informed me. Immediately on my arrival here I assembled / Council to settle / direction o Yr Affairs, & fill up / places in Yr Service t became vacant on this occasn. Enclosed are / Resolutns agreed to [not here] wh are humbly submitted to Yr Consideran.

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A more sickly Season than this was never known by / oldest Servants Y h e Mortality has been grievg / Natives; / Dutch h lost seal Officers & many Soldiers. Mr Armstrong at Cape Appolonia & Mr Dyne here are / only Officers besides Mr Hippisley t h yet died in our Service; both alas, / unwholesome foggy Weather continues

Having finished all I h to say abt myself & / rest o Yr Servants, it is time I shd begin to lay before Y some acct o Yr Service & affairs in this Country: In this last Part Y were so fully informed by Mr Hippisley in his / Cape letter he wrote to Y, dated 14th July - [supra P25] t it not appearg / contents o it, there is but little left f me to say on t Subject, as no changes amg / Natives on any part o / Coast h yet come to our Knowledge.

Before I left Accra Messengers fm / King o Ashantee came down there, on pretce o receivg Pay o / Arrears due to him f Ground Rent, but in reality to receive / Submissn, or at least to make a Peace w / residue o / Akim Nation & / seval other States

inhabitg / Country betwn Accra & Ashantee, & thinks to open a Communicn w / Europeans by a more direct, & a much shorter Road than t hitherto used by / Ashantees on Accot o / late Powers & oppositn o their Enemies / Akims. The motives f t Step are very doubtful & admit o a double Interpretation, / first, wh was given as a true one by his Messengers, is, t in case / Fantees persist in refusg to make a reasonable Satisfactn to this King f / Insults & losses he has sustained fm the Attack upon him last Year & o Consequce refuse to supply him w European Commodities, he may h a Resource left in / Trade o t Channel. The 2d Reason to be assigned f Zay's endeavourg to h t passage open fm his Country to / Sea Coast is, t if his Ambition leads him to dissemble his Sentiments on this Occasn, & to conceal a design o makg and Irruptn into / Fantee Country, he may be enabled by means o such a passage to supply himself w Arms & Ammunitn in Spite o his Enemies. His Messengers expressed to me nothg but / most pacific Sentiments, & if I may judge fm / little Trade they brot, in wh they neither took Guns or Gunpowder, in wch seem t f / present at least / Shantee Monarch has no hostile Intentns. Since my arrival here a report was raised o all / Shantee Traders beg recalled fm / two Market Places where they meet & send their Slaves to / Fantees, & an alarm to / Fantees was / natural Consequce. But Trade betwn them beg agn renewed, all apprehensns seem to h subsided. Altho' in t Trade / Fantees h prohibited by a Law / sale o Guns & Gunpowder, Iron, Lead & Pewter; & altho' some examples h bn made by putty / Offenders t death, yet are / Commands o / Ashantees f these Articles fully, tho secretly, supplied by these wy Fantees. The Messengers sent up here by [? to] / King o Shantee are not yet returned, so I can give y no fur Accot o their Embassy, nor indeed o many or matters relatg to / Ashantee hrs.

For / State o Affairs at Cape Appolonia, I am under / necessity o referg Y to / inclosed Letters fm Mr Trinder, f ale / Informan I h bn able to procure since my arrival here. By / first Oppy t offered after Mr Hippisley's Death, I wrote Mr Trinder f a partr accot o his Situan. I desired him to inform me what Progress he hd made in Buildg; if he procured Stone w more facility, or still found / same Difficty as before: if / Cabboceers continued as well disposed to us as formerly; & how far / Service was affected by the good or bad disposin in / behaviour o their people who hd served us as Labourers. Mr Trinder's answer to my Letter arrived Yesty w / inclosed Copy o one to Mr Hippisley, dd 26th Ulto. The first refered me to this last Letter, & it contains such an Accot o Amonoah's & his brother's disposin & behaviour, as I hope will Justify to y / Step I h ventured to take w Concurrce o / Council, in complyg w Mr Trinder's request f Pay to these two Cabboceers. I wrote him accordgly to give them each Four Pounds in Trade p Month fm / 1st Inst. Fm Mr Trinder's Accot o their behaviour, it is highly probable t a gt

part. if not all, or often more than / Amt o t allowce will be taken up in liquor by / Cabboceers, & t liquor distributed amg the People b/ good o/ Service; & indeed if an idea be informed [illegible] o the whole expence on t acct, by what Mr Trinder says they incurred in one day, / Provn we h made will appear v scanty, if not totally inadequate to / Purpose. However it was enough b us to begin us wt Yr orders, & we hope it will, at least b / present, satisfy those it is given to, & answers partly / ends proposed by it

A v extry accident gave rise to a Correspondce o a v uncommon nature betwn Mr Hippisley & / Dutch Gen, some time before Mr Hippisley's death. This Correspondce beg v long, & all in / french language, wd require more time than / necessary Duties o my place, & / Settlemt o Mr Hippisley's affairs h allowed me, to translate & put it into such order as is requisite b Yr Perusal. I shn therefore only give y here an Acct o / Principal Subject o / letters wrote on each side, & endeavour by next occn to transmit them to y in a more decent form.

Mr Trinder having represented to Mr Hippisley / gt Inconvenicy t arose to / Service, b Want o a Communicn by Land betwn Cape Appolonia & Dixcove, Mr Hippisley gave in his answer some reason to hope t such Communicn wd at leas be open during / affair o / Pirates, b t by / Law o Nas no interruptn cd be offered to Publick messengers gog betwn / two places on such an Occn. On / strength o this Mr Trinder got some people frm Annoniah to set out wt Dispatches b Dixcove. but before they got to Axim, they were attacked by / Dutch Blacks who murder'd & cutt off / Head o one o them, & carrd / d two to Axim Fort, where they Remain as Prisoners to this Day. Mr Hippisley, on hearg t, wrote to / Dutch Gen. t he mt depend upon it, / Acn o / Axim People & Connivce, perhaps / Participn o / Chief o Axim in t bloody Deed, shd be represented at Home in / strongest manner; & made some Reflecns wh seem v Just, on such a Conduct in / Chief, Mr Fenekol.

Mr Huydecoper says in return to t letter, t / affair is treated o is o too gt cmpce b him to answer singly; but t he wd Communicate it to his Council then assembled at Elmina, & frm them Mr Hippisley mt expect an answer. All t he cd say o himself, he added, was t as / English were a People no less eminent b their Professn o Justice than b Power (o wh last however my Dutchman entertained / Highest Idea) he was persuaded t t Power never cd be abused by attempts to oppose them in committg acts o Hostilities on their Enemies.

Some Days after came / answer frm / Council & it contained nothg but an affected Surprize t Mr Hippisley shd interfere in / Concerns o Annoniah & his People. Not Knowg, they sd, to what motives to imputt his Conduct they desire him to explain himself.

Mr Hippisley replies to these two Letters, firstly expos / Cruelty o Mr Hippisley Huydecoper's sentimts

in Justifyg a barbarous murder committed in Cold Blood, by callg it / exercise o / Hostilities upon Enemies. He next makes some observacns on / nature o t War in wh Mr Huydecoper had sd / Dutch were engaged; relates Amoniahs Applicacn to us f assistce; / might be had to our Protecn & Assistce; / several steps taken in his favour in England, till at last by Act o Parliamt / Territory o Appolonia was declared a part o / British Possessns in Africa, & a Sum o money granted to build a Fort at it. The Justice o our present Claim to t place, he next undertakes to prove 1st By / Cession & Renunciacn o / Dutch f a great number o Years, o any claim they might have. 2d / Settlemt o our Factorsell, & / Silk o / Dutch on t occacn. 3dly 3dly The Solemn Cessn made by Amoniah, his Brother Abeny, & all / Cabboceers, o the Sole Right & Sovereignty o the Country to / British Crown, & lastly, by / steps taken on / Coast by Virtue o yr orders f puttg in Execun / act o Parliamt; Orders to wh, he addy, he is resolved to obey, & hopes t Mr Huydecoper will not venture to interrupt nor oppose him in / execn o his Duty. He therefore concludes w demandg a free Passage to our Settlemt at Cape Appolonia, addg t / refusal o such a demand will be looked upon as a sort o Declaracn o War, / Consequce o wh Mr Huydecoper will doubtless be answerable f.

To produce an answer to all t, / Dutch Gen & Council were employed upwards o two Months, & a most strict answer came at last. It consisted o a formal Protest, & a letter t filled seven & twenty sheets Paper, both signed by / Gen & his Council. These were sent down here by a Solemn Deputacn o three Officers from Elmina - who were ordered first to read aloud the Protest in Publick, & then deliver it to our Hippisley by toge w / long letter. They attempted & even insisted f some time on executg this ridiculous orders, but our Hippisley refusg in / most peremptory manner, & even threatenq to burn / Protest in the own Presce if they presumed to read a Word o it. they were obliged to desist & deliver it up. The Purport o / Protest is as follows, "T to the utmost astonishmt they find by our "Hippisley's own letters, as well as by report, t not Contentt w "secretly assistg / Inhabitants o Cape Appolonia, the Revolted "Subjects, we h openly undertaken their Defce, & used means to "oppose them (/ Dutch) in treatg / Appolonians as Enemies. On "Prefce o this beg our Subjects & the Country makes a part o / "British Possessns in Africa, we h begun to build a Fort & "hoist an English Flag. All this by Virtue o a Cessn made by "Amoniah & signed by himself as well as by / Cabboceers o / "place, whereby he has given up / Country to / Crown o Gt "Britain: And whereas they look upon t pretended Cessn as "intirely invalid & o no effect, Amoniah never having enjoyed "any right to Cape Appolonia wh he cd transmit to and t "Cape having fm time immemorial been a Territory o / Dutch "Co taken in War fm / Portugueze, & / Inhabitants "themselves having submitted to them & acknowledged their "Right by Authentic Deeds, renewed fm time to time "& now in their Possessn.

"For these Reasons they think it a Discharge "o their Duty to Protest expressly agst all / attempts we h "already made, or may make in time to come to gain "possessn o Cape Appolonia, & agst all / Expences &

"accidents t may arise from these attempts; & they must be considered
"as a direct Breach o all / Treaties concluded betwn / Two Nations
" in Europe, & the Subjects in this Country"

So much much f / Protest: / length o / letter is so immense, t even
to relate / Contents o it in / manner I h done those o / Protest, wd
oblige me to exceed / bounds t decency prescribes to me in writg
to Y, where / Subject is not so important as to make a Circumstantial detail
necessary.

F / present therefore I sh only say before Y / gen Substance
o / elaborate Performce, & defer Transcribg it till more leasure
than I h now to enable me to do it in a more suitable manner.

A very gt part o it contains Personal Reflecns on Mr
Hippisley, & Criticisms on his Writgs. Pedantic Quotans fm
Grotius & ors Civilians to prove / Right o / Dutch to Cape Appolonia,
to disprove ours, & expose our Claim to t Place compared and Part
o / Work. The rise o / War betwn / Dutch & Ammoniah is related
at Lgc, & a very false Accot given o Mr Huydecoper's Conduct in
bad[g] [Lead]? ? / Dutch Armies agst t Rebel. As a Rebel, a
Traitor, a Negro Tyrant a revolted Vassall & other Co. Amoniah is
treated everywhere in / course o this Remonstrce; wy Enterprize o his
Enemies, wy attempt to destroy him, to Subdue & enslave his Country
is Justified, & sanctified w / Specious names o Duty to the Country,
obedice to the Masters, & a regard to the Interest; a Discharge o /
Trust reposed in them, exercisg / legitimate power o Masters in /
Correcn o Slaves &c.

The latter end o / Work is by far / most important part
o it, & almost / only part necessary f Yr Informan; it contains
an absolute refusal to grant Mr Hippisley's Demand o a free
passage by Land to Cape Appolonia. By this it wd seem
t we are not forbid a Communican to our new Settlemt
in Canoes or ors Conveyces by Sea wh we may be provided
us, only t / Dutch declare they will stop all our Communican
by Land. T however is an uncertainty; but it sh soon be
cleared up, f I sh try if the Hostile Intens agst us are to
take place by Sea as well as by Land.

I wd beg / highest presumn in me to make any
observans to Y on / nature o this conduct o / Dutch. To represent
it to Y is a Discharge o what my Duty requires in Writg;
fm Respects I am to take such steps as are necessary to
prevent as far as I am able any Injury resultg to Yr Service
fm / declared Enmity o such Malicious Adversaries. To do
t I sh exert myself to / utmost while I h / Honour to
remain in this Stat, flatterg myself at / same time, t
such attenn will be paid to this affair at Home as may
induce / Govt to afford us such a Naval Force f Protecn, as
may baffle / Efforts o our Enemies, & enable us to Succour
our ally & fulfil / Intenn o / Legislature in grantg
Money to build a Fort at Cape Appolonia.

At Tobago dab... anor fire in our Fort.....

At Annamaboe are only four Vessels, three fm
Liverpool & one fm Bristol. Two o them our Brist has
contracted w f the whole Cargoes, a third has as good
as finished his Purchase, so t it may be sd t there is no
more than one trading Ship on this part o / Coast. Our
Brist has / most flourishg trade were known at
Annamaboe; both in / Road, & in all / neighbourg Forts
tho is not a Slave to be seen. We h no accot o more

Shipp's coming so if / present Run o trade continues, it is probable a scarcity o Goods will soon take place. A fall in / price o Slaves or to be / Natural Consequce, but I am sorry to say this is at present little hopes o so desirable a Change: for Slaves are at no less than OZ. 11 for Men & nine ounces for Women.

When / Ships now on / Coast are gone, it will be an easy matter to reduce the price, if the Brass will acquiesce: for at present I hear he is resolved not to Enter into any agreemt for the Purpose, & while he commands / trade in / manner he does now, any attempt to bring down / price o Slaves will be in Vain wt his Concurrence.

. . . . . I have — &c —

(Signed) Filbert Petrie

Indorsed

Receid
Read March 30 } 1764.

M. m. 24.

Copy o Two letters from Mr Thos Trowinder Chief o Fort Appolonia. To / Governor o Cape Coast Castle

Dated Cape Appolonia 3rd June 1766

Sir I most humbly ask yr pardon for / liberty I now take in offering my opinion o an affair unasked, how'r shd it not Judge it necessary to / purpose it is intended for, it will be easy to drop it & I shall be very cautious not to mention a word o it till I hear from you.

The affair I am going to offer to yr Consideran is this. I am induced to think, that if a Salary o abt £50 p. Annum was bestowed upon each o these Brothers, it wd be a great means o Facilitating & rendering more undertaking much more practicable & less expensive than anything I can think o at present, my reason for offering any such thing is, that I am greatly afraid / great Expence they are at in giving us Assistce, will be too great a means o their not continuing it. You are extremely well acquainted wt / Natures o / Blacks, & how Sordid they naturally are, therefore my mentioning anything o it is useless. In / Course o my beg here, has given me opportunity sufficient to encourage this belief, / reason to me appears pretty plain. One instce I will mention to wh Mr Bambo was an Eye Witness. Last week Amoniah came up & collected his people to carry Stone, wh he continued to do for 5 or 6 days in wh time he expended amongst his people in liquor only, two Ounces & Gold to his share exclusive o Palm Wine & Tobacco, for this one Instce I must leave you to Judge at if / continuce o this Expence is not a sufficient reason for me to doubt o his continuing his assistce when it is attended wt so much expence to himself, this is / sole reason for my offering this affair to yr Consideran. I can't readily think o a more effectual method than what I have mentioned, as it will be a constant little Fund, & will be a means I make not / least doubt o rendering both him & his dilatory Brothers much more alert & tractable than it can reasonably be expected otherwise.

I must again hope you will pardon this peice o freedom in me wh I most solemnly declare no other motive than / interest o Service cd have induced me to it. I assure you was / whole o my Expence attending / building o a Fort at this place to come entirely on o / Publick Money £10.000 wd be little enough to defray it, this is what I wd scorn to say if it was attended wt anything but truth, wh time only will prove. A line or two from you concerning this by / first oppy will much oblige me. I remain — &c —

(Signed) Thomas Trowinder

Sir

I Received ye letter o/ 30th ulto & must beg leave before I send / Bombay for this, inform y t I can't possibly do wt him or a Smith in his Stead, as he is obliged to be constant at this Employm^t . . . . . In / letter o/ 3rd June I ment^d / necessity f / two Cabboceers o this place to h a Salary allowed them, & induce them to give the Assistce more freely, & it is now my unvariable Opinion t unless t, or somewhat more adequate, is Granted, / Fort will not be built this Dozen Years, unless it was possible f y to send people fm de coward sufficient to carry it on, & not less than One Hundred & fifty wd be able to do t, at any rate I too plainly see they are tirg apace, nor is it to be supposed they will continue to assist us unless they can do it w less disadvantage to themselves, & I can't see how t can be done wt an additional expence to / Co o Twenty or Thirty pounds p. Month, otherwise than by / means mentioned before, It may be confectured I am urg^d this affair by way o self Interest, if so I do assure y it is wrong I me much, & I shd be glad to be away fm this tomorrow.

I made a begining on / Fort / 15th ulto & h raised / face o one o/ Front Bastions, abt four feet high, w / fronts Curtain nearly / same height, & had I had / necessary assistce shd h done twice as much, / want o wh has induced me to mention this a second time

The Cos slaves are grown so tired o this place, t some time ago no less than Eleven o them made an attempt to go off, but by / Vigilce o / Towns people were prevented . . .

On perusg a Copy o/ Committees letter, it induced me to enlarge / Original Plan f this place, as soon as / Ship arrives, t is, as soon as I can learn what / Committees Intentns are, I will send y a plan w what alterat I think best to make, in regard to time & expence.

I am - &c -

(signed) Thomas Saunders

Cape Appolonia
Augst 26th 1766

CO. 388/54 (contd)

Endorsed

Trade Africa
Letter from Mr Perrier
Secry to / African
Committee to / Secry
to this Board. dated
May 1. 1764 transmitting
Papers respecting /
Dutch West India Co's
claim to Appolonia

M.m 39.

Recd May 2
Read July 15. } 1764

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African Office May 1st 1764.

Sir The Committee o/ Co o Merchants trading to Africa having directed me to desire / favour o Y to lay before / Lords Commissioners of Trade & Plantations / Enclosed Remarks upon / Memorial o/ Dutch West India Co communicated to them by their Lordships' Order, together with / several Affadavits & Papers annexed Relative to / Dutch West India Co's Claim o Cape Appolonia. I am — &c —

Saml Perrier

List o Papers enclosed

Remarks
Five Affadavits from five Bristol Captains
A Letter from Captn John Stephens to / Committee, London 12 Feby 1764
Ditto from Mr Francis Gildart to Saml Perrier, Liverpool, 21 March do
Ditto from / Captains Cumming & Sullan to / Committee, London 26 March do
Ditto from Mr Jas Strangways to Saml Perrier Lancaster, 7 April 1764 do
John Pownall Esqr

Endorsed

Trade Africa
Remarks
presented to / Lords
Commissioners o Trade &
Plantations by / Committee
o/ Co o merchants for
trading to Africa, in Answer
to / Dutch West India
Co's Memorial
claiming an exclusive Right
to / the District o Cape
Appolonia

Per Mr Perrier's Letter
of 1 May 1764

Read

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To / Right Honourable
The Lords Commissioners &
Trade & Plantas

My Lords.

Having attentively read & considered / letter from / Representative o / his Serene Highness o / Directors o / Dutch West India Co to their High Mightinesses / States Gen, us / several Papers referred to from A to R communicated to us by yr Lordships, We take / Liberty o offering / following Remarks to Yr Lordships' Considern.

The Dutch West India Co found their Right o
letters H. I. K. an exclusive Trade to t Part o / Coast o Guinea extending from Cape Palmas to Cape Lopez upon their Conquest from / Portuguese, confirmed to them by / Subsequent Treaties o Peace

Answer. The Dutch West India Co's Right to Settlemts conquered by them from / Portuguese & afterwards confirmed to them by Treaties is not meant to be contested so far as relates to / Jurisdicn those two Nations may have over those Settlemts; but we deny t / Country o Jumoree was ever conquered by / Portuguese; nor was they ever any European Settlemt Westward o / River Cobre or Encobee wh is / Western Boundary o / Dutch Conquests from / Portuguese; & as Regard to / pretended Cession 3d to be made o / Province o Jumoree dated 13 January 165[illegible] We cannot controvert a Transacn o so old a Date, otherwise than by asserting / Dutch Co never took Possessn o / Country, nor was any Advantage ever assumed to themselves wh was not enjoyed in an equal Degree by other Nations trading to t Part o / Coast.

F / Trade at Cape Appolonia directly w / Natives has always been free & open to ev European Nation; wh, considering how tenacious t Co is o its Rights, would not have been permitted had they supposed themselves vested w an exclusive Right.

The Dutch West India Co have upon all Occasns asserted / Right o an Exclusive Trade to t Part o / Coast o Guinea lying betwn Cape Palmas & Cape Lopez.

Answer. It is acknowledged from a dear-bought Experience t as soon as / Dutch West India Co had obtained a Superiority over / Portuguese, they did not fail to assert a Right to an Exclusive Trade, wh / Papers now before us serve to confirm. But it is as certain t Right, wh includes / Ivory Coast / whole Gold Coast, Whydah, Benin, Calabar, & beyond / River Gaboon, an Extent o Coast above Four Hundred Leagues, was never acknowledged by other Nations; wh / Settlemts o / Danes, Prussians, French, & our own at this Day sufficiently witness; & it appears by letter I t / Spirited Behaviour o / Swedish Governor, who in / Year 1654 attempted a Settlemt at Appolonia, induced them to drop / Claim o Right & to adopt in its Stead a Kind o Commercial Policy to justify the illegal Pretensns; / Acct o this Matter as stated in / Papers referred to us, is as follows:

It is sd by / Natives t some o the People were hired for Eleven Pieces o Gold to assassinate Corroquo / Swedish Gen. or Director & do to drown Mavilla, an Officer in / Swedish Service, in wh they succeeded, & afterwards / Dutch Governor sent Messengers to Mr Cramer / succeeding Swedish Governor at Cape Coast to congratulate him on his Promon & to acquaint him they wd not suffer him to build a Fort at Cape Appolonia nor interfere w them in the Fishery; To wh / Swedish Governor replied, t he wd not build one Fort only but two or three if necessary, & t he wd see what means they wd use to hinder him; demanding at / same time wht he shd consider / Dutch as Friends or Enemies t he mt regulate himself accordgly; They answered they never hd attempted or thot o committing Hostilities agst / Subjects o his Swedish Majesty; on / contrary, they wished to live w them as good Friends; but accordg to their Duty, they wd hinder the Trade as much as possible, wh is / true Mercantile Law allowed to be fair & permitted by all Nations in / World.

Remark. This Correspondce does not any way serve to / Right o / Dutch to Appolonia, nor t / Swedes desisted from the attempt in Consequce o / Dutch Representations & Menaces.

They assert t Cape Appolonia is part o a Territory called Jumoreé formerly subject to / Portuguese & ceded by them to / States Gen, & / Sovereignty o / West India Co acknowledged in frequent Treaties w / Natives

Answer K & L. These Acts o Vassallage referred to in Letters K & L can only be deemed Treaties o Alliance & mutual Assistce w / neighbouring Countries; wh Countries they acknowledge are no part o Appolonia & therefore relate not to / Point in Quesn, / sd Vassallage beg limited to / Westward by / Country o Jumoreé.

The Letter L is partly referred to — It relates to Iguira & / Villages on / River Cobre or Encober wh lie to / Eastward o / Country called Jumoreé.

The Dutch hd a Fort in / Country o Iguira, but they were extirpated by / Natives. Neither Ammoniah nor any o / principal Labourers at Appolonia were ever in / Dutch Pay; a Custom universally practised by all / Nations o Europe who h a Settlemt on / Coast or pretend to a Jurisdicn over / Natives

G. They assert t / Dutch Flag has ben gently hoisted at Appolonia.

Answer. The above can be refuted by / united Testimony o all those who h frequented t part o / Coast for near a Century past.

G. They assert / English Flag was never hoisted there until / second Skirmish w Ammoniah in 1762

Answer. This is fully answered by the own subsequent acknowledgemt t it was hoisted in Stockwells time, wh was in / Year 1751 or 1752

G. They affirm t Stockwell was ordered to quit t Country by / Natives, on ye Representan fm / Dutch Governor.

Answer. The above Assern has not / least Foundn o Truth. Mr Stockwell continued there so long as his Occans required his Presce, & left behind Mr Robert Livingston his Agent who resided there wt Molestn

a Considerable Time, & having settled all his Affairs, retired Voluntarily; this can be proved by many Captains o Guinea Ships who were at ye time on / Coast. It can also be proved by any English Captain trading on / Gold Coast made a constant Practice o sending his Boats unarmed to trade at Appolonia. never meeting with any Opposition from / Dutch, nor any Acknowledgemt what'r demanded o them.

Q. The Act o Cession made o Cape Appolonia referred to in Letter Q & / only one produced as such, is o so extry a Nature as to require parth Observan / Gr Stress beg laid thron by / Dutch West India Co. It is a Treaty betwn Brier called / Son & Minjah, called / Cousin o Ammoniah his Delegates dd 13th February 1753. wt / Governor & Council at Elmina. Im / Act itself it is called a Confirmn & not a Word ys sd o/Cession o/ Country; it must be observed also t it is so unusual f / African Caboceers to make Treaties w Europeans by Deputies or Delegates t We believe this is / only instce o / Kind; & as thr is no Proof o this Authority fm Ammoniah, no Regard ought to be paid to this Transacn & if / Dutch Co were satisfied o having an Indisputable Right to / Country, how came it to be necessary to treat w the own Subjects in a Time o profound Peace?

We desire leave, for / to observe t nothing / Dutch Co found their strongest Title upon this Cession by / Delegates G. o Ammoniah, yet Mr Daly d'Acosper in letter G dated 14 June 1766 says Ammichia or Ammonjah beg descended fm a negress & born in Aguira can h no Right to any part o / Country o Appolonia, called by / Dutch Jumoree: how then can they claim a Right fm / Delegates o this man who, they say, beg born in Aguira can h no Authority over Cape Appolonia? these are Contradictions too Difficult to be reconciled.

The follows is / Substce o / above Treaty

Brier / Son & Jo Ammichia appeared / 13th Feby 1753 Minjah / Cousin before / Governor o Elmina & contracted as follows.

1 no Foreign Nan sh be permitted to trade by Land to Cape Appolonia or / Districts dependent upon it

1 they do not suffer any Foreigner to reside thr.

1 they sh pay a proper Obedie to / Director Gen & his Successors & submit to / reasonable Orders & Commands o / Directors Gen under / Condins hereafter Stipulated by / sd Caboceers & him & his Successors.

1 / Governor & / Time beg sh not excite any o / neighbouring Nans to make War upon / sd Caboceers or otherwise in any Manner disturb him whilst he sh behave himself accordg to / Tenor o / present Contract.

For / sd Caboceers demands & Himself & his Successors t in Cases o Necessity, such as beg attacked by Neighbours or ye Enemies, We. / Director Gen sh not refuse him Arms necessary & his Defence, upon payg & / same, & likewise t he sh h such fur reasonable Assistce as his Occans sh require.

The Wh Condins are agreed to betwn / Ambassadors Brier & Minjah w our Director Gen under Promise o holdg faithfully this Convention in / names o their lords & Masters & to make Oath thr to accordg to / Custom o / Country wh was done & sigd as under

The Rise o/ present War.

We think it may be easily proved / Dutch West India Co were / first Violators o/ above mentioned Treaty.

F beg Jealous o/ Trade wh Ammoniah carried on by Sea w/ European Nations & partly w/ Portuguese & Tobacco by wh Means / present Director Gen wr Huydecoper, then Chief o Axim, found his Trade grly decline, after very artfull but unsuccessfull Endeavours to get / whole o Ammoniah's Trade into his own hands: He instigated some o/ Inhabitants o Iguira subject to / Dutch Co, to attack a party o Ammoniahs People in / Year 1761. & abt / same time encouraged a Caboceer named Mayo in / Dutch Cos Pay inhabitg / Country behind Axim to seize upon Ammoniahs People (amg whom was his Son) gog then upon the lawfull Business: they were treated in a very barbarous manner, carried to Axim Fort & there kept in Irons 'till Ammoniahs Son makg his Escape, / rest were made Slaves.

Upon this, Ammoniah sent to wr Huydecoper complaing o/ Behaviour o/ Dutch Caboceer Mayo, & demandg Satisfacn, wh Huydecoper peremptorily refused.

Then Ammoniah prepared to do himself Justice & / Caboceer Mayo took refuge at Axim & was protected by Huydecoper.

Ammoniah agn sent to Huydecoper to demand Satisfacn & Paymt fa considerable Quantity o Tobacco due to him, both wh were refused & his Messengers ill treated.

Ammoniah then headed a Party to / Village belongg to / Dutch Caboceer Mayo but findg nobody there, in the way back they came near / Fort at Axim & wr Huydecoper sent out some o his People & all / Cos Slaves armed w Musquets & attacked Ammoniah & his People, who, unwillg to come to Extreams, retreated w the Musquets clubbed: at last, each o his People beg killed, he faced / Enemy & a small Skirmish ensued; this was / beginng o/ War betwn / Dutch & Ammoniah.

Hippisley's dispute w Huydecoper.

A. Letter A. contains an Extract o/ Resolun o/ Dutch Gen & Council o Elmina dd. 12th May 1766. on/ Subject o a letter wrote to him by / English Governor Hippisley o Cape Coast, complaing o the Treatmt o Ammoniah in beheadg one o his People & confing two ors in Irons at Axim; wherein for Answer they demand / Reason o/ English Governors interfering in the Disputes at Appolonia. By

F. Letter F. in wh / Substce o wr Hippisleys Letter is quoted, it appears fm / Director Gens Representan o/ Affairs, t / People Hippisley takes notice o were Inhabitants o/ Territory o Axim; as such deemed Deserters, & punished accordgly: this Circumstce we cannot contradict, not having yet received wr Hippisley's Answers to wr Huydecopers Letter F; but Knowg how common it is for Disputes o this Nature to arise upon / Coast, We are inclined to believe it very probable / People above mentioned were Subjects o Ammoniah.

B.C.D.E Letters & Answers o Messrs Bell & Mutter to Messrs Erasmi & Walmbeek relatg to / Assistce supposed to be given to Ammoniah by / former & buildg a Fort at Cape Appolonia.

Letter B. fm / Director Gen Erasmi dd 29th March 1762 to wr Bell / Governor o Cape Coast Castle charges him w assistg Ammoniah w Provns & Military Stores & declares Cape Appolonia to be under / Jurisdiction o/ Dutch West India Co.

Mr Bell in his Answers asserts as Truth, that he had given no Assistance to / Appolonians, & as to the Claim of Jurisdiction over them, he thot it more prudent to let the Matter lie dormant, lest a Sudden Dispute may prevent his Designs of acting / Offers made by Ammonnah in favour of / English; from wh Expressions we think no Inference can fairly be drawn to an Acknowledgement of / Dutch West India Co's Right.

Mr Bell in / latter part of his letter takes notice of / under hand Practices of / Dutch who were at this time assisting / Accroms in / Siege of / English Fort & Town of Winnebah under / acknowledged Jurisdiction of / Governor of Cape Coast Castle.

Mr Walmsbeck writes 29th August 1764 to our Master informing him he had learnt / English were building a Fort or House at Cape Appolonia; Mr Mutter's Answer is of same Date wan Assurance that our Fort or House was then building; wh was at the time Truth. as no Steps were taken in the Matter till sometime after.

Having thus taken Notice of & replied to / several Papers referred to our Consideration; it may be necessary to trouble your Lordships with our Sentiments on / whole & point out / fatal Consequences that must attend our Relinquishing Rights justly obtained to / English Nation at Cape Appolonia.

It may be observed in general that / Behaviour of / Dutch West India Co on / present Occasion at not in / least to surprize us. it having for always been a constant Practice to obstruct / Trade of their neighbours, & by every Means, however unjustifiable, endeavour to ruin them in order to monopolize / whole to themselves: / following parties beg in Point, will serve to corroborate this Observation.

The Dutch Director Gen in one of his letters to / Swedish Governor of Cape Coast lays Claim to / whole Coast of Guinea, wh, if admitted, we have no Right to any Part of / Coast, Cape Coast Castle only excepted, wh was acquired by Conquest from them.

Therefore it is not to be wondered at they shd dispute our Title to Cape Appolonia wh is now become of so much Importance to / Trade of / Gold Coast that we may safely asserr that / whole of / Slave Trade at Anamaboe depends on our keeping Possession of Appolonia: & shd we from any motive be induced to desist from our just Claim of building a Fort at that Place we may, without / Gift of Prophecy, affirm / whole Trade upon / Gold Coast will be lost to / English Nation; as our giving up our just Pretensions derived from / lawfull Sovereigns of / Country will not only encourage / Natives of Appolonia but amongst all / Inhabitants of / Gold Coast who know that Ammonnah has invited / English to establish themselves in his Territories; that he & his Brother are / lawfull Sovereigns of / Country; that they are in no Respect subject to / Dutch nor to any of / European Powers whatsoever: they know also that / Dutch have for some time past been endeavouring by / most unjustifiable Means to destroy Ammonnah & his Brother by spiriting up & bribing their Neighbours to make War upon them. & that even a considerable Number of Native Dutch joined these Negroes in / Year 1761 in a Design to extirpate / whole People of Cape Appolonia, & to plant some Neighbouring Cabocceers & their People who are in Dutch Pay, upon that Place; & afterwards to build a Fort there, & by that means to monopolize / whole Trade to themselves; & they never let slip any Pretence to shew their superior Strength by watching Oppies when we have no Men of War on / Coast; Two recent Instances of wh we beg leave to present to Your Lordships. The first was in / Year 1751; when Mr Melvill / first Governor sent out by / African Committee, arrived at Cape Coast, he found that / Dutch Gen had got fifty or

Sixty Negroe Prisoners in Irons in / Castle o St George d'Elmina; these People belonged to our Towns o Succondee & Dixcove; they hd assisted us agst / Ahanta Blacks who hd besieged our Fort at Dixcove; these Ahanta Negroes were set on & openly supported by / Dutch who dureg / Course o / Siege hd taken our Black People Prisoners & carried them to Elmina Castle, & altho / Dixcove War was at an End, yet Mr Melvill cd not prevail upon Mr Van Voorst / Dutch Director Gen at Elmina to give them up; wh made us appear in a very contemptible light in / Eyes o all / Natives upon / Gold Coast: but luckily Capt Hows, now Lord Hows happened at this time to arrive at Cape Coast in his Majestys Ship Glory; she was also a small Sloop o War along w her, & Mr Melvill finding all his repeated Remonstrances to / Dutch Gen were fruitless; applied to Lord Hows for Assistce in order to bring / Dutchman to Reason; & his Lordship after examining into the Merits o/ Case did not hesitate a Moment but went immediately up in / Glory, carrying / Man o War Sloop along w him & both Ships cast Anchor as near as possible to / Dutch Fort at Elmina. Messrs Young & Bottelier two Gentlemen o/ Council at Cape Coast, & / Secretary went up along w Lord Hows in / Glory. His Lordship immediately on anchoring put a Spring upon his Cable & sent one o his Lieutenants on Shore accompanied by / Secretary o Cape Coast & peremptorily demanded that / English Negroes then Prisoners in / Castle shd immediately be set at Liberty; to he gave / Dutch Gen only an Hour to consider o it & that if he did not comply in that time, he wd directly fire into / Dutch Fort. The Consequence was that / Prisoners were set at Liberty & the was an End o that Affair.

The Second Instce happened in / Latter end o/ Year 1756 or / beginning o/ Year 1757. at that time Mr Bell was Governor o Cape Coast Castle, & Mr Ulsen President o/ Council at Elmina; this Man Ulsen, hd resided very long upon / Coast & hd always shewn a great Dislike to / English, & when he succeeded to / Presidency by / Death o / Director Gen De Feighter, he seemed determined to do us all / Mischief in his Power: accordgly, he sent positive Orders to / Chief o/ Dutch Fort at Commenda not to Suffer any o / Canoes belong to / English Negroes inhabiting / English Town o Commenda to go off at / landg Place. wh hd always been common to both Nations, but is situated much nearer to / Dutch than / English Fort: / Cannon o/ former commanded / landg Place but / latter does not. This conduct was immediately represented to Mr Bell by a letter from our Chief at Commenda & by a Deputation from / Blacks who are Inhabitants o our Town, setting forth / Injustice o/ Proceedings o/ Dutch & claiming our Assistce & Protection; telling him that their sole Subsistence depended upon their Industry by Fishg, & that if they were debarred from going to / landg Place they must absolutely starve for want o Food; or else they must abandon / English Town o Commenda & go to some Place where they cd be free from / Tyranny o/ Dutch: upon this Representation Mr Bell immediately wrote to Mr Ulsen in / Strongest Terms to send [??] Orders to his Chief at Commenda to give free Liberty to / Inhabitants o/ English Town to go off & to come on Shore at / landg Place w their Fish; but Mr Ulsen instead o complying w this just

Request insisted t neither / Whales nor Blacks belong? to / English had any Right to land thr, & t / Dutch alone had an exclusive Right to t Place, wh he endeavoured to prove by old Records & Writgs; seral Messages & Letters & Messages had passed on this Occan between / English & Dutch Governors, when Captain Wellwe in his Majestys Ship Assistance arrived at Cape Coast to whom Mr Bell Communicated / Affair in Dispute, & at / same time acquainted him if he wd proceed up to Elmina in / Man of War, wh he very readily complied w; & Mr Bell & / Secretary went on Board / Assistance & proceeded to Elmina, / Presidt there came to an Agreemt t / Landg Place shd be free open to / Subjects of both Nations / Affair was decided in Favour; & he sent immediate Orders to his Chief at Commenda to suffer / English Negroes to go off & land wt Molestation. These two Instances make it plainly appear, t unless some vigorous Measures are taken, / Dutch will never want a Pretence to wrench our most valuable Acquisitions from us.

F / Proofs of such Assertions in / foregog Memorial as requisite to be authenticated, we beg leave to refer Yr Lordships to / annexed Letters, Affidavits &c. wh h are transmitted to us on / Subject; & as / Merchants trading to Africa are very anxious for a Confirmation of their Rights, We are persuaded of Yr Lordships' Attention to / Arguments made use of in Answer to / pretended Claim of / Dutch West India Co; t they will be deemed sufficient to enforce / Orders already enjoined to / Committee for building a Fort at Cape Appolonia, & that Yr Lordships Interposition / assistance of Men of War will not be wanting to protect our People & / Natives, engaged in t Work, from any Insidious Designs t may be formed to molest them; & shd / Advantages now obtained from Annamaboe by / Cession of Cape Appolonia be given up, / Dutch West India Co will eagerly lay hold of / Opportunity of establishing themselves there, to / Dishonour of this Nation & / entire Loss of t Valuable Branch of Trade.

By Order of / Committee
of / Co of Merchants
trading to Africa
Saml Poirier
Secretary

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No 1. Samuel Rogers of / City of Bristol Mariner maketh Oath & saith that he has sailed fm / Port of Bristol to / Coast of Africa fm abt / Year 1720 to / year 1755 & during ye part of ye time was Commander of a Ship. That this Deponent hath frequently been at Cape Appolonia fm abt / year 1726 & onwards & traded there & met w Ships of most of ye Trading Nations there also & ye during all ye time / natives of / sd Cape were, as he this Deponent always understood, a free People governed by a Cabboceer of their own & yt no Man whatsoever exercised Sovereignty over them as this Deponent ever heard of.

Saml Rogers

Sworn at / City of Bristol
/ 21st day of Feby 1767
Before me Saml Worrall a Mast Extra in Chancery

No 2. David Duncombe of / City of Bristol Mariner maketh Oath & saith that he has been Commander of several Ships fm / Port of Bristol to / Coast of Africa & between / years 1733 & 1763 made several Voyages thither in / course of such Voyages hath frequently been at Cape Appolonia, & during all such time / Natives of Cape Appolonia were as he this Deponent always understood & for any Encouragement they appeared to him to be an independant People subject to no Man or Power whatsoever & ye / Subjects of any Nation Traded there without Exception as far as came to this Deponents Knowledge but yt Ships coming to Trade there used to pay a Custom or Composition to / Head Man or Cabboceer of / Natives And this Deponent saith that some time in or about / year 1751 Richard Stockwell a British Subject who had been Governor of Cape Coast Castle was superseded at Cape Appolonia aforesd, & as this Deponent has heard & believes was invited by / Natives there to come & reside among them & / sd Richard Stockwell at his first coming resided in / Cabboceers own House & afterwards built him a House of his own, & during such time as / sd Richard Stockwell resided there he was accustomed to hoist an English Flag at / House where he resided & yt he this Deponent hath seen such Flag flying there & yt since / sd Stockwell has left / sd Coast / Cabboceer at Cape Appolonia has been used to hoist an English Flag there, wh Flag this Deponent hath seen so hoisted & never saw a Flag of any other Nation flying there And this Deponent saith that he was at Cape Appolonia aforesd some time in or about / year 1753 yt at ye time a Draftsman or a Doctor belonging to a Dutch Ship was confined in Irons by / then Cabboceer at Cape Appolonia aforesd, & / reason of such confinement, as this Deponent was then informed & verily believes to be true, was bec he had understaken to Bleed / sd Cabboceer & had pricked a Tendon of his Arm wh accident / sd Cabboceer afterwards died.

David Duncomb.

Sworn ... [date & place as in supra]

No. 3.

Robert Howe of / City of Bristol Mariner maketh oath & saith that he has bn Commander of sevl Ships fm / Port of Bristol to / Coast of Africa & return / years 1748 & 1763 made sevl Voyages & in / course of such Voyages hath frequently bn at Cape Appolonia, & during all such time / Natives at Cape Appolonia were, as this Deponent always understood, & fm any circumstce they appeared to him to be, a free People, & to have a Governor of their own People who exercised Sovereignty & executed Customs fm / Ships trading thr. That this Deponent hath paid such Custom for / Liberty of Trading thr to the / Cabbocees of / Natives & that it was an Ounce of Goods in trade or thereabt. That such Cabbocees hoisted an English Flag at his House: And this Deponent saith that sometime in or abt / year 1753 a Dutchman, who had bled / late Cabbocees & pricked / Tendon of his arm of wh he died, was confined as a Prisoner by / succeeding Cabbocees, & to be remained a Prisoner when this Deponent was at Cape Appolonia aforesd on two succeeding Voyages. And that in / year 1763 whilst this Deponent lay off Cape Appolonia aforesd / Dutch Subjects were at War with / Natives of Cape Appolonia aforesd, / former attempting to subdue such Natives, & / Latter defending themselves

Robert Howe

Sworn at / City of Bristol /
21st day of February in /
year of our Lord 1764

Before me
Saml Worrall a Mast Extra in Chancery

No 4.

David Hamilton of / City of Bristol Mariner maketh Oath & saith that he has bn Commander of sevl Ships fm / Port of Bristol to / Coast of Africa & return / Years 1750 & 1762 made sevl Voyages & in / course of such Voyages hath frequently bn at Cape Appolonia. And this Deponent saith that during all such time / Natives at Cape Appolonia were, as this Deponent always understood & fm any circumstce they appeared to him to be, a free People & subject to no Man or Power whatsoever & that he this Deponent hath sevl times paid a Custom to / Cabbocees of / sd Natives for Liberty to Trade thr. That this Deponent has often seen an English Flag flying at / Cabbocees House at Cape Appolonia aforesd & never saw / flag of any other Nation flying thr, & that this Deponent was informed & believes that one Stockwell an English Subject had bn invited by / Natives to come & reside amongst them & had first hoisted / English Flag thr wh / Cabbocees always continued afterwards And this Deponent saith that he was at Cape Appolonia aforesd in / year 1753 & then was informed by / Cabbocees detained in Irons a Dutchman who had undertaken to bleed / late Cabbocees & had pricked a Tendon of wh / sd Cabbocees afterwards died.

David Hamilton

Sworn ... [ut supra] ...

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no 5.

John Fowler o/ City o Bristol Mariner maketh oath & saith t he hath bn Commander o several Ships fm / Port o Bristol to / Coast o Africa & betwn / Years 1750 & 1759 made several Voyages & in / course o such Voyages hath frequently bn at Cape Appolonia. T during all such time / Natives at Cape Appolonia were, as he this Deponent always understood & as they appeared to him this Deponent, an independant People. T he this Deponent hath frequently traded wth & the remembrs one Richard Stockwell a British Subject who resided at Cape Appolonia & used to hoist an English Flag there. T / Cabboceers o / Natives used to hoist an English Flag after / sd Stockwell was gone & t he this Deponent never saw a flag o any sort than flyg there. and this Deponent saith t he hath heard when on / Coast t a Dutchman was confined in Irons & hardly treated / Tendon o / Arm o / Cabboceer o wh he died. T he this Deponent considered / Cabboceer as an independant Head o/ People & conversed wth one John Adoo a Principal Man amgst / Natives & reasoned wth him agst / confining / sd Dutchman as he thot it certain t what had happened was by accident & not thro' wilfulness. T / sd Dutchman was afterwards ransomed at a very considerable price. & t / ransom was collected by subscripns & charitable donats in Holland as he this Deponent was informed on / Coast & as he verily believes.

Sworn at / City o Bristol
/ 25th day o February in
1 Year o our Lord 1764

John Fowler

before me Jer: Osborne (a Master in Chancy Extra)

London 12 February 1764

To / Committee o Merchants Trading to Africa

Gentlemen

Having heard lately t / Dutch had laid Claim to / Country at & abt Cape Appolonia wth a view to prevent / British fm erecting a Fortification &c, as I am a person who have bn many years in / Trade to / Coast I beg leave to trouble y wth this, to tell y t last July I arrived here fm a Voyage wh I compleated in Anamaboe & t in my way down / Coast I lay in / road at Cape Appolonia some days, during wh I transacted my business wth / Natives as all British Ships do. Many o / Principal Natives Inhabitants were frequently on Board & told me t they had long solicited / Governor o Cape Coast to have an English Fort at this place, & t / Governor had fm time to time promised them this shd be one but t they (/ Natives) wanted to see / Fort begun & built as they were afraid / Governor had only amused them wth promises wthout any intention o building one.

I enquired why they wanted a Fort & why they cd not be satisfied wth selling the Trade to / British Subjects & the Boats, as they had always done. The answer was t an English Fort beg built amg them wd not prevent them fm trading wth Ships & the Boats as they do now, but in / Rainy Season / Surffe runs so high as to prevent the going off wth the Canoes, & at those Seasons a Fort wd be a great Service to them [illegible] when any o the friends come fm / Back Co... [illegible] & Cannot wait untill / Weather clears up, & they can... [illegible] safely go off wth the Canoes & they are often much agst their Inclinations obliged to go by land to dispose o what they have to sell at / Dutch Fort at Nassau.

I Besides, say / Natives at Appolonia, if we h an English fort here, altho / Natives o Bassam & Assyne (prompted by / Dutch Comng) are at Variance w us, if / Cheif o / English Fort be a Good man, they will be glad o a peace w us, & in / rainy Season will carry the trade to him rather than go all / way to Accra. Thus far I h thot it necessary to say in order to shew y. Govs, t / leadg Men at Cape Appolonia wished for nothg more than to h an English fort built at this place, indeed I do not doubt but these people, exclusive o / reasons they gave me as above, hd also some Rs wh they did not think proper to explain, perhaps prefer'd / protecn o / English to t o / Dutch, & nobody will pretend to dispute t they h a right to introduce whomsoe they please into their own Country. The people I speak o are Shrewd & Sensible & h experience enough to make a proper distinc betwn Dutch & English Govs, & they know t all those under / protecn o / former are treated as Slaves, & those under / Care o / Latter may, can, & do, trade w whom they please, & how they please.

I do not know on what / Dutch Claim to these parts is founded, but evy body knows it cannot proceed from present possessn, & t at Appolonia / Dutch are so obnoxious to / Natives t they dare not send their Craft to trade there, & evy body in / trade frm Britain knows t our boats are always safe there, & / Mates who Command them, as well as / Goods they h for Sale, are welcome on Shore any hour o / day or night. And if / Dutch hd formerly (if I am speakg in / dark o this matter) a right to / Trade o this place (I mean an exclusive one) how comes it t they h never attempted to exert t right by endeavourg to prevent / Natives frm tradg w / British Ships or their Boats. It is notorious they never attempted to do this, & it is as well known t wherever they h / least footg, they do. Thus far, I hope, I h shewn y Gentlemen t (at least in my opinion) / Natives at Cape Apolonia wish nothg more than to h a British Establishmt among them, & frm wt I h appeared to me, / Dutch h not / least Shadow o right to ask why they do so.

Next I will endeavour to shew how necessary it is t y Take evy Step in yr power to preserve / Trade o t place to us.

And first I beg leave to observe to y. t when a Ship is fitted out w a Cargo here to trade to / Gold Coast, Anamaboe is / place o his destinan, & what he may do before he gets thr are trifles (unless his time will permit him to remain at Appolonia & Sold). Notwg o all / Care he may take in assorting his Cargo in Britain, when he arrives at / place o his Destinan, he will find t many o / Articles he has on board will not Sell, & t he must h Gold to put w his rst goods t will sell before he can purchase any number o Slaves. / Consequce o wh is t he must immediately part such goods into his boat as are not Saleable at Anamaboe, & send her w them to Cape Apolonia, where / officer who Commands / boat disposes o these Goods & Sells, & returns w it to / Ship. This Barter is carried on durg / time / Ship is Slavg, & evy body carries out an extra boat & people & t Service. This barter takes off / Major part o our Manchester, & agt part o our Woolen Goods, wh wt it we shd often be obliged to brg back, & want / Gold needfull for our trade at Anamaboe.

Therefore, accordg to my Notns o / Impce o t place, unless y Secure / Trade o it to this Country, / Trade at Anamaboe will go totally to / Dutch, who will then h all / Gold o / Coast in ther possessn, wh will o Course put off ther goods. The remainder o the Gold they will send to ther own Country, / consequce o wh will be t wg Ship wh wants to purchase one hundred Slaves at Anamaboe, must send to Holland to purchase one hundred Ounces o Gold Coast Markett Gold, & o course must pay them any price they may be pleased to demand of us.

Upon / whole, Gentlemen, I am fully persuaded t any body / leastw acquainted w / Trade o / Gold Coast o Africa will agree t hitherto our Craft & people h always bn safe, ther Persons & Effects, at Apolonia, & t if / Dutch are allowed to get a footg ther, / grand & only resource / British h for Gold to enable them to Carry on the Trade at Anamaboe will be Cut off, & o course / Sale o a gr quantity o British Manufactures will be prevented. I beg pardon for having troubled y So long on this head, & tell y t I am Master o a Ship called / Africa, o this port, & sh sail in 10 or 15 days for Cape Coast, & it will give me infinite Satisfacn to Carry yr orders to / Governor ther to proceed w all Expedin in buildg a fort at Cape Apolonia.

I am — &c —

Jno. Stephens

Liverpool 21st March 1764

Sir

I recd yr favour o / 5th instant inclosg or containg / several Queries o / African Comittee to / Merchts & Captains in / Guinea Trade resident here, wch I then immediately Communicated to / Mayor, & as many o / above persons as I then had time to get togr; who ordered a meetg o / above persons to be advertised in / newsr Liverpool Papers to meet in / Exchange at 12 o'clock on / next Wednesday, Viz / 18th at 12 o'clock, this was accordgly done when & where I attended fm 12 till 2 o'clock & not one person appeared; on / Saturday before Alderman George Campbell took these Queries to his Country house near this Town called St. Domingo, & sd he wod draw up some Answers to them, wh he sent me on sd Wednesday noon w an Apology t he cd not attend / meetg as he had Co; a Copy o wh his Answers to / sd Queries is hereafter written. I h also this day recd yr favour intended as o / 12th instant, & also yrs o / 18th instant inclosg a Copy o / same Qrs & Queries as sent me o / 5th instant, togr w / Summary o / Dutch Memorial relative to ther Claim o Cape Apolonia; wch Papers I this day at Noon carried w me up to / Exchange & laid them before Mr Mayor & such Merchants & Traders as cd then be got togr; & they will h a Meetg early next Week to Consider them, or as soon as they can get one, & be furnished w proper Proofs & Receipts to refute such Memorial as far as any good living Evidce they can procure will do; as to any authentick Papers or documts o Treaties, Conquests, Cessns or Usurpans for or agst / Dutch, they, only as private Traders or Transient Persons not incorporated or incompanied by any English or British Sovereign, cannot be expected to h or produce; & therfore say they can only speak so far as the Knowledge o / method o Carrying on

Trade w/ several Nations States or Powers on / Coast o Africa; & especially in & abt Cape Apolonia; & what they h the heard in respect thereof; & L / Old Cos or new African Committees Servants are / most proper persons to give Intelligence as an Answer to this Dutch Memorial; & can only say in gen L / diff European Powers h by Consent o / Inhabitants at Diff times erected Forts in diff parts o / Coast o Africa; Yet / Africans do not, nor ever did, as they h ever heard o, ever acknowledged any Territorial or National Subjection to any such Powers, further than / limits o such Forts extend. When I receive any further answers to these Queries or Memorials, sh transmit 'em with delay to / Comittee thro J. wch I hope will be some time next Week. I am — &c

Hans Sloane

To / Queries proposed by / Comittee / Co o Merchts trading to Africa / Comittee thereof Liverpoole

Reply to / first — The African Trade has been Carried on from this Port for upwards o 80 years

2ndly The Merchts & Captains whose Affidavits are hereto annexed [none here from Liverpool] do not remember to h heard or ever found L / Trade to Cape Apolonica was not free for all / English Nation

3dly They never heard o, or saw any particular Flag hoisted at / Cape, or o course

4thly None o 'em ever saw / Dutch Flag flying there

5thly The unjust o Apolonia to this Nation is its Trade in Gold & Slaves, w a very open & Civilised people; at / Cape is good Water & by having a Settlement there we may get off / Coast from Windward what beg obliged to go to / Dutch Factory at Axim, wch used to be / place for our Windward Coast Ships to go off at, & pay very dear for what they had as well as give that Nation many advantages in / goods left unsold rather than go round Cape 3 points to Dicky's Dicky's Cove; as it threw our Ships far to Leeward, now this beg in / hands o / British Subjects will beg a gr Trade in our favour, wch all passed to / Dutch Factories: & our Ships will save some Weeks in their Passages home, as River Cobre & its Banks abound w Gold: our goods unsold for coming down will be invested in L Article & be a gr advantage to this National Commerce on many Accots; wch / Cos Servants who are & h been on / Coast some years can be more partr in than Transient Traders.

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To Mr Pottinger. Secretary
to / African Committee
London

London 26th March 1764

Gentlemen

We whose names are hereunto subscribed, one a Commander o a Ship fm / Port o London, / the a Commander fm / Port o Bristol, h f these fourteen or fifteen years used / Trade to / Gold Coast o Africa, & in parts h on many & diff occasns, traded at Cape Appalonia; & we do declare t we h carried on this trade wt / least interrupn fm / Dutch or any other Natn. We also declare t we never did see a Dutch flag flying at Cape Appalonia, nor did we ever hear t / Dutch had claimed / least right or pretensn to Appalonia till o late t / English had taken possesn o t place by desire o / Natives, & we also declare t we h always understood & looked upon / Appalonians as a free & Independant People & by no means subject to / Dutch or any other European Power. We also declare t / Trade to Cape Appalonia, wh is in gen carried on by our Long Boats, is o / glest use & consequ to / success o our voyages. Bec, let a cargo be ever so well assorted, still we find on our arrival at Annamaboe, t we h many Kinds o goods wh are not in demand at t market; these we send to Appalonia; thr we get gold f them, & this gold wh is o / best quality, we dispose o in / purchase o Slaves, &c / more o it we can afford to give, I give prospect we h o making a good & quick purchase; In short / gold commands / Trade, & as we h had at diff times very considerable quantities o it fm Appalonia, & as our Officers & People h at all times been well used & fairly dealt w by / Natives o t Place we flatter ourselves t / Trade thr will never be abandoned to / Dutch nor any other Natn whatr.

We are — &c.

Jos Cumming
Tho Sullivan

To the Committee o / Co o Merchants
Tradg to Africa. London

Lancaster 4 April 1764

Mr Saml Peirce

Sir Yr favour o / 31 March came duely to hand & shd h been answered Sooner but was prevented by a smart fit o / Gout.

In mine to Thomas Johnson Esqr I informed him t Mr Stockwell's people was not drove off by / Dutch but quitted Cape Apollonia f want o purrins, this information I had fm / Natives whilst I lay thr Tradg / last Voyage, wh was fm / 15th to / 9 o April 1765, in wh time I purchased three Slaves & abt forty oz o Gold dust.

The remaining part o yr Letter will be answered in / Queries wh I h herewith

I am — &c —
Jam.s Shiangways

Answer to
Querie 1st I h known Cape Apollonia Thirty five years & in all t time never heard o any English Vessel beg interrupted in thr trade by / Dutch

2nd I never heard / Apollonians were dependant on Dutch, English or any other Natn but intirely a free people & traded w whatr Natn they pleased

3dly I never saw any English Flag flying thr but t belong'd to Mr Stockwells people, wh was upon / Cape

4thly I seen / Dutch Flag flying at / Town & / English Flag at / Cape both at / same time

5thly As to / imps o / Trade o Apollonia, its like most other parts o / Coast, Sometimes very good, & Sometimes but indiffr.

N.B. The Natives o all free Towns on / Coast will hoist any Flag o what Natn soever wh they get given to em

Endorsed Trade Africa
Letter from Mr Perrier
to Secry dated June 13
1764 inclosg
Read June 15th 1764
Read
4 papers
[M.m. 40]

African Office. June 13th 1764

Sir.

I shd be obliged to Yr Favour to lay before ye Lords Commissioners for Trade & Plantations, as I imagine y^t no Occasion for y^r Letter of Febry 9th 1763 wch I sent to ye African Committee w^t Dutch Papers & wch is returnd y^w them: I will oblige by sendg it by ye Bearer to Sir — &c —

Saml Perrier

Inclosed Copies of Letters
From Mr Gilbert Petrie to ye African Committee
of Octr 20th 1766
of Janry 10th & 31st 1764
of Dutch Gen & Council of Elmina's Protest of July 22d 1766
of Mr Petrie's Answers (no Date) to ye Protest, & to the Letter of June 21st 1766

John Pownall Esqr

Copy of a Letter from Gilbert Petrie Esq. Govr of Cape Coast Castle to ye Committee of Co of Merchants trading to Africa.
Dated October 20th 1766

Gentlemen

The last & only Letter wch I had ye Honour to write Y^r since I took charge of Yr affairs was dated ye 15th of last Month: a Copy of it went by way of Holland in a Dutch Ship y^t Sailed from Elmina a few days after. The Subject of this is very mortifyg to me & cannot prove agreeable nor Satisfactory to Y^r.

The communican w^t Cape Appolonia is renewed by Sea; at least ye Canoes I had sent hitherto, I not hm molested or obstructed by ye Dutch; But ye Accts I receive from our Traders are ev^y day more & more alarmg. He now complains of Ammoniahs & Atenys behaviour as loudly as he formerly praised it; they seldom & w^t difficy, he says, are prevailed w^t to give any Assistce in ye Work; they are dissatisfied w^t ye Pay I gave them wch it seems they expected shd hm been two Ounces p^r Month to each; they even go so far as to say y^t our Settlg among them, & our weak, unavailg Protecn, are ye Causes of ye relentless Persecun they suffer from ye Dutch. This persecun is now carryd on w^t all ye Rancour, & w^t all ye Vigour wch ye Dutch are capable of, & on ye Success of an Enterprize wch they have undertaken for y^t purpose depends ye Safety, ye very existce of our new Settlemt.

Ever since ye War commenced betwn them & Ammoniah, they have spared no pains nor Expence, to prevail on ye Inhabitants of Cabo vince to join them in attackg Appolonia on one Side, while they do it on anor from the Settlemts to Leeward. An Enmity has many Years subsisted betwn ye Caboceers of y^t Place & Ammoniah, wch a very judicious Policy has hitherto restrained ye former from gratifyg. He has all along fed ye Dutch w^t hopes, by giving them assurces of his resolun to march; but it is sd he never entertained any thots of assistg them: Knowg ye Greedy & encroachg disposin of ye Dutch, from their invariable Conduct towds ye Blacks who inhabit the Towns to ye Windward of Elmina, he regards Ammoniah, tho his Enemy, as a Barrier to their Power & his own safety; & foresees y^t if by his assistce they shd conquer Ammoniah & ye Country of

Appolonia, / brisk favourable oppy they will employ t increase o Power in attempg his Ruin also. These motives are sd to h operated hitherto w / Assinee Caboceers to Ammoniah's advantage; f by all Accts his Power is infinitely Superior to our ally, who must soon be overcome if attacked by such an Enemy. The Dutch in no Transacn t I ever heard o, h shewed more perseverce than in this: Four Years h they Solicited / Assinee Caboceers to join them agst Ammoniah, & tho to us they never seemed to h any reasonable prospect o Success, yet to this day they are not discouraged but pursue the favorite Scheme w as much assiduity as ever. Abt three Weeks ago they dispatched the Cos Snow to Assinee w Sy considerable presents & a lge Quantity o Arms & Ammunin fm Elmina to Solicit once more / March o these Auxiliaries. Since her departure abt a Week since, I was informed by a letter fm our Trinder, t this Expedin, so long wished f by / Dutch, was on / point o beg under Eskm by / Assinee people, who only waited / arrival o Arms & Ammunin to beg in Hostilities.

This News alarmed me sufficiently especially when I considered t / Supplies wh were to furt / Assinee People in Mon were now on / way up to them. However to lose no time in providg agst / danger as far as I was able, I wrote back to Mr Trinder either to raise one o / Bastions to its proper heighth, to erect a redoubt fm / body o / Fort or to cast up an entrenchmt round his House & make it fit [to] receive Guns, as expeditiously as possible, as I shd immediately on Return o Yr Boat fm Amissah w Shells, dispatch her up to him w Six three pounders, to mount upon a Battery & serve f / Defce o himself & / rest o / Cos Servants in Case o a Defeat to Ammoniah. The Boat arrived this Morng & to-morrow I dispatch her w Guns & proper Ammunin f them. I intend also to send a present to Ammoniah & his Brother Abeny, accompanied w / most soothg Message I can think o, w a View o retaing him in our Interest, or rather to conciliate his Affecn to us; wh I am Sy positive h only bn alienated at / seemg Disappointmt o seeg no Supplies nor Succours o any Kind arrive fm England.

How Seasonable, wd / Arrival o a Store Ship or a Man o War be at this Juncture! it wd raise / Spirits o our Allies & effectually secure the Attachmt to us, it wd Discourage those o / Dutch, & at once Baffle all / Schemes they h formed w so much Industry & Malignity, f / Acquisin o Cape Appolonia & / Ruin o Ammoniah. Ammoniah, And indeed if we are not speedily relieved by / arrival o one o these Vessels, I am Sy apprehensive t our Interest at / Cape will soon be at / lowest Ebb, & / Scheme f Buildg a Fort become impracticable.

The letters betwn Mr Huppisley & / Dutch Gen concernd our respective Claims to Cape Appolonia I hd Sy nearly finished a Transln o to send f by / Ships by wh this is to go beg ready to Sail much sooner than I expected & / Captain hasg given me scarce any Warng, I am prevented fm sendg it now, & must therefore defer it till / next Oppy

Tho is some prospect t a peace will be brot abt betwn / Shantees & Fantees; but it will be a Work o time, o trouble, & expce. The Messengers sent to Ashantee by Mr Huppisley are returned w Ambassadors fm / King o t Country, who brg / most fair & Reasonable proposals o Peace. He demands fm / Fantees nothg but / Return o / Messengers wh he has at diffr times sent to Elmina, this place, & Annamaboe, & wh / Fantees h unjustly detained; if these be restored he is offers to drink Fetish & renew Peace & / good understandg t formerly subsisted betwn himself & / Fantees, & drawn in

Oblevion all his past grievances. The Fanteers are assembld to give Audience to these Ambassadors, & to take their proposals into Consideran. The result o this Congress shd be transmitted to Y as soon as it appears.

...

By taking a few men fm / our Forts t hd the usual Complemt we h now abt Twelve Soldiers on Guard t are Capable o Duty, but a Motley Ragged Set they are as ever bore Arms.

Mr Trinder is vy much disgusted w his Situan & discouraged in carryg / Business intrusted to him; he complains o having sustained many heavy losses by stayg at Cape Appolonia, o having bn at gt expce in transporting his Effects, & even those o / Co fm leeward wt any Allowce fm / Publick.

He was pretty deeply concerned in Craft when he went to Cape Appolonia, wh beg a place entirely unfit f Cleang or repairg them, he was obliged to send any o his t wanted repairs to leeward, where one he has entirely lost & and a Schooner o Seventy Tons, has / believe bn Ruined f want o care. He petitioned f leave to come down here, since Mr Hippisley's Death, to put his Affairs to Rights, but I could not agree to wt / must imminent danger, as his absce but f a single Day mt be attended w / worst consequces to / Service: I offered, however, to get his Business transacted f him in any manner he chose to direct, & our Grosse has accordgly secured as here ab Annamaboe all / Cargo o t Ege Schooner, & when she arrives here I sh endeavour to get her repaired f him.

I h already sd t he has suffered considerable Losses by keepg his Slaves at Cape Appolonia, & I know / Expences he incurred in Transportg his Effects were vy g; Therefore humbly recommend it to Y Gentlemen to make him a reasonable allowce f his Disbursemts in t Occan. I am — &c —

(signed) Gilbert Petrie.

Copy o a Letter fm Gilbert Petrie Esqr Governor o Cape Coast Castle, to / Committee o / Co o Merchants trading to Africa. Dated Cape Coast 10 Jany 1767.

Gentlemen

Beg only advised this Instant t an American Brig is ready to leave Annamaboe, I h no more time than to send Y / foregog Copy o my last & to acknowledge / Receipt o Yr Letter by / Royal Charlotte Store Ship on / 9th o last Month.

The Capt hd / misfortune to pass Appolonia in / night, by this Mistake he hd got to leeward o Cape Three Points, where to my inexpressible Mortificn he has bn detained ever since by a Sea Breeze & leeward Current. But I am daily in hopes o a change in both, as this is / proper Harmattan Season, when they gently set to / Westward.

It has bn my repeated Direcns to our Trinder since I came here to do every thg in his power to h Canoes in readiness f landg / Stores wh h bn expected daily these Four Months past. I therefore hope t when / Ships reaches / Cape she will be unloaded w all imaginable dispatch, but lest our Trinders shd not h procured a sufficient number o Canoes f such a Troublesome Service, I wrote to him express on / Ships arrival, t if / Canoes & Canoemen fm this part o / Coast cd be o any Service, I wd immediately send up two Ege ones o Seventeen hands each. I h not yt received his Answer, but fm / Accts given by my Man who has bn to Cape Appolonia, o / readiness o / landg, I am vy appre-hensive t no Canoes nor Canoemen fm this place can be o any Service, & / unloadg / Store Ships must be left to Providence.

. Mr Trinder was very lately on / point o quitg his Stam, & consequently Yr Service; partly fm apprehens o danger fm Ammoniah's Enemies, & partly fm a disgust at Ammoniah himself; notwtg he has made a gter progress in his Work than any one acquainted w his Circumstes cd reasonably b expected, & much more than I imagined fm / dreadful Accts he gave me fm time to time. The arrival o / Storeship will I hope dispell his fears & reconcile him in every respect to his & Situam

Mr Smith is dangerously ill & resolved if he recovers to quit Yr Service. I hope, Gentlemen, / impce o these Circumstes will justify me f desirg Y will procure & send out by / first Ship b Sails f / Gold Coast Two persons qualified to carry into execn / Plans f rebuildg this Castle & f erectg a Fort at Cape Appolonia shd an Accident happen to Mr Trinder & or (what is more probable) shd / discontent ah he wer expa expresses induce him at last to desert his Post. By / next Oppy I Offers, I shall do all I am capable o to give a Satisfactory Answer to every chg contained in Yr letter of 2d Septr . . . I am — &c —

(Signed) Gilbert Petrie

Copy o a letter fm Gilbert Petrie Esqr Govr o Cape Coast Castle to / Committee of Co o Merchts trad'g to Africa. Dated 31 Janry 1764

Gentlemen

Inclosed is / Copy o my last, a very short letter wch went by a Vessel whose Sudden departure fm Annamaboe put it out o my power to write to You in a more proper manner. I now begin an Answer to Yr favour of / 2d Septr last Year by / Appolonia Storeship but in / first place it will be necessary to inform Y t / Ship reached her Stam on / 5th or 6th Inst & a few days after, I received an Answer to what I had wrote to Mr Trinder concerng Canoes; by wh, to my Amazemt I found / frequent Directns I had given him to procure Canoes f unloadg / Ships he was entirely unprovided: Had no more than two old ones belongg to Ammoniah. My Concern & Indignan increased when I learned fm him b f I did not know it before) / Ship after lyg Thirty five days was upon Demurrage at / rate o £4.10 p. diem. I dispatched hence without loss o time Seventeen o Yrs a Fifteen o my own Canoemen in Two new Canoes, fitted up in / Strongest manner to enable them to resist / Seas they are to be employed in, & in Six days after this departure I dispatched a third Canoe o Fifteen hands manned w a Sett o Canoemen I borrot fm Accra. Shd / Sea continue so good as it has bn lately I hope this troublesome Service will soon be performed; but shd my expectns & endeavours be frustrated, I hope, Gentlemen, I shall appear to Y to b exculpated myself fm any bad Consequces / may happen

Yr Orders wt regard to / appointmt o Officers in Yr Service on / Coast shall be strictly obeyed while I b / Honour to be in this Stam. . . . . [personnel] . . . . .

A Copy o Yr Instructns concerng / Recpn o Slaves & or Effects o Private Traders into / Forts has bn transmitted to / Chiefs b the Govr.

. . . [Garrison ledger] . . .

I daresay Gentlemen it / Prerogm Y Foot o dismissg Mr Mullet fm his Post f shipping off Slaves on freight, will most effectually deter, not only his Successor, but any man in Yr Service on this Coast fm venturg to transgress those Regulans.

Dupl/aderies I h hitherto sent Y I h bn so oy Circumstantial in
my Acct o Yr Affairs at Appolonia, tat present tr remains little f
me to say wt repeatg what I h wrote already. We are not in / least
obliged to / Dutch f not having bn hitherto molested, or rather openly
attacked by them at t Settlemt. They wanted not Inclination; they h
given us sufficient proof o t, as o their want o Power to frustrate our
endeavours, or to ruin our Settlemt & its Inhabitants. To confirm this
what I say I need only refer Y to / inclosed Letters t were begun
before Mr Hippisley & / presentg Gen & Council & ended by a reply
sent some time since to / Dutch Remonstrce & Protest, o wh I gave
Y some Acct in / first Letter I had / Honour to write Y. Herein I h
acquitted myself in t reply. Yare to Judge, all I h to say f myself
is to beg t wherein I may appear to h failed in my endeavours,
Y will not condemn me o a Wilfull Crime, but impute my Fault
to want o Ability. The Truth o all my ~~Assertions~~ assertions I can
answer f; wh is one advantage I possess over my Adversaries,
how'r inferior I am to them (Mr Huydecoper) in Capacity. As I h
had some trouble in translatg into English all / Letters betwen
Mr Hippisley & / Dutch, & in writg first in English, then in
French, / last long one, I h reason to wish t Mr Huydecopers
may not renew / attacks altho he has threatened it. But I hope
t in this part o / World, at least, our Contests will be put an
end to by / Arrival o Yr Ship w Stores & Supplies; t event
seems to h finally frustrated all Mr Huydecoper's Views.
The Sd t he first to advance to excite / People o t Country
to fulfill the Engagemts by invadg / Territories o
Ammoniah, is returned wt / Errand; & tr is little Probability
o tr tryg any more an expedient wh they h so often had
recourse to in Vain, or t they will agn apply f Assistce to a
People who h so long deceived them. Mr Huydecoper's
Ardour f military Enterprizes, seems to be much abated,
f notwg / Terrible Menaces so frequently repeated in his
Remonstrces, o prosecutg / War till / ends he obtained f
wh it was entered upon, he has condescended to send
Messengers half way fm Axim to Appolonia w Offers o
Peace to / Negroe Rebell & revolted Vassal o / Co. I am
aware o / Artifice t is clouded under t Show o a Pacifick
Disposin in our Adversaries; & I h not failed to use
such precaus as I think may prevent / Success o it, by
endeavourg to convince Ammonia, or rather to confirm him in an
Opinion wh Experice must h given him o / Perfidy o his Enemies;
& they are animated w / most implacable & revengefull
Enmity towds him

The utmost assiduity is used in carryg on / Repairs o
this Castle, altho we suffer considerable Delays fm time to
time by / Want o Craft to brg Shells fm Annaqua
Annissah & Winnebah, having nothg f t Service now but
a small Boat t does not carry Twenty hogsheads at a
time. Sld a good Long Boat offer f Sale. I will take /
Liberty to purchase here f this Business as / one employed
at present is not only too small but is oy near worn out,
altho since I came here, She was no less than three times
hauled a Shore & Repaired.

Since / Raining Season / South Bastion has bn
rebuilt, its inside & all t o / Spur Wall & Rooms
adjoyning to each end o it h bn uncovered. I mean /
Masonry, & all t Enormous Mass under it h bn taken
up & new laid, in a more natural & I hope, a better manner.

As Mr Smith is not only in a oy Sickly Constitution
but daily expected to leave / Coast, it was necessary f me
to appoint another Person in his Room to Keep / Labourers &
Artificers at Work, & I h appointed / Serjeant o / Guard

f t purpose, in wh he acquits himself w more Diligce & Assiduity than any Surveyor t has bn at Cape Coast since I Knew it.

It is necessary f me to inform Y t I h discharged fm Yr Service all / Free Labourers t were furnished by Cudjoe Caboceer, as / Cause o a needless expence & a hindrce to / Work instead o Advancg it.

The Winnebah Slaves purchased fm Mr Mutter, are o unspeakable Service. In my respect they behave as well as cd be wished.

A Copy o yr Order f not suffering French Ships to anchor in any o / Roads on this Coast has bn transmitted to all / Chiefs in Yr Service except to Whydah, where they cd h no Effect.

Yr Orders f havg / Accts Kept as they were in / beginng before Mr Calcrofts time, are by no means to Mr Lacey. ... [Pers Comm]...

At Annamaboe tho' is gt plenty o Trade, but few Slaves are yet sold to / English

In Mr Hippisley's letter o / 14 July he has entered so partickly into / Subject o / diffr Systems o Policy pursued by / Dutch & us in / present Quarrel betwn / King o Ashantee & / little States inhabitg / Sea Coast, t it is entirely unnecessary f me to trouble Y w my Sentiments fur than to say, t / Advantages arisg to all Europeans, settled in this Country, fm a Divn o / Inhabitants, who surround us, into little States independent o each o appeared to me so much Superior to what cd be expected fm an Universal & Arbitrary Dominion (as wd be t o / Ashantees were they to overcome / Fantees) t I did not make / smallest Hesitan to follow / Plan adopted & recommended to Y by Mr Hippisley - The Fantees h, after much delay & Chicanery, agreed in a gt measure to / King o Ashantee's demands in Consequce o wh I h sent up Messengers w / Ashantee Prisoners who were detained here, as Mr Brees has done w those t were at Annamaboe, & Mr Huyde copies those in his Charge, after payg / Fantees two Hogs heads o Rum & Ten Rolls o Tobacco f permiss, as he hd very justly incurred thr displeasure by / part he took w / Ashantee King agst them. I am hopefull now t this gt & long attempted Business will soon be brot to a happy Issue, as both Parties seem equally averse to War.

... [Personnel] ...

Mrs Quaque died abt Two Months ago; She only survived a Miscarriage one day. While She lived nothg in my power was wanted t cd in any manner contribute to her ease & Conveniency. As / Addn Y were pleased to grant to her Husbands Salary was undoubtedly intended on her Accot, it seems to me unnecessary now She is dead, especially as it appears Mrs Quaque is much better enabled to provide f himself here than any o those in Yr Service o an equal Income

... [Personnel] ...

I am &c -

(Signed) Richard Petrie. F

Copy o/ Robert o Huydecoper, & van de Leefdaal, Peter Woltemade, Klotz & Trumckel to Clifford. Dated 22nd July 1766
English text. Vide / English Translam fm / Dutch text in Notebook. St Gen & W I C Resolutions II, p 200. This copy has no date.

Letter fm Mr Petrie to / Dutch Govt in answer to / foregog.
Vide / English translam o / Dutch copy in NBK "Journal 1765-1766 (3). P 119. 299. This it is dated 30 November 1766 & is entered in / DGs Journal under date December — 1766.

[The translam o/ Dutch Text in / notebook tho shorter than / English text here, seems sufficient to bring out / main lines o Petries arguments.]

Endorsed

Trade Africa
Letter from Mr Perrier
Secry to / African
Committee to / Secry
to this Board, dated July
11. 1767 & inclos'd
Read July 11 1767
Read
2 papers
[No Memorandum of what L has been put to / next paper not about W. Africa]

African Office July 11th 1767

Sir

I ch be obliged to Y to lay / inclosed Copies o letters before / Lds Comrs for T & P I am — &c — Samel Perrier

Fm Mr Gilbert Petrie to / African Committee, Cape Coast Castle March 10th 1767
Mr Thos Swinden to do do do
John Pownall Esqr

Copy o a letter fm Gilbert Petrie Esqr Governor o Cape Coast Castle to / Committee o / Co o Merchants Trading to Africa. Dated March 10th 1767.

Gentlemen My last letter to Y was dated / 30th January, & in it sent a Translated Copy o our Correspondence & / Dutch Gen concerning Appolonia. A Copy o / letter was sent abt ten days after; but a duplicate o / the same not compotg a Folio Manuscript o Forty Three pages, cd not be got ready so soon, & therefore Y will now receive it w this.

The Royal Charlotte got to Appolonia on / Seventh o January, & in Twenty nine days was unloaded o all his Stores except a few Bricks in / bottom o / Hold wh cd not be got at, / Bs to / Supplies. Mr Swinden approved o a Remonstrance fm me in / Name o / Council w whose Concurrence it was made, agst Landg any o them at Cape Appolonia, but what he was in present want of; therefore all except such, were taken down here; & cd they be delivered as expeditiously as they were sent fr, I mean if Captain Culbert cd b employed / Canoemen, by Landg the Canoes as fast as they were sent on board / Supplies wd b on Shore here in a few days; but as he hd not men enough to

Keep.

Keep two Canoes at Work, his Ship was not delivered in a Week. T delay how~~ever~~ was owg to himself. Our reasons f advisg Mr Trinder not to take on Shore / Supplies f Cape Appolonia, was first his want o proper places to put them in, whisky / gliss part wod be exposed & in continual danger o beg Stolen. The next & most essential Reason was / inexpressible Disappointm~t o Ammoniah at receivg no presents fm Y hy / Storeship, & / gt danger o his beg tempted by / Value o / Supplies, thy motives o wh he is no less Susceptible than any o his Colour, & incited by / Dutch, w whom he is still in Treaty, to seize upon / whole or mod part at once o a Connexion wh our Neighbours are endeavourg to make him believe will end in his Ruin. These were / Sole reasons f a Measure wh at first Sight may seem wrong, but wh when properly considered I hope will be approved o. a The Supplies are in / mean time lodged in this Castle & kept in / original Packages, & while I remain here sh never be touched, but as Mr Trinder wants them & as Offices offer o sendg them to him. He is now here, & will write Y hy / Royal Charlotte in what manner / Stores were landed & in Answer to ye Orders concerng / Plans Y sent him.

Ammoniah's disappointm~t & dissatisfac~n are in propor~n to Expectat~ns he had conceived o receivg presents fm Y hy / Storeship & some means must be taken to please him, or we may quit Appolonia in its present State, when Mr Trinder returns Y sh conduct w him & something to give f / present; but nothg ~~shall~~ can ~~now~~ t in Conscience I can give will o itself satisfy his Avidity, he must be put off w / hopes o Yr future Generosity. I take / liberty to advise t / following Articles may be sent next Year f him, & his Brother as what are most likely to please him. They will be costly tis true, but it must be considered t Ammoniah is not now in / same Situa~n as when we were invited to Settle at Appolonia: then in imminent danger o beg attacked on all sides & destroyed hy / Dutch; now he is courted & caressed hy them: Then all his dependce, all his hopes o safety were centered in our Protecn & assistce, but now t dependce ceases, his attachm~t to us must diminish in propor~n & he will treat us accordg hy, when~~ever~~ he thinks himself aggrieved hy us; & t wee be as soon as we cease to become necessary, & begin to grow Burdensome to him. What I wd propose t Y ~~send~~ sh send next Year f him & his Brother is as follows

2 Broad Swords, Silver Basket Hilts
2 Black Hatts, White Feathers, w broad Scolloped Point of Espagnole Gold Lace
2 Cloaks Crimson Satin or Velvet, laced w Gold, w a Gold Tassel at each Corner
2 Umbrellas like t sent Cudjoe o this place.

Mr Trinder is now in a better Humour than when I wrote Y last, & talks no more o quitg. I sent Mr Dalziel fm Succondee to take Charge at Appolonia in his absence.

Lambert
Adm 1. 2052.
Male Mate
Adm 1. 2116
Phoenix
Adm 51. 693
Hound
Adm 51. 462

The Phoenix & Hound Men o War came here on / 20th Ulto. Both o them passed Appolonia w~t stoppg at it, bec they had no Orders to t purpose. In answer to Capt Lamberts letter o enquiry into / State o our Affairs, I informed him o our Disputes w / Dutch at Appolonia, & o/ gt Inconvenice we suffered hy / unjust Conduct o / Dutch in stoppg our Inter course by Land w a Fort we were erectg hy virtue o an Act o Parliam~t, f his better Knowledge o / Subject I gave him / perusal o our Correspondce; & extracted

entreated ℔ he wd take such Steps as he was empowered by his instruc[ns] & enabled by / Force he commanded to oblige Mrs Heydecoper not to refuse us any longer a free Passage by Land fm Discovre to Appolonia. In consequ[ce] o℔ Representa[n] Captain Lambert sent his first Lieutenant w[th] a letter to / Governour Pen in wch he advised him to come to an agreem[t] w[th] us, must lay him under / necessity o making use o / Force entrusted to him for our Protec[n] to settle a dispute wch he earnestly wished to see settled Amicably.

The Pen in Answer disclaimed all hostile intent[ns]: made warm professi[ns] o Respect & esteem for us; made many encomiums on / Wisdom, Bravery & Power o / English; but in regard to / demand made for a free Passage thro the Territories to Windward, he excused himself; having resolved w[th] his Council to abide by the former Resolutions on ℔ Subject till / matter shd be decided by his Superiors in Europe. This Satisfied Captain Lambert & the / Affair dropped; for he declined going any gtr length in it - So much for Appolonia.

Ye Storeship / Cumberland arrived here on / 23d o last Month, & is now very near unloaded o her whole Cargo; / Timber for Cape Appolonia arrived here Shore there in three or Four days [sic]; The Passengers all arrived Safe, altho they make Bitter Complaints o ill-usage fm / Captain, as he does o the bad behaviour. One o / Soldiers by this Ship, & one o those by / Royal Charlotte brot Wives, so ℔ Mrs Quaque & Elizabeth Smethall who died abt a Month ago (after living in this Castle since Ye first Establishm[t]) are now replaced.

The Famine ℔ Raged amongst / Natives last Year caused w[th] bad Season ℔ caused it; Howr / very Supply o Provisions wch Ye Comp[y] hs sent us will not be lost; before / next Rainy Season be over they may be need enough for them altho at present / Country Provisions are Cheap enough. . . .

By this Conveyce, His Majesty's Ship Phoenix, Ye will receive / Publick Accots fm Jany 1st 1765 to Augt 10th 1766 / day o Mrs Hippesley's death. . . . . .

The Messengers sent to Ashantee for concluding a Peace are not yet returned, so nothg has bn done in ℔ Work since my last - Ther is little or no Trade at Annamaboe & still less here, altho I daily see good Slaves carried to Almiria. The white Traders at Annamaboe persist in their design o fixing / Price at Oz. 8 for men & Oz. 6 for Women; / Blacks persist in opposing it & are enabled to persevere by / Dutch who continue to pay / old Price.

Since writing what goes before, a most unlucky Affair has happened at Annamaboe, by a Quarrel betwn / Soldiers o / Fort & / Blacks; wch is likely to produce very serious Consequces, it is as follows:- A Black man fm / Town, standing on / Draw Bridge o / Sally Port, where / Centry is always posted, attempted, w[th] utmost Effrontery, to make Water where he Stood, & did not even scruple to sprinkle / Soldiers Legs. who, enraged at such indecency, pushed / Fellow down / Steps, but he, not deterred by ℔ Correctn jumped up & attacked / Soldier on his Post. Mr Grossle, informed o what had happened, sent / rest o / Soldiers to drag in / man, but he fled at their Approach & was pursued into / Town, where a Mob was instantly assembled, who not only opposed / Soldiers, but attacked & beat them, wounded one w[th] a Knife, & drove them all back into / Fort. Mr Grossle & rest wh were in / Battlements when this happened, & conceiving / utmost indignation at / behaviour o / Towns People, fired a Gun to disperse them, but ℔, so far fm having its intended Effect, only excited them to fire & utter insults. They presented their Posteriors to Grossle in contempt o his Power;

& them to convince him o thrs, they appeared to his garden, where they burned
/ Houses o / Gardener & / Co's Slaves, & carried off / former a Prisoner. The next
Step was to arm themselves & then they fired very briskly at / Fort. It was now
at least full time for Mr Grosle to secure himself, & he accordgly fired upon
them, drove them into / Town, & set fire to t Part o it to wh they belong.
for it was not / whole Town they hd to deal w. This Fray began in / After-
noon & ended w Daylight next Morng I received Advice o it fm Mr Grosle
& immediately applied to Captain Lambert for his assistce, & he immediately sent
down / Hound Sloop w Thirty Marines for / Support o / Fort. Capt Wale
o / Hound sent / them in three Boats, Piloted by Miles Lieutenant o / Guard
here, who I sent down for t Service. The Marines were no sooner Landed
than / Blacks rushed out o / Town & attacked them. This brot on another
Action in wh, I am informed, Sevl o / Towns People were killed & wounded,
/ rest were soon dispersed after / Marines got into / Fort, & / remainder
o / Houses burnt wh belonged to / Rebels. Nothg has happened since; but
Mr Grosle writes me they threaten to renew / Attack.

I h let Miles remain w Mr Grosle & h sent him Twelve Sol-
diers & a Corporal, w a Supply o Provisns for Six Months. Before / expirn
o t time, I dare say this will be an end to this Squabble.

I am advised t it will be represented to Y. t I shd h gone
down to Annamaboe myself on this occasn & met / Fantees at a
Neutral Place (Castle Brew) to treat o Peace. But it is Mr
Grosles Opinion, as well as my own, & I presume t it is t o / whole
Council, t nothg wd so effectually frustrate so desirable a purpose than
such a Step.

What I propose to do is this. I will get Cudjoe to send a
Messenger this Night to / Principal Caboceers o Fantee, who are now
assembled to treat w / Messengers fm Shantee, when they return.
This Messenger shl acquaint them w what has happened, & invite them
to send Deputies down here to treat o an Accomodatn, assurg them o
my concern for what has happened, & o my desire to settle / present
diffce, & restore a good understandg betwn us, wh is so necessary for
our mutual Interest at all times, but especially now, when a
cordial Allice is o such Impce to / Negotians o Peace carryg on
under our Mediatn, betwn them & the Enemy / King o Shantee —
An Enemy who wd doubtless regard our diffce as / most favourable
Incident t cd possibly happen to him, & who on t y considern, mt
be induced to break off all Negociatn & make another Irrupn in /
Fantee Country. For in such an Event what wd become o them if,
deserted by / Dutch (as they know they are) they make Enemies o
us? Deprived o any means o Supply? o all Assistce fm Europeans,
wd they not become an easy Prey to such an Enemy as / King o
Shantee? I do not doubt but such Expostulans as these will h
an infinitely better effect than my gog down to Annamaboe &
sitg for a Conference in / House o a Private Trader; & Y may be
assured o / Exertn o my endeavours to improve to / utmost /
good Effect o any measure t seems eligible on this Occasn

I am — &c —
(Signed) Gilbert Petrie

I omitted to observe to Y. t ds /
Masters o / Tradg Ships are unconcerned
in our Quarrel at Annamaboe, the In-
tercourse w / Natives is in no
manner affected by it.

Copy o a letter fm Mr. Thomas Trinder Chief o Fort Appolonia to / Committee o / Co o merchants trad^g to Africa. Dated Cape Coast Castle March 10th 1764

Gentlemen

I h received both Yr letters o/ 26th May & 2 Septem^r p. / Royal Charlotte, w Plans, Secrs, Supplies &c^a. The Ship arrived w me / 2 Janry. I gave her as quick a dispatch as possible, beg detained only 30 Days in Discharg^g / Stores, excepting a few Bricks: In regard to / Supplies I did not think it prudent to land them, I having no place o Security to lodge them in, especially at so critical a Juncture as / present when / Cabocceers & People are gtly disatisfied at not hav^g had some present fm Y by this Ship: / only Reason in my opinion they cd h reason to expect one, & I think it Remiss in our Master in not makg a proper Provis^n f so necessary an Expence, when he was makg / Ingagem^t f / Supplies &c^a

Not only this, / Dutch are strongly Soliciting Ammoniah & his Brother at this Instant over heavg so many valuable Effects, in a manner in their own Possession, wh be two gt a Temptation f any Blacks, much more those I am now writg abt, to induce them to listen to / insinuations o / Dutch to turn us out & seize upon effects, f this reason I ordered / Supplies down to Cape Coast, to be lodged there & sent up to me occasionally: before I left Appolonia to come down here, I satisfied / two Cabocceers, in a manner, by tellg them Y had sent them a present, but I cd not get at it, as it was packed in some Cask f Cape Coast, but I when I returned, wd brg it w me.

My Intention f comg down here is to consult w / Governor & Council concerng putt^g in Execut^n / Plan Y sent me, wh in my humble Opinion is a very improper one f / Place it is To stand on, not only f / badness o / Foundation wh is nothing but a loose Sand, but when built will hardly be tainable [sic] agst an Army o Blacks, much less an European Force, shd any be brot agst it.

At my first gog to Cape Appolonia I hd Orders fm / then Governor to begin on / Fort as soon as possible, wh I did on / 15th July last, but on a much more extensive Plan than / one I h now received, & as not only / Settlem^t but every thg I carried w me, was in danger, fm / first o my gog thr, by / Dutch on one side & / Blacks in the Interest, on / o^r. I thot it most prudent f / preservation o both, to run up one o / Bastions to its proper Height, & fortified it, wh I h accordgly done w Eight two pounders, I recd fm Cape Coast f t purpose, & h built a convenient Store Room in / Center o / Bastion f / Recept^n o Powder & o^r Stores, wh since / arrival o / Ship, I h found to be very usefull. The part o / Fort I h begun on is / Front next / Sea, I h raised / Front Curtain abt four feet high, w / Flanks & Face o / adjoyng Bastion nearly / same height, so t in Order to put / present Plan in execut^n, what I h already done must be pulled down agn, wh may h a bad effect in / Eyes o / Natives, who fm / beginning h turned on quite Foreign to what I hd gt reason to expect at / first o my gog up thr in / Year 1764 w regard to the Promise & Assistce to us (in case o our buildg a Fort) at Cape Appolonia) wh has hitherto bn given w gt Reluctce, & I am much afraid will be more so, if / Dutch gain any footg in / Country, wh I h much reason to fear will be / Case if the present Negociation w / Natives take Place

Y may depend on my actg w as much Circumspection as possible in carryg on / Works as frugally in every respect

respect as / nature o/ thg will admit.

I shall take parte care to advise Y o my proceedgs by 1st Opty. ... As / Governor has wrote Y what is most proper for a present f / Cabeceers o Cape Appolonia, sh say nothg on t head. I must beg leave to return Y my most unfeigned thanks f / Honour Y h conferred on me in appointg me Chief rec o Y Fort at Cape Appolonia ...

- asks f an Assistant. I am - rc -

(Signed) Thomas Trinder

Endorsed Trade Africa
letter from Saml Perrier
Esqr Secry to / African
Committee to / Secry to
this Board, dated Sept Y
1764; transmitting a Copy
o the acct f / Year
Years 1766, & a List
o/ 3d Committee f
/ ensuing Year
No. 111 42.

Recd Septr Y 3 1764
Read Oct 5

... [rec] ...

Anno 1766

The Acct o / money recd & expended by / Committee o/ Co o Merchants trading to Africa f / Support & Improvemt o / Forts & Settlemts upon / Gold Coast ...

[Summary only]

Recvd fm / Committee f 1765 Balce o Cash Yrs acct		£5,368. 10. 8
		108 9 6
		Y. 18
By Warrant fm / Treasury	£13,000	12,654 . 6 . 6
Fees deducted (total)	342. 13 6	194
		£ 18,335 . 16 . 8

The Acct o / Expenditure in Forts &c		
Totals Senegal £204.1.7. Cape Appol	Cape £50 6 4 13 6	
Cape Coast £10,931. 15. 5	Total :	£16206 . 10 . 6
Charges o Managemt by Acts o Parliamt		1200 . .
Sundry Fees Audit fees &c.		45 . 7 . 8
		14451 . 18 . 2
Balance to / Committee f 1764		883 . 18 . 6
		18,335 . 16 . 8

Encl o CO 388/54

CO. 388/55

Trade. Bundle N.n.

Endorsed

Trade Africa

Order o / Lords o / Council. dated Octr 9. 1764. referrg to / Board / the report / petion o / Comrs o / Co o Merchants trad[g] to Africa, prays / Kings licence for exportg thirty hundred weight o Biscuit & one hundred hundred weight o wheat flour to Cape Coast Castle, on / Coast o Africa. for / support & maintence o / sevl forts & Garrisons on t Coast

Recd Octr 9th
Read — 13th } 1764

N.n. 1

At / Council Chamber Whitehall
/ 9th o October 1764.

(L2)

Present
The Lords o His Majesty's most Honble
Privy Council

Upon readg this day at / Board, / humble Petion o / Committee o / Co o Merchants trad[g] to Africa, humbly prays his Majesty's Licence for exportg Thirty hundred Weight o Biscuit & one hundred hundred Weight o Wheat Flour to Cape Coast Castle on / Coast o Africa, for / Support & Maintce o / sevl Forts & Garrisons on t Coast (wch is ordered in Council, t / sd Petion (a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed) Be, & it is hereby referred to / Lords Commissioners for Trade & Plantns to consider / same, & report to this Board what they conceive advisable to be done therein

Steph: Cottrell

To / King's most Excellent Majesty in Council
The Petion o / Committee o / Co o Merchants
trad[g] to Africa

Humbly Sheweth

That by Yr Majesty's Order o Council o / 20th o August 1764, / Exportation o Bread & Flour & sundry other Articles are prohibited to be Exported Except under certain Rules & Regulations

That Yr Petitioners beg under an Absolute necessity o sendg / under mentioned provins to Cape Coast Castle on / Coast o Affrica for / Support & Maintence o / sevl Garrisons on / sd Coast viz[t]

Thirty hundred Weight o Biscuit & one hundred hundred weight o Wheat Flour.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray Yr Majesty will be graciously pleased to grant Yr Royal licence for exportg / same on / Ship Royal Charlotte, Anthony Calvert Master, upon giving / proper security & wise / aforesd Garrisons will be reduced to ye greatest distress for want thereof

The Co's Seal

By order o / Committee o / Co o Merchants trad[g] to Africa
Saml Porter
Secry

N.n. 9.
Read Jan. 21 } 1768
Read do 22 }

Admalty Office 20th January 1769.

Sir My Lords Commissioners of Admiralty have received a Letter from Captain Lambert late Commander of his Majestys Ship Phoenix, inclosing Accts of State & Condition of Forts & Settlements on Coast of Africa; I am Commanded by their Lordships to send you herewith Copies of said Accts for information of Lords Commissioners of Trade. I am &c.
Phl [Philip] Stephens

John Pownall Esqr Secry to Board of Trade

[Summaries of Tabulated Returns]

Cape Coast Castle 10 March 1769.
Garrison Gilbert Petrie Govr: Wm Lacey Accomptant: Erasmus Williams Secry: Wm Green Warehouse Keeper: James Williamson Surgeon: 4 Factors: 5 Writers: 1 Chaplain: 1 Lieut of Guard: 1 Serjt: 2 Corporals: 2 Drummers & Fifers: 36 Soldiers: 1 Asst Surveyor: 1 Cooper 1 Butler: 1 Gardener
Cos Slaves 300 m. & c many old & useless.
Ordnce 10 3 pdr: 18 12pdr: 9 6 pdr: 12 18pdr. Small arms ... ordnce stores ...

Interior Buildgs gently in good condn. Warehouses cracked old & leaky Exterior Buildgs part. Whole side of Castle betwn S. & W. Bastion & West End of Old Platform in ruins, whole space only inclosed by temporary wall of mud & Stone. Artificers Slaves now employed in Rebuildg Storehouses & Artificers Shops on North Side of Spur wch fell down last Rainy Season w/ Outer Wall & is just rebuilt. E work finished of part of Castle will be built up agn. (Sgd) Robt Lambert. Gilbert Petrie

Dixcove 16 Feb. 1769
Garrison Jno Johnson Chief: 1 Serjt: 4 Soldiers: 1 Black Writer: 3 Cabboceers
~~1 Cab~~ 2 Cabboceers & Ground Landlord: 1 Cook: 1 black Gunner
Cos Slaves 6 men, 13 Women (10 unwhble) 13 children
Ordnce 18 6 pdrs: 11 3 pdrs (most unserviceable) 5 ½ pdr (most unserviceable) Small arms ... ordnce stores ...
Stores 1 Carnon 13 pedderos
" 5 "
Fort in gen much out of repair. (Sgd) Robert Lambert. John Johnson.

Commenda 18 Feb 1769.
Garrison. Thos Drew Chief: 1 Serjt: 1 Gunner: 6 Soldiers
Cos Slaves 10 m. 8 w. 2 c.
Ordnce 2 18pdrs: 14 12pdrs: 3 9pdrs: 2 6pdrs: 2 4pdr. 10 2pdrs: 6 1pdrs
9 guns & carries v. bad.
Sgd Jno Bowmaster 1st Lieut Thos Drew.

Seconde 18 Feb. 1769.
Garrison 1 Serjt: 4 Soldiers: 1 Gunner
Co Slaves 12
Ordnce 3 9pd. 2 6pd 9 4pd. 3 pd bad 5 3pd (3 bad) 4 1pd 1 bad Affcarres bad
(Signed) Peter Quenouault factor at Seconde. / Poor beg at Cape Appolonia, signed his Name in his afsa
Archd Dalziel SA... OS...

Annamaboe 23 Feb 1769
Garrison Jno Grossle Chief: Jno Johnston Second: 1 Serjt: 1 Gunner: 1 Gardener 10 Soldiers
Cos Slaves 21 m. 4 w 10 c
Ordnce 8 24pdrs: 4 18pdrs: 14 6pdrs: 8 3pdrs. 4 2pdrs 1 1pdr SA... OS...

(Sd) Robert Lambert
Jno Grossle

Tantum Quare 14 March 1767

Garrison. Jno Cockburne Chief: 1 Serjt. 1 Gunner: 3 white Soldiers 2 Mulatto do. 1 pensioner.

Cot Slaves 4 m. 2 W. 1 g.

Free Blacks Coffee Aqua Ground Landlord: Quaco Cumah. Waterside Bombay: Appucon Cabboceer Cabboceer at Lasoe [sic Lake?]: Quamboh / same at Mumford: Quathia Peyzan free Cook

Ordnce 2 9pds 2 3 or 4pdrs 2 3pdrs 4 1pds 2 2pdrs not mounted
unserviceable

1st or 2nd floors of N E Bastion want relay'g, also 1st floor of S W Bastion. Hall wants new floors. Storehouse for dry goods wants new floors. Fort wants new plaister & whitewash House in tolerable good condr

(sgd) Robt Lambert
John Cockburn.

N m. 10

Read Febry 11 / 1768
Read April 12 / 1768

African Office Febry 10 1768

Saml Pownall to John Pownall: sends:-

[letter] from Thos Trinder to / Committee dd. Fort Appolonia 17th July 1767
[letters] - Gilbert Petrie .. .. .. Cape Coast Castle 20th Augt & Sept 9th 1767.

N m. 11

Copy of a letter from Mr Thomas Trinder Chief of Fort Appolonia to / Committee of Co of Merchants trad'g to Africa Dated 17th July 1767.

Gentlemen. I herewith send Y r Plan by wh I at first began / Works (it shd h come at / same time I wrote fm Cape Coast: but in / hurry of leav'g that place, escaped my memory) I humbly hope it will meet w Y r approbation f / reasons I before gave. I shd not h deviated so far fm / dimensions of former one sent off if I hd not been informed by Mr Mutter Y r proposed Forty Guns for this Fort, wch sensible I a Fort, when built by / Dimensions of / former Plan, wd be incapable of mount'g so many Guns: I thought most advanced [sic] to enlarge it accord'g to / one now sent.

I am extremely sorry to inform Y r of my going on so slowly having done little more than secured what I hd done, when I wrote Y r last, by erect'g temporary apartments on / top of Bastion, for a lodgement for myself & Soldiers, by wh means am rendered capable of defend'g ourselves in case of any Accident happens fm / Natives; thus they seem to be sensible of, for I believe they think we h done enough for the defence, fm / indiffce they shew ever since my arrivall: one principal cause is / Dutch, finding themselves baffled in losing what they call the Settlem't, instead of making use of / oppressive measures they formerly used to do, since we constantly court them, & keep almost daily sends presents to Ammonier in order to weaken our Interest & retard our Work as much as possible. I am sorry they h such a man to deal w, who I take to be as great a Villain as ever Old John Currantee of Annamaboe cd be. I before informed Y r w / pretence I made use of to these People, my not having any Presents for them by / Store ship, since wh I wrote to / Governor & Council for leave

to make them one in Yr Name, as if sent them by / Ship, but cd not be got at whilst here, f / reasons I gave them at first. The Sum I proposed, & wh / Governor has thot necessary to allow, is abt Two hundred pounds Coast money. I intend to beg, by what effect this will h w him as soon as / Rains is over as by little can be done till then. At / first o my Coms up here, / whole number o Yr people allotted f this Service was only eighteen Men & Boys; a v small number o Hands to attempt / building o a Fort w, & / Stone at / distce o Five or Six Miles. Tis true these People engaged to furnish fifty Labourers, but 'twas w difficulty I cd ever get half / number, & / major part o these were taken away by degrees. The gt distce we h to beg / Stone renders the Assistce absolutely necessary. I made use o all / Arguments in my Power to prevail upon them to let me build / Fort where / Stone is but to no effect; they told me if so, / Fort wd be o no use to them, if built at any 2d place, as it is here they expect to be attacked. As what I h already done is by capable o defending this Part, I think they can h little objection to my building at / 2d place; This I sh by no means attempt till I h tried them a little longer; & if I find them still continue backward in assisting me, will then use / utmost o my endeavours to put Yr plan in execution at / 2d place; & make little doubt but w / assistce o a few more Labourers fm Leeward sh be able to compleat it in abt two Years. I sh be by glad Y will send me Yr discretionary Power p. first Oppy concerning what I h mentioned above, as it will prevent much Trouble. The Correspondce betwn this Place & Cape Coast, beg so by precarious f want o a Communicn by Land, I h sometimes bn two or three Months getting an answer to a letter, in wh time a gt deal o Business mt be carried on if I knew in what manner I mt Venture to act. I wd h wrote f sooner, but not having any person to tender me any Service, & beg much indisposed myself, has prevented me.

As this place is by unhealthy & at a gt distce fm where any Assistce can be got, & as Misfortunes & many Accidents may happen fm blowing / Stone & erecting / Building, I think it wd be necessary to h a Surgeon's Mate. I hope to give Yr a more favourable Acct in my next. In / meantime

I remain — &c —

(Signed) Thomas Trender

N.n. 12

Copy o a Letter fm Pilbert Petrie Esqr Governor &c o Cape Coast Castle to / Committee o / Co o Merchants trading to Africa Dated 20 Augt 1764.

Gentlemen

The last Letter I wrote y was dated 5 June [no date]; it went in / Friendship o London, Capt Boucher, a Copy o it w Duplicates o / papers inclosed was sent by Captn Marshall o / Marlborough for Bristol. Since that time no Ships h arrived fm England f this part o / Coast except / Africa Capt John Stephens, by whom I had / pleasure o receiving Yrs o / 4th March w B / L f Thirty pieces striped Taffaties wh came safe.

— Expresses thanks f the resolution to confirm him in / Post on / death o Mr Phippsley —

The epidemical Destemper wch, in my last I informed y. had made such ravages amg / Dutch at Elmina, carried off the Gen Mr Huydecoper on / 11th o last month. The Palaver they are engaged in w / Fanties has hitherto prevented them the Council fm assembly to chuse a President. I am told t Mr Woortman / present Chief o this Fort at Accra will succeed y / present; but / Fiscal Mr Deefdael is / person who is expected to receive a Commission as Director Gen fm / States & West Indian Co.

— Mr Johnson Chief o Dixcove died suddenly on 5th ult — Mr Graves appointed to Dixcove —

— Banks, Mr Tinder's second at Appolonia, drowned on going ashore thr fm a Ship. ... ...

— Loss at Winnebah where taking in Shells, o / long boat lost fm Capt. Boucher. —

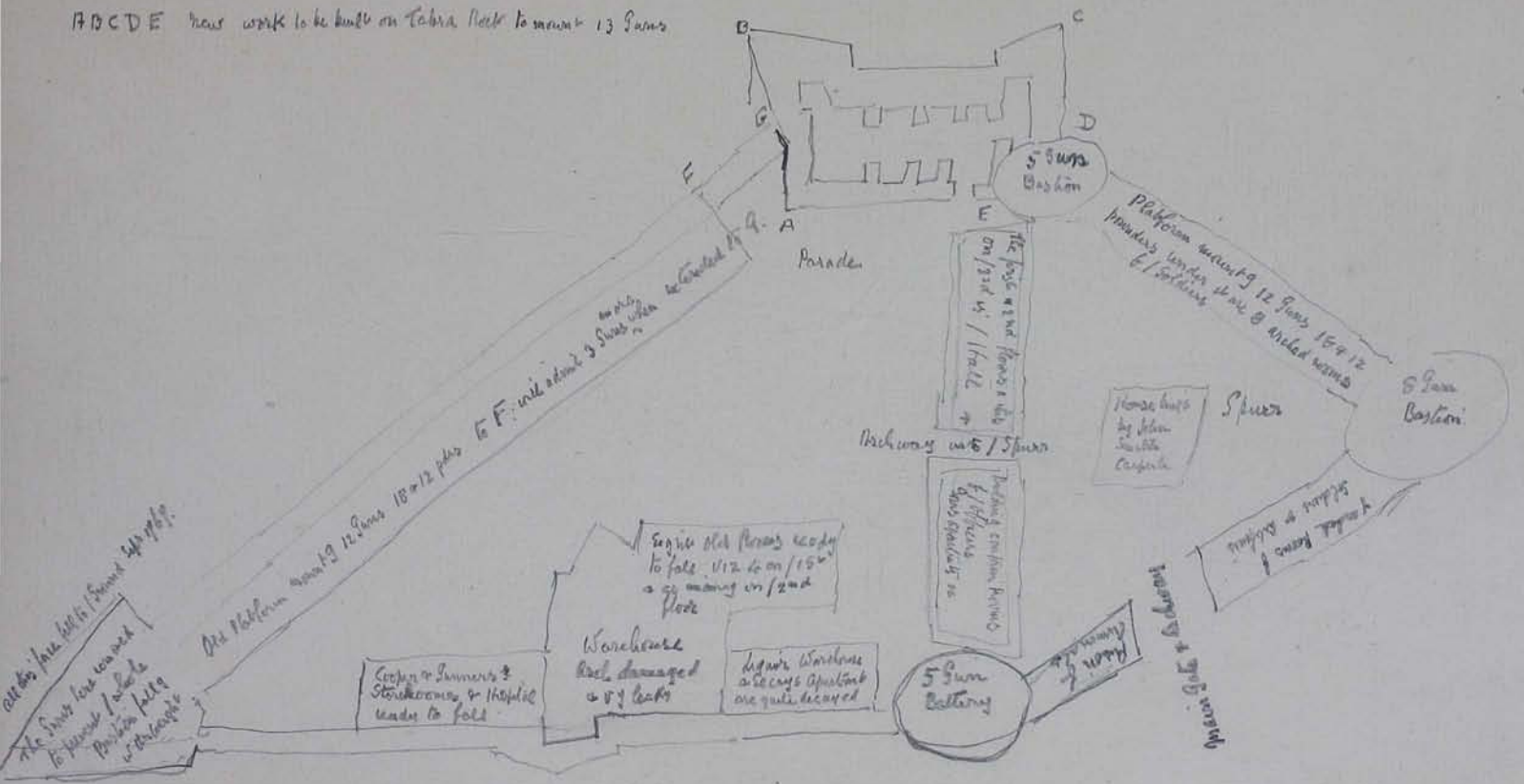
— In same storm Brew lost 2 Pge Shallops & a Schooner o 50 or 60 Tons —

I h now only one Small boat left w 19 Cos Slaves & 15 o my own canoemen I keep employed in bringg shells fm Winnebah: but notwtstg / loss o / last I must, if offg offers, purchase another Pge boat for t service: for wt such an one / rebuilding o this ruinous Castle will never be compleated.

We were lately threatened w another Invasion fm / Ashantees. The residue o / Akim Men made an Attempt to escape fm / Dominion o Ashantee, & take Sanctuary on / S. side / River Volta, w Ashampoe King o Popoe. The Shanties soon after receiving advice o this design appeared in two Pge Bodies, on each side o them, / one to prevent this escape by / Route they had taken, & / S. to Windward, to hinder this Junction w / Warsaws. Before they were thus surrounded they apprehended / Danger & Difficulty o / Enterprise they had engaged in, & as the last resource in case o the beg driven to it, they proposed to / Fanties to take Shelter on this Kingdom, offering to surrender themselves & all they were possessed o, into this Hands, on Condition none o them shd be delivered, to wh they preferred / worst fate t cd happen to them. On this Singular Occasion fear overcame / avidity o / most rapacious set o People on Earth: for / arrival o two Armies o Ashantees, & a Message fm / Leaders o them, struck such a Terror into / Fanties, t gr & allurg as / Bait was they dared not to touch it, & / wretched Akims thus abandoned by this faithless Allies; wt any Prospect o escaping fm their Enemies, resolved to h recourse to / Clemency o / Conqueror, wh / principal Men amgst them are now gone up to make Trial of; but none o them I believe will ever return to give an Acct o / reception they met w. Our Messengers lately came down fm Ashantee w a promise fm / King t he wd by shortly send down an Embassy to negociate & finally conclude a Peace w / Fanties. I believe when Mr Hippesley first undertook to mediate a peace betwn these People, he did not forsee / delays & Difficulties t h arisen in / Course o it. I must own, I did not; / necessary Circumstances o a mutual disposition to peace in both Parties appears so favourable, t I thot Success was assured. Experience however is likely to shew t I was deceived, as well as others who thot in / same manner, & whose Judgments I may be justified fm having submitted my own to. Some in y Affairs (one o them at least) possessed so much more Knowledge than I can pretend to. However in this & all other Cases o / same nature, I believe Mr Melvill's observation will be confirmed.

Mr John Grosley's Plan of Cape Coast Castle &c

A B C D E new work to be built on Tabia Rock to mount 13 Guns



"to present a Reconciliation amg / Natives o this Country, / interposition o
"Europeans is / most effectual method / Wit o Man can conceive". I heartily
wish my apprehensns may be groundless, but I do think t a Peace betwn /
Fantees & Ashantees is at present vy far off. not t I believe they h any
intn" o making War; f they are now properly speaking in a State o Peace, meetg
ev'y Week to carry on the Trade, as if they never hd bn at War; all I mean
is, they will not conclude a Treaty o Peace in / manner o European States
t h committed Acts o hostility agst each ot, especially while we are so
Solicitous abt it. I sh inform Y how appearances are / next time /
Messengers return, & by them also sh my future Conduct in this Affair
be regulated.

I h heard nothg fm Mr Trinder since he went last to / Cape, but
t / severity o / Rains hd put it out o his power to make any use o
Ammoniah's promised assistce.

– By the Mails desire has sent Williams to Prampram, Cahuac
succeeds him as Secretary – . . .

– Hd Written so far when he recd the favour o June 2d w /
Indentures o 3 Writers & a Surgeons mate – . . .

I am – &c. –
Gilbert Petrie

Cape Coast Sept 9th 1764.

Gentlemen – Since writg / above – Cockburn has resigned –
Succeeded as Member o Council by Charles Bell, & com / Command o Tantumquerry Fort by Thomas Drew; / Fort Utrby Vacant given to John Johnston, 2nd at Annamaboe —

I am – &c. –
Gilbert Petrie

(Copy)

I / underwritten Commander o / Friendship from [sic] do certify to / Committee o / Co o Merchants trading to Africa & all whom it may Concern t / late Palaver or Quarrel betwn / Chief o Annamaboe Fort & / Inhabitants o / Town did not to my certain Knowledge in any manner affect / trade o / British Vessels lyg at t place, nor did in, as h bn alleged, oblige me to dispose o my Cargo to / Chief o Cormantyn Fort. The hd bn f some time before t Palaver happened scarcely any Trade at Annamaboe & no Change was produced by / sd Palaver, / Intercourse betwn / Blacks & / Shipg beg Continued on / same footg as usual. And in regard to my Contract f Slaves w / Dutch Chief at Cormantyn, it was not made by reason o / aforesaid Palaver, having bn concluded before t Affair happened & after I hd made an offer o / same nature to / Governor o Cape Coast Castle & Sevl o'rs in / Service o / Committee . . . Annamaboe Road May 30th 1764.

(Sgd) Edward Boucher

Copy o a Letter fm Mr Thos Trinder to Gilbert Petrie Esqr Governor o Cape Coast Castle. Dated April 15th 1764.

Sir

Beg now ready to return to my Stan at Cape Appolonia, I must request an Answer to what I wrote Y fm thence at / arrival o / Royal Charlotte Sloop ship concerng Ammonahs expectan o Presents to be given him on t occan. the r my Person o note at

Appolonia took it into their Heads when / Ship came t she had brot nothing but a Cargo o Goods to be given away to them, it was therefore a matter o equal Surprize & Dissatisfacn to learn t / Cargo o / Ship consisted only in Bricks & ot Building Materials. I soon found / Effects o this, fm t time they seemed daily to fall off in their Attachmt to us, & became so indifft abt / Progress o / Work t I never after cd prevail on them to use any means in their power to make the people assist us. Whist made / matter still worse, / Dutch at t time made overtures o Peace to Ammoniah, sent him considerable Presents & are now carrying on the Negociations w them.

To conclude Sir, it is my Opinion t if something Considerable is not given to Ammoniah, his Brother, & / ot principal Men at Appolonia, we had best at once abandon our Attempts at Building a Fort in t Country fr I know t upon their Assistce entirely depends / Success o t Attempt, & I am very confident t if I send me up ye Presents to be given away in / Name o / Committee, I will soon be under / necessity o sendg fr me down agn.

I h already told me what I h wrote / Committee on / subject o / presents I think proper to advise will answer well enough & give Satisfacn to one part o / peoples expectations, but as both / principal Men are most uncommonly Avaricious their Expectations tend to what will brg them Gold to hoard up, as well as to what serves fr Ornamt; £200 Pay or thereabts may suffice fr / forwr o these purposes, but less will not h / desired Effect

I h one thg more to request of ye, viz t I will please to give me ye Advice concerng / Plan o / Fort, / Committee h now sent me by / aforementioned Ships, wh I can't help thinkg is a very improper one fr / Fort it is designed fr. My reasons fr thinkg so are, t / Walls in my Opinion are not only too slight beg only 3 ft 9 in thick at / Foundan, but infinitely too high (being Twenty Seven feet) fr a loose Sandy Foundan such as we h at Cape Appolonia. I h already shewn I / Plan I h hitherto gone by & h made considerable progress therin. I must therefore beg I will give me ye Advice wh o / two I am to be guided by I are extremely sensible I if by / last what I h already done must be pulled down agn wh I am apprehensive will h a very bad effect on / Eyes o / Natives, as / bad Season is advancg fast. I humbly hope I will favour me w ye immediate Answer.

I remain — &c —

Thos Trinder

Copy o a Letter fm Gilbert Petrie Esq^r Governor &c /
Council o Cape Coast Castle, To / Committee o /
Co o Merchants trad^g to Affrica. no Date.

Gentlemen The last Letter wh I had / Honour o writ^g to y was dated / 10th
o this Month. The Original went in / Hound Sloop, & a Copy in /
Phœnix Man o War In this y will receive one o / Bills o Lad^g f
Supplies & one f Stores sent out in / Cumberland, Capt Howell, both
endorsed; also / Master's offidavit f Land^g / Brandy, & Certificates f /
Deficiencies o this Cargo. Those expressed on / Bills o lad^g, wh are all
I can justly be Paid to / Master's Acct are fewer than I believe ever
happened on / Discharge o any Cargo at Cape Coast, & none I think was
ever delivered in better Order.

Mr Trinder will Acct w^th y f / Royal Charlotte's Cargo, & f what
he received by / Cumberland, f as these Supplies & Stores were not
Consigned to / Gov^r & Council here, but to him, it seems most proper t
he shd be answerable to y f what is so intrusted to him; They sh how^ever
be acctd f in y^r Books, in / best manner t is possible, fm / Accts &
Mr Trinder g^ves in, o his Receipts o Stores & the Deficiencies.

... ... [Reports on / Rooms, Stores & Trad^g goods rec^d] ....

... ...

Altho I am in / utmost^r Distress, & cannot by any means in my
power get Slaves to pay my Debts, yet do I Learn t I am to be accused
to y^r o Shipp^g off Slaves on my own Acct in / Name o / late Mr
Hippisley's Heirs. But as this is no possibility o prov^g t Charge
it does not give me much Concern, & I only take / Liberty o mention^g
it to y to shew what Spirit these Men are actuated w^th, to whom /
Merchants in London are obliged to trust the Property in this
Country, & in whose Veracity some of them are pleased to place
Confidence. — f my Conduct as Mr Hippisley's Executor, I h made
myself responsible to Mr Bascoe, & as Mr Calcroft's, I am accotable
to Mr ... [illegible]. F / Effects o / late Mr White wh he left in my
Charge I h also made Remittces; & what I h shipped on t Acct was
consigned to Messrs Ross & Mill, I h never sent a penny to England
but what has b^n addressed to them & to / two o^r Gentlemen whose Names
I h taken / Liberty to mention, & I flatter myself t Mr Cust & Mr
Bascoe will be no less ready than Messrs Ross & Mill (as they are no
less able) to satisfy y t nothg they h ever received fm me was on my
own Acct; & besides these it will be a diffict matter to prove t I
h o^r Connexns in London.

How I sh be able to get y^r Supplies to Whydah, I know
not; f the are no hopes o any English Ships gog thr ag^n, no Accts
o any Frenchman comg out & / Portuguese will v^y seldom carry
anyth^g f us. I hope we sh soon see / Vessell y were pleased to
promise in y^r last Letter, & her arrival will remove many o our
Troubles.

Both / Boats belong^g to y are now worn out / one after runn^g
two, / o^r three Years, & both taken on Shore & cleaned w^th two Months.
I lately purchased a small Boat f a Woman Slave wh is o some service
in brig^g Shells fm Ammissa, & as Appolonia must be served in / same
manner, a Boat capable o carry^g only Six small Puncheons will
little avail. The occasion too is urgent, & does not now admit o

delay, bec ye Rains are allowed to set in before those Services are performed they become impracticable till ye Month o September. Add to t ye want o time to carry on ye Buildg here, wh is a matter o no less importance than ye former. Wh therefore their is my Duty (notwg ye prospect o beg better supplied by Y fm Home) to purchase a small Shallop for these Services. She is now gone down to Winnebah w ye Supplies for t Fort & Accra, & at her return she is to be valued by ye Masters o ye Ships at Annamaboe. By t estimate I must pay her Tunnage for her, I fancy she will cost me three or Four Slaves.

I am — &c —

Gilbert Petrie

PS. Since writg what goes before, I h received a letter fm Mr Brew advisg me t he is at last resolved to give Nine Ounces for Men Slaves & seven for Women, in imitation o his Neighbour ye Chief o Cormantyn.

Whereas it has been reported, by ye late Palaver between ye Fort & Town o Annamboe, ye Trade o ye English Shipping has been put a stop to; This is to testify t for some time before ye Palaver happened, as few Slaves were sold in Annamaboe Road; yt no change appeared in ye intercourse o ye Blacks w ye Shipping, as they continued to supply us w Wood, Water & Provisions while ye Palaver subsisted as regularly as they were wont to do before?] it happened; or had there been any Trade it is my Opinion it wod not have been withheld fm us on acct o ye aforesd Palaver. In Witness whereof I h Signed three copies o this Certificate o this Tenor & Date [no sigr] Annamaboe Road this 30th Day o May 1764

Endorsed

Trade Africa
Copies o Sevl Letters
to ye fm ye African
Committee to Gilbert
Petrie Esqr. Govr o Cape
Coast Castle & ye Tunder
Chief o Cape Appolonia
Read April 12. 1768
N.n. 13.

Copy o a letter fm ye Committee o ye Co o Merchants trading to Africa to ye Thomas Tunder Chief o Appolonia
Dated London. 14 Novr 1764.

Sir,

We h received yr letter o/10th March last. Inclosed y h have B/L & Invoice o 15000 Bricks, a Box o Garden Seeds, and o Medicines, & ye Presents for ye two Caboceers o Appolonia, agreeable to ye Petries desirepn sent by ye [sic] by ye Royal Charlotte, Capt Anthony Calvert.

We commend yr not having handed ye former Cargo by this Vessell at Cape Appolonia, for ye Reasons y men; but we hope ye above mentioned Presents will prove entirely agreeable & Satisfactory to them, & encourage them to continue their Attachment to us & to give y all ye Assistce in their power in building & finishg ye Fort;

To wh

to wh end we recommend yg it to Y to endeavour by all fair & prudent means to frustrate / Intrigues o/ Dutch w Yr two Caboceers; & shd y find it necessary to make / latter any additional presents, We desire y will be as frugal therin as possible; in / mean time we observe t Ammoniah & his Brother are discontented w the Annual Allowce o an Ounce p. month each. We h directed / Governor & Council at Cape Coast Castle to take t matter into consideran, & to make such Addon as in their Discretn they may judge necessary

We are sorry to find Y hd begun upon / Fort before Y received / Plan & Estimate We sent yr; & are very apprehensive t / proceedg on yrs will prove not only more tedious but more expensive than was intended. We therefore direct Y to be as frugal as possible in carryg on these Works; as we do not expect any Aid fm Parliamt beyond / Sum already granted us f this Service. Y will also make / best use y can o / Timber Work we sent y, t / Expence o it may not become fruitless.

We desire y will give Captain Calvert all / Assistce in Yr power in dischargg / Stores f yr Fort, & assurg Ourselves o / Continuan o Yr Care & Attenn. We are &c

By Order o/
Comtee o/Co
o Merchts trdg to Africa
Samuel Perrier Secy

(Signed) Vincent Pescoe
Thomas Willing
Joseph Champion
Thos Smallwood
John Barnes
James Johnson
Sam[l] Vaughan

Copy o a letter fm / Committee o / Co o Merchants trdg to Africa to Gilbert Petrie Esq[r], Governor & / Council at Cape Coast Castle.

London, Nov[r] 17th, 1767

Gentlemen,

We h received Mr Hippesley's letter o/ 13th July 1766, & Mr Petries o Sep[r] 13th, Oct[r] 26, 1766, 10th & 31st Jan[y], 10th March, & 4th June last. [Mss. p. 70]

Inclosed y h four B/L w Invoices o Goods & Stores f Cape Coast by / Royal Charlotte, Capt Anthony Calvert, arrvg to h [sic]; also Indentures o one Factor, 4 Writers, 3 Asst Surgeons, one Surveyor, 3 Artificers, & 30 Soldiers, to[gr] w Copy o an Invoice o Stores by / same Ship f Cape Appolonia, wherein y will observe / two Presents f / Caboceers o t Place, as y requested, wh We doubt not will prove satisfactory to them; h these Presents bn mentioned in Mr Hutton's Indent o Goods & Stores f Appolonia, they wd h bn sent therewith

Y will find likewise annexed a 3d B/L & copy o/ Invoice o Taffaties by / Africa, Capt John Stephens.

In respect to / ruinous Condn o Cape Coast Castle & Succondee, represented to us by / late Mr Hippesley, as well as what regards / Preservan & Repairs o/ Forts in gen, We must repeat what we h already often expressed w gr Concern, our Inability to comply w various Demands made upon us fm time to time by / respective Governors o Cape Coast, in the full extent, how necessary we must acknowledge them to h bn f / Publick Service, & are sorry our Funds do not admit furnishg You w a Sloop o 50 Tons, nor

Yr purchasg 100 Male Gambia Slaves, as mentioned by Mr Hippisley:
pursuadg Cudjoes ourselves, have t/ enclosg Cape Coast Castle & ors
Repairs already effected in / Order he mentioned [illegible] [sic]. We can
therefore only earnestly recommend to Yr best care & Attenn / Prosecun [&]
/ necessary Works at all / Forts as far as Y are able, & in / manner Y find
to be / more immediately necessary: on wh Service / Surveyor & / sevl
Artificers we now send Y will be of gr Service.
It was Right to Discharge Cudjoes Labourers on Acct o their Idleness;
on / Contrary / good Behaviour o / Winnebah Slaves is deservg o Encouragemt.
We duly observe all t has bn wrote us concernd / Differs betwn
/ Fantees & Ashantees. — It is not easy f us to decide to wh o these
Nations it will be more proper f Y to give Yr Countenance & Assistce, tho' Y
may find Yrselves even under / necessity o espousg / cause either o / one
or / ot: before we give Your Opinion on this Head, we shall endeavour to
obtain / Sentimts o / Board o Trade & our Constituents at London, Bristol
& Liverpool, & communicate to Y / same by / first Oppy; in / meantime
we hope / Quarrels amgst those Black People wh before now subsisted,
t some means wh bn found to open / Paths & prevent obstucn to / Trade,
recommendg to Yr Prudence to conduct Yrselves in this & similar
occans accordg to Circumstces, o wh Y, beg on / Spot, can better Judge,
& t Y will use as much as possible avoid embroilg Yrselves in / Disputes
amgst / Natives, as well as all expences on t Acct wh are not
absolutely necessary.
We are extremely sorry f / Quarrel t happened at Annamaboe,
betwn our People & / Natives o t Place; it is well / Palaver is finally
settled, & t / former good understandg has taken place agn, wh we
direct Y to [illegible] use all judicious precauns to maintain thro out
/ Coast, since / Contrary cannot prove otherwise than prejudicial to /
Trade. We cannot help observg on this Occasion what Y alledge o /
extry Behaviour o Mr Brew, in sayg it wd not be in his power
to observe longer a State o Neutrality, as / Blacks wd certainly
attack his House, wh in such a Case will be exposed to / most
imminent Danger, & afterwards refusg to accept / Protecn o / Fort
f / Security o his Person & Effects. If this Declaran is true, & shd
bn put in Force, it may b bn attended w / most Fatal Consequces to
our People & / Fort. Whoever hd / Command o / at / time Mr
Brew's House was buildg, was certainly very blameable in permitg
any part o it to be erected so near / Fort as in any manner to
prove Inconvenient, or to interfere w its defce in case o need.
As / Matter now stands, it is our Opinion t all private Considern
ought to give way to / Security o / Fort; having never less always in View
t / Forts are maintained f / Protecn o Private Traders & Settlers
w their Effects.
Yr Attempt to reduce / Price o Slaves was well timed; We
are sorry it miscarried thro / Circumstces Y mention.
In reply to what Mr Hippisley enlarged upon relative to /
Injunc Laid upon our Officers not to export Slaves fm / Coast,
this Restrain beg enforced by Act o Parliamt, it is not in our
power

power to grant permiss^n to / Contrary; We are nevless o Opinion t / Spirit o / Act was never intended to prevent our Officers fm realizg their Effects after givg proper Notice o their Resolu^n to quit / Service. And as many Inconvenies may arise fm / Governor o Cape Coast Castle f / time beg; beg permitted to quit / Service wt proper Notice, it is our positive Order, t who^e hereafter sh succeed to t Stat^n sh within / Space o Six Months after, determine whr he will continue in it f three Years certain (/ sd Six Months to be reckoned as part o t time) & in case o his ... assenting to do so, he sh enter into an Agreem^t w / Committee, by his Securities at home, f t purpose; but if he declines entrg into such an Agreem^t, he sh stay a fur Six Months, & then be obliged to give up / Command to his Successor, who sh in like manner conform to this Order.

The Arguments made use o by Mr Hippisley & Mr Pelice in their Correspondce w / Dutch Gen at Elmina in support o our Right to Cape Appolonia coincidg in most parts w / Informa^ns we h collected here on t Subject, we doubt not will h due weight in Refutation o / Claim set up by / Dutch West India Co. Inclosed Y h copy o our Answer to the Memorial to our Gov on this Subject f Yr Perusal, & We desire Y will furnish us w such fur Materials as Y think necessary or usefull on this Matter.

We are sorry to find Mr Trinder hd begun / Fort at Appolonia upon a more extensive Plan than t we sent him; & are vy apprehensive it will prove a much more tedious & expensive Affair than was intended, & gtly exceed / Estimate. Tis therefore an absolute necessity f / Works to be contracted & carried on so as to conform as near as possible to our Plan, takg care by neither to render / Fort by this means, Indefensible or Inconvenient, observg t We h no expectan o a fur Aid fm Parliam^t f this Service. At / same time we think it indispensibly necessary to preserve / Attachm^t & Assistce o / two Cabooceers, & must leave it to Yr Discre^n to make such Reasonable Addon to the present Annual Allowce o £4 p. Month each, as may Answer t End, render them contented, & be consistent w our Finances

Y will use Yr endeavours to counteract / Intrigues o / Dutch w these Cabooceers, by promotg a Reconciliation betwn / Cabooceer o Assonee & Ammonziah, & thereby prevent / Ruin o both, wh, as Y justly apprehend may be / Consequce o their Enmity

The Countenance & Protecn o Men o War beg always found / most effectual means o preservg Peace on / Coast, & preventg Encroachments; We h presented a Memorial to / Lords o / Admiralty t they will give Instructns to / Captains o his Majesty's Ships on / Africa Stat^n to call at each o our Forts there, partly at Cape Appolonia f these purposes; & the Lordships h bn pleased to assure us t / purport o our Memorial sh be complied w. The Phoenix Man o War, Capt Hollwell, is now ready to Sail, & may be on / Coast before this Letter reaches Y.

We are glad to observe t Mr Trinder is easy & satisfied w his Situa^n & Allowce, wh we think he has now no reason to complain o, & doubt not / Continuce o his Attenn to / Duties o his Stat^n.

... ...[Bookkeeping - Public Accts, &c &c] ... ...

We presume Y h found / Means o transporting / necessary Supplies to Cobydahn & / other Forts, by / purchase o a proper Vessell for Such Services, or otherwise

... [Personnel - Instructions re Effects o Private Traders &c] ...

We approve o Yr Sevl Appointmts agreeable to / Act o Council o / 23d August 1766 & confirm / appointmts since o Mr David Mill to Accra & Mr Charles Bell to Winnebah repeating our former Orders t our Officers be preferred in Rotation, unless Sufficient Reasons can be assigned to / Contrary

... [partiality & personal influence & recommendations to be ignored in appointments & promotions] ...

The bad Condition o our Forts making it absolutely necessary for us to send out an able Surveyor & Engineer, we have therefore appointed Mr John Smith &c. w / usual Salaries & Emoluments.

...

Since what we h wrote in / foregoing relative to Fort Appolonia, we h consulted Col Bramham, a very able Engineer in / King's Service, who is o Opinion t as one Bastion is finished & two Curtaines, & ane Bastion in ye forwardness, / contracting / present Plan would render / Fort very incompleat & in some parts indefensible, We are therefore under a necessity o directing / enlarged Plan to be continued, observing / necessity o carrying on / Works in as frugal a Manner as / Nature o / thing will admit.

Signed Nicholas Beseor
Thomas Willing
Joseph Champion
Thomas Smallwood
John Barnes
James Johnson
Saml Vaughn.

By Order o / Committee o / Co o Merchts trading to Africa
Signed Saml Pownall Secy

(Seal)

Copy o a Letter from Gilbert Petrie Esqr. Governor o Cape Coast Castle to / Committee o / Co o Merchants trading to Africa
Dated June 4th 1767.

Gentlemen

We this Year receive a Copy o my last Letter w / Duplicates o Several Papers t accompanied it

... [Death of Mr Goodson Chief o Winneba, & officers thereof] ... Patrick appointed thereto, by / Council.

The Chapter o Appolonia will be here, as in former letters, very long & very disagreeable.

In my letter o / 30th January I informed Y r / present disposition & Pronouncals a / the Inhabitants at Appolonia made it necessary to give some considerable Presents to them, at our Friends return to his Post, to secure the Assistance on wh depended / erection o our Fort: Inclosed Yr h a Copy o / letter he wrote me on t Subject, before his departure. I transmitted it to / Members o / Council, as I thot / Subject o it a matter o too gt Impce for me to decide alone, & t a determination other way required / Sanction o a Majority, at least, in / Council.

However tho there was no division o Sentiments, / Opinion o my Members coincided w my own, t there was a necessity for endeavouring immediately to satisfy / Appolonia Chiefs on / Terms proposed by Mr Trinder; but upon considering our Situation by comparing / Behaviour o / Natives now

now, & when our People were first sent up, it corresponded exactly regularly & exactly in its Changes w the own Circumstcs; it appeared to us y no alternative remained betwn abandong / Settlemt, & trying / expedient proposed by Trunder. for securg / Attachmt of / Inhabitants & their assistce in buildg / Fort.

There are but two possible methods of performg y Service, / one by hirg abt One hundred Slaves to be employed as Labourers in carryg Stone Six Miles, & 10s by, what is proposed now, / Assistce of / Natives. The first of these means is not in our power, but by sendg fm this & / other Forts on / Gold Coast all / Slaves y h capable of Work, & thereby leavg any one of these Forts in more or less Distress, & this Castle open on one side at / Mercy of / Blacks. To obtain / Adherce & Service of Ammoniah is now only possible by Liberality; for having made Peace w all his Enemies, / dread of whom made our buildg a Fort essential to his Preservan, he is now as unconcerned in our Interest, & indiffr abt / Erecn of a Fort, as if he never had wanted it. In a Case of this Moment, it is my Duty to not to conceal / Truth of any Circumstce fm y. wh, in / present Case is this.

The impossibility of our accepting Ammoniahs Service when it was first Offered, is / Cause y now deprives us of it. We lost / Critical Moment by not beginng to Build while self preservan wd h secured / Assistce of his People. Cd we h sent up / same Number of Persons y are there now three Years ago, they wd h lived this day within / Walls, & a sufficient Quantity of Materials wd h bn collected, to compleat very gr Part of / Fort. It may w some appearce of Reason be sd, y before we began to build, we ot to h got Pawns for / Security of / Fidelity of / Natives: but what Pledges cd Ammoniah give us, of gter Value than those he receives fm us in / Persons of / White Men & Cos Slaves, who are more as much in his Power as his Son wd be in ours, were he kept in Irons in Cape Coast Castle. Bd to finish this Part of / Subject, in complyg w Mr Trunders Advice & giving Presents to / Caboceers of Appolonia, we acted for / best w a View to / Publick Good; & if we h erred it was not for Design but want of Judgement, & therefore I hope our Mistake will not be imputed to us a Crime.

In Mr Huppisley's letter of 20th March 1764. Y are informed of / Reasons for giving Mr Trunder Orders to begin buildg a Fort, & soon after of / Arrival of a Frame in Timber, wh before y we had an Accn of. In Consequence of these Orders he laid / Foundan of two Sides of a Square & Two Bastions; & upon / News of his beg to be attacked by / Assinees &c. by my advice, confined himself to / erecn of one Bastion for / recepn & Defce of himself & / rest of / Cos Servants & Slaves. y Bastion was finished & / Guns mounted on it before / Ship arrived, & rest of what he had begun raised Breast high. To h followed / letter of yr Instrucns, he must either h pulled down y Bastion & all / rest of / Work already done, or h changed / Situan, as well as / Plan of / Fort, by beginning to build a new one in anr Place. The loss of so much time, Expence, & Materials, as must h bn sustained by either of these Steps, joined to / bad impression they wd h made on / Minds of / Natives, by making them believe either y we had no real Intenn to build a Fort, or were not Capable of doing it. These Considerans induced me & doubtless influenced / Members of Council, to join w me in advising Mr Trunder to continue / Plan he has begun, & is so far advanced in.

F / Appolonia Affairs, & / Vacancy at Whydah I shd h convened / Council here; hd not / Continuance o our Palaver at Annamaboe rendered it unsafe f any o / Members to come past t place on their way up here. This leads me to / fort Accot I must give Y o ensg Affair, not much less disagreeable than / Appolonia Affair.

My letter by / Phoenix & Hound informed Y o / beginng o / Affair at Annamaboe, in wch a part o / Town hd bn burned & one life lost. In my last I advised Y o the remaing unsettled; & I shd doubtless h bn able to give Y a Satisfactory Accot o it by this. Tome hd no gr House bn established in Annamaboe Town; but while t remains I now find I we shall never be able to carry any point in a dispute w / Inhabitants, wt running a risk o a Prosecun in England f Damages to a gter Amt than any Person in Yr Service can Answer. I told Y when my last was written, t our Palaver hd not in any degree affected / Trade o / Shipps, / Will of / Blacks beg confined to ourselves; our Interest alone suffered & as t has never bn deemed incompatible w / good o / Publick, it not be presumed t nobody needed to find fault; but unluckily / Dutch hd f half a Year before got all / Trade on this part o / Coast, by / Wise Regulan o our Traders; & after fatal Experience hd opened the Eyes & obliged them to take / only possible Steps f recovrg the Share o / Trade, tho were actually no Slaves to be sold. This happened to be / Case sometime before / Palaver began at Annamaboe, & almost as long as it lasted, so t nothg cd be more opportune to those by whose Wisdom / Trade hd formerly bn lost, than such an Event to further / Effects o their Misconduct, by making it / Cause o what they themselves hd brot abt. Mr Brew has bn at gr pains to impute / late want o Trade to our Palaver w / Towns People o Annamaboe & I am informed he intends to make it appear so at home. Such in t case, I desire nothg but an hearg; & if I do not dispossess desprove his Assern to Yr Satisfacn, I sh willgly submit to yr Censure. However, such pretences here, when it is so easy to detect the Fallacy, shd never h obliged me to submit to any Condes in settlg this Palaver, I were inconsistent w / Dignity o Yr Gov; but a more effectual method was soon found out. The Negroes were made to believe themselves injured, t the cause was just, & all means were justifiable by wch they mt procure Redress. They accordgly seized some Canoemen fm Cormantyn t were bringg Corn to Mr Brew, & threatened to make Reprisals on his House if we did not make them Satisfacn. This Mr Brew wrote me, assurg me tht / same time t if Hostilities were renewed. Cwh was not unlikely to happen by / Blacks attemptg to seize or prevent / landg o Provns f / Fort) it wd not be in his power to preserve longer a state o Neutrality, as / Blacks wd certainly attack his House, wch in such a Case wd be exposed to / most imminent Danger. In my Answer I told him t in all cases o real Danger, / Fort was open f / Recepn o his Person & Effects; but on reply, he demonstrated such difficulties in availg himself o / Forts protecn as amounted to an impossibility o doing it effectually. To h begun immediately w moving his Effects he must h no more Trade or Provns but what mt be landed by Force: He must therefore abandon his House, & shut himself up in /

= Fort

Fort; this w nearr Two Hundred Men, & fm whence were Provisns & Water to be brot for such a Number? besides t allowg his Person & Effects to be safely lodged in / Fort. his House is at / nearr of Natives, & it is built so near / Fort, & its Walls so high t Two or Three hundred Men mt lodge under / Walls o it, secure fm all / Guns o / Fort: & a very small Number wd in one Night by favour o / Darkness, reduce it to Ashes. The Cost of House is more than I am worth, & I am very well assured t if any Accident had happened to it, by this Palaver, either Grosle, or me, if not both, wd h been sued at law for it, whenr either o us returned to England. If I wd condemn Mr Grosle's measures I was sure o a Protest, but if I approved his Conduct, it was upon me they threatened to come for Damages. And indeed / possibility o these & many more Damages beg incurred was so very evident t I did not chuse to stand / Effects o a protest, & therefore I allowed Mr Grosle (who was himself more anxious than me) to settle / Palaver upon / Terms he mentioned, wh were very moderate, beg only Twenty ounces in Trade to be given away amongst / Towns people.

Whr fm what I h sd, it appears to Y, or not, I know not; but to every one in this Country, it is now evident t while such great Houses as t belongs to Mr Brew & Co are permitted to be built under / Walls o Forts, all pretensions to authority amongst / Natives must be given up, for what Governor or Chief wd be so mad to come to extremities w / Blacks, how gt / Provocn mt be, while they h it in their power to make reprisals on / Free Trader, & these Free Traders h also / Power o making him pay five or six Thousand pounds Damages; provided (wh is very rarely / Case) he be worth so much in / world.

For by / construction o these Houses, / purpose is frustrated o affordg them protecn, & defendg them agst / Natives by means o / Forts. Castle Brew occupys in length more Ground than / Fort at Annamaboe, & on / opposite side fm it, wd shelter, I am sure, Five hundred Men. Tho is indeed a method o drivg them fm t Shelter, but this / Remedy does not remove / Evil, t remedy consistg in Beatg down this House, & we are told t / National Purpose for buildg & maintaing / Forts, is to protect & support such Houses.

To fulfil t National purpose, in a view o preservg t House, is this Palaver settled.

The Blacks at Cormantyn, probably elated by / good Luck o their Neighbours attacked / Gates o / Dutch Fort last Week. Three o / Assailants were killed on / Spot, / rest drove out o / Town, & / Town itself burned; but as no free traders w extensive Capitals are settled there. I fancy / Insolce o / Cormantyn People will not turn to so good an Acct as t o our Annamboe Gentry.

Mr Huydecopers still refuses positively to grant us a passage by Land, altho he has now made Peace w Ammoniah

to give greater weight to what I h sd concerng / Effects o our Palaver on / Trade o Annamaboe, & to invalidate any representans it may be made to Y on t occan. I send Y / enclosed Certificates o two Masters o Ships who were at Annamaboe before / Palaver began. Mr Grosle brot them up to me, after finally settlg w his Towns People, who are now as well affected to us as I believe they ever were. He has a share o / four Slaves t are sold & / Fanteen sell him Corn & other provisions as heretofore.

The Ships at Annamaboe are,

Boucher fm London ready to sail w	455 Slaves
Marshall for Bristol also ready w abt	300 do
Fletcher fm Liverpool has abt 30 & wants 300 more	
Magee o / same place newly arrived & abt 200.	
A Sloop fm Boston will sail in a few days w 150	
A Ship fm Rhode Island w Rum & abt 250	

I am – &c –
Gilbert Petrie

Copy o a letter fm / Committee o / Co o Merchts trading to Africa to Mr Thomas Tinder Chief o Fort Appolonia.
London 6 April 1768.

Sir

We Inclose Y a Copy o / Invoice o Stores sent by / Royal Charlotte, Capt Calvert, w a third B/L & / same. The presents sent therein & / two Caboceers at Y Place, We hope will conciliate the Affections to us & Induce Y to give them [sic] all / Assistce in the power in compleatg / Blockhouse. Y Letter o / 17th July last enclosg a Plan o / Fort at Cape Appolonia did not reach us till / 29th Jany 1768. This Plan is so far beyond our utmost Abilities to execute, & so contrary to / tenor o my Letter wh We h wrote upon ~~the Subject~~ this Subject, t We are Surprised on Y Understanding it / Reason I give & so ~~what~~ try a Step (Mr Mutter's Declaran to Y) is very Insufficient. In an Affair o such Consequence as this, Y ought to h undertaken nothing w/o a Written Order fm / Governor & Council at Cape Coast. And here we cannot help taking Notice o another Article o Y Duty wherein Y h been extremely Remiss. Y ought upon commencg this Work to h sent us an exact Plan o it w an Estimate, by / 1st first Oppty fm hence we cd h formed some Judgemt o Y proceedgs & might h applied a Remedy in better time. Instead o this Y Letter o / 10th March 1764 has only served to lead us into an Error. I believe / Plan the mentioned to be ~~the~~ that sent us by Mr Mutter in 1764, & observg by Y Letter how far Y was advanced in it, We were o Opinion t it was too late to attempt any Alteran in it, & therefore directed it to be continued, as Y will find by our Letter o / 17 last; but upon Receipt o this Plan, We were amazed to find it double / Size o Mr Mutter's, & four times / Size o t wh We sent out, & ordered by our Letter o / 3d Sept 1766 to be strictly adhered to. This Fort We cd never pretend to furnish, or if furnished, cd not, w our stinted Finances maintain.

Wherefore we h thot it highly necessary herewith to return Y own Plan upon wh Y will find a Plan o a small Fort or Blockhouse ~~marng~~ in Red lines fm Y Bastion B, wh Y h fortified, / sd Bastion B makg one o / Bastions o / same. It is our positive Orders t this contracted Plan, w Colo Bramhams

Instructns underneath, & those upon a separate Paper, likewise enclosed, be adhered to in / Strictest Sence, & t / utmost dispatch & Diligce be used in compleatg / same, wh We flatter ourselves will now be v^y Expeditious, having so many Materials at hand fm such Parts o / gt Plan as must be demollished, & wh Y^e are to employ upon this Service. Y^u will take notice t that / Walls o this Plan be traced out, & we wod h / thickness o them left to Y^r own Discretn, as Y^u are best acquainted w^t / Foundatn, & w^t / Quality o / Materials. The Height o / Walls, Arrangemt o / Lodgements &c, are likewise left to Y^r own Disposal, unless Y^u receive Directns to / Contrary fm / Governor & Council at Cape Coast, whose Orders Y^u are strictly to Conform Y^rself to on this, & ev^y Occasn. We desire t Y^u will send us by / first Conveyce Copies o such Orders as Y^u may fm time to time receive fm / Govr & Council & / time beg.

We cannot help taking Notice o Y^r Intenn to prevail on / Inhabitants o Appolonia to permit Y^u to build a Fort where / Stone is, after so much Labour & Money has ben expended in erecty / present Buildg on / Spot Y^u was at first fixed upon, & / Natives think most conducive to the Defce. The gt Additional Expence wh must o course attend this new projects how Advantageous, puts it out o our power to agree thereto, & Y^u must entirely drop such a thot.

We therefore repeat our Instructns t / Blockhouse or Fort be carried on w^th all Expedn upon / Plan now sent Y^u.

In regard to / Complaint Y^u make o / gt Expence Y^u & ben at in transporty Y^r Effects to Appolonia, we h wrote to / Govr & Council on / Subject; & what they think reasonable will be allowed Y^u by us.

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By Order &c
Sign'd Sam^l Pownall
Secy

Sign'd Joseph Champion
John Barnes
Vincent Pascoe
Samuel Smith
Thomas Smallwood
Thomas Wilbraham
James Johnson

Copy o a Letter fm / Committee o / Co o Merchants trading to Africa to Gilbert Petrie Esqr Govr & / Council at Cape Coast Castle

London, April 6th 1768

Gentlemen.

Inclosed Y^u h duplicates o our last letter to Y^u o / 14th Nov^r 1767. w^t Copies o Invoices o Goods & Stores by / Royal Charlotte Capt. Arnaby Calvert & their B/Ls & / same. This goes by / Ruby, Capt Wm Gray who brgs / Gunpowder left behind by Capt Calvert & wh we Inclose two B/L. & h deducted fm Capt Calverts Freight all / Charges thereon o Reshipg &c.

Since our last We h received Mr Petries two last letters o March 31st Augt 20th & Septr 9th 1767 w / Papers Inclosed therein.

Mr Tinduis Acct & all Goods & Stores sent to Cape Coast Appolonia must be passed w^t Y^u in like manner as those o / o^r own Forts

or under Yr Directn. f wh purpose Y receive Duplicates o all / Invoices sent hrn.

We observe Yours Complaints o / Qualities & Defficiencies in / Cumberlands Cargo - - - - - [fur thron & the 3 Resolutions to prevent same in future] - - - -

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We h had no Complaint hitherto o Yr Shipping o Slaves on Yr own Acct

Wr gives us gt Concern t Y h had so much difficulty in sendg / Supplies to Whydah, as we apprehend our People there must be much Distressed f them. We are likewise sorry f / loss o Yr Boat, & approve o Yr purchasg not only one but two o'rs f Y found them necessary f / Service

We shd h esteemed Mr Trinder extremely blameable f reshipg his Stores Supplies by / Royal Charlotte contrary to Yr Advice & t o / Council, had it not appeared to us by his Letter t he cd not possibly lodge them w any Safety at Cape Appolonia.

We are glad t find t / price o Slaves is at last fixed. We hope it is such as will prove to / mutual Satisfactn as well o / Natives as Europeans, & doubt not o Yr utmost Endeavours upon this & ye Coast of Occan f / gen Benefit o / Trade.

We approve o / such Appointmts mentioned in Your Letters only observg t as We h appointed Mr John Smith to / Gov o Succondee, ye present Chief must give place to him & may be otherways provided f upon / first Vacancy.

Wt us wt Satisfactn We find so good an understandg betwn / Ashantees & Fantees so far as relates to / Trade, & t / Disputes yt unsettled betwn those two Nations are likely to be attended w no Hundrcs to our Shipps on / Coast. Yet as / Dutch h interposed to effect a perfect Reconciliation betwn those People, we think it absolutely necessary f / British Interest t Y do every thg in Yr power to deprive them o so gt a Merit, & if possible become Yrself / sole Umpire upon ye Occasion.

We h paid / Assignees o Messrs Roberts, Husbands & Bolder / Balce o their Acct, & beg allowed f / £320. 12. wch they stand indebted in Yr Books Y are now to give them Credit f / same

Mr Trinder complains t he has bn at such gt Expence in transporting his Effects to Cape Appolonia, t his present Appointmts are by no means sufficient to reimburse him f / same, prays some Consideration frm us on t Acct. We desire Y will Examine partely into this Affair, & if it appears Mr Trinder has bn at any Extry Expence f / Publick Service, let him be Reimbursed so far as is Reasonable, Observg at / same time t We h nothg to do w his common Travelg Charges f wh We think his Advancemt a very sufficient Equivalent

His last Letter to us o / 14th July 1764 accompanyg a Plan o / Fort, has determined us to Inclose here Copies o ale / Orders wch we h given frm time to time respectg Cape Appolonia, t Y may frm thence judge how much Cause We h to be dissatisfied w / proceedgs at t Place

The first o these Orders wch our [Inc - Yr.?] part's Notice is contained in our Letter o / 1st August 1765, where having acquainted / Governor & Council at Cape Coast t / Commons hd granted Money f Buildg a Blockhouse at Cape Appolonia, We direct them to agree f Ground f t purpose, to lay out one or £200 in erectg

erecting a House to lodge our People &c / Present, & £200 more in Purchase o Stones, Lime, &c preparatory &c / intended Blockhouse. We direct t / Establishment &c this House sh be as low as possible as / Gov will make no Addition on this Accot to / Annual Supply. And we order our Trustees to send fm / spot a new Plan & Estimate wh taking in all Accidents must not exceed £4000 Sterlg; tellg them t on upon receipt o this, they sh h our fur Orders. Fm all this Letter it is very clear t We had no intention o Beginng upon / Blockhouse till / Sincerity o / people at Appolonia had been tried, & till a Plan & Estimate o / Work had been first approved by us: However, t as little time as possible might be lost, if find / Committee had a Plan drawn out by one o His Majestys Engineers here, & estimated within our Limits, wh was inclosed in our letter to our Trustees o / 26th May 1766. & dispatched w t o / 3d Sepr following, where he is directed strictly to adhere to / above Plan as far as / Ground will admit

Our Trustees, in his letter to us dated Cape Coast Castle, March 10th 1767 acknowledges his receipt o / above Packetts on / 4th o / preceding January, but tells us t in consequence o Orders received fm / then Governor & Council he had begun upon / Fort at Cape Appolonia on 15 July 1766 upon a much more extensive Plan than ours, t he had already fortified one Bastion & made a considerable Progress in / rest o / Work. We were extremely surprized to find t our Orders o / 1st August 1765 had been neglected in almost every Point, but / most Vexatious circumstce was / extent o our Trustees Plan wh (supposing it no more than t sent us fm Cape Coast in 1764) was double / size o ours by Colo Bramham, & consequently to be attended not only w Double / Charge in Building, but double / Expence in Establishment, neither o wh we were by any means provided for. How upon considering / progress our Trustee had made, upon comparing / two Plans, & consulting w Colo Bramham, it appeared to us t / Evil was past a Remedy & We were therefore obliged to direct in our Letter to our Trustee o / 14th March & to / Governor & Council at Cape Coast, o / same Date t / enlarged plan to be pursued, recommending at / same time / utmost Frugality.

Our Trustee after Working above a Twelvemonth upon this Fort, at length (in his Letter o / 14 July 1767) favours us w a Model o Plan o it, but no Estimate. In short, no one Circumstce o our Directions o / 1st August 1765, attended to. Upon receipt o this Letter we were astonished to find / Plan double / size o t sent us fm Cape Coast, & four times / size o ours by Colo Bramham. It does not appear to us t / Plan has ever been examined or approved o (wh ought at least to have been done) by / Governor & Council at Cape Coast, & we are led to believe fm this Letter (wh is as extravagant as / Plan) t our Trustee has been left in this Business entirely to his own

Discretion for wh we shd think / Governor & Council highly Blameable in a matter o such Imp^ce to / Nation as this is.

We have inclosed Copies o Mr Trinder's two last letters to us, & a copy o his Plan, upon wh (in Red lines) y will find / Contract^n t We are obliged to make. We likewise inclose here Copy o / Order wh We send by this Conveyce to Mr Trinder, & wh Direct^s y to send Mr Smith / Engineer, w all Expedⁿ to Cape Appolonia to see these Orders put in Execu^n, & at / same time to give us a faithfull Acc^t o / Situa^n o / Blockhouse &c, w respect to / Landg, also / Soundgs in / Road, & wy & Circumst^ce wh may serve for our fur Inform^n

We desire t Copies o all / Orders wh h^s been given from time to time to Mr Trinder by / Govr & Council at Cape Coast fm / time o his first gog to Cape Appolonia, be transmitted to us, w Duplicates o / same by / first Conveyce.

By Order &c^a
Signed Samuel Perrier
Secy

Signed Samuel Smith
Lpool Thomas Smallwood
Vincent Biscoe
Bris. Thomas Willing
Samuel Vaughan
Bris. Joseph Champion
Lpool John Barnes
Lon James Johnson

Endorsed Trade. Africa
Letter fm Samuel Perrier Esq. Secy to / African Committee, to / Secy to this Board, dd. July 22 1768 transmitg

Nn. 24

Read July 29th } 1768.
Read Augt 4 }

July 22d 1768. African Office. Saml Perrier to John Pownal

Transmits, to be laid before / Commrs of Trade & Plantns

Copy o a Letter fm Mr Gilbert Petrie, to / Committee of Co o Merchants trading to Africa dd. Cape Coast Castle March 31st 1768

Copies o Two Plans o a new Bastion to be erected at Cape Coast Castle, by Mr Orrsbridge & Mr John Grosle.

List o Name African Committee f 1768

Endorsed Trade. Africa
Copy o a Letter fm Gilbert Petrie Esqr Govr o Cape Coast Castle, to / Commtee o / Co o Merchants trading to Africa dd March 31. 1768
fm Mr Perrier's letter o 29th July 1768

Nn. 25.
Read August 4. 1768.

Copy o a letter fm Gilbert Petrie Esqr Governor o Cape Coast Castle, to / Committee o/ Co o Merchants trading to Affrica.

Cape Coast Castle. March 31st 1768

Gentlemen I was favoured w Yr letter o November 17th by / Storeship Royal Charlotte. Capt Calvert. She arrived here / 2d day o February, & was unloaded, Ballasted, & Discharged in Twenty Nine Days. During t time arrived / Phoenix Man o War; & she having lost her Boats in a Gale o Wind on her Passage fm England. I was obliged to water her w some o Yr Canoes wh prevented / Storeship beg unloaded so soon as she otherwise wd h bn.

Inclosed are two o/ B/L endorsed; Calvert his 1st Sup. F/ Gunpowder he left behind he or at least to refund fm his Freight as much as y may be obliged ~~f sendg~~ to pay f sendg those articles by another Conveyce, f he only returned them fm Gravesend t he mt be able to carry / more f his Passengers when he obliged to pay at least one Hundred p. Cent more Freight than he received fm y. He ot in Justice to pay y / Coast price o/ Cordage & Iron Hoops, bec he made use o them f his Ship

I received also by / Royal Charlotte / presents & Stores wh I sent f Appolonia, as Calvert wd not stop to deliver them agreeable to / B/L. The Presents I can send at some expence & Risk by a Canoe, but / Bricks must remain here, altho nothg is more wanted at Appolonia. Her Trunder has since come down, & I h delivered to him Yr Instructns

The Passengers arrived all safe, & as we h now more Factors, Writers, & Surgeons Mates than ther are Rooms f in / Castle, & more Carpenters than ther is any use f, we sh not want a fur supply o any o these Officers next Year, unless (wh God forbid) our Number shd be ~~reduced~~ diminished by Mortality.

We h no cause o Complaint this Year in / Quality o our Goods except / 2cd Printed Linens & 2cd Bandannoes wh, as I informed f last Year are both unsaleable . . .

The Certificates f Damages & Deficiencies wh are inclosed . . . . [a long complaint o/ packg o various sorts o stores & goods] . . .

By / Certificate o Damages y will see t o 516 lbs o Cheese . . . sent out only 60 was fit f use. . . . [Cheese shd be packed in dead cases] . . . instead of 3, wh y one o Yr Officers wd h bn able to regale himself w a bit o good Cheese f 2 or 3 months after / Storeships arrival.

Since I h bn entrusted w / principal Command in Yr Service, no part o my Duty hath bn more assiduously & (I thank God) more successfully attended to than rebuildg / ruinous parts o this Castle. The want o a small Vessel f carryg Shells & an Addn to / present number o Slaves, is a gt Loss & retards in a considerable Degree / progress o t impt Service; f / Expence o transporting Shells in Small Boats & Canoes, runs high, & is vy tedious, & since / Buildg a Fort at Appolonia was undertaken, / Slaves belongg to / Publick at this place, w all t I can muster to assist them, are by no means equal to / task they h in hand, But ~~I~~ / Legislature are pleased to take our Case into Consideran, & grant f rebuildg this Castle, an

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Addn to / Sum allowed f / Current expences o / Forts annually, we must jog on as we h hitherto done, persuaded t an Applicn to Parliamt on this Subject will soon become absolutely necessary, bec / Extry Charges incurred by rebuildg here, & / encroachmts we sh soon suffer fm Appolonia will in / course o a few Years involve / Finances as much as they were (at any one time) by Buildg o Annamaboe.

On receivg / Supplies last Year by / Cumberland the was, after payg all Arrears, a Balce o Goods amountg to £1170 Coast Money, but so much h / Expences o last Year exceeded those o / preceedg one, t / Surplus in Goods now, does not amount to £200. — to acct f t, & confirm all I h sd on this Subject, it will be necessary to shew y in as succinct a manner as I can, / present state o this Settlemt, to inform y what has bn done towds rebuildg it, what is now doing, & what remains to be done. For these purposes Mr Grosle has, at my desire, drawn a Plan (wh I herewith transmit to y) o / Castle & o a new Battery to be erected on one o our open sides

Since / month o October when / rains ceased in / Year 1766, I h hd all / Roof o / new Hall & Apartmts at each end o it (a Buildg o 130 feet in length & 20 feet in Breadth taken off & / Masonry part o it new laid. This Work was o all o'e / most immediately necessary, bec at my Arrival here, / Roof was so leaky, & / Timbers t supported it so weak, t / Healths & Lives o my Officers in / Garrison were endangered by / Moistness o / Walls, & / Apprehension o beg crushed to Death by / fall o / Roof.

E side o / Spur facg / Town hd before I came here fallen to / Ground: / exterior Wall o / d Side (t next / Sea) hd suffered so much fm / Weather t / Bricks o wh it was built were in most parts washed away & foot into / Wall, wh, if not filled up soon threatened / fall o / whole Platform w all its Cannon. I was therefore / next part o / Work set abt. All / Holes were filled up & / whole outside replastered

The North side o / Spur was begun & finished in 1764; it was as I observed, level w / Ground when I came to Cape Coast; & now consists o a Range o Seven Arched Rooms, each 14 feet wide, w a Gate & Arched Guard room / Center, / whole of / Buildg is 165 feet long 24 feet wide & 22 feet high, / top o / Wall surrounded w a Balustrade, in diff Places o wh are two Belfrys

Mr Slaves never were more encouraged, & never since I h bn in y Service, deserved encouragemt more, than by their Behaviour in / Erecn o t Buildg. After / last Christmas Holidays, they were set to clear away / foundan for a Battery betwn / S.W. extremity o / Old Platform, & / S Bastion & / SE extremity o / new one. T space where formerly stood / Old Hall & Officers Apartmts was enclosed partly before & partly after Mr Hippisley's Death, by a temporary Wall built o Mud about two foot thick, wh will unavoidably fall down next rainy Season. Tho I am erecting a Fortification in form o a Horn Work, beg / only one capable o defending itself, & its adjoining parts, on Acct o / gt irregularity o / two lines w wh it is Connected viz / Old & New Platforms.

I were informed by Mr Hippisley & Mr Ousbridge

Master

Master o/ Pitt Cutter, hd drawn a Plan f this Service, wh he intended to execute. Y may not blame me f deviating fm Mr Huppisley's design & be enabled at/same time to see/ Impropriety o Mr Osbridges Plan, & /Advantages o t wd carry g into execn. I send Y also a Copy o/first. wh, f Y will be pleased to examine/ outlines & /Situan o/ whole Castle, Y will perceive to be entirely imaginary; neither agreeg w/Situan o/Ground, nor w/rest o/Castle: Those pieces f/two Platforms wh t is made to defend, form (when joined on/Ground) an Angle o 110 Degrees & in Mr Osbridges Plan they are almost parallel makg an Angle o 10 Degrees only. One o/Advantages o/new Building in/Spur is t as/Old Warehouses are likely to fall soon: the are in it three fit to contain all t used to be put in/Old Warehouses & within/Walls o/Battery to be raised where/Castle is more open will be five Vaults capable of holdg all/Liquors, Provns & Stores t will ever be in this Castle at one time.

If in/Plan I am now recommendg to Y, thr be any Merit it belongs to Mr Grosle who, as I said before, took/Trouble to draw it at my desire

.... Surprised at Mr Smiths reinstatement after quitg/Service, to such a Pay applints ... He was/most improper person t ever was Surveyor on his behaviour to/Labourers & Artificers – the Floggs & Brothers heads they used fm him – Now he is to recd £250 pa. be an Inf. & Command o Annamaboe when Vacant – wh is/Second place in/Service – & when he gets it will be preferred to Messrs Mill, Bell Drew & Dalziel who h served longer & is infinitely more credit than Mr Smith – ... [illegible] ... Mr Cockburn resigned Command o Tantumquery on 1st inst: Mr Drew appointed .... Mr Green returns to/Cape at Succondee & Mr Smith will h some employmt in rebuildg/Soldiers Rooms at Commenda.

Y h hd so many Advices concerng/defes betwn/Fantees & Ashantees, & so many diff Opinions on t Subject t more can now be relied on, till/Event has conformed them. Tho now two Months since our Messengers returned fm Ashantee w a peremptory Demand fm/King o t Country f/restitun o his Relans who are Hostages w/Fantees: The latter h assembled to consult the Oracle at Mouree, but as yet h received no Answer. They are such a rapacious, tumultuous & ungovernd set t no person can forsee what they will resolve to do on this critical Occasion; some think t they will & some t they will not deliver up the Hostages; some t if they do not, they will be attacked, others agn say t Sey only wants to secure/Hostages, & then take his Revenge.

I shd be extremely glad to receive Yr instrucns f my Conduct in case o a War betwn those two Nations; f it will be a critical conjuncture indeed, & require/utmost caution & prudce in/conduct o those who h charge o/European Settlements

The uncertainty o / Event makes it impossible to determine beforehand wh Side it wd be safe to declare f. Fetu, that is assist openly / Ashantees, & if they be driven back to their Country, / Fantees & ye Inhabitants on / Sea Coast will never rest till they h expelled us fm their Country, or put us all to Death; / same consequces wd attend our toffg part agst / Ashantees, shd they become Conquerors; ye State o Neutrality in our Circumstances is certainly / Safest Course t we can steer.

The Declaran wh I informed ye Mr Brew made concerng / Danger o his Situan during ye / Palaver wh he had last Year at Annamaboe, I h in writg: his gr House was built, at least all / Exterior part o it, while he had / command o / Fort himself; & a considerable number o Yr Slaves were employed seval Years in ye Service. The Humanity contained in Yr Observacons on / meang o / Act o Parliamt f prohibitg / Exportan o Slaves by Yr Officers, must inspire every one o them w Sentimts o / warmest Gratitude; & I dare [say] ye more o them will be ever so ungenerous, nor indeed so rash & imprudent as to attempt any infringemt o f Terms on wh it may be lawful f them to take such a Step.

I h frequently, since I came to this place, written to Messrs Ross & Mill to be my Securities to Y. & I am informed by them ye they had advised Y t they were ready to execute / Bond necessary Bonds; I shall take care to conform to / Regulan Y h bn pleased to make f Precents / Inconveniences ye may arise fm a sudden Resignan. And to God I were in a Condn to give Warng f my Departure! but if / Trade o this Country does not soon become much better than it is now, & has bn f a long time past, I shall not be in a Condn to think o Realizg f some Years.

The presce o two Men o War (/ Phoenix & / Hound) / one after / other, & / necessary Attendce on / Warehouse at unloadg / Storeship, togr w / usual Duties o my Stan, h put it out o my Power to peruse & Altern, / Copy o Yr Reply to / Dutch Memorial concerng Appolonia - Yr Apprehens ye ye / expence o buildg ye Fort will exceed / Estimate are well founded. To convey / Stone by land such a gr distce wt any proper Carriages occasions a delay & expence ye are inconceivable. The Current Charges o / Settlemt are betwn Twelve & thirteen hundred pounds p. Annum, & fm / progress made hitherto I do not believe ye / Work will be finished in less than four or perhaps five Years. I am to send up w Mr Swinder two Canoes, wh (if I can also procure Canoemen) he says will be o vy gr Service to him. Before / Money granted by Parliamt f ye purpose Service was invested in Supplies Y shd h bn advised not to send anything out at first; but / necessary Stores & Provins & afterwards to add Annually

Seven

Seven or Eight Hundred Pounds to / Cape Coast Cargo; & were a Cargo
o Goods intended solely & t Place (but & oy good reasons not landed at it)
h bn brot down & lodged in Cape Coast Castle; not beg consigned to me
& h no right to dispose o them in any manner, but by using a part Annually
& paymt o our Traders Advancemts. If on receiving these Goods & hd
added them to / Cumberlands Cargo, & issued them in dift proporns to /
Chiefs o / our Forts & myself, perhaps some hundred o pounds mt h bn
saved, but as they were consigned to and, & knew / risque & ran fm
Misrepresentans, o incurrg censure. & therefore did not think it safe
to touch them, but rested in hopes t our Trinder wd h advised & last Yr
to give orders & the beg distributed now, in / manner & h mentioned. The
Woollens & Guns must spoil & kept too long in this country, howr well
taken care o. The Brandy will leak fast, & tho & intended to h
issued this Year what belongs to Appolonia, & kept & it an equal
Quantity o this Years supply by Calvert yet & find / Casks so ry
weak t they will not bear beg moved. Had these Goods bn landed
at Appolonia they wd doubtless h bn all expended ere now; but
please to observe, Gentlemen, t if the was any merit in preventg
such a loss as was apprehended, hd t step bn taken, it belonged
not to our Trinder, & hd no ors remonstrated, may protested agst
it, / Supplies wd h gone to / Stores.

The Phoenix Man o War came here on / 22d & sailed & / West Indies on / 29 February. After complaing to & so often e / many Inconveniencies, / gt expence & / flagrant disgrace we suffer fm / insolent & unjust conduct o / Dutch in cutg off our Communican by land at Cape Appolonia, & flattered myself & our representans on a Subject o such gt umpe wd h produced some Orders fm Europe in our Favour, either fm / Dutch West Indian Co to the Director Gen to desist, or fm / Admiralty o Gt Britain to / Captains o / Men o War, sent out Annually & our Assistce, to interpose in / matter, & use their endeavours to oblige / Dutch to do us Justice. & confess my expectans were sanguine on this subject, & was / more Mortified to find t Capt Holwells Instructns fm / Lords o / Admiralty were no ors than those given to all / Commanders o his Majesty's Ships sent here before him. He stopped at Appolonia a few hours, tis true; but to what purpose? The Natives hd bn made to believe t our power in Europe was so much superior to t o / Dutch, t they cd not possibly continue to insult & distress us, after / Knowledge o their conduct had given our Gov an Oppy to issue orders & repressg their Insolce & Injustice. After such Assurces what must / Natives at Appolonia think on seeg an English Ship o War arrive w / News o a Dutch one comg after her, stay less than a Week (less than any Man o War was ever known to do before) & then hurry off / Coast wt one Step beg taken, nor / least Attempt made & / Business & wh She was supposed to h come? But now tis no Remedy but Patice; we must continue to behold w indignan & sorrow, / Dutch givg Eyesore here to / Natives o this Country convincg proofs o their Strength, & our Weakness. We must continue to be in danger o lossg our Settlemt altogether in case o beg Attacked

by / Enemies o / Natives. fm / want o a proper Channel f bringg Intelligce fm / Garrison, & we must continue to expend upwards o £100 Sterlg p. annum to maintain a Correspondce wh, were not / Communicn by land cut off, wd cost as many Shillings

Capt Male in / Hound came here on / 19th Inst, & proceeds to Leeward tomorrow; he had / misfortune to spring a leak on his passage fm Gambia wh not only puts it out o his power to wait / arrival o / Dutch Man o War, wh wd be a very good Appearce, but will prevent his beg able to proceed farther to Leeward than Accra altho' he proposed to go as far as Whydah.

Our Trade was, until he heard o Mr Smiths Appointmt, as easy & contented as his Situan (wh is very disagreeable) permitted. Parsh. Ted say o Mr Smith what I can w a safe Conscie say o him: I he is an Old Servant & has bn a very usefull one to y. ~~Mr~~ Inclosed is / Copy o his Letter to me & / Council & o / Answers fm Messrs Grosle & Mills

The Books shd be continued to be carried on in / Old Method

... ...

Mr Johnsons Death - - - -

... ... Jam — &c.
Gilbert Petrie

...

Nn 28.
List o / Committee / Co o merchants
trading to Africa elected July 4 1765
[3 Each f London Bristol & Liverpool].

Ex
Endorsed

Trade Africa
Letter fm Samuel // Pourrier Esqre Secry to / //
African Committee to y / Secry to the Board //
dated Octr 1. 1768 Trans // mitg

Nn 38
Read Octr 3 } 1768
Read to 24 }

October 1 1768. African Office Saml Pourrier to John Pownall
Sends a copy o / Acct o / Committee o / Co o merchants
trading to Africa f 1765. w copy o / Surveior
Baron o / Exchequers Report on his Quart thereof [in. c]

Anno 1764.

• Hound. dog 1766 Oct - 1769 June
Adm 51/462.
Male. Captains Lrs. 1768-69.
Adm 1. 2114.

Anno 1764.

An Acct o/ Money received & expended by / Committee o/ Co o Merchants Trading to Africa. & / support & improvement o/ Forts & Settlements on / sd Coast. The Committee consists o/ following Gentlemen ... [9 names] ...

[Summary]

Received o/ Committee & 1766	Ballce o last yrs Accr		£833.18.6
By Warrant fm / Treasury on acct o Forts & Settlemts	.....	£13000	
Fees deducted at Treasury & Exchequer		342.13.6	12657.6.6
By Warrant & / Treasury on acct o Senegal		£500	
Fees deducted - at supra -		87.10	412.10.0
Exp. proceeds o Gold Dust sent home ...			17.9.9
& / Freedom o 169 Persons in London.			335
			£.499-19.9

Anno 1764 ..

An Acct o/ Expenditure on Goods Stores & Passengers o / Money recd by / Committee o/ Co o Merchants Trading to Africa. & / support & Improvemt o/ Forts & Settlements on / sd Coast distinguishing what has been expended & Senegal. & Cape Appolonia & & Cape Coast Castle

Recpt Book	Persons Names	Commodities on	Senegal	Cape Appolonia	Cape Coast	Total
		[Summary				
			2093-11-4	213-12-4	12,115-6-10	14,424.11
						1200
		Charges o Management by Act o Parliament [Sundry Exces].				90.19.2
						15,618.10.2
						1919-9-7
						17 499-19-9

Ballce to / Committee & 1768

Note. o/ Ballce due history to Forts & Settlements	595-11-2	
to Senegal	1313.18.5	
	1619.9.7	

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15 December 1768. Admlty Office Ph Stephens to John Pownall Secy to / Bd of Trade Lords repts o Accts o/ State & Condn o/ Forts & Settlements on / Coast o Africa recd fm Capt Hollwell. Phoenix. & Capt Male. Hound Sloop

James Fort Accra Feb 27. 1769

Garrison. David Mill, John Tacons Head Writer, 1 Sergt, 1 Gunner. 6 Soldiers 55 Co Slaves both sexes

Ordnance 2-18. 8-12, 2-9, 15-6, 7-4, 3-3, 4-1. All Iron except 12 Brass, & those Carriages bad

Ordnance Stores. ... Fort in gen in very bad repair & want o Artificers & Castle Slaves. Store mentioned above beg very old & sickly. (sgd) David Mill

Appolonia Fort. Feb 1769. Thomas Trender Chief. Thomas Wilson Factor. 1 Sergt. 1 Gunner 3 Soldiers 2 Cabboceers. Slaves 24 men 3 Women

Ordnance 8-2, 6-6, 6-3, 6-1 All Iron Carriages & in good order. Ordnance Stores. sgd Thos Trender

Cape Coast Castle Feb 24 1769

Garrison. Gilbert Petine Gov in chief. Wm Lacey Accomt, Francis Cobnac Sec, Jos Wilkinson Surgeon Richard Miles Dep Warehouse Keeper. Thos Miles Secr, Philip Quaque Chaplain, 11 Factors, 3 Writers 3 Asst Surgeons. 2 Asst Surveyors. 4 Carpenters. 1 Sergt, 1 Corpl, 52 Soldiers, 4 Drummers, 4 Fifers

Castle Slaves 149 m. 116 W.

Guns 9 & Bastion 5-6; 16 Bast. 7-9, 1-18; 5 W Platform 2-18, 8-12; 5 W Bast. 3-12, 1-9, 1-6 9 Platform 10-18. 2-12. Shot ... Gunners Stores ... sd Gilbert Petine

Annamaboe Feb 24 1768

Garrison John Grosse Chief. John Johnson 2d, 1 Sergt 1 Corp. 1 Gunner. 1 Gardener. 9 Prisoners Slaves 24 m. 4 w. 3 Chil

Ordnance 8-24, 6-18, 3-12, 12 Solid. 1 Dismounted. 1 useless Brass Culvern. Ordnance Stores ...

Castle Stores .... Outside inside walls want plaistering. Some roofs doors windows shutters decays Otherwise in very good repair sd John Grosse.

Commenda 25 Feb. 1768.

Thomas Drew Chief. 1 Sergt 1 Gunner 6 Soldiers.

Ordnance 2-18, 14-12, 3-9, 2-6, 2-4, 10-2 6-1 Ordnance Stores ... useless

Slaves. 9 m. 4 w. sd Thos Drew.

Dixcove March 16. 1768

Charles Graves Chief. 1 Sergt. 6 Soldiers. Slaves 4 m. 18 w. 11 Chil.

Guns 21-6, 10-8, 6-½ 19 Carriages useless. Ord Stores ... Fort in very bad repair sd Charles Graves 1 Male

Commenda March 18. 1768

Garrison 9. Slaves m 10. 4. w. Guns ut supra. In good repair sd John Smith Ord Stores. dett

Wanneh 1768
Charles Pelle Chiefe. Pierre Trotter 2nd. 1 Serjt, 1 Gunner 6 Soldiers. Slaves 5 m, 6 f.
Guns 3-6 old. 6-4 old 2-3. 9-2 good, 2-1 honeycombed. Shot... The Hall, Tower, & W[illegible] room
wants roofg, & some p[ar]ts in Square. Bastions in tolerable condition & Walls tolerably good
no artillery so that Fort without [illegible] getting repaired is in danger of soon tumbling to pieces
sd Chas Pelle [illegible] Jenkins

Succondee Mar 18 1768
Wm Green Chief: Serjt, 1 Gunner 6 Soldiers Slaves 6 m. 6 W 1 ch.
Guns 9-9. 2-6, 12-4, 5-3, 4-1. Shot... Mud Slaves... Canoe 1/5 paddle Fort in exceedg bad condition & (decay part unpaid) is a heap of ruins Wm Green. T Male.

Cape Coast Castle - March 22 1768. as supra (soldiers 48) The Castle in general in bad condition
sev[era]l parts having lately fallen down. & the so old & crazy & composed of such bad materials
that they must soon, if not rebuilt, fall also sd Gilbert Petrie T Male

Anamaboe March 30 ...[as supra]... sd John Prowle T Male.

Tantumquery April 3 1768
Thos Drew Chief Pobl Colours Factor 1 Serjt. 1 Gunner 6 Soldiers 1 blind person
Slaves 4 m 3 W 1 ch.
Guns 2-9. 9-3. 2-4, 2-3. 2-2 4-1. Shot... Fort in very ruinous condition except
1 Hall & Chiefs room sd Thomas Drew. T Male

Apam April 5 1768 [as supra]

End o CO 388/55.

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C.O. 388/56. Trade Bundle Oo

Oo 6 Read January 10 1769

Gilbert Petrie to / Clee

CCC. 15 May 1768

Sont Pr wrote & fully by / Hound Sloop o War & sent a copy o my Letter w duplicates o / pps ... by / Royal Charlotte Store-ship in / 6th o last month.

I h w all my / ations in my paces perused yr remarks on / Dutch Memorial concerng Appolonia, & as I find t they agree in all / most material circs w my answer to / Memorial & Protest fm / Gen & Council at Elmina o wh I transmitted copies to y / beginng o last year, I need not trouble y w any further observations on t subject; especially as my Argumt wh t appears in yr Quotations fm / Dutch Cos Remonstrce was made use o before, in t wh I recd fm the Gen & Council here, & answered to / best o my capacity

– Encloses fr fm Archibald Dalziel re rebuild / Fort at Coby dah –

Mr Brew has recd fm Mr Smith copy o one or more o my letters to y Concerng / palaver Mr Prosle had last year w / Blacks at Annamaboe. He is enraged it seems, at my having deterred y by sayg t / affair was settled, if goods amtg only to 20 oz in Trade. He has got / righteous Pyasaws & o's at Abse to set his marks to a paper certifyg t they recd I know not how much, but some very considerable sums, fm Mr Prosle on t occasn. Or documents he is sd to h transmitted in a ltr to y, to prove t I h misinformed y in regard to / impe o / sd Palaver, & h fm guilty o many o misdemeanors. From wh I am affected at all Mr Brew can h no action agst me, as I h / means o my own justifica discharge ready to be produced when y call f them, in answer to any charge t may be exhibited agst me. My confident / bare assertn o Mr Brew or any fr man abse will never serve as a reason w y f condemng me unheard. In regard to any Letters y may recd concerng / refereg o sell / Palaver at Abse, wh they appear to contradict / informa f recd fm me o t matter, please to let / Publick Accts o Abse for be recd fm March 1st to ulto Augt last year, & then judge wh Mr Brews relan or mine deserves most credit.

Perhaps as a Freeman o / African Co Mr Brew may be intitled to / perusal o my correspondce w y, altho it does not appear t such a right is derived fm / Act o Parliamt by wh / Co is established; but granting t he & my fr Englishman pay 40/- f the freedom o / Co injoy such a privilege, sure I am t it does not extend to foreigners, / officers o / Dutch w Co, & yet a copy o one o my ltrs to y was lately shewn to Mr Prosle by Mr John Woodman, / present Chief o Cormantyn, in / handwtg o Mr Samuel Smith. A Letter wh was dated y June last year contained more than an Accot o / Palaver at Abse, & it contained a detail o our Appol Grievances, wh surely is an improper subject f / perusal o Dutchmen, & if Mr Woodman we betray Mr Brews confidce & an Englishman, can it be supposed t he wd not also disclose / secret to his own Father, who is now President o / Council at Elmina? How, this circumstce o having copies o / publick Ltrs written to y, sent wd to private traders on / Coast, is a grievce we h long laboured under, & may continue to be obliged to submit to, while Mr Smith is a member o / Clee & have concerns at Abse.

– a Wreck o Mr Graves Chief o Succoe. His retourage & incurng debts w Masters o Ships –

A Dutch Man o War, a Frigate o 28 Guns, is yet at Elmina where we are told she is to remain till relieved by 3 of his daily expected. What will follow such an unusual Phenomenon as 3 Dutch Men o War on / Coast, I cannot foresee; but by reports they are destined f an expedition for Appolonia.

The Capte o this Frigate seized at Cape Lahoo & sent down to remain a Prisoner
on Sneau, who he, as / President & Council dr h condemned & confiscated to / Dutch
W. I. Co & / Captors, f having sold Tobacco to / Natives & Masters o European
Vessels on / Windward Coast. The prize, beg a coy by first ldge Sneau may be
worth £1000 & / cargo, consisting o near 5,000 Rolls Tobacco, cannot be valued at
less than £15,000 stg. A few such Windfalls wy Year, wd enable / Dutch Co to
stan Men o War on / Coast at the non expence. If anything can, surely such
a proceedg as this will open / eyes o / Portuguese to / avarice & rapacity exercised
by / Dutch on this Trade in this country.

The negotiation f peace betwn / King o Ashantee & / Fantees remains
in statu quo. The heads o / last h not yet assembled & deliberate on / King
o Ashantees' ultimatum.

— Vessels t h gone fm Aboe & o[r] parts o / Gold Coast since / begining o / Year :-

Rhode Island	3	ships	w[th] total slaves 460.
Lpool	3	"	530
Bristol	2	"	614
Barbadoes	1	"	140
London	1	"	300

— Remaing at Aboe

Bristol Penn & Co wants 500 slaves. Rhode Island, Bristol f 200 slaves
Jenny Lpool f 250.

Samuel & Antilope both belong[g] to Penns remain off Aboe lately to purchase this
slaves, / last at Popo, 1 last m / Windward Coast. I am — &c —
Gilbert Petrie.

No 4 Read Jany 10 1769.

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To the Ctee o / Co... to Gilbert Petrie, Gov[r] & Council at C.C.C.

London 10 November 1768

Gentn

— Inclose copy o the last o 2 June 1768 I w[th] Invoice &
B/Ls o Stores f Appolonia per Friendship, & Invoices & B/Ls o goods &
stores per Cecilia, amtg to £11090 2 4 & Indentures f 20 Soldiers

We now answer yr letters o Oct 9. Nov 6 1767 &
March 31 & May 15 [supra] 1768.

We are sorry t / disputes betwn / Ashantees & Fantees are not
yet settled.

As C.C.C. is in such a ruinous situation, we agn recommend to
y to lose no time to put it in as respectable a Condn as possible, / manner
o repairg it we leave to yr discretion, but y must not exceed / usual allowance
f repairs till we are enabled so to do. —

We Hope before this time y h purchd another long boat or two to
replace those lost.

In order to open agn / communication by Land betwn Cape Coast
& Cape Appolonia, we h presented a Memorial to / S. of S. as t head, accompanied
by a copy o our Remarks on / Dutch W. I. Cos Memorial, & such paragraphs
o yr ltrs as relate to t affair. These pps he has communicated to / Ds
Ministers o State, copies o wh are sent to / British Ministers at / Hague, to
make proper representations thereon to / Dutch Govt, so t we are in hopes t
Obstruction may be removed. His Lordship has also applied to / Lords o /
Admlty f Men o War to be stationed on / Coast.

We are very sorry to find t so many obstacles occur to retard /
building / Blockhouse at Cape Appolonia. Her Founder ~~[illegible]~~ Wales
us t he has given / presents we sent f / 2 Caboceers o t place w[h] they

seemed very well pleased, & were beginning to collect the people agn to carry
[illegible]. We are in hopes /work will now go on expeditiously. We h sent
a laced cloth & hat & sash & /Cabocceers, & also our Treasurer has mentd some
tolerable presents for, we suppose he means some Brandy or oth Goods wch y
h on /Coast. We desire y will furnish them w such as y think necy.
Y must endeavour to counteract /Dutch by presents now & agn then made
to /Cabocceers o Cape Appolonia & inform us wht presents may be necy
to send them fm hence, t nothg may be wantg on our part, as far as we
are able, to facilitate this affair.

He gives us gt concern, & we cannot avoid fulg a just resentmt of ye
behaviour espectg Mr Smith's apptmt. Y of who sh to preserve Peace on /Coast &
influence /minds o our Officers there, is a melancholy reflexn. If y had referred to
our Treasurer's revd his to our Shipping & our Factors, y wd then h clearly perceived /
necessity o sendg an experienced person to see our orders executed on buildg a
Blockhouse at C Appol.

On perusal o those lrs & neglect o orders relative to C. Appol. respectg
/expence our Treasurer was runng into, we cd not discharge /Trust reposed in
us wthout applyg a remedy to recover /melancholy situan o our affairs at C Appol.
(wch we communicated to yr in our lr o 6th April last to wch we refer) We
therefore applied to Mr John Boddington /Secretary o/ Bd o Ordnce to desire t
Genth to furnish us a proper pson to superintend our Works on /Coast. He
recommended Mr John Smith as capable o executg a Work according to a given
plan, & likewise o making a plan himself & o giving directns to Mrs, & t he was a
pson o integrity & ability, sober, diligent & active. Upon this recommendn we
apptd Mr Smith.

Mr Smith was not t incapable person wt y prize t his last apptmt by ye
Our gen rule is, & a very good one it is, to prefer our Officers on /Coast according to their
seniority & good behaviour in our service; but in cases o gt impce to /Publick
we h, wh, deviate fm t rule, & this was /case in /apptmt o Mr Smith, wt wh he
wd not enter into our service, & this was no Mr pson t was capable offered to us.

We confirm /promons o Mr Thomas Drew to Tantumquerry, Mr John
Smith to Commenda, & Mr Wm Green to Succondee...

If /Ctee hd bn apprized o/method o sendg out /supplies f Appolonia
in /manner y mention & wd h bn complied w; but we can h no objecn
to /issuing those goods f /service o/ oth forts (rather than let them spoil)
provided /same quantity o goods & to /same value are replaced at C. Appol...

If anything more shd occur to strengthen our Remarks on /
Dutch W. I. Co's Memorial, please to transmit it to us

We h taken into consn yr Resolutn in /memorandum o
13th Febry 1768 relative to some o our Officers taking up goods on credit
fm Masters o Ships. Viz^t -

"If any Chief o a Fort or oth officer in /service o/ Ctee who sh sign
"by Writing or Verbal agreemt take goods on credit fm Masters o
"Ships & sh not fulfill such agreemt punctually by discharg
"/debt at or before /time fixed f payont o the portion him &
"his Creditor, whereby /latter may be obliged sir to leave /
"Country wt /money due to them, or to seize /Natives on acct
"thereof, /sd Chief or any oth Servant o/ Ctee found guilty o/above
"offence, sir fm compl o/pson to whom they h become indebted, or
"by proof fm oth information sh be immediately discharged fm
"/Service"

Wch is our Direcn t if /Compl is proved agst /pson accused, after he has bn
fully heard. & Fort Council shall be unanimous in discharg such pson

fm / Clee's service, & sign the Bonds agst him, & transmit / same to us; & wt unanimous consent & sign of / Gov & Council, / pson accused is not to be dismissed / Clee's service.

In / Memdam above mentd y say / owners of goods supplied on credit to our Officers are sometimes obliged to make use of / unjust & scandalous practice of seizg / free natives for such debts tho' how a prosecn depends agst a Master of a Ship for a charge of this Kind, as we are determined if possible to put a stop to / Commission of such abuses on / Coast, we direct y, when any pson is guilty of such practices to use yr utmost endeavours to procure suffict proofs of / same to be sent to us by / first Conveyce . . .

I must make to a regular return by my Conveyce of all / white psons & slaves at each of / sevl forts accordg to / form now inclosed y [m.h.] & we desire y will give Orders to all / Outforts to make regular returns to y according to this form. We expect / Returns from / out forts to be signed by / Chief & one of Officrs, & / Return from C. C. C to be signed by / Gov & such of / Council as present. You are to send us by / 1st oppy a copy of / Establishmt as well of white men as Negroes both for Cape Coast & all / out forts as settled by our Meeting, w yr observans respectg / sufficiency of those Establishmts. Likewise a copy of / Establishmt for Annamaboe upon building ye Fort. If / originals of / Establishmts cannot be found y are to send a copy of / Complete Establishmts for / diffnt forts & we will have duplicates of these copies by diffnt Conveyances.

By Order &c / Clee
(Sgd) Saml Pownall / Secy

(Seal)

Sgd. Gilbert Ross / Thos Willg / Jos Champion / Benj Bagle French / Jos Manesty / Manesty / Thos Smallwood / John Burnes / Jas Johnson.

O0.8 Read Janry 10 1769.

The Clee to Mr Thos Trinder Chief of Fort Appolonia

London Novr 10 November 1768

Yours rece inclosed copies of our letters of 6th instt & 10th June 1768. . . In ours by p this Conveyce we have fully answered / Gov & Council as to / apptmt of Mr John Smith. We are glad to find / Caboceers are pleased w this presents & we have now sent by / Cecilia . . 2 blue Satin cloths laced w Silver & 2 Silver laced hats w feathers for / 2 Caboceers.

We most earnestly require yr care & dispatch in finishg / Blockhouse at C. Appol. We hope a speedy conclusn will be put to / disputes w / Dutch abt / free communican betwn C. Apolt & / ot forts, in consequce of a Memorial we have presented to / Lords of Trade & S. of S. upon wh head we have wrote fully to / Gov & Council of C C C & we have great hopes by / Mercy of War will have full instrons on the Head for / protecn of C Appol.

By Order &c
(Sgd) Saml Pownall Secy

Sigd by / above

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Oo.

The Ctee to Gilbert Petrie & Council at CCC.

London 10 September 1768

As we observe by ye last Dis to us & not only CCC but likewise some of ye Forts are in such a ruinous condn as to require some immediate assistce more than our present Allowce will enable us to afford if we propose making applin this Winter to Parl for some xtry Supply for the repairs to be granted to us or Occr till such time as y can furnish us w a clear Estimate of what may be wanted for this necy work, & we desire & y will w/ any loss of time appt such person or persons as y may think most capable to take an exact Survey of ye State & Condn of ye Forts on ye Coast under our diren, except Fort William at Whydah, to make a Report of same & likewise of what may be necy for the repairs w an Estimate of the cost & charges. These reports must be sigd by ye sd Surveyg Officers & by ye Chief & Council of ye Forts & attested by y to be sent to us w duplicates of same as soon as it can possibly be done

sgd Jno Barnes, Jos Maxwell, Jos Champion, Jas Johnson
Jas Bogle French

By Order &c
(sd) Saml Perrier Secy

Oo 30. Read 2 March 1769.

To ye Rt Hon ble Lords Commrs of Trade & Plantns

The Memorial of ye Ctee of ye Merchts trading to Africa

Sheweth That by an Act passed in ye 5th yr of his present Majtys Reign for ye better regulating ye Trade to Africa, among other things it is enacted that ye Officers & Servants of ye Ctee on ye Coast of Africa to whom any Goods or Stores shd be sent by ye Ctee shd be required to transmit to ye sd Ctee once at least in every yr an account of ye Disposal & Application of all such goods within ye preceding yr, having 1st made oath before ye Governr & Council of Accts before such person as shd be appointed by his Majty, his Heirs & Succrs to admr ye same. In consequence of which ye Ctee have repeatedly wrote to their Officers of the Obedience to ye sd Act, but found their Accts & Books not properly drawn up, which they apprehend is owing to no such person being appointed to admr oath as aforesd.

Ye Memorialists therefore pray ye Lordships to take this matr into Consn & pursue such measures as ye sd Lords shall think proper & requisite in order that a proper person may be appointed by his Majty for ye purposes above mentd

By Order of ye Ctee
Saml Perrier
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(LS)

Oo 40. Read May 11 1769

Gilbert Petrie to ye Ctee

24 August 1768.

– has only time to acknw ye rect of their Dis dd 6 of June [illegible] & 2 June [illegible] –
wh he will answer partly by ye Ruby at ye end of Sept –

Mr Swinden began ye execn of ye instrns immedly on recg them. How soon he orders for sending Smith to Succa him were positive he is preparing to set out on ye service as soon as ye weather is so far settled as to admit of his travelling in a Canoe & landg at Appol in safety.

Trade is very dull at Aboe & neighbg places on this part of Coast; nothing but bad Dutch Slaves are to be seen, wh are scarcely worth carrying off ye Coast, yet is there no disturbce in ye Country.

The Fantees still talk of restorg one of ye Ashantee hostages wh wd certainly prevent, if it did not entirely prevent a rupture betwn ye King of Ashantee & them. In obedce to ye orders he sent offered my mediation to put an end to the differs, & no doubt of its beg accepted, but am very apprehensive of any future endeavours,

best zealously exerted will be no more successful than those hitherto made use
o by myself & o^rs.

&c. &c. [Wybydah]...

It gives me much satisfn to observe to we may this year expect / arrl o / ships w^t / supplies & stores sooner than usual, If it happen before Christmas, / Cargo will be accted for on / 1st o Books & / present time; as I am pretty confident t if no accident happens / publick accts to / end o this year will be ready in Febry to be sent home by / man o War t may then be expected. I will in t case see a true & exact state o / finances o this Establishm^t at t Period.

The security o / Rains hath for some time past put a stop to / progress o / building on this Castle by rendering it impossible for our Boats to beat to windward w^t shells from Winnebah. In / middle o June 2 o them were driven from their anchors by / Violce o / sea breeze so far to Leeward as Wybydah from whence they have not as yet been able to get back — If cou^d get suffic^t time / new Battery on / South side o / Castle wh fell down abt 3 yrs ago will be finished by / end o this Year...

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Gilbert Petrie

Oo. 41 Read May 11 1769.

Gilbert Petrie to / Clee

[C. C. C.] 21 October 1768

– Sends copy o his last [supra] & now gives proper answer to this Lrs o 6 April & 2 June –

– Is glad they approve o his proposed method o accts & / supplies rec^d consigned to our Factor –

– Writes at length as to / examin^n o Cargoes & defects & differences – & the Certificates wh they deemed insuffict. –

The evasive answers by / Fantees in affairs so long (altho' frequently urged & solicited) to give any answer to / demands made by / King o Ashantee left me so little hopes o ever being able myself, or o ever seeing others effect a reconciliation betwn those 2 Nations, t I had resolved some time ago not to interfere agn in / affair until they themselves shd make applcn, by sending / answer wh they had so long promised to / demands brot by my Messages from / King o Ashantee. But / orders contd in yr Lr o April / 6th leave me no longer at liberty to be directed by my own opinion in this affair. I do, in obedce to yr Command, for ever acquit myself ever since I used my endeavours to prevail w^t / Fantees to comply w^t / demands made upon them, by delivering up / Ashantee hostages. Not long after I had rec^d yr Orders on this subject, / messgrs sent to Ashantee by Mr Huydecoper returned to Elmina w^t another Envoy from / King. Our Woortman sent them down here to make delr a message to me, so they pretended, by parties desire o Sey. / Howr it may be, I do not, / purport o it was to desire t I wod join my endeavours to those o / Dutch President. I did not chuse to explain myself on t occn, but dismissed / Messgrs w^t a present to / Ashantee man who accompanied them, & an assurce t I wod continue to beg to a happy issue / negotiatn o a peace begun by my predecessor & wh I had hitherto persevered in / prosecn o. I was frequently & very importuned by our Woortman to send messgrs to / Fantees to act in conjunctn w^t his, agreeable to Sey's request. To this, I declined for a persuasion t if a negociatn carried on in such a manner, proved successful, / whole merit o it wod accrue to / Dutch by means o their superior interest w^t / King o Ashantee. Soon after, / Fantees sent to Elmina to desire t / Messgrs a Envoy lately come from Ashantee might proceed to Anamaboa & there deliver / message they had brot. The former were dispatched, but / Ashantee man did not chuse to trust himself w^t / Fantees.

As I knew t no offers wd be omitted, no expense spared, by / Dutch to gain this point on this occan, it became necy f me to leave nothg in my power undone to prevent their success. I therefore went to Annamaboe a few days before these Messengers were set out, on pretce of a visit to Mr Grosle, but in reality to be able on / spot to take my measures more effectually. My stay this occasioned some expence, but if any good arises frm it to / publick, / expence will not be found dear. So far was I successful t before / Dutch Messrs arrd, I recd / strongest assurces frm / ppal people at Annamaboe t / Dutch never wd be trusted in this business by / Fantees, & t / hostages demanded by / King o Ashantee never shd be deld up but into / hands o / English. I hd / satisfn afterwards o seeg t promise in a good measure fulfilled. If / Dutch Embassy was very coldly recd & dismissed w a very ambiguous & unsatisfactory Answer. The Messrs were told t / liquor they hd brot was too little, & after more hd bn procured frm Cormantyn they were desired to return home, & when / Oracle o Fantee hd bn consulted they shd know what / will o / Deity was. After this departure, / Pynins o Annamaboe informed me t it hd given much satisfacn to / Fantees to find t I was unconnected w / Dutch, as the Messrs had endeavoured to make it believed; & as they were resolved / Dutch shd h no hand in the Palaver, wh wd be left intirely to / managemt o / English, they wished to see me join Mr Brew in t business, in wh case we cd not fail o success.

To enable yr to understand why a proposal f joing Mr Brew was made it is necy to give yr / following relan. In a letter written by Mr Mutter dd Dec. 14th 1765 [Rep p 51] yr are informed t while / Fantees were encamped at Fetue, "Mr Brew hd undertaken to restore peace betwn them & / King "o Ashantee to whom he hd sent up, in a clandestine manner, Messrs accompanied "by some Ashantee prisoners who were to make proposals o accomodan to / "King, & recommend to him Mr Brew's mediacn". The Embassy, Mr Mutter says, was dispatched wt / knowledge o any o / principal Fantee Caboceers except one or two who were bribed f carrying it on / absence o / rest. However t may h bn, Mr Brew has ever since acted as a mediator w / some assiduity t Mr Huppisley began, & t I, since his death, h continued to do.

In / Article o Expence indeed he hath far surpassed all / othr negotiators having by his own acct expended already upwds o twelve hundred pounds sterling in endeavouring to obtain / merit o concluding a peace by his own negotiatn alone. So far did his liberality, & / othr methods he took, answer his expectans t / Fantees did deliv him / hostages they recd frm / King o Ashantee when he quitted the country, & / maintence o them ever since, is one Article o Mr Brew's acct o expences. But to return to my transacns at Annamaboe.

I judged it improper to give a direct answer to / proposal made by / Pynins o beg connected w Mr Brew, & therefore promised only to do everything in my power to give them satisfacn in a business wh I hd undertaken w no othr view than to promote / good o / country in gen. Mr Brew recd / proposal w joy upon a supposn t he & I were to act jointly & on terms o equality in every respect, a plan wh was as inconsistent w my duty to yr, as w / regard I owed my own character, considerg my stan as t o / 1st Officer o / Publick Establishmt in this Country. I therefore wrote to Mr Brew t I hd no objcn to be concerned w him in / fair prosecun o so impr an affair, provided he wd agree to such condors as wd make it consistent w / Stan I held. I in sevl things where it not be necy I expected precedency. T / hostage to be

entered shd be put into / hands o my messgrs & by them deld to / King o Ashantee; & they shd also shd deliv any message or fur proposals wh / Fantees judged nety to be sent along w / hostage. On these condns I took upon me to promise in Mr Brew & to procure reimbursmt o his expences he wd depend on all / assistce in my power not repugnant to / good o / State in gen, as wh indeed his own int was so much connected & whose tenour to / promote o one must hurt / o^r. Such an assurce seemed / more necy as Mr Brew pretended more & more as he saw no other view than to indemnify himself & he is obliged to prosecute his negoc^n.

Anyone acquainted w^t Fantee affrs cannot but be sensible how / last treaty / offer a such condns, & be rejected w^t / utmost disdain, & long ere we cd agree to act on a Subaltern character to / Chief o any o the petty states, & if he cd not continue to act as a pacific when forced to me, he was resolved to persevere in / affair himself. / resolu^n he has imparted to / Fantees, most of lust assembled to decide / matter; & I h not failed to communicate to them my reasons for not exposing / dignity o my Stat^n & those I represent to gratify / vanity & extravag^e / affected chief-empire o an individual like Mr Brew. I h desired them to make / former reflex^ns, & then judge whr it will be more for the future advantage to entrust / settlem^t o the palaver to me or Mr Brew.

T / English are / only Europeans settled in this country on whom / Fantees profess to h any dependence in case o a war of this neighbours, it beg well known to themselves & / Dutch are strictly allied to / King o Ashantee, & tho they h at many diff^t & distant periods urged him to attempt / conquest o / Fantee country: T is not fm private persons amongst / English but fm / Publick & they can expect succour & protcn in time o war; & therefore & / publick offices are / most proper to be intrusted w^t / management o such affairs as / present, since they represent in this country not only / Kg whom they serve but / whole English nat^n / Rulers o wh in supporting the Settlemts here, are, by conscience, bound to maintain / influence o / officers to whose charge they are committed in all undertakgs like this wh tends to restore peace, & its consequent advantages to all who are concerned in / trade o / country. T if a peace be concluded now thro my media^n, authorised & supported as it is by my constituents, / Fantees buy / English nat^n under an obligan to guaranty it & to defend them if ever agst any infrac^n on / part o their enemies. But, on / contrary, as this media^n was not intruded upon them, nor obtained by force o bribes & presents, but understood by all / desired o one party & approved o by / o^r of most & matters are brot so near a conclusion / Fantees withdraw the confidce fm / Officers o / Publick, & place it on an individual, they will commit such an insult on / honour o / nat^n as must make it necy f / preservan o the credit & reputan to abandon f ever such ungrateful & treacherous allies. T is best known to / Fantees by what means Mr Brew became negociator betwn them & / King o Ashantee; & if / media^n o / Publick be now rejected & / conclusion o a peace left to him & / Dutch, the declared enemies, & / English compelled to abandon them, they will be / best judges what advantages will arise fm / power & permanency o an Establishm^t like Mr Brews, whose very existce depends on / protcn & success fm / Settlemts o / Publick.

Such is / message I h sent to / Fantees, & along with a present o goods to / amt o £20 in trade & an anker o Rum wh they demanded fm both Mr Brew & me, to be given to / priests before he declares his sentiments o / Fantee Deity. No people are better judges o their own int^t than / Fantees when left to themselves. The persuasions I h made use of are directed to t object, but on this occa^n I am apprehensive t Mr Brews profusion will operate more powerfully than my arguments do enforced by / real conviction o those they are addressed to.

& in place o 5 oz o goods & an Anker o rum, wh were demanded, & wh my Messrs left on y festy, I am informed y Mr Brew hath sent some fine silks & chintz cloths, toge wt liquor amtg to on/whole to upwds o 30 oz, to be distributed amg st / Cabboceers; Priests & Curranteers. what a diminutive appearce must my little Dashee make when compared to all!

I cannot help making one observan y seems of obvious to me on this conduct o Mr Brew. T if he studied his own witt & was not determined to sacrifice it to romantic views o acquirg popularity w / Fantees, & o establishg an opinion amg st them o his beg superior in power, wealth, & implcte to / Cbee & the Servants, he would not have upheld / offer I made him o assistg him to recover payt o his Ashantee demands, & if one soy one else on / Coast believes y soy wee not pay a farthg o what Mr Brew alledges to b recd on his acct, & not wt go appease o justice. The case is this – the gave him o his reasons as Hostages to / Fantees to secure them from an invasion wh they were apprehensive o from a consciousness o having deserted it by / villainy o the Ashantees. Could him no sooner he be acquitted himself o his engagemts by returning to his own Country than he demanded back / pledges to be put into / hands. They h bn detained here since, contrary to mutual agreemt & agst his will, how in such circs, is it reasonable to think y / expences pretended to h bn incurred by / detenn o his Hostages / King o Ashantee will pay a demand o upwds of 300 oz of gold? Had Mr Brew not accepted my offer o assist to / reasons on wh it was made in wh he in / power o / Cbee & his servts wh he affects to hold in such contempt to recover a part o what he claims to be due to him, but in his own power I am sure it never will be, & / public must judge if other have disposed / affair o cessate made by / Cbees officers, & after accumulatg / debt wh he affects to be solicitous abt recovery by attempts to destroy / credit & influce o / National Establishmt amgst all / Natives in this part o / Coast, & once h a right to any service wh it may be in / power o / Cbees servants to give him, & wh a change in Mr Brews circs & manner o thinkg may make him conscious and to ask

I h ordered / acct o Messrs Roberts Husbands & Botelier to be closed on ye Books in / manner y direct

We h that proper to suspend / exn o ye orders & endeavoury Mr Trender & / loss he sustained by removg from Succonnee to Appolonia until we know ye sentimts on wh he hath already bn done to satisfy him, & what fur reimbursemts he expects on y acct. Both these matters were fully represented to y in my Lr o March 31st to wh I refer

It gives me inexpressible concern to find y / operans at Cape Appolonia h bn conducted in such a manner as to incur ye displeasure & censure. I h perused w due attenn ye observans on / conduct o ye Officers here in respect to y business & h carefully revised all / orders formerly sent bn & concerng it.

Wish it were in my power to give y such satisfon as y must expect on this subject & I cd exculpate any one concerned in / affairs o Appol, as easily as I can acquit myself. This how'r it is not my fault, & in what relates to / conduct o Mr Job carefully avoid saying anything it may seem to arise from ill Will or a desire o throwg on him / blame o my own misconduct

For / time I was appointed member o / Council the Hon Hippisley's death I was never once consulted on any circ relatg to C. Appol.

when ye orders were recd & sending Mr Trinder & ye proper
pson to be place to make an agreemt w Ammonah & his brother ye
proper spot of ground to build a Fort or Blockhouse on. Mr Mattei
proposed to I shd accompany Mr Trinder on ye service, but / elopemt of
his pawns, wch happened abt / same time, involved me, at ye commencemt
in difficlties enough to prevent my expedition to Appol. & occasioned Mr Grubles beg sent: During
/ short time ye Mr Hippisley lived at C. C. tho' there was no Council held nor
one publick Ltr written to any member of it on / affairs of Appol. The
Business of ye Settlemt was / first I set abt when I took charge of ye affairs
after / death of my predecessor; & by / way, I can safely affirm
ye it did not [illegible] when [illegible] him & has continued almost ever since
to give me more trouble, embarassmt & anxiety than all / ye duties of my
Stn. Amongst Mr Hippisley's private pps I found a protest agst
our proceedgs at Appol. accompanied w a long Memorial from / Genl
& Council at Vimora, in / East of wch / right of / British to ye country was
asserted & many Arguments & Evidences produced in support of it. Our claim
condemned as false & groundless, & our conduct arraigned of hostility &
injustice. As a long residence in ye place in dispute gave
me a more local knowledge of / subject than Mr Hippisley at his, I was told
after his death ye he intended to make use of my answer in answering those
pps, but as he did not proceed to answer ye claim, but than by making
a few cursory remarks in / margin of / Memorial, / whole of ye duty fell
upon me, & tho' there was no pson in this Castle capable of giving me any assistce
but in transcribing; & considering / miserable state of health I was in at ye time,
added to / small knowledge I had of / French language into wch it was necy
to translate ye all I had to write upon, / task was no less fatiguing than
difficult to me.

Before I proceed in ye business it was natural for me to seek information
concerng / state of our new Settlemt, but to my inexpressible astonishmt I could
not find in / Secretary's Office an copy or original of one single Ltr from Mr
Trinder to Mr Hippisley, & one only to Mr Mattei: but from recn of them & sy Cable in
writg to Mr Trinder. Long Mr Hippisley's private pps ceased I found 2 Ltrs from
Appol, but no copy of any answer. Those three Ltrs from Mr Trinder were all /
pps to be found in this Castle likely to our affairs at C Appol. except a
few / original copies of / Cession.

Agreeable to ye orders I send herewith a Book wch contains copies of all
/ instrons given to Mr Trinder since Mr Hippisley's death, at wch time, as I've already
said, no remains appeared here of any Ltr he had sent before. Of Mr Trinders recd
any (wch I cannot doubt) he will transmit duplicates of them in pursuance of / Orders
he hath recd from ye. At / end of / Book are copies of / 3 Ltrs from him to Messrs
Mattei & Hippisley, wch I observed before were all found here / letters to or from Appol.

In / course of my Ltrs ye will observe frequent & some pretty severe,
censures passed on Mr Trinders conduct, & tho' I make it necy, if his justification,
ye I transmit to ye also copies of all his answers, yet I am unable ye to judge if
it was in justice or not ye I reprehended him. They are therefore entered in
/ Book according to / order of the dates & of those wch they serve as answers to.

The first fm me shows ye at my arrival here I was totally ignorant of /
state of our affairs at Appol: & by Mr Trinders answer, as well as by all his
subsequent advices, ye will see wch he enlarged his original plan, or not, by
virtue of my instrons, or if he did gave me to know ye he either had enlarged it,
or intended to do it.

If he undertook such an x boy step while Mr Hippisley was
Gov[r] here & recd his approbatn & consent let him produce / orders & authorised
ye. In ye case, Mr Gruble & I are ready to make oath ye we were utterly
ignorant of such instrons beg given, & ye we were never consulted on / alterat[n]
~~in his plan~~ they are supposed to be given a sanct[n] to.

If on / ye hand they [sic] were never consulted on / alterat[n] on his
plan of Mr Hippisley's concurrence, let him be unalterable & ye Genl & Council
remain unanimated

Observans. On my correspdce w^th Mr Trender I beg leave further to trouble Y^r M^ty w^th / following Observans. Y^r M^ty / course o his late Letter gives advice o me,

First, In regard to / plan he sent for Y^r M^ty / Royal Charlotte

Secondly, Presents concerning / presents he thot may be given on this occ^n

Thirdly & making 2 o / Bastions o his last smaller than / 3^d two, &

Lastly & beginning to build another Fort at 6 miles distce from / place he is build^g at

For each o these last Heads, I advised w^th / Council before I sent an answer to Mr Trender, except^g on his proposal & beginning to erect another Fort, wh I look'd so absurd & ridiculous as not to deserve / consn o / Council; in which I am justified by / judgm^t Y^r M^ty has passed on it.

1 / Council agreed w^th me unanimously in Sentim^ts o those matters wh I laid before them

2 Lastly I Y^r M^ty News Boats regularly to transmit to Y^r M^ty an Acct o Every thing relat^g to / Hyder, wh Mr Trender condescended to submit to myself & / Council, & four days deliberation thereon, except on / project & chang^g / situa^n o / Fort, & the diminishing two o / Bastions.

For / first o these Schemes, / same reason I made me think it improper to be laid before / Cte Council, to wit, its absurdity, hindered my making any mention o it to Y^r M^ty; as for / 2^d, a proposal & making 2 bastions o / Fort abt half / size o / 3^rs, w^th circular flanks & faces to them, I may observe that in Mr Trenders Letter o Oct 3^d he mentions having already advised / Cte o his intn^n to change this plan wh he presumes / one in wh he condescended to communicate his design to me, no less than a month. I thot it ridiculous to take into consn, much more to determine, a ques^n already referred to Y^r M^ty & I therefore contented myself w^th informg Mr Trender that / Council protested agst his making / alter^n proposed until he shd receive an answer from Y^r M^ty to what he had written on that subject. It was indeed little credit^g / Gov^r & Council affecting to ask the opinion in an affair wh to their knowledge, he had laid before his constituents & wh therefore their sentiments cd not possibly have any weight in determin^g. But his conduct in regard to this scheme was not only disrespectful to us but disobedient, if what I am lately heard be true; for notw^g any injunc^ns to / contrary he actually began to carry his new altera^n into Execu^n before he wrote me / 6^th o October 3^d, going to understand that he had laid / matter before Y^r M^ty & that he had continued ever since to carry on / Works by that deformed & unnatural plan. However as all that he has already done, except^g / completed Bastions is to be taken down, / change of his mentd can be no other effect than to shew that as regard to / manner o Building Mr Trender did not think himself obliged to be guided by / Gov^r & Council, altho' he had not resolu^n enough to say so, but concealed from their knowledge what he did in opposi^n to their orders.

I am pleased to say "That it does not appear that Mr Trenders (enlarged) plan was ever exd or approved o by / Gov^r & Council – I am extremely sorry to be obliged to say answer that it certainly never was

If it was repeated on his being first sent to Pippolonee that / plan & estimate he was ordered to make this, that be exd by / Gov^r & Council before they were transmitted to Y^r M^ty its contents never were to be fulfilled. What the matter who was then Gov^r here exd / plan himself or not, or why Mr Trender sent him any to exe, I never heard. All I can say is that nothing relat^g to that business was ever communicated to / Council or that occa^n except to / appointt o a person to accompany Mr Trender, wh I have already mentd.

If on / contrary, it was intended that Mr Trender shd transmit directly to / Cte or estimate to / Gov^r & Council / plan & estimate he was directed to make on / spot & if by neglecting to conform to these instructions, his Constituents have been improperly informed w^th regard to / plan on wh he built proceed, / blame must fall on Mr Trender & / Gov^r & Council if these be acquitted.

For my part I must confess I allways imagined / Clee had rec'd fm Mr Trinder / plan & estimate wch by the Instrns of Augt 1st 1765 he is directed to have made fm / spect & to agreeable thereto / Cargo & supplies was sent out by / Royal Charlotte & consigned to him. Mr Trinder did not communicate to / Govr & Council here / Instrns he recd w.t Cargo fm / Clee, nor / advices he sent home afterwards; & it is of certain, that if he had not strongly protested agst it (tho' any legal Authy but fm a regard to / interest of / Publick) / Royal Charlotte's cargo & supplies as well as / stores wd have been landed at Cape Appolonia, & left there at / mercy of one of / most avaricious & rapacious negroes in Guinea. I certainly had a right to expect proper places were built & kept in readiness to recv / supplies & stores on the sale at C. Appol. but it is certain no such preparations had been made, Mr Trinder has doubtless written many Lrs to ye Govrn, none of wh ever recd any instrns he may have recd fm ye. He has ever condescended to shew me, altho' he has been here at Cape Coast since Mr Huppisley's death. I did not chuse to demand a sight of his correspondce to prevent / mortification I feel I recd suffered by a refusal wh he might have sent safely / gave for a consciousness he had no right to enforce a compliance w my demand. He gave for a consciousness he had no right to enforce a compliance w my demand. He gave me a Lr to Mr Smith, wch if he has been pleased to send out ere / first fm Mr Trinder to ye Capes of / 2 Lrs wh

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rejected / offers o / Dutch who never will lose an opptty o beg revenged. They r deprived / English in / most shameful manner o / merch wh they ha a right to expect from ye expensive method undertaken & for our defence. What do / Planters deserve at our hands? If after this they shd receive Succour or assistance in time o War from any Settlemt wh we may h in this Country, it will be a presumptn o / power enjoyed by such Settlemts, & must infallibly beg disgrace on / English name in Guinea & expose it to / contempt & derision o both Europeans & Natives.

At Anamaboe are / following Ships –
2 for London. 1 for Exon, 1 for Rhode Island. 1 for Barbadoes

Trade is ye to be by deal & way price settled this & Nevis. / you compute as E no Slaves are brot to Market but Duncoes E will not, if they do ~~not~~ sure we / passage, call on / us / for so much as they cost here.

Ships sailed for this port o / last 6 since May –
1 for Bristol w 283 Slaves 2 for Exon w 530 Slaves – f Jamaica
4 for Boston w 740 Slaves f Barbadoes
1 for London 250 Slaves
3 Rhode Island 410 f Jamaica & Barbadoes

– Apologies f length o his Letter. He has served / Ctee 14 years & nearly 3 o them in / direction o this affairs – Now has hopes o returning to Britain & quit / Service –

Jan – ry –

Gilbert Petrie.

Oo 44. Read June 21 1769.

Gilbert Petrie to / Ctee

30 December 1768

– Since his last notice wherein communicty excpt / proceedgs o / Dutch w / Portuguese wh became daily more regarded on / part o / former more ingenuous & numerous to / latter –

He may be o / 15th May [P.C.] last 9 informed yt / Dutch Frigate wh were on / Coast abt 2 months before had taken & made prize o a lge Port: Vessel, ye she was discovered E / Master o her had broke Bulk before he got to Elmina Few Dutch Shipkeepers who were conducted o hav'g dealt w him were mulcted on / sum o £600 sterlg each. The prize, after beg condemned & untreated was equipped as a Guarda Costa to be employed in looking out f / Port: Vessels to Windward & bring 9 them down to Elmina & on entering down fm thence past all / Vessels to Leeward as a View o availing them / English from a possibility o supplyg themselves w Tobacco fm / Portuguese. To effect E by force / Cruizer was of 1 capable, beg mounted w 24 Guns furnished w Hands o 14 men. He was not long before had an opptty o beg convinced o / inclinations o / Dutch Governs w regard to / Trade in Brazil Tobacco. To / ye Coasting E passed here from off a Canoe as usual w Goods to purchase Commodity, but / Wineglasses Keeper & / Lieut: o / Guard, whom 9 commissioned on / occasn, had scarcely got on board / Port Vessel when / Cruizer fired a shot right over her & sufficiently intimated those they had to deal w to prevent the success o their advanced accordgly with the errand. Before / return o / Guarda Costa fm Whydah, and Portuguese came down a Capt Cunning o / Friendly beg on this Coast, E, at my desire sent out in his ship, broke into / Port: & not any difficulty made a barter on my acct f 40 rolls o / mutual satisfn o both / Port: Capts respectt. The former hear'g soon found reason to repent it, f in his way down / Coast he fell in w / Cruizer, whose Capt on finding what had been done, seized / Vessel, made prisoners o all / Portuguese & carried them back to Elmina. The a process

was formally communicd & carried on agst them, before / Resident & Council who after imposg a fine o 3/4 rolls o Tobacco, set the prisoners at liberty & returned / Vessel to them. Abt / same time / Capt o anor Port: on suspicion o having given / Fiscal an false Invoice o his cargo, was carried on shore & committed to close confinemt where he remained upwds o a Month. His Vessel was seized & / strict search o / Cargo taken on shore & all / Crew beg likewise kept in prison & loaded w irons. After many Letters & fre consultns & frequent exams o / Master & his men, / propis Invoice was at last discovered & soon after / Port was discharged & put on board the Vessel agn, but upon what terms I cd not learn. How I know to while / Capt remained in prison he repeatedly offered 400 Rolls o Tobacco f his liberty & / ransom o his Vessel & Cargo

Abt a Month ago anor Vessel o t Nan stopped at C Appol, & / Master beg informed the o / treatmt his Countrymen had recd at Elmina, resolved to pass it & to take refuge at Cape Coast. He came down in / night time but found himself at Annamaboe in / morg Next morg he sent an officer here to desire I wd order him to be protected, as he had reason to expect to find he was to be seized by / Dutch & carried to Elmina where he cd not flatter himself w making atonemt f / offence he had committed in selling a few Rolls o his Tobacco at C Appol. w less than half his cargo, if he had been lucky enough to escape confiscan I did not hesitate to comply w his request, & accordgly sent 14 o / best men I had to his Grosse w orders not to suffer / Port: to be molested while he remained within reach o / Forts Queys. The Chief o Annamaboe went on board / Vessel / day after his arrivl & did his utmost by threats & promises in / name o / President & Council to prevail w / Capt to repair to Elmina. He did not however succeed & / next o / men I sent for hence put an end to his remonstrances wh were never after renewed. I was informed from time to time o preparatns making at Elmina to seize / Portuguese in / night & carry him out o Annamaboe Road by means o boats & lge canoes, a / the night being before / attempt was to be made. Elmina canoemen who were to be employed left / town. How far it may have been, no attempt was made & / Portuguese lay unmolested till abt 10 days ago, when she went to Whydah under Convoy o / Antelope, a ship belongg to the Brenus. The Dutch Guazer or Guarda Costa had a week before escorted to leeward 3 or 4 Portuguese so I do not improbable but on her return she may meet w / Antelope & her Convoy, but in t case / latter will undoubtedly be taken & carried in triumph to Elmina to our shame & / joy o / Dutch, whose rebellion on such an occasion will be boundless.

What effects such proceedgs may produce in Europe I know not but if they are continued here they will effectually answer one part o / Intentions o our Neighbours by depriving us o / means o procuring Portuguese Tobacco & defraying many o / publick charges & at the same time absolutely necy & by making us entirely dependent on themselves f t valuable Commodity

— Reports death o Lacey / Accomt — Allen appointed in his place, & Field Mate appointed Asst Lacey Vice Allen —

— Thos Co sent by Friendship Capt Cumins w 330 Slaves

Ships at Apool 2 o Apool 1 o London & 4 frm Rhode Island

Mr Saunder writes me I be Jay on at C Appol. of Well have pulled down all I he'd built by his own plan & raised / Externl Walls o / near one better than 5 ft above / Surface all round

I am — &c —

Gilbert Petrie

Co 49. Recd July 25 1769

Gilbert Petrie to / Ctee

C C C. 10th March 1769.

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— Acknowd recpt o his 2 Lrs o 10 Nov. by / Hope ship Cecilia Capt Dunn. —

— Capt Dunn dispatched at d'd at Appol / pays thanks & presents sent f Annamaboe & his Brother & Mr Saunders has advised me I be used them in good order . . . — / erection o f Fort, which I have attended w so much delay expence & trouble arose so far advanced I if no accident occurs / Gates will be hung & guns mounted on / Bastions before 1st June — . . . . . .

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— The new work on / South side o CCC beg carried on w^ch repection
— tion / workmen will begin to rebuild / East Bastion called Greenhill
Pount (wch fell down in Sept 1767) according to Mr Prosser's plan, and yor
last year.

— Is deeply concerned w^t this Province relating to Mr Smith — [further action
on ye Complt]

— The publick accts to end o Decr last, now ready —

— He is now preparg to leave / Coast & take passage for Jamaica. This
letter this last^t on Bord o C CC.

I am — &c
Gilbert Petrie

PS. Ships sailed fm Africa since beginng o year
2 London w 730 Slaves 1 Lpool 266 Slaves (Jamaica)
1 Rhode Island 204 Barbadoes & Georgia 1 Bermuda 120 & Bermuda
Ships at CC & Mhoe — 2 London 3 Lpool 2 Bristol 5 Rhode Island

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Anno 1768

An acct, o/ mony recd & expended by / Clks o/ Co o merchts trading to Africa &/ support & impt o/ Forts & Settlements on/ said Coast. / Clks entering o/ Orders of Genl ... [9 names]
[Summary]

Recd for / Clks &. 1769 — £ 505-11-2
Balce o Cash yrs acct — 1313-18-5
dated — £ 1,819-9-7
dated on acct o Senegal — £13,000
By Warrant for / Recevr on acct o Forts & Settlemts — 142 13-6 — 12,857-6-6
Deduct. Try & Exchequer Fees — 99 0-5
Sundry — 384 ..
Freedom o 185 Press at London & Press at Bristol — £14,954-16-6

Expended

Senegal £ 919-0-1
Appolonia 132 6.10
Cape Coast Castle 11409.0 11 — £11554-7-10
Charges o Managemt by Rcvr o Parliamt — 1200
Sundries — 50 6-2
— £13104-14-0
Balce to / Clks &. 1769 — 1853-2-6
— £14954-16-6

Balce due on acct o Senegal £1000-19-4½
do do Forts & Settlemts 852-4 2½
913. Rs remains to be pd out o/ above balce to Forts & Settlemts £147 10·0
&. half freight on / Cecilia Burn, to Appolonia & Cape Coast Castle

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John Roberts Esqr o Ccl. to / Clks

24 April 1769

Inclosed &. an Act o Council by wch & will see &. Mr Pelton has enquired o C in consequce o &. / directn o &. Affairs on this Coast. Hon desired to me: &. I shd chuse to in what manner / Vacancies h bn filled up. wch wh Hope will meet wth &. approbatn

So much has bn sd abt Ashantee affairs by my predecessors &. / the wch Disputes &. any fur abt them, especially as most a perfect Tranquility seems most to reign betwn them & / Fantees.

As &. Appolonia, / Dutch still persist on denying us a free passage to it by Land, to our infinite prejudice
... [illegible]

– On / recommendatn o / Chief Surgeon, &. Hon. Comp to be educated one o/ Cos Slaves named Jack – not to be made a Genl of, but suggests &. he may be put into an Apothecarys Shop to learn / manner o medicines & mixing them. &. has recd some instrucns on reading fm Mr Philip Quaque / Chaplain o this Castle

The Cecilia beg under sail he will write more fully by Hms Phoenix

Capt Forbes wh arrd in this road on 19th o this month & will sail in 5 or 6 days

I ... remain – &c –
John Roberts.

Acct o Council

C.C.C 21st April 1769

Present Petrie, Fronde, Charles Bell.

– Gilbert Petrie resigning & going home per Leake

Resolved I John Fronde succeed him as Pres in Chief.
Charles Bell appted Vice President vice Fronde
Thomas Drew [illegible] vice member o Council

John Smith to command Annamaboe
Wm Green to Commande Vice Smith
Francis Cahuac to Succeede vice Green
John Morgan to be Boulary vice Cahuac.
Robt Collins to be Warehouse keeper vice Morgan
Alexander Thompson to be 2nd & Surgeon at Annamaboe.
Jas Williamson to be deputy Secy vice Thomson

George Macrae to be Surgeon at C.C.C.

Geoffrey Benjamin Trusbee apd Surveyor to be Surveyor at £100 pa

All above applints to commence from 20th inst.

Sd) Fronde Bell & Drew.

John Grosse to / Ctee 8 May 1769.

Capt Tonyn o HMS Phoenix desired mr Petrie before he resigned to call a Council that he may let them know his instrons fm / Lords o / Admlty. He was very partic in enquiry into / affairs o C. Apol & Akwamu, & all / transactns on this Coast, & when he made himself master o / affr subjects he issued I we not lay them before him in writg o our opinions; faithfully promisg to apply to / Lords o / Admlty for such power as will enable him, on his arrl next year to act vigorously in concert w us in order to redress all our grievances & to put / affairs o / nation upon a more respectable footg than they are at present. He has been especially extremely serious in examing into / power o / Dutch on this Coast, he visited / Dutch Fort at Commenda & when he arrd here he expressed so strong a desire to see Elmina Castle I ord not do less than accompany him to that place. We were rec'd w all / marks o respect & on / 29th dined mr Woortman & / Gen, & / Council came here to return / Visit. I ord wrote y ord & sent it me Capt Tonyn: when he arrives in England, to a Ctee, as he has invited to me he will be very glad to be a conference w ye & I am confident y will jointly point out some means by wch / nation may be benefited.

Inclosed I be a form o / compact to establishmt & ye Dutch Forts. Concerng I wch was settled by mr Melville. The only observe I can for as I can recollect, it is by no means sufficient, nothg beg allowed for Repairs or Palisadoes. Besides / affairs o this Coast are so much changed & / Negroes are grown so insolent within these few years, I fear we sh soon lose our Comp.e unless vigorous measures are taken to bring them to a Sense o themselves; & me what manner I is to be effected, is what I cannot conceive at / present & shall [illegible]

– Sends B/L o / gold shipped per Phoenix –

– As / Phoenix will sail this afternoon I beg leave to conclude. I am – &c –

John Grosse

PS. Sends / Books o Acct per Phoenix

The season is very unhealthy now. Sevl o / soldiers are dead, at least one half o them are in / Hospital many o them in a dangerous way, & I fear if / weather does not soon alter we sh suffer greatly this year

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John Gronke to / Ctee

21 June 1769

Since my Lre to y by / Phoenix, Capt Tongue, wherein I mentioned t / Season had set in y unhealthy nothy less than / yellow fever has raged w unknown fury at this place & life is almost depopulated. Our situation is most melancholly indeed, & it is w / deepest sorrow I acquaint y Mess Seed, Thomas Miles, Cabinet Duncomb, Macredie, Vivian & Senior all died in / space o 10 days, as did also 16 o / soldiers.

Nothing has been wanty on my part to relieve these poor distressed sufferers; but wt effect: At last I caught / infection myself & / my mind I cd look upon to save my life was to fly for / place o contagion. So soon then as I found myself sensible o / disorder & remained incapable o sending any further relief to ye, I ordered a canoe to carry me on board / Africa Capt Stephens in Aboe Road, where I hoped was soon recovered to / last extremity. How by / surgeons indefatigable care I recovered, & after a stay o 10 days on board I desired again returned to C C C once more once more to take my chance, altho I found myself extremely weak yet.

The best temper is most subsided & those L h in ye begin to recover apace. Messrs Atten, Stephens, Collins & Williamson are / only survivors, / 2 last very ill indeed ... Mr Jas Watt died since my return ...

The Members o Council cd not possibly repair to this place w endangering their Lives ... I communicated them my letter & we came to / Resolutions - copy enclosed [in h.] A strict regard has been had to Seniority ... - Offices / appointments made wch he appd & confirmed.

- Contracts to be sent out as soon as possible 3 Surgeons Mates, 6 Writers & 40-50 Soldiers to retrieve / shattered remains o this Garrison & / ye Settlements

Mr Trender arrd here a few days ago. He tells me he goes on y Fall w / Works at Appol. & expects to finish them by next Christmas ...

- Ships sailed for Aboe since his last 6 Ships w Cargo o 1394 Slaves

I have - &c -
John Gronke

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Gilbert Petrie to / Ctee

on board Cecilia in Carlyle Bay at Barbadoes

31 July 1769.

- left Accra in Cecilia 3d May & arrd here, after long passage 2 days ago - I left / Gold Coast in a state o tranquillity & / trade at Anamaboe was not then worse than it had been f some time before

- Proposes to proceed to Grenada in a day or two & from thence to Britain by / first conveyance -

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Whitehall 24 Nov 1769.

My Lords

Having lately rec'd a Dr fm Sir Joseph Yorke, His Majs Ambassador at / Hague, incl'g / answer of / Dutch W I Co to / Memorial wh he was instructed to present in consequ of yr Ldps Letter to me 27 July last incl'g / copy of a Letter of / 20 Oct of / Co of Merchts trading to Africa, & H. M. Commands to communic to yr Ldps an Extract of / sd Letter fm Sir Joseph Yorke togr w / copies & translations wch I h. caused to be made of / ppr inclosed. A. B. C. D. E. & F. in order that yr Lordships may furnish me w fr Observations on / same, as a foundn for such new Instrns as it may be necy to give Sir Joseph Yorke on / subject; & I add, that yr Ldps information a copy of my Letter to / sd Ambassador of Augt 4th togr w a copy of / Memorial presented by him, in consequ, & an Extract of / Letter wh H. M. has appd of my writg to him, for / present, I am — &c —

Rochford.

[To go]

The Lords Commrs for Trade & Plantas

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Memoire presenté par le Chevalier Yorke aux Etats Generaux le 10 Octr 1769

Hautes et Puissantes Seigneurs

Les Ordres exprès du Roi m'obligent de porter de nouvelles Plaintes à Vos Hautes Puissances, de la Conduite de leurs Employés à la Côte d'Afrique: des Representations pleines fortes et réitérées, avec moderation, ne paroissent par avoir produit jusqu'à present l'effet desiré, qui fait sonner en Afrique l'intention des Souverains en Europe de conserver la bonne harmonie, qui ne peut qu'être avantageuse aux deux Nations

Les Faits dont le Soussigné a ordre de se plaindre, H & P Seigneurs sont fondés sur des Lettres, écrites et reçues par le Gouverneur Anglois du Chateau du Cap Corse aux Directeurs de la Compagnie d'Afrique, par lesquelles il conste que les Employés Hollandois d'Elmina ne cessent d'assujettir les Portugais qui trafiquent à la Côte à ne point commercer avec les Anglois; et de les priver par là du négoce du Tabac, qui est si necessaire pour le Commerce du Pays et ne paroit pas pouvoir par aucun Traité particulier mis offerable dans ce point. La liberté établie par le droit des Gens, et si le Roi s'en plaint aujourd'hui par mon Ministere c'est que Sa Majesté desire de donner en toute occasion des preuves de son Amitié quand, préférant la Voye de la Representation à toute autre qui pourroit lui être toute facile aussi facile. Elle demande à V. H. P. de donner des Ordres précis à leurs Employés en Afrique de ne plus entraver le Trafic de ses sujets avec quelque Nation que ce soit, sous aucun prétexte quelconque

Fait à la Haye
le 10 Dec 1769.

(signé) le Chev Yorke

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Extract of a Letter fm Sir Joseph Yorke to / Earl of Rochford dated Hague 10th Nov 1769.

I have the honour to transmit to yr Ldp my despatch / Resolution of / States Gen in answer to my Memorial of / 10th of October. Complaints of / Vexations exercised by / Dutch at Elmina agst / Portuguese Vessels who attempted to trade at / British Settlements on / Gulph of Guinea. You are furnished in / Letter of / 20 Oct / Co to whom my Memorial was referred, & / Dr Docs wh accompany the Letter. After perusing them I shall be ready to hear / Dutch Ministers but I did not found the satisfaction on their answer wch I had flattered myself, & I was apprehensive it would not satisfy on England; but observed they had endeavoured to prove their

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Right to levy a Tax upon / Portuguese at their own Settlemts, or to hinder their resorting to them at all, but had only what I was ordered chiefly to complain of, wh was / attempting to prevent / Portuguese from trading at our Settlemts, but on / contrary had found nothing but Recommendations agst H. M.'s Subjects on / Coast, wh did not appear to me / shortest way to come to a good understanding, & they must therefore take / consequences.

The Pensionary told me that as to / form of / ppo, / States gave them in the usual manner as answers to the Resolution, but did not adopt / style of / Ct, & that in England we appeared to follow / same method; that he cd assure me their High Mightinesses did not mean to shut any ill humour nor to support injustice, but that / W. I. C. saw at no small concern the Trade diminishing & their ancient Privileges upon / coast of Guinea nearly cancelled by / Superiority of Ours, wh made them perhaps warmer on / subject than they shd be, wh he hoped cd wd over look: that it appeared to him, indeed that / Dutch had no right nor cd mean to prevent / Portuguese from trading on / English, but he understood that by / Old Treaties of / Portuguese, they were forbid to come upon / Coast, of this nature, that if / W. I. C. opened the Trade to / Dutch Subjects, / Portuguese shd be admitted too, wh was / present footing they were upon wt the Portugals; that by / possession of Elmina, wh / Portuguese were obliged to pass, / W. I. C. had a right to trade / Duty they did not but they were complained of, & some of their Ships had been confiscated for not complying, & unless things / Co naturally endeavoured to support a right founded on Treaty & Prescription, & flattered itself H. M. cd not wish to deprive them of it, merely bec it might be profitable to his Subjects, who had not / same right.

I agreed wt / Pensionary that / silence of Portugal was remarkable but I told him that it appeared to me, their Servants at Elmina & elsewhere did more than collect this Duty, since they put people on board / Portuguese Ships to prevent their trading at our Settlemts, & forced them sensible of it, wh they certainly had no right to do, & must expect to suffer for it. He just touched upon Cape Apollonia wh he said was represented to him as fatal to their Trade, & concluded by saying that he hoped / whole might be amicably & equitably adjusted.

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Extract of a Letter fm / Earl of Rochford to His Excellency Sir Joseph Yorke
Whitehall 24 Nov 1769

Your Excellency's letters down to No 66 have been recd & laid before H. M. The Answer of / Dutch W. I. C. to / complts made by our Merchts trading to Africa agst their Servants upon the Coast, has been transmitted by me to / Bd of Trade, & they will write more fully to Y. E. on / subject, when they have received their observations upon it.

In / meantime Y. E. may intimate to / Dutch Ministers that / Portuguese may be restrained, by the Condemnation from carrying on a Trade with / Dutch Settlemts or perhaps with / Natives of / Country, wh was particularly / ppose to object, in View at the time, this does not appear to be meeting with can be construed to prevent their Intercourse with H. M.'s Subjects there. You will likewise make / Minuting at / Hague sensible of H. M.'s delicacy towards / Republick in not inviting / Court of Lisbon to make a common cause with them in this affair; as / Portuguese will, on this occasion, as they have done before, push their Pretensions further than our Pretensions is concerned in it

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Whitehall 4th Augt 1769

Sir I inclose to Y.E a Copy of a Letter from Govr of C.C.C. to Chr of Co of Merchts trading to Africa, transmitted to me by Lds Commrs of Trade & Plantns, the proceedg of Servants of Dutch W.I.C. therein complained of, in hindrg H.Ms Subjects on Coast from buyg Tobacco of Portuguese, appears so contrary to Laws of Nations, & it is not to be comprehended on what pretce it can be attempted. I am therefore to signify to Y.E H.Ms Pleasure that you make a proper Representation to States Gen. & require orders to be given to Offrs of Dutch Co (who, I am sorry to say, at some time past given too much cause of complaint in such respects), that they do not interrupt H.Ms Subjects in their Trade on any Pretn whatsoe I am &c

Rochford

Sir Joseph Yorke

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Traduction (Copie)

Extrait du Registre des Resolutions de Leurs Hautes Puissances, les Seigneurs Etats Generaux des Provinces Unies

du Vendredy 27e Octobre 1769.

Recu une Lettre des Representans de Son Excellence Messrs et Directeurs de la Compagnie établie aux Indes Occidentales de la Chambre d'Amsterdam, écrite de cette Ville le 24 du courant, portant pour satisfaire à la Resolution de Leurs Hautes Puissances du 10e precedent des informations sur le Mémoire que Monsr le Chevalier Yorke, Ambassadeur Extraordinaire et Plenipotentiaire de Sa Majesté le Roi de la Grande Bretagne avoit presenté le même Jour à Leurs Hautes Puissances pour se plaindre de ce que les Employés de la Compagnie sur la Côte de Guinée auroient tâché de traverser et d'empêcher le Commerce que faisoient les Anglois avec les Portugais qui n'auroient pas payé les droits, le tout mentionné plus amplement dans le dit Memoire et aux actes des 10 de ce Mois.

Sur quoi ayant été délibéré il a été trouvé bon & arrêté que Copie de la dite Lettre et de ses annexes sera remise par le Directeur Fagel, en l'absence de l'Agent de Bijenwerf, à Monsieur le Chevalier Yorke pour qu'il y voye que la Compagnie Hollandoise des Indes Occidentales est incontestablement en droit d'empêcher aux Portugais la communication avec la Côte de Guinée; mais que nonobstant cela, la Compagnie leur a accordé depuis longtemps la permission de negocier sur cette Côte, sous la condition expresse et non autrement, qu'ils payeroient la dixième de leur Cargaison par forme de recognoissance, ou de droit de peage, et qu'en outre le Navire qui auroit ainsi payé les droits seroit pourvu d'un Passe port, & recevroit à bord un Employé ou Garde de la Compagnie qui l'accompagneroit constamment; que les Maîtres de Vaisseaux Portugais se sont soumis en tout tems à ces arrangemens; mais que les Anglois auroient tâché depuis quelque tems de le renverser

et qu'au lieu de se tenir neutres entre les Portugais et nous ils s'étoient appliqués à faire avec les Portugais sur la Côte de Guinée le Commerce défendu, leur facilitant non seulement tout moyen de se soustraire aux arrangemens pris avec les Compagnie Hollandoise, mais employant même quelquefois la violence pour chasser des Ports ou les employés de la Compagnie, des traites Portugais, pour la dépossession ainsi de ses droits. Que bien avant que les Anglois eussent quelque sujet de plainte particulière contre les Employés de la Compagnie sur la Côte de Guinée, c'est la Compagnie au contraire qui a tout sujet de se plaindre des procédés des Anglois; et qu'ainsi leurs Hautes Puissances se flattent et attendent de l'équité reconnue de sa dite Majesté, qu'après que Elle aura fait duement examiner cette affaire, Elle fera parvenir à ses Employés aux la Côte d'Afrique des ordres précis de ne se mêler absolument plus du trafic que font les Portugais avec ceux de la Compagnie Hollandoise, et de la laisser jouir tranquillement de ses droits; que Sa Majesté peut être assurée que de leur côté Leurs Hautes Puissances ne permettront pas que les Employés de la Compagnie Hollandoise portent le moindre empêchement au trafic Exclusif des Anglois

L Quarles pr
Accord avec le susdit Registre
(signé) H Fagel

B.

Traduction

Lettre des Representans de Son Altesse Serenissime, et Directeurs de la Compagnie Octroyée des Indes Occidentales de la Chambre de Amsterdam

Datée 24 } Octobre 1769
Reçue 27 }

Hauts et Puissans Seigneurs

Nous avons reçu la lettre très respectée de Vos Hautes Puissances du 10e de ce mois accompagnée de la Resolution qu'Elles ont prises le même jour sur le Memoire par lequel M. le Chevalier Yorke Ambassadeur Extraordinaire et Plenipotentiaire de Sa Majesté le Roi de la Grande Bretagne, s'est plaint de ce que les Employés de la Compagnie sur la Côte de Guinée auroient taché de traverser et d'empêcher le Commerce que faisoient les Anglois avec les Portugais, que n'ayant pas payé les droits et sur quoi il a plu à Vos HH PP de requerir notre Rapport

Pour obeir à vos Ordres Nous avons l'Honneur de conformer Vos HH PP sous que Nous et Leurs avons déja fait remarquer plusieurs fois, qu'on n'a jamais fait ni entrepris de la Part de la Compagnie aucun fait qui puisse donner aux Anglois aucun juste Sujet de Plainte; mais qu'au contraire les Anglois sur la Côte de Guinée mettent continuellement en usage tout ce qui est contraire à la bonne intelligence et tend à priver la Compagnie de ses Droits et Possessions.

Nous n'arrêterons pas, à present, Vos HH PP par un Recit de ces Procedés, mais nous nous contenterons,

En 1er lieu, de leur exposer incontestablement le Droit incontestable qu'a la Compagnie, d'empêcher aux Portugais la communication avec la Côte de Guinée

Et en 2e lieu de donner à Vos HH PP des Eclaircissemens sur les Faits mentionnés, quoique sans Discussion dans les Annexes du Memoire de Monsr Yorke.

Quant au 1er Point, pour ne pas entrer dans un Detail circonstancié qui ne feroit que detourner Vos HH PP de leurs importantes Occupations, nous nous referrons simplement, pour prouver le Droit sans

mentionné et qu'il n'est pas permis aux Portugais de venir sur la Côte de Guinée, au Rapport que l'Assemblée a fait à vos HH. PP. le 11 Mars 1724, sur le Mémoire en l'Annexe y joint de Mrs. Mendoça de Corte Real Envoyé Extraordinaire de Sa Majesté le Roi de Portugal, Et pour la Commodité de Vos HH PP nous leur envoyons ci-joint un Exemplaire imprimé de ce Rapport; Par lequel Elles verront clairement que les Portugais n'ont pas le moindre Droit à cette Navigation, et qu'il leur est uniquement permis d'aller à Cacheo et Angola, y compris les Isles de St Thomas et d'Ile Principe

Non obst. obstant le Droit de la Compagnie, et quoique les Portugais n'en fussent aucun de naviger sur la Côte de Guinée, la Compagnie, usant de la plus grande indulgence, a permis dès le commencement aux Portugais de venir trafiquer sur la Côte, mais sous la Condition expresse, et non autrement, qu'en payant la Dixme de leur Cargaison par forme de Redevance ou de Droit de Péage, Et à la seulement à tel effet qu'on donnoit au Maître de Navire qui avoit ainsi payé les Droits un Passeport, après quoi on lui envoyoit à Bord un employé ou Garde de la Compagnie, qui que l'accompagnoit jusqu'à Accra pour le laisser ensuite trafiquer sur la Côte inferieure

Les Portugais se sont toujours conformés à ces arrangemens de la Compagnie en leur faveur, jusques là même qu'ils ont ordonné constamment à leurs Maîtres de Navire dans leurs Instructions de s'y soumettre, d'aborder au Château d'Elmina, et de dy agir suivant l'usage.

Cependant il y a déja fort longtems, que les Bâtiliers Portugais ont pris goût à la Fraude, à contre venir à ces arrangemens amiables et avantageux de toute Façon à leurs Maîtres, et à désobeir aux ordres qui leur ont été donnés de Tems en Tems, ce qu'ils on fait non seulement en passant le Château d'Elmina sans y payer la Redevance accoutumée et sans y recevoir un Passeport, et prendre à Bord une Garde, mais même aussi en se servant y abordant de Documens faux ou doubles, dans lesquels ils n'accusent qu'une Partie de la Cargaison, au moyen de quoi ils frudent la Compagnie d'une Portion de la Redevance qu'ils lui doivent.

Vos HH. PP. verront les Preuves de ces Menées dans l'Interrogatoire sur lequel le Bâtilier Portugais Emanuel Emanuel de Costa Ferreira a été ouï

La Compagnie s'est toujours opposé à ces par des Gardes Côtes, ou des Vaisseaux croisiers qui obligeoient les Navires Portugais qui vouloient passer à retourner à Elmina pour payer leur Redevance et y recevoir du Chef un Passeport, et prendre à Bord un Garde de la Compagnie

Mais les Moyens de la Compagnie étant diminués de Tems en Tems, et devenus enfin trop peu considerables pour empecher par des Moyens, si contraire, les manoeuvres Menées des Maîtres de Vaisseaux Portugais.

Il a plu avec raison à Vos HH PP de prêter main forte à la Compagnie pour défendre ses intérêts, et cette faveur de Vos HH. PP a eue l'heureux Succès qu'elles ont appris par les exploits de la Frégatte l'Amazone sur la dte Côte.

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Nous passons maintenant au 2e Point. Depuis le départ de la dite Fregate, HH et PP. Seigneurs, il ne s'est, à ce que nous sachions, rien fait du tout par la Compagnie relativement avec Portugais, que ce qu'on a jugé necessaire pour le maintien et la conservation de son droit incontestable, chose qui a été faite de tout Tems, et toujours d'un Façon honnête et amiable, et quant à ce Point il ne nous est parvenu de la dite Coté d'autre Rapport que celui que nous avons l'honneur d'exposer tres brièvement ici à Vos HH PP les Faits qui y sont mentionnés paroissent s'accorder en quelque Façon, quoique non pas entierement, avec ceux dont il est parlé dans la Piece annexée au Memoire de Mr. Jorke, dans laquelle on n'a nommé ni le mattre ni le maitre.

En 1er lieu le Capte Matthieus Matthäus, conduisant un Batiment Portugais, arrivé du Brezil le 25 Juin 1769, et declara que sa Cargaison consistoit en 820 Rouleaux de Tabac, mais ensuite il confessa qu'elle montoit à 2316 Rouleaux, et en livrant livra consequemment 232 pour la Redevance où la 10me au lieu de 83 qu'il auroit payé suivant sa premiere Declaration. Ainsi que Vos HH PP pourront s'en convaincre par la Lettre du Directeur General Pierre Woortman datée d'Elmina le 22 Juillet 1769 et par celle du Fiscal Guillaume Sulyard Leefdaal du 12 Juillet de la même année et addressées toutes deux a l'Assemblée des Dix.

En 2e lieu le Capitaine Inmasio Jose de Silva arriva le 29 Juillet à la Rade d'Elmina avec un Batiment Portugais nommé Nossa Senhora à Praeda Joo Joses St Anthonio d'Almas, lequel declara que sa Cargaison consistoit en 1018 Rouleaux de Tabac, mais comme on doutoit de la Verité de cette Declaration on employa premierement la Voye de la Douceur et ensuite des Raisons plus fortes pour l'engager à faire une Declaration plus conforme à la Verité, tellement qu'il confessa que sa cargaison etoit plus considerable et offrit de payer 300 Rouleaux au lieu de 102, ce dont Ceux de la Compagnie se contenterent, pourvu qu'il payât encore les Frais de l'Arrêt comme Vos HH PP pourront le voir par les Lettres du Directeur General Woortman et du Fiscal Sulyard de Leefdaal datées toutes deux du 8 Aout 1769.

Nous pensons qu'on proposa pour ce Capitaine Portugais une Passeport, et qu'on lui donna un Employé ou Garde de la Compagnie, qui, comme suivant l'ordre, devoit le conduire, et lui laisser faire ensuite son Trafic et Commerce. Vint un Capitaine Anglois, de Liverpool, nommé Tibbets Perkins à Bord de ce navire Portugais, et obligea l'employé, ou le Garde de la Compagnie de se retirer, afin qu'il put d'autant plus librement negocier avec le Portugais avant d'etre conduit jusqu'a la coté inferieure. Cette Violence du Capitaine Anglois, et le Trafic dont elle a été effectivement suivie sont detaillées plus amplement dans une lettre du Directeur General Woortman en date du 10 Octobre 1769 dont nous envoyons ci-joint un Extrait a Vos Hautes Puissances Coté No 1. ainsi bien qu'une copie des pieces annexées sous les Lettres A et B qui y etoient jointes, et aux quelles nous nous rapportons très humblement. Le Successeur de la Compagnie, nommé le Beschutter, rencontra dans la Suite

de nouveau le dit batiment Portugais et l'emmena à Elmina, où il fut condamné à cause du Traffic illicite sus mentionné, à une Amende de 300 Rouleaux de Tabac. comme tout cela paroit par une Lettre du Directeur General Woortman en date du 15 Nov.re 1768, dont nous envoyons à part l'Extrait sous No 2. et des annexes sous la Lettre B.

Troisiemement le Capt Jose Francisco de Affonça, arriva le 28 Sept.re 1768 au Château St George d'Elmina, conduisant le Navire Portugais Nossa Senhora da Conceicaõ Bon Jesus de Pedra, et déclara que la Cargaison consistoit en 810 Rouleaux de Tabac, mais doutant aussi de la verité de sa Declaration, on l'exhorta à y reflechir murement sur quoi il demanda d'etre traité gracieusement, ce a quoi le Directeur General consentit, lui faisant payer 232 Rouleaux de Tabac et encore 3 Rouleaux pour trois Esclaves au lieu de 81, moyennant lesquels il tacha d'en etre quitte suivant sa premiere Declaration, comme nous pourrions le prouver par la Lettre que le Directeur General Woortman a écrit le 9 Octobre 1768 du Château d'Elmina a l'Assemblée des Dix

En quatrieme lieu arriva le 1.re d'octobre 1768 en la Rade d'Elmina le Navire Portugais Nossa Senhora de Nazareth Santo Antonio e Almas conduit par le Capitaine Manuel da Costa Ferreira, qui demanda qu'on procedât au plustôt à l'Examen de sa Cargaison. On lui dit là dessus de faire voir, produire ses passeports et Lettres de mer, il répondit qu'il les avoit laissé à bord, et qu'il n'etoit pas necessaire qu'il les produisit puis qu'on devoit l'en croire sur sa parole mais le Directeur General ne pouvoit se contenter de cette Réponse et le Capitaine répondant avec beaucoup de brutalité et d'Insolence à ces instances amiables il ne put se dispenser de lui faire ordonner les Arrêts chez lui, et de faire proceder Juridiquement le Fiscal, qui découvrit, à n'en pas douter, que ce Portugais avoit fait dans les limites de l'Octroy le Commerce défendu et qu'il avoit fermé tout de hâte que pour cacher qu'il avoit des Passeports, ou des Documens semblables, et pour qu'on annoncant sa Cargaison suivant la teneur des faux Documents, il put aussi frauder les Droits de la Compagnie. Vos Hautes Puissances pourront voir les preuves de tout cela dans les Lettres déja citées du Directeur General Woortman du 9 Octobre 1768 et du Fiscale Suijgard du 11 Novembre 1768, et dans les pieces qui y sont jointes; ces pieces etant deux Interrogatoires, sur lesquels on a ouï le dit Capitaine Portugais, et deux Declarations faites sur son sujet par differens Employés de la Compagnie. Cette Affaire a été ensuite terminée par le payement que fit le Capitaine d'un dixieme de sa Cargaison pour Redevance suivant la teneur de son veritable Passeport et d'une Amende pour punition de sa fraude et de ses Brutalités et Insolences

En cinquieme lieu est enfin le Capitaine Manuel da Silva Ferreira conduisant le Navire Portugais Santa Anna e San Joze arriva dans le même mois d'Octobre à la Rade

d'Amamaboe, qui est un lieu libre pour le Commerce, et frequenté qu'il avoit été empeché d'abord de se rendre à Elmina pour payer sa Redevance par la Crainte que son Cargazon n'y fut confisqué, et qu'a present la Violence du Courant ne lui permettoit pas, demandant en consequence qu'on vint prendre à son bord la Redevance ou la dixme qu'il devoit payer suivant la Charge qu'il avoit accusé

Mais comme le Directeur General ne pouvoit y consentir, il lui ordonna de se rendre lui-meme a Elmina pour y payer sa juste Redevance ou dixme ce que refusant de faire, les Anglois l'assisterent tellement à main forte qu'il se dispensa entierement de payer, en esperance qu'après avoir beaucoup trafiqué en cet endroit, il en partit pour St Thomas sous le Convoi d'un Vaisseau anglois, nommé l'Andelope, appartenant a Brest, Pinkerope Anglois tres connu, les quelles choses sont plus amplement detaillées dans la Lettre deja citée et en jointe du Directeur General Woortman du 15 Mars 1768 Cottée No 2 dans ses annexes cottées A.A. B. C. D. E. F. G. et dont vos Hautes Puissances pourront voir encore des preuves ulterieures dans une Lettre du dit Directeur General datée du 10 de ce mois dernier

Par tout ce que nous venons de reconter d'avance, Hauts et Puissants Seigneurs, il paroit en premier lieu, que les Maitres de Vaisseau Portugais reconnoissent tout de fait, que de bouche et par ecrit non seulement les droits de la Compagnie à cet egard, mais encore l'obligation ou ils sont de s'y soumettre.

Et en second lieu, il existe pleinement que bien loin que les Anglois ayent le moindre sujet de se plaindre des Employés de la Compagnie sur la Cote de Guinée, c'est la Compagnie au contraire, qui a tout sujet de s'etonner de ce que les Anglois se melent d'affaires qui lui sont particulieres avec les Portugais. Et elle ne peut se dispenser de faire de nouveau ses plaintes à Vos Hautes Puissances touchant les procedés des Anglois sur la dite Cote, que au lieu de se tenir neutres entre les Portugais et nous, font souvent, non seulement cause que les premiers agissent d'une maniere directement opposée aux Arrangements pris entre eux et nous, pour un Commerce defendu; mais que chassent, meme par la force, les Gardes ou Employés de la Compagnie des Vaisseaux Portugais, comme nous l'avons clairement prouvé par les annexes ci dessus cottées No 1 &c Et que de plus mettent en toute occasion, tout en usage pour depouiller la Compagnie de ses droits, ce dont nous nous flattons que Vos Hautes Puissances sont convaincues par les Pieces cottées No 2. &c par lesquelles il conste, qu'ils ont pris sous leur protection un navire Portugais qui par ce moyen s'est entierement dispensé de payer les droits de la Compagnie, et enfin qui empechent encore de fait les navires Hollandois de poursuivre leur Commerce, ce que Vos Hautes Puissances auront vu par les Annexes cottées No 1 & 3 qui prouvent qu'il ont meme eu l'audace à cette fin de menacer par ecrit contre le Maitre le Sr Jean Gomes Vieira Maitre Pierre Hermanus Schuyler, se trouvant a la Rade d'Amamabo

Sur quoi
Hauts et Puissants Seigneurs
Nous supplions Votre Hautes Puissances de vouloir bien de plus en plus le Gouvernement et les Puissances electrices de Vos Hautes Puissances
En attendant nous sommes avec le plus profond respect
de Vos Hautes Puissances
les tres humbles Serviteurs

Amsterdam ce 24 Octobre 1769

les Representant de son Altesse Serenissime les Directeurs de la Compagnie Octroyée des Indes Occidentales de la Chambre d'Amsterdam
(signé) F. Van Collen Jean Fredrick Berenstein

12.

C.

Annexed Pps o/ WIC.
at Amsterdam rec'd 24 Octr 1769

No 1.

Extract o a Letter o/ Bar. Gen Peter Woodman
Written at St George d'Elmina 1st October 10th 1765

+ directed to / most noble + Honble Genlm / Repre-
o his Serene Hgh + Directors o/ predecessd
WIC at / Assembly o / Ten.

Vide / copy o / original letter in Dutch (fm WIC 118 p 69) — made
by / Hague copyist fm "No 24 Briefen + Papieren ... van de Vergaderinge
van Tienen 12 July 1765 — 30 Sept 1772 — pp 67 + 8 (as noted in
margin there)

Humble Report to the
Honble Abty Gen (Pascal) concerng / Portuguese Ship Nossa Senhora a Penide João
José St Anthony d'Ithmar upon this Coast, commanded by Capt Innocio José. The
same set sail on / 19th Aug at 4 am o/ Honble Co's Barge. They told / Portuguese
capt to keep fm out at sea, wh he refused. On / same m'g abt 4 o'c / Portuguese
hoisted his flag off Cape Coast where there was an English ship, wh hoisted his
sail + they sailed after us, fired once upon us w gunpowder only, + ev'ry
five times w ball; upon wh / Portuguese hoisted his top mast sail. The pilot
* / Hon Co's Bark spoke to / Portuguese, bidg him to lower his top mast sail, wh
he refused, + order / Englishmen coming up at 10 o'clock in the Bbt, an
Englishman came on board / Portuguese, + co 9 hundred / Englishman of Portuguese
fm negotiating one w ano'r. / Englishman returned to his ship. A quarter o an hour
after the came agn 3 Englishmen on board / Portuguese, upon wh 9
agn hindered them to negotiate. The Englishman struck me on / breast +
on my bill 9 / Portuguese not to make any bargains. / Englishman came
upon me + struck me twice, + bid his sailors to throw me over board into
Sea. The Portuguese was immediately 9 willg, w speaking a word to /
Englishman: gave directly w his own hand paper + pens to / Englishman.
The Englishman negotiated for said Two Boesjes fm 50 Rolls Tobacco. When /
Bargain was mutly struck, / Englishman bid me go fm on Board; upon wh
I took shelter in / Hon Co's barge ~~set off Apam, the same~~ afterwards /
Englishman took her 50 rolls Tobacco fm on board + / Portuguese sailed
downwds, as I did likewise w / Hon Co's barge till off Apam; / same morng
half an hour after five, / Pilot o / Hon Co's barge bid / Portuguese to
weigh anchor as he lid anchored this off Apam till / 18th Augt in / morng
at 5 o'clock when he agn set sail + nothing past. In / morng half an hour after
5, beg off Bereoe + Atera, / Pilot called agn to / Portuguese, bidg
him to weigh his anchor. The Portuguese set sail fm Saa, + as soon as
it was dark, / Portuguese hoisted all her sail + sailed away. The Pilot
o/ Hon Co's Barge fired one shot w ball after her. We hoisted all our
sail in order to overtake / Portuguese, but it was not more possible to overtake
him. The 19th August we came off Atera at 11 o'c / Co's Snaw - Beschutter.
We gave a call, + inquired after her. We heard she was 6 g off Pomy Goods
wh we went under sail, + not finding / Hon Co's Snaw 6 g off Pomy, we gave
a call at Pomy where we asked after her [fm] / Hon Mr de Mont, +
he told us / Hon Co's Snaw must stay off Mungo, on wh we set off agn
+ on / 20th Augt did meet w / Co's Snaw 6 g off Mungo. We made our report
to / Capt. The Pilot o / Co's barge + myself made a declaration, on wh / Co's
Snaw directly sailed downwds; + myself at a Canoe towed Pomy. +
/ Co's barge went likewise upwds.

(sga) Pelam Hagselaar
Compared + collated w the original
sgd Theuens Secretary

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Lt B. Copy o a Letter wrote by / Honble President Peter Woortman to Mr Gilbert Petrie Gove o / English Establishments on / Coast o Africa resdg at Cabo Corso. [dated Elmina 2 Sept 1768]

[Vide copy o d in Notebook "Journal 1767-1769" (5) - p 95.]

D.

Papers annexed to / Letter o / G.S.I.C. at Amsterdam received 24 October 1769 no 2.

Extract o a Letter o / Br. Pen. Peter Woortman written at Elmina / 15th November 1768. to / most noble & Honble Gent.n / Regents o his most Serene Highness & / Directors o / privileged G.S.I.C. at / Assembly o / Gen.

[Vide Dutch copy o / original by Hague Copy &c, No 24 Brieven en Papieren van Guinea aan de Vergaderg van Heeren Thesaur... 12 July 1765 - 30 Sept 1772. (G.S.I.C 116 p 21) pp 9-10. The refers to / various annexes to / Letter are noted in / margin thro']

Annexe Lit G. to / above Letter has not been noted from / Dutch archives The English translation of it is as follows:-

Lit G. By order o / Honble Peter Woortman President o / H & S Coast o Africa &c &c &c

I / undersigned do informed myself o / Circumstance o / Engl. English ☞ / Port. Ships Lying at anchor here in Annemaboe named Santa Anna & San Jose, commanded by Capt Manoel da Silva Ferreira on / Lying o wh Informations I did my utmost endeavours was an Eye-Witness to part thereof & / rest I discovered by secret informations so as I think to / Honour to report / same to Y.

To Wit. That I was personally present on board / English Ship, commanded by Capt. Thos Eagles, at / time / Port. Ship lay at anchor five off in / Sea. Facg Mauree, when / Capt o / Port ship came to / above mentd English Capt to inform himself who he wd be protected by / English. Upon wh / English Capt did direct / Portuguese to / fortress o Annemaboe, to wh fort he directly addressed himself, & a few hours after went w his Ship upon / Coast, when I went to him to ask him who he had bn at / Head Castle St George d'Elmina, wh he replied to in / negative, & / reasons he alleged were that he had bn warned by an English Assistant at anchor off Cape Apolonia, named Smith, & divers Negroes, that / Portuguese were at War w / Dutch & one Ship had already bn confiscated, & that there were dozens o Ships whose fate was then uncertain but wh were still detained at / Head Castle, & that if he shd address himself to Elmina his Ship wd, wt doubt, likewise be declared a good Prize. The above mentd Port Capt assured to me to be / reason o his having passed Elmina, but that he was not unwilling to pay / usual Recognition to ye Honour and Servt to / same. All wh at time I did directly acquaint ye Honour of, but in return recd ye orders to go myself on Board / Portuguese in order to intimate to / Capt ye will & pleasure viz:- that Y.H wd not comply w his desire o sending to / Town

fm / coast o Annemaboe, but t he & / ship under his command was to come as usual to / Head Castle, wh, if he did not do, then all possible means methods wd be taken to take hold o him & his ship wh wd fail wd be declared a good Prize. Altho' I explained all this to him, & likewise verbation, / orders contained in Y H's Letter, yet did he stick to his resolution as above, & indeed much more so, as directly after I had scarce bn on Board f a half a quarter o an hour, when / Commander o/ English Fort Tantum Querry, named Thomas Drew in a Pge canoe arrd on board o /sd Port. Ship, bringg along w him 6 Soldiers w their guns & Swords, changed w / following message to / Port: Capt, t his Petrie, Governr o Cape Coast has sent me to acquaint y t y will be protected by us; to t effect I h bro 6 soldiers along w me, & in case y think y shd h occn f more, then his Petrie will send y some more, & y h no occn to suffer any Dutchman to be on board y ship; but if y think fit y can throw them all overboard. f at present y are under our protecn. All wh I likewise acquainted Y H w by way o a Letter wh I beg leave to refer to. After wh Y H gave me orders not to go any more on board / Ship, but to keep a sharp look out after her departure & give immediate intelligce throf.

The day following I acquainted Y H t / Portuguese ha stuck up an English Flag, upon wh Y H ordered me to take minute informan o all what passed between / English & / Portuguese & report / same. Therfore I procured as many informers as I possibly cd & did actually hear t / Port: Capt had requested a Pass port fm / English — wh, if I h bn well informed, will be granted him, as also a Commando o English soldiers w an officer, wh has bn likewise granted to him, in order thus to brag him under English Colours, at / top to / Island o St Thome. Likewise will he be aided by way o convoy a ship o / Freeman Mr Richard Drew called / Entreloper o 20 guns four pounders. The Port. Capt has likewise port o / above mentd Richd Drew — piece four pounders to be found in his ship. And two days passed thr arrd at Annemaboe anr Commando fm Cap Coast, who they were to be employed as / Commando above mentd f / sd Ship or wh they R bn shot to relieve / Garrison at Annemaboe is, informed to me, but / sd Commando was thr overturned in / Bay o Hoe [sic] The price fr wh / Port: sold / Tobacco is twenty two English Coopm pr. The Governr Petrie o Cap Coast has, as I am informed negociated 60 Rolls, Mr Brodie Gov o Hoe 50, Mr Drew Commander o Tantum Querry 20, Capt Mr Brent 500, Capt Cumming 22, Capt Eagles 26, Capt Price 50, Capt Walkers 56; & he sells very day to / Negroes. But this is impossible f me to particularize, but / price o / Negroes is, since yesty, 1 oz Merchandize a at first it has bn 1 oz & Angels. The merchandize wh he is to receive fm / English were be stored here until a better opty offers to ship / same f / Island o St Thomé & this is all what I can mention o this affair in hopes wt this to be fulfilled f Y H's Orders & Interest

I am - &c - Sgd Jam Workman

Commantyn
10th Octr 1760

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E

Pylage by ein Nassoe van de
les- J Co te Amsterdam
Rec 24 October 1769

Copy Sir I ye long understood ye business I are has bn w Your Countman
o Cormantijne, & c ye Cask in this Road for / convenience only o Wood & Water for
ye ships, but I am now informed ye are purchasg Negroes fm / Natives
I are sensible t it is not permitted to our ships to trade
under ye Forts, & for / same reason I cannot expect t indulge fm as
I therefore desire ye will weigh ye anchor & drop down to
Cormantijne on rect o this Perse ye be under / disagreable necessity o
effectg it by ye means I am &c
John Fronde

Annamaboe Fort
10 Augt 1768
To Capt Herman Sluyter Annamaboe Road

F

Extract o / Dutch Paper entitled Refutation o /
Arguments alledged by M Duke de Mendoca Corte Real
Envoy fm / King o Portugal to / Court in a Memorial
presented by him to / States Gen o / 15th o Sept 1727
in answer to / Representations o / Dutch W. I. C. in 1725
asserting " t / Subjects o Portugal had no right to navigate
" along / Upper-Coast o Guinea, nor even upon / Lower
" except directly to their own Settlements; & c / Charter
" granted to / Contrary by / King o Portugal in 1724
" to Jean Basaim cannot affect or prejudice / 5th Art
" W. I. C"

[to be translated fm / photostats o / original printed pamphlets]

Pp 23. Read Dec 6 1769

To / Rt Honble / Lords Commrs for Trade & Plantations
The memorial o / Clerk o / Co o Merchts trading to Africa

Sheweth That on / 26th November 1768 / Memorialist Clerk presented a Memorial
to / Rt Honble Viscount Weymouth one o h Mts Ppal Secs o S. founded on /
remarks wh / Clerk had then o presenting to ye Lords / 12th o May 17 67 complaining
o / unjustifiable behaviour o / Dutch Gov & Council o / Fort St George
D'Elmina on / Coast o Africa for setting off / Communication by Canoe between
Fort Appolonia, at ye time building under / direction o / sd Clerk pursuant to an Act
o Parliament passed in / fourth Year o his present Majesties Reign, & / ye British
Settlements

5.

Ton / 31st May 1769 ye Memorialists recd a letter from Gilbert Petrie Esqre / Gov. o Cape Coast Castle complaing o / arbitrary proceedgs o / Dutch on / Coast o Africa towds / Portuguese, & they had actually seized & confiscated one o the Ships & levyed an exorbitant Fine on another of Tradg vs / British Forts & Settlemts on t Coast.

Ton / 30th August ye Memorialists recd another Ltr from / Gov. o C.C.C. wh contains / following paragraph

"as ye Appolonia / Dutch still persist in denying us a
"free passage to it by land to our infinite Prejudice."

Ye Capt Tonyn o HMS / Phoenix lately arrd from / Coast o Africa hath informed ye Memorialists he expostulated vs / Dutch Gov. o Fort St George D'Elmina for entg off / Communicon by Land betwn Fort Appolonia & ye British Forts & Settlemts on / Coast o Africa & to / sd Gov. gave him for Answer -

"T / Affair was referred to / Consr o / States Gen & tho
"ed do nothg in it wt positive Orders from home"

Ye Memorialists beg leave to observe to ye Lds Ps t / above Answer is Rebation / same as was given in March 1767 to Capt Lambert o HMS Phoenix who then in ye Mts name demanded o / Dutch Gov. a reason for such unwarrantable proceedgs And t no relief is yet obtained.

Ye Memorialists therefore hope ye Lds Ps will be pleased to take such steps in this impt Affair as may restore to ye Subjects settled at ye Tradg to / Coast o Africa the undoubted Rights o a free Communicn & a free Trade thro Lawfully & Treacherously invaded by / Arbitrary proceedgs o / Dutch Gov. & Council o Fort St George D'Elmina on / sd Coast

By Order o / Ctee o /
Co. Merchts trading to Africa
(Sgd) Richd Camplin Secry

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Pp 32 Read Feby 15 1770

13 Feb 1770 Admlty. In Ltr from Phil Stephens to John Pownall Secry to / B o T.

— Sends for their Lds Ps Information copies o / Accts o / State & Condn o / Forts & Settlemts on / Coast o Africa, enclosed in a Ltr recd from Capt Tonyn o HMS. Phoenix.

[Summaries]

Winnebah Fort 24 April 1769
Charles Bell Chief, 1 Factor, 1 Serg[t], 1 Gunner, 5 Soldiers, Slaves - 5 m. 5 w.
Guns 5 6[lb] Honeycombed. 6 4[lb] 2 3[lb] 3 2[lb] 2 1[lb] Tolerable. 2 1[lb] useless, Carriages Slaves.
Exterior Walls in pretty good condition Hall wants new floor & roof. Tower wants new roof
Tower wants in / Spurs on ye bad repair. New Gun carriages much needed.
No Artificer in / Fort
(Sgd) Chas Bell

Annamaboe Fort 21st April 1769
1 Gov. 1 Factor, 1 Serg[t], 1 Gunner, 5 Soldiers, 1 Gardener. Free Negroes 6 Cabboceers, 1 Linguist
1 Interp. 3 Bombays, 1 Water Slaves 23 m 4 b 6 w 3 g.
Guns 8 24[lb] 6 18[lb] 3 12[lb] 18 6[lb], 13 Sebilg guns, 1 Brass Cohorn, Carriages Slaves ---
Most o / outside & inside Walls want plastering. Remain in tolerable order
For John Smith Chief
George Gibson Factor

James Fort Accra, 25th April 1769.
David Mill Chief, 1 Factor, 1 Factor at Prampram, 1 Serg[t], 1 Gunner, 4 Soldiers, 1 Serg[t] Prampram
w 2 soldiers. Slaves 11 m at Accra & Prampram 4 b. 14 w. 1 g. Prampram
Guns 2 18[lb] 5 12[lb] 2 9[lb] 15 6[lb] 4 4[lb] 3 3[lb] 4 1[lb] (Carriages wh 4 good) Brass Slaves
the Fort in an extremely ruinous state ---- Coco nuts posts of bad, No materials
have got Locally except Stone. Prampram in a worse State than Accra.
(Sgd) David Mill

Fort Appolonia 17th April 1769.
1 Chief Surveyor, 1 Surgeon, 1 Serg[t], 1 Gunner, 6 Soldiers. Slaves 31. Canoes 4.
Guns 6 6[lb] 6 3[lb] 5 2[lb] 6 1[lb] w carriages complete
Wharf Bastion complete. 4 cannon mounted. 5 Bastion to height o Guns, No Bastions / same.
(Sgd) Thos Saunders

Dixcove Fort n.d.

Thomas Williams Chief 1 Sergt 6 Soldiers Free negroes 3 Cabrs 1 Linguist 1 Writer 1 Cook
Slaves 4 m 1 f. Guns 17 lb 9 3 lb 6 ½ lb Ordnance stores ... 1 Wheel carriage
Sgd Alexr Thompson

Cape Coast Castle 24 April 1769.

John Grossle Esqr &c. Mem taken accot. Jn Stephens Secr. Ro Macreadie Surgeon Robt Collins Ward Mr
6 Factors 1 Writer 1 Chaplain (Chief Quaque) 1 Sergeant 1 Corpl 1 Drum Major 3 Drummers 3 Fifers 26 Soldiers 1 Castle Bombay 1 Butler 1 Master of Hospital 1 Cook
Slaves 100 m. 260 f. 69 ch. Guns 6 m 3 f. Guns 8 12 lb 2 16 lb 3 9 lb 2 6 lb 1 18 lb 1 9 lb
5 6 lb 2 3 lb 12 1 lb 11 3 lb 1 2 lb – On platforms 18 2-3 Pattaroes 2 iron wooden
Ordnance Stores. –
Sgd John Grossle

Tantum quero Fort 24 April 1769
Thos Brew Chief 1 Factor 1 Sergt 1 Gunner 5 Soldiers 1 White 1 Mulatto. Free Blacks –
Coffee Aqua Friend landlord Queen Canal Wickside Bombay 1 Cook. Apprizee Cabr at
Lagoe. Quansah Cabr at Mumford. Slaves 4 m 3 f. Guns 2 9 lb & 4 6 lb 2 3 lb 4 1 lb
(Carriages rotten) Internal repairs loopholes doors plastering & whitewashing walls repaired
Sgd Thos Brew

Succondee Fort 29 April 1769
Francis Callisac Chief 1 Factor 1 Sergt 1 Gunner 5 Soldiers Slaves 6 m 6 f
Guns 3 9 lb 2 6 lb 12 4 lb 5 3 lb 7 1 lb Ordnance stores –
Interior scarcely habitable exterior walls worse, only 1 entire Bastion at 4
Sgd Francis Callisac.

Commenda Fort 29 April 1769
Wm Green Chief 1 Sergt 1 Gunner. 5 Soldiers Slaves 9 m 5 f
Guns 2 6 lb 14 12 lb 3 9 lb 2 6 lb 2 6 lb 10 2 lb 6 1 lb ordnance stores
Fort in very good repair
(Sgd) Wm Green.

Pp 33. Read Feb 15th 1770

Thomas Trunder to / Ctee

C Appointe Appointing 30 March 1769.

– Reports progress on Fort – Presents Chiefs + recommends
Garrison of 14 whites + 20 Blacks when Fort completed –

Pp 34 Read Febry 15 1770.

John Grossle to / Ctee

C C C. 24 July 1769.

– Reports death of John Smith Chief of Annamaboe – He sent Trunder there at CCC to take chge at Tantumquerry.

– Season continues unhealthy many Natives & dead of small pox. including 10 Slaves. Weather boisterous sea very bad –

– Incloses Minutes of appointments made.

– As Appol. Fort nearly finished + Trunder came whence after Ctee / weather moderates in Sept / when he were complete it according to Brahams plans) he has been promoted to Tantumquerry Fort. ~~where before~~ Williams takes charge of Appol Fort

– Has Trunder on his return to Appolonia sh'd direct to survey / estimate for ~~estimates~~ of / new & other repairs –

Pp 35 Read Febry 15 1770

Trender to / Clee Tantum quarry Fort 13 August 1769.

Friday abt noon Mr Lane at Lagoe departed this life — Trenders at gr length / plundring o / deced property + house — He went over + succeeded in burying / body. Afterwards He recovered some pty in the confusion o / mob + / Pyrates afterwards sent him some more —

Pp 37 Read Febry 15 1770

John Grable to / Clee C.C.C. 8th September 1769

— Sends a 2nd copy o his last letter [by Capn Stephens o / Africa] by Capn Pavely o HM Sloop Weazle who arrd at Winnebah / 4th inst in distress having buried 4 Engineers intended for this place + 8 o his own, as per wch see by / inclosed para. o a Ltr rec'd from him no 2 [m h]

Mr James Lane a private Trader settled at Lagoe, a village not far from Tantum quarry, having died on / 1st inst, / Negroes entered his house + plundered it, a partic acct o wh y'll be inclosed in an abstract no 3 [m h] for — Ltr rec'd from Mr Trender who luckily arrd at Tantumquarry Fort a few days before this happened, + by his address recovered a gr part o Mr Lane's effects He expects / whole o it or / most o it will be deld up to him when he returns for Appolonia. Tish only mention to y Mr Trender hd continued at / last mentd place, Tantum quarry Fort must b fallen to Mr Green's lot, in wh case I am o opinion y thing belongd to / deced wd b lost. for / Negroes seldom pay much respect to such young men, especially in / Fanti Country.

— As Mr Lane left no Exor he (Grable) will undertake it —

The unloading o boats in carrying materials for repairg this Castle + / Out forts has hitherto been attended w many inconveniences — 6 lost in 30 months past / people perished — Has therefore bot a Schooner wh will carry as much as 5 boats + navigated by half / no o people — The cost only £350 —

The Smallpox rages w gr fury at this Town + I am told above 200 o its inhabitants h be swept away — 2 Co Slaves offered in propr — As he fears they will lose more — asks them to obtain 100 young men + boy slaves from Senegal who they are cheap; but send no women slaves

— Sends. no 4 + 5, estimates for repairg + finishg Annamaboe + Tantum quarry Forts —

Mr John Johnston, John Paxton + Hugh Johnston arrd here on / 4th inst + handed me yr Ltr o / 30th May + 22nd June w yr Resolution in favour o Mr David Mill in consequence o wh he is appted Vice Resident o / Council in / room o Mr Charles Bell who hd succeeded one in yr Station by Virtue o yr former Resolution in his favour dd 26th May 1768.

— refer to John Johnston + his brother Hugh —

Messrs Trender + Williams arrd at Cape for hence removed for C Appst The former has orders to hasten on his way up + make out Estimates for repairg Commenden + Tantum, + rebuilding Succondee Forts

By Mr Trenders removal to Tantumquarry / salary o his succr Mr Williams at Appolonia, is reduced to £100 pa

But / arbitrary manner w wh / Dutch pretend to trade / Portuguese is likely to prove o infinite prejudice to / British Commerce, while it enables our Competitors to keep 5 or 6 Vessels + boats afloat, one o them mounting 22 guns, + thus by shewg / Natives their superiority over us, they teach them to look upon us in a despicable light wh must soon be attended w serious consequences if not checkd by / Superior Power o our Legislature

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Yr this day recd a Sy x Coy &c no f. fm / Masters o Ships in Annamaboe Road, wh I shd not answer till I h / Opinions o / Members o / Council. I must only beg leave to observe. t they wd in equal justice insist upon / erecting a Prampram Fort, wh is a Factory to / Chief o Accra, & t / Chiefs o Forts shd not employ the Crafts in trade to / diff parts o / Coast, merely to please them. It appears to me t they h been set on by a Pson who took advantage o the ignorce of them & by t means drawg / Trade fr / Dutch Forts. If they wd only give themselves time to think, they wd be convinced t these Factories are o infinite service to the Owners, bec all / Slaves purchd at them are agn sold to British Ships at a Sy moderate profit besides sevl o / places mentd in / Memorial are not places o trade tho they are made so by hvg Factories in them & by t means drawg / Trade fr / Dutch Forts. Capt Howes o Bristol hd / refusal o all / Slaves purchd at Mumford, but I is Sy certain t / grest part o them wd h been carried to / neighbouring Dutch Fort as Apam, hd not a Trader been settled at / former place. Experience shews t / most part o / Slaves got by / Ships boats, & not under our Forts, / established markets to wh / negroes resort, & h the choice wh to sell their Slaves to / Chiefs or to / Masts o such boats as happen to be on / neighbour hood. But these wise regulations o / African Trade, to shew the umpire, dot proper to meet on board Capt Howes Ships & to sign, under a discharge o / gr guns, / above mentd produc^{n} o the plentiful meal, nor do I in / least doubt t the Negro Gold takers, who within these few years h been admitted to the Tables & made companions o, Rs a share in it, & in mak^{g} Honble mention o / African Clee & the Servants owe a bumper. How far / Consequces o such riotous assemblys may tend to lessen / Authority o / Publick Officers, & to introduce licentiousness amg / Negroes, whose insolce grows daily more insufferable, I will not pretend to determine, but humbly submit it to yr better Judgem^{t}.

The grant o £2000 f. repairg this Castle is Sy reasonable indeed & I may depend on t sum beg laid out w frugality & to / best advantage

– Asks f. 20 hg Blunderbusses, Tower proof & fixed on Swivels, f. / Schowne & / outforts. They are more serviceable than gr guns

I am – &c –
John Grossle

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Estimate o materials required f. Repair o Tantumquerry Fort
Includes 1400 Hogsheads o Shells at 5/- £350 Gross money]
sgd Thomas Bell
Thomas Trender

Pp 38

Estimate o materials wanted f. repairg & compleatg Annamaboe Fort viz f. rebuildg / Hall & Warehouse under it. Buildg 2 new rooms on / top o / East Buildg. New roofg / West Buildg & pavg / Parade

Annamaboe Fort
4 Sept 1769

sgd Charles Bell.
Thomas Trender

Pp 39 Read Febry 15th 1770

Thos Trenders to / Clea

Tantumquerry Fort 9 Augst 1769

– Reports on / bad state o / Fort –

Pp 40 Read Feb^{y} 15 1770

[n.d.]

Hon^{ble} Gentlemen &c / Gentlemen &c / Council

Sir

We are concerned to be obliged to lay before y^{r} / g^{r} Lordship we labour under from / number &c Factorys established by / Gentlemen in / Cte's service at Agar, Amanda, Mumford, Shadoe & 2^{d} places betwn this place & Accra; places at wch our long boats made a very material part &c our Purchase, & were very instrumental in gov^{g} us dispatch from / Coast. But now our long Boats & Shallops, altho fitted out at an very expence are &c little or no use to us beg so very possibly opposed by those Factorys. In Justice to / Gentlemen by whom we are employed, we cannot pass over an affair wh affects our purchase in part^{r} &c / Trade in gen in so very material a manner, & must take / Liberty to observe to we think such proceedgs illegal, & not in / least consonant to / Institution &c / British Forts wh we always imagined was to aid & assist us.

As we alone are accountable to ~~fy~~ y^{r} / g^{r} Hon^{ble} repose in us by our owners, it behoves us very justly to acquaint them wt all affairs & affects our trade in / least degree

We therefore hope y will see / rectitude &c immediately evacuating those Factorys, & Trade may once more circulate on a manner more equal manner, & as a copy &c this applica^{n} to y will be produced by us to our said Employers we exped y^{r} answer in writg & are — &c —

Robert Hows / Thomas Goodwin / John Hazlewood / Am^{b} Green / Caleb Gardener / Hector M^{c}Neal / Joseph Heath / Willm Noble

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[The 4 following lrs & hon copied in order &c date]

The Cte to Gov & Council &c CCC

African Office London 30 November 1769

Gent^{n}

Since our letter to y &c / 22^{d} June [n h] we h rect y^{r} 2 letters &c / 10 March [P 1 4] 24 April [P 1 supra] & May [P 2] & 21 June [P 3]

By / inclosed copy &c / Minutes &c / Cte y will see Cte / promo^{ns} made by y^{r} said Cte's &c Council thro specified are all confirmed except Mr Bell, Mr Mill beg restored to his Rank by a former Cte — Some &c / gent^{n} are only confirmed ~~provisionally~~ conditionally bec on y^{r} promo^{n} y h not followed our Instruc^{n} to promote according to Seniority —

We are well pleased to hear t a perfect tranquillity reigns betwn / Ashanders & Fantees & recommend it to y by all means to continue & improve / present good understandg & subsists betwn them.

The behaviour &c / Dutch w regard to Appolonia & other y^{r} unwarrantable proceedgs on / Coast h ~~been~~ bn repeatedly represented ~~to us by~~ by us to Gov in such a manner t we hope someth effectual will be now done as Capt Tonyn &c HMS Phoenix has bn lyg at Spithead ready to sail this fortnight past & only waits y^{r} orders on this subject, wh we flatter ourselves will be to act vigorously

We totally disapprove / sending any Native &c Africa to England to be educated & y any y^{r} purpose what^{r} except some very extraordinary Event shd happen on / Coast to render it absolutely necy.

We h not had leisure to take y^{r} Form &c an Establishm^{t} &c / accuracy / subject requires, therefore must postpone giving any directions thro this / next time we write to y. Only by / present we observe in gen what y h sent seems like an Acct &c / Establishm^{t} as it at present exists, rather than / Opinion &c / Gov & Council what it ought to be, wh was what we required & now desire to h sent. Also t y will send us as speedily as possible y^{r} Opinion &c / lowest necy Establishm^{t} &c / Forts at C. Appol when compleat.

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We h ordered £50 p a addl allowce to / Gov^r & his Table bec we think it & / honour o/ Service t/ Capt^n o/ Guard shd be a constant guest at / Gov^rs Table We likewise recommend it to / Gov^r sometimes to admit / Revd Mr Quaque to his Table & to give him his Countence & protecn upon all occasns, as it is hoped / cause o Religion will be promoted thby.

We come now to ye melancholy Ltr o / 21st June. We were in some measure prepared & / fatal news by a Ltr recd from Mr Petrie at Barbadoes This The loss / Public hath sustained by / death o so many worthy young men in our Service is exceedgly lamented by us, & our humanity no less affected by / almost sudden death o so many poor Soldiers - - - we send y a Capt^n o/ Guard 6 Writers 2 Surgeons & 9 Artificers ... & 50 Soldiers mostly young men

We have bn represented to us t/ Barracks at C.C.C. are very flawed, consequently t/ Damps arisg frm / Earth are v^y prejudicial & t/ stench frm / Slaves Hole is sometimes almost intolerable — To remedy this they send Boats & Plank Boarding & Brasiers for fires to be lighted very evng at Sundown - The Slave Hole to be kept constantly clean - the health o/ Soldiers is o gt consequence to / Service & .·. recommend / Proposal to issue to them daily a proporn o the pay in wholesome provns. —

We have also been represented to us t/ Barracks at Annamaboe are also v^y unhealthy. We direct t/ Soldiers be removed off / ground floor immediately

- Erect t/ Survey o/ Forts be finished & sent home as soon as possible
- Inclose Invoices outg to £ 12,172 - 4 4 & suppliés stores sent by ye Ship
- Some Artificers & a quantity o Brick & Timber to repair C.C.C. / sum o £2000 have bn granted this yr - & this very Work
- Safe accts to be kept o all repairs.
- Send scales & C.C.C. & 9 Outforts (undrsg whydah)

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By order o/ Ctee &c
Richd Campion Secy

The Ctee to Goodle Gov & Council CCC Read Feby 15 1770

Africa Office London 6 December 1769

On / 2nd inst we read Gov Goodle's Ltr o 24 July [P 17] ... Also Our Tinders Ltr o 30 March [P 17] — They approve / Spurr beg added to Forts Appol. proposed by Tinder

By Order &c.
Richard Campion Secy

The Ctee to Gov & Council CCC.

Africa Office London 20 December 1769

We recd yr Ltr o / 8 Sept [P 18] &c / Remonstrce inclosed frm / Masters o Ships in Annamaboe Road to / Governor & Council, relative to / Factorys established by / Cos Servants on / Coast. Till we h come more fully considered what steps are necy to be taken in / matter, we insist y do not suffer / Servants o / Co to carry on any Trade to / prejudice o / Merchts & Free Traders

By Order &c
Richard Campion Secy

The Ctee to Fronde & Council

Africain office London 4 February 1770

Jas Fronde in his Ls o 8 Sept 1769 [P18] incloss a Remonstrance fm / Masters o Ships in Annamaboe Roads informs us he shd not answer / sd Remonstrce till he had taken / opinion o / Council. We expected fm yr opinion & answer to / sd Remonstrce but are much disappointed to find wt are many private Ltrs fm / Coast since t time, wt advice any advices fm y upon this or any other Subject. We therefore desire & hereby require & direct t any private Factory in / Gold Coast settled by psons in / Ctees Service be immediately evacuated on pain o dismissg instantly fm / Service wt y psn not complyg wt this Order: & if it are y sh discover any Psn or Psons in / Ctees Service concerned directly or indirectly on their own Names or in / name o any other Psn in establishg any such Factories it is likby ordered t such psn or psons so offendg be immediately discharged from our Service

By Order o / Ctee &c.
(sgd) Richard Champion
Secry

Pp 46 Read March 1 1770

To / Rt Hon The Earl o ~~Hillsborough~~ Hillsborough & ors / Lords Comrs o Trade & Plantns

My Lords Sir Wm Meredith having informed his Constituents, t his Rece has acquainted him Admnistrn has condescended t desire / Merchts o this Port (as ppr Adventurers to / Coast o Africa) wd communicate to yr Lops their Reasons their Sentiments upon this Trade under / Regulations now Subsistg. We presume to inform yr Lops t in our humble Opinion / Laws now in force are swfully calculated to admit any National Advantage t can be expected fm this Valuable Branch o Commerce tho t / Law has happily placed in yr Lops hands / power o redress any grievces t may arise fm / mercenary views o / Forn Officers, or ors Strots o / Ctee. Fm / Complaints we co Individuals h rec fm / Capts o our own Ships or fm / Remonstrce o abt / Masters o Vessels trading at Annamaboe to / Govr & Council o C C C., wh has fm time t time transmitted to / Africain Ctee, We find us concern / Servants o / Ctee h erected private Factories contrary to / intent o / Laws & highly injurious to / Adventurers & / public; but at / same time are happy to learn by a Ltr fm / Govr on / Africain Ctee t they h sent out proper Orders & Regulatns t obviate complaints o in / sd Remonstrce. All we wish & as t Ctee Orders may be strictly complied wt & adhered to in restraining / Servants o / Ctee fm carrying on any Trade upon t Coast. And also t / Govr o / Ctee may not be admitted directly or indirectly to / Trade whilst during his continuce in Office ..... We are — &c.

Liverpool 14 Feby 1770

sgd Ralph Earle
& 24 ors Signatures

1769 – 1770. Pp 55. Read March 26 1770.

John Grosse to / Ctee ["Extract"]
CCC 26 October 1769

– Sends copy o his last No 1, sent per Hm Sloop Weazel Capt Bentley w Estimates No 2 Viz. a 5 [Nos] f repairg & finishg Tantumquerry, Apoe, Commendo & Dixcove Forts the repairg Winnebah, Accra, & Prampram Forts will be attended w / same expence as Tantumquerry. No 3 Succondee it must be rebuilt, & it will take £3000 sterlg to build a new Fort at t place. What sums y Sh obtain f these services, please to instruct in such Goods & Stores (in like / same proportn) as mentnd in our annual Indents wh will be / best guide y can follow, addg only such Articles as are omitted in them & are specified in / above Estimates made out by Mr Trinder

– Reports his Services arrid

Sent y w my last Copy o a Ltr No 6 [Nos] wh I need for / Masters o Ships in Annamaboe Road, since wh I am informed t Mr Brew was on board / Marquiam Capt Hows where they met upon t usual business, & gr guns were fired upon / occasn till 11 o'c at night. My Conjectures were well founded when I observed to y before t I behaved these Capts had been set on by a Person who had taken advantage o their ignorce. It is my opinion t as soon as / Factories Kept by / Chiefs are broken up Mr Brew will sell them to his own people, & as he has liberty to trade w foreigners it is morally certain t / British Ships must suffer by / change such a change. This is Mr Brew's aim appears from his having abt 2 yrs ago at a very gr expence by dint o bribg / natives, prevailed upon them to turn out o his Factory one Board Dunn, a private Trader settled in o Negro Town 2 or 3 miles Eastward o Tantumquerry, wh Factory Mr Brew immediately fortified in one o his Houses, & by Mr Bell's Ltr to me 20 y [Nos] I was convinced t he has attempted to act / same part w regard to him

On / 25th o last month I recd a Ltr from Commendo signed by Messrs Trinder & Williams who stopped this on its way to C Appse. The purport o it was to let me know t / Commendo Canoemen had seized Mr Wm Green, / Chief o t place, for & carried him into / Woods. Two days after hear Mr Green arrid at this place in a shocking condition & acquainted me t after having been beat & abused he had been handed in a Canoe by / Commendo Canoemen at 11 o'c at night at / back o Elmina Castle, & t / Dutch Gen had sent him a Canoe to bring him down here

Upon enquiring into / cause o such an outrageous conduct in / Negroes, I find t Mr Green was not beg able by fair means to prevail upon them to bring for / Country down to / Waterside some new Canoes f / use o this Castle & / Fort, he flogged 3 Canoemen who was in his debt upon wh some Sinister methods he often has practised by all former Chiefs o Commendo & were always attended w Success. I cannot therefore condemn Mr Green's Conduct

This was an absolute necessity to force Mr Green in his Fort again by fair or foul means & to compel / Negroes to make Satisfaction f so horrid an affront. Yet it was morally impossible to effect one in our present weakly Condition wt / assistce o an armed Vessel. In this critical situation I most fortunately met a Ctee for Dixcove acquainting me w / arrivl there o HMS Merlin, Capt Scott who succeeded Capts O'Hara & Male in / command o her; / former Ship was murdered by / Moors at Arguin, & / Latter having died at a Fort off Sierra Leon. I then dispatched a Ltr to Capt Scott w / purpose & purport o what had happened abt Commendo, in consequce o wh he hastened down to C place where he anchored within pistol shot o / beach. The Members o / Council beg at this time

assembled at this place, we resolved t our Brest shd repair on board / Merlin
the to concert measures w Capt Scott upon / occa" & then to land & put ev'ything on
shore in readiness to execute / plan agreed upon. I accordgly sent our Pinnace
up in an armed boat & he landed in spite o his villainous Towns people who
not daring to oppose him f fear o beg fired upon by / Fort & ship, left I
town w all its effects. The ppal people are, howr, returned & beg intimidated
by our threats, they h deld 3 hostages f gang satisfac", believg they were
not concerned in / late affair & t / Fishermen alone are guilty. These last
h built themselves a few huts 3 miles to / westward o Commenda
but I am credibly informed they are heartily tired o the scheme & only
await a favourable oppy to return to the former habitations. Cudjoe Cabboceer
o this place hd sent his son Fredrick to Commenda, & I must say do
them / justice to say t they h not bn a little instrumental in bring I
matters to a conclun. The hostages were put on board / Merlin & brot
down to this Castle where they now are.

On Capt Scott's arrivl at this place our 1st business was to
complain to / Dutch Gen o / conduct o / ~~Dutch~~ Chief o / Dutch Fort at
Commenda who we had reason to suspect hd protected our Negroes. In /
next place we expostulated w him on / unreasonableness o the deny I
us a free passage by land to Appolonia Fort. All wh y see fully stated
in / Corespondce No 8. I then represented to Capt Scott / distressed situa"
o our Settlemts & hopes t he wd continue on / Coast till / arrivl o ~~our pass~~
ye armed ship when I expected our wants wd be relieved. He assured
me t he wd w pleasure comply w my request, but as he hd bn 6 months
fm England, & in want o provisns it wd not be in his power to remain here
as long as I expected. This produced / letters No 9 betwn him & me by
wh y will see how greatly we are obliged to t worthy Gentn. He
wth only assisted me w all his people to haul on shore & to clean &
repair / Schooner, but he manned her w 6 Seamen & furnished her w
a defict quantity o military Stores, by wh means I shd be able to recover
/ Outforts in case o necessity. . . Hope we shd h no more disturbces, for
I think it prudent to guard agst unforseen ~~evil~~ accidents. At any rate
this Schooner will be vy useful as an armed Vessel, at / same time t she will
freely supply this Castle w materials f bldg & to transport / Cattle to ye
Out forts.

Happy wd it be f us & we cd always depend upon / same assistce
fm ye Kings Officers as Capt Scott has afforded us, f wh reason let me most
earnestly entreat ye Gentn to recommend him to / Lords o / Admiralty.

The Tecka brot us 20 Soldiers only, a number not nearly suffict
to replace those who were discharged & hd died before t ships departure fm
/ Coast wh was abt / same time / Phoenix Man o War also sailed. The
Yellow Fever had already begun to rage amgst us & in less than 3 weeks carried
off 30 Officers & Soldiers on this Castle. The Negroes knew perfectly well t
we hd no reason to expect a Man o War or Store ship before / expirn o
at least 9 months, & t we shd probably before / arrivl o wh lose ~~many~~
more people. No wonder then if they did embrace so favourable an oppy
o bring this newly accepted politicks, in hopes o depriving us o our Rights &
Priviledges, & if they h not succeeded it has bn partly ~~owg~~ owg to /
Merlins arrivl & to / Small Pox, wh did spread terror & devastn all
along this Coast & kept / Negroes employed in burying one another.

Ships sailed fm Whse: — 3 for Jamaica wt 780 Slaves
2 " Barbadoes " 309 "

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The Clee to Privile & Council

Read March 26 1770

African office London 9 March 1770

Our last was 9 Febry [P 22] Hawke since sail'd p a Packet
26 October 1769 [P 23] per Hms Merlin

- Send Inclose 2 Bills of goods stores &c £1757-3-1 per Helena. The Assiento Contr-
- Recommend attendce frigates &c / Fleetwood &c / present Session of Parliamt will not
we fear admit of any write African affairs sufficy to give expectation of more than
/usual Supply &c / Service &c / current year, or any addition &c repairs.

We esteem it a Duty thro' neglect on / Govr & Council at Cape to receive their opinion on, or answer to / Memorial &c / Capts &c Ships on Annamaboe Road,
but shall see by our Ltr &c 9 Febry - copy inclos - / orders we have given
to send on consequence thereof, & have only further to remark to you that we are absolutely determined to
have all our orders strictly complied with on pain of displeasure for our Service any defaulters
& making a legal call on their Securities at home &c their disobedience

We approve ye conduct with regard to / unhappy dispute betwn our Agent &
Commandr Cornel Mann, & hope / former is properly reinstated in his Command, & that all
differences & disputes wch / Natives are at an end.

When you are called on by / Capts &c Hm Ships for a State &c / Forts, we direct
that you send us by / same ship a Copy of such State &c / Forts --

The sum of £2000 being for granted last year expressly for / repairs &c
C C C. you must be very accurate in separating / Accots &c such repairs from any other
Charge whatsr.

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By order &c / Clee --
(sgd) Richard Champion Secry.

Pp 59 Read March 29 1770

An Examination &c / Late Conduct &c / Dutch upon / Gold Coast &c Africa
as respects / Portuguese Shipping &c

Submitted to / Consn &c / Rt Hon / Lds Commrs &c Trade
& Plantations

By / Clee &c / Co &c Merchts Trading to Africa.

The Clee has had / hon to lay before Yr Lds Ps from time to time / several Complts
wch have been transmitted to them from the Officers on / Gold Coast &c Africa agst those
&c / Dutch wch &c of their exactns upon / Portuguese shipping, & of probably
their Commerce wth / British Subjects trading upon that Coast.

The Clee has already explained to Yr Lds Ps / Injury they must attend
/ British Trade upon / sd Coast, & / great advantage / Dutch gain over us by
being well supplied with Brazil Tobacco from / Portr Vessels whilst they preclude
our Ships from an Opportunity to assort their Cargoes with a proportion of that Commodity
wch is held there in such Estimation that it is almost impossible to trade to
any advantage without it.

The Clee therefore, agreeable to Yr Lds Ps Directions has been at some pains
to discover what / Dutch have any real foundation for / Exclusive Rights
which they pretend to upon / Gold Coast over / Subjects &c / King &c Portugal
& for this purpose, besides other Writgs, they have examined with / great attention, /
different Articles &c Treaties referred to them by Yr Lds Ps.

In / 12th Art. o / Treaty betwn Portugal & Holland dd June 12th 1641 it is stipulated t Ea Party sh continue to hold what they were in possn o at / time o / Declarn o / Truce &c. The Dutch fm thence became intitled to most o the Possns in Africa, vizt Road to / Port: a free right to Trade, as appears by / 20th Art. o / same Treaty, where it is expressly declared t / Trade to / sd Coast sh be free to both sides, only w this Condn, if it be carried on in ye aft / Settlemts o ea Side, t in t Case / same Customs sh be paid as / Portuguese & / free inhabitants o those places used to pay, & so on / contrary (&c)

Amg / diff pps wh / Clee h occd in this Enquiry, this is / only one wh entitles / Dutch to any kind o Claim upon / Port: Shipg on / Gold Coast, & wh amts to no more than / usual Customs provided they Voluntarily enter the Ports & Trade, but not Force; so t the late proceedgs on t Coast can be regarded in no ot light than acts o / grt Violence & Oppression upon / Port: Vessels & o injustice to / British Traders. Even / Dutch themselves h repeatedly confirmed this in a gt measure by / diff Arts: o Agreemt concluded on / Coast o Africa in / years 1606, 1613 & 1625 (Copies o wh are hrunto annexed) wherein 3 successive Ports & Dirs: Gen. fr / Dutch W I C refuse in / most ample manner t the Mn is entitled to no right over / Port: Vessels upon t coast than / English

The Clee hasty thus proved to yr Ldps ye Dutch h attempted to monopolize / Trade & Brazil Tobacco to themselves, they hope H. Mrs. Minister to / States Gen will be able speedily to secure t satisfacn wh / British Mn has a right in this case to expect, & they submit it to yr Ldps judgmt wh it will not be proper t / aforemd 25th [sic] Art. o / Treaty o 1641 as well as ye sevl Arts. in / Agreemts hrunto annexed, be recommended to his parte attenn upon this occn.

The Clee likewise submit it to yr Ldps wh it will not be extremely proper in / Treaty to be concluded upon / above Subject, t an Article be inserted to secure to / British Subjects in Africa a safe & free passage by Land betwn the diff Forts & Settlemts agreeable to / most ancient usage betwn European Nns upon / sd Coast, & in parte betwn C. Appol. & / ye British Settlemts on t Coast, wch unjustly denied them by / Dutch

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Copy o / 9th Art o Agreemt made Ao 1706 11 July betwn Dalby Thomas & Peter Muys to Dutch Gen vz

That such Port ship or ships as sh come to anchor in any o / Roads belongg to / English Forts or Factories, sh not be molested by any Dutch ship or ships belongg to / sd Co, nor be blocked up by them in / sd English Roads, nor attacked or seized as they go out o sd Roads: ~~nor sh~~ neither sh they offer to seize any such Ship or Ships t h first got themselves under / protecn o any English Forts, or bn in possn o any English Ship, they having one o / sd Royal Cos' servts on Board, certifyg / same. Ton / ye side none o / English Forts or Cos ships sh protect or seize any Portuguese wh were first in possn o any Dutch W I C ship, neither sh / English Gen or Chief Director fr / time beg, grant passports to any Port: ship gog to & fm Brazil in any o / Port: Islands.

Ao 1713.

Ao 1713. 16 May 45 / Articles made in 1708 as above were ratified by Messrs Resvenor Phipps & Bleau, Ministrs ffr / R.A.C. at C.C.C. & Jen Hieronimus Flaring at Elmina, & / following additions Viz

Art 6th As it is wth mentd in / Dutch originals o / 9th Art. t / R.A.Cs Servants pd on board any Port: Vessl, & his protection shd h a Certe & / same this Treaty fur agreed t / Port. sh not be molested by / Dutch Cos Servants living here, o what degree & quality soeva, or by any o ther Ships, / sd Port: having on board one o / R.A.Cs Subjts nor fm the Ships or Factories & a Certe signifyg fm whom or wherce he came

Ao 1728. 28th January 85. Copies were drawn out o both / foregog Agreemts, each beg ratified by Messrs Braithwaite & Cruickshanks Chief Agents at C.C.C. & Jen Robert Norse, Jen at Elmina, to wh were added 3 Arts; & deputies sent by both parties w them on board HMS Sapphire Capt John Smith who signed his name at / end o all, as also / Deputies: One o / Arts: made on board / sd Ship is as follows

T to prevent effectually all differs o what nature so ever it is mutually agreed t all / Arts: o Agreemt & Articls hr before made & confirmed by the our Predecessors & / respve Cos, sh remain in full force & Virtue, & be inviolably kept & observed by our respve Ppls & Succors. The above mentd Chief Agents & Jen signed also / same

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Pp. 61 Read July 18 1770

To / Rt Hon Ld Viscount Weymouth, one o HMs Ppal Secs o S. re &

The Memorial & Representation o / Ctee o / Co: Merchts trdg to Africa

Sheweth T ffr Memorialists in their Petn to / Hon. House o Commons presented in March 1769 havg represented t many o / British Forts & Settlemts on Africa under their managemt were fallen into decay & ruin, prayed besides / sum necy fr / support & maintce o / sd forts, a fur sum fr / nemy repairs then wanted.

T / Hon House / havg taken / sd Petn into Consn & havg granted / sum o £1000 fr / repairs o Cape Coast only; Addressed ffr Majy. t be wd be graciously pleased to give directns t a Survey be made o / sd Forts & Settlemts, & t a Report o / State & Condn o / same be prepared, to be laid before / House at / beginng o / then next Session o Parliamt

T in consequce o such Address Mr Beardsley one o HMs Engrs was sent out in / Weazel Sloop o War, Capt Paisley on this Service.

T upon / return o Capt Paisley to England on December last in December last it appeared t / sd Mr Beardsley & 3 Mr Engrs sent & a Violent Fever wh raged on board / Weazel Sloop soon after he departure fm / Rivr Gambia & before he arrd at any o / sd Forts & Settlemts, & consequently no Survey cd be taken throf.

T ffr Memorialists in their Petn to / Hon. House o Commons presented last January havg renewed their Prayer for extra Supply fr / purpose o Repairs, no notice was taken throf, as ffr Memorialists apprehend fr want o / sd Survey.

T many o / sd Forts & Settlemts are fallen into such decay & ruin, ffr Memorialists apprehend, if a remedy be not speedily applied some o them will be absolutely irreparable, & t assistce fm Parliamt fr this purpose will be vain for delayed if a Survey be not taken & a Report made o / State & Condn o / sd forts & Settlemts to / Hon House o Commons in / next Session o Parliamt.

T ffr Memorialists are o Opinion fr Engrs are sent out any time before / latter end o next month to / Gold Coast o Africa shortly, wd touching at any port o / Windward Coast they will h time to finish / sd Surveys before / unhealthy Season commences & thereby avoid / unhappy fate o those Gentn sent out last year on this Service ffr Memorialists therefore pray submt / Premises to ffr Lordships Consn & pray t such measures may be taken therein as ffr Ldp shall seem meet.

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CO 388/58 Trade Bundle Qrs.

Qr. 1 Read July 1770
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John Grosse to / Ctee C.C.C. 29 January 1770

- Sends copy o his last by HMS Merlin Capt Scott ...

Yh now before me yr Letters o / 29 Augt & 6 Sept 1769 [in th]. / former recommend Mr Horatio Smith to our Countenc & protecn & directg y he may be accomodated w a lodgg in any o yr Forts on this Coast; & / latter directg to apprehend & Punishe agreeable to a Warrant annexed thrto; in answer to both wh ... Yh pay / strictest obedce to yr Orders.

What Yh so long dreaded is at last come to pass: yr Surveyor & able Architect Benj: Truskes departed this life / 30th Dec: & to compleat my misfortune his Asst George Muscrope died abt / same time. The Serjt o this Castle took his discharge. The Purveyor o / Sick room, one o / Corpls & some o / Private men h likewise died since I wrote y last so t I leave y to guess at our situan ...

— The Small pox last yr carried off 40 Castle Slaves — Renews his reqsts f abt 100 young negro men & boys (not women) for Senegal & Gambia, where impossible to repair / Forts

Ships goes by / Sloop Hussia Capt John Charles

Sailed fm Annamaboe — 3 ships w 1026 Slaves f Jamaica

I am — &c —
John Grosse

PS_ Mr Jerome Bernard Writer who came out as a Writer having bn an Officer in / Army, at own requ has bn appointed to act as Officer o / Guard vice Cole two Months in addn to his duties in / Accots office.

Qr 3 Read Nov 1770

John Grosse to / Ctee C.C.C. 16 April 1770

- Sends copy o his last by o 29 Jan [expra] -
- Thanks them f his Confirmn as Govr in Chief -
- Sends copy o Act o Council o 20 March promotg Alexr Thomson Secretary

I rejoice to hear t it is probable Capt Tongue may h more full power than he had last year to redress our complaints & Yh under him coy assistce t wh it is possible f me to grant him in promotg / desirable end o terminatg our disputes w / Dutch

Had Mr Quaque behaved himself in his Statn as he ought to h done I shd not h failed to h given him my Countenc & any yr Indulgence I possibly cd, but I am sorry to say his behaviour has not bn at all proper, & was I disposed to be ill natured I cd transmit ample to yr Hon Patrons such an Acct o his Conduct as perhaps mt deprive him o his Priesthood

The Jamaica Brig has brot out a Capt o / Guard, 6 Writers, 2 Asst Surgeons, 9 Artificers & 48 Soldiers ... wh no o Europeans is quite supfct f your present Establishmt

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- Agreeable to his orders he has begun fitting / Barracks — / Store Hole is not kept dirty -
- His notions re Barracks at Apoe sent to Mr Bell immediately complied w.

The Guns are all mounted at Appolonia & only / roof to 2 rooms to / Westward are Wanted.

In consequence of yr orders of 6th Decr Mr Johnson promoted to / Command of Succondee as per inclosed Act of Council which gave me great pain as beg obliged to supersede Mr Williamson who has --- behaved much to / satisfaction of his superiors

Ye sh be my study --- to promote to / utmost extent of my power / Trade of / British Shipping on this Coast, & I sh not fail to issue such orders from time to time as may be conducive to t end

Since I sat down to write / above Capt Tonyn in / Phoenix & Capt Burr in / Hound are arrd, but Capt Tonyn informs me he has less Positive than he had last year, so t / affairs at Appolonia must remain as they are till / Legislature sh think proper to use Vigorous measures

— Beg in so low a state of health he is gog for a trip to St Thomas Island per HMS Hound & expects to be back in 2 months. —

All former Govrs hd / appointm of Officers in this Castle, beg supposed to be / best Judges of / merit of those who h served immedly under their eyes. The promotions made at this place do not in / least affect the Ranks & Seniorities / Chiefs of Out Forts beg always applied by a Majority in / Council. Hope yr orders concurring this Point sh be punctually obeyed

The Soldiers for some years past hd no more than 1 Gall Rum p Month wh togr w the provins has been deld to / Officers of / Guard who very second day gave them the allowce But now they are agreeable to yr proposals. Victualled daily, & to convince yr Hr I sh study to make / lives of these poor Wretches as comfortable as possible, prefer yr to next years Indent for Necessaries wh they & well see t we h wrote for a much lger Quantity of proms for t purpose

When I was informed t Mr Westgate was coming out again in yr service I took it for granted t he was appted to some Post, or at yr at least h ordered him to be promoted to / 1st Vacancy, but how great was my astonishm to find t yr hd offered him no better than a Writers place & t hard necessity hd compelled him to accept of it. I will perhaps be surprized, Sirs, t I shd write to him in his favour, who have been so ungratefully injured by him & his party, but I am so sensibly affected w his fate t I willingly forgive all t has past & indeed compassion has so great an ascendant over revenge w me, that if it is not in my power to resist / impulse of / former.

Mr Westgate has been led into error by Mrs, & encouraged by a people about him, he is more sensible of having acted wrong & I venture to say his future conduct will be blameless - - - - I therefore hope t yr will consider him as an object deserving yr Countenance & interest yr to promote him to a better place than / one he has at present.

— Ships sailed for Aboe —
2 for Barbadoes w 478 slaves 3 for WI w 515 slaves
1 for Jamaica w 345 slaves

I remain — &c —
John Grosse

CO 4 Read Nov 1770.

Thomas Dawes to / Clerk

CCC 24 May 1770

In / went of Mr Grosse's gog off to / Islands in / Manner of War for / benefit of his health, was ordered to repair here to take charge of this Garrison for one month & then to be relieved by Mr Bell. Two days after my arrival here / Helena Capt Harvie came to an anchor in this road ... By her I ... recd copy of yrs of 7th Feb [1769-70-p22] & yr Ltr of 9 March [ibid p 25] ... A copy of a paragraph of yr Ltr of 9th February respecting yr officers having private factories, & t they immediately evacuate them on pain of beg discharged / Service, has been transmitted to all / Chiefs. Ther is now no a factory belonging to a Servant of / Cos.

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bn / Schooner's return fm / Islands where she is gone to be repaired & to brg back our Grossle y may depend upon Orders beg given to / Master & Keeps an accurate Journal o each Voyage she makes & / same transmitted to y brg any Opty.

– Return o all white prsns & Slaves at each Fort will be sent by very Conveyce

— Copy o State o Forts ~~will be sent by~~ delivered to Capts of Hm Ships will be sent

– Exact accts will be kept o expenditure o £2000 on repairs o CCC

– The Season between us & ourselves & our present situation most melancholy

– Deaths / each o 5 Sailors 4 artificers & 21 Soldiers & died since any arrd here. – ...

– Gives List o names o 13 Ships at Anchor.

I am – &c –
Thomas Drew

QQ 5 Read Nov 1770

List o / African Ctee fr / Year 1770. – 3 Each fr London Bristol & Liverpool

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QQ 13. Read Decr 12 1770.

The Ctee to Grossle & Council CCC.

African House London 31 October 1770

Our last to you was dd / 13th July [n h]

On / 14th o Augt we recd Yrs Grossles Lr dd 16th April [P1] ... & on 13th Sept we recd by way o New York Mr Drews Lr dd 24th may [supra].

– Are much concerned at Mr Grossles indisposn & hope / Voyage to St Thomas Island will restore him to health –

The instrons in our Lr o 30 Nov 1769 [1768-70 p 20] w a v an Establishmt fr CCC are so full & explicit & we are surprized & delayed complying ~~with~~ thereby by desirg an explanatn. Our meaning was & is, to require fr / Govr & Council what in their opinion wd be an ~~of~~ ample establishmt to be always kept compleat at ye Castle, viz:

1. The nō o Officers, Civil & Military, & ye annual pay
2. The nō o Soldiers & ye pay
3. " " Artificers " "
4. " " Castle Slaves, & / exps attending them
5. The annl expence o / Schooner
6. The annl repair o / Castle.

We likewise require such an Establishmt fm / Govr & Council as

– Promotions o Officers to be by seniority, except fr ye reasons assigned by Govr & Council, ~~Seniority~~ reasons to be adjudged on by / Ctee ~~Seniority~~ to be governed by / dates o Officers' Commissions – This rule is explicit

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The Sickness breaking out again at CCC. this year is truly alarming We much fear it must be owg to some neglect o properly cleansg / rooms when it was so fatal last year & to bg / Beds or cloaths o / dead / infection which by communicatn to / fresh people since arrd. To prevent this fr / future we ~~send~~ herewith send a sch o Rules wh we order to be strictly complied w

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– when Govr Grossles state o health obliged him to leave / Coast, why did not / Vice President, on whom / Chief Command naturally devolved, repair to CCC. ?

This he goes by / many Lamer Storeships, Capt Thomas Darling master,
– w[ar]rant Supplies f / Support & maintence o our forts & Settlemts amtg
to £13613 – 13 – 8

– The Cowries are o / 1ge sort out ... accordg to the price they cost they may
be issued on / Coast at half / money / small ones used to go f.

– Repeat the caution f all possible frugality & Oeconomy in / Expenditure o these
Supplies –

– We likewise send 6 Writers, 1 Ass[t] Surgeon, 1 Surveyor 1 Artificer, 31 Soldiers

[No Sigs to this copy]

QQ. 14. Read Dec. 12th 1770

Ctee to Pet & Council

London 28 November 1770

[Inc. Slaves & obt effects o dead – no C]

QQ 16. Recd Febry 6 1771.

To / Hon / Commons o Gt Brit: in Parliamt assembled

The humble petn o / Ctee o / Co o merchts trading to Africa

Sheweth. That ye Petitioners have laid before this Honble House an acct o / sum granted f / year 1769. exd & passed by / Cursitor Baron o / Exchequer as required by an Act o / 23rd o George / Second. entitled an Act f extendg & improvg / Trade to Africa

That they have assisted / Money granted in 1770 f / support & maintence o / such forts & Settlemts on / Sd Coast

That / Forts & Settlemts on / Sd Coast have been deliv[d] to ye Petrs in a very bad state by / R.A.C. & / sums annly granted by Parliamt beg nearly expended on / Maintence & Pay o / sevl Garrisons leavg very little f / repair o / Sd Forts, this Hon. House was pleased to grant / sum o £2000 in / year 1768 towds / repair o C.C.C. but no money hath been granted for ye purpose last year. Cape Corfe is on a good measure suspended & many o / Sd Forts are in a very ruinous condn.

That ye Petrs beg sensible o / great regard shewn by this Hon House f / British Forts & Settlemts on / Coast o Africa

Humbly pray this hon. House to take / Premises into Consn & grant such sum f / necy support & maintce o / Sd Forts & Settlemts & likewise f / Repairs still wanted as to this great Wisdom shd seem meet

By Order o / Ctee o / Co o Merchts trading to Africa

Richd Camplin Secretary

1770 - 1773

QQ 14 Read Feby 6 1771

Anno 1769

Gen Accot o / mony recd & expended by / Clee o / Co o Merchants trading to Africa & / support & improvemt o / Forts & Settlemts on / sd Coast / Clee consists o / following Parts... [9 names]...

[Summary]

Recd for / Clee & 1768. Balce o last Years accot £852 - 4 - 2
to on accot o Senegal 1000 - 18 - 4

By Warrant fm / Treasury on accot o Forts & Settlemts £15000 - 0 - 0
Deduct Fees 390 - 11 - 6 14609 - 8 - 6

Music Expenditure incurg Freedom Fees 259 - 17 - 7

£16722 - 8 - 7

Expended Senegal £44 - 0 - 11
C Appolonia 99 - 13 - 0
Cape Coast 13842 - 5 - 11 £13.988 - 19 - 10

Charges o Management by Act o Parliamt 1200
Sundries 61 - 13 - 11
15.250 - 13 - 9
Balce to / Clee & 1770 1471 - 14 - 10
16722 - 8 - 7

QQ 29 Read Febry 22. 1770

19 February 1771 Admlty. letter fm Mr Stephens to John Pownall Esqr to / Bd o Trade Enclosing & / Information o / Lords Commrs o Trade / Reports &c / State & Condn o Hms Forts & Settlemts on / Coast o Africa recd by / late Capt Tonyn o Hms Pheonix, Esqr for transmitted to / Rt Hble Comrs o / Admlty since his death.

[Summaries]

Cape Appolonia 31 March 1770 capture
Erasmus Williams Chief & Factor 1 Sergt 1 Gunner 4 Soldiers 1 Drummer Co Slaves 27 m 40 f 1 c
Guns 6 6lb 6 5lb 5 2lb 6 1lb Ordnance Stores -- Canoes 1 Shard, 1 Shard

The Trade at Appolonia is of no certain, / English Ships never anchor on / Road but when they are in want o gold & / Annamabo Trade. The are but few Slaves to be purchased here.
The Fort is in a posture o defence, / artillery bad all mounted but / Garrison consists o people who k slaved the time to / Co, & then were only reserv 3 soldiers remain when they were dismiss. (sgd) Erasmus Williams Chief

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Dixcove Fort 1 April 1770
Richard Miles Chief 1 Factor, 1 Sergt 1 Gunner, 2 soldiers 1 boy. Co Slaves 8 m 18 f 9 b 7 g.
Guns 19 6lb 9 3lb 6 ½lb. Ordnance Stores -- 1 Shard canoe. sgd J Burr 12d Miles

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Succondee Fort 3 April 1770
Jas Williamson Chief 1 Factor 1 Sergt 1 Gunner Soldiers 4 adult, 2 Mulattoes.
Free Blacks pd by / Co Billy Cudjoe ppal Caboceer, Quacoe Caboceer & Yams Landlord
Assoe Caboceer Yankee Caboceer. Yankey Linguist, 1 Cook. Co Slaves 6 m. 5 f. 1 c.
Guns 3 9lb. 26 6lb. 12 4lb. 5 3lb 6 1lb Ordnance Stores ... 1 13 h Canoe 1 9h do.

Fort in ruinous condn. Exterior Walls entirely gone dilapidated ready to tumble down Surrounded w so troublesome neighbours as / Dutch who never fail to take advantage o our Weakness, / Trade here must be of inconsiderable (sgd) James Williamson

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Cape Coast Castle April 1770

John Grosle Govr, Edwd Nelson Asstt, Alex Thompson Secy, Robt Collins Dep Housekpr
Robt Nelson Surgeon, 1 Factor Dep Secy, 12 Factors, 1 Capn of Sloop (one Absent on Coast), Philip Quaque
Chaplain, Robt Spooner Survey'r, 1 Castle Bombdr & Gunner, 1 Master & Hospitall, 1 Baxter,
1 Waterside Bombdr, 1 Sergt 1 Corpl, 1 Smith, 4 Carpenters & Bricklayers, 75 Soldiers. = 91
Co Slaves - Artificers Bricklayers Carpenters Smiths Canoemen Labourers &c = 166 m, 114 w &c

6 Mulattoe Soldiers 6 Drummers & Fifers -
Cudjoe Cobbe a Linguist, Frank Abey Thos Parkam Black Writers; John Aqua &
George Sackey Black assistants; George Bannister Messgr Extry.
Guns 4 2lb, 19 3lb 6 6lb 4 9lb 21 12lb 11 18lb Ordnance Stores ...
Canoes 2 5h 3 4h 1 9h 3 11h 4 13h 1 15h 1 19h

The new building facing South on Takoe Rock is almost finished. The Upper
part of the building in it almost Completely new as is part of the building containing Govr's &
Factors apartments. Greenhill Point fell to the ground during the Rains Govr. wh must
be rebuilt as soon as possible Dark rooms next Town might be taken down &
rebuilt more convenient to live in
The Trade is almost entirely confined to Annamaboe & Fort Leydsa
Forts Hardly any falling to the Share of this Castle
(Sgd) John Grosle

Commenda Fort 5 April 1770

Wm Green Chief 1 Factor, 1 Sergt 1 Gunner, 6 Soldiers, Co Slaves 4 m. 9 w 2 c.
Guns 2 18lb. 14 12lb 3 9lb 2 4lb. 10 2lb 6 1lb Ordnance Stores ---

Caboceers John Cabess a worthless negroe. Buffor tolerable but super annuated
Sonton Indifft. Quamah do Condore Quow etc

Fort Apartments, were constructed, & w a few repairs will be in excellent order
Very little trade as the Inhospitable Natives constantly interrupted Traders coming to the Fort
Sd John Bruce
Wm Green

Annamaboe Fort 14 April 1770

Charles Bell Chief 1 Second, 1 Sergt 1 Corpl, 1 Gunner, 1 Gardener, 12 Soldiers, 1 Drummer
wm Hosah Black Writer Co Slaves 19 m 6 w 5 c. 15 Guns 6 24lb 6 18lb 3 12lb 18 6lb
12 Swivels. Ordnance Stores. 1 9h canoe 1 7h do. 2 new ones finished in &c
(pd) Chas Bell

Tantumquerry Fort 20 April 1770

Thos Trinder Chief 1 Factor, 1 Sergt 5 Soldiers Slaves 4 m 2 w. Guns 3 16lb 2 12lb 4 3lb 2 6lb.
Ordnance Stores ... 1 9h Canoe Fort much in want of repair 4 Guns unserviceable.
(Sgd) Thomas Trinder

Winnebah Fort 23 April 1770

Thomas Brew Chief 1 Factor, 1 Gunner 1 Sergt 4 Soldiers Co Slaves 5 m 5 w
Guns 3 6lb 6 4lb 2 3lb & 2lb 1 1lb. Ordnance Stores...
5 Eng & 4 w Bastions falling in Roofs & Floors very bad Fort in great want
of speedy repair. Trade fluctuates but on the whole very good Thos Brew Chief

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Accra Fort 25 April 1770

David Mill Chief 2 Factors, 1 Sergt 1 Gunner & Soldiers: Slaves - Cudjoe paid
as Linguist & 10 m. 11 w 1 g. Guns 2 18lb & 12lb 2 9lb 4 6lb 4 4lb 2 3lb.
Ordnance Stores &c ...
Prampram Slaves 1 Factor 1 Sergt 2 Soldiers Slaves 2 m. 2 w 1 c.
The Forts want great repairs Little or no Trade - Can not be in 12 months

(Sgd) David Mill

1770 - 1773.

QQ 30 Read May 10 1771.

Charles Bell to / Clee CCC. 20 June 1770.

I came up here on / 9th inst to relieve Mr Dress o/ charge o this Castle - Since he wrote we h buried 5 men; - 3 soldiers 1 master o/ hospital 1 gardener

The season has bn of late extremely rainy & foggy damp weather ...

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There is a famine amgst / Natives all over / Coast which is severely felt & occasions considerable mortality amgst them

The repairs go on as well as can be expected in this dreadful weather ...

I am in hopes o seeing Mr Grossle in a month or 6 weeks at farthest ... I am - &c -

Charles Bell

QQ 31 Read May 10th 1771.

David Mill to / Clee CCC. 25 August 1770

I am extremely sorry to acquaint y o/ death o John Grossle Esqr late Gov here who departed this life on / 11th inst He returned fm / Islands on a ship bound to Holydah on / 4th July & fm time to / time o his death was almost entirely incapable o doing any business; having returned in a worse state o health than when he went fm this on / Island

By / inclosed Act o Council No 1 [in h] y will observe I in consequence o pr former Orders I h succeeded to / diren o yr affairs here; y will also see / 6 Resolves o / Council on this melancholy occasion

... - The exhorbitant charges made by Mr Williams while Chief o Ft. Appol -

... ...

- for bread in his bn o 24 days asked 6 months: he receives 3 lafet & 20-30 soldiers of good men; but above all wants 6 young Senegal or Gambia slaves w'out wh / repairs o / Forts cannot be carried on

- asks 6 an Asst Surveyor w a knowledge o building -

- the weather getting better greatly mended & / sick getg better -

... ...

- Trade dy dull all along / Coast Beg / inclosed list [in h] o / Shipg at Annamaboe y will see the are a gt no o many Vessels this: many o them I fear will make but indiff Voyages if trade does not considerably mend ... ... I am &c David Mill

QQ 32. Read May 10 1771

David Mill to / Cotee CCC. 9 October 1770

- Sends copy o his letter o 25 ults [see but obscurely Aug - supra] This goes by / Mercury - Capt Maxwell.

Since I time / Schooner has arrived fm St Thomas & I sincerely wish it was in my power to give you a satisfactory acct o / reason o his stay & proceedgs duri 4½ months wh she has bn absent fm this place

- After beg cleaned at St Thomas Grossle ordered / Schooner to Annamboa Island to get Stock & provisions f his Table at CC

Mr Calvert continued to beat off Annamaboe Island for near 2 weeks & then put back to St Thomas for want of provns On the way back to CCC Grossle having put on board her goods to be traded to windward — She was drove as far to windward as near Cape Mount & then returned to CCC not having had any offy to trade / goods — He (Mills) has charged / Schooners expences to Grossles estate except / crews pay as to wh he awaits / Crees instrns

— Part of / Bricklayers & Labourers have been employed in building a brick Hospital on / town for / sick wh is now nearly completed — It is extremely dangerous & disagreeable to be a Hospital in / Castle & for some time past / sick have been kept in Blacks Houses on / town but these very unhealthy for want of air.

The rest of / Bricklayers & Labourers have & now are employed in pulling down / old Wall at Greenhill Point next / Landg Place in order to clear room to erect / new Work wh was planned by Mr Grossle & wh sh be carried on w all / frugality & assiduity I am capable of for wh (as I do not understand building myself.) I sh be assisted by Mr Tronder — begs to an asst Surveyor may be sent out.

— The Accts now balanced to 18th Dec last —

— Smallpox has agn broken out in / Town & many slaves ill of it

— Few Vessels have arrived since his last, tho' is now but a very bad prospect for so many Vessels are now upon / Coast, & some of them will have a tedious time of it to lie at Annamaboe 9 Mos. most of / Trade centres at this place & there are sold now there upwards of half / slaves wh are carried off / Coast Gold Coast

The number of Rum Vessels on / Coast & / great price they give for Slaves induced / Dutch Chief of Commenda to lower / price of Commodity to / Blacks by giving 2 Gallons for 1 acky of Gold, instead of 1½ Gallons wh had been / price a long time. This was upwds of 3 months ago Mr Green for late Chief tho', immediately followed his example wtout even waiting for permission from Mr Grossle then in chief of this Castle during Mr Grossles absence, or even having it in / smallest degree to any body. This example was followed by / Genl'n at Elmina for whence it was given at Annamaboe & now everywhere

I need not acquaint you of the precipitate conduct of Mr Greens to say no worse of it has reduced / Value of for Servants Salaries exceedgly, has in a great measure ruined / Rum Vessels Voyages & is of no manner of service to any person but / Natives. Had / Dutch Chief of Commenda continued for years this practice & never have been followed by an Englishman it could have had no bad effect, only prevented their beg so much rum sold at / English as at / Dutch fort at Commenda; whereas / Custom is now become universal & it is extremely difficult to get / Price of any thg reduced after it has been begun, & where it is so very apparently / Int of / Blacks to stick out for / continuance of it. I was not informed of Mr Greens having done this when I wrote you last. Indeed had I known of it I shd have found a great difficulty as myself in having given him my Vote for Tantum quorum, & I can impute his fault to nothing but want of discretion & not doing to be not done by his neighbours, wt reflecting on / bad consequences wh must ensue on his raising / Price

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– Sends an Establishmt of Appolonia Fort made out by Mr Tunder – also Returns of all / out forts except Accra Appol & Wbydah not ready in time

– Reports the orders called upon to go to CCC to ~~assist Pronse~~ relieve Bell whose time expired & to assist Pronse during his illness he was detained at Prampram where he went for a change. He then went by land to Wbah, where he embarked in his canoe. This was upset by bad sea; below Tantumquerry & Commendine Forts. By his own efforts & fidelity of some of / Canoemen he managed to reach / shore, but 3 Canoemen were drowned. The Blacks let him come up but detained his 10 remaining Canoemen & 2 boys, as the ppty of beg lost on shore in the country. He lost all his apparel, books & accts & 40 ozs of Value. / 3 canoemen were his own slaves, so he suffered considerable loss. It cost him much to redeem these people as were he seen by paper 5. [in h], He asks them to grant him an allowce as he was travelg on public business —

– Since writg above he has recd the Lrs of 19 July [in h] He will send / his Estimates for / repairs of CCC, & of Accra & Prampram by next opptty. —

I am &c —
Daniel Mill

QQ 33 Read May 15 1771.

Daniel Mill to / Clee (Extract)

C C.C 19 November 1770

Since my last, a small Portuguese Vessel anchored at Appolonia, & intreated Mr Miles / Chief thr, for a pson to beg him down to Annamaboe Road under / English Colours to protect him from / exctions & illusage of / Dutch. Mr Miles put on board a Soldier who brot him down into Above Road where Action / Vessels & / Residents on shore he, in a few ~~short time~~ days, disposed of all his Tobacco, to his satisfn & proceeded to St Thomas.

The present Gen at Elmina Mr Woortman is by far / most enterprizg they ever had in regard to Trade, & who has in a manner monopolized all / Trade / Dutch carry on upon / Coast, having 2 sons Chiefs of / 2 best forts they h, & his dependants Chiefs of most of / ors.

This gentn was highly chagrined at / protecn afforded / Portuguese, as it prevented his sellg at an extravagant price Tobacco to / English, He therefore a few days after / departure of / Portuguese fm Above Road sent me / Protest no 3 which sent yr. to wh I replied in a counter Protest no 4. where / affair now rests, in order to be decided at home in Europe.

I need hardly acquaint yr, as so much has on ~~this~~ that by my Predecessors on this occasion, that we are now in a manner entirely prevented by our Neighbours, from profiting by any Trade in Brazil Tobacco, wh is so Valuable an Article both in Trade & so essentially usefl to defrayg many of / Publick Charges here.

Altho they h no Guarda Costa at present on / Coast, yet they take as effectual methods to prevent our getg Tobacco as if they were convoyed down / Coast. They force / Portuguese Capts to get under sail way fm Elmina just after Sunset, when they are to'd a considerable way out in / offing by boats & crafts fm Elmina so that in / morng they are out of sight of land, & shd any of them draw near / Shore where any of / Forts are, they fire at them & drive them out in / offing agn, as has twice within these few weeks bn / case at Accra where, when Mr Brass / Chief

dr, Rd sent a canoe to trade w / Portugueze, / last tho' they willg to trade, yet by reason o / forg fm / Dutch Fort were intimidated & proceeded to Leeward.

The Benefits / Dutch R in this exclusive trade are immense & extremely detrimental to us: for we are obliged, in order to get tobacco, to pay prime slaves to / Dutch for d, at 50% higher price than we cd purchase in fm / Portugueze or British Manufactures. I dare venture to affirm to Mr Woortman, in / little time I h been up here, Ros sold for prime slaves to / Capts & / residents on shore, not less than 600 Rolls Tobacco, & I myself h been obliged to pay him 20 prime men slaves in 2 small period for Brazil Tobacco & / very expenes here & for my own Trade.

In / Protest they pretend t / Treaties betwn / King o Portugal & the Republick, terms / Trade any Portugueze makes w us illicit & unjust. For my own part I am o opinion t / Portugueze wd never h concluded a Treaty so vy detrimental to / English when the vy existce as a state, in a manner depends upon / friendship & protecn o / British Nn. I h wrote Mr Miles t shd any more Portugueze apply to him, in / same manner, to give them / like assistce to beg them to Annamaboe Road, & I hope, Govrn. I will approve o this part o my conduct; & if I do not, t I will impute my taking this step w/ I orders to nothg but my earnest wishes for / prosperity o / British Trade & to / unwarrantable methods made use o by / Servants o / Dutch W.I.C. to prevent our procuring any Brazil Tobacco but thro' their means & at / exorbitant prices they set on it.

QR 34 (No 3.) Read May 15 1771.

Monsieur

Nous nous referons au Contenu de l'Instrument ci joint dans lequel vous verrés de quoi il est question. Nous vous prions de nous accuser la reception de ce Papier et de nous croire avec beaucoup d'Estime Monsieur

Votre tres humble & tres obsert
P. Woortman

A la Mine ce 6e Nbre 1770

Nous, Pierre Woortman Directeur Gen des Cotes Septionales et Meridiales de l'Afrique Hollandoise au Nom & de la Part de nos Souverains Seigneurs les Etats Generaux de la Republique des Provinces Unies &c &c &c et de Son Altesse Serenissime Monseigneur le Prince d'Orange et de Nassau dans sa haute dignité de Gouverneur General de tous les Etablissements Etrangers de la Republique &c &c &c Declarons par cette a Monsieur David Mill Gouverneur en Chef des Etablissements Brittaniques le long de ces Côtes, residant au Chateau de Cabo Cors; que nous avons appris avec beaucoup de Surprise qu'un Navire Portugais Venant du Bahia Chargé de Taback, après avoir été mouillé pendant plusieurs Jours au Cap Appolonia & après y avoir fait un Commerce illicite & contraire aux Traités & Conventions subsistant entre la Cour de Portugal et la Republique des Provinces Unies, se trouve depuis quelques Jours en Rade a Annemaboe sous Pavillon Anglois et ayant

a bord quelques Militaires de la dite Nation, sans avoir mouillé a la Mine, sans avoir payé Son du a la Compagnie Hollandoise, & sans nous avoir prié pour un Passe port a fin de poursuivre son Voyage pour le bas de la Côte; & comme la Conduite du dit Portugaise est entièrement indecente et punissable, & que nous ne saisons comprendre sous quel pretexte il se trouve protegé & fortifié dans sa façon d'agir illicite par la nation Angloise, nous nous trouvons obligés en consequence de notre serment & des devoirs de notre Charge, de protester Solemnellement comme nous le faisons par cette, contre la Protection que le dit Portugais éprouve sous le gouvernement de Vous Monsieur David Mill, aussi bien que contre tous les Frais & Dommages quel a Compagnie Anglois [sic] a souffert deja et souffrira dans la Suite par une protection que Vous Luy accordés a tort; & nous Vous rendons responsable de toutes les Suites que Votre Conduite pourroit entrainer apres soi; tandis que nous ne tardisons pas de donner avis a Nos Seigneurs & Maitres, au nom des quels nous vous adressons ce Protest de tout le Passé afin qu'ils puissent prendre de telles mésures que le maintien de leurs Droits, de leur Privileges et Prerogatives paroissent exiger de d'eux.

Donné au Chateau de St George a La Mine ce 6me Novembre 1770

P Woodman

Qa 35 Read May 15 1771

Monsieur Pierre Woodman - S

Monsieur Del Cape Coast 8 Nov 1770

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[Vide copy ~~on~~ translated fm / Dutch in notebook "Journal 1769 - 1771 (6) p. 116]

Signed David Mill

Qa 36 Read June 13 1771.

Sir The Ctee o/ Co o Merchts trading to Africa desire to be / favoured o/ Rt Hon / Lords of Trade & Plantations as regard to / Orders to be sent to / Govrs on / Coast o Africa, relating to Portg: Ships trading on / British Ships on ye Coast, in consequence o / late ~~Govrs~~ conduct o/ Govr o C. C. C. as set forth in / 2 Protests rec'd fm thence, copies o wh / African Ctee hd lately / hon. to lay before their Ldps. I am therefore directed to beg / favour o y. to lay this Paper before their Ldps at ye next Bd as / Ctee delay this Bus to / Coast waiting ye such Instrons. I &c.

Richd Compton Secry

African Office
12th June 1771

John Pownall Esqre

12.

Qq 37 Read June 19. 1771

St James's June 14th 1771.

My Lords I send for Lds herewith inclosed / Copy o a Ltr fm Sir Joseph Yorke, as also o / Minute o / Orders to be sent by / Directors o / Dutch W I C to / Ltr. Pcm. & Council at St George Del Mina upon / Coast o Africa referred to therein by wh yr Lds will see / Steps t h bn taken, in consequce o yr Ltr to / late Earl o Halifax to remove / cause o Misunderstandg betwn / Subjects o Gr Britain & those o / States Pcm on / Coast o Africa: And as yr Lds will observe, by Sir Joseph Yorke's Ltr t / dfft Conventions quoted in / Report o / Bd o Trade o / 11th o April 1770, are not to be found in / Registers o / Dutch W I C. I am to signify to Yr Lds H Mys Pleasure t y shd immediately furnish me w authentick Copies o those Conventns in order to their beg transmitted to Sir Joseph Yorke. I am — &c

Suffolk [Tone]

Lds Commrs o Trade & Plantations

Qq 38 Read June 19 1771.

Copy My Lord. Hague 4th June 1771.

The Greffier Fagel called upon me yesty mg to acquaint me t in consequence o / Orders sent to / W I C. by / States Pcm requiring them to give an immediate acct o what disns they had sent to / Coast o Guinea, & bidg them know t the High Mightinesses beg desirous to give Hy Satisfacn in the powers to / King upon / Compltt I had bn instructed to remit, expected t- my chicane or delay shd be avoided. The chamber o Amsterdam had sent over to / Hague / Secretary o / Co w one o / Directors Yt wd be to no purpose to repeat / Excuses they made & not having more fully complied w / Orders they had sent last year, here they are mere excuses & / pont is to remove any fair cause o complaint. I was surprised to hear t these Gentn had not bn able to find amgst the Registers / dfft dfft Conventns quoted by / Bd o Trade in their Report to / Secy o State o / 11th April 1770, & soliciting me thro Mr Fagel to procure authentick copies o them fm England, wh I promised to mention to yr Ldp. The dates o these Agreemts made upon / Coast are o / 11th July 1708, / 16th May 1716 & 12th January 1728. In / mean-while, to give a sincere proof o / Cts desire to accord / friendly disposn o / States Pcm towds Gr Britain, / Greffier communicated to me / Minute o a provisional Order to be sent to Elmina by a ship wh sails in a few days wh I h / hon to mention.

After some Conversan w / Greffier & examing attentively / several Docrs: in my possession relative to our Compltt. I saw no reason to reject this provisional Order, but desired t, to prevent Suspicion, on our part, of tergiversation on / part o the Servants in Guinea, a Duplicate o this Order not be given to me to transmit to England, to be forwarded from France to Cabo Corso, wh Mr Fagel promised to effectuate, & I hope my Conduct will not be disapproved by H M.

I think yr Ldp may depend at present upon its beg seriously intended here to come to a speedy accomodn & t when they are furnished w / light they desire fm yr Side, they will come to such an Agreemt as, wh Running the Trade own Trade will remove my reasonable complt on / part o our African Co. They are fully sensible t it is the Int so to do as well as t, by any fur delay they may force H M to do himself justice

I shd not do justice to Mr Fagels zeal & friendly disposn upon this occasion if I did not mention how much pains he takes to remove my Subject o complt wh arises betwn / two Nations. I am — &c

J Yorke

1770 – 1773.

Q 39 Read June 19 1771

Translᵒⁿ

Minute of / Orders to be sent by / Directors of / Dutch W I C. to / Gov Gen & Council at / Castle of St George del Mina upon / Coast of Affrica

The British Ministry having made it their constᵈ care to the High Mightinesses of / Continual interruptⁿˢ caused by / Cos Servants to / Trade of / English or / Port: or Brazilean Ships, we have thot proper, in order to prevent all disputes or / English Natⁿ & remove all reasonable cause of Complt on their part upon this subject, to write to y provisionally & in expectan of further Orders frm / Assembly of Ten, That as soon as / Ships shall have paid the / usual Rckont or Duty at our Chief Castle at Ebmina, & provided themselves w a Passport frm our Gov: Gen: upon / Ordy Footg, they are to suffer no Molestn of detent or Hindrance whatsoᵉ in their Trade w / British Natⁿ upon / Coasts

Q 40 Read June 21 1771.

African Office. 21st June 1771

The Ctee of / Co of Merchts trading to Affrica having considered / Paper referred to them by / Lds Comrs of Trade & Plantns, intitled Copy of / Minute of / Orders to be sent by / Dirs: of / Dutch W I C. to / Gov: Gen & Council at St George d'el Mina upon / Coast of Affrica, And are of Opinion that if / sd provisional Orders are sent to / Gov Gen & Council at St George d'el Mina, / British Merchts will not be relieved in / least thereby frm / difficulties they at present Labour under in regard to their Trade w Port: ships on / Gold Coast of Affrica. And / Ctee are further of / Opinion that / following Articles hereunto annexed made betwn / English & Dutch Directors on / Gold Coast of Affrica relating to Port: ships ought to be strictly adhered to as / only method of preserving that Valuable Trade to H. Mts Subjects

By Order of / Ctee
Phillip Champion Secry

* Note There are / same Extracts as those under 1769-1770. PP 26.27 Doc: Pp. 57.

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The above contain nothing re Gold Coast mostly Petns to Privy Council & permission to export Gunpowder &c to W I & W A

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