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A reference to C.O 389/27 (or 21?) occurs on page 45 in Turley's C.O 388/ group, which note occurs between his reference to C.O 388/19 .... "Nil" & C.O 388/20 ... "Nil". The note reads:-

"C.O 389/27
Letters written sent
Nil "

A reference to C.O 389/28, & extract occurs on a page 47 in Turley's C.O 388/ group - between C.O 388/22 ... "Nil" and C.O 388/23

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KvG 349 etc.

KvG 424 Letters recd from the Colonial Dept. (Carson 670).
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KvG 349 Journal of Elmina (Carson 660).
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KvG 501 (Accra) – 22 Dec 1816
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KvG 504 (Boutry)

KvG 350 – 18 Jan. 1817

To end of 1816 & few entries for Jan. 1817

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Holmes Journal. and correspondence

1664.

HOLMES, Capt Robert
Diary from 21st September 1663 to 3rd January 1665
and Correspondence, 1664.

Oldenburg's Journal. Transl. [of Jesse] pp

p 26-30	5 Nov. 1818	Jesse - envoy from King of Ashantee - comes into Elmina Castle. Reports news of victory - presents shows - presents from King. Refuses to begin bout substantive talk.
p. 30-33.	6 Nov. 1818	Jesse comes into the castle to speak about Kotgeld matters & purchases for the King.
p 37-38	17 Nov. 1818	Jesse again comes into Castle - Kotgeld and purchases.
p 39.	25 Nov. 1818	Jesse comes in to Castle to take leave - having received the kotgeld from the customs yesterday.
p 88.	27 Aug. 1819	Yesterday evening arrived here ... Jesse -- brings present to Elmina - two pieces of Ashantee 10 pieces of gold & 20 slaves - mostly prisoners - war.
p. 88-89	28 Aug 1819	The Ash[an] messengers came in to make their compliments on behalf of the King, & they will execute their mission next week.
p 89-90	31 Aug. 1819	The Ashtee messengers came in ... the King had now arrived again in his capital ... Kotgeld & complaint of using unbecoming expressions against the King, made coming via Commas ... this reported to the Dutch as neither Commas nor his messengers were to be found in the town.

P.T.O.

p.93. 15 Sept 1819 Jeaie with the Elmina Negro Govt came in about the palaver of Comma – (it appears that the accusation made by Attobra-Wassaw Cabocceer – was false. Why Attobra did so

p93-7. 18 Dec. 1819. To-day came in some Ashantee ... to carry their stipend asked for by Jeaie (31 Aug.) These carriers were accompanied by a Staff-bearer of the King .. who states were to inform the President that in a few days a Messenger would arrive at Cape Coast – to settle the palaver here. .. The Ashantee Messenger ~~was~~ Jeaie was ordered to remain here in order to report the result of the matter.

p.132. Letter to Holland – reference to Ashantee demand for Patyasee Slaves.

p145. ff. 15 April 1820 New organization of the Dutch Settlements (reduced establishment) Boutry Taccoray Seccondee Forts evacuated – emancipation of Govt slaves

148 22 April 1820 Ashantee – presents sent to the King.

22 April 1820 Mr J. Neiser allowed to occupy Saccondee Fort on condition (inter alia) that no slave trading be carried on.

5 June Rodosser died at Chama

13 June. Re payment of messengers & carriers who went to Ashanti, & have returned with the King's Answer

p165. 1 Sept 1820 — Negro rumours that English Warships attacked Dutch Accra

2 " " — Letter from Capt Maxwell Hall of HMS "Pheasant" reporting the events at Accra, as follows ...

(from English)

p170 11 Sept 1820 — Private information of Capt Hall's being uneasy about the Accra episode — his orders being to prevent the Slave Trade at sea, not to interfere on shore. But Osthaut doesn't know whether this is true.

p173 11 Oct. 1820 — Slave-dealing at Axim

p175 4 Nov 1820 — Slave Trade at Accra. — Letter from Osthaut to A.W. Nesbitt & reply — saying not him — but Cuntraa

178 28 Nov. 1820 — Van den Broecke's account of present-day slaving — openly engaged in — by the negroes of Accra. Cadet's efforts to stop the loading of a French ship by firing on the canoes — Accra the most important supplier. John Jackson of Cape Coast sometimes involved in this trade indirectly. Sir G. Collier having made a complaint to the Eng. Govt about him.

p183 24 Dec-1820. Letter to J.H. Oosthout from Capt. Maxwell Kelly, "Pheasant" c-c-Roads, requesting a written reply to his (Kelly's) letter of 2 Sept - [for purposes of record].

p184 25 Dec-1820 Oosthout's reply to Capt. Kelly. — v. interesting. (100 guns were fired, but "no little effect was produced — this is a pity, says Oosthout - it "gives the natives an unfavourable idea of our means of punishment when they act in opposition to our orders...

p189 27 Dec-1820 Letter to Oosthout from Kelly - c-c. Roads 27 Dec. he has recd information from J.H. Smith that a vast number of Portuguese slaving ships have passed down the Coast & that the whole or the greatest part of them have been provided with canoes from Elmina. Implies that they should stop.

p192 28 Dec 1820 Oosthouts - marked by this letter - replies.

p202. 23 March 1821. Craftsmen ~~Tradesmen~~ sent to Comenie on application of King of Ashanti for assistance of labourers in the ~~the~~ the erection of a new house there for the King.

p213. Some interesting reflections on the probable consequences of the Neth. Govt having abolished the fetish priests' Postgelden.

p216 Minutes &c of Council rel. to the English complaints about Dutch assistance to the Slave Trade

p222. Convenyal had accused Van den Bryggen Paauw of having conspired with Milet to poison Gov. Gen. Daendels.

p224. George III's death on 29 Jan? 1820

p227-228 Canoe Trade (letters to Ministry — important & interesting)

p246. List of Kostgeld - arrears - includes Crevecoeur - King of Holland's 2 3 per month.

p247. 31 Dec. 1820 Canoe trade - Decision of the King of Netherlands — Mrs Van Landewijk has left this blank.

p254 10? February 1821 Paynter's death.
p256 " " "
p264 " Feb? - Letter from J.H. Smith.
| → All this stems from the Maurice incident
p300 + a pieces in Elmina caused by Ashantees (C.J. Daendels) demanding return of gold from Daendels' son, who lives in the town. (C.J.D. leaves for home in April)

p 303. Return of Capard de Heer from Ashantee – his report
p 304 With De Heer & the carriers there also arrived a Messenger from the King of Ashantee to the Gov at C-Ct, "with orders to enquire further into the affair concerning the death of the Fantee Caboceer Paquntee. Cost thought refuses the Ashantee Messengers request that a representative from him Cost should accompany the mission as witness to what was transacted.

p. 306. 26 May Ashantee Messenger returned from Cape Coast to Elmina, & on 28 May came in to me again to inform me of the message he had brought from his King to the Governor of Cape Coast.

27 May 21. The Ashantee Messenger came in to-day to receive the Holyold 1 Jan 1820 – 31 Dec. 1820

p. 309 9 June entry shows that some form of Ntam operates in Apollonia. – 6 gs. Gold, interesting use here.

p 310 10 July entry. Pat. Ship supplied with candles & condemn
311 9 Aug. " " " " " "
27 Aug. Death of Cost Cost (about 30 years)
30 Aug. Pat. Ship as on 10th of July supplied.
31 " Last comma administration.
14 Sept. Pat. Ship. ditto.
27 " ditto.

29 Sept — Letter recd - Thorning assumes Danish command.

p. 314

314 30 Sept. — Spanish schooner ditto
Portuguese ~ ~ (4 canoes)

p314-8 1 Oct — Messenger from King etc of Dutch Accra, who handed over letter from Van de Broeck Paaw dated Accra 28 Sept 1821 — Case of Blenkenin arrest and maltreatment of Quartey Cudjo.

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p318-321 1 Oct. — Letter or two sent to JHS.

322. 2 Oct. — Portuguese Schooner "Americano" anchors; permission given him to buy one canoe against 20 rolls tobacco for recognition. However - he rejects - and obtains one at night from Commander, & sails away.

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1771 — 1773

BT 6/1 "Africa Bundle A"

A1 Read Dec 12 1771.
St James's July 17th 1771

My Lords

I'm / obsce o Lord Suffolk 9 date to transmit to yr Ldps an Extract fm a Ltr rec'd fm Sr Jos Yorke relative to / Provisional Order made by / Dutch WIC. & / Govrs & other Servants on / Coast o Africa wh has ben already communicated to yr Ldps. I am — &c.
Rochford

Lds o Trade.

A2. Read Dec 12 1771

Extract o a Ltr fm his Excellency
Sir Joseph Yorke to / Earl o Suffolk
Hague July 12th 1771.

The African Co by what they write to / Bd o Trade, o wh a copy was inclosed to me seem to apprehend t / Provil Order given by / Dutch WIC. to / Gov o Elmina was / only thg intended to be done. Touchg these disputes, wch / contrary is true: But o / discussg o such affairs must naturally take up some time & t / Dutch pretend to h the guidance to compromise as well as use, it was impossible to settle evrythg so summarily; but to prevent new Complts in / mean while, & make them sensible in Europe t the Conduct was attended to in Europe, some provisional order was absolutely necy to be given, & I can assure yr Ldp t / States Gen, & / Prince o Orange as well as / Ministers meant to have Orders shd be obeyed, & for t purpose put into my hands / authenticated copy o them, wh I transmitted in order t it may be produced at Elmina, in case any chicanes shd be started there. What is meant here on / part treaty o / affairs is just what is meant. I imagine, by / African Co, Govr to draw up a new Convention out o / old ones wh were transmitted to me, in hopes t what was just & equitable shd be settled f / advantage o both Nations, wt attempting to exclude each fr Certain it is t / state o t Country is much changed within these few years, since Parliamt has taken it into consn, & they know full well here what / Power o Gt Britain can brg abt, tho they trust at / same time to her equity & generosity. Yr Ldp sh hear fur upon this Subject as soon as all / Pprs I h bn exd on this side

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A3 Read Dec 12 1771

10 December 1771. Admlty. Letter Stephens to Pownall. Sends for / Inform o / Lds Commrs o Trade Accts o / State & Condn o / Forts & Settlemts on / Coast o Africa rec'd fm Capt Fielding late o HMS Rainbow

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Extract o a Ltr fm Capt Fielding o / Rainbow to Philip Stephens Esqre dd. C. C. Road 12 April 1771

— Sends inclosed / State & Condn o / British Forts &c in Africa: as for / rest 9 hd / Satisfacn o finding wtyg perfectly quiet where 9 h bn & 9 learn fm / Councils here, t they are in / same peaceable situan at all / Settlemts to Leeward o this place & no part o / Coast infested w Pirates, nor h any fair occan for my presence

State o Forts.
[Summaries]

Accra April 18. 1771
Thos Dews Chief 2 Factors 1 Sergt 1 Gunner 13 Soldiers Cudjoe Caboceer Langua (Slave): Slaves 13 m 25 w 17 c
Guns 2 18lb 8 12lb 2 9lb 15 6lb 17 4lb 3 3lb 4 1lb. ... Fort in bad condition, & leaky. Trade indifft
(Sgd) Jno Dove
Natll Townsend

Annamaboe April 14 1771
Chas Bell Chief 1 Second 1 Sergt 1 Corpl 1 Gunner 1 Gardener 10 Soldiers, Slaves 17 m 2 w 0 / 4 c
Guns 8 24lb 6 18lb 3 12lb 18 6lb 12 3lb. Canoes 13 2, 1 9h. In pretty good order. Trade, Tabs o /
Ppal mark on / Gold Coast. at present / Masters o Privt: Ships pay £20 per head f Slaves. Abt 80 o
100 o Slaves sold monthly. At present Slaves are scarce & / Natives difficult in the choice o goods. w'thin
these 6 weeks / Masters o Ships h rejected / price o Slaves 40/ a head wh is o gt detriment to /
Trade & will be o bad Consequnce Very little gold sold here by / Natives
Geo Young
Chas Bell

Winnebah April 1771
Thos Trender Chief 1 Factor 1 Sergt 1 Gunner 6 Soldiers. Slaves 4 m 5 w. Guns 2 8lb 2 3lb 1 4lb 3 6lb
Fort in bad repair. Trade better than f some time ... Sgd Jn Dodd

Succoe n.d.
Thos Westgate Chief 1 Sergt 2 white 2 mulatto Soldiers. Slaves 6 m 20 w 8 c. Guns 19 6lb 9 3lb 6 ½lb
(Sd) John Thos Duckworth 2d Lieut

Tantamquerry April 9th 1771
Field Miles Chief 1 Factor 1 Sergt 1 Gunner 6 Soldiers Slaves 4 m 3 w. Guns 2 6lb 1 4lb & 3 3lb
In a very bad Condition could not bear / brig o a cannon (Sgd) C C Marsolle [Factor] pro Dove

Saccondee April 10th 1771.
John Brown actg Chief 1 Factor 1 Sergt 9 Soldiers Slaves 6 m 5 w. Guns 12 4lb 3 9lb 2 6lb 5 3lb 6 2lb
Chief fallen down. The whole are fallt w shock o fever one 9lb gun Chief beg dead no trade
Jn Dove Lieut

Commenda April 10th 1771.
Robt Collins Chief 1 Sergt 1 Gunner 5 Soldiers 1 drummer Slaves 4 m 6 w 2 c. Guns 10 12lb 12 9lb 6 2lb 4 2lb
2 18lb 4 12lb 3 9lb 2 6lb 2 4lb 10 2lb 6 1lb Good repair Trade indifft
Jno Dove Lieut

Appolonia April 1771.
R Miller Chief 1 Second 1 Surgeon 1 Sergt 1 Gunner 6 Soldiers Slaves 22 m 3 w. Guns 6 6lb 6 3lb & 2lb 6 1lb
has been finished more than 6 mos In good condition. n.s.

Cape Coast Castle April 1771
David Mill Gov 1 Accomt 1 Secy 1 Capt o Guard 1 Surgeon 1 Dep Storekeeper Keeper 1 Factor Appleby.
8 Factors 1 Chaplain (Quaque) 2 Surveyors 2 Captns 2 Bricklayers 1 Baker 1 Gunner 1 Armourer Bombay.
1 Gardener 1 Patron o / Cos Boats 1 Master o / Hosp 1 Sergt, 2 Corpls 33 Soldiers, 1 Mulatto Drum Major
13 Mulatto Soldiers 5 do Drummers Cudjoe Caboceer, Fredk Abbey, George Sackay & John Agaa Black
Writers. Geo Bannisbee Hanger Aby Slaves 162 m 94 w. Guns 7 12lb 19 3lb 3 4lb 9 6lb 5 9lb
15 12lb 11 18lb 12 12lb 6 6lb. 1 Schooner 40 tons, 1 Ps 2 mast long Boat, Canoes 3 5h 5 4h.
2 9h 4 11h 4 13h 2 15h 1 19h.
Castle in gen in bad repair except Spirit wh is new Old Warehouses dangerous.
Trade is in Slaves & little Gold dust f Ivory now better than f some yrs past
ed David Mill
Geo Young

A 4 Read Dec 12 1771
Dupt o accts Clearance f 1771/2 cleared 3 July 1771.

1771 – 1773.

[B.T. 6/1. A] cont.

A 6 Read Dec 12 1771.

Lord Mill to / Clee CCC 28 February 1771

– Acknes rect o Mrs Ln o 31 Oct 1770 [1770-73 p 3] – Sends copy o his Lgr per Venus
– Sends an Estabt mt f CCC as directed, & Estabt mts f sev Forts on / Coast except
C Appol. already sent – Anal expence o / Schooner already sent –
In / Estabt mt f CC 7 £ only put 5 factors properly qualified – at £100 pa
each – & £ no o / Accts & Sep Secys wd be amply suffic to carry on all duty &
wd do for more pensions than all / Factors now on / Accts Office, half o whom
I am sorry to say are only a burden on yr Service.
In order, Gentn, to make yr more intimately acquainted w / present Annl
expence o this place & settg forth upon / Coast, & both send yr a correct list o /
White mens pay Names in yr Service, Mr stars & Salaries, / Annl expence f Cos
Slaves & Black mens pay; as also / settled Charges f Hall Case & yr customary
& settled Fees, & f wch see by / Amt o it, wh is £144-4-1 – 1 – 3½ Coast money
t these payms alone are not able to be made out o / Mony sent out by / Annl
Store ship, much less is the any room f erecty any Buildgs or carrying
on any Repairs whatso yr at any place tho they are so much wanted at most places,
& at this in part.
— Mr Thompson Secy, dead: John Morgan succeeds him –
Rose glad to see t yr ha promoted Mr Westgate to a Fort / Command o a Fort
Mr Watts beg / Youngest Chief Mr Westgate took Chge o his Fort Dixcove
. . . . . [personnel &c]
The Lge Coa'ries tho only half / price o / o's are unsaleable – & sells
both by weight in England; for are sold here by Tale, so frequently one Lge Coarse
weighs as much as 4 small ones & consequently & only ¼ £ o Mr Sales on / Coast
– A number o Soldiers were discharged f rupture
– Requests that / Soldiers may be allowed each, 2 shirts, 2 prs shoes & 2 prs
stockgs pa . . . This will enable them to live upon their Pay much more comfortably
& contentedly
– Charges, made by Messrs Steve Brown & Fleetwood, masters o 4 Vessels in
Above road agst Mr Field Miles Chief o Appol. Fort to be laid before / Clee, o the
usage o the officers on / coast o this trade & o engrossg all / Trade o / place by
indirect means. Wrote Mr Miles who asked leave to come up & answer them, this
granted & notice given to / Complts to come up w the complaints. No answer to this
& no one appeared. So after 6 weeks 2 of them wrote, & their mates came
& voluntarily declared they had been treated w / utmost civility by Mr Miles. So
Mr Miles had stayed at CC 5 weeks, he sent him back to his Fort as he more
worthy o praise than blame – Few more deserving men of Reference at this
time as Chiefs o Forts in yr Service –
. . .
Mr Saunder has been down at Accra & Prampram & he is o opinion that it will not
practicable to repair / present Fort at Prampram . . . he also thinks it will cost as much
to rebuild it on / present spot it stands as to remove it a mile to / Eastward where there
is a fine Landg, plenty o stone & an exceedg good spot f a small Fort. Indeed
. . . nothg cd be worse than / present Landg at Prampram. He experienced / badness
o it both when he lived there & when he was Chief o Accra having lost many Negs o
Value by / canoe oversetg. The Townspeople I am sure will willgly remove their
houses to / new Fort as they keep their canoes there at present & are always obliged
& go there to fish – Sends an estimate & plan o a new Fort & estimate f repairg Accra

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Trade continues very much the same: by Lists of Ships (as I am informed) there are a good many Vessels at Above, and I am sure they must get home very long

From the accounts of Lorient a considerable Fleet from England as there is more come down since Capt Fielding arrived, and the departure for England was not known to Applicant a Week. If the account holds place & there are no Ships of War stationed on the Coast to protect Ships in it, Merchts will suffer greatly, as it is certain we shall soon have French Cruizers, they keep very constantly cruizing off the Coast.

I am — &c.
David Mill

A 6 Read Dec 12 1796

David Mill to Clee

C.C.C. 18 March 1797

- Affairs with this Dr since 20 Feb 1796 [as I] per Peggy Capt Lane, we were sorry to find ourselves concerned to see by the Letters from Sierra Leone, that you were so much offended at the Governor & Council there for the Steps concerning the Affairs of the Coast — but hope all will do well & I shall for this place the 24 June 1796 [Dr — 20th 1796 £3. 0.30 P.T.] — Times in a few years a Master of Vessels obliged to go to Portugal for a change of air —
- This is the 5th Letter in 6 months —
- By the Memo in the Council Book of 1st March, they will see the Trading Points more —
- The Letters contain pretty much the same —
- Sends Dr the Ships Letters after to his Care.

Cudjoe Cabboceer has been frequently entreated to represent to the South that it is a very considerable time since they sent him any present. Indeed I believe the present sent by the Appolonia Cabboceer is what has made him think himself neglected. I think a good salute when I land, & a good Present would make the Natives easy were they sure from the first by no means whether they shall be sent from — &c —

David Mill

A 7. Read Dec 12 1797

David Mill to Clee

C.C.C. 15 April 1797

- Sends Copy of his Letter dd 18 ulto [Jan] per Peggy Commander Capt Lane
- Mr Gilbert Chief of Succondee has since died —
- Mr Green entitled to succeed by the Company Sends Copy of Big Letter to Capt Fielding & Wms Recommending him for a passage home by Green on his ship a Sloop the Eagle Sloop [Capt Young] & Fieldings Letter to be rd not to take him [another Letter repeated]. He will try to get Green home on a Neutral Ship Sends Acct of Cowries & promotes Vice Gilbert Green.

The Ships of War have made so short a stay on the Coast as they have done this year. The loss of the Gallies Pilot got the Negroes Pilot on board [Cracco or Sabolee of Accra] — Gold most exceedingly scarce as the quantities of it is paid on Slaves

- Mr Westgate's Letter article to go to Appeal. Mr Gilbert petitioned to go Home & Westgate succeeds him as Commander
- Do not yet purchase what they expect will Cowries this Year. As soon Capt Fielding informed him to leave Winneba only for 2 days the they were ready but I much doubt if he will do it. The Boat has for the Eagles Ships to be a good Watch Both Copy Lists [CCC] ship 2 days & are now at Above so he is obliged to go there. — Capt Young of the Eagle was very willing to stay if Capt Fielding ordered him, & the purpose I am — &c —

David Mill

A 8. Read Dec 12 1797.

Duplicate of above.

A 9 — A 12. Read as before

- Copies & duplicates of Mills Correspondence with Capt Fielding to which he refers for Accts & going Green a passage home — not copied.

1741 - 1743.

[BT6/1 area A]

A.13. Read here 12 Nov 1741

The Clerk to / Govr & Council CCC.

African Office London 19 June 1741

Our
– Our last was dd 20 March [not k] since when k recd ours of 20 June [1740-43 p 4] 9 Oct [ibid p 11] & copies of 25 Aug [ibid] & 9 Nov [? 19 ibid p 9].

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Our Mate on his Ret of 25 Aug acquaints us of / death of / late Govr Trenchard & of / Chief Command devolves upon himself the shameful neglects & irregularities of h Accts with / management of our Affairs on / Coast, so justly complained of lately by us, wch are likely to attribute in a good measure to / bad state / such publick Affairs were reduced to by sickness or death, & above all to / infirm absence or infirm state of / late Chief Govr. From / opinion we h formed conceived of / abilities & integrity of his Succr we rely on an immediate redress of all these matters complained of & our Affairs on / Coast will in future be conducted w such propriety as will do honor to / officers employed as well as to the employers in full confidence whereof we h confirmed David Mill Esqre our Govr & Commander in Chief on / Coast of Africa

– & likewise h confirmed Chas Bell Esqre Vice President of Council & order that in case of / absence from / Coast of / Commander in Chief, / Vice President of / Council for / time being do immediately repair to C.C.C. & take / Command

...

For / Encouragement made by this & / 2d Acts of Council, we refer you to / enclosed authenticated copy of our Orders thereon [not k].

– Re / Accts of / Sum of £2000 specially granted for / repair of C.C.C –

– The cost of / Schooner during / time she was in the Service of a Trader by / late Govr Trenchard, to be charged to his Estate –

We approve of yr having built a proper Hospital in / Room for / reception of sick –

...

– Allow £93 5 0 to Govr Mill for expenses incurred by him on his accident off Enagra as he was on / public service – & congratulate him on his escape

– As to defects in / Returns of Garrisons at C.C.C & Outforts –
– Complain of the neglect to send copies of Acts of Council –

We approve entirely of / Plan No 2 drawn by Mr Brander recd in yr last packet & order & ordain / repairing & rebuilding C.C.C according to / sd plan be finished w all possible speed Expedition & we h accordingly already taken some steps to endeavour to procure some good Senegal or Gambia Slaves, wh if so much desire to enable you to carry on this work.

You shd h sent us copies of original Pro[test] passed before you Mates & Officers of / Capt of / Portuguese Ship when / Letter desired / protection of / British Forts, & on acct of which / sd Capt traded at Annamabbo. From a view of these pprs we h not / whole matter before us, & therefore desire them to be sent by / first opportunity. In / meantime if any fresh matter arises by / arrival of more Portuguese Ships who desire yr protection before you receive any further instructions thereon, we refer you to / enclosed copy of / Articles of Agreement made between / English & Dutch Chiefs on / Gold Coast of Africa, relating to Portuguese ships, & recommend whilst you use yr endeavours to preserve our Rights in / sd Agreements, to avoid as much as in yr power any step wh may bring disgrace upon our Justice or wh may endanger / good understanding now subsisting between / British & Dutch Nations

August yr 1741.

Since writing / foregoing letter We h recd yr packet by / Ketch Sloop Eagle dd 15 April 1741 [A 4 & A 5 supra dup supra p] ...

– By / inclosed Invoice [not k] you will see what / real Govr & Chiefs are all confirmed –

4.

Trade continues dy wtht interpt by / Ships (in h) & we see no dfs are a good many Vessels at Aboe, and o ark must yt be dy long

Jam dy assures & / Gold o some Vessel for England as dfs is agn come down since Capt Harding arrd, & on his departure for England dfs was gt reason to apprehend a Warr. Yt I wont takes place & dfs are no Ships o War stationed on / Coast to protect / Ships on it, / Merchts will suffer gtly, as it is certain we shd soon h / French Cruizers, dy beg were immediately augmented on / Coast.

Jam — &c.
David Mill

A 6. Read Dec 12 1771

David Mill to / Clee

C.C.C. 18 March 1771

- Offers sale o dfs Ds o 20 Nov 1770 [in h] per Peggy Capt Wills, wh cam safe & Jam extremely concerned to see & are so much offended at / Gov & Council here & the Silly reasons / Affairs o / Coast — he told me dfs & a Ds for this place dd 24 June 1770 [rec — 9 Jan 1771 — 230 pr.] — Jews in a bad state o Health & was obliged to go to Princes & change o air —

— This is his 5th Letter in 6 months —

— By / Memo in / Council Book o 1st March, dy will see / Hostility Prohibn made —

— We hitherto continue pretty healthy — —

— Sends list o Shipps little differ to his last.

Custos Cobbocees has bn frequently intreaty me to represent to y Govr & t it is a dy Considerable time since y sent him any present. Indeed I believe / Ego presents sent to / Appolonia Cobbocees is what has made him think himself neglected. I think a good Scarlet cloth Coat, & a good Hat wod not be thrown away were dy sent him the 1st by sea means dictate to y t they of to be sent. Jam — &c —

David Mill

A 7. Read Dec 12 1771

David Mill to / Clee

C.C.C. 15th April 1771

- Sends copy o his last dd 18 ultr [Jupiter] per Beggars Benison Capt Thom

— Mr William Chiefs Successor has since died —

— Mr Green certified insane by / Surgeons. Sends copies o his Letter to Capt Fielding o HMS Hawke asking him & a passage home in Green on his ship a HMS Weazle Sloop [Capt Young] & Fieldgs Letter t he cd not take him [Inclosures Letters copied]. He ord dy to get Green home on a Merchts ship. Sends Act o Council & promotns Wm Allan Green.

The Ships o War never made so short a stay on / Coast as they have this year. Yt was y / great safety I cd get / Registers Sold on board [Inventy o Goods o deced] — Gold now exceedg scarce as gt quantities o it is paid on Slaves

— Mr Westgate earnestly desires to go to Appol. Mr Collins solicitous to go dfs & Westgate succeeds him at Commandr

— Wind yet pure, wh they expect will / Books by / Ships wh carries dfs. He wrote Capt Fielding solicitg him to leave Weazle only 2 days & tho they were ready but I much doubt & he will do it tho both his & / Weazles Ships' Co are in good Health. Both Cays have [CCC] only 2 days & are now at Aboe so he is obligd to find dfs Ds there. — Capt Young of the Weazle was dy willg to stay & Capt Fielding ordered him, & t purpose

I am — &c —
David Mill

A 8. Read Dec 12 1771.

Duplicate o above

A 9 — A 12 Read & infra

- Copies & duplicates o Mills Correspce wt Capt Fielding re waiting & / Accts & giving Green a passage home — not copied.

1771 - 1773.

[CO 6/1 and T. A]

A 13. Read Decr 12. 1771

The Clerk to / Govr & Council CCC.

African Office London 19 June 1771

– Our last was dd 20 March [in h] since when h recd this o 20 June [1710-13 P Y] 9 Oct [ibid p 1] & copies o 25 Aug [ibid] & 9 Nov [? 19 ibid p 9].

Hon Mate on his Bs o 25 Aug acquaints us w / death o / late Govr Hon Pringle & L / Chief Command devolves upon himself the shameful neglects & irregularities t h crept into / management o our Affairs on / Coast so justly complained o lately by us – We are fully to attribute in a good measure to / bad state / that publick Affairs were reduced to Cr by sickness or death, & above all to / absence or uncertain state o / late Chief Govr. Hn / opinion we h formed conceived o / abilities & integrity o his successr we rely on an immediate redress o all those matters complained o & L our Affairs on / Coast will in future be conducted w such propriety as will do honour to / officers employed as well as to the employers in full confidce whereof we h confirmed Captn David Mill Esqre our Govr & Commdr in Chief on / Coast o Africa

– Likewise h confirmed Chas Bell Esqre Vice President o / Council & order t in case o / absence from / Coast o / Commander in Chief. / Vice President o / Council for / time being do immediately repair to C. C. C. & take / Command

F / 2d Premr made by this & / 2d Acts o Council. We refer yr to / enclosed an Authenticated copy o our Orders thereon [in h]

– Re / Accts of / Sum o £ 2000 specially granted for / repair o C C C –

– The cost o / Schooner during / time she was in a leaky by / late Govr Pringle, to be charged to his Estate –

We approve o yr having built a proper Hospital in / room for / recpn of sick –

– Allow £93 5 0 to Govr Mill for expenses incurred by him on his accident off Onaqua as he was on / public service – & congratulate him on his escape

– As to defects in / Returns of Garrisons at C C C & Outforts –
– Complain o the neglect to send copies o Acts o Council –

We approve entirely o / Plan No 2 drawn by Mr Brander recd in yr last packet & order & enable you to / repairg & rebuildg C. C. C. according to / sd plan be finished w all possible speed Expedn & we h accordingly already taken some steps to endeavour to procure some good Senegal or Gambia Slaves, wh L so much desire to enable y to carry on this work.

I shd h Doubt we copies o / original Dis t passed betwn Hon Miles Pringle & / Capt o / Portuguese Ship when / latter desired / protecn o / British Forts, & an Acct of when / sd Capt traded at Annamaboe. Forward o those pps we h not / whole matter before us, & therefore desire them to be sent by / first oppy. In / meantime if any fresh matter arises by / arrl o more Portuguese Ships who desire yr protecn before y rece any fur instrns thereon, we refer y to / enclosed copy o / Articles o Agreemt made betwn / English & Dutch Chiefs on / Gold Coast o Africa, relatg to Port ships, & recommend whilst y use yr endeavours to preserve our Rights in / sd Agreemts, L y avoid as much as in yr power any step wh may bring disgrace upon our Service or wh may endanger / good understdg now subsistg betwn / British & Dutch Nats.

August 7th 1771.

Since writg / foregog letter We h recd yr packet by Mr Sloop Seagle dd 15 April 1771 [A 7 & A 8 supra dep supra p]...

– By / inclosed Invoice [in h] y will see we / royal Govr & Chiefs are all confirmed –

6.

A 14. Read Dec 12 1771

The Clee to Mill & Council CCC
African House London 2 October 1771

- Transmit / inclosed Charge exhibited agst Jno Packard Master & / Order / Clee h made thereon [in H. in H.] -

The Govr & Chiefs in / Public Service are placed in Africa not to obstruct or hinder, but to extend & improve a free & open trade to & part of World to all H M's Subjects

- as / Charge is exhibited on oath, no defce can be admitted but what is verified in / same manner. . . .

A 16. Read Dec 12 1771.

The Clee to Mill & Council CCC

African office London 20 November 1771

- Since ours of 19 June & 7 Aug [supra] we h recd Jrs of 28 Feb [P 3 supra] via Barbadoes & Jrs of 16 April [Ltr. N° 15 - p ~~supra~~ supra].

- The disobedience [except Mr Bell] of the orders to send home copies of / States & Books deld to Capts of Manships -

- They blame Consultnt, not for discharging so many soldiers as physically unfit for service, but for not objecting to / men in London & thus saving / Expence of the passage to Africa - every man a burden to / Service must be discharged . . . . .

I will rece herewith Invoice & B/L of Goods Stores & merchandize by / many Names, Thos Darling master, amtg to £10,993-6-0 - as / Ship was not contain them all we were despatch and some time next month or / remdr . . We h kept pretty near to Jr Estimt & h added thto building materials - & / repairs of CCC tho chiefly & superably accted for -

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A 17. Read Janry 30. 1772.

David Mill to / Clee

C.C.C. 4 August 1771.

- Encloses copy of his last per HMS Weazle.
- Per / Richmond Capt Rogers Recd Jrs of 21 March [in h. ?20]

Capt Consultnt hasg bn much dissatisfied at his stay here, all his apptmts were much ofter than any one in his Station here before, & petitiong for his discharge in order to go home & get into Army agn, granted him, & he took his passage in [Marlborough of Bristol, Capt Marshall. He struck off £50 pa for his Table as if he stood on and Officer, wh indeed I see no necessity for, I think. the / indulgce of / publick Table ought not to be granted him only at / discretion of / Govr here, who certainly must be / best Judge if he is a proper Table Companion for him or not.

- Reports the loss of / Schooner has been hauled ashore & broken up.

I am extremely sorry to see so many Complts exhibited agst yr servants some of which are not true & the rest greatly exaggerated.

As regard to / Complts agst Messrs Grossle & Williams as they are now no more I can say no more abt them. By / inclosed paper No 17 you will see that soon after my coming up here, I paid Messrs André his whole demand agst Mr. Grossle. He is now settled in this Town as a free Trader & shall meet with no hindrce from me in any of his dealgs through Gentn. I shd be glad to be informed how far & to what Space of time we in Hms or Jr service entitles a Foreigner to settle under /

[These §§ has bn copied in full as refer to Brings book a treatise upon Trade from Gt Brit to Africa p 63 seq. & passim]

A Treatise upon / Trade from Gt. Britain to Africa [1771-1773 p 6a]
By an African merchant
[Richd Brew]
1772

92]. Chap V The conduct o / present African Ctee.
99] " VI Proposals for improvg / African Trade
42] ways 5 forts to be kept up. Viz: CCC. Aboe, Cobah, Accra. Appd with which deduct injurious: with remarks on / Ctee

Appendices

App. A.
1.] Acpt o / African Trade – state in 1771.

App B. Abuses in / management o / Ctee. Public ledger April 20 1772:
35]
46.] Memorial o / Merchants & Traders to Africa from / Port o London whose names are hereunto subscribed. To / Rt Hon / Lds Commrs of T & P. dd 17 March 1772.
Purport: That an act passed in / 23rd year o his late Majesty . . .
That / diren & managemt o / affairs o / sd Co. . . . .
Title Act also directs. . . .
And by / 3rd Act. . . .
In conformity to / intent o / Act
4 more pts then
Ye Memorialists: complain o / sd Ins Johnson, to his Mtie,
& the Privy Council / present Committee-men & / port o London.
& pray them to order them to be removed . . . Signed by
42 names, beginning w Sam Bambridge, the last Nicholas Ludgens

App H.
53] Tuscard's Pamphlet
66] letter July 1 1770 Brew to sev Merchts o Lpool
41] 44 " C Appol. Williams
43] " Hughes copper & Americhd, Swords, Brew & Tenders factories. Mumford Hdg.
44]
45] talk o gunpowder at CCC & Aboe. Tonyn at Aboe
46] Davis death at Lagoe
50] The united Engls' Trading & all Nations Tonyn from Brew (Howard) enquiring
55] letter Oct 15. 1770 Engl Johnson. 61. his proposed deposition before Tonyn
forts used as factories
56] Cargoes brot over & Mtie Bell &c. Brew's sloops vict suppressed factories
57] Millers at Appol.
59] Messrs Ross & Mtie, Petrie, & David Mtie.
88] Seven at Cda. Brew pawned at Agah.
91] Mutes at Appeal
93] April 10 1771..
94] Murder o a Fantee by / fisherman under walls o Aboe. Bell blockaded by Fantees
95] Millers at Appol.
96] Capt Darling o Sloop Mary James. his Hadg in Mtie & Bell.
99] August 25. 1772. Forts now suppressed in 1753 & 1764.
100] Aboe burned by French 1764.
101] Clandestine Slaving by vests o / Ctee
102] British cruizers
103] The Council Mtie Bell Tender & Brew to enquire into chges made by Brew agt themselves
105 Oct 1st 1771. Mtie & Bell slaving to Gen & Boiel at Elmina, for Port Tobacco
107 Millers at Tantumquerry flogged by natives
108] Brews Charges agst Jones (Capt Hippisley) & Seamen & Slaving, Hadg I. – VI.
111] Oct 15 1771 musical slaves trade & gold trade Mutes long boats at Appol & gold
113] Oct 16 1771 Messrs Certificates o Isaac Garrick & Robt Johnson sent home by Brew
to / Ctee o Enquiry in Lpool
114]
116] Certs o Robt Johnson agst Bell Gen o Aboe – Cobah Oct 1 1771
117] " " n.d. agst Jones Hadg
" " Isaac Garrick Aboe Oct 1. 1771 re Millers slaving
118] Arbuthnots' 13 Proctors o Ships re forts & private Trades Aboe Road 2 Nov 1770
123] App I Acpts o trade o G B & Africa statistics

Documents missing from CO 388/59-60-61. Rz & Ss. 1-40
& CO 388/62. Ss.

1741 — 1746 but continued in BT/6 1-18

1741. July 17. Rochford to BoT.
" 12. Yorke to Suffolk.
Dec 10. Stephens to BoT State & Condn & Forts
Feb 28 Mills to Clee
Mar 18 " "
April 15 " "
" " " "
— Mile to Kaph Fielding & Fielding to Mile.
April 13 Mile to Fielding
— Miles Certe re privateers
Mile to Fielding & 7 to M.
Aug. 4 Clee to Mile
Oct 2 " "
Nov 20 " "

1742. Mar 14 (read) Petn & Merchts & London
April 2 " Jacksons report thereon.
Aug 14 Stephens to BoT State & Forts
Acct & Clee for 1741
Mar 12 Mile to Clee
Mar Mile to Workman copies of letters
Mar 14 Mile to Clee
Mar 27 " "
Dec 18 Clee to BoT.

1742 June 22 Mile to Clee
Aug 11 Acct & Council C.C.C.
Aug 12 Mile to Clee
Nov 4 Clee to Mile
Dec 2 " "
Dec 10 " "
1743 May 20 (read) Pps for Clee re dispute about Mumford & Dutch
Jan 30. Mile to Clee re Mumford
Jan 18 Tunder to Mile
Feb 24 Mile to Clee
Feb 4. Mile to Commander Hm Ships
— Corresp^dce Mile & Dutch Gov
" Collingwood Rainsford & Mile
Mar 6 Mile to Clee
Oct 22 Suffolk to BoT

June 21 Yorke to SS (French)
Sept 4 Memorie to SS.
Oct 22 " Pratfland to Suffolk
" 25 " Suffolk to Weldeen
Dec 30 Pratfland & Rebaults credentials

[BT6/1. A]

Walls & protecn o a British Fort. Had Mr Grossle bn informed o this he doubtless wd h given no cause f Andre's compln.

I wrote Mr Brews to be informed wht it was Mr Grossle & Mr Bell in whose chge charge / powder was when it was pretended to be embezzled. He says it was Mr Grossle. I shd h (as Mr Grossle's Exrs) pd Mr Brews f his 8 Kegs o Powder. Hd not such payt implyed t I shot it hd bn embezzled by Mr Grossle, wh I cann never cann be brot to think: & I flatter myself, Gentn, t y will be o / same opinion, & think it is altogr impossible t Mr Grossle / 2nd man in ye Fortune & at t time in daily expectn o succeedg to / ppal Command on / Coast cd f / paultry advantage o 8 Kegs o powder, h committed an actn wh endangered his loss o character nay more, o his life

By / Mr no 18 [nh] y will see t Mr Trender, agst whom also a compln was made, is ready to take his Oath t he never kept a Servt o Ys at any Factory o his. Mr Trenders Veracity is so well established t I give an implicit faith to his bare assern. How. Gentn, if y chuse an oath shd be administered to him I sh h it done & transmitted to y.

. . .

I must rec a state o / Garrison o each Fort, wh y doth excuse, which I do transmitt to y as soon as it arrives.

The Enclosed paper no 19 will I hope, Gentn, convince y t Mr Brews conduct while Chief o Tantumquerry Fort was consistent w ye Rules o Parlmt & his Duty. Indeed, when this is such an observer o / most minute actns o ye Servts as Mr Brews is, I think / insignificant complaints he has not lodged agst some o them, is proof he has no greater faults to complain o. For to think he wd be silent had he anything material to exhibit agst us, is what no pson acquainted w Mr Brews & his inveteracy to / present Establishmt will think.

I h lately heard / Coast ensnared Gentleman intends making a compln agst me f Trading here. But if serving / Trade at this place wh long bn lost, presenting Dutch & Ebnma bn buying a good many Slaves wh are sold to me, & sold by me to / English Vessels, is a crime, I h hitherto bn ignorant o my duty wh I always thot obliged me to do anything f / advantage o / Trade & Commerce o Gt Britain. He may perhaps alledge t I h employed unfair methods to get Trade, such as sendg presents to / Traders. This I deny, cann brg sufficr proofs agst if required

Since my last a Dutch Frigate has bn on / Coast. She lay abt a Month at Ebnma & then convoyed down / Coast two Portuguezes, & it is sd is gone to seize anr Portuguese Vessel to Leeward & brg her up to Ebnma as y / Capt passed Ebnma wt payg / customary Duty.

Some time ago a Dutch Ship retook frm / Slaves an English Sloop belongg to Barbadoes, comm... Capt Potts. owner sd Coke sur Flatten.

The Dutch Capt sent her down to Ebnma to / Fiscal there, & as soon as I heard she was English ppty I demanded her to be deld up to me & t I was ready to pay Salvage as usual in such cases. The Gen hav refused to deliv her to me & in / meantime they took out / remdr o / Goods she had on Board, sd to be abt 50 puncheons, dismasted her & took out my Sails & Stores she had on board & hauld her close in shore. After they had done this / Gen sent to me t he wd be glad if I wd send people to take her cargo. I replied t I had bn at first when I demanded her, asked me to send up people to take her. I did accordingly & down I sent, but after they had made a complete wreck o her, I did not comply w his request, & was much surprized at his making so ridiculous a request demand. In two days after I sent / answer she drove on shore... There were 44 Slaves on her when Capt John Hennell o Rotterdam took her frm / Slaves f / Dutch o Ships at Annam abo se No 20.

I am — &c —
David Mill

6.

A. 18. Read March 17. 1772.

Memorial of [Merchts & Traders to Africa] fm / Port of London
to / Rt Hon / Lds Commrs of Trade & Plantns.

[Printed in "Treatise upon / Trade fm Gt Britain to Africa"
App. p. 46 seq]

A 19. Read April 2 1772

To / Rt Hon / Lds Commrs of Trade & Plantns. [Summary]

May it please yr Ldps In humble obedce to yr Ldps Commands signified to me by Mr Pownall in his Le dd / 18th inst I have taken into consn — / above Memorial — And I also perused / Act of Parliamt passed in / 23d yr of ... / Reign for extending & improvg / Trade to Africa therein referred to

And I am humbly of opinion that — / 21st Section does not apply to / subject matr of complaint in / said Petn agst / Comtee men named therein.

Perhaps there may be room for doubt whr / Paper said to be signed by / Clee men can be called an illegal & corrupt combination & even a misbehaviour if it seems possible at least, those Exers of Discretion may be biassed & distated by fair & justifiable motives

But whr so or not seems immaterial bec I conceive that / misbehaviour of a Clee man for wh he may be removed by Virtue of / Powers vested in yr Ldps by / Act must be misbehaviour in / Execution of his Employmt as a Clee man & not 3d misbehaviour

— The Lds do not appear to be strictly entrusted as a Judgmt on whr an election is fair & free & that / Electors shd be bona fide persons more or less concerned in / Trade & that those pers shd be of probity. otherwise parte devises wd be given, not a power of exg & rejecting illegal Votes.

— The expression removing implies that a pson is in posson & that he is to be removed fm ... in / next Section directs that when a Clee man shall be charged charged with misbehaviour in his Employmt yr Ldps shd summon him & hear him before he is removed &c

— Is of opinion that / misbehaviour & insufficiency both of / Electors & Elector [sic] at / time of / Elecn if not properly provided agst by / 2d parts of this Act can only be effectually guarded agst by such provisos to be made by / Legislature — All wh is humbly submitted

my Lords — &c —

Rd Jackson

March 26th 1772.

A 20 Read Nov 1772.

14 August 1772 Admlty. Ltr fm Ph Stephens to John Pownall.
Sends for / information of / Lds Commrs of Trade / State of Reports of / State & Condition of Hms Forts & Settlemts on / Coast of Africa recd fm Capt Collingwood of Hm S Rainbow.

[Summary]

Commands Fort 18 Mar 1772.
This Cittadel Chief 1 Serjt 1 Gunner 33 Soldiers Slaves 4 m 6 w.
Guns. 2, 18lb 14 12lb 3, 9 lb 2 4lb 10 2lb 6 1lb Bastions & Curtains wt plantns
5 rooms in good repair 5 rooms in ruins obviat Shot Timbers rotten — A little Gold Trade this month for Rum.

Sd Jno Bowes Lieut

This Cittadel.

1771 – 1773.

[BT 6/1 – A]

Tantum querry Fort March 1772.
John Dixon Esqr Chief, 1 Sergt 1 Gunner 5 Soldiers, Slaves 4 m, 2 w.
Guns 2 9lb, 2 6lb & 3 4lb ps wd. 1 8lb carr. Town rooms and shutters. Batteries and sea Terras
(sgd) Robt Stafford

Cape Coast Castle March 1772.
David Mill Esqr, Geo Pearson Accomt John Bruce Esqr, Jerome B Weuves Dep Warehousekeeper & Gunner.
Steph Beard Surgeon, 1 Dep Secy 5 Factors 9 Writers, Chaplain Philip Quaque, 2 Smiths, 2 Carpenters,
2 Bricklayers, 1 Assist Carpr, 1 Coopie Bombay, 1 Watchside do, 1 Pardoner 1 Patteraro & 6 Boats.
1 Sergt 2 Corpls, 19 Soldiers, 1 Tantallo Drum major, 10 Mulatto Soldiers 6 Mule Drummers & Fifers.
Revd Mr Accy Black Writer, John Agnew George Sackey Asst Black Writers, Geo Bannister Hosp Mate
Cudjoe Cabocer John Thos Master of Co Sloop. Slaves (including artificers) 161 m 100 w 50 c.
Guns 7 2lb, 19 3lb 9 4lb 6 6lb, 7 9lb 21 12lb 11 18lb mul sloop... 1 Sloop 40 tons; 1 Cge 2 wood boats
Canoes 2 15h. 6 13h. 4 11h. 3 9h. 11 7h 2 5h. Necy repairs carryd on as fast as possible & /
Slave trade & some time back better than usual (sgd) David Mill
Thos Collingwood.

Winnebah Fort ust.
Thos Thrinder Chief, 1 Factor 1 Sergt, 1 Gunner 5 Soldiers, Slaves 9 m, 4 w, 1 c. Guns 3 6lb 4lb 2 3lb
8 2lb 1 1lb. Some repairs beg done & roof of Town room rc. Trade dy dull but begins to mend. Chiefly
Slaves, a little Gold. not often a little Ivory sgd Thos Collingwood

James Fort Accra & Prampram 29 March 1772
Thos Brews Chief, 1 Factor Prampram, 1 do Accra, 1 Sergt Accra, 1 do Pram, 1 Gunner Soldiers 11 at A. 2 at P.
Cudjoe Linguist, 1 Bombay, 1 Armourer, 1 Smith, Slaves 4 m 16 w 8 c. Guns 2 18lb 5 12lb 2 9lb 6 6lb
14 6lb Forts in gen in dy bad repair. The Trade at present dy dull & much injured by
Pontack contract / Danish Co & us / French who h for these 2 years past out annually
4 Ships. wh has occasioned high prices / Slaves dear now
(sgd) Thos Collingwood, Thos Brews.

Dixcove Fort 14 March 1772
Martin Wells Chief 3 Soldiers 1 Black Writer. Slaves 10 m 17 w 2 c. Guns 19 9 6 3lb 6 2lb 6 ½lb ps pateraro
Town rc wanting repairs (sgd) Martin Wells, Thos Collingwood.

Succondee Fort March 1772.
John M Stephens Chief, 1 Factor, 1 Sergt, 1 Gunner 6 Soldiers, Slaves 4 m 4 w Guns 5 9lb 2 6lb
12 4lb 5 3lb 6 1lb no pateraro 1 13h Canoe. Fort in reparable little Gold Trade only & Rum
sd Fort have lately
John Stephens Chief

Annamaboe Fort 27 March 1772.
Chas Bell Chief, 1 Second 1 Sergt, 1 Corpl, 1 Gunner 1 Gunners 9 Soldiers. Slaves 19 m 4 w 2 c.
Guns 6 24lb 6 18lb 3 12lb 18 6lb 12 3lb 2 Canoes, 1 12h, 1 8h. Spur Wall like unwell
Fort in all respects is in pretty good Condition. sgd Chas Bell
no powder Robt Stafford

Cape Appolonia Fort 14 March 1772.
Peter Collongs Chief, 1 Surgeon 1 Sergt, 1 Gunner 6 Soldiers Slaves 13 m 2 w.
Guns 6 6lb 6 3lb 8 2lb 6 1lb. No pateraro. 1 Cge Canoe. In good repair. Spur built 9
(sgd) Geo Young

A. 21 Read Nov 2 1772.

Anno 1771

An Acct o/ Money recd & expended by / Clke o/ Co o Merchts trading to Africa & / Support & improvemt o/ Forts & Settlemts on / Sd Coast / Clke consisting o/ following Sortm ... 9 names ...

[Summary]

Recd fm / Clke f 1770 Balce o last Acct 1259-17-0
Ditto on Acct o Senegal 938-17-5
By Warrant fm / Treasury on acct o Forts & Settlemts 15.000-0-0
Deduct Fees 390-11-6 14609-8-6
Misc: [Subsidy Trade o 262 Tons - £524] 684-2-10
£17,490-5-9

Expended
Senegal —
C. Appol. —
Cape Coast £14469-15.8
Charges o Managemt by Act o Parliamt 1200-0-0
Sundries 151-6.11
15821-2-7
Balce to / Clke f 1772. 1669-3-2
17.490-5-9

A 22. Read Nov 2 1772.

List o/ Clke o/ Co o Merchts trading to Africa f / Year 1772.

[Nine names, 3 each f London Bristol & Liverpool]

A 23. Read Nov 2 1772.

David Mill to / Clke

C.C.C. 12 March 1772.

- Sends copy o his last per / Richmond Rogers, since when he has recd Lrs o 19 June [p. 6] 2 Oct [p 6] 20 Nov [p. 6] & 4 Dec. [no 4].

- Thanks f his conformn ...

- Incloses no 5 [no 4] an acct o / expenditure o / £2080 granted by Parliamt ...

The utility o/ Hospital lately built in Town has bn fully proved by / small Loss o people during / course o last year - Sends no 6 [no 4] an acct o/ sick duing / whole year Kept by mr Record / Chief Surgeon - whose assiduity & Skill he highly praises —

... [Junior personnel] ...

- Sends Register no 11. [no 4] Shews / post all / Vacancies fill'd at present.

All I passed between our Selves & / Capt o / Post Vessel [at C. Appol] was a request fm / Capn f a Pilot to carry him down to Annamaboe wh / former complied w. She was a small Bark o abt 50 Tons bound to St Thomas & had only on board abt 380 Rolls o Tobacco & some Brazil Rum. The Tobacco was sold in Annamaboe Road to mr Bell, Capts Gallam, Ward & Marshall o Bristol & myself, & after beg supplied w Wood Water & Ballast she took her departure f / Islands.

In December last a Dutch Frigate seized on / Windward Coast a Portuguese Snow, & no 2d reason but fr / Capt o her selling 1 Roll o Tobacco to / Capt o / Frigate, who pretended to be an English man, & had English Colours hoisted on his Ship in order to deceive / Portuguese. She has bn brot down to Elmina, & her cargo has bn confiscated. It is sd to consist o above 2000 Rolls o Tobacco besides o[r] Merch — and soe. By this you will see how severe / Dutch are on / Portuguese, & of what little Service it will be for us to make Complaints, but on the other hand, this severity on / Dutch will be a Means o keeping our Servants in better order, & more attentive to their Business, & will pay attention to / Agreemts made between / old Africa Co & them, so long ago as when we had no force to oblige them to stick to those Agreemts. Shd how[ever] any o[f] Portuguese claim our protection & we afford it them as much as I can, unless I have Orders to / contrary

[BT 6/1 A]

...

Yr order of 12th October last respecting Mr Miles's suspension is obeyed, but in place of transmitting to Yr his Sentence in Writing, he thinks it more eligible to wait upon Yr himself & personally deliver Yr a state of ye Case. The person who was present at ye discourse upon wch ye complaint was founded is now abroad in Africa, on wch acct it was impossible for me or ye Council to take a State of ye case from any other evidence than his own. I therefore joined him in Opinion yt his going to Europe & laying before Yr his case was ye properest step he could take. By former letter of the 26th Feby last Yr [p 9]. p/ Mary James, Barlong, did shew Yr my opinion of Mr Miles, & since yt time I have not had ye least reason to change those sentiments. His behaviour in my Station he has filled in ye Service has given entire satisfaction & more particularly in his last post as Chief of Tankumquerry where he has not only acted to Yr honour as Chief but shewed himself capable of managing ye Worst set of Negroes on Gambia. Mr Miles has now been seven years in Yr Service & altho he has not been either remarkably fortunate or unsuccessful in his rise in it, yet so small has been his emoluments, that he is barely able now to pay his passage home & ye unavoidable charges on ye occasion, I flatter myself. Consider, that when I seriously consider his case, ye length of time he has been in Yr Service & ye good character he has borne, I shall be so indulgent as to reinstate him for ye time of his suspension, in wch case I daresay he will ever after be so much on his guard as carefully to avoid ye smallest ground for a complaint, & always retain a due sense of gratitude for so great a piece of indulgence.

— Will send by ye Friendship, Capt Cunningham a compleat return of my Fort on ye Coast —

... [1 schooner for Jamaica sized by ye slaves, lost to Africa, & sold when, sold by ye auction & lost by him, Math, for £48] ...

Note no 19 [in h] will shew yt ye prices of slaves are raised for gold & ivory to 10 & 8 oz, for negroes Natives are scarce & idle as well as pernicious stop, wch considers no end & will not buy a slave more than he wants. The obstinacy of one man as I will see by Note 19 was ye cause why it was not lowered agn, as my Master of a Ship present was anxious to come under an Agreement for that purpose. It has always been found an easy matter to raise, but a very difficult one to lower ye prices to ye Natives, so that ye Ships newly arrd & those going out have a very poor prospect. Neither myself nor any Yr Officer in Yr Service, has ever yet on acct given more than ye old price of 6 & 4 oz, but Mr Bruce raised it a month ago & he is ye only Englishman residing ashore who has done it. Till this arises for ye want of a proper regulation or authority to restrain undutiful & wantonly turning ye trade into confusion & consequently also they may be attended to ye very worst.

...

It gives me great concern to see I was displeased at a paragraph in my Dr Masters ye discharging ye Soldiers by Capt Abercrombie. Mr Gordon constantly asserted here yt he made many applications to see & exercise ye Soldiers, for it was refused, & some delay always was found by ye person who procured them for Mr Gordon to present his exercising them —

— Has sent goods for 25 Young Ardra Slaves - per ye Sloop —

...

We had no sooner begun to pull down ye old Building on Greenhill Point in order to carry into execution ye plan adopted by Yr Honour ye last part of ye S.W Curtain Wall fell down. This wall wch is above 6 Yr thick we are now rebuilding wch employs all ye Artificers. The next Job is ye roofing of Hall so that we cannot begin ye new Building for some time yet. However as soon as ye Wahydah Slaves arrive, they shall be employed in pulling down ye old Building & getting everything ready to lay ye foundation.

This packet wch fully answers Yr last Dispatch is intended to be delivered to Yr by Mr Miles, who takes his passage via ye Mary James at Saho, as he has been some Years in Yr Service, can inform Yr of any points you may wish to know, with regard to Yr Accots. or Yr affairs on ye Coast &c — &c —

David Mill

P.S ...

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A. 24 Read nos 2 1772.

Messrs Courtman et les Autres Messieurs du Conseil &c.

Au Chateau du Cap Cors 14 Mars 1772.

Messieurs.

Ci jointe j'ai l'honneur de vous envoyer une Vraie Copie des Articles d'agreement fait entre plusieurs Directeurs principaux de la Compagnie Royale d'Angleterre et les Directeurs Generaux de la Compagnie des Indes Occidentales d'Hollandois les quelles j'ai reçu par le Maitre de Guerre, et je le trouve mon devoir de vous demander un reponse avant le Maitre fait voiles, si vous ratifiez ces agreiments a present, ou non, afin que je puis repondre a mes maitres sur cet e aussi obtenir le Capitaine du Maitre dessous. J'ai l'honneur &c.

David Mill

Au Chateau St George de la Mine ce 17e Mars 1772.

Monsieur Mill &c.

Mons[r] Nous avons reçu l'honneur de la Votre de hier avec la Copie authentique des certains arrangements que Vos Predecesseurs ont fait avec les notres. Trois Membres du Conseil sont absent Monsieur, comme vous le scavez et il ne nous est pas possible d'avoir aussitôt leurs avis, pour pouvoir vous informer comment ils pensent, sur la demande categorique que vous faites de nous avant le depart du Maitre du Roi. Vous l'aurez dans la suite. Or nous pensons qu'il ne nous est pas permis de ratifier des arrangements fait par nos Predecesseurs, et dont le dernier a quarante quatre années de date. sans avoir des Ordres positifs de nos Seigneurs et Maitres auquels nous enverrons Copie de votre lettre, et les prient de nous en munir. Voila Messieurs tout a que nous scaurons vous mander en reponse a la votre Pendez que nous sommes bien parfaitement Monsr &c

Pierre Courtman
Gme Salyard de Lieffdael

Au Chateau de Cap Cors, ce 18 Mars 1772.

Mons[r] Courtman et
les Autres Messieurs du Conseil &c.

Messieurs. En retour l'honneur de la votre d'hier, nous avons observé qu'il y en a deux Copies une en Hollandois et une en Francois les quelles nous croyons bien naturellement a propos que vous ne pouviez pas bien entendre la Copie des Agreements que nous avons eu l'honneur de vous envoyer avant hier en Anglois, en consequence de quoi nous vous remettons avec ici un autre * Copie en Francois et les Agreements susdits comme nous pensons les rendre ici

Nous scavons bien Messieurs que le tems qu'avoit consumer pour avoir les reponses de Messieurs les Forts en Commandes Cabesh et Accon, et nous sommes resolu que le Maitre du Pierre dans cette Rade aujourd'hui que l'autre au dessus de la Cote retournera pour cette reponse, si vous trouvez bien d'en donner de l'un Cote ou de l'autre. En meme temps nous entendons son reponse demain si vous exiges de nous mener la dessus finalement pendant vous avez reçu des opinions de vos tres, sur dite Mandataires ou ont assurez vous memes [illegible] si vous trouvez cette affaire en meme cas que vous avez fait par votre lettre d'hier, que dans le temps dans que vous restez pour les Ordres positifs de vos Seigneurs et Maitres nous ferons tout ce que votre Maitre nous a permis avec et regarderons ces Agreements susdits comme finales jusqu'a ce Maitres vous reviserons au contraire, de nous ferons nos Decours avec les Vaisseaux Portugoises la dessus, de quoi nous vous demandons de prendre cognoissance de cause tous les consequences qui viendront la dessus

Thos Collingwood Commandant en Chef des tres Navires de Guerre Britanniques employés sur la Cote d'Afrique pour le Roi

(Collingwood)

David Mill Gouverneur en Chef de tous les Forts Britanniques batis, ou a etre Batis sur la Cote d'Afrique pour la Compagnie

(Coda)

* "The Copy of Agreem[t] sent them in French was a literal Translation of one sent in Dutch"

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Messieurs T Collingwood et David Mill

Hier au matin nous avons eu l'honneur de recevoir la V^re du 18 courant avec un paper escrit dans la langue francoise, dont un translat de celui que nous avions eu deux jours plutôt en anglois, la raison pour quoi nous vous avons servi [sic] en francois et en hollandois de notre reponse, ne consiste pas que nous ne n'entendons pas le contenu du paper anglois, mais comme il s'agissoit d'une affaire de consequence, que nous croyons qu'il falloit mieux de vous munir aussi mot pour mot d'une lettre comme nous l'avions a nos maitres.

A la reception de la premiere votre nous avons du coup immediatement expedié d'icelle et du papier y joint aux Conseillers Klotz, Fermehol et Van de Perre Deputez Gouverneurs respectifs a Commewyn Berbice et Demerary, avec ordre de nous donner avis sur le cas en question. Hier, a la reception de votre seconde, nous leurs avons ordonné par Expresse de nous en munir, sans le moindre delai, et sitôt qu'ils auront obeï, nous ne tarderons pas de vous donner connoissance de leur façon de penser, En attendant nous ne scaurions faire autrement, pour nous même, que de nous referer pertuellement au contenu de notre precedente d'avant hier, tendu que nous prenons pour communication ce que vous venez de nous mander. Nous ne doutons pas, que vous agissez en consequence des Ordres Superieurs que vous avez reçu, tendu que de notre Coté il ne nous est pas permis de satisfaire des Arrangements, que nous jugeons contraires aux privileges et prerogatives, acquises par nos Maitres; et nous devons attendre ce que vous tacherez d'entreprendre

Au nom de leurs Hautes Puissances nos Seigneurs les Etats Generaux des Provinces Unies, et de leur Compagnie Occidentale Generale et Octroyée

Pierre Woortman
Gme Sulpard de Leffdael

Donné dans leur Chateau Capitol St George de la Mine
ce 19 Mars 1772

Mons^r Woortman et
les autres Messieurs du Conseil &c.

Pte Chateau du Cap Cors ce 24 Mars 1772.

Messieurs

Le terme etant consumé dans laquelle nous attendions les opinions des autres Messieurs de Vre Conseil nous vous remettons celle ci pour demander finalement les Resolutions de Vos trois membres de Commandeur Chavnal, et Hzm, afin que nous soyons capable de faire nos devoirs la dessous

Pour la Compagnie
David Mill (cachet).

Pour sa Majesté Britannique
Thos Collingwood (cachet)

Messieurs

Hier nous avons reçu la Votre, en reponse a la quelle nous mandons que nous manquons encore des suffrages; or, comme la pluralité des Suffrages est d'accord avec notre façon de penser dont nous vous avons donné avis, par notre lettre du 19 du Courant, nous nous referons totalement a son contenu, et nous y persistons sans le moindre changement. La quelle reponse nous vous donnons

Au nom de leurs Hautes Puissances Nos Seigneurs les Etats Generaux de Provinces Unies et de leur Compagnie Generale et Octroyée.

Pierre Woortman
Gme Sulpard de Leffdael.

Donné dans leur Chateau Capitol
St George de la Mine ce 24 Mars 1772.

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A 25 Read Nov 2 1772.

David Mill to / Clte

C.C.C. 14 March 1772

PS. One o Hm ships, wch I take to be / Rainbow has this instant been in sight o Chusna on her way down here.

A 26. Read Nov 2 1772.

David Mill to / Clte

C.C.C. 27 March 1772.

Soon after Capt Colleng Sood arrd we entered into a Joint Correspde to / Gov o Chusna & his Council concerng / Articles o Agreemts I transmitted the same time ago to our last Predecessors, respecg / Portuguese Trade; but as I will see by / Pps now sent, we cd not get them to ratify those Agreemts nor will they ever do it until they are compelled by force.

I see therefore Gentn, that we can do nothg further concerng / Portuguese Trade, unless / Commanders o H. M. Ships who are sent out here have orders from / Honble / Lords Commrs o / Admlty to force / Dutch to ratify those Agreemts & I earnestly entreat if you make / necy applon for the purpose

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A 27. Read Dec 16. 1772.

St Jamess December 14th 1772

My Lords

In consequce o a letter recd from Yr Ldps dd Febry 13th last o / present Year, containg / Extract o a letter from David Mill Esqre Govr o C.C.C. to / Clte o / Co... dd Augt 4th 1771. I transmitted to Sir Joseph Yorke by His Majesty's Command, that he wd make / necy Representn to / States Gen & procure a proper satisfn: In consequce o wch I have at length recd / answer from Their Excellencys Letter & / Encs. wch I herewith send to Yr Ldps, & am to desire that you will communicate them to / Clte o / African Co. & that you will inform me whether / Compensn offered is such as they think sufficient I am — &c —

Suffolk [Earl of S. of S.]

Lords o Trade

Copy

Hague Decr 8. 1772.

My Lord In obedce to Yr Ldps Orders contd in Yr Dispatch no 6 of this Year I presented a Memorial to / States Gen. complaing o an injustice done by / Dutch Govr o Chusna upon / Coast o Africa to / Owners o a British Ship called / John belong to Barbadoes wch had been cast away by / Slaves & retaken by a Dutch Trader belong to Rotterdam. The High Mightinesses promised to make Enquiry into / affair wch I heard no more of till my return for England this Autumn. While I was in London a Person whose name is John Blackburne called upon me to speak concerng this affair, who told me he had addressed to me for Yr Ldps Office & desired my further assistce to procure satisfn to / owners o / Ship John. Since my arrl here I recd a Letter from / abovementd John Blackburn, a copy o wch is here inclosed, on wch he further desires in his own Name & that o / Underwriters o / Ship John, that I will endeavour to accomodate / matter affair upon the footing o an equal division between / owners & Captors o / profits arising from / sale o / above Ship & Cargo.

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On this state o/ affair, I applyd to / Dutch Ministers for information o what lights they had procured in Consequence o my compln, pressg them for a speedy answer
Many papers were put into my hands to perusse, wh were all executed in due form, & upon oath, at Ebening downg any intention o doing an injury to H Mts Subjects, or recriminating upon our people, as is always / case in those African Complaints, where
their Crews are too wise not to h frequent disputes & Interest
After carefully examining how all those ppts wh are regularly authenticated & upon oath, & comparg them w/ papers transmitted to me, wh are only hearsay depositions & rather Vague I judged it prudent to beg hold o/request o/ Honble States to compound / affair proposed by m. appointed &. The affair has accordgly bn directed in such a manner in / Assembly o / States Gen as to offer to give up / half o/ produce o/ Ship & Cargo to / owners upon notice t / King has no objection, as yr Ldp may see more at lge in / annexd Resolution o Ld High Mightinesses delivered to me 3 days ago in / usual form by the Agents. Copies o some o / most material ppts, as well as / Inventory o / Sale are joined to / resolution in allusion o / compliments made by / English Govt agst / Dutch. If this method is approved upon notice given by mrs Blackburn & Associates t they are satisfyd, / moiety offerd to them will be forthcomg to the Order wh is humbly submitted, & in / meantime / affair remains open for H Mts decision. I h — &c —

Joseph Yorke

Earl o Suffolk.

Copy. May it please Yr Excy.

When I had / honour o waitg upon y in town I was pleased to express yr readiness to accomodate / dispute betwn / States Gen & / owners o / John Capt Pott, relatg / right o Salvage
which I then / hopes to h procured / consent o all / Interested during Yr Mays abode in London by / proposition o / States Gen o liquidatg & conclud by a submission to a moiety for salvage, but unfortunately many o / Gentlemen were out o town at ye time. I h since spoke to / whole o them, & they will agree to any terms yr Excy may think just.

Permit me then to solicit Yr Excys kind interposition & good offices to get this affair settled, & to insist upon / moiety o / proceeds to be remitted to me by / owners o / Dutch Ship Maria Isabella, Capt John Harmell o Rotterdam

(Sgd) John Blackburn

London October 16th 1772.

Traduction

Extrait du Registre des Resolutions de Leurs Hautes Puissances les Seigneurs Etats Generaux des Provinces Unies

Du Mercredi 25 Nov 1772.

Ouï le Rapport de Messrs de Lyndon de Swanenberg et autres Deputés de L H P. pour les affaires etrangeres, lesquels en vertus de la Resolution o L H P du 5 May dernier ont examiné p. le Memoire de Mr Yorke Ambr. Extre et Ple de sa Majesté le Roi de la Grande Bretagne, concernant les Procedés du Directeur-Gen etably de la Côte d'Afrique, à l'egard de ses Sujets Anglois, dont les Esclaves s'etoient rendus Maitres sur cette Côte & qui ont Harmel Capitaine du Navire Hollandois, la Vreoude Maria Isabella

avoit repris pres de Klein Monte. 2° la lettre des Representans de Son Altesse Serenissime et Directeurs de la Compagnie des Indes Occidentales de la Chambre Principale d'Amsterdam, ecrite de cette Ville le 29 Avril dernier, portant leurs Informations touchant le dit Memoire mentionné plus au long dans les Resolutions du 24 Février precedent.

Sur quoi ayant été deliberé il a été trouvé bon & arreté qu'il sera répondu à Mon^r le Chev. Yorke sur le dit Memoire, que L.H.P. qui ont l'honneur et l'avantage de voir dans la plus parfaite Harmonie avec S.M. Britque, bien qu'il s'élevé des differens entre leurs sujets et ceux de la dite Majesté, se voyent toujours bien disposés; qu'ayant pris des informations touchant les plaintes faites par la Compagnie Angloise trafiquant sur la Côte d'Afrique contre le Directeur General d'Elmina, LL.H.P. ont appris que l'affaire en question s'est passée de la maniere suivante: Savoir, que le Senau Anglois appelé le John qui avoit été conduit par James Pollée et dont les Esclaves s'étoient déja rendu maitres le 17 Mars 1771, a été repris le 30^e du dit mois par le Navire trafiquant appellé Maria Isabella, Maitre Jean Harmel que y a fait passer son Pilote et six Matelots, et qui après avoir fait reparer les Voiles ses l'a envoyé s'approcher le plus qu'il se pourroit d'Elmina; que ce Senau y étant arrivé à la Rade le 2 May, le fiscal a d'Elmina d'abord interrogé provisionellement un Matelot Anglois qui y avoit été à bord par ordre du dit Maitre Harmel, et qu'il n'en a pu rien tirer qui fut contradictoire à ce qu'avoient deposé Harmel et ses Officiers.

Que le Gouverneur du Fort Anglois, Cap Cors, ai exigé par lettre du 15 May 1771 que ce Senau appartenant à des sujets de S.M. Britque et ayant été repris avec le secours d'un Navire Anglois lui fut delivré, Que le Directeur Gen^l d'Elmina informé par une Attestation des Officiers du Navire de Harmel de ce qui s'étoit passé, a reponde au Gouverneur de Cap Cors, qu'il n'étoit pas bien instruit touchant cette affaire, et ne pouvoit lui accorder sa demande, mais qu'il devoit auparavant examiner bien le tout, et qu'il avoit pour cet effet remis l'affaire entre les mains du Fiscal. Que le Directeur Gen^l d'Elmina ayant vu par l'Attestation des gens du Navire, le mauvais état ou il se trouvoit, et craignant qu'il ne tombat en piece sur la Côte, en a fait oter le mat et debarquer la Charge, qu'il a fait apporter dans les Magasins de la Compagnie en faveur de ceux à qui elle appartiendroit, qu'ensuite il a fait examiner le Navire par deux Maitres de Navire Hollandois, qui aussi l'ont trouvé etre en tres mauvais état.

Que le Directeur Gen^l en a donné connaissance au Gouverneur du Cap Cors, et l'a invité d'etre present a l'Inspection qu'on en prendroit, pour presence les differentes qui pourroient naitre touchant sa Valeur, au cas que la Restitution en eut lieu; a que le Gouverneur du Cap Cors a refusé sous pretexte que le Navire etant deja depouillé de ses Mats il etoit trop tard pour l'examiner; que ensuite ce Navire tenant à deux ancres, étoit tombé en pieces.

Qu'il paroit suffisamment par ce court recit dont la Verité sera prouvé par les Documents dont copie sera trouvé ci jointe a Mon^r le Chev. Yorke, que le Directeur Gen^l d'Elmina n'a point donné de sujet legitime au Gouverneur du Cap Cors de se plaindre, et que s'il y a eu quelque mesintelligence entre Eux, elle doit etre attribué à des malentendus plutot qu'à de mauvaises Intentions.

Qu'il paroit inutile à LL.H.P. d'entrer dans de plus longues discussions à ce sujet, vu qu'elles sont informées que les parties interessées dans cette affaire, savoir les Proprietaires du Senau Anglois qui a été repris et sommé à Elmina, et les Proprietaires du Navire Hollandois que l'a repris et sommé sont disposés à la terminer par un accommodement amiable de facon que l'une morelle

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Tant du provenu du Navire et de sa Charge, que des Esclaves vendus, sera restituée aux Propriétaires du Senau Anglois et l'autre moitié laissée aux Propriétaires du Navire Hollandois pour le compte de la Prise qui a été prise par eux ou de leur part à cette occasion du Fond qu'il en faila couvrir, et du Service rendu par lui.

Que si Sa dite Majesté approuve cet arrangement, LL HP donneront les Ordres nécessaires aux Directeurs de la Compagnie des Indes Occidentales de la Republique de faire restituer aux Propriétaires du Senau Anglois la moitié du provenu, tant de ce Navire et de sa Charge, montants en tout, suivant l'Inventaire et le Compte qui en a été fait, et qui sera remis à Mons. le Chevr Yorke, à la Somme de £252 - 12 - 9 que des Esclaves Vendus, suivant le rapport qui en a été fait, montant à la Somme de 5153 - 4

Et sera remis Extrait de la presente Resolution de LL HP. par l'Agent Bursens à Mons. le Chevalier Yorke

(1771) Ut Consulen Docs V.St.

Ainsi s'accorde avec le susdit Projet

(Contre signé) H Fagel

Traduction

Messieurs

Amsterdam le 5 May 1772.

Nous avons eu l'honneur de vous communiquer le 3 Juin dernier l'avis de la Navire Anglois le John; nous vous avons promis en même tems qu'à celui de Jean Harmel nous ferions des recherches ultérieures à ce sujet; ce qu'ayant executé penctuellement, nous avons l'honneur de vous faire parvenir, Messieurs dans un paquet cotté A. copie authentique de tous les Papiers qui ont quelque Rapport à cette affaire, Et comme nous la trouvons de plus en plus trop delicate pour nous la decider, nous n'avons cru ne pouvoir mieux faire que de vous envoyer tous les Documents ainsi bien que le Provenu afin que vous en decidiez. Nous nous flattons Messieurs, que vous approuverez le Parti que nous prenons et avons l'honneur — re —

signé: P. Boreelman
W. Sulyard van Leefdael.

a St George d'Elmina
le 19 Octre 1771

A Messrs les Representants de S.A.S et Directeurs de la Compagnie Octroyée des Indes Occidentales de la Chambre Provinciale d'Amsterdam

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Traduction

Annexés à la lettre des Representants de Son Altesse Serenissime et Directeurs de la Compe des Indes Occidles de la Chambre Provinciale d'Amsterdam
Rec 5 May 1772

Copie de la lettre de Leurs Hon Pres Boreelman et de Fiscal Guillaume Sulyard de Leefdael à la Cie de Zelande datée du 3 Juin 71. et adressée au WIC. et Chs Amsterdam.

Messieurs Un Navire Anglois venu de Barbades, conduit par le premier Pilote du Navire Negrier de Rotterdam nommé le Maron Isabella Maitre Jean Harmel, arriva ici en la Rade le 2 de May dernier. Vous verrez Messrs, par le Procès Verbal cotté A. la raison pourquoi ce Navire a été conduit ici à la Rade sous pavillon Hollandois, et sous la conduite du Pilote susmentionné

Le Second Soussigné a examiné et interrogé pareillement un Matelot Anglois, envoyé avec ce Navire, et n'a trouvé dans ses Reponses rien que fut contraire à ce que ont deposé le Maitre de Navire Jean Harmel, et ses officiers. Ce navire Anglois étoit en si mauvais état qu'on craignoit avec raison que a force de coulées et d'agitation il ne se brisat ici à la Rade. C'est ce qui a fait que pour sauver ce qui y étoit resté de la Charge nous en avons fait sortir premierement les Mats, ensuite les effets que nous avons fait apporter en presence de Commissaires, dans les Magazins de la Compie en faveur de ceux à qui ils appartiendront. Le premier Soussigné a reçu le 15 may du Gouverneur Anglois David Mill une Lettre dont nous avons l'honneur de joindre ici la Copie, cottée B. Nous y joignons aussi celle de la Reponse qui y étoit faite cottée C.

Le Navire, ayant été déchargé, nous le fimes examiner par les Maitres Francois Boschters et Arij Van der Pot. Vous verrez Messieurs par la copie de leur attestation sur ce sujet cottée D dans quel état ce Navire se trouvoit.

Apres avoir reçu cette attestation nous jugeames qu'il seroit convenable d'en donner communication au Gouverneur Anglois, a qui fut fait par le premier Soussigné. Nous joignons ici la copie authentique de sa Lettre cottée E. comme aussi celle de la Reponse de Mons.r Mill cottée F.

Nous avons l'honneur de vous envoyer la presente accompagnée des pieces susmentionnées pour que au cas que les Anglois fissent quelques plaintes à L. H. P. et que vous en vous demandassent des Informations, vous n'ignoriez pas tout à fait de quoi il s'agit.

Nous attendons maintenant l'arrivée de Jean Harmel ici à la Rade nous acquerrons alors plus de lumieres sur ce sujet. En attendant nous avons l'honneur de vous assurer que nous regardons cette affaire comme très delicate, que nous la traiterons avec toutes les precautions et la circonspection possibles et que surtout nous ne procederons à aucune decision finale à moins que le droit des Hollandois n'ait été paravant constaté de la maniere la plus evidente, que demeurant dans le doute nous n'ayons reçu apres vous avoir demandé des informations ultérieures des Ordres pontuels et decisifs de votre part sur cette matiere. Nous avons — etc —

P. Woortman
Le Subgard de Lefdeael

St George d'Elmina
le 3 Juin 1771.

PS. Aujourd'hui a 4 heures de matin le Navire Anglois a perdu cette nuit ses deux ancres et s'est brisé contre les Ecueils. Un pilote de la Compie, bons matelots et cinq hommes qui s'y trouverent ont eu le bonheur d'etre sauvé.

The following are / list o / docs relating to this matter: —

A. Attestation of / officers o / Ship Marie Isabella, Master Jean Harmel — 8 April 1771 (Dutch)
B. Letter Cc 15 May 1771 Mill to Woortman — (" ")
C. " Elmina 16 May 1771 Woortman to Mill — (" ")
D. Attestation o Capts Reygers & Van der Pot re / condn o / ship John 29 May 1771 (" ")
E. Letter Elmina 1 June 1771 Woortman to Mill — (" ")
F. Letter Cc 3 June 1771 Mill to Woortman — (" ")

"Inventory & Acct of / Sale o / goods saved out o the John amtg to 2356½ florins 12½ stivers / Slaves sold vendued" Sold 19 20 + 24 Aug 1771. (Dutch)

A 28 Dec 21. 1772.

Africa office 18 Dec 1772.

Sir We send for the / 16th inst wrote by direction o / the Comrs o / H. M. P. the proceedings of / Admiralty Court & Council / upon condemning the / Capture o / ship John o Rotterdam, which they have directed to submit to our consideration; & also / demand if the Slaves on / board said ship were taken on board / in Africa, or in any Port within the Limits of / the Trade granted to the Royal African Company, & if so / whether any objection to / their being delivered to the Agents of / said Company, & if not / what Number of each sex / Ages & Description. We are &c

Jas Bogle French / Jos Champion / Geo Clide / Jos Bonsall / Jno Crosbie / Sam Shaw Junr / John Manesty. PS We return / the Papers which you sent us.

To Silas Bradbury Esqre

1771 – 1773

[DT. 6/1 A]

A 29. Read Janry 21 1773

David Mill to / Clee C.C.C 22 June 1772.

– Inclses copy o his Lr per Sally Capt Sompson sailed hence 28 April since when he recd this o 5 Feb [illegible] per Essex, by wh this is sent

– Yet no Negroe slaves not obtained yet as Albion buoy w Frigt & Port ships, so / Sloop returned w/out them

– Reports deaths o Jno Berry an Stephens Chief o Succondee, Jas Robson Accomt & one Factor

– As per Minutes o Council Watts transferred from Accroe to Succondee, Richd French appointed to Accroe. Barnes Accomt & Beard Depy Secy.

The Dutch were far fm beg intimidated by / appearce o our 2 ships o War & / Demands made conjunctly by Capt Collingwood & myself. They really apprehended an Attack fm t correspondce & were determined to defend themselves as well as they cd, for wh purpose they gave Guns & Ammuni[tion] to all the Blacks at any Fort or Settlemt they had, & got all their Forts in / best state o defence they cd. They sent armed Blacks to patrol / Roads & to intercept all English letters; they also got two 9 pounder Guns down to / mouth o / River where they raised a sort o Battery in wh they kept white & Black Soldiers. These preparations continued dur[in]g / whole time t our Ships o War remained on / Coast, & after they left Accra, as they suspected they wd beat up agn to attack the Windward Settlemts. You therefore see, Gentn, by the preparations they were resolved on no acct to comply w our demands, but in case o an attack on any o the Settlemts, to make a gen War on / Coast. The preparations they made must be very expensive & I am confident t next year they will have more Ships o War here in order to protect them, as they are still apprehensive o an English fleet coming instead o / two annual Ships o War, so t if anything is to be done w them in / Portuguese business, or procuring a free passage to the Fort at Appolonia, our force must be sent them comes Yearly.

About six weeks ago Capt Dougal o / Snow Hope & London went after a Portuguese Vessel in a long Boat in order to board w him. He had his Chief Mate & six sailors w him, all armed as I am informed, & wh they attempted to force / Portuguese to trade & were sunk by his Guns, & t / Boat sunk by beg over loaded w goods & Water &c, but neither people nor Boat has since appeared. After waiting / return o Capt Dougal some time, Mr Bell went on board / Vessel (as some Masters o other ships) took an Inventory o / Goods remaing on board & confirmed Mr Gricewood / 2nd Mate as Capt. Since wh time / Surgeon & he are purchg Slaves fm / Negroes as they do on Annamaboe Road. The Vessel wh I shall assist in my power.

Trade for these three months has been extremely dull, & for this month past has been entirely at a Stand occg to a strong report (now in gen believed) t / King o Ashantee is now determined to come down to fight / people of / Wolunde (/ Fantees) for the Villainy to him dur[in]g his War in / year 1766 of / Attums, / origin & consequence wh if I have fully acquainted us by my predecessors, but it will be necy to say something o the conduct for these twelve months past to each Pr.

The Fantees finding / King o Ashantee disposed for peace thot proper to return him his Relation who remained in / hands o Mr Brew a long time (beg delivered to him by / Fantees) as a hostage o / Kings peaceable intents. Accordgly all / Fantees applied to Mr Brew to deliver him up, wh he refused to do until he recd payment or security for / 1500 Ounces o money due to him. At last Mr Brew gave him up, having got some of / principal people o / Fantee Country to be security for his expences. The Fantees were conducting this Man (whose name is Tzay or

Soy) to Ashantee when he, thinkg them ~~[illegible]~~ tedious abt / Journey or unwillg (as they he thot they wd oblige him) to take Fetish t / King wd satisfy her Brest f / debt he ha contracted, in short, whatr was / cause, he gave his conductors / slip & has doubtless got safe to Ashantee.

F some time offer, / Ashantees came down regularly to / Market place on / borders o Fantee [Mansu] & exchanged the Slaves f / commodities brot thr by / Fanties. Many o them came down also to Accra to trade as usual; but lately / Assins (or borderers) in whose Country / markets are held, & plundered / Fantee Traders o a gr deal o goods, & it is thot by / most intelligent Blacks here, t they h committed those hostilities by order o / Ashantee King, & t he certainly meditates a blow agst / Waterside Blacks. The sensible & elderly people are apprehensive, but / Young fellows are glad o a War, tho I think the joy vy superficial. Shd a battle ensue betwn / Fanties & Ashanties, I really think / former will be routed, as they h not a man in / whole Country who bears any sway or power.

I make no doubt t / Dutch will openly (as soon as hostilities commence betwn them) favour / Ashanties, as they h on my negotiation bn the form friends, & I also am certain they will leave no stone unturned to engage / King o Ashantee to attack our Settlmts; how they will do this on as dark & clandestine a manner as they can, the good intentions ~~[illegible]~~ f as, on my occasion h bn shewn so often as puts this out o doubt.

If we openly side w / Fanties & they become unfortunate, what will be / consequence after the defeat? They will make / best o their way under / Walls o our Forts & beg shelter fm the Enemies. If they be refused them, they will turn their arms agst / Forts, in order to get in, & keep themselves as long as possible fm the addresses.

Joing openly / Fanties will exasperate / Ashanties, & as we can get no provns when they are in poss o / Country, they will vy soon be able to starve us out, & beg us to the own Terms.

Provns at this period are not to be had f any money, & none o yr Forts (Annamaboe excepted wh is a regular Fortification & / Walls o a good height) even if they were Victualled, cd keep long out o our Enemy, f want o proper Garrisons. This Castle wh (besides defences) shd be able to assist / rest, is open where / new buildgs are to be erected, consequently in no good situn f defence, tho it had we a good garrison & plenty o provns f them.

Much has bn sd by my predecessors concerng / advantages & disadvantages wh wd arise to / Trade in case o / Ashantee King's becomg master o / Sea coast. How I think it vy clear t our Trade wd be totally ruined, shd t event take place, f / whole Slave trade beg in / hands o a powerful absolute Monarch, he certainly wd put what price he thot proper on Slaves, & also on our Commodities. This will never be / case as long as / Fanties, who are divided into so many petty Republicks & always at War amgst themselves, exist.

It appears therefore fm what goes before t we h an extreme difficult part to manage betwn / 2 Nations. A Neutrality is what we ought to preserve, but how can we do t when our Forts are situated in / Country o one o / parties concerned?

How Sir, I h / pleasure to inform y t as / Gov cordially submits emg yr Officers in this Country, tho' is no danger t any step sh be taken, wh may hurt / British Trade here, as any step sh be carefully weighed & considered before it is carried into exon, & I beg leave to assure y t it sh be my study to deserve / charge f h already bestowed upon me.

— His bad health

Yr Board sends f / acct he has kept o / Sickness &c. wh perhaps may be satisfactory. I am — &c —

David Mill

1771 – 1773.

[B6/1 A]

A.30. Read Janry 21 1773.

Cape Coast Castle 11 Augt 1772.

At a Council held this Day

Present David Mill Esqre Gov.r in Chief &c &c &c
Charles Bell " Vice President
Thomas Tender " Councillor

[Printed in Crooks Gold Coast Records p 97. Also entered in N.B. Journal 1771-1772 app p 114. except 1 following]

N.B. Per Brass (1st Member of Council) arrived at this juncture leave this Fort a few miles from wch a Body of Fantees are lyg in wait to intercept such Ashantee Traders as may come down to Accra wch makes it absolutely impossible for him to leave his Stat.n

Sgd. { David Mill
Charles Bell
Thomas Tender

A 31. Read Janry 21. 1773.

David Mill to 1 Clee

C.C.C. 12 August 1772.

Sends copy of his last of 22 June [supra] & an Act of Council of yesty's date [supra]

The misunderstandg between Ashantee & Fantee Nat.ns still subsists, & 1 latter seem vy apprehensive of a visit from 1 former, yet no man can say what will be 1 event, for there has been a rumour of same kind for several years past, wch has always blown over wt a battle, nor can 1 most intelligent of these people give me any probable acct of disorders 1 least credit. Many own sentiments are that we shall have no war, & I hope in my next to be able to tell you that 1 paths are opened agn.

At present there is not 1 smallest trade & affairs of opening 1 paths agn may possibly be a work of time, so 1 Shipping has a very poor prospect indeed.

If contrary to my expectation 1 Ashantees shd attempt to push their way to 1 waterside in a hostile manner, 1 Fantees residg under our Forts are certainly entitled to our protection. The Act of Council will shew you 1 Council's opinion on that head; but if our protection alone is granted them, wt assistance of any kind, they will not esteem in any means effectual. In short, I am convinced they will apply to me in case of Guns & Powder, wch if I do grant, I shall take care to recd, on yr acct, good & safe Pawns of 1 amt, to be put to work on 1 Buildgs.

This I am of opinion will be only doing an act of strict justice to 1 Fantees, who have at all times (as far as cd be expected from Negroes) espoused our cause, & given us 1 preference to all other Europeans, & even if 1 Ashantees shd beat them, they cd hardly have a worse opinion of 1 English for acting such a part, wch is consistent wt Honor & good faith, whereas a contrary conduct wd not give even a Negro a high opinion of our Character: but on 1 contrary wd shew themselves what they must expect on a similar occasion.

As to 1 Dutch, 1 Fantees trust nothing to the promises, nor never did, they know 1 policy of that Nation perfectly. It is from us alone they expect assistance.

– Are just beging to see 1 end of 1 rainy season – reports deaths of 1 Master 1 Bricklayer & 2 Soldiers – The weather is now excessive bad, rain & cold wt constant fogs mg & evg wch we endeavour to expel wt good fires in my room in 1 Castle, in parts an excellent one in 1 Hall & assure you we find it extremely comfortable & salutary

I am – &c – David Mill

A 32 Read Janry 21. 1773

The Ctee to Mill & Council CCC

Office office London 4 November 1772.

Our last to y was dd / 5th Augt [inf] & deld in charge to Mills mate when we heard nothg fm y.

This goes by / Rebecca Storeship Isaac Blackburn master & mate & goods & stores by sd ship amtg to £5714-3-2.

The Parliamt have been pleased to grant / full sum o £2400 this Year to enable y to finish / repairs at CCC — by this ship & encl / Sally Isaac Barton master — in addn a fortnights pay they are ready built; materials to finish ye sd work; & ye goods [Tickets from Stevens & Letters &c to send to Whydah 25 young men slaves ---

Accompg to / Estimate deld to us by Mr Petrie, £2400 is sufficn to finish CCC in a Workmanlike manner — Light acct like Kept as in this Dr & Cr since 1st

They send 4 Writers, 1 Asst Surgeon & 26 Recruits. Chas Mellington appointed Sergt & Gunner at £80 pa. We are &c.

A 33. Read Janry 21 1773.

The Ctee to Mill & Council CCC.

Office Office London 2 December 1772

--- [as to passages in cargoes] ---

The Joint Correspce between y Capt Collingwood & / Dutch Govr o St George d'Elmina hath been laid before / Bd o Trade.

— Dred / Sloop to be sold in her return fm 2nd Voyage to Whydah this much more expensive to collect shells & dome in Africa than to send it fm Europe.

— the promotn o Mr Broad to be Chief Surgeon — by Pet o Council 3 Jan 1770 is confirmed —

Send by this ship 2 Writers 2 Carpenters 2 Bricklayers & 16 Soldiers, & goods to amt o £7629-15-3 wh togr as / £5714-3-2 per Storeship Rebecca make up / supplies fr / Cash this year. We are &c.

A 34. Read Janry 21 1773

The Ctee to Mill & Council CCC

Office Office London 10 December 1772

Since our letter o / 2nd inst [supra] we have rec'd yrs o / 22nd June [p 19 supra] giving an alarmg acct o a fresh dispute betwn / Ashantees & Fantees wh y seem to be apprehensive will terminate in an open War.

If this unlucky event hath not already taken place, we beg direct & enjoin y to exert / utmost o yr abilities & influence to prevent / commencemt o hostilities. It appears to us y / improper & unwarrantable behaviour o Mr Brew a private Trader settled at Annamaboe, hath been / original cause o all this mischief. In / Year 1768 after / Peace was concluded betwn those Nations thro / mediatn o Mr Petrie / then Govr o CCC, Mr Brew without any impertinently interfered, but beg disappointed in y attempt by / proper behaviour o Mr Petrie, he afterwards, by bribg / Fantees, possessed himself o one o / Ashantee Hostages, wh by y Treaty shd have been deld up to them. We suspect y this Cy man Tay or Sey, lately escaped to his own Country, is / same person who hath been kept Prisoner ever since by / sd Brew. If this be known to / Govr & Council, they shd not have suffered a private Trader under / protectn o / British Forts to be guilty o so unwarrantable an act naturally tending to involve / Natives in a War, without making / strongest representatns to the Profs or / Subjects. Hear fm / following Paragraph in a letter fm / late Govr Greake dd 24 April 1769

[BT. 6/1 A.]

We are inclined to think they were ignorant o/ atrocious deed. "So much has ben sd "ab^t/ Ashantee affairs by my Predecessor t^t I shd not trouble y^r self any further ab^t them, "especially as a perfect tranquility now seems to reign betwn them & / Fantees."

Hence, if our suspicions shd be well founded we hereby order y^u to send immed^y a formal Message to / Kings o/ Ashantees & Fantees, disavowing any knowledge o, or participa^n in so foul a deed, & at / same time offer yr most cordial mediat^n to conciliate any differs subsist^g betwn / two Nat^ns. This offer o a mediat^n, we suppose, will be more likely to be accepted if accompanied w^t proper presents, wh we direct may not be forgotten. The same Cost o conduct. Kind o conduct we wd recommend in case a War is actually begun betwn those people, preserv^g / most exact Neutrality / nature o/ case will admit o. At / same time be attentive to put all / British forts in / best state o defence y possibly can. At C. C. C. mg some o/ gr^t guns to bear so as to defend / breach wh y say is now repairg & let those repairs be finished w^t all possible dispatch. Annamaboe is in a proper state o defence. Reinforce t Garrison immed^y, wh / recruits y will receive by / two Storeships will enable y to do. Fas / cause o quarrel began on / Coast o Annamaboe y shd be partly attentive to t Fort. And send directns to / Chiefs o all / out Forts to be extremely careful to prevent a surprize. Send a formal message to / Dutch Gov^r & Council o St George d'Elmina informg them t y are directed to preserve / most exact neutrality w^n / present Wars betwn / Ashantees & Fantees, t y are likewise directed to offer yr mediat^n betwn those two Powers to put an end to / War, & t y are further directed to make a Requisn o / like behaviour on / part o / Dutch Gov^r & Council.

At / same time make a fresh demand o a faithful performa^ce o t Treaties respect^g Portuguese Tobacco & Ships, & renew yr demand o a free passage by land betwn Fort Appol^a o / Gr^t British Forts & Settlemts.

Be precise in making these seal demands immed^ly after / rect o this Ltr, as fm a Conference held this m^g w^t one o H. M^s Ships S^rs o S. We think we may venture to assure y^u that one or more o H^m's Ships will soon appear on / African Coast & suffer force to ensure a proper Complia^ce on / part o / Dutch w^t ev^y foregoing requisn.

We are v^y sorry to find y were disappointed o purchg / cobydah Slaves ... ... but if alterg / assortm^t according to Mr Parsons advices will facilitate / purchase at t place y may comply therewith or try to purchase good healthy Slaves o some o^r Country to furnish / repairs at C. C. C. wh must be no longer delayed on any acct whatsoev^r. Since we are upon this subject, we thank fur to acquaint^n y t we are informed some complts fm private Traders h^n been transmitted agst / Officers on / Coast. We are in hopes they are ill founded, but at all Events we pay^y injoin y^u never to lose sight o/ gr^t object o yr establishm^t, / giving aid to any unlicensed Trader wh^t distinc^n, in order to promote & enlarge / Trade in gen^l.

— Enclose minutes o Conferenc^s & promo^ns —

The behaviour o Gov^r Petrie on / last treaty o Peace concluded betwn / Ashantees & Fantees was so proper & sensible t we refer y^u to a copy o his letters to / Cttee dd 21 Oct^r 1768 [Vide Or 41. 1766-1769. p 6] wherein y will find a full state o / affair, wh we recommend to yr serious perusal on / present Occa^n.

The critical situa^n o affairs in gen^l upon / Coast o Africa demands / utmost exertion o yr good Sense & assiduity. Be vigilant. We are &c.

A 35. Read May 20. 1773.

David Mill to / Clee. C.C.C. 12 December 1772

Since my last, a copy o wh goes herein, / trade thro this dutt has begun to revive agn, & / Factors seem to think the wte be no further stoppage, o it, & say t King o Ashantee has turned / force o his arms agst a neighbouring monarch, & t they believe he has no thots, this year, o coming either to attack them.

W this I h / honor to send y copies o sundry Letters concerng / ppty o our Village Mumford, & I h / satisfaction to assure y t / officers o / Dutch h behaved (after all the expence) on securg the Castle fort & / smaller Forts on t Coast.

For Traders & most else, settlg / dispute betwn them & / country people, & when it is finished, those people will be as effectually secured to our int as they possibly can be.

The ppal reason why / Dutch at this time h endeavoured to dispossess us o t Coast is, t since ye orders concerng evacuating Factories, / Towns on wh they were, never h'd any settled white Residents on them, unless sometimes a Capt o a Vessel sends an officer for a few months; t ppn also is utterly unacquainted w / manners o / Blacks, & / Dutch find it easy where they h no spies on the conduct, to corrupt / Blacks by the presents, & secure them to their int.

The Village o Mumford is as good a place o trade as any to leewd o Annamaboe, & had the schemes taken place, / Chief o the Fort at Appam, wh is not a league distant, wd h purchd annually 200 more slaves than he gently does

A Sloop abt 60 tons, wh by all accts must be a Pirate has considerably hurt / trade for gold at Annice & Bassam, have carried off several / free people for those places & killed & stol do so t no English Boats can go to those places, wh is a great hurt to / trade at Axim where Gold is so much in demand . . .

– We are extremely busy clearg away / walls & rubbish for / new work & / foundation will be laid in a few days –

– The Carpenters are engaged in fixing a new roof for / Hall –

Since writing what does before I h recd . . . ye letter by our Miller who is gone down to his post – & I may be assured t I'll pay strict obedce to all ye orders on those hrs by him. I am – &c –

David Mill

The following correpdce is arranged in order o date

A 36 Read May 20 1773

David Mill to Thos Trender MC & Jno o Wm Bah Fort

CCC 25 September 1772

The Mumford & Dagoe people, parties / former are y solicitors for our interfering in the dispute o / Akroomans, I mean / ppal people in / Town, for some part o them since Quaqua's death, h endeavoured to apply for assistce to / Dutch Chief at Appam, & thro his means to / Gen.

Things being thus circumstanced, it behoves us to assist / Mumford people to get the Palaver settled, for if / Dutch shd get it done thro their interest, it is probable our influence at Mumford wd cease & it wd no longer wd be deemed an English place: wh it has bn these many years by post

For / above reasons, & as ye are much nearer / spot than any body else, & so consequently can get earlier & better intelligence than any other pson, I beg, Gent h, if we use all ye endeavours to get this affair settled wt / concurrence o / Dutch, if possible; & as this affair cannot be transacted at a expence, I must be allowed such as is absolutely necy, & by all means endeavour to detach ye / Dutch entirely t part o / Towns people who h bn so foolish as to apply to them for assistce.

W this I intend to send a Messgr o Cudjoe also, an Akroom, who will go down to ye & receive ye orders in this affair, & agree from time to time acquaint me w / progress & make in settlg this diffce.

I wd h sent a Messgr myself, but it will be needless, as ye own will serve my purpose, & I h desired Cudjoe Messgr to acquaint both parties t ye are authorized & instructed by me to settle this affair. I am – &c –

David Mill

1771 — 1773

[BT 6/1, A]

This

Thos Trenden to David Mill

Winnebah Fort 2 October 1772.

Since I wrote y / 2d day I h sent twice to / Mumford people to send a message for myself, & / Towns people also h a good deal o' talk on Mumford. At first I hd a very impatient message for them, I informed y before I hd sent up a flag, & man I sent down it after he had delivd / message I sent by him presented / flag & desired to know if he must hang it to his master ag[t] or leave it there. The opposite party to Quansah's people made for answer "that if they saw an English flag hoisted they wd tear it in peices ... & that they were determined to serve / Dutch: & / English never made any Palaver but they made Slaves of people, whereas / Dutch allowd them to "to work off the Debt"; & a deal o' stuff to / same purpose. Upon wh I ordered / Towns people to send another man of a message to y party above when he came down he found / flag hoisted wh I sent up. After he had delivd his message, wh was to this effect, to say. y / party of / Dutch must either change their opinion or shift their Quarters: y / people o' both sides take care o' Quansahs people, & they must take the choice we to unite agn & send down the Pyrates and order to h / Palaver settled, or serve / Dutch anywhere but on Mumford town, for it belonged to / English. After a consultation they made an apology for what they had said before, & promised if we on Sunday or Monday, they wd on conjunction of Lagoe Pyrates, come down to Cobbe & make me acquainted of my part in order to h it adjusted.

Cudjoes man waits for ans[r]. Ish acquaint y w / progress I make for time to time, I am &c

Thomas Trenden.

John Dixon to David Mill

Fantumquerry Fort 3d October 1772

I hd yrs sometime since by Ado Coumah & told him what y hd said to me on / Subject o / Mumford Palaver, also respecting / Dutch, & desired him to acquaint me for time to time how things went on. Since wh I h heard nothing from him till this mg, when I find by a message from him [yesty] / Mumford people went to Appam, where / Pyrates gave / Town to / Dutch, & signed their names; after wh / Dutch man fired 7 guns & / Mumford people returned to Dutch Colours, flg & small arms fire all / way, & this day a flag staff is to be sent from Appam to town / flags.

Please acquaint me what to do in this affair, Quansahs people are on our side entirely & / Lagoe people also, I believe, so it will be an easy matter to dispossess them of town, & turn out all those who adhere to / Dutch.

I am &c

John Dixon

David Mill to Pieter Woortman. Elmina. Cap Corse 4 d'Octobre 1772

[In French. Vide translation for Dutch archives in "Journal 1772-73" Notebook p 116.

Pieter Woortman to David Mill CCL

A la Mine 6e d'Octobre 1772.

[In French. - Vide [illegible] p mp.]

David Mill to Thos Trinder at Cab Corse.

C.C.C. 6 October 1722.

Reced yr favour & shd h be glad o its contents but not y be informed from Mr Dixon by some messgr that Dutch party at Mumford had not only signed a paper goy / Dutch the Village, but that Clerk had fired y guns on occasn, & hoisted here / English Flag pulled down, & a Dutch one put up in its place.

On this intelligce I wrote instantly to Elmina agst such proceedgs, & h recd an esquire answer bidg me they cannot give a parte answer before they recd lrs fm Apam. Thus, I am certain, Clerk acts by authy, & that we h no other method left to secure / Place but by getting yr Townspeople & / Lagoes to turn / Dutch party out o / Town, provided they don't give up it intt. I therefore desire y will use all yr art to bring this about & I hope yr endeavours will be successful. Yr desired Mr Dixon to contribute all he can to get / Lagoes heartily on this business. I send these letters open for Mr Bell's inspecn, that he may send down some of his / ppal people as Banamaboe to assist in this business. I am — &c — David Mill

Chief ad intt.

David Mill to John Dixon at Tantumquerry

CCC. 6 October 1722

Formerly on recg yr letter I sent a letter to Elmina containg a Protest agst Mr Clerk's conduct in / Mumford business, & h recd for answer "that they cannot consider any dr party till they h recd lrs fm Apam;" by wh I see they want to trade, & are determined to undermine our intt at Mumford if in their power. I therefore desire y will use yr utmost endeavours wt / Lagoe people to get them, in conjunc wt / Cabboceers, when Mr Trinder will send to get / Dutch Flag (if it has been hoisted) pulled down agn, & / effects of / Dutch intt (if no other methods will do) turned out of / Town. Make Mr Trinder acquainted wt yr progress in this business; & sincerely wish that yr joint endeavours may be crowned wt success. I am — &c — David Mill

David Mill to Charles Bell at PC & Sar of Banamaboe Fort

C.C.C. 6 October 1722

The Dutch h lately bin endeavourg to get / Town of Mumford into their power since / death of Quansah Cabboceer there, altho all his people are staunch in our intt yet state by underhand dealgs this Chief of Apam has got a considerable party in / Dutch intt. I heard of this some time ago & gave Mr Trinder such instrons as I then thot best on this occasn; but it seems while / Dutch party openly behaved well to him, his instrons were to favour / Dutch, & h actually signed a paper on Apam Fort, giving up the Town to / Dutch, & wch h ord are to hoist their Colours there.

As soon as I got informan of this fm Tantum, I sent a Protest agst to Elmina agst our Clerks conduct & reconstitated agst him unjustly seizg a place belong to our Nation. The answer I h got is only an evasion, & I plainly see that our Clerk is acting in consequence of orders from Elmina.

Inclosed are two lrs I h written Mess Trinder & Dixon, & I desire if we send to / Fanties Pynins & principal people, endeavour to get them in our intt to recover our right at Mumford, & at least drive away from / Town / Dutch party. No time is to be lost in this business. I am — &c — David Mill

Charles Bell to David Mill. ccc

Banamaboe Fort 7 October 1722

In consequce of yr letter of yesty's date I assembled / Fanties Pynins & Cabboceers, & laid before them / accts of / Mumford Affair abt wch y wrote me. To morrow they are to dispatch 2 Messgrs there to make enquiry into / affair.

I h given these Messgrs (who are Capts of Soldiers) such instrons as I thot most proper on / occasn. I h ordered them to present in / strongest terms in / name of / Co as well as of their own Body, that / Dutch Flag be removed, & to give encouragemt to Quansah's people to continue staunch to / intt of their natural Masters / English, & that they sh be supported & that if / Dutch party are determined to oppose / Dutch intt we will do our utmost to expel them / Town, & that / Fanties in these parts will soon as

[BT.6/1 A]

A man for Mumford Saltpond this mg informs me t there are 2 Fanty Kings in dift parts o/ Town, one English & one Dutch. I sh beg / Fantee Messrs Suite Messrs Trowder & Dixon, t they may concur in such measures as seem most advisable f / interest o/ cause.

The Fyaws & Cabboceers here seem hearty in our int & disgusted at / Mumford people f their treachery, but yt beg arms & feed, nothing is to be done w such a Set. I am — &c — Charles Bell

David Mill to Peter Woortman ... a la Mine

Cap Cro 8me Octobre 1772.

[In French Vide copy in notebook Journal 1772-1773 p 119]

Peter Woortman to David Mill

a la Mine ce 8me de Octobre 1772

[In French. Vide copy - this p 122.

Thos Trowder to David Mill

Fort Tantumquery 9 [9?] October 1772

A day or two after I wrote f. concerng / Mumford palaver, I was informed w / proceedgs o / opposite party in t Town, & found they had only bn talkg w me in regard to / message they sent by / Cobah messenger Ado Courmah w / Chiefs o Quansah's family came down to Cobah & acquainted me w / parties. Upon wh I did it best to come up to Mumford myself to try what effect I cd wh, & accordgly sent a message to / Dago people to meet me the next when I came thr I found thr was not a possibility o doing anything by gentle methods, / ppals o / party having all ye presents & a note read fm / Dutch f pay, & not a man in / Town seemed to be a Lord to say except these parties people.

I find t what has now happened has bn long premeditated, & t Quansah's death only hastened / execn o it; wh they were afraid to attempt during his life. Hence I do not think it unfavourable, as it happens to / Eng party who were / cause o all / disturbce.

I sent for Dr abt two hours after I arrd here in order to write f. them / to my satisfacn for be fully answered what I proposed before, & only wanted ye sanction. It is / pleasure to inform f. t our Towns people & these o Dago are quite staunch to us & will I am pretty well convinced do anything we order.

I am just now returng to Mumford w / Dago people along w me, & intend to put / question once more to / Dutch party, tho I expect no other answer than what I sent before, wh was t they never did or wd serve / English. Ther is one lucky circ to influence / Cabboceers to act w Resolun / (wh indeed I never doubted but they wd) & t is, the most o / Women & Children o Mumford are now on Cobah Town, & before I left our I ordered / Towns people to take gt care not to let any o them away until / affair was accomodated at Mumford

I assembled Quansah family, young as well as old, & found them ready to do anything we desired they all offer to take fetish. to wh ever we please, & wd I believe h gone to loggerheads w / ors, had I given them / least encouragemt.

Now I think it best to strengthen our int fmst w / people I mention,

The Tantum people also offer us their assistce, shd it be necy, as also those o Mumford Saltpond, but I do not imagine we sh have occn for em.

I sh be glad to know how matters stand after my return, I am determined if I see / Dutch flag make its appearce whilst I am at Mumford, to pull it down by force I am &c — Thomas Trender

David Mill

John Bacon to Thomas Trender Esqr in Chief &c.

Tantum Fort 10 October 1772.

I am just now returned fm Mumford, where I accompanied Mr Trender, to see what cd be done towards settling / palaver that came up before he sailed fm Cape Coast, but cd effect nothing w / 2d party, as they said they were determined to continue in / Dutch int. Quansahs people are all I believe to be deponed, as also those o Lagoe whom Mr Trender sent fm Cape Coast; but / old Gamboe palaver putting them off to go to Mumford, they sent a Messge to tell / Dutch party that if they persisted in serving / Dutch, they must remove, but they need / same answer as before.

The two Messgrs Mr Bell sent down, called / people into / market, & rd them answer, after asking them the reason fm acting in / manner they had done, & seeing a Dutch flag, that they had always been very assistive for them, & wd therefore continue true to them, as they never had nor never wd serve / English.

The Annamaboe people with Aggin & two or three 2d Sophees came down for Gamboe affair / matter in ques, as they pretended at first, but at last they shuffled off & wd say nor do nothing, & so that they did not come abt / ground but / Gamboe palaver. They wd (2d Fantees) have gone into / market place, but were dissuaded fm it by Aggin, / man to whom I paid the three ounces twelve. I find he has employed himself, therefore nothing can be expected fm him or any o / 2d Fantees or Sophees, as by prolonging / palaver they are still eating, which is / sole motive, I believe, to brot them down.

We supplied Quansahs people with guns, powder &c & Mr Trender who is gone down-coast, I make no doubt pursue a method to accomodate it soon, he not having wrote fm himself but one time, but will write fm Cape Coast how he goes on. Am in hopes it will not be long ere this affair is brot to an issue

I am &c — John Bacon.

PS Mr Trender proposes to have / people o Lagoe & Mumford to take fetish that they will not depart fm what they have said already, which both parties agree to, I mean at Winnebah. He seems / Gen sent down a Case, as also / Fiscal and 2 Liquor: / Gens son, / Butler o / Mine, an Anker & three quarter Barrels o Powder; & his Master ago and Anker he appears all his [illegible] / sons [sic ? Wives]) family here the & are o t party which is / reason o their being supported.

Thomas Trender to David Mill

Winnebah Fort 15 October 1772.

The reason o my silence w regard to / Mumford Palaver was owg to a Message I had sent to Assim & Adjumancon to know / opinion o those people concerning this affair. The people I sent are now returned, & seval people deputed fm / ppal men o both Towns. They give me great hopes o accomplishing our ends. They are all sworn to a man to come down to Mumford Saltpond next Thursday, & encamp themselves. They promise faithfully to abide by our with. They like me they are to be here before if they had not heard I had sent a flag to Quansahs people, & had a mind to hear / result o it; & as they find / English are willing to espouse / cause o Quansahs people & / Lagoes, they naturally put both these parties out o / question, as they shall look upon the part o / affair as in a manner settled. They tell me if I please to draw Quansahs people out o Mumford, in case I shd doubt what they say, or if agreeable to go up myself to stay in Quansahs [sic] where I shall may be able to see if they perform the engagem or not, in t case they [are] willing to take away fetish I please to give them. They also say t. after all, if matters can be accomodated to our likings t we are willing

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& see / affair adjusted, they will not push matters to any fur extremities. The Adjumacon people (who y know are a turbulent set) appear staunch to our interest, & can in a manner do as they please w / Mob. I wd be glad y wd send me down a Sword & some Kind or other, a Cloth & a Hat for / Captain o that Town, in case they shd come to blows agn. By desire we will help them. w 4 oz Powder.

Y will please let me h yr opinion not only respecting what I h already done but what I am to do hear, & I may know how I am acting to yr Satisfacn or not; & c I may recede before matters are carried too far wt prejudice to myself.

As / Wbah people are to act a part in this affair, & natural enough they will apply for what Powder &c they may want for / occasion. Please let me know if I am to supply them or not. This is a good deal o Expence, partly in Liquor attendg this affair. Y are sensible in many cannot be carried on wt, but this for y may assure yrself t not any part o it shd be wantonly thrown away.

The ppal people o Lagoe are now here & intend to send one Messenger more, in conjunc w one o / Princs o this Town to / Dutch party to know if they are still determined to abide in / same sentiments as when I was at Mumford, If so they are to take fetish to me tomorrow mg to be ready when called upon. Please let me h yr Express answer express.

I am – &c – Thomas Saunders

David Mill to Thomas Saunders

C. C. C. 17 October 1772

I h yrs o / 15th. As / Adjumacons are determined to oust / Mumfords revolts [?], my opinion is t y shd countenance them & at / same time make them take fetish not to come to any terms o accomodan w them, wt our concurrence. Quaws ally people or by all means to be drawn out o / place & sent to Lagoe, or otherwise they chuse, tell / Mob are drove out. The Adjumacons shd first engage to put a Chief person o Quaws ally family on his Stool at Mumford & to keep / place cleared to / English & Dutch.

I do not think it necy for y to go agn to Mumford or to employ / Lagoes or Winnebahs to drive these Dutch Negroes away as tis a prospect o / Business beg done to our hands, & it seems a very lucky time / Dutch party are / set agst whom / Adjumacons are pply exasperated.

I shall send y a Cloth, Hanger & Hat for / Capt o Adjumacons. The powder y mention they & to h, as to Liquor, tis a very certain Business o this Kind cannot be transacted wt it. I will therefore use yr own discretion in t head. I am – &c – David Mill.

Thomas Saunders to David Mill

Winnebah Fort 19 October 1772

I h just read yrs o / 17th wh / strangely mentd them. What I said concerning my going to Mumford was only intended to inform y o what / Natives said on t subject. I shd not h thot it prudent after what I had been doing to go thr myself, at least before mine had been accomodated. Anything I had been doing spread like wild fire as far as Mumford, & intimidated all hands there to such a degree, they cd not tell wh way to turn themselves. In this situan / only expedient they cd fall on was to depute some o their Body down to me to beg pardon for what they had done & promise never to do / like for / future

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& / Town & people w cryd[g] in d belonged to / English, & a gt deal y stuff to / same purpose but above all, begged & wd send & stop / Accounts fm com[g] down on them, & they wd do anything I desired. I asked them at once, if they had brot down / Dutch Flag &c of them. They sd they had not; but y it never shd be hoisted agn in Mumford Town; & it shd lie in a Chest till / cockroaches ate it. I told them I wd not credit anything they sd until I got / Flag & Orders they said to it. The consequence was they set out immedly & brot / Flag & only one note; / day following, wh seems to be an acct o what they had busted fm / Dutch Chief they gently took Fetish to me & pron[d] any note & pay o any kind what[s] except to deld to me, & if ever after they attempted to dispose o the Village to any o[r] people than / English, / Fetish to kill them.

After this I thot / first & best thg I cd do wd be to stop / Bush people fm proceed[g] any fur, f wh reason I h sent to desire / Capt o Adjumaucon to come down himself in order to / settle & put him abt / palaver. & I am not out hopes t / thgs y h sent me f him will induce him to wtt himself in / setting this affair.

I hope what I h now done will h[e] approbation, as I believe I never intended to push thgs to extremities if wd be best to an opposite wt. I will take care to enforce anything y mention in yr Letter as far as I possibly can. I believe Mumford Village is pretty well secured to us as it is.

I will please the Dutch / Dutch flag, & if ther is anyth[g] I think partly necessary f me to do in / settl[g] this affair more than y h already informed me of, please let me know as soon as possible. In / meantime I am &c —

Thomas Trinder.

PS. If / Bush people are willg to h this affair settled it were necessary to have someone f[m] y to go to Afro

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Thomas Trinder to David Mill

Winnebah Fort 21 October 1772.

The Messengers I sent to Adjumaucon are returned. The Capt o that place does not intend choose to come down at this juncture lest it may create a suspicion w / o[r] parties concerned. I find they are determined to go down ag[st] Mumford ag[n]. tho they tell me it is not w any intention to fight. But my opinion is affair will not be settled until they h made their brags, at present they seem to be in a very high strain. They say it cannot be settled whilst I remain where I am, & if I go up to Mumford. They will depute Quadwoo Cudjoe money's heir, Quabina, old Blazea, & / Capt o Adjumaucon, w one or two more, the last named I am told my people privately, he will wtt himself in / affair as soon as it comes to be talked over. They point out / method o settl[g] / Bush palaver & signify as much as they intended this shd be adjusted in / same manner; but he is of opinion if I am to interfere any fur in / adjust[g] it, it will be necy some man o consequence be sent to go to Afro from them in conjunc[n] w my own people to make f better acquainted w this affair. I send herewith one o my / people I sent to Adjumaucon. The Gen o Elmina has an inclin[n] to buy them over to his wtt. He sent two orders o Rum all / way by land fm Elmina. How my Boy tells me they cod [not?] allow it to come to / Market-place Anishee (who is in / Dutch wtt) at present has not a word to say. My opinion is if / Mumford people beat them off once more, / matter will be much easier accomodated, & it will not be easily settled before. I shd be obliged to y to give me yr directions how as in what manner I am to act as affairs are circumstanced. I am — &c —

Thomas Trinder

PS. Cago Bonny's heir has sent to me abt this palaver, but I do not wish to employ or say anything in parts to him abt it. But told him if you chot it very f wd let him know. I imagine he wants to act as his predecessor did.

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David Mill to Thomas Trinder CCC 29 October 1772.

Recd both yr Lrs of 19th & 21st & / Batch flag. As to party I have made ample concession & taken pleasure to continue faithful to my word. It will not be our business to push him for any[th]ing by obliging / Aquimancores to attack them, but rather to endeavour & alienate / parties. But in case / Aquimancores are inflexible in the determin[n] to fight them, you are to assist / Mumford people & even to get / Lagoes on the side. And further if you may find it necy to assist / Mumford men I will take further power in / Cos acct to write on Tantumquerry Fort.

If it appears to you necy or expedient to go yrself to Mumford, go by all means, & when you have settled matters in / Town, appt a Cos Cabboceer & Quarcoe's family & give him a note of 8 ackies p month, & / ppal man & / 2d party a note of 4 ackies. Herewith goes Frederick Addoy who I think will be of service as a linguist & negotiator in my opn

Besides what you trust / Mumford people, you will find it necy to be at a considerable expence in treating / Aquimancores, thus for soon discern[n] must direct you on, what I expect you are allowed to charge to / Public as / business altogr. highly concerns our Credit & / humiliation of / Dutch. I am – &c – David Mill

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Thomas Trinder to David Mill

Cabess Fort 26 October 1772.

I have recd yr Lr of 23rd by Addoy. I have little more to advise you since my last save that / Aquimancores in post are encamped behind Mumford in alarming close people much. I have repeated messages for them to go up, but as I am very sensible my goods will only be attended with misery expence, at present wd wait till I have some advantageous proposal for Aquimancores with [illegible] expence & if I find about 2 ounces from each of Mumford parish, then I intend to go up, but shall advise you first. When I go up, will take care to do as you direct.

Kina Longuet, Addoy will answer my purpose, but I fear he will not have weight enough w / Cabocears of Abem & Aquimancor. Hope I shall be glad to find it otherwise. My reason for mentioning this is only to / expected opposition I have. Said them make use of whatever to / Cabess Palaver & Accra Cadjoe, & they intend to do / same by this. Hope I am in hopes to gain / Aquimancores entirely to our party as I find / ppal wing them (I mean those who have anything to lose) are not inclined to fight & imagine will not be hard to be bot. But in this I shall use my precaution so as not to be deceived by them. I am convinced / Mumford people will not be agst my going to the Head.

The Chief of Apam has been desiring them to return this flag as he finds he says, they do not intend to serve / Batch. They asked me what answer they shd return him. I told them if they were at a loss for an answer, they might tell / Mungo to / Flag was at CC. & if they applied to you for it, in all probability would get it. I am – &c – David Trinder

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Thomas Trinder to David Mill

Cormantine Fort 4 November 1772

I have waited ever since Frederick came down to know what / Aquimancores propose to do in / Mumford palaver. Some days ago / Aquimancores sent down to demand some goods, at / same time promised to assist us in / recg / debts. The demand at first was pretty high, no less than 20 oz. but was reduced to 8½ oz / Mumford people desired me to pay. After this I heard no more for them 6 or 7 days when induced me to send up to know what they were abt, or whether they intended to put an end to this affair or not. In consequence of my message they were pretty to acquaint me that they intended to set out for Mumford on Saty next & desired me to meet them there.

As there is no likelihood of this affair being terminated determined with any

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[illegible] a as I h no prsn to leave in charge o/ Fort durg my absce /shd be as short as possible) I have by this conveyce sent Mr Tarren to Lb / young man he has w him came down here a few days, till I go & hear what they h to say & act / same time sh do as I direct w respect to / people o/ place

As soon as I hear / Bush peoples proposals & find this is a prospect o/ affair being adjusted. I shl write y immedly. Am / meantime Dear — &c — Thomas Turner

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Thomas Turner to David Mill- Tantum 21st November 1772

I am sorry to inform y I my journey to Mumford has bn ineffectual owg to / obstinacy o/ Accroams in the demand o one o/ ppal people o/ town when they proposed to sacrifice on / Camp before they wd proceed any further in / affair determined to h y town or destroy / Village, and they hd taken fetish to each o/ y purpose. I offered them any Satisfaction they wd demand in lieu o them, but to no purpose; they were quite inflexible. I tried / same answer four days running so I finding nothg else wd suffice, acquainted / Mumford w the demand; wh they absolutely refused to comply w; & swear by all they is Sacred to / Blacks they will defend both to / last extremity, & only begged I Know if they might rely on / English for assistce, wh I assured them o to y utmost. Matters beg thus circumstanced & a battle unavoidable. I did it prudent to inform acquaint both parties I intended to withdraw fm / town, which both consented to. The day intended for engaging in / Camp was on Saturday. Hearing / Mumfords took advantage o them & fell on them y 0[illegible] night, & drove them off & destroyed the Camp, in wch I am told they found seven dgs, a gall / rest, a string o Jiggery Beads & a parcel o rock gold. belong to Petty Coffy Esqr o/ Davis' Hall. If this be true it will in all probability turn out a valuable acquisn & be / means o settlg the affair much easier when they come to talk it over again.

Our friends / Dutch are by no means idle in this affair as they are using every means to thwart us in settlg this affair. They h kept Boys on / Camp, about 5 in no. & I am told by / Mumford people & / Fens head man the boys h bn endeavoring to persuade / Assim people to call in / Fantees to their assistce & the Master will pay / expence himself. This has bn since / last Thursday, / day after wh the boys were sent away to Mumford, bn / y Chief o Assim w liquor, I am told as to offer his mediation betwn them & Mumford, wh they refused to accept o. The Assim Blacks join as heartily in / cause o / Mumfords as themselves on / dagoes, & tell / Chief if he may fire at them if he pleases; but if he does they will all leave / town & go over to Mumford.

I am waitg till a canoe comes up for Cabes to carry me down as I do not think it safe or prudent after what has happened to travel by land.

If agreeable to y I think it wd not be amiss to send a message to / Fantees & encourage them for joing ags / Mumford people, if they do they must certainly destroy / place in a little time. I am — &c — Thomas Turner

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Thomas Turner to David Mill Tantum Fort 22 November 1772

Since writg / br I accompanies this I h bn more confirmed in my opinion o / methods practiced by / Dutch concerng / town o Mumford On Saty / Chief o Assim sent Assim / Fens headman (who has bn at Mumford Salt pond ever since / last Skirmish) to spirit up / Accroams 5 12 oz Poods, 2 Rolls Tobacco & quantities o Liquor, to be sent to them in a Town in Fantee (called Adyumancon Pond) in order to beg them down to ack ce / Accroams ags Mumford. Now I think if / eyes o / Fantees are in / head open; or if they expect any assistce fm us when attacked by the common enemy, they surely will not allow those people Enemies / Dutch ags Village & all Fantee Towns has belonged to / English, time out o mind, & I think for reasons I gave to / Fantees in my head will frustrate the intended scheme.

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David Mill to Charles Bell VPC & Gov. of Fort

C. C. C. 24 November 1772.

I last night recd / two Lrs inclosed from Lieutenant Abt / Mumford Fabritius, & send them at once to y^r ut copys them (therefore please to return them)

I write therefore y^e entire^t strongly agt / Fanties not to interfere in / Mumford dispute, tho as / Family of / Fens Cowah is at Mumford. I old not think they wd drive them to extremities

Y^r own Judgment will point out to y^r what is most proper to be done as / Fanties. I think as we have already been at so much expence abt drawing / Dutch in this affair we ought not now to grudge our mind expence in concluding this most necessary Business. I am — &c — David Mill.

PS. Send me this scrawl back as I have not copied it & is necy our Masters shd have a distinct acct of / whole.

Charles Bell to David Mill

Annamaboe Fort 25 November 1772.

I am favored wth yrs inclosing 2 Lrs from Mr Trinder of 22^d inst relative to / success of his negotiation at Mumford. I hope he may be wrong in his conjecture of / Western Fanties joining / Acroams to destroy Mumford. This hour they assemble / ppal people of / Town & lay / cause before them & some time use my utmost endeavours to prevail on them to support / cause of Mumford People as ought to stand by us, &c & most certainly will go thro this business wth Vigour & support / Cause with a wonderfull steadiness & persistance. On such Conduct / Character & our name & Empire depends

At Annamaboe I am pretty confident they wish / Mumford people success & so do most of Towns situated on / Waterside, whilst it is / Case I do not think they are in gt danger.

The Vapours I think but ill agrees wth the action Mr Trinder doubting from / Mumford men may perhaps make them change this strain of talk.

I / Dutch will use every art, how mean it may be to thwart us. I am well aware but hitherto they have reaped but little credit by / cause they have espoused

I shall leave fort for me tomorrow or next day, wth regard to / Towns People's sentiments on this affair. I am — &c — Charles Bell

Charles Bell to David Mill

Annamaboe fort 27 November 1772.

I have received Amoney Cormah & one or two more of / ppal men of / Town concerning / state of / Mumford people & the addresses / Acroams. I find it is true they have been sending to / Fanties & some of / little towns to the Eastern Fantim & Annaqua to join them agst / Mumfords, but they all disclaimed interfering in / business; & for to both / Town of Annamaboe & ye ppal Towns of / Western Fanties I sent messages to these places to desire to act / Fetishes concerned / Acroams & Mumfords only, nor do I see why interfere or give / Acroams / least assistance.

Amoney Cormah assures me in / strongest terms to / Mumford people are in no danger of beg set upon by any ots of / Fanties, & if they are left to deal wth / Acroams solely I doubt not of their defending themselves & keeping the Enemies

I know / Mumfords are as stout & set a bigger distance as any on / Coast, & will not be easily routed & as they are entrenched wth / Fanties, & indeed almost / same peoples from hardly believe they (/ Fanties) will be induced to take up arms agst them.

If we were to pretend to hire / Western Fanties Auxiliarys or even as Negotiators in / cause, I am convinced it will be attended wth infinite expence & in / end answer no good purpose

We have certainly done hitherto saying it was incumbent on us as Protectors of those People for their benefit & advantage, & I doubt not but you will think it expedient to continue yr countenance & assistance to them. I am — &c — Charles Bell.

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David Mills to / Ctee C.C.C. 30 January 1773

Inclosed is a copy o my last: since t time her Traders has been constantly employed abt settlg / differs betwn / Accroans & Mumford people, & altho' there has been several fights betwn them, yet by our so effectually aidg our people at Mumford & Winnebah Stores & prom^es. / inland people has been obliged to evacuate the Camp & return home, after losg many o the people, & I am confident will not return to molest / Mumfords agn.

The Dutch has therefore been no more successful (in the attempts on Mumford) by fraud than by force, & / part we acted will be / means o our havg [illegible] on / same Kind for / future; tho I am still o opinion (as are also Messrs Bell & Traeger who are now here) t we posses ourselves of quiet possession o t place, till we send a factor to reside there & build a factory house, all wh may be done at a very trifling expence. We very earnestly entreat y^ord take this matter into consn, & grant the permission to put / plan into exn, as it is absolutely necy for / preservn / place & trade here to / English. The Towns people ardently desire it & I am pretty well convinced (if this is done) they will become faithful Subjects to us; & if somethg of / kind is not done, I much fear [illegible] they may (when left to themselves) be agn tampered w^th by / Dutch & give us fresh trouble in bringg them to their duty: for in negroes there is little faith.

It is very proper y^ shd be acquainted w^th / sunken state o y^e Fort at Tantumquery – One o / Bastions fallen to / ground ...

In my last I acquainted y^ o / report to / King o Ashantee had turned his Arms agst some of his Enemies, & not / Fantees, & t report was well grounded, for abt 3 wks ago, / Shantee army engaged / Akims at / head o whom was the King Buranquoy. In / first engagemt / Akims had / advantage, but fearg to be overpowered by numbers Byranquoy sent his women & children into places made by nature defensible, & w^th / body o his army, fell down near Accra, at first w^h one concluded t he cod be driven under / guns o / 3 forts there, & t by / Accras assisting him, they & / Forts cod be looked upon as enemies by Zey. In this expedition military stores were sent Mr Drew for his own defce & t o his Town's people, but Byranquoy has taken a different route w^th his army, after goig / Fantees many presents for liberty to retire into the Country, he has actually encamped betwn Accra & / Dutch fort o Barcoe near / sea side, where / Shantees do not think proper to come, for fear o havg / Fantees as well as / Akims to engage.

Zey disappointed o his revenge on Byranquoy in / manner y^ related, ordered his army to engage / Crobpees who whose hands / Akim King deposited part o his women, & who for many years past has been his auxiliaries. Several engagemts has ensued w^th various success on both sides, & as / Crobees unhabit a Hill o great natural strength, & wh is only to be ascended by one road, & t narrow, it is thot they may give / Shantees more difficty in dispossessg them o it, than they at first imagined from the numbers. My own opinion is t / Crobees must inevitably be starved if it is in power o / Ashantees to starve them out, & unless by a bold push they may cut their way thro them, wh I think they cannot do.

In consequence of a letter from Mr Trinder, a copy of wch is here inclosed, I have agreed to his keeping a Serjt or Gunner at Mumford to hoist / English flag, & keep / people in our int^t. I think it will be a very necessary step, & wished / only one by wch we can keep them, / more especially as a son of / Genl's has lately been appointed Chief of Apam wch is within 4 miles of ye Town.

Inclosed Mr Beard sends y^r his weekly return of sick for / Year 1772

I am — &c —. David Mill

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Thomas Trinder to David Mill — Cabbah Fort 26 November 1772

Paragraph. The Mumford peoples sallys on / Bush people / ought to oblige me place has rendered scything of hay for dog absolutely necessary, as / latter party lays all / blame on me, so that scythes they are belong^g to me are afraid to venture to / Camp agn, by wch means I am entirely ignorant of what they are doing. How / affair will end, I cannot say, but am afraid it will go hard w^t / Mumfords, as this last action has aggravated matters much. I shall be glad to hear yr advice. Paragraph signed by Thomas Trinder

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Thomas Trinder to David Mill — CCC 2 December 1772.

David Mill to Thomas Trinder.

Mr Bell by my desire has assembled / Fanties, & he has got assurances from them that they will not assist / Accroams agst / Mumford people. but as they are bribed so high by / Dutch, & as there is so little dependence to be put upon them, I cannot pretend to be certain what may be / result of the determination

Paragraph agreed by David Mill

Thomas Trinder to David Mill — Cabbah Fort 5 December 1772

I am still a prospect of settlg / Mumford palaver, but my sickness & the head gives me a great deal of concern & makes me loath to meddle any further in it as I do not know who I act right or wrong. I am not intent in / affair more than obtaining the orders which if I had not recd I assure you I would not be interfered in / matter as I am not fond of meddling with Blacks disputes.

Para: sign'd Thomas Trinder

David Mill to Thomas Trinder — CCC 8 December 1772.

I have recd yrs of wch I wrote you before abt / Mumford affairs. was I not apprehensive that we appeared by some means of getting it terminated, it / wd cost us both more expence & trouble. I desire before you will again endeavour to put a finishing stroke to / business. I have no other visions to give only that as it is absolutely necessary / dispute shd be settled, if you spare neither trouble nor expense in finishing it

Para: sign'd David Mill

Thomas Trinder to David Mill — Cabbah Fort 14 December 1772.

Yr letter of 8th I recd & shall do as you direct in my part in, as / affair wore, when I wrote you last I did imagine / differ between / Bush & Mumford people wd soon be determined as / latter had made very / submission / their party did at first demand, that is to say they held up to me Ampah's sisters son, wch as one of / 2 Kings they insisted on. So that / affair was in a manner settled; but when I went to sound / Bush people on / subject, they sent for answer, that it was true they did at first make the demand, but as / Mumford people will not then comply with it, they had since also changed their mind, & that if they wd take up Ampah himself now, it wd save / Town from destruction, since wch I have neither seen nor heard from them. I told them at / time that as they were determined to destroy / Town wch they will find belonged

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to / English, they were base not to wonder if they heard / English assist / people thief. The only thg I am afraid of / Mumford people is / want of corn, as I h made them palisade most by accessible part of Town; indeed I hear they h done it near round. If so / ds will more effect what they want; they only remain where they are in order, as they think to starve them, & ask I hope if a due Bell will prevent by supplyg them w corn when they are in want. This I am afraid to do for fear o bringg those people under / like circs. The rumour is now spread to leeward among Ashanties may probably make / cowardly rascals fm the Etherygg. They are afraid to fight or ashamed to run away; they h done it so often. If this rumour continues long I dare say they will move the Town tho. I do not think it will come to anything. The Ashanties will hardly be so stupid as to pursue into / Fantee country a few Attams, & / Cattoos, I am told, are on this side / river, & parts this fm Accra. I am - &c -

Thomas Trender

PS. The Ahs visitor said a message fm / Mumford & Bush people asking me to settle / Palaver. I cannot say whether it is true or false, but I hope if / best. The rumour is spread of / Shenties is / occasion of

Thomas Trender to David Mill at Tantum Fort 8 January 1773

Often I returned last fr Mumford I was flattered w / hopes a thorough abt a reconciliation w / Gambocs & Mumford people, thro / interposition o Ashon, Cogolsons Heir; but to my no small mortification & regret am returned as unsuccessful as ever. The Gamboes are inflexibly bent on destroyg / Town. They are now joined by / best part o Accumfies, wch will make it so much harder w / Mumford people. Yet I am in hopes they will beat them off. They are on a much better condition now to do it now, than they were at first, by having a good fence round / Town what they may now do I cannot say as I am neither acquainted w / no or disposition o / Accumfies people.

The Mumfords wanted me much to send them some small pieces o Ordnance & as this I wod by no means do, at least till I receive fm orders how soon then wod it be proper to send any away fm Winnebah, as it wod in all probability involve / Town in a Palaver.

I am at a loss, at present, to know how I sh be able to settle / Acct or my own w / Mumford People, especially shd / Gambocs get / better o them, but I may rest assured I will use my means in my power to effect both.

Paragraphs sign'd Thomas Trender

Town in Chief B 3. Read July 16 1773

Thos Trender to David Mill Esq / Council at CCC Cabess Fort 18 January 1773

I am well acquainted w / trouble & expence I h bn at in settlg / Mumford Palaver, in wch tho I h bn so fortunate to succeed, I think it my duty to inform ye acquainted if ye there is still some danger o losg our influence unless a white man belongg to / Ctee be kept on / spot to be a spy on / conduct o our neighbours / Duteh, who I am convinced will still tamper w / people o ye place & detach them fm our natt if possible. As / above appears to me absolutely necy I beg leave to propose to ye Govt a temporary expedient, until / pleasure o / Ctee be known, wch is, to a person dependent on this Fort as / character o Serjt or Gunner be kept thro in / Cabboceers house to hoist our Flag & keep / name o o. Settlemt belongg to / Ctee, till a more effectual plan is established; & except / white mans salary o £36. this present step can be o my little (if any) expence to / Publick. Beg / favour o ye taking this affair into serious consn & give me ye answer. I am - &c -

Thomas Trender

B 4. Read July 16. 1773.

David Mill to / Ctee. CCC. 24 February 1773

-- Address this bus o 4 Nov & Dec & 10 Dec [H.32-33 34] on Gunnie o no visit

B 5. Read July 16 1773

David Mill to / Commdrs o HM Ships a/c o Bruce } C.C.C. 4 February 1773

Sir — Hearg by / master o our Store ship, t y sailed fm Madeira some time before he and his, o having reason to expect y on / Coast soon, I think it part o my duty to inform y o a pirate sloop wch has infested this Coast since yr departure.

The first accts I heard o this Vessel were abt 6 months ago & then we were informed t a lge American built sloop abt 70 ton burthen navigated by aprds o 14 stout men had carried off fm many places o trade to Windwd such free Blacks whom they decoyed when they came to trade. The Sloop did not come down amg / Forts but beg in want o water proceeded to / river Lagos where she was seen by some o our Brus people in some o his craft but who were not able to take her. Since t time it appears, fm many accts t these free Blacks or / slaves on board ha got / Sloop in the possn having killed / whites. A very few days ago this Sloop was spoken w off Cape Three Points, having stands to Windward. I am therefore in hopes y may meet w her. I am informed she are near 90 Blacks on Board & not one white man. She has no carrie guns, but they ha plenty o muskets, cutlasses & ot defensive arms. The mainsail is remarkable by beg. pieced w a broad seam o tar & pitch.

It is not to be doubted (if this sloop is not taken) but y / Blacks aboard will take any Vessel or Boat they can master, as also they will take all / Blacks they can belong to any place but their own & do abundance o mischief upon / Windwd Coast. If this Sloop can be taken it will be y easy to send / people who were seized by / Cabettes & / sevl places they belong to, & by this means prevent the Rebels fm making Reprizals on / British Shipg y are beg unjustly seized; but shd / Sloop escape & on shore any way to Windwd only a very few o these people will reach their own families, for these Blacks make no Scruple o selling y slaves for Iron Bars & the iron Slaves are so valuable as to be worth the life of any o the inhospitable shores wch little defce between Friends & Foes.

I therefore hope I will be pleased to take this matter into serious Consn & take such measures as sh seem to y most expedient to seize these Villains, wh will be doing a real Service to y British trade on this Coast.

I am — &c — David Mill

B. 6. Read July 16 1773.

Cap Cors le 14 Fevrier 1773

Messieurs. En consequé des ordres que nous avons reçu de nos Maitres par le Navire qui arrivait il y a quelques jours passés, nous sommes ordonnés de demander l'accomplissement & ratification de votre part des traités qui subsistent entre nos Conronnes concernant les Vaisseaux Portugais, de quelle demande nous vous fimes le 14e Mars 1772 & de même que un passage libre par terre à notre Fort à Appolonia. Nous vous avons aussi demandé en vain a différentes reprises

Nous demandons donc, Messieurs, par celle cy une Réponse Categorique a ces Demandes que nous faisons au nom de nos Maitres afin que nous puissons en faire part au Commandant de l'escadron de sa Majesté Britannique qui doit arriver ici dans peu.

Nous avons l'honneur — &c —

David Mill
Chas Bell
Thomas Trunder

A Monsieur / Woodman
Cons: Gen: pour le Conseil
à
La Mine

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de Plaine Cet Fév^r 1773

Messieurs J'ai bien reçu l'honneur de la votre datée Cap Cos le 14 Février 1773. En réponse, nous avons l'honneur de vous marquer que nous aurions chargé si nous avions eu des ordres de nos maîtres, comme vous les avez reçu de votres ; par ce que cela étant, nous pourions vous donner une réponse catégorique sur les demandes que vous nous faites ; mais comme nous sommes impourvu d'icelles, & que par conséquent nous ne pouvons pas le donner, nous nous référons amicalement aux réponses que nous vous avons donné à tous vos questions & demandes susmentionnées que nous avons fait de tems en tems, jusqu'au que nos maîtres nous mettent en état de pouvoir les délivrer en acceptable

Nous avons l'honneur — &c —
P Voortman
P. Sulgardt & Verfaeck
C Blok.
J^s Vd Puije
G S Galle

A Monsieur David Mill
Gar en Chef et au Conseil
au Cap Cos.

B 4 Read July 16. 1773.

Plainboat CC Road 18th February 1773

Gent^n The Rt Hon^ble the Comrs of Admlty having been pleased His Ms Plainboat a despatch Sloop under my Command for the security & protection of Trade on the Coast of Africa. I am to request you will transmit to lay before me, a State of Fort & Trade thereof, & you are please to inform me if any Pirates infest the Coast, or what outrages have been Committed on the Subjects of His Ms Ships, as I shall readily undertake any thing consistent with my orders for the good of Publick Service

I am — &c —
Thomas Collingwood

David Mill to Thos Collingwood Esqre C.C.C. 24 February 1773

I wrote you on the 4th inst which was forwarded to Appol: to meet you there, but which must have missed you as you got down here 10 days after it was dispatched. As I do not acquainted you since your departure from hence last year, a large Sloop was to be originally from Boston has committed several outrages on diffr parts of the Coast, by seizing many of the free Natives who went on board here to Trade. The last accts we have is about 2 months ago those free negroes whom they seized had overpowered the Robbers & taken the Sloop from them were endeavouring to get back to their own Country, & she was seen about 10 days ago off the Dutch Fort of Boutry & the Comm^r of Fort had manned & sent off several Canoes to take her, but without success.

The Dutch still determine a free passage by land to our Fort at Cape Appol: & continue to prevent us trading with the Portuguese who contrary to many agreements between the two Crowns & the Chief Agent & former Gov^r of African Co have extracts from such agreements some of which agreements they have promised to abide by. The African Chiefs my masters have directed me to demand a categorick answer from the Gen of Elmina & their Council relative to our former demands concerning the Portuguese, or passage to Appolonia, & at the same time acquainted me they had a promise from Gov^r some of His Ms Ships to inforce the demands. A few days before we sailed those demands were accordingly made & the Dutchmens answer was that they had received no orders from their masters in Europe on that head, & consequently could not comply with our demands

In this Sir, I plainly see that we are to expect no assistance in the conduct which all they are compelled by force, & I earnestly entreat that you will lay these real Grievances before the Rt Hon^ble the Lords Comrs of Admlty in order that Commanders of future ships of War that may be sent here may have orders to use force, as they alone have effects with the Dutch who always have, & I am convinced always will pay due attention to any demand we may make them, unless we have a naval force to back it ; & if we have that, there is little doubt of their coming into our measures, & doing us that justice which they have hitherto so frequently withheld from us. I am — &c — David Mill

B 8. Read July 16th 1773.

David Mill to / Clee ["Extract"] C.C.C. 6 March 1773

I wrote ye on / 24th ulto [p 3] by / Rainbow & now inclose ye our Indents for next year . . .

The foundation o/ new Building [on / Castle] is now laid & plenty o materials & men to carry it on, as soon as / Storeships are unloaded, & all our hands employed upon it / Work will go on very fast.

. . . . . Appolonia Fort is another burthen upon us, for as no sum was granted by Parliament to support it after it was built, it costs ye £700 pa, as ye will see by / Estimate . . .

Ye Judge by sight abt 2 ays who ran away for Mr Brew. He was / Hostage for / King o Ashantee & nearly related to him, but as he was, & is I believe still, considerably indebted to Mr Brew, no man in ye service wd h that it prudent to h forced him out o his hands, as he wd thereby h run a very evident risk o becoming responsible to Mr Brew for / debt: & I daresay this same Brew wd h desired nothing more. He then wd h had a handle agst ye servants, wh he wd h stretched as far as it wd go. Indeed he spares no pains in these cases, & it wd be well if he adhered to truth in his narratives; but I must assure ye this complaint o ours & theirs are equally scurrilous & false. When they are pleased to send us out / heads o / Complaints made agst us, they shall be answered & due regard to truth.

. . . Even at this time / Castle is very defensible: nay ye Fort is in as good order as we can possibly make them: as to Annamaboe it is in such condition as to be in no danger: the Garrison there is never less than 14 men, & it can be reinforced at a few hours warning. There is no reason to dread ye there will be any breach of it, nothing else being in peace & quietness; nor h / Fantees given cause of complaint since Mr Bell has been there. At least in no point it was worth taking notice o.

I am humbly o opinion ye sending a message & present to / King o Ashantee wd only be labour lost: for as they & / Fantees are not at real variance but meet amicably at / markets to trade, even if we interfere, both parties wd rip up old grievances wh wd for a time break off / present intercourse. Then / Ashantees h slaves they were tempted for / sake o getting them sold to / Fantees, & / latter are too knowing not to avail themselves o such offers; & whilst both parties find an interest in being on good terms, ye will always be a stronger motive for keeping trade open than anything a Governor can do or say with offence.

The policy by acting a double part in regard Politicks, are hated by / Fantees, & little less so by / Ashantees whose cause they pretend to espouse. In short, I never h seen ye inside of any business has ever succeeded. Such often doing hurt; for / Negroes are so exceedingly jealous, ye two parties will never be brot to think we act with impartiality. Those who are decreed to be wrong & made to give up points will always think we use them unjustly.

. . . The sloop is so extremely useful in transporting / publick supplies & carrying lime from Winnebah & Anaqua to / Outforts, ye I think it will be very improper to sell her. Indeed I fear she will sell for but for a trifle as she cannot expect to be expected to run above 18 months longer, & even in ye time she will do us good service. She has lately brot a large quantity of Shells from Winnebah & Anaqua, both here & to 10th Fort. All / lime for England [wh is chalk lime] has got more or less wet in coming down in canoes owing to / badness o/ Castle & is not good till mixed with oyster shell lime. This I hd there proof . . .

— Rates for an Asst Surgeon

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— Asks for an asst Surgeon

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B 9. Read Octr 26. 1773.

St James's Octobr 22d 1773

My Lords.

In consequence of representations made by the Kings Embassador & the States Gen. of unjustifiable Proceedings of Servants of Dutch & E. India Subjects concerned in the African Trade, The High Mightinesses have nominated Messrs Jean Graafland & Peter Paul Ribaut Directors of sd Co in the Chambers of Amsterdam & Zeland, togr with Count Welderen, the High Mightinesses Envoy Extry residg here, to discuss & settle the Points in Dispute & such Pcds as H M. shall think proper to appt. The H Mrs Pleasure that the Ldps shd enter into Conference with sd Dutch Commrs, & I am accordgly H Mrs Commands to refer the Business to Your Ldps Consn, & to direct you to represent to H M. what Recomdan of the Points in Dispute Yr Ldps shall think advisable to admit.

I am also the Kings Commands to refer to Yr Ldps Copies of Memorials presented to the Stat. Gen. by Sir Joseph Yorke on the 21st of June & the 9th of Sept last & a Copy of a Memorial delivd to me yesty by Mr Graafland inclosed to you. A Copy of a Letr I have rect from Count Welderen togr with my answer, & of the Credentials to H M. with which the Stat. Gen. have furnished the Dutch Commrs.

I am &c — Suffolk [Earl]

B.10. Read Octr 26th 1773.

Copie.

Ayant rendu compte au Roi de la Resolution de Vos Hautes Puissances du 16e de Avril passé, contenant une Lettre du Representant de S.A. le Prince Stadhouder & des Directeurs de la Compagnie des Indes Occidentales dans Leur Chambre de Dec à Amsterdam, le tout servant de reponse au Memoire que j'ai eu l'honneur de remettre a L.H.P. le 25. de Mars Sa Majesté m'a expressement ordonné de temoigner sa surprise du Contenu de cette Resolution dont Elle ne pourra jamais prendre Contentement. L'Etonnement du Roi a été d'autant plus grand que S.M. avoit en general remarqué avec satisfaction l'attention sage & éclairée de L.H.P. de maintenir la bonne Harmonie entre les deux Nations, laquelle ne pouvoit qu'etre alterée par des Excuses dilatoires, & par des Demandes de la part de la Compagnie a L.H.P. de leur accorder plus de tems encore pour retarder la Satisfaction due aux Sujets du Roi, si frequemment & si amplement repété par mon Ministere depuis nombre d'années. Sa Majesté m'ordonne maintenant de declarer a L.H.P. de la maniere la plus amicable & la plus serieuse qu'Elle veut bien encore faire une derniere Tentative pour finir ces Desputes en Afrique d'une maniere satisfaisante & amicable. C'est dans cette Vue que Sa Majesté propose a L.H.P. de nommer incessamment des Personnes duement autorisées de leur part, & de la part de la Compagnie des Indes Occidentales, pour se rendre à Londres, & d'ajuster avec les Personnes que Sa Majesté jugera à propos de nommer, les divers Points en dispute entre les deux Compagnies faisant le Commerce en Afrique & d'arreter un arrangement nouveau et final.

Voila la substance des Ordres que j'ai reçus de ma Cour. J'ai cru temoigner mon respect envers L.H.P. de les communiquer plutot dans une Conference que par un Memoire pour eviter l'eclat. Je vous prie, Messieurs, de faisant part a l'Assemblée de ce que je viens de vous communiquer, presser LL.H.P. de me mettre au plutot a meme d'envoyer au Roi une Reponse satisfaisante et telle que l'Amitié de Sa Majesté envers la Republique demande.

A la Haye le 21e Juin 1773.

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B.11 Read Oct 26. 1773.

(Copie) Hauts & Puissans Seigneurs.

Dans la Conclusion de la Resolution de Vos Hautes Puissances du 20 Juillet, qui m'a été remise dans la dernière Conference que j'ai eu l'honneur d'avoir avec Messieurs les Deputés pour les Affaires Etrangeres, elles ont temoigné desirer d'être instruites des principaux Points que la Compagnie Angloise pour le Commerce d'Afrique compteroit discuter avec les Commissaires de la part de la Compagnie Hollandoise des Indes Occidentales, au sujet des Disputes qui subsistent entre les deux Nations a la Côte de Guinée, J'ai l'honneur d'informer Vos Hautes Puissances que du côté de la Compagnie Angloise, les Demandes consisteront principalement:

1. Dans l'execution des differentes Conventions qui ont été ci-devant arretées entre Elle et la Compagnie des Indes Occidentales de ces Provinces, et nommément la derniere qui a été conclue l'an 1728
2. Dans la bonne Intelligence à maintenir avec les Natifs voisins des Forts, etc
3. Dans la libre communication par terre entre les differens Etablissements Anglois à la Côte

Tout ce qui doit être reglé pour l'avenir ne peut être tiré d'une meilleure source que des Conventions faites ci-devant, sujettes aux Changemens qu'elles ont été trouvées defectueuses. C'est dans la discussion de l'Affaire que les Expediens se decouvriront et pour parvenir plus promptement à une heureuse issue, le Sous-signé Ambassadeur Extraordinaire et Plenipotentiaire du Roi de la Grande Bretagne apprendra avec plaisir que Vos Hautes Puissances ont fixé le Depart de leurs Commis avec pour Londres

Fait à la Haye ce 9e de Sept. 1773

Signé le Chev. Yorke

B.12. Read Octr 1773

Endt:- Memoire Read fm Monr Pranfland Oct 22d 1773 (Copy)

Apres que la Compagnie des Indes Occidentales de Provinces unies a constaté en quoi consistent les Demandes contre la Compagnie Angloise, nous sommes informés que du Coté de la Compagnie Angloise les Demandes consistent dans les trois points suivants, a savoir.

Premierement dans l'execution des Conventions arretées entre les employés des deux Compagnies, l'an 1703, 1713, et 1728

En second lieu dans la bonne Intelligence a maintenir avec les Natifs voisins des Forts.

Et troisiemement dans la libre communication par terre entre les differends etablissements Anglois à la Côte d'Afrique

Nous esperons qu'apres avoir discuté les Demandes faites de l'un et de l'autre Part tous les differends pourront être terminés par une Convention amicable.

Pour ce qui regarde la Demande faite de la part de notre Compagnie concernant Cap Appollonia, nous avons l'honneur de vous remettre un Memoire par lequel nous attendrons de Votre Equité que vous serez convaincu du bon droit de notre Compe et que vous voudrez bien satisfaire à la Justesse de notre Demande sur ce Point.

Et pour ce qui regarde les Plaintes faites de la Part de la Compe Angloise, contre les pretendus Empechements dans leur Commerce avec les Portugais nous esperons vous convaincre que de la part de notre Compagnie on n'y a point donné lieu.

Pour cet effet nous vous prions de vous rappeler que de la part de notre Compe il est deja demontré d'une Maniere convaincante dans le Memoire avec les pieces justificatives y jointes presenté a Leurs Hautes Puissances les Etats Generaux des Provinces Unies au mois d'Octobre l'an 1769, en reponse aux Plaintes faites de la part de la Compe Angloise, a savoir; que suivant les Traités avec le Portugal, il n'est point permis aux Sujets de Portugal de naviguer à la Côte d'Afrique, depuis Mallagette jusqu'à Benin inclusivement, et que non obstant le droit de la dite Compe de pouvoir les empêcher d'y naviguer elle a bien voulu avoir la condescendance de leur permettre cette navigation à de pouvoir faire Commerce à cette Côte, mais pourtant pas autrement qu'à Condition qu'ils seroient obligés, avant de faire Commerce avec qui que ce soit, de venir au Chateau St Jeorge del Mina, et d'y payer la Dixieme partie de leurs Marchandises; qu'apres quoi il ne leur seroit pas permis de poursuivre leur Voyages à la Côte basse sans un Passeport du Directeur General de notre Compe lequel leur est accordé à Condition qu'ils ne feront aucun Commerce avant d'être arrivé à Popo des Portugais eux-mêmes ne demandent le Passeport, qu'a cette Condition, et recoivent un Garde pour veiller que la dite Condition soit exactement observée.

Aussi les Portugais ont ils non seulement observé toujours ces conditions, mais même dans leur Instructions, lequelles ils recoivent avant de partir de Brasil il leur est ordonné d'aller a Popo et d'agir là selon les Coutumes.

On y a ajouté dans le dit Memoire que notre Compe a toujours exercé a Droit sur les Portugais, et les a punie quand ils ont agis contre les Conventions, et que la Compe Angloise n'a aucune raison de se plaindre ~~des Vexations commises par les Employés de la Compe~~ que la notre exerce ses Droits; mais qu'au contraire notre Compe a eu en differentes occasions sujet de se plaindre des Vexations commises par les Employés de la Compe Angloise d'Affrique, pour forcer les Portugais de faire Commerce avec eux en dayons maltraité les Gardes de notre Compe se trouvant sur les Vaisseaux Portugais, comme aussi de se meler des affaires concernantes a notre Compe avec les Portugais ayant fait Commerce illicite.

Leurs Hautes Puissances ayant fait donner une Copie du dit Memoire avec les Pieces justificatives au Chevalier Yorke dans: Etats et Plen: de S.M. le Roy de la Gde Bretagne. Et Sa Majesté ayant fait examiner ces Pieces dans son Bureau de Commerce et des Plantations. Messrs les dits Commissaires ont donnés leur Reponses sur les dites Pieces, l'an 1770 à Mons le Comte de Rochefort Secretaire d'Etat, et nous disons sur rendre la Justice, d'avoir été assez raisonable de ne point contester le dit Droit de notre Compe sur les Portugais; mais de ont reclamé les Conventions faites entre les employés des deux Compes a la Côte d'Affrique dans l'année 1703, 1713 et 1728, et c'est l'execution de ces Conventions en quoi consiste la premiere Demande de la Compe Angloise, la quelle nous devons discuter presentement.

Plusieurs fois l'observation des dites Conventions a été demandée de la part de la Compe Royale d'Affrique et dans l'an 1753 le Chev. Yorke, dans une Conference avec les Deputés de notre Compe a insisté, suivant les Ordres de Sa Cour sur une Reformation et especialement sur l'une Article de la Convention de l'année 1703.

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renouvellée dans l'année 1713, mais conformement à la Reponse faite par le Directeur Gen. de notre Compe sur la Côte d'Affrique au Gouverneur Anglois de Cap Coast Castle l'an 1746, sur sa Demande d'obtenir les dites Conventions, les Deputés de notre Compagnie ont donnés pour Reponse a son Excellence que les dites Conventions faites entre les employés de deux Compies n'ont jamais pu etre de Valeur et avoir effet sans etre ratifiées par leurs Maitres; que cette Ratification non seulement n'a jamais été faite, mais que même les dites Conventions ont été desapprouvées par la Compe des Indes Occid. des Provinces Unies, et que depuis elles ont été considerées sur les Côtes d'aucune Valeur, et pour cette Raison les dits Deputés ont déclaré à son Excellence, que le renouvellement du dit Article ne pouvait etre accordé, et depuis il ne nous a point paru que de la part de la Cour de la Grande Bretagne, ont été faites de nouvelles Instances jusqu'en l'an 1770 dans lequel le dit Chev. Yorke, suivant les Ordres de sa Majesté a inséré dans ses memoire, presenté a leurs Hautes Puissances le 16 mai, sur l'observation des dites Conventions.

Mais en tant même que les dites Conventions eussent été approuvées et ratifiées par les dites Compagnies d'une maniere la plus formelle, notre Compe ne seroit maintenant plus dans l'obligation de les observer puisqu'elles ont été violées par les employés de la Compagnie Angloise

En 1er lieu, parce qu'ils ont meité le Cabbocier, Chef Ammoniak contre notre Compe, ce qui est directement opposé à la Stipulation faite dans le 3me Article de la Convention de l'an 1703; et même en cas que le dit Ammoniak devoit etre considéré comme Naturel, Libre du pays, beaucoup plus étant Vassal, ou plutot Sujet rebelle de notre Compe

En 2d lieu, par la Violence commise l'an 1768 à un Vaisseau Portugais, ayant non seulement une Garde de notre Compe à bord mais aussi un de nos Vaisseaux pour sa Sauvegarde; sur quels Vaisseaux les Anglois non seulement ont tiré à Boulets mais même ont attaqué la dite Garde, en lui contraignant de se sauver sur le Vaisseau donné pour sa sauvegarde; laquelle Violence a été si clairement prouvée, que le Gouverneur Anglois de Cap Coast Castle, sur les plaintes faites par le Directeur Gen Hollandois, n'a pu trouver d'autre excuse à savoir de ce qu'on aurait tiré seulement pour faire peur aux Portugais; et l'a avoué, en meme tems, qu'on avoit tiré plusieurs fois, et ainsi a fait un aveu formel de la dite Violence, ce qui est pareillement directement opposé à la stipulation faite dans la dite 3me Article de la Convention de l'an 1703 renouvellée l'an 1713 et 1718, dont la Compe Angloise reclame pourtant encore presentement l'observation.

Quoique donc la Compe des Indes Occidentales des Provinces Unies, en cas même que les dites Conventions eussent été approuvées et ratifiées par leurs Maitres respectifs des deux Parties, et libérée de l'observation des dites Conventions par la susdite Violation faite de Coté de la Compe Angloise la dite Compe, pour donner une Preuve de son Inclination de contribuer tout ce qui est en son Pouvoir à l'entier tems et une bonne Harmonie entre les deux Nations, est disposée à contracter avec la Compe Angloise sur le Pied des Conditions mentionnées ci-devant, pourvu que la Compe Angloise donne, aux de son Part des Preuves d'avoir la meme inclination, et, par consequent, s'engage de ne plus donner protection au Vassal rebelle de la Compe

Occid[e] des Provinces Unies, a savoir, le Cap Corbocuer Ammoniak; et apres avoir demoli la Forteresse batue au Cap Appolonie de se retirer de cette Propriété de la dite Compe, et de la laisser, a l'avenir, dans une jouissance paisible de ses possessions legitimes

La Compe est donc disposée a renouveller les Conventions anterieures, en donnant seulement une Elucidation au 7[me] Article de la Convention de l'an 1708, pour prevenir qu'a la suite, les Paroles de cet Article ne pourroient etre prises dans le Contresens lequel il a paru que la Compe Angloise d'Afrique a taché de leur donner. Les Paroles sont les suivantes.

"Qu'il ne sera point permis aux Vaisseaux Hollandois appartenant a la Compe des Indes Occid[e] des Provinces Unies d'insulter des Vaisseaux Portugais, les quels viendront a mouiller sur une des Rades appartenantes aux Forts ou Factories Angloises, comme aussi de ne pas les tenir bloqués sur la dite Rade Angloise, ni de les attaquer en sortant de cette Rade, comme aussi, il ne sera pas permis d'attaquer ou poursuivre des dits Vaisseaux les quels auront mis soi-meme volontairement sous la Protection de quelque fort, ou etant en Possession de quelques Vaisseaux Anglois, en cas que ces Vaisseaux ayent a bord un Employé de la Compe Royale Africaine lequel affirme la dite Protection

"Que de l'autre Coté il ne sera point permis a un des Forts ou Vaisseaux Anglois de donner de protection, ou d'attaquer les Vaisseaux Portugais, les quels auront été volontairement sous la protection d'un fort ou en possession d'un Vaisseau de la Compe Occid[e] des Provinces Unies.

"Qu'il sera aussi pas permis au General Anglois ou Commandant en Chef de donner des Passeports à aucun Vaisseau Portugais venant de ou allant vers le Brasil, ou une des autres Isles Portugaises."

Il est bien clair, par les derniers paroles de cet Article, que les Employés de notre Compe, en faisant la dite Convention, n'ont point perdu de vue les droits de la Compe sur les Portugais, et les Conventions avec eux, suivant lesquelles il ne leur est point permis de faire aucun Commerce sur la Coté, avant que d'avoir été arrivé a Popo, et qu'ils sont obligés d'aller directement a St George d'Elmina, et apres avoir payé les Dixmes, y recevoir un Passeport pour poursuivre leur Voyage a la Coté basse. Car les dits Employés ne contractant avec les Employés Anglois, qu'il ne sera point permis a un des Contractants a bloquer sur la Rade, insulter, attaquer ni saisir les Vaisseaux Portugais, apres qu'ils se seront mis sous la protection de l'autre, on a pris soin que cet Engagement de leur Coté ne pouvoit etre entendu avoir lieu, qu'envers les Vaisseaux Portugais venant ou allant a Brasil, ou autres Isles Portug[s] les quels apres avoir payé les droits à notre Compe au Chateau St George d'Elmina, et ayant été arrivé a la Coté basse avec un Passeport des Directeurs General, pourroient naviguer et negotier sur la Coté, mais ne regarderoit pas les Vaisseaux Portug[s] lesquels n'auront pas encore payé le dit Droit au Chateau St George Del mina, ne poursuivre leur Voyage jusqu'a la Coté basse, et c'est aussi pourquoi que les dits Employés ont insisté de donner a cet Article ainsi, a savoir: "Que il ne sera point permis aux Generaux Anglois ou Commandants en Chef de donner de Passeport à aucun Vaisseau Portug[e] venant de ou allant vers le Brazil, ou autres Isles Portugaises"

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Comme donc les employés Anglois se sont engagés expressément dans le dit Article, de ne point donner des Passeports, et ainsi pas le moindre marque de Protection aux Vaisseaux Portgs venants du, ou allants vers le Brésil il paroit très clair, que les Paroles precedentes ne peuvent être entendues dans un autre Sens que dans celui ci-devant indiqué; et il est donc necessaire, parce qu'il a paru que, de tems en tems, on a taché de donner à cet Article un autre Sens, de l'eclaircir, et de se servir des Paroles suivantes.

"Qu'apres que les Vaisseaux Portgs venants du Brésil, ou autres "Isles Portgs, auront payé leur Dimes dues à la Compie des Indes Occid.s "des Provinces Unies, et ensuite ayant reçu les Passeports ordinaires de la "dite Compagnie, auront été arrivé à Popo, il ne sera point permis aux "Vaisseaux Hollandois appartenants à la dite Compie d'insulter les dits "Vaisseaux Portugais lesquels viendront à mouiller sur une des Rades "appartenantes aux Forts, ou Factories Anglois; comme aussi de ne pas "les tenir bloqués, ou de les attaquer, ou saisir, en sortant des dites "Rades, comme non plus de les attaquer apres que les dits Vaisseaux Portugais "auront mis soi même anterieurement sous la Protection de quelques "Forts, ou étant dans la Possession de quelques Vaisseaux Anglois, en "cas que les Vaisseaux ayent un employé de la Compagnie Angloise "a bord, lequel affirme la dite Possession.

"Que de l'autre Coté il ne sera point permis à un des "Forts, ou Vaisseaux Anglois de donner protection à des Vaisseaux "Portugais, de les insulter en attaquer apres que les dits Vaisseaux "Portugais auront mis soi-même anterieurement sous la Protection de "quelque Fort, ou étant dans la Possession de quelques Vaisseaux de "la Compagnie des Indes Occides des Provinces Unies; comme aussi "il ne sera point permis aux Generaux Anglois, ou Commandants "en Chefs de donner un Passeport à aucun Vaisseau Portugais venant "du ou allant vers le Brasil ou une des autres Isles Portugaises."

Et pour donner une preuve que notre Compie est inclinée de donner de sa Part autant de Contentement a la Compie Angloise qu'on pourroit l'accorder (sauf ses droits sur les Portugais) nous sommes disposés de faire la Convention suivante

"Que de l'une Part, en Cas que les Portugais, venant "de Brasil ou des autres Isles Portugaises sont inclinés a faire "Commerce avec les Employés de la Compie Angloise à la Coté "d'Afrique, il ne sera pas permis a notre Compie, ou à leurs Employés, "ou Vaisseaux à la Coté d'Afrique, d'y mettre Empechement après "que les Portugais ayant payé leurs dixmes a la dite Compie "au Chateau St George d'Elmina, auront été arrivés a Popo, comme "aussi, que la dite Compie sera obligée de prendre soin que cela "ne sera faite pas les Vaisseaux de leur Nations. Que de l'autre "Part il ne sera point permis à la Compie Angloises, leur employés "ou Vaisseaux à la Coté d'Afrique, d'insulter les Vaisseaux

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" Portugais venants du Brasil ou autres Isles Portugaises, ou de les
" empecher de poursuivre leur Voyage directement au Chateau de
" St George d'Elmina, comme aussi qu'il ne leur sera point permis
" de donner Protection aux dits Vaisseaux Portugais, par laquelle
" les Vaisseaux ou employés de la dite Compie Occidentale des Nations
" leurs seront empechés d'obliger les dits Vaisseaux Portugais
" de faire aucune Commerce avant que, suivant les Traités ou Conventions
" entre eux et la Compie, d'avoir payé leurs droites dues à notre Compie
" au Chateau St George d'Elmina et d'avoir reçu du dit Chateau les
" Passeports et Gardes usités, et avant d'être arrivé à Popo, et par
" laquelle Protection la dite Compie seroit empechée d'attaquer, saisir,
" condamner à l'amende ou confisquer les Vaisseaux Portugais,
" lesquels viendront à transgresser les susdits Traités ou Conventions.

" Comme aussi que la Compie Angloise ou leurs employés
" seront obligés, que ce qui est mentioné ci-dessus ne soit fait
" par les Vaisseaux de leur Nation "

Nous ne doutons point qu'en contractant d'une telle maniere tous les differends entre les deux Compies pour ce qui regarde le Commerce avec les Portugais seront prevenus pour l'avenir.

Pour ce qui regarde la seconde Demande, savoir, la bonne Intelligence à maintenir avec les Natifs voisins des Forts, notre Compie n'a point d'autre intention que d'entretenir une bonne harmonie non seulement avec tous les Naturels du Pais, mais même avec qui que soit: et ce seroit toujours avec regret quand elle se trouveroit dans la necessité d'agir autrement, mais ne sachant comment elle pourroit être reduit dans la necessité de ne point pouvoir entretenir une bonne Intelligence, elle ne sauroit entrer dans des Engagements sur cette Article, aussi elle comprend point de quel droit, ou avec quelle Raison on peut exiger d'elle, qu'elle se engageroit comment agir envers les Naturels du Pais, qui outre cela sont en grande Partie leurs Vassals.

Nous esperons donc que Messrs les Commissionaires n'insisteront point sur ce point.

Et concernant la troisieme demande, à savoir, la Libre Communication par terre entre les differents Etablissements Anglois sur la Côte nous sommes ordinés de stipuler une libre Communication par terre entre les differentes Etablissements des deux Compagnies pour tous les messagers de l'un et de l'autre Partie, a condition que pourtant, comme c'est la Coutume entre toutes les Nations civilisées, que ces Messagers seront obligés avant de passer le Territoire d'en demander la permission.

J Graefland Pre

Dantzer le 22 Octre
1773

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Copie Milord [Earl of Suffolk]

Leurs Hautes Puissances ayant nommées Messrs Graafland & Ribaud les Commissaires pour terminer les differens avec la Compagnie Royale Angloise Affriquaine, et souhaitant que j'assiste aux Conferences qui se tiendront a cet effet Elles m'ont autorisé en Consequence. J'ai l'honneur de donner connoissance a Votre Excellence que Monsieur Graafland est arrivé et de vous envoier copie de la lettre de leurs Hautes Puissances a Sa Majesté.

Nous sommes prets d'entrer en conference avec les Personnes que le Roy jugera apropos de nommer aussitot que cela leur Convendra, et Votre Excellence m'obligera de me faire parvenir ses intentions a cet egard Mons Ribaut un des Commissaires etant tombé malade, Mr Graafland a été autorisé de partir seul et de commencer les conferences sans son collegue.

J'ai l'honneur d'etre
J. W. Comte de Welderen

St Jamess Square
21e Octr 1773

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a St James le 22d Octobre 1773

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Monsieur J'ai reçu la lettre que vous m'avait fait l'honneur de m'ecrire et je n'ai pas manqué d'informer le Roy de la Nomination de Messrs Graafland et Ribaut en Qualité de Commissaires de LL HH PP pour terminer les differends avec la Compagnie Royale Angloise afriquaine, aussi bien que de l'autorité que vous avez reçue, Monsieur, de LL HH PP. d'assister aux Conferences qui se tiendront pour cet effet. J'ai aussi informé le Roi de l'arrivé de Mons Graafland et j'ai presenté a Sa Majesté la Lettre de Creance dont il est muni de Messrs des Seigrs Etats Generaux; et j'ai ajouté en meme tems que vous etes prets a entrer en Conference avec les personnes qui seront nommées par Sa Majesté Le Roi m'a ordonné de vous informer Monsieur que les Seigneurs Commissaires pour le Departement de Commerce recevront d'abord les Ordres du Roy et seront autorisés d'entrer en Conference avec vous et Messieurs les Commissaires Hollandois sur le Sujet de Leur Mission Et ils ne manqueront point de fixer avec vous et les autres Messieurs les Jours et les Heures qui s'accordront les mieux avec Votre Commodité mutuelle

Permettez Monsieur que je vous témoigne combien je suis faché de la maladie de Monsieur Ribaut et que je suis — &c —

Suffolk

Monsr Le Comte de Welderen

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Au Roy de la Grande Bretagne
de la part

Sire les differens suscités entre les Compagnie Angloise Royale Africaine et la Compagnie des Indes Occidentales de ces Provinces unies nous ont fait autant plus de peine qu'il n'est rien que nous ayons pris de soin que d'entretenir la bonne intelligence qui subsiste si heureusement entre V.M. et notre Republique, et d'eviter tout ce qui pourroit tendre le plus indirectement a l'alterer le moins du monde.

Nous avons en consequence accepté avec autant d'empressement que de reconnoissance la proposition qu'il a plû à V.M. de nous faire par Mr le Chevalier Yorke son Ambassadeur extraordinaire et plenipotentiaire auprés de nous de nommer de part et d'autre des Commissaires pour travailler a terminer les differens en question.

S.A.S. le Prince d'Orange et de Nassau, ayant sur la priere que nous Luy en avons faite d'abord, nommé en qualité de Commissaires de la part de la Compe des Indes Occidales de ces Provinces les Sieurs Jean Granfland Pieterez et Paul Rabaut Directeurs de la dite Compagnie aux Chambres respectives d'Amsterdam et de la Zelande. Les dits Sieurs se rendront incessamment en Angleterre, munis des instructions necessaires pour entrer en negotiations avec ceux de la Compagnie Royal Africaine, et comme ils ont besoin de nos Lettres pour etre honorés d'un accés auprés de V.M. Nous sommes avons cru devoir les accompagner de la presente, pour laquelle nous supplions très humblement Votre Majesté de leur accorder l'honneur de leur faire la reference.

Leur Ordres les plus exprés sont de travailler de tout leur pouvoir a un amiable et solide accomodement qui conciliant les Interets des deux Compagnies, éloigne pour l'avenir tout sujet de contention entre elles. Et nous ne doutons pas qu'ils ne les suivent scrupuleusement et avec le zéle que doivent a notre desir de cimenter l'harmonie entre les deux Nations. Nous esperons de la justice de V.M. qu'Elle ne doute pas non plus que nous ne nous fassions en toutes occasion un devoir de lui donner les preuves les plus vieilles de ce desir et de nos sentiments respectueux pour sa personne. Nous prions Dieu &c.

Endorsed "Projet de Traité" [not numbered] et motif ces

Convention faite et arrestée entre la Compagnie Occidentale des Indes Provinces Unies et la Compagnie Angloise d'Afrique par les soussignés Commissaires nommés de la part de la Compagnie Angloise par Sa Majesté le Roi de Grande Bretagne, et de la part de la Compagnie Occidentale des Provinces Unies par leurs Hautes Puissances les Etats Generaux des Provinces Unies

Art. 1.

Que le Contract ou Convention arrestée en l'année 1698 entre le Directeur General Pierre Muyts de la part de la Cie. Occ. des Prov. Un. et le Commandant en Chef Dalby Thomas de la part de la Cie. Ang. d'Afr. comme aussi celui de l'année 1713 fait et arrestée entre les employés des deux Compagnies et renouvellé entre eux en l'année 1728 sera confirmé et restera en Vigeur autant que les dits Contracts et Conventions ne seront point contraires au Contenu des Articles suivantes.

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Art 2.

Que des a present une entiere ~~firme~~ ferme sera établie et entretenue entre les deux Compagnies a la Côte d'Afrique a l'honneur et interets des deux Compagnies et que toutes les differents, querelles, disputes ou pretensions de quelque nature qu'ils pourront etre, lesquels avant le present date ont subsistés entre les deux Compagnies ou leurs employés a la Côte d'afrique ou entre les naturels du Pays maintenant en leur service ou sous leur jurisdiction respective, seront tenues pour assoupies, et qu'on n'y pensera plus, pour interrompre, affaiblir ou pour rendre inutile l'amitié, concord et Convention arretés maintenant.

Art 3.

Qu'au contenu du 9e article du contract ou de la Convention de l'annee 1708 et 6 Article de la Convention de 1713 seront substitué les paroles suivantes — Qu'apres que les Vaisseaux Portugais Venant du Brasil ou autres isles Portugais auront payés leurs dixmes dues a la Cie. Occ. des Prov. Un. au Chateau St George d'elmina et ensuite auront receu le passeport ordinaire de la dite Compagnie et la garde accoutumee pour les conduire a la Côte basse, il ne sera point permis au Vaisseaux Hollandois apartenant a la Cie. Occ. des Prov. Un. d'insulter les dits Vaisseaux Portugais, les quels viendront a mouiller sur une des Rades appartenantes aux forts ou factoires Anglois, comme non plus de les tener bloqués ou de les attaquer ~~de~~ ou saisir en sortant des dites Rades, comme aussi de les attaquer apres que les dits Vaisseaux Portugais auront mis soi meme autrement sous la protection de quelques Vaisseaux Anglois, En cas que les Vaisseaux ayent un Employé de la Compagnie Anglois a bord lequel affirme la dite protection. Que de l'autre part, il ne sera point permis a un des forts ou Vaisseaux Anglois de donner Protection a des Vaisseaux Portugais, de les insulter ou attaquer apres que les dits Vaisseaux portugais auront mis soi meme entierement sous la protection de quelque fort, ou etant dans la possession de quelques Vaisseaux de la Cie. Occ. des Prov. Un. Comme aussi il ne sera point permis ~~de~~ au General Anglois, ou Commandant en Chef de donner un passeport a aucun Vaisseau Portugais Venant du ou allant vers le Brasil ou une des autres Isles Portugais.

Art 4.

Que de l'une part ou cas que les Portugais Venant du Brasil ou des autres Isles Portugaises sont inclinés de faire commerce avec les employés de la Compagnie Angloise, a la Cote d'Afrique il ne sera pas permis a la Cie. Occ. des Prov. Un. ou a leurs Employés ou a leurs Vaisseaux a la Côte d'afrique d'y mettre empechement apres que les Portugais auront payé leurs dixme due a la dite Compagnie, au Chateau St George d'Elmina, Comme aussi la dite Compagnie sera obligé de prendre soin que cela ne soit fait par les Vaisseaux de leur nation, et que les gardes qu'ils sont ~~accoutumé~~ accoutume de mettre sur les Vaisseaux Portugais pour les conduire a la Cote basse, ny mettre le moindre empechement. Que de l'autre part il ne sera pas permis a la Cie. Angloise, leur employés ou Vaisseaux a la Côte d'Afrique d'insulter les Vaisseaux Portugais venant du Brasil ou autres Isles Portugais, ou de les empecher de poursuivre leur Voyage directement au Chateau St George d'elmina. Comme aussi il ne

18. Aura pas permis de donner une protection aux dits Vaisseaux portugais par laquelle les Vaisseaux ou Employés de la Cie. Occ. des Prov. Un. seront empeché d'obliger les dits Vaisseaux Portugais de faire aucun Commerce, avant, suivant les traités ou conventions entre eux et la Cie. Occ. des Prov. Un, d'avoir payé leurs dixmes dû a la dite Compagnie au Château St George delmina, et par laquelle protection la dite Compagnie seroit empeché d'attaquer saisir ou Condamner a l'amende ou confisquer les Vaisseaux Portugais lorsque Viendront a transgresser les dites traités ou Conventions. Comme aussi la Compe Angloise ou leurs Employés seront obligés de prendre soin que ce qui est mentionné a ci dessus ne soit fait par les Vaisseaux de leur Nation

Art 5

Que la Cie. Occ. des Prov Un. accordera a la Cie. Angloise et reciproquement la Cie Angl a la Cie. Occ. des Prov. Un. une libre Communication par terre entre leurs differentes Etablissements a la Coté pour tous leurs messagers les quels, pourtant, seront obligés, avant de passer le territoire de l'autre d'en demander la permission

Art 6.

Que toutes les offences Commises par les naturels du Pays contre l'un ou l'autre des deux Compagnies seront pardonnés, et especialement par la Cie. Occ. des Prov Un. au Caboceer Amonichua, la rebellion et que la dite Cie. donnera au dit Caboceer la liberté de chercher avant le fin de l'annee 1775 s'il veut rentrer Sous leurs Vassalage ou protection ou non; et qu'en cas qu'il choisera d'y ~~entrer~~ rentrer, que alors la Cie. Angloise demolera le fort batti au Cap Appolonia et s'en retirera, et qu'en attendant, la Cie. Occ. des Prov. Un. accordera a la Cie. Angl. la libre communication par terre pour tous leurs messagers entre Cap Apolonia et leurs autres etablissements a la Coté d'Afrique, moyenant qu'il demande la permission suivant le precedent article.

Art 7.

Que la Ratification de la Presente Convention sera demandé a S. M. le Roi de la Grande Bretagne et a leur Hautes Puissances les Etats Generaux des Provinces Unies et l'echange faite le plus tôt possible.

Ainsi stipulé et arretée
a Londres. [4 copies]

B 26 Recd Oct 26 1775

11 October 1775 Admlty. letter fm Geo Jackson, D.S. to John Pownall inclos'g by command o/ Lds o/ Admlty; ltr /inform'g o/ Lds Comrs o Trade, Reports o/ state & condn o HMS forts & Settlemts on / Coast o Africa, recd fm Capt Collingwood o HMS Rainbow [9 encls]

Cape Coast Castle.

1773 – 1776.

[DT 6/2.B.]

Cape Coast Castle February 1773.

David Mill Gov in Chief, Laurence Reed Barrow Rector & Register, Stuart Beard Secy & Surgeon, Jerome B Wenner Barcheo Kpr & Gunner, James Mobique, Dep Secy, 4 Factors (Chas Graves Saml Swyther Fitz Abbot Hy Bell), 1 Asst Surgeon, Nich Leonard Lusvey &c, Philip Quaque Chapl, 1 Asst Surg, 1 Serjt, 1 Castle Bombay, 1 Gardener, 1 Master & Sloops, 1 Mate & do. 6 Writers 5 Carpenters 4 Bricklayers, 2 Corpls, 1 Drum Major, 4 drummers & fifers, 64 soldiers. Fred Adary Blacksmiths, John Aqua & Geo Sackey Black Asst Writers. Geo Bannishea Mining Surg. Cudjoe Cabboceer & Linguist 1 Black Asst Surgeon (John Thos Bell).

Slaves, M. (artizans &c) 165. W 102 (including children).

Cannon Y 2lb 19 3lb 3 4lb 6 6lb 1 9lb 2 12lb 11 18lb 2

Cannos 1 1½k 5 15k 3 13k 4 9k 1 7k 5 5k 1 11½ 2 3k. 1 sloop 50 Gns

Ordnance stores ... Cond.n of Fort & Trade Chiefs — Dunkirk Point & contiguous Curtain taken down London Bag made & new building &c. Spur & Soldiers rooms in dy good order. Hall new roofed & floored at present Stagnation in Slave trade occ & agreemt between Masters & Ships to reduce price & slaves to wh / Natives much averse Hope it will soon take place.

Sgd / Thos Collingwood — David Mill, Laur R Barrow, Stewart Beard

Appollonia Fort 14 Feb 1773

Robt Collins Chief, 1 Serjt, 1 Gunner 6 Soldiers. Slaves, M 12 W 2. Guns 6 6lb 6 3lb 8 2lb 6 1 9½ Canoe Fort in good repair. Spur newly finished. Ppal Trade is for Gold in exchange for European & Indian goods of wh lge quantities brot up by boats belong to / Ships at Annamaboe to purchase Gold to assist them in their trade there.

(sgd) Thos Collingwood

Commenda Fort 18 Feb 1773

Thos Westgate Chief, 1 Serjt, 1 Gunner 2 Soldiers Slaves 2 M. 6 W. Cannon 2 19 14 12 3 9 2 4 10½ 6 1. 1 Canoe 7½. All guns useless except / 12lb / 18lbs spiked. — A little gold trade this mo of Nov

(sgd) Thos Westgate. Thos Collingwood

Annamaboe Fort Feb 1773

Charles Bell Chief Jas Scott 2d, 1 Serjt, 1 Corpl, 1 Gunner, 1 Gardener 10 soldiers, Slaves M 19 W F Y Guns 8 24. 6 18. 3 12. 18 6 12 Saluting. 1 15. 1 7½ Cannos. In pretty good order: at present no Trade of any Kind: abt a month ago / Gov in Chief in conjunc.n w / Masters of / Ships came to an agreemt to reduce / prices of slaves 40/- a head. wh / Blacks disliking has induced them to keep up their Slaves, but they must soon come into our terms unless some of / Masters of / Ships are idle enough to break thro / Agreemt — Such a procedure will be attended w / worst of Consequences to / Trade in gen-

(sgd) Thos Collingwood. Chas. Bell

Accra & Prampram 29 Feb 1773

Thos Brew Chief Joh Brown Factor Ppm, Sundry Natives 60 Accra. 2 Serjts (1 Ppm) 1 Gunner 12 soldiers. Slaves Indyge Linguist M 12. F 16. Guns 2 18 8 12 2 9 8 6 10 4 2 3. Ppm 5 12 all useless. Fort in gen much out of repair. Ppal trade is for Slaves & Ivory but of late / Danes contract w / French has gally injured / Trade. Ppm so bad & not expected to stand / rains &c. The War of late betwn / Ashantees & Akims has for 2 or 3 months past put almost a stop to all trade

(sgd) James Pretherson.

Tantumquery fort Feb 1773

Richd Miles Chief, 1 Factor, 1 Surgeon, 1 Serjt, 1 Gunner 6 Soldiers Slaves M 5. F 2. Guns 2 4. 8 4. 2 3. 4 Cannos 1 13k. 1 8k. Entirely defenceless occ of its ruinous condn N E Bastion fallen to ground Roof & floor supported w timbers. Slave trade dull for some time past on acct of / disturbances betwn / Accroons & / Waterside people wh not yet settled. Little or no Gold Trade. Dutch still continue to give 11 oz & 9 oz for Slaves abt to / Gov at CCC in conjunc.n w / Shipps & / Brit Traders on shore h agreed to reduce / price to 9 oz & 7 oz.

(sgd) Thos Collingwood. Sgd) Richard Miles

Winnebah Fort Feb 1773

Thos Tunder Chief, 1 Factor, 1 Serjt, 1 Gunner, 5 Soldiers Slaves M 5 F 5. Guns 3 6 4 2 8 4 2 1. Cannos 1 8½, 1 9½. Fortty good repair. Slave trade at standstill occ to agreemt betwn Govr Masters of Ships to reduce / price. The Dutch continue to give as usual Gold trade tolerably good

(sgd) Thos Collingwood Thos Tunder

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Succadee Fort 1f Feb 1773.

Martin Wetts Chief, 1 Serjt. 1 Gunner 6 Soldiers Slaves m 8 F 4. Pans 3 9 2 6 4 1 2 5 3 6 1
Prepairable

(sgd) Thos Collingwood Martin Wetts

Accroe Fort 1f Feb 1773.

Robert Batson Chief 4 Soldiers. Mackay Allen Black Slaves m 9 F 16
Pans 19 6 9 3 6 Batteries much out of repair the Gate at present 1 Gun Carriage.

(sgd) Thos Collingwood James Mongue 1/c [illegible]

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8 1f. Read Oct 28 1773.

My Lord. [Earl of Dartmouth.]

Ci-joint nous avons l'honneur de vous envoyer le Memoire touchant Cabo Apolonia dont nous avons eu l'honneur de parler à Votre Excellence hier. Nous sommes — etc.

J. Graefland Pr
Paul Pabaut

Londres
le 26 Octobre 1773.

Endd "(Copy)
Propositions of Dutch Commissaries"
Art 3me

Qu'au Contenu du 9me article du Contract de la Convention de l'Année 1708 et du 6me Article de la Convention de l'An 1713 seront substitués les Paroles suivantes.

Puisque la Compagnie Angloise soutient qu'elle a le Droit de faire Commerce avec tous les Nations Européennes, trafiquant à la Côte d'Afrique, sans que il soit permis à la Cie. Occ. des Prov. Un. de leur empecher ce Commerce et que de l'autre part la Cie. Occ des Prov. Un. soutient que suivant les Traités et Conventions entre elle et les Portugais, il n'est pas permis aux Vaisseaux Portugais venant du Brazil, ou autres Isles Portugais, de faire aucun Commerce avant d'être arrivé au Chateau St. George d'Elmina pour y payer les Dixmes à la dite Cie. des Prov Un. et d'y recevoir les Passeports et Gardes accoutumés pour les conduire à la Côte basse, Il est convenu par la presente, sans avoüer ou desavoüer de l'un ou l'autre part, ce que l'un et l'autre de deux Compagnies soutient sur à cet egard, que la Cie Occ des Prov. Un. ou leurs employés, ou Vaisseaux Hollandais ne commettront aucune Violence ou Insulte envers les Vaisseaux de la Cie. Angloise, pour les empecher de faire Commerce avec les Nations Européennes; et que de l'autre part la dite Cie. Anglois ~~ne donneront aucune Protection~~ ou leurs Employés ou Vaisseaux ne donneront aucune Protection aux Vaisseaux Portugais par laquelle la Cie Occ des Prov. Un. seront empechés d'obliger les Vaisseaux Portugais de payer les Dixmes au Chateau St. Jorge d'Elmina et d'y recevoir les Passeports et Gardes accoutumés

Qu'il ne sera aussi pas permis à la dite Cie ou Employés ou Vaisseaux Anglois d'empecher les Vaisseaux Portugais venant du Brazil, ou autre Isles Portugais, de poursuivre à cette fin leur Voyage directement au Chateau St George d'Elmina, ou de insulter, comme aussi pas de se mesler de la Maniere sur laquelle la Cie. Occ. des Prov. Un. ou leurs Employés, agissent avec les Portugais, pour avoir fait Commerce, avant avoir payé les dits Dixmes, et reçu les Passeports et Gardes accoutumés ou d'autre maniere transgressés les Traités et Conventions entre eux.

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Endd. "Memorial with Extracts / Register &c / W.I.C. &c / U.P. &c / Instruct &c / to Appollonia" / Com / Commissrs Trade & Plant 26 Oct 1773
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Instruction ultérieure pour constater le droit de la Compagnie Occidentale des Provinces Unies sur le Cap Appollonia et conséquemment la justesse des plaintes, à l'egard de la construction d'une forteresse sur le dit Cap Appollonia, par la Compagnie Africaine Anglaise, & d'icelles de refuter la Memoire et les pièces justificatives fournis à Leurs Hautes Puissances Messeigneurs les Etats Generaux des Provinces Unies le 15 Novembre de l'an 1768 par Son Excellence le Chevalier Yorke Ambassadeur Extraordinaire et plenipotentiaire de Sa Majesté le Roy de la Grande Bretagne

Dans une Memoire presentée a Leurs Hautes Puissances, l'an 1766, dont on a donné copie au Chevalier Yorke, la Compe occidle des Provinces Unies a déjà demontrée & verifiée incontestablement le bon Droit qu'elle a sur le Cap Appollonia; a Savoir, que la dite Compe en a obtenue la possession Tenu par droit de conquête sur les Portugais, qu'ensuite par une Acte de cession et de transport que les Chefs du Pais de Jumoree en ont fait le 16 Janvier 1657, dans laquelle elle a aussi demontrée que le Cap Appollonia est indubitablement une partie du Pais de Jumoree, et qu'on se sert même de ce deux noms alternativement pour denoter la dite Contrée.

Elle a aussi demontrée de plus que même les pais circonvoisins ont appartenus a la dite Compe, et cela depuis un tems immemorial; pour preuve duquel preuve duquel, elle s'est fondée sur des Actes divers de Vassalage de differents contrées, par lequels les Habitans se soumettent a la dite Compe

On se bornera donc dans cette Instruction ultérieure a examiner et refuter les arguments dont Messieurs du Conseil de Commerce comme aussi les Deputés des marchands Africains se sont servi, a refuter la dite Memoire.

Premierement donc, les dits Deputés dans leur Memoire fournie au Conseil de Commerce ont bien taché d'insinuer, que la dite Acte de cession et de transport ne prouvoit pas assez suffisamment la propriété du Cap Appollonia, soutenants a cette fin, que la Contrée de Jumoree n'avoit jamais été conquis conquis par les Portugais – Mais comme dans la dite Acte de cession par les Cabocteers ou Chefs de Jumorée, de l'an 1657, les dits Chefs declarent expressement, que leur pais a été sous la domination, et leur personnes Vassals et sujets du Roy de Portugal, et tout cela depuis un tems immemorial, On croit qu'on peut se passer de toute autre refutation a cet egard.

Aussi les dits Deputés, apres avoir avancé dans leur memoire que les Hollandois pretendent que le Cap Appollonia est une partie d'une Contrée qui s'appelle Jumorée, tachent bien de le desavouer, mais comme les preuves fournies a cet egard par la Compe Occidle des Provinces Unies, dans leur Memoire anterieure, et principalement dans le document sous la lettre J, demontrent trop evidemment que Cap Appollonia et Jumorée ne sont que des noms differents, ils passent ces Documents Sous Silence et se contentent d'objecter contre les documents Sous les lettres K et L, qu'on ne peut considerer

ces Actes de Soumission (a savoir ceux que la Compe a produites pour demontrer la propriété sur tous les pais adjacents au Fort St Antoine) que comme des contracts d'alliance et d'assistance mutuelle avec les habitants des Pais voisins. Mais bien loing que ces contracts feroient de cette nature, il paroit au contraire par la simple lecture des dites Actes, et principalement par celui produit sous la lettre K. qu'elle est un renouvellement non d'une Convention mutuelle, mais de Vassalage, Soumission, et serment d'obeissance

Ce qui se prouve aussi tres clairement par le document sous la lettre L. car les Caboceers ou Chefs y mentionnés renouvellent expressement par cette Acte de Vassalage leur cy parauant, en soumettant-s (comme le contenu de cette Acte importe distinctement) et leur personnes, et toutes leurs terres sans aucunes exception, et pour toujours a leurs Hautes Puissances, les Etats Generaux des Provinces Unies et a leur Compe des Indes Occides. - expressions qui importent si indubitablement une acte de Soumission et de Vassalage absolue, que sens une partialité extreme on ne sauroit les prendre pour des simples contracts d'alliance et d'assistance mutuelle.

De la meme Valeur est ce que les dits Deputés actuellement a savoir que notre Compe auroit eu une forteresse en Eguira; comme ne faisant rien a l'etat de la question; et quant a l'assumption que les Hollandois en seroient Chassé, c'est une allegation absolument gratuite, dont les dits Deputés ne fournissent aucune preuve.

Au reste a t on prouvé tres evidemment evidement de la part de notre Compe par les attestations qu'on trouve parmes les pieces justificatives jointes a leur memoire anterieure sous les lettres N et O. que Cap Appollonia est une partie dece du pais de Jumoreé; car il paroit par ces documents, que le Directeur Succodou, appellé Isaak Mulla s'est addressé aux chefs de Jumoreé pour avoir permission de s'etablir sur la montagne (comme il s'explique) d'Appollonia, car il est certain que ce Directeur n'auroit demandé une telle permission aux Chefs de Jumoreé, a l'egard de qui se devoit pratiquer au Cap Appollonia, si ce n'etoit pas une opinion universellement reconnue dans ce Pais, et le dit Directeur Succodou n'en avoit pas été bien persuadé que le dit Cap Appollonia faisoit une partie de la Jumoreé.

Il est donc manifestement demontré tant par l'acte de cession et de transport de l'an 1654 comme aussi par les autres actes mentionnées a-dessus, que non seulement le pais de Jumoreé et les autres contrées circonvoisins et adjacents a Axim, sont cedés et cédés et transportés a la Compe des Indes Occides des Provinces Unies, mais aussi que Cap Appollonia en est indubitablement une partie

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Aussi est il fort à propos de remarquer à cette egard l'embaras et du Conseil de Commerce et des Deputés des Merchants Africains, dans leurs Memoires imprimés, par les echapatoires dont ils se servent sur cet Article, à Savoir, que plus d'un Siecle étoit ecoulé depuis la celebration de ces Actes ils n'auroient pas besoin d'entrer en discussion sur ce sujet, justement comme si l'ancienneté d'un Acte quelconque en fait foroit un defaut, non obstant qu'on s'en sert chez tous les nations civilisés a l'egard d'une propriété, comme d'un argument a toute épreuve

Aussi paroit-il que les Deputés des merchants africains ont senti l'extreme foiblesse de cette objection et plus Mr. le Gouverneur Anglois de Cap Coast Castle (que dans une lettre ecrite au Directeur General Huide Koper l'an 1766, soutenoit que selon la doctrine des Docteurs droit civil, un non usance de sept ans donneroit a un chacun la faculté de s'emparer des possessions d'un autre, et a qui le dit Directeur General a demontré son erreur par la doctrine d'un des plus celebres Docteurs, qui ont ecrit sur le droit civil, et demontré que la prescription ne s'etend point jusqu'a la Souveraineté) ils changent de batteries et objectent premierement que notre Compe n'auroit jamais exercée leur droit sur le dit Cap Hippolonia puis qu'elle n'y a aucun Etablissement (par lequel apparement ils entendent une Forteresse ou Logé) et que consequement elle n'auroit jamais entré en possession des dits Pais. Et secondement, qu'elle n'auroit jamais montrés les signes dont les Souverains ordinairement se servent

Mais quant a la premiere objection, il n'etoit certainement d'aucune utilité de bâtir des forteresses pour tenir en obeissance des sujets de la fidelité desquels on etoit bien persuadé, et pour les defendre contre les hostilités des habitans interieurs du pais, la forteresse de la Compe a Axim etoit assez pour les secourir au plutôt en cas de besoin.

Aussi une telle forteresse auroit été inutile contre les puissances Europeennes avec lesquels la Compe vivoit en bonne intelligence, ne pouvant prevoir alors, qu'elle seroit troublée dans son bon droit, dont elle avoit joui si longtems sans aucune interruption

Et en egard a la seconde objection, il est certain que les dits Actes de cession transport et vassallage ne peuvent etre annulés en aucune maniere par le non usance des signes exterieures de Souveraineté, car indubitablement ce n'est pas l'execution de ces Signes de Souveraineté mais le transport, cession, ou conquete qui donnent la proprieté

Mais outre cela les exemples que la Compe des Indes Occid.es des Provinces Unies a allegé alleguée dans sa Memoire Anterieure, concernant ce qui est arrivé avec les Gouverneur Suedois et depuis avec Richard Stokwell peuvent servir de preuve que la dite Compe s'est servi de signes directes de sa souveraineté

Aussi quant au premier exemple, le Conseil de Commerce avoue que le Directeur Hollandois d'alors a taché de faire valoir les plaintes chez le Gouverneur Suedois, mais tachant de donner une autre explication a ce qui s'est passé avec le dit Directeur, le dit Conseil de Commerce objecte dans sa memoire que ses plaintes etoient comprises en des termes si humble, et qu'au contraire la reponse du dit Gouverneur Suedois etoit si hautaine qu'on ne sauroit

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Mais il est aisez de voir que cette interpretation est entierement pervertie et inconsequente, parce que non obstant que le directeur Hollandois (avant que d'employer des expedients plus forts) s'explique avec politesse, ses termes pourtant ne sont pas si humbles que le Conseil de Commerce le fait bien faire paroître. Aussi est il une coutume constante chez tous les nations civilisées, que craignant quelque injure ou faisant deja experimenté, on commence avec des representations, pour voir, si ont peut reussir de cette maniere et on ne se sert pas toujours au premier instant de tous les arguments dont on pourroit faire usage, pour constater son droit, mais on en reserve souvent une partie pour s'en servir dans l'avenir, et il paroit que c'est cette maniere d'agir, dont il a plu au directeur Hollandois de se servir contre le dit Gouverneur Suedois.

Au contraire le dit Gouverneur Suedois a preferé de se servir d'une memoire tout a fait differente, a savoir, de donner une reponse hautaine, pour intimider, s'il etoit possible les employés de notre Compagnie et l'empecher aussi de faire valoir leur bon droit a l'egard de leurs possessions legitimes, mais le succes ne repondant point a son attente, il a choisi de renoncer a son entreprise et de partir.

C'est donc avec bien plus de raison, que le Conseil de commerce, que notre Compe peut conclure de cette evenement, comme elle vient de faire, que leur Directeur General d'alors a été fort bien convaincu de leur bon droit sur Cap Appollonia, et qu'on ne peut considerer la reponse du dit Gouverneur Suedois que comme une gasconnade imprudente, et que consequamment son depart sans y etablir sest de preuve la plus convaincante de son entiere conviction du bon droit de notre Compe Occidle parce que non obstant son hautainete anterieure, le il a renoncé a son entreprise

Pour ce qui regarde l'anglois Richard Stöckwell, il est aussi fort clair que la Compe Africaine Angloise ne sauroit tiré aucune consequente favorable de son sejour au Cap Appollonia, aussi moins que de l'aborement du pavillon Anglois (si on tout cas on doit croire cette derniere assertion) puisque le dit Richard Stöckwell n'etoit qu'un simple particulier, et pour cette raison n'avoit aucune autorité, pour prendre possession d'une place, car s'il en avoit été pourveu, le directeur Hollandois n'auroit pas manqué de faire des remonstrances au Gouverneur de Cap Coast Castle; mais ne le considerant que pour un simple particulier, comme il etoit, il s'est contenté d'ordonner au dit Cabeceer de Cap Appollonia, de le faire partir d'abord, et de ne point tollerer dorenavant aucun particulier de quelque nation que ce soit, dans cette contrée; comme la Compe des Indes Occidles des Provinces Unies a deja demontré dans sa Memoire Anterieure. Et il n'est donc point de bon gré que le dit Stöckwell a quitté cette Contrée comme il est dit dans la Memoire du Conseil de Commerce, mais ce sont les ordres expres ci-dessus mentionés, qui en sont la veritable Cause.

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Aussi la proximité du fort St Antoine, et les autres établissements de la Cie. Occ. des Prov. Un. défendent absolument de presumer avec le Conseil de Commerce que les Hollandois en fût bien mal informé a l'egard du tems de sejour du dit Stockwell et des motifs de son depart.

Et si on veut supposer encore avec le dit Conseil de Commerce que son sejour y auroit été agreable au Caboceer Ammoniah, et aux autres habitans du pays, il est encore plus evident que son depart involontaire demontre encore plus suffisamment l'exercice du droit de la souveraineté de la Compe Occidle des Prov. Un. sur cette contrée.

Au reste, qu'il aura laissé quelcun après son depart ne peut servir d'autre preuve, sinon que les Hollandois ont été assez indulgents de lui bien vouloir accorder un tems necessaire pour l'arrangement de ses affaires.

Ce fut donc a l'occasion de ce Stockwell que le dit Ammoniah a renouvellé son homage et le jurament de fidelité a la Cie. Occ. des Prov. Un. et cette seule acte suffit, comme la dite Compe a deja demontrée, d'une maniere la plus convaincante, dans la Memoire Anterieure, pour mettre son droit sur Cap Appollonia hors de toute Contestation, comme étant fait par une personne actuellement en Vie et sans aucune Constrainte — Dans quelle acte on trouve entre autres les expressions remarkables, a savoir: " Qu'il ne seroit jamais " permi, ni au dit Chef Ammoniah, ni a son Successeur de tollerer " au dit Cap Appolonia, ou les autres contrées qui en dependent, " aucune nation etranger, que ce soit, pour y trafiquer, et de plus " qu'il sera meme defendu au dit Chef ou Caboceers d'y admetter, " qui que ce soit, fût ce même un Hollandois, hors de Service " de la Cie. Occ. des Prov. Un. "

Et quoique la dite Compe n'a guerre besoin de deduire son droit sur Cap Appollonia de la dite acte de Soumission, mais qu'on a deja demontré qu'elle fonde son droit sur des Actes beaucoup plus anciennes, pourtant cette acte toute seule preuve suffisamment le dit droit de la Compe, et le Conseil de Commerce, ne trouvant aucun moyen de critique a cet egard l'ancienneté du tems a taché de l'observer d'une autre maniere.

Premierement en objectant, que le dit Ammoniah n'a pas signé cette acte lui-meme, mais par des deputés, dont on ne trouveroit, selon eux, aucun exemple parmis les peuples.

En second lieu, que les dits Deputés n'auroient pas été pourvus d'une Commission valable, pour agir dans le nom du dit Chef Ammoniah.

Et troisiemement que notre Compe ne sauroit produire aucune preuve Valable que cette acte seroit approuvée ou ratifiée par le dit Caboceer Ammoniah.

Mais bien loin qu'on ne trouveroit aucune exemple parmi les peuples de s'engager par deputés, il est, au contraire, de la derniere evidence pour tous ceux qui ont le moindre connoissance des Coutumes que se pratiquent parmi les nations, que rien n'y est plus commun que cette maniere de s'engager.

Et pour le qui regarde les autre reflections dudit Conseil de Commerce, que les Deputés n'auroient été pourvus d'une Commission pour agir de la part du dit Chef, ou Cabocer, ni que les dites actes n'auroient été approuvées ou ratifiées par lui même, On avoue que ces objections seroient sans doute de quelque poid et fort specieuses, a savoir s'il s'agissoit des conventions celebrées par des Deputés des nations ~~civilisées~~ civilisés; mais comme ces Solennités, qu'on observe toujours et soigneusement en Europe, sont entierement inconnues parmi ces peuples. Il s'ensuit que leur application sur les actes en question sont aussi entierement hors de Saison, et qu'on n'en peut rien conclure, sinon que ceux qui ont fournis ces echeplatures au Conseil de Commerce ont eu fort peu de connaissance de qui se pratique a ~~cet~~ cet egard parmi ces nations.

Aussi le Conseil de commerce ne paroit pas avoir mis beaucoup de confiance dans ces critiques a l'egard de la dite acte de Soumission d'Ammoniah a notre Compa; car en changeant de batteries, le Conseil de Commerce soutient dans sa memoire, qu'on ne sauroit considerer cette acte de soumission, que comme un contract d'alliance et d'assistance mutuelle; car, ajoutent ils, on y trouve manifestement des engagements mutuels le qui, selons eux, seront entierement hors de propos dans une acte de soumission. Mais il est certain que tous les engagements reciproques ne peuvent etre considerés comme des traités; car entre tout peuple et leur Souverain existe un engagement mutuel, soi exprès, soit tacite, par lequel le souverain de son coté s'engage a la defence de ses sujets et ceux-ci a obeir a leur Souverain, et est aussi de cette maniere qu'on doit considerer la dite acte, comme contenant de la part du dit Chef Ammoniah une Soumission et engagement d'obeissance et de la part de la Compe une promesse de protection et d'assistance, ce qui se prouve encore plus fortement, parce qu'on ne s'engage jamais par traité a une Veneration et Obeissance envers lui avec qui on traite comme Souverain reciproque, et c'est pourtant dans ces paroles que s'exprime le dit Ammoniah dans la dite Acte.

Entre autres les deputés des Marchants africains ayant allegués encore qu'en tout cas le contract entre Ammoniah et notre Compa sera transgressé de la part de la dite Compe et leur ayant plu d'attribuer la source et la rebellion du dit Ammoniah aux employés de la dite Compe on ne peut se passer d'indiquer ici au contraire la veritable cause, pourquoi le Directeur General d'alors s'est trouvé dans la necessité de faire rentrer dans son devoir ce vassal rebelle.

Ce fut donc le même ~~Accra~~ Ammoniah qui en continuant après la mort de son frere aine Acca qui avoit été toujours fidelle aux intérêts de la Cie; des Indes Occ: des Provinc: jusqu'a la fin de sa vie, s'est brouillé avec ses deux autres freres e principalement avec l'aine Boa Benin le successeur legitime d'Acca, et qui apres cela, ayant trouvé moyen de deposseder son dit frere de la succession et de s'ereger en Chef lui même s'est brouillé aussi avec notre Compe parceque le Directeur General mentionné ci-devant; refusoit de l'assister dans ses entreprises contre un certain Mia Tekki (appellé Mayo chez les Anglois) chef des habitans d'Eguira, a qui il devoit de ses femmes il avoit pris deux de ses femmes

et en fait present a ses amis cherchant ensuite de le ruiner entierement; a quelle fin il sollicita avec beaucoup d'empressement l'assistance du dit Directeur Heude Koper, en lui offrant une certaine quantité d'or, qui refusant d'accepter cette offerte, disoit que ce n'etoit pas la coutume de notre Compie de traiter les interets de ses sujets fidelles (du nombre desquels etoit ce Mr. Tekki) apres quoi il fit offrir encore des presents au dit Directeur, s'il voulait seulement consentir a mettre avec toutes prises, dont il feroit usage pour ruiner le dit Mr. Tekki, mais n'ayant pu reussir encore chez le dit Directeur, bien dispose de tourné pour cela, il tacha pour la troisieme fois de lui persuader de lui vendre en mains une quantité de poudre a canon et de fusiles et d'en fixer le prix comme il le trouveroit bon. Mais echouant encore dans cette derniere tentation, il a eu meme la hardiesse de passer la riviere d'Amochée le premier Mars 1766 et de poursuivre non seulement les habitans du Pais d'Equira (que ne trouvant plus de surete dans leur propre pais, avoient passés cette riviere, pour se sauver sous la canon de la forteresse de notre Compie a Accon) mais ayant reussi de les surprendre, d'en massacrer une grande partie, pendant que la reste se sauvoit par la fuite; a son entiere de cette victoire, il avança vers la forteresse meme, et mis la feu en chemin a divers villages appartenants aux habitans d'Accon. Et ce fut alors que le Directeur General Heude Koper fit marcher les naturels du pays ses vassals, lesquels, soutenus par le canon de la forteresse l'obligerent de retrousser chemin et enfin de repasser la riviere

Il paroit donc manifestement par ce recit que la source de cette rebellion du dit Ammonah ne doit pas (comme les deputés des Marchands Anglois pretendent) etre attribuée aux employés de notre Compie, mais que la unique et veritable cause en a été que le dit Directeur General a refusé d'assister Ammonah dans ses desseins pernicieux contre le dit Mr. Tekki – Car bien loin que le dit Directeur General Heude Koper auroit maltraité ou taché de ruiner le dit Caboceer en Chef (comme le Conseil de Commerce a pourtant voulu faire, quoique sans aucune preuve) il a au contraire fait tout son possible pour, conserver la paix et la tranquilité dans ses contrées; et quoique il avoit depuis longtems assez de raison a la considerer sur le pied comme rebelle, n'a pourtant pas les armes qu'apres le dit Ammonah avoit poussé ses hostilités au point d'attaquer la possession de la Cie: Ceux des Pays bas: et meme sous la canon de la forteresse.

Aussi cette rebellion auroit été deserte depuis longtems, et le dit Caboceer Ammonah obligé tout par les voyes amiables, que par des moyens plus efficaces, de rentrer dans son devoir si le Gouverneur Anglois du Cap Coast Castle n'avoit l'unité de se soustraire a l'obeissance de notre Compie et en outre ne l'avoit assisté secretement. – et quoique dans le commencement de cette rebellion dudit Ammonah le Gouverneur Anglois d'alors a feignit (lorsque le dit Gouverneur Directeur General Heude Koper lui en faisoit des remontrances) de desapprouver les conduites d'Ammonah et desavoua de lui vouloir donner aucune assistance, la Cie: des Pays bas: les Pays bas:

a déja prouvé très evidemment par les pieces justificatives de la Memoire precedente, que son Successeur a fait par la suite, qu'on n'avoit tenu cette contenance que pour amuser Mr. Hude Koper, afin de pouvoir mieux soutenir le dit rebelle en cachette, puisqu'ayant pris ses mesures, on a ôté le masque et declaré ouvertement, qu'on avoit intention d'assister Ammonah et de construire une forteresse au Cap Appollonia.

Encore a t'on objecté de la part des deputés des Marchands Africains que ni Ammonah ni aucun des principaux Caboceers auroient été jamais au Solde de notre Compie Occidle et que ce seroit pourtant une coutume constamment practiquée par tous les Européens qui ont des etablissements sur les côtes d'afrique, que s'en arogent le droit de jurisdiction. Mais il faut que la Compie des Indes Occidles des Prov. Un. rejette ici, ce qu'elle a déja soutenu en occasion de ~~cap~~ ~~mer~~ remarquer, a savoir, que les dits Deputés ici, comme ailleurs se fondent sur une coutume dont ils ne fournissent aucune preuve; mais supposons qu'elle soit reelle, en suivoit'il alors, que la non observance d'une telle coutume feroit des infractions au droit de la Cie Occle des Prov. Un: — on n'est ce pas, au contraire de la dernière evidence, que parce qu'un sujet est obligé d'être a la disposition de son Souverain, lorsqu'il demande son Service, il peut en profiter ou non selon son Complaisir, sans perdre neanmoins son droit legitime sur cette Service, lorsqu'il ne le demande pas?

C'est aussi de fort peu de poid que le dit Conseil de Commerce ajoute encore a ses objections, a savoir, que si la Cie. Occle. des Prov: Un: avoit été persuadée elle même d'être en possession d'un tel droit exclusif sur Cap Appoll: avant la Convention (ou l'acte de ~~Soumission~~) du dit Ammonah, qu'alors selon eux, ils n'auroit été d'aucune necessité de contracter avec les sujets en tems de paix; car la reponse en est fort aisée, lorsqu'on considere, qu'il est quelque fois practicable dans ces contrées, que les nouveaux chefs ou Caboceers des Vassaux, en entrant dans leur administration renouvellent l'acte d'homage et d'obeissance, faites par leurs predecesseurs; et c'etoit justement le cas avec Ammonah, mais outre cela on a trouvé necessaire que Ammonah renouvelle le dit acte d'homage a cause qu'il n'etoit étant point successeur legitime des Caboceers precedents, il ne soutiendra point, que les dits actes d'homage de ses predecesseurs ne l'obligeoient pas.

Apres tous ces objections, que nous venons de refuter, le Conseil de Commerce demande encore par forme d'objection, d'on il vient que les Hollandois, lorsqu'ils ~~entrent~~ contestent le droit des sujets de Sa Majesté Britannique, a former un etablissement au Cap Appollonia, en consequence de la cession volontaire faite par le dit Ammonah, ils le font passer pour un rebelle, un usurpateur etranger, fils d'une femme negre d'Axim, et sujet de la Compie, et qu'ils auroient pourtant traités avec les deputés du dit Ammonah, comme d'un Chef legitime, quel renversement, ajoute t'on, a pouvoir donné lieu a cette revolution dans la personne et les affaires d'Ammonah? Mais qu'il

nous soit permis de demander a notre tour, comment le Conseil de Commerce lui meme pretend de considerer le dit Caboceer Amoniah, comme usurpateur ou comme Chef legitime des habitants de Cap Appollonia — Si comme usurpateur, quel droit a t'il donné en de ceder une partie de Cap Appollonia aux Anglois pour y bâtir une forteresse, et la Compe Affricaine Angloise pour traiter avec lui Si au contraire ils le veulent faire passer pour un Chef legitime des dits habitans de Cap Appollonia, alors il est certain, que comme tel il etoit Vassal de notre Compe puisque tout le pais de Sumorée, dont Appollonia est une partie, comme aussi le fort St Antoine avec le pais a son Voisins, qui en dependent, est conquis par les Portugais, et tous les subdites contrées, ensuite se sont Soumis et ont fait homage à la Cie. Occ. des Prov. Un., et c'est justement cette homage que le dit Amoniah par l'acte de soumission ci-dessus mentionné a renouvellé comme nous avons prouvé ci-devant.

Mais supposé que meme que cette acte d'homage et d'obeissance d'Amoniah n'avoit jamais existé non obstant cela le droit de la Cie. Occid. des Prov. Un. sur Cap Appollonia ne seroit pas moins fondé, car comme nous avons demontré ci-dessus, ce n'est pas de cette Acte de soumission, comme on le veut faire paroitre de la part de la Compe Affricaine Angloise, que notre Compe deduce son droit sur le dit Cap Appollonia, mais de plusieurs Actes precedantes mentionés ci-dessus, et particulierement de l'acte de Cession et de transport (dont nous avons eu occasion de parler plusieurs fois dans cette memoire) de l'an 1654 par les Chefs au nom des habitans de Sumorée - laquelle aussi on a trouvé d'une telle notorieté et efficace, que le Conseil de Commerce etant absolument hors d'etat d'y opposer aucun argument palpable, a été obligé d'avoir recours a une critique bien étrange, a savoir, l'ancienneté des temps, ce que pourtant, comme nous avons demontré ci-dessus, que bien loin d'affaiblir, au contraire fait la plus grande preuve d'une propriété.

Enfin le Conseil de Commerce, pour contester le droit de la Cie. Occ. des Prov. Un. sur Cap Appollonia, ont annexé a leur memoire des attestations de quelques Capitaines de Vaisseaux de Londres, de Bristol et de Liverpool, qui, selon eux doivent servir de preuve, que tous les nations Europeennes auroient en toutes les libertés de trafiquer directement avec les habitans de dit Cap Appollonia.

Mais nous remarquons en general, a l'egard de ces attestations, qu'en tout cas les temoignages des particuliers ne sauroient operer contre des pieces authentiques, comme celle dont notre Compe s'est servis pour constater son droit, mais outre cela, on n'a que lire ces attestations pour etre convaincu qu'ils ne contiennent rien d'essentiel contre le dit droit de notre Compe, puisqu'ils ne sont fondés que sur un simple ouï dire, car des apparences ou une certaine idée, qui disent d'en avoir, ou, comme un des temoins nommé Jean Hopkins s'exprime lui meme, sans etre au fait de l'affaire en question. Mais la Cie. Occ. des Prov. Un. a vue de plus avec beaucoup de surprise

, en regardant de près le contenu de ces attestations, que bien loin d'y trouver des vérifications de cette commerce prétendue libre (a quelle fin pourtant on a veut faire usage) on y trouve même très clairement des preuves du contraire — Car il paroit par l'attestation d'un certain David Duncombe, sous No 2, que toutes les Nations sont obligées de payer toujours un certain droit aux Caboceers ou Chefs des Naturels lorsqu'elles veulent trafiquer au Cap Appolonia Et un autre témoin, nommé Robert Hosse sous No 3. avoue de meme qu'il a payé un certain droit aux dits Caboceers, et cela, comme il ajoute, expressement, pour avoir la liberté d'y negotier. Et la meme affirmation est donnée par serment, par un certain David Hamelton ~~Dans~~ sous No 4.

De quoi il paroit donc manifestement que ces attestations produites par les Députés des Merchants Africains eux memes peuvent nous servir de preuves que par toutes les Nations, a été payées toujours une certain droit pour avoir la liberté de trafiquer au Cap Appollonia et cela aux Chefs ou Caboceers des habitans. Il s'ensuit donc de la très naturellement qu'ils n'y ont jamais exercées une commerce libre, et puis que au contraire les employés de notre Compe, puisant les attestations ci jointes de différentes personnes qui sont été pendant plusieurs années dans sa service dans sur les cotes d'Afrique n'ont jamais payé un tel droit, nous sommes en droit de conclure de cette exception de la regle generale, que les attestations des députés des Merchants Africains, au lieu d'affoiblir, affirment plutôt la propriété de notre Compe sur le Cap Appollonia.

Le Cie Occid. des Pays Bas confie donc maintenant tant par ce qui est allegué et adsoué ci-dessus que par la refutation de tous les objections ~~allegués~~ qui concernent la matiere en question et dont le Conseil de Commerce et les Députés des Merchants Africains ont fait usage dans leur memoires respectives, d'avoir démontré son droit sur le Cap Appollonia d'une maniere la plus convaincante et que le Caboceer Ammoniah est indubitablement un sujet de la dite Compe, mais un sujet rebelle, qui a pris les armes contre son souverain legitime, et conséquemment que ce seroit agir d'une maniere fort déraisonable d'exiger d'eux, qu'elle accorderoit une libre passage aux messagers de ceux qui non seulement approuvent les conduites permicieuses du dit Ammoniah mais aussi le protegent et l'enhardissent dans sa rebellion.

Nous croyons donc de nous pouvoir flatter a juste ~~titre~~ titre qu'on sera entierement convaincu de l'injustice faite a notre Compagnie et que conséquemment on ne tardera point de faire demolir la forteresse en question au Cap Appollonia et de se retirer de cette contrée, comme faisant une partie des possessions legitimes de la dite Compe et aussi de s'abstenir a l'avenir de donner protection a ses sujets rebellés

Londres le 26 Octobre 1773

(sgd) J Pracfland Pr
Paul Ribaut

Copié

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Copie attestation de Jean Voltéman donné a Amsterdam
le 2 Mars 1771. [sic – Volkman ?]

Moi soussigné ayant été pendant environ quinze ans au service de la Cie. Occ. des Prov. Un. a la Côte d'Afrique et dernierement pendant Quatre ans en qualité de Conseillé et Premis Commis, declare a la requisition de Mess[rs] le Representant et Directeurs de la dite Compe, comme conforme a la Verité que pendant le dit tems, que j'ai été en fonction ~~Cest quant~~ Cet quant au tems passé comme j'ai entendu dire sur le dit Coté, et m'est apparu des papiers concernant le dit pays, en tant qu'ils ont été sous mes yeux, que Cap Appollonia a été considerè toujours parmi les possessions de la dite Compe, comme aussi que les Capitaines Hollandois n'y ont jamais paye aucun droit, pour y pouvoir trafiquer, mais qu'au contraire ils ont toujours joui de cette permission en consideration des passeports de Leurs Hautes Puissances. Fait a Amsterdam
le 2 Mars 1771

Soussigné
J Voltéman [sic]

Copie attestation de Q. V. San Blydenburg
donnée a Gouda le 5 Mars 1771.

Moi, soussigné, ayant été environs douze ans au service de la Cie. Occid. des Prov. Un. a la Coté d'Afrique et dernierement pendant le tems de cinq ans en qualité de Commis et Conseillé et grand-Commis et Conseillé declare par celle-ci, a la requisition de Mons[r] le Representant et Directeurs de la Cie Occ des Prov Un. comme conforme à la Verité, que pendant le dit tems que j'ai été en fonction, et comme, quant au tems passé j'ai entendu dire sur le dit Coté, et m'est apparu des papiers concernant le dit pais en tant qu'ils ont été dans mes possession, comme aussi pendant ma fonction a Axem, il m'est apparu que Cap appollonia a été et considéré toujours parmi les possessions de la dite Compe, comme aussi que les Capitaines Hollandois n'y ont jamais payé aucun droit pour y pouvoir trafiquer, mais au contraire, ~~que~~ ils ont toujours joui de cette permission en consideration des passeports de Leurs Hautes Puissances. fait a Amsterdam [sic] le 2 de Mars 1771

Soussigné
Q. V San Blydenburg

Copie attestation de W de Graaf
donné a Wetzinghe le 26 Février 1771.

Moi soussigné, ayant été pendant seize ans au service de la C.O. de P.U. a la Coté d'Afrique en qualité d'officier de l'equipage declare a la requisition de Representant et directeurs de la C.O.d. P.U. comme conforme a la Verité que pendant le dit tems de ma fonction . . . [ut supra] . . .
Pour preuve de la Verité j'ai soussigné celle-ci de ma signature ordinaire.

Soussigné
W de Graaf

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Copie Attestation donnée par divers Capitaines de Vaisseaux ayant navigés a la Cote d'Afrique fait a Vlissingen le 5 Octobre 1773.

Nous soussignés tous en qualité de Capitaines de Vaisseaux ayant navigués ou naviguant encore pendant un temps de Vingt sept ans sur les cotes d'Afrique declarons a la requisition de Mr. le Representant les Directeurs de la C. O. d P. U. comme conforme a la Verité que pendant tout le temps que nous avons navigués a la dite Cote il nous a apparu que Cap Appollonia est toujours compté parmi les possessions de la dite Compe comme aussi que nous n'avons jamais payé aucun droit pour y pouvoir faire notre commerce, mais au contraire que cela nous a été permis toujours en consideration des Passeports de Leurs Hautes Puissances

Soussignés

[12 signatures]

B.18. Read Nov 25 1773.

Endd. Letter to / Secy Sir Wm Eden Esqre
Under Secy of State in / Suffolks Dept.

St James's November 10th 1773.

Sir I am directed by Lord Suffolk to inclose herewith (in addition to / Pps wh his Ldp has already transmitted to / Bd of Trade on / ye subject of / African disputes) an extract for of a Dr for H. Mrs. Minister at / Court of Lisbon to / Earl of Rochford; & I am to desire ye will lay / same before / Lords of Trade & his Ldps information. I am &c
Wm Eden

John Pownall Esqre

Enc. Read Nov 25 1773.

Extract of a Dr from Mr Walpole to / Earl of Rochford dd Lisbon 25th October 1773

The Marquis de Pombal told me in respect to / subject of / African Trade, he said / Dutch Co subsisted by Treaty & Possession, & innumerable Complts & came from / Portuguese subjects in those Parts, agst / Violences & Depredations of / Servants of / Dutch Co & they lately had seized two Ships belong'g to / Portuguese, gog to / Portuguese Settlemts: of / repeated repres-entations from this Court by Mr Minister at / Hague had had no effect; & / States Gen were deaf to Reason & Justice, & this Court, wearied out by the unjust proceed'gs & chicane of / Dutch Co, & / negligence of / States Gen in directg reparation to be made to / Portuguese Subjects, had taken a resolution to do Justice to its own Subjects at any further delay or hesitation; & in Order to procure / means of makg reparation to ye injured Subjects, it was / intention of this Court to lay a considerable Duty to / amt of 30 P Cent on / Manufactures & Merchandize coming from Holland to Lisbon, in order to apply what shd arise from such a Duty to / reparation of / Damages committed by / Dutch Co on / Portuguese Subjects on / Coast of Africa; & at / same time to watch closely / further Proceed'gs of / Dutch in those Parts.

I then endeavoured to find out from / Marquis de Pombal what are / Claims of / Dutch on Portugal, & on parting what / Portuguese are under any Obligation to pay a Tribute to / Dutch Gov at Ebumma, & what there is any Treaty or Contract between them & / Monopoly of Tobacco.

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W respect to / Tribute at Elmina. / Marquis de Pombal denies positively any such Oblign subsistg, & sd t / Poss'n o Elmina by / Dutch is an usurpa'n on / Portuguese: t / Matter refer go to Elmina & never trade w / Dutch or d'r Settlem's on / Coast o Africa, & he desired as positively the beg'g any Treaty betwn / two Nat's f / article o Tobacco or, to his knowledge, any Contract f t purpose. Upon his hearg sd t / Portuguese Subjects did not trade to any Ports but those belongg to Portugal, I told him I understood t they actually carried on a Trade betwn / Portuguese Subjects & / P'r Ports belongg to / English as well as Dutch, viz pertar in regard to / Article o Tobacco. He sd t may be but t / Commerce o Portugal is in gen confined to its own Settlem's; t Portugal hd no Treaty w Holland w'h respect to t or any d'r Article. He will acquaint His most Faithful Majty w this Conversa'n & recd / King's commands on this matter, & inform me o them in / Course o this Week

I did not venture but in a gen way to touch on / Tobacco supposed to be carried on by / Portuguese to / English & Dutch Settlem's, & meant to be secured by w't molestat'n for ever by / secret Conven'ns, bec I apprehend t there is a Clandestine Trade carried on by / Portuguese who h intercourse w / Brazils for / Coast o Africa, unknown to / Gov'; & / Attent'n given to this Trade in / Conven'ns took off much as if it was at those times a clandestine trade wh required / perfect Encouragem't f / mutual Benefit o / English & Dutch unknown to / Portuguese Gov, & perhaps designedly in oppos'n to / Portuguese laws; f as I understand t Tobacco is a very material Article in / Trade on / Coast o Africa it is not likely t / Portuguese Gov shd permit their Subjects at Lge to trade on it at / d'r European Settlem's, while it will turn put much more to / Advantage o their Commerce on / Coast o Africa to confine it to their own Trade w / Natives: but if it shd appear to be true, t there is a Treaty betwn Portugal & / States Gen f / Monopoly o Tobacco, entered into upon a Supposi'n t it is better to give up to / Dutch a certain quantity o / Tobacco f some equivalent & on certain Condit's, some o wh may be f / preventg / clandestine Trade o Tobacco to / English Settlem's, than t a Clandestine Trade (wh f / demand o / Article cd not be hindered) shd be carried on wt any Advantage at all, one may acct f / interrupt'n wh / Dutch gave to / Portuguese Tradg w / English Settlem's contrary to / Conven'ns; but then this calls into Question all t / Marquis de Pombal has sd to me wh I h wished above.

But yr Ldp will give me leave to observe w't difficy I suspect t all / Trade carried on betwn / English & Portuguese on / Coasts o Africa is a clandestine Trade according to / System o this Court; f they are so jealous o any inter course betwn their foreign Settlem's & those o d'r European Nations

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B 19. Read Dec 9 1773.

Gilbert Petrie to / Clee. C.C.C. 31 December 1768

This copy is endorsed "Rd 30th Dec 1768.
This letter dd 30 Dec 1769 has already bn copied in its proper order (when first sent to / B.T. by / Clee) under 1768-1769 CO 44. P 13.

B 19 & 20

Endorsed "Proposition o / Commissaries o / Dutch W.I.C."
~~The~~ Art 3

Already copied fm an unnumbered fair copy — vide B 17. P supra

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B 20

B 21. Read Janry 13 1774

My Lords

The Clee o / Co o merchts Trady to Africa, having carefully considered / Pps yr Ldps were pleased to direct to be transmitted to them, & / seal Pticl Communications y were pleased to honour them wth / Subject o / Memorial dd 8 by / ~~Comrs~~ Commissaries o / Dutch W.I.C. thereby they shd be wanting in t Respect so justly due to yr Ldps if they did not thankfully acknowe / ye gt Care y h bn pleased to take o / State o / British merchts during / whole o / negotiations between yr Ldps & / Dutch Deputies) particularly on those two important Points so essential to / well being o / African Trade — A free Commerce to Portuguese Ships resorting to / Coasts o Africa, and an uninterrupted Commerce by land between / seal British Forts & Settlemts.

These their Sentiments I am directed to lay before & Respectfully to communicate to yr Ldps I am — &c —

(sgd) Jno Crosbie
Chairman

African Office
12th January 1774

To the Rt Honble / Earl o Dartmouth One o Hrs Majs Principal Secrys o State &c &c
and to / Rt Honble The Lds Commrs for Trade & Plantations

B 22. Read Janry 13 1774

The Clee to David Mill & Council at CCC.

African Office London 10 December 1773

Our last to y was 28th may [enk] Copy o wh was inclosed in / Secrys Le to y dd 25 Nov [enk]
~~for Nov o 24 Feb [B 4 p 3 & 4]~~
Yrs Les o 30 Jan. [B 1 p 1 supra] 24 Feb. [B 4. p 3] 6 Mar [B 8. p 6.] & 8 May [enk] 1773 are next in course o Dep answd

Our Orders w regard to / War betwn / Ashantees & Fantees contained in our Letter o 10th Dec 1772 [vide 1771-73. A 34 p 22] & confirmed / 19th April following [enk] — w / opinion o / Lds Comrs for Trade & Plantns superadded thereto, were so full precise & peremptory that y ought certainly to h literally complied therewith.

I admit that our Conjecture with regard to Tony or Sony / Hostage was right. We did not direct y to force him into o Brews hands. Y shd h fulfilled our Orders on t Subject, wh directed y "to send immediately a formal "Message to / Kings o Ashantee & Fantee, disavowing any Knowledge o or Participa" "in, so foul a Deed, & at / same time to offer yr most Cordial Mediation to "conciliate any Diffes subsisting betwn / two Nations."

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As you seem to think it necy t a Mark o Passn shd be constantly Kept at Macumford, Ltr a Serjeant remain there w Orders to hoist / British Flag daily, but he is to be so restricted in point o Trade as not to interfere w our Orders o / 9th Feby 1770. f Westerman / Dutch Factors [1769-70 Pp 71 - p 22]

The Sloop to be sold immedtly & / Small Craft be employed in collectg Oyster Shells f Lime.

We applaud ye Effort y make to reduce / price o Slaves & beg ye Method in ye power to support, maintain & encourage a free open & prosperous Trade to all h Mjs Subjects.

— The Promotns beg made accordg to Seniority are all confirmed —

You did Vy well in makg / Requisitions our Orders directed fm / British Govr & Council & Ebenezer regardg Portuguese Ships, & a free Passage by land to / British Fort at Appolonia.

— Send Supplies f present year amtg to £9098-0-6 To wh have added 2 septe Supplies pr septe Monce amtg to £2555-2-5 to be applied to / Discharge o / Debt

— Are sorry t y think ye Petrs Estimate f / full Repair o CCC. is Erroneous — but as y say y h Building material in plenty we hope ye next dispatches will report t Work wthy finished.

— As y have sent down Artificers & Materials to Tantumquerry we hope t Fort is in some measure repaired —

Ye return o / State & Condn o / Forts is this ye more Compleat than we h ever recd it as / no o white people wh Ships are likewise properly specified we can now form a Judgmt o proper Establishmts f each Fort wh we direct may in future never exceed what follows [Summarized]

CCC a Govr, Secy & Surgn. Accomt & Register, Dpty Storehouse Kpr & Gunner, Dpty Secy. 5 Factors. 3 Supernumary Writers or Asst Surgeons ready to fill up any Vacancy t may happen on any part o / Coast. A Surveyor

Appolonia, Annamaboe, Tantumquerry, Winnebah, Accra } each a Govr & a Factor. Accra Govr a 2nd Factor f Prempram

Dixcove, Succondee, Commenda } each a Chief.

. . . . . .

The Slaves are become so numerous t ye Maintence is a heavy Load upon / Establishmt We observe ye are 49 Children under 10 yrs o age. Ltr / Storekpr o / Boys be put Apprentice to Canoe men, & Ltr all / rest o / Males, when they arrive at a proper age be put Apprentice to / most ingenious o ye handicraft Artificers. In ye Petrs time there was a proper room allotted to ye Quaque on / Castle as a School to instruct / Children. If this laudable practice hath been discontinued Ltr it be resumed.

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Westminster London
Feb 9. 1774 Petition o George Vaughan Hayden late Skipper o / Sloop at CCC. to / Lds Commrs o Trade & Plantns

B 23. Read Feby 14 1774.

. . . [rec. nor any or does relatg to it] . . .

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B 26 Read May 26 1774

St James's 17 May 1774

My Lords

I send yr Lops herewth enclosed an Extract of a Letter I have rec'd fm Sir Joseph Yorke H. M's Ambassador to y/ Hague, giving a full account of/ result of ye Conversations His Excy has had w/ Grand Pensionary of/ States Gen. on/ matters wch have been so long under Consn, as regard to/ complts made by H M's Subjects on/ Coast of Africa agst/ Servants of/ Dutch W.I.C. on ye Coast. I am to signify to yr Lops H. M's Pleasure, that you take this Extract into yr Consn & that you report to H.M. yr opinion on/ Expedients pointed out by Sir Joseph Yorke; & if they shd be adopted, how far they may be considered as effectual for removing/ causes of complaint betwn/ two Nations wch have so long subsisted. I am - &c -

Suffolk [Earl]

Lords Comrs of Trade

[Enc]

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Extract of a Dr fm Sir Joseph Yorke to/ Earl of Suffolk. Hague 13 May 1774

After/ Return of/ Dutch Commissaries it was clear that little was to be expected fm ye way of negociating. It was accordgly agreed that/ Pensionary shd confer w me upon/ Subject, to find out if possible some expedient wch might satisfy Both Parties, & avoid ye tedious Paper-War wch has subsisted for so many years

The Pensionary new in Office & was a difficult Game to play in/ Province on/ business of/ proposed Plan of Augmentation, had not for a long time leisure enough to attend as assiduously to a secondary Object, wch I was continually pressing him to enter upon, tho not so importunately as to give him a disgust for/ negociation & tempt him to throw it off his own shoulders upon those less able to bear it & less capable of carrying it thro.

We had however met fm time to time & talked/ affair over amicably. We agreed that it was possible, that/ informations recd fm/ parties immediately interested in/ Quarrel might mislead people who knew nothing of/ matter but thro dirty Channels, & that we shd perhaps get more light, & with less partiality if we endeavoured to obtain private Informations fm intelligent persons who had been upon/ Coast, were conversant w its Trade, but had no Interest in size of/ Cos nor any Connection w them.

In pursuit of this plan, founded on/ observation we cd not help making, on perusing what had already past, that/ Tobacco trade by/ Portuguese Ships fm/ Brazil was/ great Object of Contention. We endeavoured to trace up its origin & Trade carried on by/ Portuguese upon/ African Coast, to investigate/ progress of it since; & to find out if possible how far/ Interest of/ English & Dutch Factories was connected w it.

The result of our Enquiries will be/ Subject of/ following part of this Dr, at/ Conclusion of wch I shall take/ Liberty to state to yr Lop in a Summary manner, where it appears to/ Pensionary that/ Line may be drawn to/ mutual benefit of both Nations, as a Hint suggested by him, wch if attended to, seems likely to increase/ profits of our Trade. Shd all this appear upon Exam on yr side, as reasonable & advantageous, as it does to/ Pensionary, he will exert himself to/ utmost to bring/ affair to a speedy Conclusion, & think himself happy to have begun his Ministry in a manner by accomodating an affair betwn/ two Nations wch seems to have swelled into a size one does not like to beg properly understood.

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[B 6/2 B]

The Portuguese were not originally entitled to Trade to / Dutch Possons in Africa. By / Contrary / Treaty o 1641 & / Treaty o Peace concluded at / Hague in 1661 betwn Portugal & / States Gen absolutely excluded them, tho / Subjects o / latter were allowed to trade to / Settlemts wh remained to / former. Durg this period / Portuguese cd only trade f Slaves at Cacheo & Angola, as / Islands o St Thomas & El Principe furnish none. This was vy inconvenient to Portugal bec / Trade Winds & Calms made / Intercourse betwn Brazil & Cacheo almost impracticable, wh consequently reduced them to Angola alone, where / Slaves are o an inferior quality.

As soon how as / Dutch W.I.C. opened this Trade to ther Countrymen at Cape (except betwn Cape Apollonia & Rio Volta) / Portuguese claimed / same Privilege & obtained it, upon Condon o payg to / W.I.C. a Tythe o ther Cargoes by way o Toll at Elmina, f / liberty o purchasg Slaves in those Districts o Dutch Guinea wh were open to Dutch Subjects.

It is to be remembered t since this Convenn made w / Brazil, Portuguese (if I cant find / Cover o Lisbon were entered into it, tho it has acquiesced) / States Gen h extended still farther this Indulgce to ther own Subjects, wh / Portuguese, tho they mt, never h claimed; perhaps beg Conscious t they had forfeited ther Claim by having deprived / Dutch o sev Privileges in tradg to Brazil.

Having thus briefly premised upon what Foundn / Dutch claim, & / Portuguese consent to pay / Toll required at Elmina, I beg leave to explain, as briefly, / Nature & Extent o / Dutch Trade upon / Coast, bec it will help to explain why / Dutch are so anxious to preserve ther Right over / Portuguese; & help to remove, supposd our informn just, / Objecns hitherto made by / English, as if / Toll collected at Elmina was detrimental to them.

The Chief o / Dutch Trade, accordg to / best Informn, extends fm Cape Palmas to Cape Appollonia, an extent o abt Sixty leagues fm whence they carry off abt 2,500 Slaves annually, a thousand o wh may perhaps be purchased at / Forts. This number is vy small indeed in proportn to what, by / latest accts, / English Trade f vy Year.

The Portuguese soon found it inconvenient to call first at Elmina to pay Toll & get a Passport, not so much f / Value o / Tithe (wh I am assured is never collected upon / real Cargo, but only upon / Goods o Bahia's Declaran o it) but bec it lengthened / Voyage to / Upper Coast too much, on acct o / continued South West Winds, durg wh ther Tobacco was subject to dry, & become unsaleable in t hot Climate. This made them determine to visit nakg Cape Palmas first, so as to trade along / Upper Coast within / Limits o Dutch Guinea, so-called, previous to ther arrl at Elmina. To prevent this interlopg Trade / Dutch f some time employed Cruizers to

• i.e. / Free Dutch Trade

intercept them, but to not answering / Expence, / Portuguese h. by connivance, for upwds o thirty Years, in possn o a free Trade to t part o Dutch Guinea.

For this period is to be dated / Decline, or more properly speakg, / increased Expence o / Dutch & English Trade in those ports. The Portugueze fm Brazil, having no other Articles to Traffick wth on Africa but a Kind o Rum called Aquadente, & Tobacco, hd / good luck to please / Taste o / Natives wth / latter, & by degrees h rendered the Tobacco so necy an Article, t it is almost impossible to purche a Slave fm Cape Palmas to Benin wt a certain proportn o t Commodity, wh formerly required little else than Europen Toys & slight manufactures.

The Portuguese Vessels wh trade betwn Brazil & Dutch Guinea, are sent fm Bahia & Phernambuc. The Co erected at / last-mentd Place has / exclusive Trade fr Ivory, but both may & do trade fr Gold & Slaves, / last o wh they purched at Popo & Whida, but find still more advantage in tradg fr Gold & Ivory in exchange fr Tobacco, betwn / Cape o Palmas & Apollonia, never gog to Popo & Whida tho they h drained / Coast o those Articles. As / Quantity o them was suffict to compleat / Ships Cargoes, they wd certainly not find it worth while to go anywhere else; but as t is not / Case they convey more Tobacco onto them is wanted fr what may properly be called the Trade, & dispose o it, as they go along, at Cape la Hove, Bassan, Assine & ot intermediate Places.

To exemplify / foregog Accot o / Manner in wh / Portuguese carry on this Trade, as well as to shew / eminence Profits arisg fm it, it will not, I hope, appear tedious just to take notice o some papers wh were discovered fm a Vessel o t Nation, taken by a Dutch Cruizer in 1765 (& NB. never reclaimed) wh ye Ldp may depend upon as authentick. The Master o this Vessel was instructed by his Owners to purche 549 Slaves at Popo & Whida, at / rate o 3 or 4 Rolls o Tobacco fr each Slave. Reckong it at 4. He must h wanted 2196 Rolls fr / purche o his Slaves, to wh if we add literally 250 Rolls fr his Tole at Elmina, he wd require 2446 Rolls. Yt was found, notwg, on Visitg / Ship t he actually had on Board 5423 Rolls, tho he had already disposed o 600 Rolls in / four days preceding / Seizure. Fm whence it follows t he cruized on / Upper Coast wh 6,000 Rolls; t is, wh 3554 Rolls o Tobacco more than requisite fr / purche o / Slaves. At / rate o 35, 40 or 45 Guilders pr Roll (tho / Natives often give as far as 50) this will produce a lge returns: Take it at 40 pr Roll, 2000 Gold at / Upper Coast will h purched to / Value o 80,000 Guilders o Gold Dust.

This Ships Passport fm / Gov o Bahia allowed her 1112 Rolls, tho / Cargo consisted o 6000, so t in this proportn (& it may be allowed not to suppose ot Ships under / same Circs more Scrupulous) thirteen Ships fm / Brazil, wh paid Tole at Elmina fm Feb 1764 to Feb 1769 fr 10,635 Rolls must h h one book had 57,383 on board. Add to this Number Two Ships wh slipped by Elmina wt payg Tole, whose Cargoes may be reckoned at 900 Rolls - / Total. Tons, in

fifteen Ships in one year will amt to 66,383 Rolls, a Third o wh bartered for Gold Dust at / Upper Coast at 40 Guilders p Roll, cannot be produced less than / 8y Considerable Sum o 885,120 Guilders.

This Tobacco, tho sold so dy high in Guinea, costs in Brazil but Seven Guilders eight Stivers pr Roll, so t / Portuguese gain annually upon 22,128 Rolls o Tobacco. abt 485544 Guilders. A pretty lge Proportn, sure, o / whole Trade o / Coast o Africa.

A good deal o this Tobacco so disposed o, is sent up / Country by / Natives fm Cape La Houe, Bassam, Assine, &c The Knowledge o wh & / Hopes o bringg some o this Trade to us, seems to h occasioned / Buildg a Fort at Cape Apollonia, as it seemed natural fm its Situan t Portuguese Ships shd make it in preference to ye places. Experience, howr, has proved / contrary, for tho, f a short time, some Tobacco was brot to Fort Appollonia by / Negroes, yet, as they wd not sell it under 60 Guilders pr Roll, it did not answer; & as to / Portuguese Ships, / Ground off / Fort is too foul to anchor in: besides / Southerly Winds blowg constantly f a gr part o / Year, keeps them too long fm reachg Cape Tres Puntas, & renders the Tobacco unsaleable fm its becomg so dry.

The Evil Consequces wh h arisen fm / Introducn o this Tobacco Trade h bn / Loss upon all Goods sent out fm Europe, & an Increase in / Price o Slaves fm 300 to 500 Guilders; & a fur Increase is still to be apprehended, wh is looked upon here, & indeed seems fm this state o / case, to be still more prejudicial to / English than / Dutch, on accr o this Slave Trade beg so much more extensive.

It appeared to me / more necy to trouble Yr Ldp w this detail in order to explain upon what foundan these People build their Pretens to exact a Toll fm / Portuguese, wh they pay not only when they are forced, but it has bn well proved to me t on / Charter Parties o those Ships fm / Port o Bahia they are positively enjoined to touch at Elmina before they proceed to trade; tho it appears they do not always conform to those Orders

They likewise positively deny t / Paymt o this Toll is o / least detriment to / English, tho, as it amts one w another as far as I can learn, to abt £5000 Yearly, it is / most considerable Revenue o / W. I. C., at / same time insuffct f / paymt o Troops Servants &c &c; consequently, as they pretend, totally insuffct f / purpose o tradg on / Coast. If this is true, wh Yr Ldp may perhaps be able to ascertain, it does not seem o consequce enough f us to interfere in so a high hand, so as to deprive / Dutch o a Benefit they h enjoyed undisputably f such a length o time, founded on a formal Agreemt

What hower is an Injury to us, & certainly cannot be submitted to, is / Power usurped at Elmina o preventg these Portuguese Ships fm proceedg to / English Forts after paymt o / Toll, & yet it appears to h frequently done, by puttg Soldiers on board to force them off, wh

/ Portuguese when strong enough & stoutly opposed, & sometimes even bribed the Soldiers.

Supposg them t we are founded in our exposn of Facts, / Pensionary seems to think it wd not be reasonable in us to wish to depute / Dutch to so well founded a Right, so necy for / support of the African Trade, & t in favour of a 3rd Power who appears to be undersg us both, & actually does absorb / Profits. He wishes therefore t we wd calm the Apprehensions upon this Article, in return for wh / W.I.C. are engage to give no molestn whatr to Portuguese Vessels proceedg fm Elmina to / English Forts; & upon both these Articles beg decrly understood, he hopes / Affair may at once be concluded & harmony restored upon / Coast, where it subsisted wt Intervp almost, in essentials, till this Portuguese Monopoly disturbed it.

In hopes t an Agreemt upon / above simple plan may be acceptable in England, as it seems to include / whole of what is reasonably contended for on wr Side, an Idea has bn suggested to / Pensionary & me, t England & Holland shd engage the Merchts to compose Rolls of Tobacco conformable to t of Brazil, by / Introducn of wh upon / Coast, gt advantage may arise, & / Gold & Ivory Trade return to its ogn, as likewise / Price of Negroes diminish. America & this Country cd both furnish / Material & if it was desired / Composn of / Liquor or Sauce made use of in Brazil shd be communicated fm hence, as a Psn here is in Possn of / Secret.

Thus my Ld I h endeavoured to simplify as well as I am able, this tedious & confused Affair, in wh many less impt Points h bn mixed by those who h treated upon it hitherto, wh a puzzle / Cause fm want of feeling where / ppal difficulty lay, or perhaps wishg to keep it out of sight. I cannot be sanguine enough to imagine t there may be no mistakes. I only flatter myself t some new light has bn thrown upon / Affair wh, as yr Lps Assistce may shorten / Negociatn & restore Peace & good Harmony on / Coast. The Pensionary adopts / whole of what is here advanced, & earnestly wishes so to end / Business, t no Appearce of ill Humour may remain, & to prove at / same time to / Subjects of both Sides, t the Sovereigns are determined they shd live well togr.

I ch take / Liberty to make one short Observatn more before I dismiss / Subject, wh is, t I am convinced / Dutch will never give up the Pretension to / Portuguese Toll, tho' f want of Power to prevent it, they wd be obliged to acquiesce in what is prescribed, so t all reasong w them gr / Matter I h long found to be beatg / air; fm whence I humbly conclude t we must wh agree w them upon these Footing, or determine to dictate / Law.

[See sign. G this letter.]

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[BT 6/2 B]

B 24 Read June 2 1774.

David Mill to / Ctee "Extract" CCC 12 September 1773

– Gallows &c Letters p / Program Parsly – Ex'ch ordered ab 6 wks
– Weather has been v[ery] unhealthy f some time past
– Almost ev[ery] Man in / Place has been sick, but no gt mortality –
sgd David Mill

David Mill to / Ctee "Extract" 4 December 1773

– as to / roads –
– Impossible to execute in / Estimate f completg / work now carryg on
as such parts o / Walls to be built are in places where no Walls have been before nor
so / depths o / foundns cannot be ascertained just now . . . .
– Another thg re / buildgs – / ev[ery] considerable difference in strength between those
now carryg on & those formerly built in this Country as / Walls o / latter were
only composed o Clay & / ev[ery] little Stone. Lime was unknown & some except in plastering
/ inside, wh is / ev[ery] reason all ye forts we now fallg to pieces, Fr Annabon,
Commenda & Appolonia, wh beg built in good Masonry will stand f many years . . .

Such attent[ion] shd be paid to ye Orders & Ctee o / Hon Comm[rs]
o Trade & Plantns respectg / mode o adjustg / diffce betwn / Ashantees & /
Fantees but it has always been my opinion (unless necessity obliges us) we
shd interfere as little as possible as the disputes both, as / interpos[ition] o
White men prejudi / settlemt o affrs engt / Negroes, & also as / present
state o our finances will by no means admit o our going / Blacks such
exp[ence] as / British by the equipmt were subjected to do.

At present Trade is pretty good, & there is no prospect o any
interrupt[ion] to it, / Ashantees having attempted nothg since the Execution
ag[st] / Cabocers, as I wrote ye, wh indeed was the disgrace

All / proof we have o our Negy passn o Mumford since / year
1703 is fm / assertn o Cudjoe Caboceer, who, as well as many o[the]r Blacks,
can remember it beg ab t time in passn o / English

We have only 10 slaves left f ye Service, as my Ld o Bath
much informed ye, the beg these beg Commissd men, for wh place f h
a considerable number already. I strongly suspect t ye Dutch attempt to
sell these 10 & do not take some desperate course, besides, they are
10 fine young fellows who have all been put to Trades & wd turn out
exceedingly serviceable

Sgd) David Mill

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B 28 Read 1774 (Dec).

David Mill to / Ctee CCC. 21 March 1774

– Acknes the r o 10 Decr [B 22, supra p 34] – p Rebecca Blackburn, & wrtg except / Rum rec'd in good order.

Altho' the has bn no peace concluded betwn / Bkwarriors & Fantees yet the is at present vy little fear o any fur dis turbce, as they h a free intercourse o Trade w one anor, & shd, hows, any fur Disputes arise betwn them, parl[r] attenn will be pd to yr Orders, & an applon be made to / Dutch, etc, for the late behaviour to us respect[g] / Tobacco Trade; the Arbitrary Stoppage o a Land Passage to our Settlemt at Appolonia, & their attempt to deprive us o / Town o Mumford, all wh are totally contrary to / Agreemts betwn / English & Dutch Cos, the is little reason to believe they will act in concert w us, partly in so national a scheme.

Agreeably to yr Orders respecting Mumford, a Serjeant has bn sent down thr, who rects his pay fm / Fort for tantum querry, & who has written instrons given him by / Chief o t Fort to carry on no sort o Trade directly or indirectly.

– Sloop beg condemned as unserviceable has bot a Long Boat wh is Kept constantly employed in / Shell Service –

Every effort in my power sh be continued to reduce / price o Slaves, but fm / no o Ships now upon / Coast & those shortly expected, I fear it will be difficult to effect it . . . . . .

By / returns sent herewith y will see r / Establishmt was put in Exon as quickly as possible after / rect o it. . . . Succondee is omitted in / Establishmt, we presume how[r] t y mean it to be / same as Director & Commenda.

The new Building is gog on w / utmost dispatch, / Lower Arches in / Bastions & Warehouse adjoyng them beg now turned. The Rains will naturally retard us 2 or 3 months . . .

Mr Miles is gog on w / repairs to Tantum, ~~querry~~ as fast as possible . . .

We are exceedg sorry to rec[e] so much Rum in our Supplies this year – bad cask age caused a Leakage o 664 gallons. . . . Ty Chief has this yr by way o / sum due to him paid in Rum & Brandy at 5/. & 6/. p. gal, while it is sold for 2/6 . . .

If in future y can get it parts specified in / Charterparty t yr Sloops sh proceed (if required) so far to Leward as Accra, it will be a great saving to / Public as / Ships cd carry down / Supplies to t Fort as well as to / Forts betwn this & that, with any expence . . .

The English R hd this last yr a much gtr share o / Trade than / Dutch & I believe a gtr no o Slaves R hs purchd by / British shipp[g] than in every one yr of some time past . . .

– Expens gratitude f / superior goodness o / cargo, except Rum.

– Encloses Answer to Q[r] Heydon's Petn [nc]

I have — &c —
David Mill.

B 31 Read Nov 28 1774.

2d. Pet Memorial fm / Ctee to / BT.

B 32

" Mem: fm Merchts o London to / BT

B 33

Rec'd 1/14 Mem fm Merchts Adventurers o Bristol to / BT.

B 34

and Mem fm Merchts o Lpool to / BT.

~~add 40/~~ Imposition o ~~£20~~ ~~per Ton on Negroes~~ Import duty — Imposition o an addl duty o 40/. per head on Negroes imported into Jamaica

B 35 Read Dec 19 1774

David Mill to / Ctee 29 July 1774.

– Repairs to Forts & Personnel — Illness o Lomax / Surveyor & CCC. Head o a Dpt, & w[h] work being done &c.

The Ctee to Mill & Council CCC African Office London 5 December 1774

Our Le o/ 29 April last [n h] enclosed ctt fr Dis to 21 Mar. wh is partly answd by / Secys Le o / July - copy inclosed.

Yr despatches o 21 Mar [supra] 26 Mar [n h] & 10 May [n h] last, are now to h the full reply.

We are glad to find t a free Intercourse o Trade is restored betwn / Ashantees & Fantees. Let it be yr constant Endeavours to promote Peace & good Harmony betwn / Natives & a free & open Trade to all h Mis Subjects upon / Coast: these beg / to gr Ends o yr Establishmt in Africa.

If yr neighbours / Dutch shd agn renew the unwarrantable proceedgs, we respectg / Tobacco Trade or any pr Subject o Compr, send us / earliest & best authenticated Accts thereof & possibly can, & altho / late Negociation hath produced no direct acknowlt on / part o / Dutch, t the Claims cannot be justified, we are yet inclined to believe they will be more cautious how they behave in future, as the Deputies were told by one o h Mis Ppal Secs o State & by / Lds o Trade t / Claim they endeavoured to set up, to an exclusive Right to / Portuguese Tobacco Trade, wd never be admitted o, or allowed; & t the Claim to / District o Appolonia was equally groundless & inadmissible.

upon yr representn t a Second Sector is necessary at Annamaboe, on acct o / gt Trade carried on there, we h thot proper to allow it, & yr must send them one out o / 6 no. allotted to C.C.C.

— The Establishmt & Succondee is / same as Dixcove & Commendo

... We hope / Building at C.C.C. is so far advanced t yr may spare a few Artificers to be sent down to Tantumquerry, as / Gov the complains t / Natives are troublesome, wh he attributes to / numerous Garrison o / Fort the Gov o Accra likewise complains & want o Artificers, let him also be supplied as soon as yr can. And Succondee is returned absolutely inexpressible. We expect to see a plan & estimate o / 2 former ... & w regard to / latter let / Surveyor [Lemaire] be sent to Succondee as soon as he can be spared, & if he finds it necy to build a new Fort, let him fix upon / most convenient spot & build it, whr it be on / same place where it now stands, or on some pt not far distant fm it. As / Establishmt is but small / Fort need be but a small one let him make a plan & estimate ... taking into Acct / Value o / materials o / present Fort ... what of Materials can be procured on / spot; / whole to be transmitted to us, w / opinion o / Gov & Council thereon as soon as possible ...

— herein t Ctee always be a supply o Gunpowder belong to / Ctee at such Forts. — next yr, a supply o gunpowder o a superior Quality manufactured on purpose & / use o / Forts, will be sent out —

The Owners o / Storeship h contracted this yr to deliver such parts o / Cargo at C.C.C. as Gov & Council shd direct & appr & proceed to / rendr to such places as they shd order not fur to leeward than Accra.

— H now recd yr despatches o / 29th July by wh we find t / British Trade is increased to a degree never before known. This gives us gt satisfacn

— relieved & discased Soldiers (incapable o recovering) to be sent by / Surgeons & those to be sent home by / Storeship Jamaica Planter

We are &c [no sigs]

B 37 Read Janry 26 1775.

22 Decr 1774. Admiralty. Letter - - R Stephens & John Pownall Secrets agreeb
o/ State & London o/h Majs Forts & Settlements - recd from Capt
Collingwood o Hms Ravenbois & / inform^n o/ Lords o Trade

Cape Coast Castle. 1774.
Gov^r Chief. David mill. Accomptant Registr &c. R Barrow. Secy & Surgeon Slaves Board.
Ward Kpr & Gunner &c Stott. 2nd Regt. Officer o 3d (Factor). Chas Groves Second Factor. 3 Factors
1 Writer. 1 Surveyor Red Lomax. Chapl. Assist^t in Accts office Philip Quaque. 1 Serj^t
1 Castle Bombay. 1 Bricklayer. 2 Carpts. 1 mason. 1 Master o/ Hosp. 1 Drummr. 2 Corpls
35 Soldiers. 1 Drum major. 5 Drummers & Fifers. Sickly:- Blacksmith Cap^t Lingard mate.
Cadjoe Labourer & Linguist Fred Ceboy Writer. John Carpenter Agua, Geo Secksey Asst Writers,
Geo Bannishie Manager Ketty. Slaves:- 170 m. 104 W^m. &c. Cannon 7 19 9 6
7 9 4 12 11 12 18 No public belongg to Co. 1 Schooner Cannon, 12 4 6 2 9 4 1 12

Trade &c Good Asst Buildgs wantg on ye Fort as possible
(Sgd) Thos Collingwood David Mill
Rec^d R Barrow Acc^t
Richd Beard

Commenda Fort (ad)
Robt Britton Chief 1 Serj^t 1 Gunner 5 Soldiers Slaves 4 m 4 W &c.
Cannon 2 18 14 12 6 4 3 7 2 6 4 2 10 2 6 1 1 Cannon. Exterior good
Interior fair repair Trade & Sold in exchge & Rum, European & Indian Goods
Sgd Thos Collingwood
Robt Britton
Richd Ricky (Gunner)

Boccroe Fort March 1774
Jerome B Wenzen Chief. 1 Serj^t 5 Soldiers. Antony Allen Black Writer
Slaves 9 m 16 W &c. Guns 19 6 9 3 6 2 Pretty good Repair Trade better
(Sgd) Thos Collingwood
Rec^d R Barrow Acc^t

James Fort Accra March 1774
Thos Tonder Chief 2 Factors, 1 Surgeon 2 Serjts 1 Gunner 12 Soldiers 1 Offr
1 Bricklayer 1 Carpenter. Cadjoe Labourer Slaves:- Cadjoe Linguist 11 m 18 W &c.
Guns 2 19 8 12 2 9 15 6 13 1 6 Pounders. Trade never Brisk
Sgd Thos Collingwood. Rec^d R Barrow Acc^t

Succondee Fort 19 March 1774
Martin Watts Chief 1 Serj^t 1 Gunner 5 Soldiers Slaves 7 m 3 W &c Guns 3 2 6 2 12 4 5 3 6 1
1 Lance 13 1/2. Unserviceable Sgd Thos Collingwood. Martin Watts

Tantumquerry Fort March 1774
Richd Miles Chief 1 Factor, 1 Surgeon 1 Bricklayer 1 Serj^t 1 Serj^t o Main Guard 1 Gunner 6 Soldiers
Slaves 9 m 2 W. Guns 2 8 2 3 No Powder o Co, 1 3/4 Lance Still very unwell, use medical
repairs in last 12 mos Trade good Natives rather troublesome / more so for the
Knowledge o this Situation of this place, Sgd Thos Collingwood. Richd Miles

Appolonia Fort 28 Feb 1774
Robt Collins Chief 1 Serj^t 1 Gunner 4 Soldiers Slaves 6 m 2 W. Guns 6 6 8 2 6 1
No powder 1 1/2 Lance Fort in good repair Ppel Trade & Sold in exchange &
English & Indian Goods o wh Liquor quantities are bro^t up by / boats belongg to /
Ships at Prince to purchase gold to assist them in the Trade &c
Sgd Thos Collingwood Robt Collins
Rec Hazell

Annamaboe Fort 20 March 1774
Charles Bell Chief Jam Snyder 2nd 1 Factor 1 Serj^t 1 Corpl 1 Gunner 1 Gunner. 8 Soldiers
Slaves 23 m 7 W &c. Guns 6 24 6 18 3 12 18 6 10 3 No public powder Cannon 1 11 1 1/2.
Very good Repair. Trade abt 4500 Slaves annually carried off by / British
Ships from this Port Sgd Thos Collingwood Charles Bell

Winnebah Fort March 1774.
Rob^t Westgate Chief 1 Serj^t 1 Gunner 7 Soldiers Slaves 5 m 3 W &c. Guns 3 6 4 2 6 4 2 1
One Company in very good repair Trade &/ indifferent
Sgd Laws & Barrow Acc^t
Thos Collingwood

B 38. Read Feb 16 1775
Petition Memorial o / Merchts o London Bristol & Africa praying & Repeal o / Jamaica Act
imposing additl Duty on Negroes imported
B 39 Read Feb 23 1775
Similar Memorial from Merchts o Liverpool

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B 41 Read Nov 21 1775.

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David Mill to / Clerk CCC — September 1774

Some months past Trade has been very good as there is not / least appearance at present of any interruption to it as a mutual intercourse is kept up between / Ashantees & Fantees The beg bearer of five Ships on / Coast, I was induced some time ago by it to an attempt to lower / price of Slaves, & consulted / Council on / occasion, who heartily concurred in so salutary a measure. I did not hopes our neighbours would have joined in / same Scheme, how I found myself mistaken; for in my visits to / Pen of Elmina about it, he acquainted me he did come into no agreement of / Kind, but on / contrary he will continue to give / same price as usual: indeed he makes no scruple of telling / Traders so, Therefore while he remains at / head of / Dutch Affairs there is little probability of effecting so good a Scheme as wd be productive of so much National good. Every effort in my power shall be wanted for / good of / Trade in gen; but to attempt to reduce / price while / Dutch keep it up, wd have very bad effect; indeed / Shipping do not possibly come into such a Scheme.

No Season of the in this Country ever remembers to have experienced so sickly or so starved a season as / present one. Not one, but has been ill, the fever remarkable not have buried a Man. The Dutch have lost both officers & soldiers Even now, when / rains are gently reckoned to be long over, they continue almost as bad as ever & we have such nasty foggy weather, that it keeps almost every body up a Fever. The Natives have also had their share of it: add to it, a perfect famine among them. The latter is in some measure removed by the Crop of Corn, but 2 months ago what a season was to be got at any rate. The Shipping experienced / want of it much, and, after beg full stocked were obliged to wait for means.

In my last I acquainted you that Traders had been some time at Tantumquerry endeavouring to settle / Mumford Palaver. A few days after / date of the letter he set out for Accra, his purse being immediately ready at that place Mr Miles was ordered to do every thing to / utmost of his power to make a final Settlement of the business & which I have / pleasure to acquaint you was effected some 10 days ago. Since then he is come up here for his health where he now is. ... but by / next conveyance which will offer in a few days I shall have a full state of / whole affair. The for a long time past been very doubtful of bringing it to so favourable an issue, as / Accras were excessive unreasonable indeed in their demands, Hour I am happy to it is amicably settled & the a free Trade will now be opened again be opened to / Towns of Lagoe & Mumford which for upwards of 2 yrs past have been entirely blocked up

— Capt Mulligan of / Brig Manero on purchase of gold for 568 oz worth of goods at Assinee & which all but 30 oz was found to be base metal.

— The consequent effects & also Stoppage of all trade at the place / natives refuse to come & / natives there will not come off to any Ships except Dutch ships.

— Again wishes for an Attorney at Law are again laid up.

— Thanks for / favour granted him of leave of absence to Europe to settle family affairs — at present I am exerting my utmost in expediting / new building much more must be done to it before I think of going — of which I shall be timely advised I have &c —

David Mill

B. 42 Read Nov 21 1775.

David Mill to / Ctee CCC. 5 January 1775

Enclosed is a copy o my ltr ... o 19th Sept last since when we h not heard fm y.

– Inclosed estimate & repairg Accra Fort –

The Acts o Council o Aug 15th & Sep. 25 [in h] will fully explain to y / nature o / Mumford & Dague business, also / parts we h acted therin. The Pawns we h recd in part paymt o / debts h bn ever since employed as Labourers & are o gt use to us. Some part o them are part to diffr Traders. The remaing 14 9h no doubt will be paid as soon as they h in some measure recovered themselves fm / loss & gt loss they sustained. Till then it wd be cruel to press too much for them.

– Has purchd a Schooner & / Skill Isaac fm c Rhode Island Capt.

– Mr Bell's intention o shortly leavg / Country.

– Gt progress in / new building. The Gates hung. Gallery. leadg to 2nd storey begun. The Castle now enclosed.

– Trade pretty good. Shipg & all made gt voyages.

I am &c
David Mill

B 43 Read Nov 21 1775.

David Mill to / Ctee CCC 15 April 1775

Acknes the ltr o 5 Dec last [P 43] & Supplies & stores to value o £10.252 – 9 – 1 per Jamaica Planter Capt Tomkin.

Capt Cornwallis's short stay on / Coast in H.M.S. Pallas prevented acknt o it by c oppty ...

– Enc 10 shows / arrangemts come great on Mr Bell's quitg / Coast at / end o / month – ...

9h / pleasure to acquaint y t so far fm any dispute betwn / Shantees & Fantees ther is now & has bn during / course o last year, so free an intercourse o trade t g forgter no o slaves were exported in 1774 than in any one year since / Establishmt. The present year promises as fair a prospect & y may be assured t it will, as it ever has bn, my constant endeavour to maintain peace & harmony betwn these 2 Nations, beg / only means o encourg / Slave Trade.

– Regrets ye inability to obtain an Assistant Surveyor, as Lomax in midst hopeful career advancg to a Command.

– The towns o Dague & Mumford h now a free trade down to them & are o gt use to / Shipg, and free traders beg settled ther. The remains o / Pawns not yet all paid, but I am in hopes my next will acquaint y th o ye hearg / whole number.

– The new Building here goes on as fast as / no o Hands we h will admit o, but it will be impossible yr to send any Artificers to either Accra or Tantum ... The Rains as usual will retard us, ... but ends are also aided as / want o money. 9h is morally impossible, w / utmost frugality & economy, to pay / Bales due to yr offrs and Serts to ultimo Dec 1774 out o / sum recd this year; / Coast price o / Goods be g only £12,696 & / necessaries £1900.

Inclosed No 9 is an exact list o / Bales due to yr said Serts ultimo Dec 1774 so t after givg each a proporn o / Supplies recd by / Jamaica Planter, y will see / Bale due fm y is £5194 & / said sums advanced by them last year.

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[BT 6/2 B cont'd]

Even at / most frugal calculation / expences of this Year will be £10.295 more. wch added to / above will make £21,049, due to ye Servts at / end of / present Year: £9000 o wch must be advanced by me, & this is a Sum, Gentn, wch my private fortune really will not bear, much less / younger Officers in ye Service who must all be supposed to advance in proportn ....

I have now been upwards of 5 years at / Head of ye affairs in this Country. In far less time than ye most of my predecessors have made decent competencies, yet I am sorry to say I have not been so successful. wch I can attribute to no other cause than / heavy sums I am obliged to advance / Publick & which in a great measure prevents my carrying on Trade to advantage.

Last year we were pd two thirds of a large sum in an article absolutely unsaleable in Guinea & sent off by Officers as reshipped it for sale in Europe met with a total loss, it having been seized by / Officers of Customs Add to this, many articles in Trade have been lowered in price by / Masters of Vessels in Annamaboe Road: E.g. a Negaupr, Bejutapr, Lastraccundy & Callonaypore cloths formerly sold at 10d now they are now sold at 8d Lastraccundy Romalls & Allejors are reduced in proportn. Brandy wch was formerly sold at 5/- is now reduced to 2/6 All these things make a vast odds in our payment wch tho called at Gold Coast price is more than 35% under sterlg

... Personnel ...

B. 45. Read Dec 5 1775

20 November 1775 Admlty. letter Ph Stephens to John Pownall Sends for information of by direction of / Lds of / Admlty, for / information of / Lds Comms of Trade & Plantations Reports on / state & Condition of / Forts & Settlements on / Coast of Africa recd from Capt Collingwood of HMS Racehorse

[Summary]

Appollonia Fort 11 March 1775

Robt Collins Chief 1 Factor 1 Sergt 6 Soldiers. Slaves 7 m 2 W. Guns 6 6 8 6 1 15 Canoe
No Powder In good repair. Prod Trade is for Gold in exchange for Europe & Indian goods & wch
Europe quantities are both by / boats belonging to / Ships at Anbce & made purchase gold & assign
them in the Trade thro (Sgd) Robt Collins. G Bray

Dixcove Fort 18 March 1775 +c

Jerome Bernd Weuves Chief. 1 Sergt. 1 Gunner 5 Soldiers. Anthony Allen Black Writer. Slaves 10 m 15 W.
Guns 19 6 9 3 6 Canoes 1 1 1 15 In tolerable condition. Trade Gold for Europe Goods
(Sd) Jer Bernd Weuves Chief
Alex Agnew 1st Asst 1 HMS Pallas

Succondee Fort 19 March 1775 9 6 4 3 1

Martin Walts Chief. 1 Sergt. 1 Gunner 6 Soldiers Slaves 7 m 3 W. 1 C. Guns 3. 2. 12 5 6
1 Canoe 13 h. Tolerable (Sd) Martin Walts Chief. Robt G Bray

Commenda Fort 19 March 1775 18 12 9 6 4

John Saxon Chief 1 Sergt. 1 Gunner 4 Soldiers. Slaves 2 m 8 W Guns 2 14 3 2 16
No Powder 1 13 h Canoe. In indifft repair. Trade very bad owing to a disagreement
some people in / back Country wch for want of neg accommodation entirely stopped / Trade
(signed) John Saxon, Alexr Agnew 1st Asst HMS Pallas

Annamaboe Fort 26 March 1775 24. +c

Chas Bell Chief 1 Second, 1 Sergt. 1 Corpl, 1 Gunner, 1 Gardener, 7 Soldiers Slaves 20 m 8 W
Guns 8 24 6 18 3 12 8 6 3 10 No Powder. Canoes 1 11 h 1 1 5 h Good repair
Y 240 Slaves carried off by British Ships for Use for 1 Jan - 31 Dec 1774
(Sd) Chas Bell. Second Surgeon 2nd
2d H Comm Calls

Tantumquerry Fort 28 March 1775

Richd Miles Chief, 1 Factor, 1 Serjt, 1 Serjt Mumford. 1 Gunner 6 Soldiers Slaves 7 m 2 w
Guns 29. 24. 12 3. no Co Powder. 1 18h Canoe. Necessary repairs not possible for want o
artificers. More Slaves purchd last year than ever before & Provisions & c like wise.
Ld H Cornwallis 1st Richd Miles Chief
John Bartlett Factor

James Fort Accra 29 March 1775. (Cradock Cadge Ensign)

Thos Trender Chief, 1 Factor Ppram, 1 Factor Accra, 2 Serjts (1 Ppram) 1 Gunner
1 Bricklayer 10 Soldiers (2 Ppram) Slaves 12 m 4 w (3 Ppram) & c
Guns 2 19 9 12 2 9 6 11 8 2 3. no Co powder. In very bad repair, but
Vernon also Trade at Accra & Ppram diffy in Slaves & Gold but none at present
of any kind owg to disputes betwn Inland people.
sgd Thomas Trender

Winnebah Fort 29 March 1775

Thos Westgate Chief. 1 Serjt 1 Mate Gunner. 5 Mate Soldiers Slaves 5 m 3 w &c.
Guns 3. 14. 4 2 3 1. no Co powder. 1 9h Canoe. Extremely weak rotten & unsafe. Gates
very rotten scarcely to be closed. A little Slave gold & Coarse Corn
sgd Thos Westgate Chief
Alexr Agnew 1st Lieut HMS Pallas.

Cape Coast Castle 1775.

David Mill Gov in Chief &c. Chas Graves Accomt & Registr, Steward Record Keep & Surgeon.
5 Serjts Warehouse Kpr James Mourge Factor & Dep Sec, Factor & Off o Guard. Factor & Gunner.
3 Factors 2 Assts Surgeons, 1 Surveyor (Vacant) Philip Quaque Chap & Asst in Accots
Office 1 Bricklayer, 1 Castle Bombay, 1 Master o/ Hope P, 1 Serjt 2 Corpls, 35 Soldiers
1 Blacksmith 1 Drum Major, 1 Drummer & Fifer. 1 Batt Black Asst Surgeon Mate
Cudjoe Cobboeer Linguist Fredk Odey Black Writer, John Agna George Sackey
Black Asst Writers 160 Bannisees Prince Abby. Slaves 200 m 106 w & c.
[Men include 23 Sagoe Mumford Town Labourers & 4 Commenda do]
Guns 4. 19. 9. 6. 9. 24 11 18. No Co powder 1 Schooner 50 Tons, Canoes: —
2 5h 4h 4h 15h 15h. Soldiers Barracks Warehouses Rooms in Spur in
2. 4. 2. 10 3. good condon as also 1 Hall & Apartmts contiguous to them. New buildgs
carryg on as fast as possible & a w plan sent to 1 Clee. Trade rather falln
off within these 6 weeks attributed in a gr measure to 1 Feuds betwn
Assen to Leewards settlg a dispute betwn 1 Accras & Athims. Yam is how
likely to be equally as good as last Years, & good no o Slaves already shipped
to W I. Sxd by me H Cornwallis. David Mill

B 46 Read March 5th 1776

The Clee to Mill & Council CCC. Office Horse Guards London 22 December 1775

— Our last was dd 5 Sept 1775 [not h]
Yr Hrs now in course of answerg are those o 14 Sept 1774
[vide B 44. P 45] 5 Jan [P 46] & 7 Jan [not h] 15 April [P 46] &
15th May [not h] 1775.
— Yr attempt to lower 1 price o Slaves we think highly
commendable notwg 1 laudable undertakg was frustrated by 1 Gov
o Elmina The Acts o Council o/ 15th Augt & 25 Sept 1774 inclosed
in yr 2nd Dis o 5 January 1775 explains 1 nature o/ Treaty
& Palaver w 1 Akrooans. & 1 people o Sagoe & Mumford
w yr motives & advances 1 money to 1 Sagoe & Mumford
people, & 1 partials y h cautiously Cautiously taken in Consequce
thereof Our Order on this Subject y will find in 1
inclosed copy o/ Minute [not h]
— They allow 1 purchase o/ Schooner to be employed
in layg on Buoys & at Stores agst 1 time we are enabled to
proceed w 1 repairs o/ Forts.

[BT. 6/2 B. cont^d]

The plan o Accra Fort by / Cate [sic] our Founder & / Estimate by Mr Lomax are by no means satisfact^y The Surveyor must go to Accra, take a plan, w^ch / state & condⁿ o^f ev^y part o^f the Fort & send an Estimate, ev^y article o^f wh^ch except / European Stores, must be reduced to Cost pay, or Coast price.

– We give / highest satisfact^n to find from / lists o shipp^g &c. no o Slaves exported in / y^r 1774 t^o / Trade to / Gold Coast is increased to so very a degree. Continue to encourage it by ev^y method in y^e power especially by preserv^g inviolate / trade free & open to all H^s Subjects

– We come now to y^e bus^s o 15^th April

We are well pleased to find t^t all disputes are at an end betwn / Ashantees & Fantees & t^t there is likewise a free trade at Large & Manifested

We observe y^r Complaint o / g^r advancement y^r are led into b^y / publick expence, This is a hardship t^t has ^been always inseperable from our Service, as / supplies from Parliam^t cannot possibly be recd upon / Coast till a considerable time after they are granted. We are sorry how^r to find t^t those Advances are now become so much greater than usual, wh appears to us to be wholly owg to / charges attendg / present repairs o^f Forts. And as we find t^t / charge o repairg C C C. has already greatly exceeded / Estimate given to us, & on wh we obtained a sum from Parliam^t on purpose f those repairs, & t^t / sd repairs are still leadg us into a far enormous expence, wh our Fund will by no means bear, We hereby direct ~~you~~ t^t y^u proceed no further in / same than what may be absolutely necy f^r / preserv^n o / Work already done, & f^r / safety o / place. And we likewise desire t^t y^u observe / same orders respecting / repairs o Tantumquerry or any o^r o^r Out Forts.

– Re repairs to Accra – altho' the orders o 24 April 1774 f^r a ~~survey~~ plan & estimate o Accra, & o 5 Dec^r 1774 f^r a plan & estimate o Succondee have not ^been complied w^th, y^r Fort Repairs at Accra in 1774 are charged £454-5-0 They recommend perusal o their orders re Fort repairs dd 28 May 1773 & 24 April 1774.

– Are sendg in this ship 50 barrels Gunpowder f^r distribut^n to each Fort, to be stored f^r / defce o / Fort only till replaced by a sumber quantity next y^r, when what remains can be traded –

Messrs Peregrine Cust Alexander Anderson & W^m Mathews Assignees o / Estate o Sam^l Smith partner w^th Richd Brew, have applied to us to desire our interposit^n w^th / Gov^r o C.C.C. & / pers^ns in power on / Gold Coast o Africa to obtain paym^t to / sd Mr Brew o 30 Slaves f^r / benefit o / Creditors o / Estate o / sd Messrs Smith & Brew. – / inclosed paper No 4 [in h^d] will explain / nature o / demand – We recommend it to y^u in / strongest manner f^r / satisf^n o Common Justice, as well as on acc^t o / respectable character o^f / Gentn who h^s applied to us, t^t y^u will use ev^y method in y^e power (so as not to embroil / Natives in fresh disputes) to obtain / desired paym^t o / sd Slaves to Mr Brew as soon as possible.

The amt o / Invoice this year is £11,948-9-10 wh we hope will considerably reduce our Debt. The State o our affairs requires / utmost frugality & economy wh we expect y^u will exert in / expenditure o / present supplies We are – &c –

[two sigs]

B 47 Read March 5th 1776.

Petition o/ Ctee o/ Co o Merchts trading to Africa to / Hon / Commons o Gr Britain in Parliamt assembled [n.d.]

— T / Forts & Settlemts on / Coast o Africa having bn deld to / Petitioners in a very bad State by / R-A-C- & / sum annually granted by Parliamt beg nearly expended in / Civil & Military Establishmts, leavg very little b / Repairs o/sd Forts, wch o them still remain in a very ruinous condn.

— T / H o C. in 1772 granted £2400 to finish & Repairs to C C C. but / Walls o t Fort were found in so very decayed a State, & many new defects discovered in / progress o / Works, wch cd not be foreseen t pets h bn led into / expence o a much lger sum o money t was granted by Parliamt b t Service, & / repairs o/sd Fort still remain unfinished

— Pray / House to grant such sum b / way support & Maintence o / sd Forts & Settlemts, & likewise b / Repairs still wanted as to thr gr Wisdom sh seem meet.

B 48 Read April 23 1776

David Mill to / Ctee CCC 5th November 1775

— Encloses list o Shipg —

B 49

[Summary] List o Shipping CCC 5/11/1775

Total number of ships arrivg, passing, & departg betwn June 16 & Nov 5. 1775 was 36. Of this number, were 14 departing fm / Coast with a total number o 2930 slaves. [only 2 o these sailed wt slaves].

B 50. Read June 10th 1776.

The Ctee to / Gov [Mill] & Council CCC London 15 May 1776

Inclose copy o thr last dr o 22 Dec 1775 [P 48] & a short dr written & sent on 20 Jan last [n k] at / request o / Lds Comrs o / Admlty.

— Acknw rect o thr 2 letters o 5 & 20 June [n k] — re Grosvles estate, Also 2 letters o / 10 June [n k] & 5 Nov [supra] in / former givg an acct o / death o Gov Trowder —

We h sent & repeated orders to be more frequent & full in yr Correspdce. Yr neglect at this time is / more unpardonable as y h bn advertized by / King's Proc. t gr part o / Continent o America is in open arms agst ye Mr Gov. And yr two last letters are expressed so very concise & many Subjects are omitted on wch y or to h enlarged; such as / progress

made in / Publick Buildgs, / state o / Trade in gen, & in parte y ob to have assigned some reason, if it was in yr power, why / Brig King George o Rhode Island departed for / Coast wt Slaves & we desire yr next may inform us what was / cause o her sailg

Y shd likewise, wt / hist o / arrangemts on / rise or discharge o any Chief, send / reason why / senior officer does not remove to ye vacant fort, to / Command o wh he is by his rank entitled, & if any yr deviatn fm / common course o thgs has occurred, we expect to ye reason given f such procedure. In short we must & do insist t y inform us by ev oppy, o wtever material f us to know, or t y h our orders to communicate.

Observg in / copies o yr Acts o Council, a special order or Commn under / hand & seal o David Mill appg, by virtue o / power & authy vested in him, Messrs Barrow & Beard Jointly to take / Command o / Fort in his absce, we inform y t tho' there is no such power vested in any o our Officers or Servts, & t such apptmt was directly contrary to good discipline & to our Regulations, & ... derogatory to those employed in our Service, & disobedient to us; / Command o any fort on / absce o / Gov devolvg o right upon / next Superior Officer f / time beg who sh be present to take upon him such Command. Our orders o 31 July 1771 & 15 May 1776 relatg to / absce o / Commander in Chief must be strictly complied wt. And f / better prevention o any similar practice in future, we hereby injoin & direct / before mentd Orders or Commn to be expunged fm amg / Acts o Council, & these our Orders concerng it, beg 1st read, at / next Council after / rect o this bre to be entered in / same Book.

... [Accts o / Fort Tupairs] ...

Continue to use all yr influence in support o a free & open trade to all His subjects We are — &c — [no sigs]

B 51 Read July 12th 1776

David Mill to / Clee ccc 30 December 1775

Yr favor o / 5th Sept [inR] covers His Royal Proc. o 23 Augt was duly recd by / Sportsmans Capt for, A copy o yr Orders thrn, togr wt / Proc were sent to ev one o / Out forts w all possible despatch; since wh Returns o all / Guns & Gunpowder h bn sent up here. An exact acct wil be kept at each fort ready f / insptn o / Commander o / first Ship o War t may arrive & agreeable to yr Orders, after they h bn signed by him, one sh be deld to him, and ~~sent~~ transmitted to y & a third filed in / Secrys office here.

I am extremely concerned to find t yr Officers in Africa are suspected o selling arms or ammunn to any o H Mys rebellious subjects in America; w what justice wil appear when I assure y I can f my own part make oath t I never sold a grain o gunpowder to an American Vessel since I h bn in Africa; & futr, by / seal bro I h recd fm / Out forts in answer to yr Orders, it appears t ev Chief in yr Service is ready to attest / same w regard to himself. This was only one American Vessel on / Coast at / time yr Orders were recd, & she, I understand, is gone off wt her slaves.

... [seniority o Collins & Westgate] ...

52.

Inclosed y h copies o my correspdce w / Dutch Gov^r concerng a Boat belong to Mr Lamoca. / Surveyor t was seized by / Dutch Subjects o Apam on / month o April last. Y will see what attempts y h made to recover satisfac^n for / Gov^r, w^t Success. I therefore wrote / Council f their opinion what steps sh^d to be taken & they were unanimous in referrg / whole matter to y Ors reasons f not makg immediate reprisals on / Apams are pp^ly fm a regard to our finances, & / ill state o some o our Forts, wh will by no means admit o our entrg into a dispute w our neighbours, as / natural consequence o such a step wd be attendg us w^t a heavy expence; by hav^g / Communica^n by land entirely stopped; & cd^n we shd in t respect be able to retaliate upon them, unless they wd h considerably / advantage, the finances beg such t they stick at no expence to gain the point. Cons^r consequence this; by not immediately makg reprisals we do not give up any point to them, but only defer what may as easily be done 8 months hence; on wh time we may expect fr orders how to act. In / mean time it wd be extremely hard upon our Lamoca (whose whole ppty almost centres in / Boat & Cargo) to lay out o his money; & as I judged it nec^y t / affair shd rest betwn / 2 Cos, & not w an individual, y h, by / advice o / Council, engaged to allow him out o / next Ships supplies, goods to / amt o 8 men slaves, as a full compens^n f his loss, so t wherⁿ we recover damages, / amt sh be carried to fr Credit.

– The new building goes on w^t great progress. 2 o / Rooms are / E end finished – also / Surveyors & Warehouse Store rooms. Schooner most useful on collectg shells.

– Had very bad weather lately almost my officers has been sick – [2 died]

– Charles Mules, consumptive, goes home –

A month ago / King o Ashantee sent down Messgrs here to acquaint me t he wanted to open a Market nearer / Waterside than before. The Fantees h acquiesced w it, & as I foresee a certainty o its such a step beg very beneficial to / Trade in gen. Ish in a few days dispatch a Messgr o my own, togr w one fm Amoney Coomah, by / return o / Shantees, to assure him o our hearty concurrence. By / above Messgr I am also told t / King o Ashantee is determined to forget all former differs & to live in / strictest amity w / Fantees, so t we h no reason to doubt but t / Trade will continue good. Ish send / King, by my Messgrs, / best present I can procure in / Country; but as I cannot get anything proper f / occ^n Ish give him to understand t he will very shortly rec^e something fm y, & I beg t y will order out f t purpose by / 1st good opp^y a lge Umbrella o crimson damask w gold fringe & gilt Elephant at top, to spread 15 feet; a lge white satin cloth to be lined, & a double row o scollopped gold lace tassels. A very lge silver basket hilted sword, & a gold headed cane w / arms o / Co engraved; w a hat & feather, or rather an elegant coronet.

At / same time Gent^n, I beg y will be pleased to order / same present to be put up f Amoney Coomah / King o Fantee as he has never rec^d any fm y yet, & he is by far / best man & / most attached to / English o any in / whole Fantee Country. Only y will please observe t Amoney Coomahs Umbrella spreads only 12 feet, & t his cloth & fr^ings shd be in a small degree inferior to / King o Ashantee. The cane only silver.

A few weeks ago / Dutch Co^s ship arrd at Elmina & brot them out 2 Engineers, 24 Writers & a lge supply o Soldiers; as well as an extry quantity o goods & stores. Abt / same time arrd in anot^r Dutch Ship Mr Turens in quality of a Councillor & to supersede Mr. John Voorteman at Commantyn who remains to Boutrey.

– Inclosed List o Shipp^g since 5 Nov^r last – [not k]

I h – &c – David Mill

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[T.B.T. 6/2. B cont.]

B 52 Read July 12th 1776.

No 1.

J'apens qu'il y a quelques jours que les habitans d'Appam se sont emparés d'un bateau appartenant à un des officiers de le chateau; qu'ils ont enlevé un blanc qui commandoit le dit bateau, et l'ont logé dans Votre forteresse et qu'ils ont mis aux fers trois negres matelots. Comme les deux Compagnies n'ont aucun demêlé ensemble, je me flatte, monsieur que vous donnerez vos ordres pour le relachement de ces gens et du bateau. Cette affaire regardant Monsr Brew, qui est l'auteur de ce palabre et non aucun serviteur de notre Compagnie. J'ai l'honneur je
Au Cap Corse le 5me Avril 1775 David Mill

No 2.

Monsr. A la Mine le 6me Avril 1775

Nous avons reçu l'honneur de la Votre, et nous avons vu avec beaucoup de plaisir que les Negres d'Appam se sont emparés d'un bateau appartenant à Votre Nation, immediatement contre nos ordres et intentions, aussi bien qu'en depit des peines qu'on s'est donné pour l'empecher; a peu pres dans le même tems que nous avons reçu Votre lettre, nous avons reçu ces informations d'Apam. S'il etoit en notre pouvoir nous ne manquerions pas au moment meme de donner nos ordres pour le relachement du bateau et de l'equipage, mais, Monsieur, les Negres d'Appam sont obstinés et mechans. Ils se vantent qu'ils ne relacheront pas le bateau ni son equipage avant que Richard Brew aura remis en liberté les 6 Negres qu'il a volé. Vous savez, Monsr, combien il est difficile, surtout au bas de la côte de Contraindre un tas de negres dont le pouvoir surpasse mille fois le notre et nous doutons beaucoup, quand même nous donnerions des ordres pour relacher le bateau et l'equipage, arretés malgré nous, s'ils seroient obéis. Vous, Monsr, par une suite de Vos connoissances et de Votre experience, Vous en douterez avec nous. En attendant, nous nous engageons à faire tout ce qui dependra de nous pour satisfaire à Vos desirs, et nous Vous prions qu'il Vous plaise à Votre tour de faire tout ce que Vous pouvez pour engager Brew de relacher les negres d'Appam, apres quoi le relachement du Bateau et son Equipage suivra incessamment. Pour ce qui regarde maintenant les raisons de mecontentement que bien pourroit avoir et qui l'ont engagé a faire des Violences et commettre des faits, elles ne nous sont connues que tres superficiellement. Jamais il nous a fait la moindre plainte. S'il avoit fait, nous aurions ordonné le fiscal de l'examiner et de lui rendre justice, comme nous le ferons dans encore dans la suite s'il se plaint auprès de nous, muni des pièces autentiques qui prouvent ses droits

Voici Monsieur ce que nous nous trouvons obligé a Vous répondre. Nous sommes faché que nous nous trouvons tous le deux engagés dans certaines difficultés pour un avanturier qui n'avoue de personne. Nous nous flattons qu'elles n'auront pas la moindre influence sur la bonne harmonie entre les deux Compagnies au maintien de la quelle nous cooperons toujours efficacieusement
Nous avons l'honneur – &c –
P. Woortman

no 3.

Cap Corse le 28me Juillet 1775

Monsr.

Quelques tems passé j'avois l'honneur de vous ecrire concernant un bateau & sa charge appartenant à Monsr l'intendant de notre chateau, saisi par les gens d'Apam, en revenant de Quitah, par rapport de leur dispute avec Monsr Breus. Cette affaire étant ajusté en faveur de Monsr Breus, notre intendant a fait application par avoir la liberté de faire represailles sur les gens d'Apam, mais souhaitant maintenir la bonne harmonie entre nos deux nations sur la cote je ne l'aubis pas lui permettre jusques j'avois vous consulté ne doutant pas de votre integrité remarquable sur tous les occasions que vous voulez bien procurer payement pour les pertes qu'il a soutenues sans qu'il soit obligé d'avoir recours à la violence selon les loix des negres. Je vous envois ci inclus, l'alour de la bateaux et sa cargaison, aussi les dépences de so voyage. Les marchandises qui ne sont endommagés seront reçu, mais il ne sera juste de lui faire reprendre le bateau, car malgré qu'elle etoit tout nouveau, elle ne vaut pas rien à present. Le prix du bled par cause etoit entre 12 & 14 ecus d'or dans le temps que le bateau etoit arrêté, Conséquemment Monsr l'Intendant doit avoir tendre beaucoup j'ai l'honneur re

David Mill

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no 4.

A la Mine le 29me Juillet 1775

Monsr

Nous ne pouvons pas dissimuler que le contenu de la votre du 27me [sic] de ce mois nous a surpris extremement. Le relachement du bateau appartenant à l'Intendant de votre Chateau est une suite du relachement des six negres libres d'Apam arretés par Richard Breus, sur un pretention supposé. Le Commandant de Cormantin a excedé nos ordres que nous lui avons donné le 25me du mois de Juin dernier, comme il n'avoit point d'autres de retirer des mains de Breus les negres sus dits afin de les rendre a ceux d'Apam comme il est arrivé, mais au contraire pour justifier la pretention de Richard Breus comme il a eu l'impudence de le faire contre nos instructions et nos ordres. Que le Commandant d'Apam s'est melé du saisissement du bateau & de sa Cargaison appartenans à un de vos officiers est, de même, contraire à nos ordres immediats du 26me Janr dernier. & que le dit batiment immediatement immediatement après la relachement de 6 negres d'Apam a été rendu avec toute la cargaison & l'equipage comme il s'est trouvé le jour qu'il a été saisi, constè par la declaration du pilote que le commande. Ainsi nous ne pouvons pas nous resoudre de donner la moindre chose en dedommagement de perte à votre sus dit Intendant comme notre Integrité Remarquable que vous avez la bonté de nous attribuer ne nous permet pas de faire un mauvais usage de notre pouvoir emprunté au depens de nos Committens Voila Monsr notre reponse à votre lettre relative a l'affaire en question Ayant au reste l'honneur d'etre &c. Pieter Woortman

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no 5.

Cap Corse le 9me Aout 1775

Monsr

Depuis la recepte de votre dernière lettre que vous me fites l'honneur de m'ecrire j'ai communiqué son contenu à notre conseil qui est unanimement d'avis que nous sommes autorisé d'agir sans reserve contre les habitans d'Apam pour obtenir satisfaction de la detension du bateau et de sa cargaison. Primerement, vous alleguez que le bateau a été relaché aussitot que Monsr Breus eut rendu les gens d'Apam. Certainement Monsr vous ne vous

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arrogés par le droit de saisir les effets d'aucun de nos officiers sur ce compte de Monsr Breu! Je n'aurois pas même soupçonné que vous aussiez souffert que vos sujets eussent agi comme les gens d'Apam ont fait. En seconde lieu, vous dites que le Gouverneur de Cormantin a cassé vos ordres, je ne prétends pas savoir à quel point il est allé au delà, mais je suis assuré par une personne digne de credit qui etoit present à ce qui s'est passé que vos ordres à Monsr Jan Boerman etoient de payer ou du moins dedommager Mons Breu pour ce qu'il relachat les gens d'Apam de toutes ses demandes que je crois se montoient à 96 oz en traité et 8 captifs mâles. Je ne suis pas assuré de la somme mais il importe peu au sujet que ce fut plus ou moins, c'est la pretension de Monsr Breu en entier que je veux dire. D'ailleurs, que Monsr Breu eut raison ou tort cela ne pouvoit nullement vous autoriser à retenir les effets d'un de nos officiers à ce sujet. Si j'avois cru que vous vous fussiez arrogé pareilles pretentions, ou que vous auriez fermé les yeux sur les demarches de vos sujets, soyez persuadé Monsr que cette affaire n'auroit jamais pas été laissé en suspense si long-tems, mais l'espoir de maintenir la paix, qui a toujours été mon principal but, me fit renvoyer d'agir jusque à ce que vous eussiez accomodé le pretendu de Monsr Breu, ne doutant pas qu'après cela vous nous auriez rendu la justice qui nous est due, mais que vous paroissez chercher à present à nous refuser. En dernier lieu vous dites que le bateau avec sa cargaison se a été rendu dans le meme etat qu'il avoit été pris, selon la declaration du maître. En reponse j'ai à vous remarquer que le maitre du bateau (qui est etranger) ne sait pas écrire l'anglois et que par consequent il faut qu'un autre personne ait écrit la declaration, et qu'il paroit clairement qu'il a signé une fausseté. se peut-il que les agrés, voiles &c du bateau soient dans le meme bon etat qu'ils l'etoient lorsqu'il fut saisi, apres avoir été à l'ancre sous notre Fort d'Apam durant toute la saison pluvieuse? Y a-t'il apparence que sa cargaison de bled soit aussi bonne qu'à la prise, apres plusieurs mois écoulés? et supposant meme que cela fut, le bled etoit il au meme prix lors de la livraison, que quand il fut saisi? L'equipage du bateau fut-il délivré au meme tems ou plutôt les gens ne s'echapperent-ils pas des mains de ceux d'Apam? Ce que dessus fait voir clairement que le maitre a signé non seulement une fausseté mais de plus un ecrit qu'il ne comprenoit pas; une preuve duquel est qu'il a ecrit une lettre (qui est actuellement dans ce chateau) se plaignant que le bateau avoit besoin de reparer, et demandant les ouvriers et choses necessaires pour cet effet. En fin Monsr j'ai de plus à vous faire observer que je ne dois, agissant selon mon devoir, recevoir le bateau des mains des gens d'Apam, et que je ne puis, ni ne veux acquiesser à d'autres conditions qu'à celles que je vous proposai dans ma lettre du 28me passé. Selon la reponse que vous me ferez, je me preparai d'agir.

J'ai l'honneur &c

David Mill

No 6

A la Mine le 10me Aout 1775

Monsieur Nous avons reçu l'honneur de la votre de hier, dont le contenu n'est pas equivoque. Sans nous voir obligez d'extraordinaire, nous pourrions vous y repondre aussi peu equivoquement, mais nous preferons en attendant votre ecrit, de prendre encore les avis de nos conseillers; ce que nous ferons incessament, et nous vous repondrons categoriquement apres avoir reçu. Nous avons l'honneur de Messrs Wortmann

No 7.

A Cap Cors le 14me Septr 1775

Monsieur

J'eu l'honneur de vous ecrire le 10me Aout au sujet du bateau de Mons. Lomax notre Intendant, je n'ai encore reçu aucune reponse de votre part. Depuis lors, votre Commandant d'Apam a fait quelques reparations au dit bateau et l'a fait remonter ici, ou il est arrivé a jour. Je vous marquai ci positivement dans ma susdite lre mes sentiments au sujet du bateau et de la cargaison, qu'il suffira de vous referer a cette lettre, et de vous assurer que je ne changerai en aucun point les conditions qu'elle contenait, auxquelles je vous prie de me donner une reponse definitive. - Si, en attendant, il arrivoit quelqu'un accident a la cargaison, soyez persuadé, Monsr, que je saurai a qui m'addresser pour le payement. Je desire que l'affaire d'arranger cette affaire a l'amiable m'a induit a vous ecrire encore ce fois pour voir si vous ne vous decideriez pas a nous rendre la justice qui nous est due, sans nous forcer a en venir a de voyes desagreables. Nous avons l'honneur de

David Mulé

No 8.

A la Mine le 14me Septr 1775

Monsieur

Hier nous reçumes la votre du 14me tandis que du premier de ce mois nous avions deja reçus des informations que le bateau de Mons. Lomax etoit parti d'Apam entre le 29me et le 30 Aout, muni de tout dont il auroit été muni lorsqu'il fut arreté par les negres, comme il conste par une declaration du commandant du dit navire, Otto Jurgens passé devant le Commandant d'Apam, en presence de V. Voogt, assistant, et R. A Bettries Sergeant au service de notre Compagnie.

Nous sommes surpris que vous nous mandez ne pas avoir reçu notre reponse a votre lettre de la votre due 9me du mois dernier. Nous vous y avons repondu le 10me et nous nous referons au contenu de cette lettre. Jusques ici nous n'avons pas encore reçu les avis et considerations de nos Conseillers; ainsi il ne nous a pas été possible de satisfaire a notre promise pour vous servir d'une reponse categorique, dont nous nous servirons incessement apres leur arrivée.

Si en attendant vous pouviez trouver convenable d'enfiler des voyes desagreable, a quoi nous ne vous forcerons jamais, nous prendrons de telles mesures alors que la necessité nous dictera, tandis que nos desirs pour arranger l'affaire a l'amiable ne cedent aucunement aux votres afin que nos Seigneurs et Maitres n'y soffrent aucun dommages. Nous avons l'honneur de P Woortman

No 9.

Au Cap Cors le 15me September 1775.

Monsieur.

J'ai reçu votre lettre et j'attendrai votre reponse definitive avant de rien entreprendre, ne doutant pas mes pretentions etant justes que vous arrangerez l'affaire a l'amiable. J'ai l'honneur de

David Mulé

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N°10

A la Mine le 16^me Octobre 1775

Monsieur

En consequence de contenu de nos lettres du 10^me ~~Oct~~ Aout e du 15^me 9^bre passée, nous avons l'honneur de vous mander que, apres avoir reçu les differens avis de nos conseillers, nous procedons a vous servir de notre reponse categorique. Apres avoir murement deliberés sur les pretentions que vous formez en faveur de Votre intendant Lomaks, apres avoir bien ~~peser le pour~~ peses le pour et le contre; apres avoir bien examinés sur quoi vous fondez vos pretensions, nous trouvons que la Violence commise par ceux de Apam contre un effet appartenant a un de vos officiers, immediatement en depis de nos ordres, n'a rien de commun avec la satisfaction tardive que Monsr Breu nous a demandé apres avoir commis une Violence absurde et une piraterie avérée contre les sujets de la Compagnie Hollandoise, par les quelles s'étant arrogé d'etre son propre juge, il est decheu de tout droit, quand meme son droit auroit eté le mieux constaté ce qui ne fut jamais.

Monsr Breu Irlandois, comme je le crois de naissance, se trouve par consequent, sujet né de la Couronne Brittannique; mais il n'est pas reconnu independamment de cet advantage, ni de vos commettans, et n'a eté jamais reconnu par aucun de vos predecesseurs ni de vous même nous avons lieu de nous persuader qu'en vertu des ordres de Votre Commettee, il ne vous est pas permis de le proteger comme feu Monsr le Vice President Turnier l'a declaré hautement

Ce Breu, etre independant, parceque Votre gouvernement trouve bon de le considerer comme tel; mechant par cette independance pretendue, et par sa façon de penser inouie; entreprenant en consequence, mais avec tout cela, Vassal de negres d'Annamaboe, parmi les quels il Vit, et Dieu le sait, peut-etre negre dans ses principes; s'oublie au point que parce qu'un de ses batimens a eté molesté par nos gens d'Apam (pillé peut-etre, l'un ni l'autre n'a été avéré) de Voler, de son chef des sujets de notre compagnie; de les Vendre de meme, et d'agir en tirran et en pirate; jugeant soi-meme sa cause sans avoir demandé satisfaction du pretendu desagrement sans avoir dressé un proces Verbal de ce dont il croit avoir lieu de se plaindre, sans s'etre plaint ni a Votre predecesseur, ni a notre Commandant d'Apam, ni a nous; sans avoir demandé aucune satisfaction ni a Votre gouvernement ni a notre, ainsi de son chef, et a ses risques, sans reconnaitre personne; nous nous demandons en conscience Monsr! comme Breton, comme homme de bien, d'equité et de bon sens, enfin comme Gouverneur en Chef des Etablissemens de Votre nation en Afrique; si un tel homme comme Breu que nous n'avons fait que ebaucher, qui ne se trouve pas sous Vos Ordres, que vous ne pouvez pas proteger [ou protegez ?]; Qui est le rebut de tout le monde; si un tel homme a des conduites peuvent servir de base à Vos pretensions en faveur de Votre Intendant Lomax? nous croyons le contraire.

La conduite que nous avons tenue vers lui ne peut pas servir de base, non plus. C'est un particulier, sans maître, avec lequel nous avons bien voulu contracter, pour arracher de ses griffes, des sujets de la Compagnie dont il s'était emparé, comme un Vautour, et pour prévenir toutes sortes des suites fâcheuses ultérieures. Nous avons contracté avec lui, parce que vous ne pouviez pas, ni le contraindre, à lâcher sa proye, ni à vous donner aucune satisfaction.

Si Monsr après que vous n'avez sçu nous faire rendre les negres enlevés par Breu nous avons eu l'impudence de donner des ordres à nos negres d'Apam pour qu'ils se vangeassent de vos refus, l'affaire changeroit de face; et il seroit alors que vous auriez sçu nous demander à quel dessein, et dans quels sentiments nous aurions voulu dommager, au dépends de vos affaires d'un vol commis par un malfaiteur particulier venu de tout le monde et que vous ne connoissez que de nom. Mais tout au contraire, les ordres que nous réitérâmes nous avons donnés à ceux d'Apam et à tous ceux qui nous doivent obeir (et nos ordres sont foi) ont été d'une nature qu'ils devoient peu equivoquement, et très distinctement que nous ne voulions absolument que nos gens fissent le moindre acte offensif ou leger à qui que ce fut de la nation Anglaise. S'ils ont contrevenus nos ordres il n'y a pas de notre faute. Il vous arrive tout comme à nous Monsr, que nos ordres ne s'executent point par les naturels du pais. Sur tout le long de la côte nous ne devons responsable (nous parlons des chefs des deux nations) que des ordres que nous donnons réciproquement, et ceux que nous avons donnés dans notre particulier, ne tendent que à la paix et la bonne union, tandis que tout ce que ceux d'Apam ont entrepris a été immediatement contre icelles et contraire à nos desirs et de nos intentions, et ce qui doit prouver et demontrer manifestement la pureté de nos intentions. Notre vrai desir pour conserver la concorde et le maintein de la bonne amitié, se trouve precisement dans la demarche que nous avons faite de payer ou indemniser Breu (avoué de personne, et dont nous aurions sçu nous venger) d'une pretension qu'il forme, et de la realité de la quelle, il n'a rien avéré, afin que, ayant fini avec lui nos sujets retournerovient chez eux; et le Batiment de Votre intendant seroit relaché, d'un et l'autre est arrivé; et du relachement du batiment de Monsr Lomatis, nous avons des preuves en main, duement signés par le commandant du dit batiment; et que ce commandant parle très intelligiblement la langue Hollandoise, dans quelle langue il a donné ses declarations. Nous avons pouvons l'affirmer, l'ayant entretenu de bouche.

Et parce que nous en avons agi de la sorte et parvenu par notre facon d'agir, des violences et des perabéries ultérieures, vous concluez Monsr, precisement pour cette raison, que nous devons indemniser Monsr Votre Intendant de dommages qu'il pretend avoir souffert par la faute de ceux d'Apam, et vous nous envoyez un compte exorbitant qui saute aux yeux. et dont differens postes sont grossi et chargé inoyablement. Permettez nous, que nous concluons le contraire, et qu'en consequence, Breu, l'auteur primitif de notre dissension se trouve votre unique et veritable debiteur, relatif au dedommagement que Monsr Lomax desire, s'il est en droit de le desirer (suivant la declaration du Commandant de son batiment, il n'a rien perdu, par consequent rien à pretendre) Si vous n'avez le droit ni le pouvoir à vous faire payer par Breu, il n'y a pas de notre faute, nous ne payerons pour lui. Et si cette triste attente et vos esperances vous pouvoient trouver convenir, Monsr, d'enfler des voyes de fait pour tacher de nous contraindre, nous nous trouverons obligés pour proteger efficacement les sujets et les effets de notre compagnie, c'est ainsi que nous ferions notre devoir, et nous sommes bien sûrs que lorsque notre conduite seroit examinée après, et touchée en ses pretensions et nos raisons, l'on trouveroit que c'est vous Monsieur, et aucunement nous, qui en serez venu aux extremités. Nous avons l'honneur etc

P. Woortman

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B 53. Read July 12th 1776

The Ctee to Gov (mail) & Council at CCC

London 19 June 1776

—Since the last of 15 May [P 50] they have received the of 30 Dec 1775 [P 51]

All letters written by / Gov to / Ctee shd be communicated to / Council of the Commerce before they are sent, if time permits; if not, as soon after as conveniently may be

It is utterly impossible for / ppr to have sent for us to form a compleat Judgt on / dispute betwn / Dutch subjects of Appam & our Brew, betwn / former & our Lomax; or betwn / Dutch Gov Woortman, & y. We therefore direct y to send us by 1st opptty / follg Accts, in / most perfect manner they possibly can be procured —

1. The nature of our Brews demand on / people of Appam, & the / 1st cause of / Violce committed by him, in seizg some of / Natives & Freemen of that place.

2. An authentic copy of / proceedgs in this cause before our John Woortman / Dutch Gov of Commantin, & an authentic copy of / Sentence he pronounced thereon.

3. An Inventory or Perticular of our Lomax's Vessel, & her Value, when she was seized by / people of Appam, & also an Invoice & Value of her Cargo.

4 A Copy of / Survey wch, we suppose, was taken on / sd Vessel after her arrival at CCC, &c, if so, she was next in April & found nothing in July.

We must agn refer y to / inclosed copy of our Minute of our determinn in / compensatn y shd think proper to make our Lomax, & we hope for to observe, that the, on / one hand, we wod by no means encourage, or justify any Violce committed by any man agst / Natives of Africa; yet, on / other hand we observe y never to forget that our Brew is a Subject of Gt Britain & as such, in common with all / rest of His Subjects, is as much entitled to ye protectn / British Forts can afford him, as / immediate Servants of / Co. Therefore ye distinctn or preference, in favour of / latter, in all publick disputes, shd be wholly laid aside, and we further observe y direct y to be very cautious how y take any rash or precipitate step, tending to embroil y with / Natives of Africa, or with ye neighbours, / Dutch Govs.

—The affair of / presents y propose to / Kings of Ashantee & Fantee, is postponed the supplies provided by / next annl Shipp — Mean time, hope to be informed that a market is opened for / Ashantee Trade nearer / Settlemts, as we are kind to increase / British Trade & Trade nearer / Settlemts, as we are kind to increase / British Trade & such a degree as will warrant / making presents of that Value. We are — &c

[No sigs]

B 54 Read Nov 22d 1776.

—Memorial of Ctee & / Rt Hon Lds Commrs of T. & P.

That in / year 1774 / Accroons having some demand on / Inhabts of / Towns of Lagoe & Mumford, / former blockaded the Towns, seized the people, & prevented them from getting provns. In this distress, / Lagoe & Mumford people applied to / Gov & Ctee at CCC. for the assistce.

That / Gov & Ctee, considg / above Towns of great importce to / Britsh Trade, gave decrs to our Mules / Chief of Fantin, querying to accomodate matters betwn / contendg parties in / best manner he cd.

That at length, by / influence of / sd our Mules, a Treaty was concluded betwn / Accroons & / Inhabts of / Towns of Lagoe & Mumford,

62. obliged to 30 slaves, to extricate themselves from an impending danger, but as we believe at / smallest calculation / ever payg it. Indeed, tho' even had they at / time that themselves bound to / fulfilling this agreemt, the Brest has so long suffered his demand to lay dormant, that it wd be difficult now to oblige so populous & powerful a set o people as / Fantees are, to satisfy a debt wh, by / length o time it has been neglected, they consider as in some measure cancelled; & to adopt forcible measures, we can by no means think o at / immediate crisis, as it wd involve us in disputes at / whole Fantee Country, & at / same time, put a total stop to Trade.

Respecting / Mumford pawns, Fenton, &c orders have not been so explicit as we cd wished. You say & were not accepted them as slaves, but directed them to be retained till / money advanced on / Public acct is repaid. It has been a custom from time immemorial in / settlg o all palavers &c / Public is the charge / expence attendg / settlg adjusting them, as / damages only charged to / Natives, as this is / case. / expence in settlg / palaver in question, amtg to £390. Cds pay (a much smaller sum than what / Public paid &c / Whole people, when they were attacked by / same enemy) cannot in any degree o propriety be charged to / Blacks, & this is / only way they have charged to / Public; for / amt o / Mercurius demand was paid by / Council at Cds wh they are not yet reimbursed. We advanced / money in Sept 1774 & expected to have had yr orders to have repaid ourselves out o / Supplies o this year, but as it was not / case we have now only to represent / affair again to you, & flatter ourselves you will order us to be reimbursed out o / next yrs supplies, shd you not of not, we have no other method o getting payment than by selling these pawns off / Coast. The consequence o wh wd be / certain loss o what we have all along on forging &c / 2 towns o Active & Mumford / inhabitants whose wh constantly put themselves under / protection o / Dutch: We observe / satisfaction you express at / free trade being open at those places; we have / pleasure to acquaint you it still continues so, many British factories being settled there; wh hour must all fear to / ground that / pawns be sold. Indeed / Dutch wd be glad to get possession o those places at / easy expence o redeeming them.

... [Inquiries of Capn Taylor &c / Phoenix by his slaves taken in his boat when returning to his ship in Accra roads, the ship going to Capt Coast &c / Martha] — Enclosed / Consul Pindar. — I am — &c

David Mill

B. 56 Read Decr 3rd 1776.

[Summary]

Anno 1775

An acct o / money paid & expended by / Clerk o / Co's Markets Trading to Africa &c / Support & Improvemt o / Forts & Settlements on / Gold Coast. The Clerk answerg &c ... [9 names] ...

Paid for / Clerk &c 1774. Balce o last yrs acct viz

On acct o Forts & Settlements	1438-18-6	
On acct o Senegal	843-14	2312-12-6
By Warrants &c / Treasy on acct o Forts & Settlements	13002	
Deduct Fees	342-13-6	12659-6-6
& Cash paid Limbing Freedom &c 9 prsns		53-12-0
		15,023-11-0

Expended C.C.C. 13308-15-0
Senegal 12-10-0 13321-5-0

Balce to / Clerk &c 1776 viz

On acct o Forts & Settlements	841-2-0	
On acct o Senegal	861-4-0	1702-6-0
		15,023-11-0

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B 57. Recd Febry 1777.

24 December 1777. Admty office. Beg stateing to Secy to / Lds Comrs of Trade &c
By command o / Lds Comrs o / Admty, sends 2 / Inform^n
o / Lds Comrs o Trade &c Reports o / State & Creton o / Forts & Settlemts on / Coast o
Africa, recd from Captn Cornwallis late Commdr o H.M.S. Pallas.

[Summaries]

Tantumquery Fort 28 Febry 1776. B 58.
Martin Watts Chief. 1 Seyt, 1 do at Mumford, 1 Gunner & Soldrs. Slaves 6 m 2 W.
Guns 2^9. 8^4 10. 4^3. Canoes 1^{7h}, 1^{5h}. Bastions & thatched. Tank useless. Tower & Chiefs
warm. want repg. Trade. Slaves, & little gold & Ivory.

Appolonia Fort Jan. 1776 B 59
John Dixon Chief 2 Seyts. 1 Gunner. 5 soldiers. Slaves 6 m 2 W. Guns 6^6 6^3 8^2 6^1.
Canoes 1^{15h}, 1^{13h}. & indiff repair. Trade ... Exs in 1775 reported.

Dixcove Fort Jan 1776 B 60.
Lindays Deakin Chief. 1 Seyt. 1 Gunner 3 Soldiers. 1 Mulatto Child. Black Water. Slaves 5 m. 15 W
Guns 19^6. 9^3. 6^2. In good Order. Trade - Gold in return f European goods

Commenda Fort 16 Febry 1776 B 61.
Stues^r Beard Chief. 1 Seyt 1 Gunner 4 soldiers. Slaves 3 m. 4 W + c. Guns 2^{15}. 14^{12}. 6^4 good
23 ds o diffr calibres unfits. Top & Curtain wall crumbly. Some fissures. Sore wants Lucky
a little Trade in Slaves, also some gold & goods & rum.

Succondee Fort 14 Febry 1776 B 62.
Jerome Revd Wenties Chief. 1 Gunner, 4 Soldiers. Slaves 3 m 3 W + c. Guns 3^7 2^6 6^1 +
12^4 5^3 unfits. & runners will soon be unserviceable. Exterior walls most of / ground. & little Trade

Winnebah Fort n d B 63.
Thos Westgate Chief. 1 Seyt, 1 Gunner, 4 Mulatto soldiers. Slaves 5 m. 3 W + c. Guns 9^4. 14^3. 2 2
Things & Wife old when bought. Slave Trade much on / decline
a little Gold & Country Trade.

James Fort Accra n d. B 64.
Robert Collins Gov^r. 1 Factor at Ppram. 1 Surgeon. 1 Bricklayer. 1 Seyt. 1 do at Ppram. 1 do
10 Soldiers (inc. 2 at Ppram) Slaves 8 m. 21 W + c 5 b. Guns 2 8^{19}. 2 15^{12} 13^5. Canoe 1
wm Sackey Linguist. The Fort beg originally built of Clay & Stone, in g^d want o repairs
for / 40 years it has stood. Repairs beg done w a few Artificers. Trade at present
quite stopped owg to Wars in / inland countries.

Annamaboe Fort 25 Feb 1776. B 65.
Richd Miles Chief. 1 Second. 1 Surgeon. 1 Seyt. 1 Corpl. 1 Gunner. 1 Bridger & Soldiers.
Slaves 20 m. 2 b. 8 W + c. Guns 8^{24} 6^{18} 3^{12} 8^{18} 5^{15} 3^{12}. Eggs good
Repair. Over y^e 20 Slaves rd off by Prize ships here last year. Trade now not good, but
Returns & will increase considerably as soon as / Mess^rs return fm Ashantee.

C. C. C. 10 Feb 1776. B 66.
David Mill Gov^r in Chief. Chas Graves Asst Registr. Jos Marrique Secy. John Bartlett Watchmaker Gunner
Geo Ogilvie Surgeon & Dep Sec. 1 Factor & Officer of Guard, 2 Factors. 1 do & Cooper. Nich. Leman Surgeon's
Philip Quaque, Chapl & Asst in Castle Gloc. 1 Master of Schooner, 1 Master / Hyp. 1 Surg^n & 2 Cooks
9 Soldiers. 1 Bricklayer do. 1 Plasterer do. 1 Mate. Thos Meyer. 10 Mulatto Officers of Castle. Black Cook &
Surgeons Mate. Calyol Cabes Linguist. Frank Caley Black Writer. John Agra Sec Lucky assist.
Black Writer. See Barnisha Messr Roy. Slaves from 173 m (some upwards.)
4 Commenda Fanti Labourers. 26 Negroes of Mumford do. 101 W + c. 9 Negroes Mumford Fanti
Labourers. Guns 2^{12} 4^{11} 4^{10} 9^6 4^2 9^3 4^{19} 9^6 4^2 21^{11}. 1 Schooner 50 tun, 1 Schooner boat.
Canoes 2^{12}. 3^{12} 15^{12} 4^{12}. Soldiers Barracks Expensive & Rooms in Spair, in good order, are
1 Hall & Apartmts Magazine contiguous to same. New Bridge carrying on and plan sent to Chas
Tower platform to be planked & painted as soon as Guns mounted on / new Bastion.
Trade dull by reason of indiffr. carg to a dispute betwn / Fantees & Ashantees. We & most
Masters up at Ashantee endeavouring to adjust the dispute amicably, & they may have a
free passage to trade to / Eastwards.

(sgd) David Mill

B 69. Read Read 18 Feby 1777.

◦ Vide Journals H◦C. 22 Mar.

The Memorial ◦ / Merchts ◦ London trading to Africa.

Humbly sheweth.

That yr Memorialists having observed by / Votes ◦ / House ◦ Commons, that his Majesty has (by) graciously pleased to make a reference to yr Ldps to enquire into & prepare in order to be laid before ye House a Report ◦ / gen state ◦ / Trade to Africa / Condition ◦ / Forts & Settlemts thereto belonging to / African Co & in what manner / several Sums ◦ money granted by Parliament for maintaining & supporting / same, & how applyed.

Yr Memorialists therefore think themselves obliged to represent to yr Ldps that since passing / Act ◦ / 23rd Geo 2nd, wh put / management ◦ / Gold Coast ◦ Africa into / hands ◦ those Clerks men, / Trade for Negroes to that part ◦ / Coast where / best Negroes & / Laborious work ◦ cultivating / Sugar Cane & making it into sugar are mostly to be got, is diminished, / Trade for Ivory much lessened, & / Trade for Gold totally lost. Yr Memorialists having for some time past been obliged to export Gold from Great Britain to Africa to purchase Negroes, they required to furnish two Ounces ◦ Gold on every Slave, whereas formerly a quantity exceeding four hundred Ounces ◦ Gold was annually imported in every Ship from / Gold Coast ◦ Africa.

That / Evils wh arisen from / Power ◦ / Forts not exerting themselves to / utmost continuing open / roads from / Sea side leading into / Coast inland Countries from whence they formerly was, annually, a great Number ◦ those valuable Negroes, Gold & Ivory wh used to be imported to / Colonies & Great Britain from / Gold Coast ◦ Africa. And from / unjust practices ◦ certain Individuals who now are, or have been, Clerks men; who contrary to / duty ◦ their Office, entered into unwarrantable connexions with, & shipped large quantities ◦ Merchandize to Africa, consigned to / Agents ◦ / said Forts, to countenance protect & encourage them in establishing upon / Coast ◦ Africa, a monopoly ◦ / most dangerous nature; a monopoly in wh / Servants ◦ / Co were concerned with some ◦ / Clerks men, in violation ◦ their duty; & in breach ◦ their Trust, is upheld & maintained at / Public Expence.

Yr Memorialists beg leave to observe to / before mentd Act ◦ / 23rd Geo 2. & another Act passed in / 5th year ◦ his present Majestys reign, wh prohibits / Officers & Servts ◦ / Co in Africa from exporting Slaves to America, have discovered & perverted in Letter, & in Spirit, to / manifest prejudice ◦ / British Colonies, Commerce ◦ Great Britain with Africa, & her Trade Navigation & Revenue.

That / Governors ◦ / Forts in Africa have, contrary to / express provision in / Act aforesd, exported & continue to export great numbers ◦ Negroes from Africa, to / manifest disadvantage ◦ yr Memorialists, whose Voyages were greatly delayed thereby; & (if) if / Officers had not been allowed to Trade for Negroes, yr Memorialists could have purchased them much cheaper from / Negroe Traders, than from said Officers, who have exported / best Negroes to America on account ◦ themselves & those concerned with them; by which yr Memorialists were reduced to / necessity ◦ purchasing / inferior sort ◦ Negroes much dearer than they could have bought / best sorts from / Black Traders.

Yr Memorialists pray yr Ldps will be pleased to take / abuses aforesd into Consideration, & to give such remedy & assistance therein as to yr Ldps shall seem meet

And we / undersigned / undersigned Subscribers shall ever pray &c.

[Signed by 15 names including those ◦ Willm Chalmers, & Jno Roberts. 22 D.]

Note, / Signatures are —

John Cogerlan
Peter Bostock
Thos Pool
Geo Burton
Willm Chalmers
Ellis Needham
Arthur Bacon
Wm Coleman
Francis & Shepherd
Jno Roberts
Gilbt Dawson Reed
Tho Bennet
Isaac Bernal Junr
Wm Wilson
John Fletcher

1776 - 1777

[BT 6/3. Board]

B 70. Read 20 Feby
Read 24 Feby } 1777

Merchts Hall. Bristol 17 February 1777

Sir I duly recd yr Letter of 13th inst communicating / desire of my Lds Commrs of T & P. to know / Sentiments & opinion of Traders in this Port & / Coast of Africa concern[g] / utility of / Forts & Settlants on / Coast, & / conduct of those to whose care they are entrusted, I minutely summoned / Trade to meet this day at Hall for the purpose them. The impt[ce] of the enquiries consider, & they is promised to weigh it duly; & as soon as I can collect the opinion, supported by facts, I will lay / same before my Lds. I am &c -

Hen. Garnett, Master

Rt Cumberland Esq.

B 71 Read Feby 24 1777.

Annual Grants

1750	£		£10000	1765		13000	
-51			10000		Apoll.	7000	20000
-52			10000	1766			13000
1753	Abce	10,000	6000	67			13000
			16000	68			13000
1754			10000	1769	CCC	13000	
1755	Ditto	10000				2000	15000
		6000	16000	1770			13000
1756			10000	1771		13000	
57			10000		Ditto	2000	15000
58			10000	1772		13000	
59			10000		Ditto	2400	15400
1760			10000	1773			13000
1761			13000	1774			13000
62			13000	-75			13000
63			13000	1776			13000
64			13000				343,400

B 72. Read 24 Feby 1777

Annual Balances

1751	In favour of Clee	£ 3089 - 2 - 0	1764	In dis favour of Co	£ 2824 - 13 - 4
-52	Do	4584 - 3 - 7	-65	Do	2344 - 8 - 4
-53	In dis favour of Do	79 - 16 - 2	-66	Do	3267 - 14 - 2
-54	In favour of Do	3023 - 5 - 0	-67	Do	4257 - 17 - 1
-55	In dis favour of Do	1966 - 8 - 2	-68	Do	5818 - 1 - 0
-56	In favour of Do	1789 - 14 - 6	-69	Do	11959 - 2 - 6
-57	In dis favour of Do	1376 - 16 - 0	1770	Do	12,316 - 14 - 7
-58	Do	2748 - 7 - 3	-71	Do	13,953 - 2 - 4
-59	Do	3688 - 12 - 2	-72	Do	12,335 - 4 - 0
1760	Do	1695 - 15 - 9	-73	Do	16,165 - 15 - 1
-61	Do	1407 - 13 - 11	-74	Do	17,497 - 15 - 1
-62	Do	6588 - 2 - 4	-75	Do	13,943 - 5 - 2
63	Do	5234 - 6 - 4			

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B 13. Read 24 Feb 1844.

1459

Civil Establishmt of C C C.

Station	Pay p Annm.		Total
1 Govr	as Govr £400 Fa Table 400	}	£800
1 Accmt	as Factor 80 as Accmt 120	}	200
1 Secry	as Factor 80 as Secy 70	}	150
1 Dep. Whse Kpr	as Factor 80 as Dy Whse Kpr 20	}	100
1 Surgeon	as Factor 80 as Surgeon 20	}	100
One Registr	as Factor 80 as Registr 15	}	95
4 Factors	80		560
1 Assr Surgeon			40
1 Butler			50
1 Gardener			50
2 Caffre Bombays	50 38	}	96
1 Steward c/ Hospital			96
1 Surveyor			100 £2364

Military Establishmt.

1 Lieut or Overseer 1 Caffre Bombays	£100	
1 Lieut Superintendent	50	
1 Serjeant	50	
1 Farmer	30	
2 Corpls @36	72	
30 Soldiers @27	810	1112.

Establishmt of Annamboe

1 Chief	1st Chief £200 Fa Table 150	} £350	
1 Writer		60	
1 Overseer		80	
1 Smith		50	
1 Master Mason		40	
2 Serjts	£36	72	
1 Gunner		36	
4 Soldiers	@27	108	796

Establishmt of Tantumquerry

1 Chief		100	
1 Serjt		36	
1 Gunner		36	
4 Soldiers	@27	108	280

Establishmt of Winnebah

1 Chief		£100	
1 Serjt		36	
1 Gunner		36	
6 Soldiers	@27	162	334.

Establishmt of Accra & Prampram

1 Chief		£100	
1 Factor, Pprm		80	
1 Serjt Accra 1 " Pprm	@36	72	
1 Gunner Accra		36	
6 Soldiers Accra 1 " Pprm	@27	189	477.

Winneba £306

Establishmt of Commenda

1 Chief		£100	
1 Serjt		36	
1 Gunner		36	
10 Soldiers	@27.	270	442

Establishmt of Succondee

1 Chief		100	
1 Serjt		36	
1 Gunner		36	
5 Soldiers	@27	135	307

Establishmt of Dixcove

1 Chief		100	
1 Serjt		36	
1 Gunner		36	
5 Soldiers	@27.	135	307.

CCC. Civil Establishmt £2364
Military " 1112 £3476

Accra	796
Tantumquerry	280
Winneba	334
Accra & Pprm	477
Winneba	306
Commenda	442
Succondee	307
Dixcove	307
	£6728

1776 – 1779.

[BT 6/5 B. contd.]

B 44 Read 24 Feby 1777.

1773.

Cairé Establishm^t f C.C.C.

Station	Pay p annm.		
1 Factor	as Agent £400 / as Factor 400	£800	
1 Accomt	as Factor £50 / As Accomt 120	200	
1 Secry	as Surgeon 100 / as Secry 100	200	
1 Lobse Kpr	as Factor 80 / as Gunner 40	120	
1 Dep Secry	as Factor 80 / as dep Secry 50	130	
1 Factor		100	
3 Factors	@ 80	240	
1 Surveyor		150	
2 Brick Layers	@ 70	140	
1 Mason		50	
1 Carpr		70	
1 Carpr		36	
1 Master of Hospitl		50	
1 Castle Bombay		50	2336

Military Establishm^t

1 Officer of Guard	£ 120	
1 Sergt	50	
2 Corpls @ 36	72	
1 Drum Major	36	
5 Drummers + Fifers @ 18	90	
41 Soldiers @ 24	1107	1475

C.C.C. Civil Establishm^t £2336 / Military Establishm^t 1475

Annamaboe £ 1011
Tantumquerry 1099
Winnebah 564
Accra + Prampram 947-10
Whydah 923
Commenda 360
Succonder 307
Dixcove 213
Appolonia 316
280

£ 6,320 - 10

Establishm^t f Annamaboe

1 Chief	£500	
1 Factor	100	
1 Surgeon	80	
1 Sergt	50	
1 Corpl	36	
1 Gunner	36	
1 Gardiner	36	
9 Soldiers @ £24	243	
1 Soldier	18	1099

Establishm^t f Tantumquerry

1 Chief	£100	
1 Factor	80	
1 Surgeon	70	
1 Bricklayer	36	
1 Sergt	36	
1 Gunner	36	
5 Soldiers @ 24	135	
1 "	18	
1 Blind	9	564

Establishm^t f Winnebah

1 Chief	£100	
1 Sergt	36	
1 Gunner	36	
6 Soldiers @ £24	162	
1 Soldier	13-10	347-10

Establishm^t f Accra + Prampram

1 Chief	£100	
1 Factor, Accra / Prampram @ £80	160	
1 Surgeon Accra	80	
1 Bricklayer "	70	
1 Corpl "	24	
1 Sergt Accra / 1 " Prampram / 1 " Key @ £36	108	
1 Gunner Accra	36	
9 Soldiers @ 24	243	
1 Fifer "	9	
2 Soldiers @ 18	18	
4 Soldiers Prampram @ 24	54	923

Establishm^t f Whydah £360

Establishm^t f Commenda

1 Chief	100	
1 Sergt	36	
1 Gunner	36	
5 Soldiers @ 24	135	307

Establishm^t f Succonder

1 Chief	100	
1 Gunner + Bombay	42	
1 Sergt	36	
5 Soldiers @ 24	135	213

Establishm^t f Dixcove

1 Chief	100	
1 Sergt	36	
6 Soldiers @ 24	162	
1 Black Doctor	18	316

Establishm^t f Appolonia

1 Chief	100	
1 Sergt	36	
1 Gunner	36	
4 Soldiers @ 24	108	280

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B. 45 Read 24 Feby 1774

1775

Civil Establishment & C.C.C.

	Salaries	Pay & comm.		
1 Secretary	as Secretary	£402	£	£800
	as Paymaster	400		
1 Auditor	as Auditor	80		200
	as Accomptant	120		
1 Secretary	as Factor	80		150
	as Secretary	40		
1 Whitepr	as Factor	40		120
	as Surveyor	40		
1 Surgeon	as Surgeon	100		150
	as Dep Secretary	50		
1 Assistant Surgeon + Factor				80
2 Factors		80		160
1 Asst Surgeon + Writer				60
1 Surveyor				150
1 Master of Schooner				90
1 Carpenter				70
1 Castle Bombay				50
1 Master of Hospital				50 2120
Military Establishment				
1 Officer of Guard				120
1 Serjt				50
2 Corpls	@ £36			72
1 Drum Major				96
4 Drummers + Fifers	@ £24			108
6 "	@ £15.10			91
26 Soldiers	@ £24			702 1169

C.C.C. Civil Establishment £2120
Military Establishment 1169

Annamaboe	328	9
Tantumquerry	94	7
Winnebah	43	9.10
Accra & Pampram	54	7
Ichyidah	23	0
Commenda	19	0
Succondee	34	0
Dixcove	27	1
Appolonia	33	4
	£1054	10-0

Establishment of Annamaboe

1 Chief	£500	
1 Factor	100	
1 Serjt	50	
1 Corpl	36	
1 Gunner	36	
1 Gardener	36	
7 Soldiers @ £24	189	941

Establishment of Tantumquerry

1 Chief	£100	
1 Writer	60	
1 Serjt	36	
1 " at Mumford	36	
1 Gunner	36	
6 Soldiers @ 27	162	
1 Blind Soldier	9	439

Establishment of Winnebah

1 Chief	£100	
1 Serjt	36	
1 Gunner	36	
6 Soldiers @ 24	162	
1 Soldier	13.10	347

Establishment of Accra & Pampram

1 Chief	£100	
1 Factor + Surgeon Accra	80	
1 Factor Pppram	80	
1 Serjt Accra	36	
1 " Pppram	36	
1 Gunner Accra	36	
2 Bricklayers @ £70	140	
1 Carpter	24	
10 Soldiers @ £24	240	
2 " Pppram	54	
1 " "	19	877

Establishment at Ichyidah £230

Establishment of Commenda

1 Chief	£100	
1 Serjt	36	
1 Gunner	36	
4 Soldiers @ £24	108	280

Establishment of Succondee

1 Chief	£100	
1 Serjt	36	
1 Gunner + Bombay	42	
6 Soldiers @ 24	162	340

Establishment of Dixcove

1 Chief	£100	
1 Serjt	36	
1 Gunner	36	
9 Soldiers @ 24	81	
1 Black Writer	18	271

Establishment of Appolonia

1 Chief	£100	
1 Serjt	36	
1 Gunner	36	
6 Soldiers @ 24	162	334

B. 46. Read 24 Feby 1774

Casualty Leaves

	1758	1768	1769	1770	1771	1772	1773
C.C.C.	194	314	324	327	303	306	321
Annamaboe	47	35	29	29	32	35	35
Tantumquerry	12	10	7	6	6	6	11
Winnebah	10	10	11	11	15	15	12
Accra & Pampram	96	59	58	48	48	48	44
Ichyidah	96	85	83	77	74	76	79
Commenda	60	21	21	16	12	11	14
Succondee	10	15	13	13	15	14	14
Dixcove	28	36	35	35	32	39	34
Appolonia	-	29	28	28	19	12	10

1746 – 1747.

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B. H. no 1. Read July 27 1747.

Expenditure in Africa

1754.

Arrears or Balance due to/Sirats at/ last books on 1 Jan 1754	Amt of Goods stores &c remaining at CCC. on 1 Jan 1754	Amt of Supplies recd from Europe in 1754	Profit thereon &/goods & Stores issued in 1754	Total Supplies & 1754
£2616-15-6	£4406-10-0½	£6827-1-2½	£9959-7-3	£20592-18-6

Expenditure at /Sea Forts	White Slaves Salaries	Black Slaves Pay	Goods Slaves	Purchases & Remittances Bills	Presents & Tasters	Stores furnished in Africa	Vessels & small Craft	Sick, Wounded & Dead	Received Rents & duties Custom	Charges on Pleasures	Forts Repairs	Charges paid in England	Total expenditure & 1754	Arrears at/ Balance due to/ Sirats 1754
C.C.C.	3,675-8-9½	43-18-9	1667-10-6	1328-12-6	797-1-0	1191-10-11	239-4-0	128-15-4	114-1-0	120-10-0	...	1695-14-3	9921-6-0½	3454-10-7
A'boe	591-5-2	13-2-9	311-5-0	93-12-2	703-15-10	362-19-11	4-0-0	14-12-...	42-15-0	105-5-0	...	...	2202-13-1	
Tantum Gt	290-12-3	11-7-6	103-5-	60-...	90-7-6	59-4-6	...	18-10-...					733-6-9	
W'boh	431-10-1	10-...	87-7-6	82-4	138-12-6	71-3-½	3-0-9	10-18-4	90-...	23-5-0	...	...	391-4-9½	
Accra	510-3-7	16-3	144-12-6	129-19-6	200-13-9	543-17-6			120-...				1458-6-10	
Whydah	211-2-2	...	306-5-	82-13-6	179-5-0	93-15-		20-16-9					991-17-5	
Commenda	336-16-5	4-1-...	225-19-6	150-10	111-5-0	255-3-1	...	1-8-...					1182-2	
Succondee	300-0-9	5-0	65-10-	99-15-6	82-10-	42-3-1	25-7-9	12-10-					661-17-1	
Dixcove	352-15-	10-5	235-10-	69-15-...	69-12-6	85-10-	...	4-17-6					910-...	
	6565-14-2½	498-11-3	3307-5-	847-2-2	2377-3-1	2743-7-7½	271-0-6	194-15-11	366-5-0	265-...	...	1695-14-3	19352-19-0½	3454-10-7

Dr

To goods &c remaing in Africa 1st Jan this Year to/amt 0 — £4406-10-0½

To supplies recd from Europe this Year — 6827-1-2½

To profit or advance on /issues this Year 0½

On goods & stores taken from what remained in Africa £2328-15-5½

On /Supplies recd from Europe 6827-1-2½

On goods & stores advanced by /Sirats this Year more than/last 637-15-1

On £9993-11-6 @ £93-13-5% — 9359-7-3

£20,592-18-6

Arrears or Balce due to/Sirats 31 Decr 1754 — 3454-10-7

£24047-9-1

The Accot as above C2

By paid/arrears wch was due to/Sirats 1st Jan this Year £2616-13-6

By total Expenditure at sd Forts as above particularized 19352-19-0

By goods & stores &c remaing in Africa 2077-14-7

£24047-9-1

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B 44 No 2.

[Summary of/Statemt as in No 1]

1758

Arrears or Balce due to/Servts at/sevl Forts	1 Jan 1758	3454-10-7
Amt of goods, Stores &c remaining at C.C.C.	1 Jan 1758	2011-14-7
The amt of Supplies recd from Europe in/Year 1758		8281-10-8
Profit or advance on/goods & Stores issued in/Year 1758		9429-14-3
Total Supplies &/Year 1758		19788-19-6

Expenditure at/sevl Forts [Totals of each Head]

Gouvernors Salaries	£6812-7-4½	[of ccc 3762.6.0½; Abce £856.19.6 Tantumq Accra 600.16.6. Theirs £100-£300 each]
Blacksmens Pay	807-10-	[ccc. 108.15.0 Abce 252. Tantumq 112.]
Castle Slaves.	3195-7-6	[ccc 1464. Abce 549.15. Accra 135.5, Cda 336.5 Dixcove 189.17.6 The rest under £100]
Free Canoemen & Labourers	1140-11-7	[ccc 329.11.4 Abce 341.19.4. Cda 196.]
Presents & Duskes.	1691-0-1½	[ccc 499.14 Abce 555-18.7½ Cda 109.11.3]
Stores furnished in Africa.	2491-15-7	[ccc 1194.7.7½ Abce 405.17.6. Accra 151-15-4½ Cda 528.13.2½]
Vessels & Small craft	128.4.0½	
Sick Wounded &/Dead	235-4-8	
Ground Rent & Water Custom	144-10-	[ccc 128-10. Abce 16. [=£144.10/rest one]
Mutineers & Prisoners	33-8-0½	[Abce only]
Charges on Palavers	138-5-0	[ccc 2-15-0 Abce 116. Cda 18.10. Succon 1.]
Forts Repairs	- - -	
Charges pd in England	£2264-17-3	[ccc only]
	£19082-16-2	

[Total Expenditure &/each Fort :-

ccc.	4966-17-9½
Abce	3134-18-1
Tantumq	664-7-9½
Kboh	442-12-6
Accra	1037-1-10½
Wkydah	930-13-6
Cda	1583-14-0½
Succondee	636-8-9
Dixcove	656-6-11
	£19082-16-2]

Arrears or Balce due to/Servts at/sevl Forts 31 Dece 1758 - £5510-19-10

The Accot as above :-

Dr.

To Goods Stores &c remaing in Africa 1st Jan this year, to/amto	£2011-14-7
To Supplies recd from Europe this Year	8281-10-8
To Profit or Advance on/issues of this Year viz:	
On/Supplies recd from Europe	8281-10-8
On Goods or Stores advanced by/Servts this Year more than/last	2056-9-3
On £10337-19-11 at £9-4-3 Pct	9429-14-3
	19788-19-6
Arrears or Balce due to/Servts 31 Dece 1758	5510-19-10
	£25299-19-4

Cr.

By paid/Arrears wch was due to/Servts 1st Jan this year	£3454-10-7
By total Expendre at all/Forts as above particularized	19082-16-2
By Goods, Stores &c remaing at C.C.C. 31 Dec this year	2762-12-7
	£25299-19-4

1776 – 1777.

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B44 no 3.

Expenditure in Africa

1769

Arrears or Debts due to / Servts at / sevl forts 1st Jan 1769.	—	11043 15 11
Amt o goods, stores remaing at CCC. 1st Jan 1769	—	2165 14 11
Amt o Supplies recd fm Europe at / year 1769	—	11840 12 3
Profit or Advance on / goods + stores issued in / year 1769	—	1352 12 8
Total Supplies f / year 1769	—	27518 19 10

Expenditure at / sevl forts: –	[Total]	
White mens Salaries	£3293 18 6	[CCC 3790 16 6 Aboe 974 Wbah 438 10 10 Accra 856 11 Appol 513 11 6 Tho's under £400]
Blackmens Pay	1545 14 2	[CCC 179 15 Aboe 209 6 9 Wbah 154 10 Accra 358 19 2 Cda 138 Appol 222]
Castle Slaves.	4916 15 5	[CCC 2667 14 7 Aboe 280 8 4 Accra 358 19 2 Appol 222. Tho's 2 300]
Free Canoe + Labourers Wages	2785 10 5	[CCC 967 11 1 Wbah 209 16. Appol 770 2 6 Ors 1-200]
Presents + Dashes	2607 13 8	[CCC 749 17 7 Aboe 601 6 6 Tantumq 83 Wbah 63 Accra 103 Cda 84 Succ 12 Dcae 43 Appol 20]
Stores Furnished in Africa	2304 16 1	[CCC 1643 Aboe 158 Accra 103]
Vessels + Small Craft	1288 19 11	[CCC 1125 Wbah 41 Accra 11]
Sick Wounded + Dead	221 9 5	
Ground Rent + Water System	54	[CCC 54]
Mariners + Prisoners	16 19 4	[CCC]
Charges f Palavers	146 15 0	[CCC 25 Aboe 28 Cda 68 Dcae 21]
Forts Repairs	2495 12 2	[CCC 1713 Accra 400 Cda 94 Appol 464 Ors under 30]
Charges pd in England	1136 2 2	[CCC]
	27834 6 3	

Arrears o Debts due to Servts at / sevl forts 31 Dec 1769

12.776 13 4

Total expenditure o each fort under above heads.

C.C.C.	14220 5 6	
Aboe	2446 2	
Tantumq	819 19 9	
Wbah	1173 4 6	
Accra	2136 3 2	
Wbah dah	1485 12 10	[Succondee 708 13 9]
Cdah	1153 5 8	
Dcae	850 14 2	
Appol.	2810 4 11	£27.834 6 5 [sic]

The Accompt as above

Dr

To goods, stores remaing at CCC / 1st Jan this year is / amt o		£2165 14 11
To supplies recd fm Europe this year		11840 12 3
To profit + advance on / issues o this year		
on goods + stores taken fm what remained in Africa	£748 4 1	
on / Supplies recd fm Europe	11840 12 3	
on goods + stores advanced by / Sevts this year more than Cost	1732 14 5	
On £14321 13 9 @ £9470 p cr		19512 12 8
		23518 19 10
Arrears o Debts due to / Servts 31 December 1769		12776 13 4
		£40295 13 2

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By paid / arrears wh was due to / servts 1st o Jan this year	£11043 15 11
By Total Expenditure at sevl / forts as above particularized	27834 6 5
By goods, Stores remaing at CCC 31 Dec this year	1417 10 10
	40295 13 2

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Expenditure in Africa.

1770

Arrears or Bales due to / Scrutts at / said Forts / 1st Jan 1770		12176 - 13 - 4
Amt o goods, stores rc remaining at C.C.C. / 1st Jan 1770		1417 - 10 - 10
Amt o supplies recd from Europe in / year 1770		14615 - 3 - 9
Profit or advance on / Goods & stores issued in / year 1770		12948 - 14 - 4
Total supplies for / Year 1770		28981 - 9 - 11
Arrears or Bales due to / Scrutts at / said Forts 31 Dec. 1770		13445 - 14 - 2
Expenditure at / said Forts [Totals only]		
whitewashing Salaries	£8680 - 17 - 4	[CCC 4618 - 4 - 7. Abor 1047 - 11 - 6 Accra 568 - 4 - 8. The o/s each above £300] shillings & pence omitted
Blacksmiths Pay	1445 - 15 - 7½	[CCC 111. Abor 220. Wheh 157. Accra 274. Cde 139. Appol 216. The o/s under £100]
Castle Slaves	4450 - 14 - 2.	[CCC 256. Abor 280. Accra 230. Whydah 46. Cde 134, Dixcove 183 Appol 331. The o/s under £100]
Five Coopers & Labourers here	1531 - 4 - 6	[CCC 542. Wheh 143. Succondee 118. Dixcove 100. Appol 224. 0/s under £100]
Presents & Baskets	2418 - 7 - 9.	[CCC 740. Abor 469. Wheh 100. Accra 111 Wheh Appol 294. 0/s over £50]
Stores furnished in Africa.	1851 - 19 - 4	[CCC 1079. Abor 201. Accra 217. 0/s under £100]
Vessels & Small Craft Salaries & Boat	544 17 5	[CCC 247. 0/s all under £20]
Sick Wounded & Dead	150 - 11 - 8	[CCC 34 . . .]
Ground Rents & Water Custom	159 - 13 - 4	[CCC only]
Mutineers & Prisoners	23 - -	[CCC & Appol £11 each.]
Charges on Palavers	244 - 13 - 0	[CCC 220 Accra 34]
Forts Repairs	4747 - 7 - 4	[CCC 3370. Abor 226. Wheh 212. Accra 41. Succ. 70 Appol 628 0/s under £50 - Above £1.]
Charges paid in England	2239 - 9 - 2	
	28521 - 10 - 0	

Total Expenditure o each Fort under above Heads

CCC	16041 - 0 - 4
Abor	2623 - 0 - 1
Tantumpi	764 - 14 - 3
Wheh.	1206 - 5 - 10
Accra	1814 - 7 - 11
Whydah	1430 - 19 - 0
Cde	894 - 3 - 8
Succ	792 - 16 - 8
Dixcove	791 - 11 - 3
Appol	2162 - 11 - 0
	28521 - 10 - 0

The Acct as above

Dr.

To goods, stores rc remaining at C.C.C. 1st Jan this year Brought o		£ 1417 - 10 - 10
To Supplies recd from Europe this year		14615 - 3 - 9
To profit on advance on / issues o this year viz		
on goods & stores Returned from what remained in Africa	£293 - 11 - 3	
on / Supplies recd from Europe	14615 - 39	
on goods & stores advanced by / Scrutts this yr more than / Cost	669 - 0 - 10	
	on 15572 - 15 - 10 @ £8 3 p/c	12948 - 14 - 4
		28981 - 9 - 11
Arrears or Bales due to / Scrutts 31 December 1770		13445 - 14 - 2
		42427 - 3 - 1

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By paid / Arrears wch was due to / Scrutts / 1st Jan this year		£ 12176 - 13 - 4
By total Expenditure at all / Forts as above particularized		28521 - 10 - 2 [sic]
By goods & stores rc remaining at C.C.C. 31 December this year		1728 - 19 - 7
		42427 - 3 - 1

1770 - 1771

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1771. Expenditure in Africa.

Arrears or Debts due to / Servts at / said Forts 1 Jan 1771		13.445 - 14 - 2
Amt o goods stores &c remaing at C.C.C. 1 Jan 1771		1128 - 19 - 7
Amt o Supplies sent for Europe in / yr 1771		12.686 - 3 - 5
Profit or Advance on / Goods & stores issued in / yr 1771		13041 - 8 - 0
Total Supplies for / Year 1771		26856 - 11 - 1
Arrears or Debts due to / Servts at / said Forts 31 December 1771.		14.979 - 4 - 4

Expenditure at / said Forts [Totals only]

White mens Salaries	8765. 13. 1	[Records only. CCC 4116. Aboe 971. T[illegible] 363 Wbah 363 Accra 673 Cda 284 Succ 385 D'cove 239. Appol 425.]
Blackmens Pay	1376 .	[CCC 101. Aboe 208 Wbah 166. Accra 294. Cda 144. Appol 204 Rest over £50]
Castle Slaves.	4269. 17. 6	[CCC 2514. Aboe 291. T[illegible] 48. Wbah 132 Accra 225. Cda 95 Succ 100 D'cove 18 Appol 250]
Free Canoemen & Labrs hire	1033. 18. 6	[CCC 429. Cda 110. 80 95-84]
Presents & Dashes	2074. 16. 10.	[CCC 740. Aboe 484. T[illegible] 84 Wbah 87 Accra 104 Cda 83 Succ 75 D'cove 79. Appol 125.]
Stores furnished in Africa	1874. 13. 8	[CCC 1218 Aboe 194. Accra 154. 0's under 100]
Vessels & Small Craft	721. 12. 2	[CCC 651 ...]
Sick Wounded & Dead	316. 18. 0	[CCC 308 ...]
Ground Rent & Water Custom	132 . .	[CCC only]
Mutineers & Runaways	23. 2. 6	[CCC. 20.]
Charges on Palavers	199. .	[CCC 76. Aboe 41. T[illegible] 10. D'cove 41]
Forts Repairs	4121. 7. 4	[CCC. 2498. Aboe 93. T[illegible] 54 Wbah 189 Accra 125 Cda 93. Succ. 98. D'cove 31. Appol 415]
Charges paid in England	2454. 19. 7	[CCC only]
	27.963. 19. 2	

Total Expenditure at each Fort under above Heads.

CCC	16221 - 9 - 4
Aboe	2405 - 2 - 6
T[illegible]	626 - 4 - 3
Wbah	991 - 14 - 7
Accra	1663 - 4 - 5
Wbay doh	1014 - 13 - 0
Cda	849 - 12 - 6
Succ.	842 - 1 - 9
D'cove	743. 13 - 9
Appol	1809 - 1 - 1
	27,963 19 - 2

The Accompt as above.

Dr.

To goods stores &c remaing at C.C.C. 1 Jan. this yr to / contra		1128. 19. 7
To Supplies sent for Europe this year		12686. 3. 5
To profit or advance on / issues this yr viz:		
on goods & stores taken for what imagined in Africa	102. 17. 4	
on / Supplies sent for Europe	12686. 3. 5	
on goods & stores returned by / Servts this yr more than / last	1533. 10. 5	
On	14322. 11. 2 @ 91-1-1 p[illegible]	13041. 8. -
Arrears or Debts due to / Servts 31 December 1771		26856. 11. 0
		14979. 4. 7
		41.835. 15. 7

Cr.

By part / arrears wh was due to / Servts 1 Jan this year	13 445. 14. 2
By total Expenditure at sale / Forts as above particularized	27. 363. 19. 2
By goods stores &c remaing at C.C.C. 31 Dec. this year	1026. 2 3
	41, 835 15 7

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B/H. No 6

Expenditure in Officers

1772

Arrears in Debts due 6/Sects at /sect Forts 1 Jan. 1772 — £4479 - 4 - 7
Stock & goods, stores &c remaining at C.C.C. 1 Jan. 1772 — £1026 - 2 - 8
Stock & supplies sent for Europe ship /5 1772 — £15244 - 1 - 6
Profit on Returns on /goods remitted in /5 1772 — £2941 - 18 - 0
Total Supplies 6/ from 1772 — £20211 - 19 - 7
Arrears in Debts due 6/Sects at /sect Forts 31 Dec. 1772 — £1578 - [illegible] - 1

Expenditure at /sect Forts [illegible]

Whitemans Salaries — 1945 5 4 [illegible]
Blackmores Pay — 1620 [illegible]
Castle Charges — £283 - 12 - 6 [illegible]
Fire Carriages & Labourers Hire — 934 - 17 - 6 [illegible]
Presents & Batta — 2192 - 12 - 9 [illegible]
Stores furnished in Officers — 1884 - 11 - 8 [illegible]
Vessels & Small Craft — 930 2 - 4 [illegible]
Sick Wounded & Dead — 407 - 14 - 9 [illegible]
Bounty & Travel Charges of Recruits Gratuities & Pensions — 187 10 0 [illegible] — 31 10 0
Charges on Packets — 344 - 7 - 0 [illegible]
Forts Repairs — £662 - 18 - 3 [illegible]
Charges paid in England — 1938 17 0 [illegible]

£8267 - 19 - 1

Total Expenditure at each Fort since above 1 Jan. 1772

C.C.C.	1826	5 1
Anjengo	2317	5 6
Tellicherry	1116	2 3
Calicut	1108	2 10
Mangalore	1259	4
Bombay	852	12 4
Surat	770	3 7
Carwar	220	5 5
Tellicherry	479	14 4
Bussorah	1585	16 9
	£8267	19 1

The Charges on above

Dr

To Stocks Stores &c remaining at C.C.C. 1 Jan. this year 6/sect — £1026 - 2 - 8
To Supplies sent for Europe this year — £15244 - 1 - 6
To profit on Returns on /Goods this year
To /Supplies sent for Europe £15244 - 1 - 6
On Goods & Stores remained by /Sects 31 Dec. this /Sect
On /4 £2941 - 18 - 0 — £2941 - 18 - 0
£12302 - 4 - 6 @ £20 - 12 p Ct — £2461 - 16 - 0
Arrears in Debts due 6/Sects 31 Dec. 1772 — £1578 - [illegible] - 1
£ 44090 - 6 - 10

Cr.

By Stock & Stores &c remaining at C.C.C. 1 Jan. this for — £4479 - 4 - 7
By Sects Expenditure sent /Forts as here particularized — £8267 - 19 - 1
By Goods Stores &c remaining at C.C.C. 31 Dec. this for — £2943 - 3 - 2
£ 44090 - 6 - 10

1776 — 1777.

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Expenditure in Africa.

1773.

1. Arrears or Debts due to / Servts at / said Forts 1 Jan 1773		£15,178-7-1
2. Amt of Goods Stores &c remaing at C.C.C. 1 Jan 1773		2943-3-2
3. Amt of Supplies sent fm Europe in / Yr 1773		13935-17-7
4. Profit or advance on / Goods & Stores issued in / Yr 1773		12960-6-11
5. Total Supplies & / Years 1773		29739-7-7
6. Arrears or Debts due to / Servts at / said Forts 31 Dec 1773		17419-5-6

Expenditure at / said Forts [Totals] (Yearly)

7. Whites Mens Salaries & Allowances	9692-13-0	[CCC 520. Abce 1025. Tqy 551. Lobeh 330. Accra 532. Cda 342. Succ 385. Dcve 269. Appol 325.]
8. Blackmens Pay	1302-10-0	[CCC 164. Abce 188. Tqy 137. Lobeh 166. Accra 114. Cda 198. Succ 365. Dcve 269. Appol 325.]
9. Castle Slaves	5010-3-9	[CCC 3140. Abce 308. Tqy 126. Lobeh 90. Accra 228. Cda 94. Succ 104. Dcve 173. Appol 122.]
10. Free Canoe men & Labrers hire	1503-14-6	[CCC 583. Abce 114. Tqy 123. Lobeh 115. Cda 215. 0 Sds under 100.]
11. Presents & Dashes	2514-1-6	[CCC 676. Abce 570. Tqy 94. Lobeh 114. Accra 144. Cda 95. Succ 80. Dcve 84. Appol 134.]
12. Stores furnished in Africa	2106-18-0	[CCC 1249. Abce 246. Accra 139. 0 Sds over 50. Lobeh & Succ 13.]
13. Vessels & Small Craft	382-0-3	[CCC 278. Tqy 98. ---]
14. Sick Wounded & Dead	458-6-3	[CCC 436 ---]
15. Ground Rent & Water Custom	134	[CCC 134]
16. Charges on Palavers	436-14-9	[CCC 233. Tqy 93. Lobeh 21. Accra 68. Cda 33.]
17. Forts Repairs	5240-18-3	[CCC 410. Abce 69. Tqy 433. Lobeh 101. Accra 165. Cda 54. Succ 5. Dcve 4-11-3. Appol 81.]
18.		
19. Charges paid in England	1944-17-11	[CCC 1944-17-11]
	30726-19-6	[sic]

Total Expenditure at each Fort under above Heads.

CCC.	18148-2-3
Abce	2590-11-4
Tqy	1651-19-9
Lobeh	1029-18-8
Accra	1480-17-0
Lobeh	1969-0-1
Cda	1054-13-3
Succ.	722-15-6
Dcve	792-0-9
Appol	986-19-9
	30726-18-6 (sic)

The Accompt as above

Dr

NB. The items are exactly / same as in / previous accts.
The figures are as follow:—

1589-15-8
13935-17-7
2240-18-4

On 17466-11-7 @ £12-19 pct

2943-3-2
13935-17-7
12960-6-11
29739-7-7
17419-5-6
47158-13-1

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£15178-7-1
30726-18-6
1253-7-6
47158-13-1

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Expenditure in Africa
1774

[1114]
1 17419 · 5 · 6
2 1253 · 7 · 6
3 12685 · 3 · 1
4 14617 · 19 · 6
5 28556 · 10 · 1
6 18484 · 0 · 5

	Expenditure at / each Forts	[totals]
7.	8437 · 1 · 4	[CCC 4192 Abor 1039. Tq¥ 486 Wboh 395 Accra 851 Cda 242. Succ 321 Dcse 298 Appol 350]
8.	1435 · 10 · 0	[CCC 211. Abor 204 Tq¥ 130 Wboh 166 Accra 154 Cda 147. Succ. 67. Dcse 99 Appol. 122]
9.	4392 · 4 · 6	[CCC 2696. Abor 335. Tq¥ 130 Wboh 92. Accra 249 Cda 78 Succ 93. Dcse 168 Appol. 121]
10.	1800 · 6 · 0	[CCC 560 Abor 111. Tq¥ 163 Wboh 160 Accra 84. Cda 292. Succ 118. Dcse 132. Appol 85]
11.	2414 · 18 · 0	[CCC 963 Abor 612. Tq¥ 167 Wboh 104 Accra 116 Cda 95. Succ 74 Dcse 98. Appol 129]
12.	1941 · 11 · 10	[CCC 1092. Abor 130 Tq¥ 21 Wboh 251 Accra 118 Cda 54 Succ 12. Dcse 55 Appol 52]
13.	1136 · 4 · 1	[CCC 898. Cda 191. Succ 20 under 20]
14.	307 · 12 · 3	[CCC 247 ...]
15.	51 · . .	[CCC 51]
16.	10 · 4 · 6	[Tq¥ only]
17.	956 · 10 · 7	[CCC 122 Abor 9. Tq¥ 428 Accra 30 Cda 65]
18.	4789 · 4 · 7	[CCC 3108. Abor 62 Tq¥ 350 Wboh 54 Accra 455 Cda 91. Succ 8 Dcse 20 Appol 11]
19.	952 · 5 · 11	[CCC only]
	28624 · 19 · 7	

Total Expenditure at each Fort under these Heads

CCC.	15994 · 12 ·
Abor	2512 · 11 · 1
Tq¥	2206 · 1 · 9
Wboh	1125 · 15 · 6
Accra	2099 · 13 · 2
Wbydah	1196 · 14 · 6
Cda	1292 · 7 · 11
Succ.	695 · 10 · 2
Dcse	843 · 8 · 4
Appol	995 · 5 · 2
	28624 · 19 · 7

The Accompt as above

Dr.

[no. Forts page]

1253 · 7 · 6
12685 · 3 · 1

254 · 2 · 1
12685 · 3 · 1
1064 · 14 · 11
On 14004 · 0 · 1 @ £104.7.2 pcn — 14617 · 19 · 6
28556 · 10 · 1
18484 · 0 · 5
47040 · 10 · 6

Cr.

17419 · 5 · 6
28624 · 19 · 7
996 · 5 · 5
47040 · 10 · 6

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Expenditure on Africa

1775.

[1775]

1.	18484 · 0 5
2.	996 5 5
3.	10807 · 11 · 0
4.	5782 · 18 · 11
5	17586 · 15 · 4
6.	24249 · 16 7.

Expenditure at / seal Forts [Totals]

7.	7995 · 4 · 9	[ccc. 3977. Abce 938 Tqy 459 Wbah 325 Accra 858. Cda 244. Succ 317. Dcve 285. Appol 301]
8.	1145 · 13 · 9	[ccc 191. Abce 169 Tqy 120 Wbah 124 Accra 103 Cda 123. Succ 54 Dcve 69 Appol 192]
9.	3143 · 10 · 2	[ccc. 1982. Abce 264 Tqy 87. Wbah 54 Accra 199. Cda 70 Succ 66. Dcve 118. Appol 64]
10.	1249 · 2 · 4	[ccc 234. Abce 94 Tqy 99. Wbah 201. Accra 59 Cda 249. Succ 157. Dcve 95 Appol 70]
11.	1655 · 1 · 1	[ccc 541 Abce 433 Tqy 74. Wbah 91 Accra 122 Cda 104. Succ 55. Dcve 62. Appol 100]
12.	2442 · 15 · 10	[ccc 1625 Abce 192 Tqy 131. Wbah 702 Accra 170 Cda 49. Succ 30 Dcve 36. Appol 77]
13.	540. 15. 2	[ccc 519 ...]
14.	188 · 12 · 1	[ccc 175 ...]
15.	165 . .	[ccc only
16.	32 · 1 · 3	[ccc 27. 9 ...]
17.	218 · 10 · 10	[ccc 91. Abce 4 Tqy 10 Accra 31 Cda 2 Succ 7. Appol 70]
18.	3514 · 5 · 6	[ccc 2868 Abce 67. Tqy 135. Wbah 101 Accra 111 Cda 99 Succ 20 Dcve 26 Appol 25]
19.	785. 7. 4	[ccc only]
	23046 · 0 · 1	

Total expenditure at each Fort. under above Heads

ccc.	—	12526 · 14 3
Abce	—	2182. 17. 4
Tqy	—	1128 · 16 8
Wbah	—	1608 · 12 · 10
Accra	—	1656 · 17 · 11
Whydah	—	584 · 11 6
Cda	—	974 · 1 · 4
Succ.	—	709 · 10 · 4
Dcve	—	692 · 11 · 10
Appol.	—	919 · 6 · 1
		23.046 · 0 · 1

The Accompt as above.

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639 · 14 · 0
10807 · 11 ·

11494 · 5 · 0 @ £50 5 · 11 pct

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	996 · 5 · 5
	10807 · 11 · 0
	5782 · 18 · 11
	17586 · 15 · 4
	24249 · 16 · 7
	41.836 · 11 · 11
18484 · 0 · 5	
23046 · 0 · 1	
306 · 11 · 5	
41.836 · 11 · 11	

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B 78 Read 24 Feb 1777

Anno 1774

Advanced by Governor Mill (a "sterling Cozn")

Note A list & articles showing the "Coast Price" & "sterling Value" & each. The articles include Romalls, Chelloes, Guinea Stuffs, Bejutapants, Negampants, Sashacundies, Nankeens, Palampores, Brawls, Humeers Painted Cottons, Chints, Lemon Habendasherry, Wollens, Prowns, Tobacco, Soap Tallow, Pewter, Shoes, Pipes, Brass, Iron bars, Lead bars, Cordage, Gunpowder Rum [CP £2619.2.3 S.V £335.9.5½] Sold [33¾ oz CP £20/- 202.10 SC £4. 125.] 6163¾ gall

Slaves 12 men CP £35 - £420. SC £20 £240.

	Coast Price	Sterling Cost
The totals of the acct are:	£7830-14-11	£4291.14.9 3/4

"The Govr gains £82-9-5 p Ct by his advances"

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Anno 1775

Paid to Governor Mill

A similar list & Articles showg / "Coast Price" & "Sterling Value" & each. The Articles are much / same but do not include Rum Gold & Slaves.

	Coast Price	Sterling Cost
The totals & / acct are	£6274-10-5½	£3856.16.3½

"The Public gain £62-14-1 p Ct by this paymt"

B 82. Read 3 March 1777

Endd "... Fm Wm Crosbie - Mayor & Lpool ..."

Liverpool 21 Feby 1777

My Lords In consequ & yr Requis communicated to me by Your Lordships, in his Lre & 18 Instr. I yesty held a meetg & / Merchts & Lpool trading to / Coast & Africa & laid before them Your Lordships's Lre & desired their Opinion & / Questns therin asked. To / first Question whr / management & conduct & / Officers & Servts & / African Co h on their opinion tended to / increase & advantage & / Trade upon those parts & / Coast peculiarly under their care.

To wch they answered t they are & opinion fm the Capts informans given them in / 2d Trade, t / Officers & Servts & / African Co h well done their duty in this respect. To / second Questn whr / Traders h reason t protection & assistce fm / said Forts & Settlemts upon t Coast wch may be wished & reasonably expected fm / application & such Ldge sums & money t h bn so bountifully given by Parliamt to maintain Forts & Settlemts for / better supporting & extending / Trade upon t Coast.

They say t they in like manner think & believe t they h bn & more assistance than & service to / 2d Trade.

To yr third Question whr / Trade has bn carried on in t free & open manner as to be not cause & complaint & to / satisfaction & Individuals trading to those parts.

They also answer t many complaints in like manner h bn made to them & some & / Chiefs & / Servts & / Co carrying on a very extensive Trade upon / 2d Coast to / gr detriment & / Merchant Adventurers

And to / Fourth Requisition they answer t they h applied a Chief to take Yr Lordps' Lre into full Consn, who will forthwith inquire into / matters & Queries contained therin & give / best Information & Evidence they can procure on these Heads. I h - &c -

Wm Crosbie

1776 – 1777.

[B.T. 6/3 B. contd]

B.83 Read 3 March. 1777

Liverpool 28 Febry 1777

My Lords. I hd / hon o Lrs of / 21 Inst in answer to his Grace Cumberlands Lre requiring to know / opinion o / Merchts o this Town trading to / Coast o Africa as to / behaviour o / Govrs & Serts upon / diffnt Forts o t Coast, & at / same time informed me t these Merchts hd formed a Cttee & t in my next, I wd inform me / opinion o / sd Cttee

In consequence thereof, I have this day had the Select report & am desired by them to wait upon y w / same, wch I therefore do / honour to hand you. If any further enquiries are necessary, I shall be glad to receive them, & am – &c –

Wm Crosbie

[Enc to above] B.84

The Report o a Select Cttee o / Merchts & Traders o Liverpool to / Coast o Africa.

My Lords Commrs &c.

In answer to a Lre from ye Secy to his Grace Cumberland directed to & laid before / sd Merchts by / Worship full Wm Crosbie Esqre Mayor o this Town & Corporation, requiring the opinion & sentiments of / State o / African Trade, / Condition & gen utility o / Forts on t Coast belongg to his Majty & / conduct o / several Govrs & Serts thereof under / African Cttee in London, & where they are respectively to Advantage or Disadvantage to / private & fair Traders as in / sd Lre required

We answer & represent to ye Ldps from our own Experience & from / best Intelligence & proofs gathered from certain Capts o Ships in / Trade, able in this accots & accurate in their Informations or Proofs viz^t, at

Fort Appolonia. Some Slaves are to be purchd here / Trade is chiefly valuable for / considerable amt o Gold Dust usually procured here & wch will always command / Trade at Annamaboe, but since a Fort has been erected, / fair Traders has not had it in his power to procure his usual & necy quantity o Gold from this Trade, it being chiefly ingrossed by / Govr. This Fort is gently / first apptmt o a young man from Cape Coast to be Govr, whose salary in his former station probably only afforded him a bare subsistence. Consequently he takes / Command wt money or goods, & therefore he is fully supplied by his patron & promoter / Govr o Cape Coast for his own private advantage. This makes our new apptd Govr a factor for his friend & patron, / Govr o Cape Coast, to whom he transmits all / Gold he can purchase, wch / or employs in his own Trade to / gr detriment, delay, & disadvantage o / ships then trading on t part o / Coast. Consequently, so far are / Shipps from reaps / advantage they or to derive from this Fort under its present regulations t / Govr has absolutely claimed an exclusive right to / Gold Trade &c, & takes any steps in his power to prevent / Natives from trading at / Shipps, or the Craft sent there for t purpose

In / year 1773 / ship Unity Capt o anchored at C. Appol. & / Natives informed / Master t whilst he remained there they wd trade w him, but if he brot his ship to anchor off, / Fort they shd be afraid to come on board him as / Govr wd be angry w them. Many proofs may be obtd o this undue influence; & some few hrs since certain affidts o this malicious were made before / Rt Hon Mayor o London, & laid before / African Cttee, in consequence o wch they suspended the Govr Mr Mackenzie Capt o / Guard at C. C. he was afterwds reinstated. A refce to / London Cttees Books & Pprs, will more fully & clearly evince this transaction.

Wher this Voluntary Affidat more ye his friends / Govr afterwards disagreed, or for what cause it arose ye Governor nor any Knows, but so 'twas y some time afterwards a Messenger in this Port with a Lre for ye sd Mr Kenzie, offering to furnish him wt / true State o Affairs on y part of / Coast if sd Affairs Lre were not dift for / Affidat made to constitute his friend Mr Kenzie, why this offer.

The situan o this Fort prevents ye / danger o attacks by sea, & / Natives beg our good friends & for their own protcn tenders an expensive garrison unnecy, & / buildgs are not more compleat, for they are suffer to accomodate a lger Garrison than / Trade requires to be kept there; on enquiry it will probably may be found that one white man & 3 or 4 o/ Co's Slaves may be sufficient suffer, as / whole duty & to do is to keep possn thereof [to] prevent ye neighbouring nations / Dutch, in y Trade getly part thereof.

Dixcove. In good repair & well situated not only on acct o its good harbour for boats, but also for its plenty o good Wood & good water.

Gold dust in plenty here, but / Trade ingrossed by / Govr, in / same manner as / former, & / Natives so far intimidated by him as to be obliged to come off in / night to trade w / Shipp or Craft, in hopes it may not come to his knowledge; & indeed from this conduct o / Govrs, our Capts & Mrs are obliged to trade w him for Gold at an advanced price. This Fort requires no more than / former for its support.

Secundee. Useless & not worth supporting. / Trade trifling & ingrossed by / Govr

Commendo. The same.

Cape Coast. Wants a lge sum laid out thereon to put it in thorough repair. How far this may be owg to / whims, caprice or neglect o / Govr, / Ctee or London Sts Knows. An extensive trade carried on here, but ingrossed by Govr in a gr measure by / Govr, who buys / Gold dust he receives for / Forts already mentd, the consequence o wch he has for his place, / use o / Co's stores & servts, both white & black, & many other advantages he has derives for his situan must of course lay / Shipp under ye gr disadvantage in this Trade; & exclusive o all these, 'tis gently presumed / Slaves he purchases are rated as Labourers on / Fortifications in / Cos Books till he sees a convenient opptty o disposg o 'em to / shipp, or sendg 'em on board some o / many Vessels he slaves off / Coast. This truly ye interested Govr, not satisfied w monopolisg / Trades already mentd frequently sends down his own craft to Whydah, & by his connexions w / Govr there, purches or obtains & brgs up a number o Slaves, to / gr detriment, delay & disadvantage o / Vessels trading at y place. His own craft beg insuffict to answer all his engrossg, exclusive & rapacious purposes, he, in / year 1775. sent to Whydah / Ship Friendship, Capt Dunn, supposed to belong to Messrs Shoolbred & Co, & consigned to himself, who never brot up wards o 40 slaves for y Fort to / gr detriment o / Ships trading there.

Anor gr advantage y not only this, but wy Govr on / Coast has over / shipp in point o Trade is, y say Traders for / Inland Countries pays to / Water-side people a certain duty called Canoe hire for ye Slaves we we & they carry on board / Shipp, to save wch they of course carry ye Slaves to / Forts

The Govr, exclusive o / Co's Craft has a schooner wh will carry abt 40 Slaves & a Sloop y will carry abt 80, wh is kept constantly employed in his own private Trade

Anamabo. Under / influce & direcn o / Govr o Cape Coast, consequently / Trade at this place labours under / like inconveniences &c.

This Fort we think is very necy to be supported.

Tantum Quarry. This Fort is also very necy to be kept up, but one white man is quite sufficient there.

The Trade is in / like situan as / former.

In / year 1773 Four Mules, 'tis supposed from / causes already assigned, purchd 200 Slaves here, when / purchases made by all / Craft belongg to / private Traders' Ships trading here y yr, did not exceed 20 Slaves.

[B 76/3 B contd].

Winnebah Shd be well supported beg a place o good trade, & for having a Dutch & Danish Fort in its neighbourhood, t will clearly point its consequce

In 1/4 1769 Bren [Brue] then Govr, one Johnson, a private Trader was settled wt this Fort. The Govr, dreadg a rival in / lucrative trade he was carryg on here, laid a heavy penalty on any o/ natives t traded wt this poor man by [a] Term they called Branding / Trade, t is, a Traders to raise / price o ev'ry thg each 3d, to whose / Govr it a monopoly o Trade here: whose death prevented his compltg finding the way to / African Clte.

Acara This Fort shd be supported as / former, as t is similarly situated. 9/10 Trade, the good, nearly ingrossed by / Govr.

Pram pram O no use to / Trade in gen, nor necy t be garrisoned & kept up. The Govr o Acra reaps gt advantages by / Trade he carries on here so t it may justly be sd this Fort is now supported for his private emolument only.

Lolydah. ... Highly necy . . . – Trade in gt part ingrossed by / Govr – . . .

In / year 1773 or 1774 by order o Wm Mides [Wm Mills] Govr o C.C.C. 16 purchasers o goods were landed out o one o his Vessels, on one consigned to him, at a Dutch Fort called / Mines, to make / Govr o t Fort to purchase a quantity o Slaves &c for him, & to assist himself wt a quantity o Portuguese Tobacco, wh is a Commandg article in Trade on all parts o/ Coast here mentd, & it may not be improper to observe t this Trade o purchg Tobacco for / Portuguese, is intirely ingrossed by / Dutch they obligg all / Portuguese vessels to touch at the Fort called / Mines, for whom they exact a duty o at least Ten P Cent, & put Officers on board em to see them as low down / Coast as Acara to prevent the selling Tobacco to us, for whence / Dutch reap gt advantages at / hope o / English Traders.

The supporting / Forts under / present Regulans most evidently is disadvantageous to / Merchant Adventurers, & only tends to / Emolumt & Advantage o / Cos Servts, & they & some o them, we presume, are, by certain ways & means not easily come at by us, connected wt em or some o them.

A dissolution o/ present Co, & / Forts to be under / direction o Govr. is to be wished for, & must manifestly be for / gen benefit o/ Trade; / necessity o some o / Forts beg properly kept up will appear fm / foregog Observations, causes & effects.

The Adventurers in this Trade, & indeed / Trade itself, has suffered much fm / manner it has been carried on by / Clte; some & one o them. & this Servts wh, on many parts, has been wholly monopolized by em, & will clearly point out / advantages t must arise fm its being free & open, & t any Monopoly here must be detrimental there, & probably end in its total ruin.

B 85 Read 19 March 1777.

Dwzd Mill to / Clte 19 October 1776.

– Acknos rect o 2 his o 15 May [1773-16 p 50 B.50] & 19 June [Ibid p 59 B 59] both wh, & / goods, rec'd safe –

– Bricklayers hd been employed in carryg up / exterior walls o / new Lodgy, & in plaistg / exterior o / Castle all round; at / old Tank at / end o / lower platform; that had fallen in; work in hand / whole tier o lower arches was to be begun by / Masons but not begun again at / end o / rains Dec o this Yr & 22 Dec Last – 6 Bricklayers will be sent to Tantum to finish / Bashon this.

– The Surveyor has been to Accra & Succ. in w this orders – He incloses his plans & estimates of repairs those 2 Forts.

– The affairs of Mr Lomax's house fully entered in his list –
– Schooner Nancy has been hauled on Shore in Elmina river to be shortened –

Trade is, or has been for some time past, exceedingly dull, owg to fresh disputes betwn / Ashantees & Fantees, or rather, mutual jealousies betwn each Nn. These last have been for almost 3 months past encamped at Fetu, & were remaining there when / last ship sailed. They are at last returned without having done anything on one side or / other. The shipping have buy a number of slaves, by giving such prices & assortments as no residents on / Coast can afford to give. I am however in hopes that as no hostilities have commenced betwn / two Nations, this jealousies will subside & Trade will be brot to flow on its usual Channel.

All all / ppal people in / Waterside towns were up in / Camp near Fetu, wh is little more than a day's journey from hence, / Cape Coast people, & Crossa, were there also; & as they are so lately returned, they have not yet had time to make / usual Custom for / late Cabocer Cudjoe. The Successor to his Honors & authority in / Country, & who will be proclaimed when this Custom takes place, is a nephew of Cudjoes, a very good kind of a man, named Bolty, who has been much acquainted with / whites & their manners, having been chiefly resident in this Town from his infancy, & who, no doubt, will fill Cudjoes place as creditable to himself & employers. Frederick Addoy now receives / salary of £100 p Annm wh was what his Father had, as he has for many years past acted as Linguist from / Imbecility of his Father, or acct of his gr age & infirmities

The death of Mr Brew, wh happened at Annamaboe / 5th August last has occasioned no small Revolution at that place. Messrs Miles & Wenyes, who took charge of his affairs, & who inform me they a few days ago sent home a particular detail of / different steps taken by them since his decease [in Packet Nos. 110/1534 & 1733.] I will accordingly refer to be very short here. I cannot however, in Justice to those gentn, avoid saying that they have had an exceedingly dead of trouble on this occasn, & am of opinion that / Claims of / Creditors are in a very particular manner due to them for having exerted themselves so much on behalf of all concerned.

In yr last you desired to be informed why / Brig George, Capt Gardiner sailed off / Coast wt Slaves, in answer to wh I can only say that / Capt on his arrival here made me an offer of his Cargo for Gold or Bills of Exchange. Mr Miles & Myself took / whole & paid him part in Gold part in Bills . . . . .

– The command of Accra Fort was offered to Mr Westgate. He declined it & Mr Collins / next officer was appointed –

. . . .

I now beg leave to inform you that after having served you upwards of 15 yrs I have some prospect of obtaining in my native country a situation somewhat more suited to my Education & rank in life than that I have filled on this Coast, & the long laboured under. I shall leave this / number of Shipping next / Coast has frequent opportunities of writing you before that event takes place. I am – respectfully Dear Sir

David Mill

PS. A copy of this Letter has been sent to / Council as by yr last Orders you directed it to be done. Mr Westgate says he desires his reason for refusing Accra may be sent home. No 12 is a copy of his letter on that occasion

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– The Surveyor's plans & Estimates not yet ready, will be sent Ester

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[BT. 6/3 B cont.]

B 56. Read 19 March 1777.

"Narrative o / disputes at Accra betwixt / Dutch + Danes"

Before I enter upon this affair it will be necy to explain / Geography o / places & sh h occur frequently in mentn in this Narrative. The Dutch Fort at Accra is situated abt 300 yards to Leeward (Eastward) o James Fort, & abt three English Miles to windward (West) o Christiansborg. Abt 300 yds to Windward o Christiansberg is / small Redoubt, wh mounts abt 8 or 9 small Guns. Abt 30 miles below Christiansborg is Prampram, abt 6 miles to Leeward o Prampram is Ningo Fort belong[g] to / Danes. Abt 15 miles to Leeward o Ningo is Loy, a place belong[g] to us, & where it has bn customary to keep a Serjt. There is likewise a Caboceer at this place in our pay. Abt 40 miles below Loy is Accoe, where / Dutch once had a Factory, but after they had left it, / Inhabits descended away, it being a barren place & no Water. 6 miles from this place is / River Volta. Toberkoe is a Town on / River side, & Ada is an Island near / mouth o / River, over agst Toberkoe. No. 6 is a rough sketch o / above places, & will serve to give you a more adequate idea o the Situation.

In / month o January 1776 Jacobus Vanderpeuye, Gov[r] o / Dutch Fort at Accra, having formed a design o settlg a Factory at Accoe, in order to facilitate / execution o it, insisted upon privately two o / principal people o Ada, & by means o presents, & many promises, engaged their Instt & Countenance in settlg his Factory, as he gave out, at Accoe. When these Ada people at / Dutch Fort, Nicholas Isbrandt Arrestrup Gov[r] in Chief o / Danish Settlmts, remonstrated to Mr Vanderpeuye agst his enticing away / Inhabts o Ada, & demanded them as Danish Subjects. Mr Vanderpeuye did not even answer this remonstrance & Kept / Ada people in his Town till / month o March following, & then, having got everything ready in readiness, intended sendg them away. But Mr Arrestrup, who was well informed o his real intentns o sendg to Toberkoe, made dispositns to seize his rebel Subjects on the way past Ningo. Mr Vanderpeuye, upon hearing this, at last wrote Mr Arrestrup, that his intens were to settle a Factory at Accoe, a place acknowled to belong to / Dutch, & that he had no intens to / prejudice o / Danes or their Settlemts. Upon this Mr Arrestrup that it most prudent to desist from any Kind o opposit[n] & suffered Mr Vanderpeuye to take his own measures unmolested. In / month o April Mr Vanderpeuye sent a Corps & / two Ada Cabocceers, escorted by upwards o an hundred o the Towns people armed, as he sd, to Accoe. Mr Arrestrup, who well knew his intentns were upon Toberkoe, sent Mr Biorn, Gov[r] o Ningo Fort, & Mr Erasmus, Factor o Quitah, w a number o armed Blacks to watch the motions. When / Dutch arrivd at Loy, / armed people, thinkg all was safe, returned, & / Corps o / two Ada Cabocceers, 12 Hammock men & a Cos Slave Woman, proceeded to Accoe. Messrs Biorn & Erasmus, who followed slowly w the people, were informed by / Scouts, that / Dutch had never once stopped at Accoe, but that they had all arrived at Toberkoe. Upon this intelligce they hastened to Toberkoe, & meetg / Dutch Hammock people on their return, betwixt Accoe & Toberkoe, they asked them where they had bn, & where they were going. They simply answered that they had bn at Toberkoe & / Dutch White man & were on their return home in order to fetch his goods, to settle his Factory at Toberkoe, & that they had also a letter for / Corporal to Mr Vanderpeuye, at / same time shewg it. Mr Biorn seized / bé & took them all prisoners, as intruders on / Danish Settlmts, & sent them to Ningo. The Corps' are imported that

he was safely arrd at Taberstoe; & he hd engaged certain Blacks to build him a Factory House; he expatiated upon / good situan o / place f Trade; named certain people to whom it wd be nécy to make presents; & begged Mr Vanderpeuye to send goods as soon as possible by water.

Mr Brown immédly proceeded to Taberstoe, where he found / Compte whom he also took prisoner & brot to Fungo. Immédly as this news reached Accra / Dutch Town Blacks, who are much more numerous than / Danes Blacks, at / instigan o Mr Vanderpeuye (who did not offer to negotiate w Mr Cranesburgh) took to their arms, & marched agst / Danes, whom they had almost found off their guard: those who got ready first posted themselves betwixt / Redoubt & / Town. The Dutch immediately attacked them, & wd h cut them all to pieces, hd not / Danes supported their people by keeping a brisk fire upon / Dutch fm the Redoubt, wh galled them so much, t they were obliged to retreat precipitately, & many were killed & wounded on both sides. As soon as / Danes began to fire fm the Redoubt / Dutch fired w 18 pounders, both agst / Redoubt & the Fort o Xberg. But / shot fell short o both places owg to the beg badly pointed. This happened on / 4th o May. Four days after, / Dutch agn marched out early in / morng. The Danes Blacks, beg few in number, stood on / defensive at the former post. when / Dutch began / attack. / Danes supported their people, as formerly, fm / Redoubt upon wh / Dutch Fort fired both on / Redoubt & Xberg. Abt 12 o'clock / Dutch retreated angst / bushes to rest themselves, w an intenn to renew / attack in / afternoon. Meantime, Mr Collins, at a flag o Truce, came & offered his mediation betwn / parties. Messrs Rasstrup & Vanderpeuye engagd f the Dutch mutual subjects t hostilities shd cease durg / negotiation. The Dutch told Mr Collins t / Danes hd seized 12 o their people w a white man belongg to / Fort, & t they hd come w arms in their hands to take satisfn; t they demanded / immediate rele o the people, w / white man, & 300 oz Trade, damages to be paid them immedly, upon wh they wd cease hostilities. The Danes treated / proposal w contempt, wh ended / negotiation. Durg / time this was passg, a party o / Dutch made a circuit thro' / Bushes & set fire to Labostie [sic] Town, (abt an English mile above Xberg) The Danes inhabts trusting on / Truce, hd left it & come to Xberg beg eager to learn / issue o / Conference. When Mr Vanderpeuye saw / flames fm / Dutch Fort, he fired an 18 pounder shot at / Danes Redoubt, by way o bravado. The attack was not renewed t day, & at night / Dutch retreated. Tho were many more killed & wounded in this Acn than in / former.

The Danes laid a state o / affair (not 3) & demanded satisfn o Mr Vanderpeuye fm / Govr & Council at Elmina; but all their compts & remonstrances were treated w / most mortifyg neglect; & finding t matters were likely to come to a gtr length they sent for Archambo / King o / Hill Country, w his people to their assistce. Upon his arrl, / English Town people at Accra threatened to join / Dutch, as this Archambo was / natural enemy o both Towns, & hd often taken & sold their people. Fearg therefore t we shd be involved in this disagreeable business I wrote / Gen o Elmina, offerg my mediation, & requesting him to send a member o the Council to Accra, who might act in concert w Mr Collins, to settle all diffces. The Gen w gr frankness closed w my proposal, expressg in / strongest terms his desire to h / Accra dispute amicably adjusted; thanked me f my proposal, & as it was not convenient f a member o the Council to proceed to Accra at t time, he applied Mr Stadlander Govr o Berbice.

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[B.T. 6/3 B cont^d]

as an ad-interim member o the Counsil, w full powrs to negotiate on / part o / Dutch, w / mediation o Mr Colvins. Some time after this I hd a Lr fm / Gen. informg me t he hd recd a Lr fm Mr Stadlander at Accra complaing o / Danes not beg willg to settle / affair in an amicable manner. At / same time I hd a Lr fm Mr Colvins t / demands o / Dutch were so high & extravagant t he did not think / Danes wd ever agree to them, & t the / matter rested. I also hd a Lr fm / Danes complaing o / Superciliers carrie & high demands o / Dutch. Upon this I sent Mr Miles to Accra, whom I knew to be partly respected by both parties, & o whose impartiality & justice both sides hd expressed / highest idea. Upon his arrie / Dutch lowered their demands, but insisted before they wd negotiate fur, t / Danes shd make an exchange o prisoners. The Danes hd / Corpl, 12 slaves hammock men & a Co's slave woman. The Dutch hd only 4 poor old people whom they hd seized at a plantation, they not beg able to run away. The Danes instantly gave up the prisoners to Mr Miles, & readily made ye concession he thot reasonable on the side. After / exchange o prisoners, / Danes who hd agreed to come over to / English fort, to settle / affair, proposed t if they cd not prove to / satisfn o / mediator t Toberkoe belonged to them, that then they wd make satisfn for all damages; but if / on hand, if they cd prove to / satisfn o / mediators t Toberkoe did belong to them, then Mr Vanderpeuye, as / Agressor, shd be obliged to stand to all damages. Mr Miles thot this proposal reasonable, but Mr Stadlander objected, declard t his orders were to settle / palaver on honourable & equitable footg; but wd pay no attenn to / private expences o either. Mr Carestrup or Mr Vanderpeuye. He therefore begged time to consult his constituents or t head. I hd rested on / faith o / Gen's Lr (see a Copy no 3) o Mr Stadlander's having full powers to close / affair finally w Mr Miles, Nurse wd not be subjected an officer o Mr Miles's merit & rank in our Service to h be exposed to so mortifyg an affront, as to be proceeded to Accra where he staid 2 months at a very considerable expence. When Mr Miles objected to Mr Stadlander t he hd all along understood t he had full powers to settle finally all / Accra disputes in conjunction w him Mr Stadlander answered t he hd only ample Instructions to negotiate, wh did not amt to full power Full Powers.

The Danes, before they delt up / Corpl, said him upon Oath, concerng / orders he hd recd fm Mr Vanderpeuye. He deald his orders were only verbal; t Mr Vanderpeuye desired him to go to Acco, but added t if / Acra Caboceers w his hammock people shd insist upon his going to Toberkoe, he mt proceed ther & build his Factory ther; t he was to defend himself agst all opponents; & t he mt depend on beg properly supported. He also acknowledged t / Blacks o Toberkoe told him he hd no business ther, & t / place belonged to / Danes. He also made / same declon to Mr Miles.

Mr Vanderpeuye himself, in / presce o Mr Miles & ye English Gentlemen prevaricated in / grossest manner. At one time he declared t he hd ordered / Corpl to Acco & not to Toberkoe; & t proceedg to Toberkoe was a scheme o his own & contrary to his Orders. The very same afternoon he deald he hd sent / Corpl to Toberkoe; t it was a Dutch Settlemt, & he wd stand by it. You will not be / less surprized at this when I tell ye t Mr Vanderpeuye is a man o / meanest educan & no character.

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In a few days ye Stadtlander had his audience for Elmina, wh imported y matters shd remain in statu quo till / Fiscal, who proposed coming to Accra in 2 months after, & who wd settle not only / present, but all / old disputes subsisting betwn / Danes & Dutch. This broke off / negotiations & our Mediator returned to his Fort (No 4 is a Correspondce wh passed betwn / parties under / mediatn o our Mediator)

Abt 3 weeks ago / Dutch sent down Mr Galle, a member o ye Council, & / Secretary at Elmina, to Accra. The Danes applied f our Mediator to come down agn as ye Mediator, but I cd not send down any English Comm unless / Dutch made / applon & they mt signify to / Dutch Gen this my resoln. beg determined to take such measures as them cd not prevent them ye adjg ans. [Page 3] / former game. They h. hoist. given / Danes to understand y they took h. none o our mediatn, & acquitted of matters remaing in statu quo, till / Fiscal came down, / lost be fm ye Castles inform me y they are now building a wooden platform agst Xborg f 6 or 18 pounders, & in case y shd fail, are provided w Field Carrs. The Dutch Fort has bn lately provided supplied w all Kinds o Ordnce Stores Mortars & shells. They h. new mounted all ye Guns &, in short, are making every preparatn to lay Xborg in ashes.

The Danes h. demanded our assistce as a neutral Power to prevent ye beg destroyed, but were we inclined to grant ye Request / very wretched state o Danes Fort cd not admit o it. If / Dutch once expel / Danes, they will be so entirely masters o / Accra Country, y / English Trade & Influe must immedly fall to / ground.

To add to / above, / Dutch h. catched many o / Natives who lived under / Danes, & h. sent them off / Coast; a most iniquitous practice, & unprecedented in this Country. f white men to seize & make Slaves o / free Blacks on acct o ye own disputes. By this scandalous procedure / Danish subjects must be obliged to abandon them f want o protn. At / end o No 4 is a Memr fm / Danes, requesting me to procure them sight o ye subjects people catched & sold amongst / English. I accordgly h. procured them all ye people sold to / English Factories or shipping.

The above, Gentn, naturally induces me to say before y / Wretched state o our Ordnce in this Country. Most o our gr Guns are absolutely useless, beg all honeycombed & / touch holes o many are more wore an Inch & upwards in circumference. Carrs, tis, in this Country ot to be renewed evy 2 or 3 years. Of course before all our Carrs are in ye bad repair. Tis no such thg at any o our Settlemts as a Mortar or even Cohorn; tis only 1000 eighteen pounder shot & 2000 twelve pounder shot in / Country comg all our Settlemts.

The Dutch, on / ye Coast are well supplied w Iron & Brass Ordnce & keep ye carrs &c in / best repair, partly at ye Forts adjacent ours, where they are well supplied w heaviest metal. This true our Establishmt cannot afford a supply o Ordnce, f wh reason wd recommend ye making applicn to / Board o Ordnce, & laying before them our distressed situatn in y respect.

At Commenda Fort ye are 2 18 pounders & 1 12 pdr Guns, rendered useless by prime wires having bn broke in / touch holes. The Armourers belongg to / Men o War h. repeatedly used ye endeavours to clear them, but to no purpose. If y cd send implemts f boring new touch holes

holes, it wd be rendrg an essential piece o service to t Fort in partr; f shd that Fort be agn attacked by / Dutch, / want o these guns wd be gthg agst us. We or also to h out a number o proving wires, those t are made in this country beg vy clumsy & unhandy.

The want o Order is / sole cause o / Danes beg at this time so much at / mercy o / Dutch. Thr establishmt & Constitution in this Country are respectable enough, but notwtstg they are a free spirited generous ser o people, thr want o heavy metal puts it out o thr power to retaliate. I am thoroughly convinced t if they were possessed o only a dozen o 18 pdrs they wd be able to settle this affair to / honour o thr country & thr own credit. No B is the acct o all / above transactions wh they transmitted me just as I send it y, translated by themselves fm / German, in wh language they correspond w / Dutch.

Subjoined is a letter o mine, w my opinion o this affair wh they h transmitted to thr Constituents

[no sigr]

B 87. Read 19 March 1777.

Exportation o Slaves fm / Gold Coast o Africa in / year 1775.

— A statemt givg / names &c o 43 ships w / no o slaves each o them carried away betwn Sept 6 1774 & Oct 18 1775 — [The total no o slaves is shewn on / next paper].

B 88. Read 19 March 1777

An Acct o / no o Slaves exported fm / Gold Coast o Africa to H Mys Plantations in America since / Year 1754, distinguishg each Year

	Slaves	
1758	2203	
1759	3819	
1760	4241	
1761	3483	
1762	4084	
1763	4145	
1764	4520	
1765	2360	wars betwn / Ashantees & Fantees
1766	2375	
1767	4002	
1768	5781	
1769	5905	
1770	4203	
1771	5470	
1772	3725	wars betwn / Ashantees & Fantees
1773	6820	
1774	8156	
1775	8108	

B 89. Read 25 March 1777.

Merchts Hall Bristol, March 19th 1777.

Sir I desire y will acquaint my Lds Comrs of T & P. t I h agn summoned / Traders to Africa to obtain thr sentiments in order to give an answer to / queries contd in yr Ltr o / 13 o Feby — I h appears t / Traders are divided in thr Views & seem declare givg thr attendce & opinion, but / result o our inquiry is, t considerg it as a National Affair / Trade to these parts o / Coast peculiarly under / care o / African Co has acrd advantages fm / present Establishmt; but t abuses h bn committed & some Traders h bn grly favoured to / prejudice o ths so t many h cause to complain. Many instces o abuse h bn mentd, but no proofs adduced so as to entitle us to lay them before yr Ldps - but we are told t some o / Traders intend to make a sepe representn to thr Ldps.

One compleat seems to be universally admitted as well-grounded, wch is t / Election o / Clee is now in a g[t] measure vested in Psons who are not interested in / Trade, as any Pson on payment o forty shillgs is intitled to vote.

The Principle on wh / present Co was established stands in its full force. t is to say t Forts & Settlemts on / Coast are nec[y] as marks o Sanctity & Possion & to preserve / Trade o t part o / Coast for bringg into / hands o Negroes. & / present Establishm[t] appears to us / best t can be devised tho does not appear to be conducted without abuses. I am &c. Henry Garnett. Master.

B 91 [Read 25 March 1777]

Bristol. An Accot o ships cleared outwd & belong[g] to this Port for Africa from / Yr 1750 to / Yr 1776. both inclusive. in wch each Yr is distinguished.

— Names o Ships with Masters / total number o wch for each year is as follows

1750	20	1758	18	1762	17	1769	26	1774	20
1751	22	1757	9	1763	33	1769	9	1775	20
1752	24	1758	16	1764	31	1770	24	1776	3.
1753	28	1759	27	1765	23	1771	26		
1754	25	1760	28	1766	23	1772	30		
1755	20	1761	16	1767	26	1773	18		

B 92. Read 25 March 1777

Port Liverpool. A List o Vessels that sailed from this Port for Africa from / Yr 1750 to / Yr 1776. [This Return also includes

— This Return is similar to / above but specifies / parts part o / Coast each Vessel was bound for & / no o Slaves each Vessel was going for —

1750	42	1756	54	1762	59	1768	81	1774	93
1751	46	1757	42	1763	72	1769	90	1775	75
1752	51	1758	48	1764	76	1770	96	1776	58.
1753	61	1759	50	1765	82	1771	105		
1754	50	1760	73	1766	64	1772	91		
1755	42	1761	70	1767	53	1773	103		

B 93 Read April 15 1777.

To / Rt Hon / Lords Commrs of Trade & Plantations.

The Memorial o / Cttee o / Co o merchts trading to Africa

Sheweth. T / number o Negroes exported from / Gold Coast o Africa commencg w / year 1758 according to / Returns made to / Cttee [B. 88 supra] has been as follows

6 years [1758-63] 21975. 6 yrs [64-69] 24903. 6 yrs [70-75] 39782.

Therefore it appears to / Cttee / annl Exportn has increased to almost double in / last 6 yrs. what it was in / 1st 6 yrs. instead o having decreased. as is asserted

T / Cttee find / Words in the last Petn to Parliament touchg / debt due to / Cos Servants were "T at / end o Dec. 1775 / Officers & Servts in Africa had advanced for / Publick Service abt £7000 more than ye Petitrs have been enabled to repay them"

And as / Cttees intention was to acquaint / Hon H. o C. t after / application o all / sums granted for / Support & Maintenance o / Forts & Settlemts under / Care o / Cttee, there cod still remain a debt o £7000 due & unsatisfied to / Cos Servts, / Cttee humbly submit to Yr Lops, they are guilt-less o misrepresentation.

T elthó / Cos being in debt seems to be considered as a new situation, t is by no means / case; for it is stated in / Report made to / Commons in 1758. t our Cost had declared to the Cttee o Enquiry "/ Co was then in arrears to the Servts £6000".

T not having / smallest intimation o any charge intended agst them, or their Predecessors; nor having heard from / merchts o London Bristol

1776 - 1744.

[B 6/3 B contd]

or L'pool f some years past o any Misconduct in / Officers upon / Coast, & conscious o the own Zeal & prevent any detriment to / Trade, & o / Fidelity w^ch they hd discharged / Trusts reposed in them, / present Ctee were totally unprepared, when last attend^g yr Ldps, to answer to so many Articles o indiscriminate Compl^t supported by unknown & unstated Evidence, & comprehensive o 18 yrs transac^ns.

T Honr. fm these circ^s, & for yr Ldps not thinkg it proper to comply w^th the Request, o having / Heads o / Report in Writg, / Ctee cannot so perfectly remember them, as is necy to a parte reply, yet they recollect, as they believe, Suffer o them accordg to the best judgm^t to warrant the respectfully assure yr Ldps, t the is a strong resemblce betwn / present Allegat^ns, & those so entirely exploded in / year 1758, & t upon a full & fair investigat^n, they will appear not founded in Fact, or have for the Origin vy slft causes fm those assigned.

T therfore / Ctee hope, / object o / Enquiry beg so impt to them, in point o Reputat^n, to the Constituents, in respect o Right & Int^t, & to / Publick in regard to a vy Valuable Commerce, wch must be vy essentially affected in / Event; yr Ldps will still be pleased to order / Ctee may be furnished w^th so much o / intended Report as sh be requisite to evince / Truth or Fallacy o / Compl^t: at / same time, / present Ctee humbly intreat yr Ldps to accept the warmest acknowl^ts of yr vy oblig^g direct^n o beg satisfied w^th the Integrity in / Exec^n o the Office, & o the best used the utmost endeavours to prevent, or remedy all abuses.

By Order o / Ctee (sgd) Richd Champion Secry

(L.S)

B 94 Read 14 April 1744.

Addressed on back:
"To Bamber Gascoyne Esq^r
Parliament St"

Sir I shd b^n happy to b attended / Board o Trade but a long indisposit^n has confined me f many months past. Therefore take this method to give y / best information I can, on / Veracity o wch pray do me / Justice to depend. I b^n on / Gold Coast o Negroes fm / yr 1735 to / yr 1744. Often seen fm 25 to 30 Sail o Ships at a time there, all buying purchg Negroes. Gold & Ivory in plenty. Negroes w^ch Britsh merchandize at £6 sterlg per head. Charges put in Berbice f A negroe & bot gold fm 30/- to 40/- sterlg p oz. wh sold & sold in London upon an average f £3.14.6 p oz. In / yr 1744 I was upon / Gold Coast, when I lay in Annamaboe Road abt 100, & sail o ships, all purchg Negroes, Gold & Ivory. I purchd in 7 weeks 518 Negroes, fm 9 to 12 oz. sterlg each. 15^m cobs o merchandize & 7 bantams f them. Also 1550 oz Gold at fm 30/- to 35/- sterlg p oz. when I first went to / Gold Coast, & for yrs after, many Ships went fm London to wh^ch place / Slaves are as good as there on / Gold Coast where / best & / Sugar Plantns were used to sell f £10 each more than there carried fm other parts o Affrica. I can give no guess what no o negroes b^n brot fm / Gold Coast since 1744, having not used to Trade. But I firmly believe there was upon an Average purchd fm 12-15000 Negroes on / Gold Coast at Popo & whydah fm 3-4000 at Gold Coast Popo & whydah Negroes. And fm 120 to 150,00 [sic] oz. Gold. Sorry it was not in my power to b better instructed in y as I am t so Valuable a Trade is on so declining a state, wh I always thot m^t b brought extended by a people t^gr a populous Country so little known to Europeans. One thing I must beg leave to intrude upon yr time to observe, & when I used / Trade to Angola / English purchd annually on t Coast fm 15 to 20,000 Negroes, & / French vy few. Back fm information I b^n had fm time / French & purchd annually there upon an average fm 12-15000 & / English only abt 800 a 1000. I wish most sincerely t / British Trade on t parts o / Coast may not decline in proportn as I do t you'll believe me to be w^th yr Respect, Sir — &c —

Bost 16th April 1744 (sgd) John Pickett

PS. Permit me to observe t when I purchd / 540 slaves & 1550 oz. Gold fm / yr 1744. I purchd also 6 Tons & a half o Elephants Teeth at abt £30 sterlg p Ton

B 96. Read 17 April 1777.

An Acct of Tonnage of 2001 Ships cleared fm Gr Britain to Africa fm 1st Jan 1757 to 1st Jan 1777 w/ names of sd Ships distinguishg to what part of Coast / Same were bound as far as such distinction can be made.

[From / Customs Ho, London]

[Summary]

Tonnage	Total Tonnage of Ships cleared fm Gr Britain to Africa	1757-59	34.036
	"	1760-62	43716.
	"	1770-72	56320
	"	1773-75	48316
Imports	Total Amt of Value of Imports into England from Africa	1757-59	183541
	" "	1760-62	75993.
(Coal Tonnage (Inc)	" "	1768-73	258.473
	" "	1774-76	192.255
Exports	Total Amt of Value of Exports fm England to Africa	1757-59	510.986
	" "	1760-62	699.313
	" "	1771-73	2,149.933
	" "	1774-76	2,294.806

(Total Increase, or Decr. of Exp. & Imp.)

	Total Ships.	Tonnage.	From what Port cleared.
1757.	70	7.379.	Lon 11 Poole Bristol 9 Lancaster Lpool 46
1758	103	12.134	Lon 22 Portsmouth Poole Exeter Plymouth Bristol 18 white haven Lpool 50
1759.	128	14523	Lon 21 Cowes Poole Bristol 23 whitehaven Lancaster Lpool 59.
1760	143	16187.	Lon (22) Portsmouth Cowes Poole Exeter (1). Bristol 39 whitehaven Lancaster Lpool (14)
1761	122	13.912.	Lon 19. Cowes. Poole, Bristol 16. whitehaven Lancaster Lpool 70
1762	119	13617.	Lon 28 Portsmouth Shoreham (1) Cowes Exeter (1) Dartmouth Plymouth. Bristol 17. whitehaven (1) Lancaster (1) Lpool 61.
1763	169	19.816	Lon 42. Plymouth Bristol 33 whitehaven Lancaster Lpool 71.
1764.	171.	19.116.	Lon 39 Portsmouth Cowes Plymouth, Bristol 38. Berwick (1) whitehaven Lancaster Lpool 74.
1765	159	17.873	Lon 30. Portsmouth Plymouth Bristol 25 whitehaven Lancaster Lpool 82.
1766	141.	16313	Lon 45. Portsmouth Plym. Bristol 24. Hull 21 whitehaven Lancaster Lpool 65.
1769	158	17.123	Lon 37. Ports. Plym. Bristol 23 whitehaven Lancaster Lpool 83.
1768	146	16.926	Lon 34 Bristol 28 Lancaster Lpool. 81.
1769.	159	16911	Lon 39 Bristol 24 Hull whitehaven Lancaster Lpool 90
1770	162	16.689.	Lon 37 Bristol 24 Lancaster. Lpool 96.
1771	194	20.408	Lon 56 Poole (1) Bristol 26 Lanc. Lpool 106
1772.	175.	19223.	Lon 40 " " Bristol 30 Lanc. Lpool 98
1773.	159	16.999.	Lon 41. Bristol 19. Lanc Lpool. 104
1774	158	16.179	Lon 41. Ports Bristol 20 Lanc. Lpool 92
1775	138	16198	Lon 61. Bristol 20 Lanc. Lpool 95
1776.	115	12869.	Lon 26 Bristol 8 Lanc Lpool 80

[B 6/3. B contd.]

B 97. Read 17 April 1777.

Acct of Amt of Value of Imports into ... England (not including Scotland) from Africa. 1 Jan 1754 to 1 Jan 1776

1 Jan 1756 to 1 Jan 1757.	£39166
1 Jan 1766 to 1 Jan 1767	52.214
1 Jan 1775 to 1 Jan 1776	67 328

B 98. Read 17 April 1777

Acct of Amt of Exports from England (with Ships) to Africa.

1 Jan 1756 to 1 Jan 1757	£188 582
1 Jan 1766 to 1 Jan 1767	496 759
1 Jan 1775 to 1 Jan 1776	186.166

B 99 Read 17 April 1777

Endt: Memorial of Merchants of City of Bristol Trading to Africa

To the Right Hon the Lords Commrs of Trade & Plantations

The Memorial of the Merchts & others of City of Bristol whose names are hereunto Subscribed

Sheweth. That yr Memorialists are, or have been considerable Traders to the Coast of Africa. That the case superintendce & Regulation of the said Trade in Africa was vested in a Co who applied the Clue men by an Act of 23rd of Geo 2nd. which Act hath by no means answered the intention of the Legislature, by extending & improving the said Trade, & laying the same open to all His Majts Subjects

That on the contrary the Trade for Negroes to the Gold Coast & Whydah, where the best Negroes are to be procured, is greatly decreased; the Trade for Ivory is nearly lost & the Trade for Gold is totally lost so, since the part of the Coast both the Ancient & immediate dozen the said Clue.

That altho' the said Act of 23rd Geo 2nd & a subsequent one passed in the 5th of his present Majty's Reign lay many restraints on the said Clue men, the officers & Seamen in Africa, to prevent illegal combinations & secret trading, to the manifest prejudice & ruin of the free & open trader & some of them by art & cunning in such covert way have contrived to elude the said laws & even in some measure to make the Public money, so liberally granted for the support & maintce of Forts & Settlements, subservient

to the own purposes & carrying on a sole Trade & creating / most dangerous Monopoly.

That it is & always has been / duty of / Govrs or Chiefs in Africa to endeavour to keep / Trading paths open, that / Ashantees & other inland Traders may come to / Waterside to trade with / Ships resorting to that Coast, that they done their duty in these parts, / influence of trade which has been so great to / said Govrs or Chiefs as all / support they could get from their People, will never have been allowed to create or establish such a Monopoly. And from / best information we can receive we have every reason to apprehend that intriguing with / Chiefs & Negroes inhabiting near / Coast, they continue to keep / Trading paths shut, whilst they prevent / Trade from increasing to such an extent as to get beyond / command of the established Monopoly

The Memorialists having observed by / Votes of / House of Commons, that His Majesty has been graciously pleased to refer to Their Lordships to enquire into, in order to be laid before that House a Report of / Present State of / Trade to Africa, / Condition of / Forts & Settlements thereto belonging to / African Co, & in what manner / several Sums of money granted by Parliament for maintaining & supporting / same, have been applied,

Humbly crave leave to state / foregoing facts & with due submission to represent to Their Lordships that unless some compleat a Trust as / Management & regulation of / Trade to / Gold Coast of Africa & whereby the same may be not speedily removed into other hands, / Evils before complained of can never be effectually redressed

The Memorialists therefore humbly pray Their Lordships Interposition for / preservation of so valuable a Branch of Trade

And Your Memorialists &c.

David Hamilton

& 9 other Sigrs

B 100 Read 24 July 1777

Sent Pursuant to Your Orders have been at Accra Prampram & Succondee ... & gives his opinion on / state of / Forts there —

— Accra. The old Castle, Houses Soldiers Barracks & Artificers rooms in so bad repair that all will fall down soon if not taken down. — To save / enormous expence of such Exterior walls as were originally built with a mixture of Clay & Sand with any Lime which will be equal to that of erecting a new Fort (as per plans 1 & 2) The expence of materials & very strong buttresses required to support / old walls will be greater than / Expence of building a new Fort. Advises removal of platform facing / Sea as too low by 5 or 6 ft readily accessible to / natives ... The Fort at present can only bring 7 Guns to bear against / Battle Field. In / intended plan No 2. shows a platform with 11, & 2 bastions with 3 Guns on each. Declines Estimate of Masonry - for rebuilding [illegible] —

Prampram. dependent on Accra, only requires some new roofs at cost of £30 or

Succondee - Very minutious in / plan he has marked in red / parts which he wants to entirely broken to / ground as A.B. &c Exterior walls that are standing cannot be repaired as all on a Sandy foundation & a great one & been beat down. Barracks Mess & Chiefs apartments in tolerable repair & may stand a few years longer: but wants a platform or Bastion where a gun can be fired with safety. I am &c Nicholas Lomax

C. C. C.
1 January 1777

To / Govr & Council

1776 – 1779.

[BT 6/3. B. cont^d]

B. 101 Read 20 Aug 1777.

Richard Miles to / Ctee [Extract] C.C.C. 26 January 1777

Yrs Mill has resigned his Command as Gov^r in Chief / 20th inst. & as in consequ^ce of yt has conferred me Second in Command in yr best of offices accompanyg yr Bo. of 22 Dec^r 1775 [B 46. 1775 P 48] / direct^n of yr offices in this Country has devolved on me, & / present. – Incloses copy of / Act of Council on t occas^n. Strict attent^n has bn pd to seniority in / diff^t promot^ns & lrges of the apprehens^n. –

We wish soon to see yr Storeship ...

After / sailg of Hawke & 2 English ships only will remain on / Coast ... As Trade is now tolerably good, these two ships will soon get away when Cff no 3^d Vessels are in / meantime) we shd have a favourable opp^y of reducg / price of Slaves. Wd be happy if we can prevail on / Dutch to join us in so rational a Scheme, but shd they refuse we will venture attempt it ourselves; & indeed tho' is a 4^th probability of our succeedg, / English assortmts beg always preferable to / Dutch.

As this will be delivd by my predecessor who has so long directed yr affairs & will be unnecy for me to be so particular at present as in future. as I shall rec^e my inform^n I may wish from him – Assures them of honorable & beneficial Service & / strictest economy.

Richd Miles to / Ctee [Extract] C.C.C. 5 March 1777

Abt 14 days ago / Swallow Nelson, of Lpool arrd here, yt cobld he learnt sevl Lrs of diff^t Gent^n in yr Service, none of them had any advice what time to expect yr Storeship; nor can Capt Nelson give us any acct of her. We are really in / greatest distress. Many of / Junior Chiefs have already advanced almost my shill^g of the ppty for / maintenance of the Garrison & th unavoidable chrges on / Public Acct. And for my own part, for / lge sums I pd my predecessor for his allowances I am so far from beg able to assist him, that I am almost in / same situat^n. Add to this scarcity of goods we have no European persons of any kind abt us on / Coast.

Since my arrl here a good part of my time has bn spent in making myself master of yr Correspondence w^th / Govr & Cil here, for some years past in order, not only / better to see yr sevl Orders & Instrons executed to / best of my power, but to enable me to write / more clearly abt yr affairs in this Country. The time I have chosen for this business is / more agreeable to me, as / Fort Books have bn this day closed to / day of Mr Mills resign^g: Balce in favour of yr Officers £24,532 – 2 – 5½ To lessen this debt will be my whole study. But to do it effectually w^th a Parliamentary Aid, is, I fear, beyond / reach of my abilities. To shew yr how t my utmost endeavours shall not be wanting, I am now preparg / form of an Establishm^t wch in my next will be transmitted & annually attends my Post on / Coast; but as I wish to be as clear & as explicit as possible. I fear I must defer sendg it till next opp^y.

– Re / retreatg of H.E. Boston at Tarleton –

The disputes betwn / Bubbi & / Danes are still at as great a height as ever: / former continue to send Cge Supplies & ammunn, & are makg great additions to their fortificons at Accra, & continue to distress / Danes as much as possible. What they intend I know not, but I cd heartily wish to see it in / power of / Danes to retaliate.

Trade at present is not very brisk, nor is it bad. Capt Thoburn by whom this is intended to go buys / most of what Slaves are stirrg. Fulton has as yet but none beg determined, as he tells me, to reduce / price as soon as Thoburn has finished his purchase. For this he will meet w my hearty concurrence

I h[ave] writ this for when I recd yr Ls of Dec 4th covrg Invoice & B/L pr / Fox, Capt Farley who arrd here / 8th inst under convoy of H.M.S. Weazel wh I shd defer answrg till / next conveyce

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Richd Mills to / Clee [Exhibit] CCC 25 March 1771

—Has landed / cargo fm / Fox except / Coals & a few bricks. Eqpg rec'd in good order —

B 102 Read Aug 20 1771.

Endd: Richd Cumberland Esqre
Treasury

Sir My Lds Commrs of H Mys Treasury having taken into consn / grant of Parliamt to Africa, I am ordered by their Ldps to desire y wd move / Bd of Trade to take / same into their consn, & t y wd acquaint my Lds for the informan, under what restrictns it is in their opinion advisable / may shd be issued to / African Clee in order more effectually to carry / direcns of Parlt into exon

Treasy Chams
7 Augt 1771.

I am &c
John Robinson

Richard Cumberland Esqr

B 104 [sic] Read Aug 20 1771.

Endd. "Africa No 6. Copy of Instrns to John Roberts fm / Comrs of Accts of / Royal African Co of England"

African House London October 26th 1749.

Instrns to be observed by John Roberts Esqr One of / Chief Agents. Treasurer & President of / Council at C.C.C.

Y are to take into yr posson all Gold, Negroes, Elephants Teeth, Malle geretta, Pepper, Corn Salt, & other effects / Produce of Africa wh shd be at C.C.C. belongg to / Co at / time of yr entering on yr office, by true & exact Inventories to be taken in / presc of / or two Agents & 2 Factors to be appted by / Council & attested by / sd 2 Factors & / psons fm whom y shall recv / sd Effects & y are to sign such Inventories yrself, acting by yr Deputy / Effects therein mentd into yr care & charge. And you are likewise to recv into yr care

Cars & charge all Gold & Negroes & also all Elephants Teeth, Malleguetta Pepper & other Effects / Produce of Africa that from time to time be purchd by C.C.C., which shall arrive in / Cos Ships, & they are to give true proper & full Accts of / same times & dates of / same unmediately upon / duly delivering into ye Custody thereof one Book is to be laid into / Council in order to be copied by them & to be sent home to / Co, & / other to be given to / Pilot or Pilots duly such Effects into ye Prison.

As to all Gold, Gold & Silver Coins & Ingots which shall at any time come / care to distinguish partly how much of / same is Ducatoons or Brazil Gold & how much thereof Cross Cross Gold, or other differences there may be in / quality or fineness of such Gold, & also to distinguish partly upon what Accts or otherwise / same shall be so received ... to prevent all Abuses & Impositions — to take parte care not to take Cross Cross Gold for any goods provisions & Necessaries, but for such only as shall be unanimously agreed on in Council to be sold for the Species of Gold

2 — To take care that all goods & effects are preserved from damage & properly stowed & frequently aired: that Negroes for sale be fed & kept cleanly & Kept on a place apart from / Cos Slaves. Kept dry, sweet & airy; & those sick to be kept apart from / rest —

3 — All purchases of gold Negroes, Elephants Teeth Malaguetta Corn sold & other effects of / produce of Africa that CCC are to take pd for in Goods & Merch. only & under such regulations as to quantities & prices as prescribed by / Council — subject as & subsist Certificate thereof to / Accots to be & approve (or disapprove), then entered in a book or to be approved by / Warehouse Keeper & Kept by him as a Voucher

4 — All payments at C.C.C. made in gold, to be made by & are to be appd by / 2 other Agents under Warrants signed by them in Col. No payments not so vouched will be allowed in ye accts

5. — Daily entries to be made in a Day Book of all accts & payments or deliveries of gold Negroes &c. .... & ~~of whose acct~~ from whom such acct an officer to be appointed by Council to assist him in all his Bargains payments deliveries &c the cargo / entries of ye —

6. — Monthly ~~Balances~~ Copies pr & Cr accts to be made up monthly shewing Ballances of all / Gold Negroes Elephants Teeth &c shewing Balances at end of month such accts & Day books to be delt to / Council within 3 days of / 1st day of / succeeding month, to be exad by them w / Vouchers & allowed or disallowed - as it appears by the regulations made & to be pursued by ye. Inventories of such goods & effects to be made . . . —

7 — To purchase on / Cos acct as large quantities as ye can of Gold Negroes Eleph: Teeth &c — & (except Negroes) to be sent home under Warrants from / Council; & such private despatch of

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Except such part o/ gold wch is allowed by / Council for payt o Salaries Commn & such money payable in Africa: in wch wch to be paid / Ascanio & Brazil Gold to be Valued & pd at / rate o £4 per oz Troy Weight.

8 — To peruse & to comply w all / Instructions sent from time to time to our Council at C C C. —

9 — To / utmost o yr power & ability to ~~promote~~ preserve & promote / Trade Credit. Advantage & Interest o / Co & to frustrate defeat ~~& defeat~~ & discover to / Co all Frauds deceits & Wrongs done or intended to / Co & furnish / best proofs

10. — Not to carry on any Trade or Traffick or Merchandize or deal directly or indirectly to Trade or be concerned or interested in Trade (while in / Co's service on his own or any other Acct) save only for necessary Cloathes for his personal use & such gold as is permitted for his Salary & Commn pd in Africa.

11 — To give friendly Entertainment & Relief at C C C & cause it to be given at / Outforts & Factories to all People except Traders in cases of distress by Wreck or otherwise, & protect them from Natives Enemies or Pirates & to furnish them with Wood & water on reasonable payment, & if delayed by accident to permit them to store their goods in / Forts free & Land the Negroes / Owners to maintain them, under penalty of such damages as / said Traders suffer by his denial &c. & if they are disposed to Trade with / Co for Negroes & pay for them in such goods as are in demand on / Coast it is left to them to deal with them for best advantage o / Co.

Sgd by Mr Lake The Court's Instructs o/ RAC o England (Sgd) Ab Lake Sub Gov Cha Hayes Dep Gov & 5 Ors.

B 105 Read 20 Augt 1777

Endd "Instructions for Henry Lascelles Esqr to John Roberts & Wm Husbands" [Copies for engrossing in Treas Office Book]
Dd. London Decr 2d 1749.

Vide Green note Book "I." T70 1516"
P 34 copied &c for T70/1194.

B 106

Endd "Copy o a Dr for / Court o Assists o/ R A C. to / Council at C C C. dd 30th Nov. 1749"

To Messrs John Roberts President & Treasurer, Wm Husbands Warehouse Keepr, & Thos Bolder Accomt Chief Agents, or / Chief Agents for time being at C C C

Africa House Nov 30th 1749

Gentn.

1st. The Parliament having in / last Session granted ten thousand Pounds for / support & preservation o / Trade to Africa, & / House o Lds has addressed H M. to issue / same in pursuance thereof, in such manner as H M. shd think most proper, / same was issued accordgly some time since by / Rt Hon / Lds o H Mts. Treasury to Mr Henry Lascelles o London Merchr, to be imployed in Goods, Stores & Provisions for / Support o/ Cos Forts & Settlemts in Africa for this year. And it having been recommended to him to assign / same to such person or persons as he shd think fit to entrust w / affairs thereof, & Mr Lascelles thereupon expressing Mind to Mr John Roberts

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[B.T. 6/3 B contd].

the bearer hereof, & y Hon Wm Husbands h bn well recommended to him as proper security for / disposal o such a propor sum o / sd Publick Money as sh be intrusted & sent to C C C.; & representg to us t as it is absolutely necy / sd 2 Ports shd h / applon & disposal thereof we beg subject to / controul o any st psn or psons, & therefore recommended Mr John Roberts to us to be chosen Treasurer & first Agent & Mr Husbands the one Warehouse Keeper & Second Agent, & they to h / full disposal & applicon o / sd Investmt & to be accountable to him for / same, Mr Drysdales, as we are informed have of himself previously given Security to / Hons o / Treasury for / integrity & sending out / sd Publick money. And also as Mr Thomas Bolder our present Factor is well recommended to him, he thinks him fit to be continued in / sd office, We upon due consn thereof, & also o / present precarious condon o our Forts & Settlemts for want o supplies to support them & prevent their being lost, found it very proper & necy to comply therewith, & accordingly h applied Mr John Roberts President o our Council, Chief Agent & Treasurer at C C C & to continue Mr Husbands as Chief Agent & Warehouse Keeper, & Mr Thomas Bolder Accomt, to act in Council for / management o all our affairs at C C C & all our Forts & Settlemts on / Gold Coast & at Whydah dependant thereon, & thereupon h bn obliged & do accordgly hereby discharge Mr Richd Stockwell from being our Chief Agents & Treasurer at C C C from / time t Mr Roberts sh arr there at our sd Castle, or from / time t y sh cease thus to, But on this occasn & in justice to Mr Stockwell we think it proper to signify to y t this discharge o Mr Stockwell is only to / reasons above mentd, & / present unhappy circumstances o / Co's affairs wh make it unavoidably necy, & t it is not done for any crime or charge agst him

2d And therefore altho we h on this occasn thot fit to discharge Mr Stockwell, yet at / same time considerg / gt hardships & ruin he must be upon him, & what a sufferer he must be thereby, we recommend it to y our three Agents & hereby direct t as soon as possible after Mr Roberts's arrl, y adjust & settle all Accts w Mr Stockwell relating to his management & transactions o / Co's affairs. And t y allot him a proper & convenient apartmt in / Castle, & t he be permitted to remain there as long as he sh think proper, & finds it necy to collect in all his effects & settle all his concerns, & t Mr Stockwell only, during t whole time he his there at / Publick Table at / Co's charge, & t y treat him w all imaginable address civility & render him all ye kind services in ye power, & this we strictly enjoin to be punctually observed by y –

3d In regard to such Balce as may be due to Mr Stockwell from / Co upon / foot o / Accts when settled, & salary or drawing, as we apprehend he cannot be paid out o this Investmt o this Publick Money, nor by / Co at present otherwise than by Bonds under the Seal bearg 5 p cent p annum interest, we recommend it to y to take parlor care to send us a proper Accot o such his debt togr w / Accts o all / rt just debts due from / Co on / Coast, t he may rece here / like benefit as may accrue to / rest o / Co's Creditors from

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any Resolution or Resolutions wch / Parliament may make relating thereto

4th. By this Ship / Speedwell, Capt John Williams Master, belongg to Mr Lascelles & whom wch we hope will be a speedy Voyage & safe arrivl at Cape Coast, is shipped by Mr Lascelles / proprio / Investmt &c / purpose only as before mentd, consigned to Messrs Roberts & Husbands, / parties wch y will see by / Invoice & B/L wch will be forwarded fm Mr Lascelles by this ship, & wch we are persuaded Messrs Roberts & Husbands, will, & we do hereby recommend to y, to dispose of to / best advantage, & to properly & directly apply / same for / purpose only for wch it is intended & in pursce of such orders & instructions as y may rece fm Mr Lascelles relating thereto

5th. We have entertained [6] / Cos Service sevl Factors & Writers who now take the passage in this Ship, / Names & whom togr wth / Ds parties necy for yr information concerng them y will see by / List made out & enclosed herewith as usual

6th And as sevl of these persons are very good hands we ... recommend it to y to — get some of them as soon as possible to bring up all yr Books & Accts, & send them, wth / Vouchers by / 1st opptty to enable us to lay before / Parliamt all / proper Accts & Castle Charges

7th We have likewise sent y by this Ship an Inspector of Fortifications, a Engr & Soldiers a List of whom will be likewise sent y We are &c

The Cb of Hors &c / R. A. C.

(Sgd) by Ar Lake Sub Gov. Chas Hayes Dep Gov & 5 ors.

B 104. Read Nov 25th 1774.

Richard Miles to / Ctee C. C. C. 25 April 1774.

— Encloses anne Indents for 1773 & or pps as per list

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— has apprized / Schooner or pinck & Tax provided by Capt Forley —

By / inclosed No 6 y will see & / annl expence of yr Forts amt to £18,981 - 18 - 1½ wth any allce what for Keeping them in repair, so long while / present Establishmt exists (& it cannot well be reduced) y see / impossibility of ever paying off / present heavy debt we owe. The this Debt has been in a great measure occasd by / repairs & has been carried on at this Castle for some years past, is beyond all doubt; but by / inclosed No 11 y will see also yr new acquired Settlemt at Appolonia has cost y £10 584. Exclusive of / allowce made by Parliamt for building ye Lines / present Establishmt y has been involved in some very heavy Palavers: / Wennebah one in parte cost y a deal of Money, for wch y has never had any extra Grant. The annl pay of yr Slaves now amts to £3350, whereas at / Commencemt of / present Establishmt it did not amt to more than ⅔ds of ye Sum. To all these addl Chges may be attributed in a great measure / present Debt we owe. Y has been very exact in / Establishmts as well as in / extracts fm / public accts of Appolonia Fort, the latter

you'll find agree w / Gen Bostes: & / former is as exact as possible, deserts hear & it often happens (as is / case at present) y some o / Forts are 2, 3 or more short o / Establishmt the Compliment; but as my Chiefs has / liberty o keep up his number when he has an opty o inlisting them, little can be saved on y head.

At / time o our mill's leaving / Coast, I pd him y his share o / Lagoe & Mumford pawns, so y I am now / only man alive in arrears on y acct. You'll see by / inclosed Refs y it was / unanimous opinion o / Council y most probable consequce o wdg these people's redemp[n], and be ye desertn, in wh case it wd be hard y me ever to recover my paymt. I therefore chose, rather than incur yr displeasure by not enforcg it, to strike them off / Publick Books, & to maintain them myself until yr furthr Orders are recd on y Head. In / meantime you'll please to observe y they are still employd in / public business & know nothg to / contrary but y they are yr slaves. W regard to the redemp[n], I believe it never was expected to take place, / Council well knowg y the poverty wd not enable them; but it was concluded y y wd take these pawns, & yr Slaves – in / same manner / W Bobs pawns were taken. For my own part, I really dont y wd h bn / case; partly for seeg y / Council were unanimous in / steps taken in consequce o yr orders to protect these people, & partly for yr having taken / Winnebah pawns when attacked by / same Enemy. And I still h hopes y y will order me paymt out o / next years Supplies: flattrg myself y y will be enabled to do so by a Grant frm Parliamt, as yr last Br seems to intimate an intended applon, & wh I hope will meet w success. Shd it unfortunately prove otherwise I beg to be favoured w yr furthr Orders respectg these people as my small Capital is barely sufficient to furnish y / necy Exes o / Service.

While I h / hon to command here I shall always consider it my duty to furnish y frm time to time w a just state o yr affairs in this country, W this view at is y I h pointed out to y / real causes (so far as I can see them) o / Establishmt beg now so much in debt, leavg it to y to take such steps as y may think proper. In / meantime I beg y to be assured o / utmost fidelity on my part.

Respectg / Presents made by my predecessor frm / Kings o Fantee & Shantee, I shall only say y they are now in a gr measure absolutely necy, bec they h bd a promise o them, & our not fulfilg y promise (allowg no worse consequces to arise frm it) must naturally impress them w a very unfavourable opinion o yr Chief Officers in this Country. I must partly recommend those frm / King o Fantee, as he has never yet recd any token o yr favour, & he is by far / best-behaved Black man in / Fantee Country & / most attached to / English but those frm / King o Shantee may be sent also, & cd be held to him on ye arrival, frm / reasons I h given above; & be kept here to be sent him on any future Emergency. For sometimes happens (for instce, at a time when he is threatning / Fantee country w an Invasion) y such a Present is absolutely necy as a preliminary to a Negotiatn, & such things are not to be procured in this Country at any price.

– Re / 50 Barrels Gunpowder sent out f / defence o / Forts –

The extra quantity o Kersimere w / h Cloaths order f this year is ppls intended t Serve / younger officers in / Service, whose Salary is drawn often exceeds 60 Salaries. Reg confined t an uniform, one or two Jackets w Breeches f waist-coats & Breeches, will serve them vy well / years round. The distinction proposed between / Chiefs & / Junior Officers is by an Epaulet: see 9th Clause Regulation ... meets w yr approbation please order three Pairs, f three substitute 24 Yards o Ribbons Colours ...

– Cots f bedsteads steads f / 3 public beds in / Castle f / use o Naval officers & members o Council –

– Trade Abroad very good when Swallow Arrived, no English ships on the Gold Coast nor many Dutch Ships — ... You will give us yr pleasure in Rest t / American Disputes were at an end & t / W. Indies were such as to warrant / merchts in fitting out a few Ships f / Gold Coast, as / Trade must inevitably fall into / hands o / Dutch. Capt Nelson [Nevelson] has sold in this Island 62 10 f men & 62 8 f women ...

The Ashantee Trade has within these Six months last past, been opened agn at Accra after having been shut up f Seven Years. Mr Collins says t / Inhabits between Dutch & Danes the Trade is a good deal, owg to the neighbouring States & those people h down as the Allies & who plunder any small party o Ashantees who go t buy Slaves, as they do to all appearance, at present, a good understanding betwn / Fantees & Ashantees / make no doubt o / Trade continuing pretty brisk this Year, but, as I said before, / absence o British shipping will depress it o our Share. ... – [A long para on the Governor's controversies w Mr Westgate] – ... .

I have &c. Richard Miles

B 109.

A Comparative Return o / State & Condon o C.C.C for / Year 1755 to / Year 1776.

A Summary Return of / Reports on / State & Condon of CCC by: –

Capts Marsh Aug 1755. Scaife Feb 1760 Goldwell Oct Dec 1760 Smith Apl 1763 Bateman Aug 1763. Cleveland Feb 1764 Farmer July 1765 Macartney Apl 1766 Lambert Mar 1767. Hollwell Feb 1768. Male March 1768 Tongue Apl 1769. Tongue Apl 1770 Fielding Apl 1771. Collingwood May 1772 Collingwood Mar 1773 Collingwood Mar 1774 Collingwood Mar 1775 Cornwallis Feb 1776.

B 110	A Similar Return f	Annamaboe Fort	from	1756.
B 111.	"	"	" Tantumquery	"	1759
B 112	"	"	" Winnebah	"	1759
B 113	"	"	" James Fort Accra	"	1759
B 114	"	"	Whydah Fort	"	1760
B 115	"	"	" Commendo	"	1759
B 116	"	"	" Succondee	"	1760
B 117	"	"	" Dixcove	"	1758
B 118	"	"	" Appolonia	"	1761.

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C.1. Read Jany 6. 1778

Sir my Lds Comrs o HMs Treasy having read a Memorial o/ Cte o Merchts trading to Africa praying t/ sum o £13,000 granted by Parliamt in/ last Session f repairg, maintaing & supporting / Brit. Forts & Settlemts in Africa, may be issued to them f/ sd purposes. And the Ldps having resumed / consn o ye Bill / 25th day o Augt last relative to / restrictns under wch it will be advisable / money granted by Parliamt shd be issued to / Affrican Cte, And my Lds having at / same time read & considered / several lres on ye Bill, I am ordered by the Ldps to acquaint ye by / inform o / Bd o Trade, t my Lords agree in opinion w t Board, t / diversn o Parliamt funds / disposal o/ grant will be effectually carried into execn f / sd grant be issued to / Affrican Cte under special condn t no part thereof shd be applied to / discharge o any debts alledged to be incurred before / 31st day o December 1776 And I am further directed to acquaint ye t my Lds be guided / strictest injunctns to / Affrican Cte to take special care t / money granted be so applied.

As respect to ye part o ye Bill wch states t my Lds will probably think it necy t an Agent or Agents shd be appointed & stationed on / Coast to superintend / due applon o / said consignments on wch / Publick money may be invested, my Lds desire I will acquaint / Board o Trade, t it does not sufficiently appear to the Ldps it wd be agreeable to / intentn o Parliamt t an Agent or Agents shd be appointed & stationed on / coast to superintend / due applon o / said consignments on wch / Publick money may be invested. I am — &c —
John Robinson

Treasury Chambers
28th Novr 1777
Richard Cumberland Esqr

C.2 Read Feby 10 1778.

CCC 7 June 1777

Richard Miles to / Cte

— Copy o his last by / Swallow r o/ pps sent per Arsenal Sloop o War, goes herewith under care o Capt Colton o HM.S. Pallas who carries us hom / Publick Accts f / year 1776. —

... Immediately after / departure o / Swallow, Nelson, & consulted o / Council abt reducg / price o Slaves, who were unanimous in fixg it at 40 oz f men & 7 f women. Indeed we had so far succeeded t I purchd myself / 2nd day 5 Slaves at / above prices: but / arrl o / French Snow at Annamaboe put a stop to it,

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He at first anchored almost immedtly under our Guns & made applon f wood & water wh he sd he was in distress for; but on hearg he was tradg w / Natives, our Governor by my direns informed him t / consequce o his continuing there any longer the, wd be / Fort's firg on him. Upon this he got under weigh, run a little to leeward, out o / reach o / Guns, comes too agn & has bn near 2 days tradg w / Natives. Capt Cotton goes down this day in order to drive him away, & as we now daily expect Capt Young in / Juliet (who I am told is well armed) I am hopeful we sh not be any fm troubled w him.

I made applon to / Gov o Elmina to join me in so laudable a scheme as t o reducg / price o Slaves. I recd / same answer t all my predecessors on / like occasn h done, t he cd enter into no engagemt on t head. However, I h no doubt o our succeedg as soon as / French man o war is gone, notwithstandg / Dutch continue to give 02.10.

Since my last, two Portuguese fm Bahia & Rio de Janeiro arrd at Elmina. The Dutch Gov confined / Capt o one o them & all his crew in irons 8 or 10 days, but I see they are now passg to Secretl. I h not yet learned / real cause o his confing these people, but I suppose it did arise, t o tradg w some o / English ships or Forts to windward, & wh offce / Dutch Gov take one half o the Cargo.

Evrything remains peaceable & quiet on / Coast. Sick - - -

PS. - - -

Richd Miles to / Clee — C.C.C. 10 July 1744

My last to you was / 9th inst [supra] & went by / Pallas man o War. I then informed you o a Frenchman's lying at Annamaboe & o Capt Cotton's intents respecg him. He was one night in Annamaboe Road, & / next morng they both got under way togr. The Pallas stretched off to sea & / Frenchman / after anchorg a few hours in Cormantine Road) stood down / Coast. I h since heard t / latter stopped a few days at Appam for Wood & Water fm whence I believe she is since sailed - - - - Evrything remains peaceable & quiet on / Coast. The Rains wh I bn very severe are nearly over - but officers & garrison remain healthy. ...

Richd Miles to / Clee — C.C.C. 10 August 1744

- This last was / 10th inst by a Dutch ship for Elmina. Since when Mr Hugh Johnston & Chas Corbett died. Latter succeeded by Charles Miles as dep Secy -

- Had little rain but very foggy unwholesome weather ever been many slightly indisposed but none dangerously ill.

Since my last a new Gov is arrd at Christiansborg in a Frigate o 28 Guns laden w Goods & Stores f the Settlemt. I h recd a ltr fm him expressg his desire in / strongest terms to maintain a good understandg w our Nation, beggg at / same time I wd give orders f our Chiefs to prevent any Danes Vessels fm slipping under / Dutch Forts. I h complied

to his desire, & for this cire conclude / dispute so long depend betwn / Danes & / Dutch is no nearer beg settled now than before his cire. 9th acquaint yr from time to time w what steps such party takes in / Affair. At present all communicons are stopped betwn the Settlemts.

The French continue to send out gr numbers o Merchantmen. The most o them encroach on our Trade now, by stopping down along / Gold Coast & purchg lge numbers o Slaves, wh it is intirely out o our power to prevent at this time when we h no shipps on / Coast. Capt Coste in a French Snow from Honfleur has sold his whole Cargo to / Gen & Fiscal at Ebanna. 6 or 8 French Vessels passed by since my last, & there are now 2 at Shamah. The Frenchs give out they are a gen mart to go to Annamaboe. Indeed it is not to be wondered at, at such a time as this when / Country is full o slaves, scarce o provns, & no English ships to take them off the hands. No one hour has yet stopt the snow / Pallas down off / last t was the in / beg inng o June, & I hope will not. 9th take my possible step in my power to prevent it, & for / intriguing disposn natural to / French, & / many people in / Town o Annamaboe who it is known are well disposed towds them, / worst o consequces are to be dreaded from such an intercourse betwn them. Indeed / most effectual method to prevent it wd be to get a Sloop o War stationed here, at least until / times are such as to justify / British Merchts prosecutg / Trade agn to these parts.

Since my last, one Dutch has sailed frm Elmina w 400 slaves for / Isle of Bourbon. & there are now 3 at Cape Lahou, 2 at Assem, 1 at Boutry & 1 at Succondee. Tar is also ordr Portuguese arrd at Elmina.

The Schooner was finished shortly after my getting a supply o Pitch & Tar, but such one / obstacles met w & we h not yet been able to get her over o Elmina river notwtstg / surveyors & many o yr slaves h been employed repeatedly upon t business. She is now in / Channel thro / Drawbridge, but / amazg bad seas .. has known such a bank o sand on / Bar, t until a change o weather it will be impossible to get her out. However ... How'r she not beg out has been no injury — Artfully saved & no service possible durg / Rains

— Small Pox broken out in / Town — One Mulatto soldier died w it & removed frm / Garrison — We h as little communican w / Town as / nature o / case will admit o, & my precaun taken to prevent infection spreadg.

— Asks for 3 Writers & 2 Angt Surgeons —

— asks for a pson to succeed Lomax who is wanted for a Command —

We h effectually reduced / price o Slaves to 22 g. for men & 22 g. for women. Capt King o / Juliet, by whom this goes, dealt for almost his whole Cargo at yr Forts the arrd but 2 months since & is now ready to sail. He informs me he has laid them in at a few shillings above £15 sterlg. Slaves are most plentiful at all / Dutch & French ships (who still give 20 oz 10. or 22 8) Keep away & shall not be our fellows for they are not reduced still lower. This Hope will encourage / British Merchts to fit out agn for these parts but if (as it is always / case when the is / least glimmerg of hopes of success) 10 are for many ships the one at once. I fear some one of yr o them will be getting / price up agn. I wish answer for Forts

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RLP.

C 3. Read Feby 10 1778.

Clee to / Gov & Cl of CCC Africa Office London 23 January 1778

Since our last by / Fox we h recd yrs o / 19 Oct [B.85 p 19] + 23 Dec [nk] 1776. + o / 8 [nk] + 26 Jan [B101. p 31] 5 + 25 Mar [ibid] 25 April [B101. p.36] 20 May [nk] 7 June [C2 p1 supra] + 10 Augt [C2 p 2 supra] 1777. / last o wh incloses copy o one dd 10 July [C2. ibid].

We are well pleased t / Commotions amg / Fantees & Ashantees subsided wt any unpr consequces We hope / disputes betwn / Dutch & Danes will not disturb / gen peace o / country, & we approve o yr conduct in not interfering in them

We think / attempts y h made to reduce / price o Shaves ys commendable, & for / state o / trade, we doubt not but / same success will continue, wh they h bn already attended.

—Have referred all applints & promotns made by y, as per enclosed copy o their Minutes [nk]—

— ask why Sandys Beaton / youngest Chief but one, succeeded to Winnebah; & why Messrs Pruther & Ormsby were removed fm Annamaboe when a new Gov was comg ovr; & what nō o Castle Slaves were removed & / reason f removg them fm thence. —

The event o / Gov o Whydah succeedg to / Rank o Councillor & by his situan beg unable to attend his duty as such, was provided f by our Order o / 22 Nov 1769 to wh we refer y. Mr Abson being now succeeded in rotan to / Council Board y are hby directed to appt your Watts. / next senior officer on / Coast as Councillor, & call him to his seat at / Council Board immedly. And f wee observe t / actg Council o C C C. in future is to consist o / Gov & / 3 senior Chiefs upon / Gold Coast, togr wt / Gov o Whydah beg a Councillor when it is convenient f him to attend.

— forbid / discontinuce o / pag o / mg & Eng Gun as an unnecy expence.

On accot g to some transacns we observe t some o / Cos Slaves h bn sold off / Coast. We think it necy to remond y t all such sales are illegal & cannot in any sense be appd by us, beg bn express contradn to / Act o Parliamt

We now signify our final resoln in regard to / Lodge & Mumford Pawns, wh is, t we will not accept o them as Slaves nor maintain them.

— Order / Schooner to be immedly disposed o —

As we desire in a short time to enter into a close & minute exan o / management o our business on / Coast, / Estabishmt y h sent us will then come under our Consn. In / meantime we must observe t / Estimate appears to us rather much too big & we recommend to y / strictest Economy in ev particr.

We are o opinion t on / charge brot by Mr Westgate agst our Victuals j h not attended to due subordinan — they are to call Mr V before them & reprimand him & tell him he is to expect to be dismissed on any future charge o / like nature —

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Mr Westgate having transmitted a Ltr containing sevl heavy Chges agst / Gov., we annex a Copy of / same, & desire y will communicate it to him, giving him our Orders to reply to all / accusns in / fullest manner, in order that we may judge of / propriety of his conduct. We likewise direct y sd / Gov. & Mr Westgate's Lrs & any Witnesses whom ea party may produce, & when y have / best view wh / nature of / case admits of, & wh we order y to transmit to us. Report to us ye opinion upon it, wh may accompany / Gov's justifica. We are sorry to observe such frequent dissensions prevail amg y, wh are equally destructive of ye own Ease & Satisfon, & cannot but be most unpleasg to us, for a sense of wh beg highly injurious to / Co. We find ourselves obliged to add, that amg / accusns of weight wh are ye Complaints of so low & frivolous a nature, that we esteem / reference of them to us as very unbecomg, & hope in future we sh not be troubled w such contemptible disputes

? Copy in BT 6/13 (Ltr Sent rejected 29 April 1777 – Title mine)

Herewith [ink] y will rece a copy of a Return made by / Commrs of Trade & Plantns to / House of Commons by order of His Majesty. Y, in / perusal, will find many charges agst our Servts upon / Coast, amg ths of a Monopoly in Trade, in conjunc w some Gentn now, or formerly of / Cte. We expect of y, / imputa lies strongly upon y & it behoves y, as y Value ye Characters, ye estima in life, or / security wh y & h respectively given for / Regul & faithful discharge of / Trust, to acquit yrselves of a Charge, wh, if well founded, tends to cramp / Commerce of / Trade in gen. & thby defeats / ve end of / Establishmt. The last Pages contain a comparative View of / profits made by / Co upon the sevl advances, & those of / Gov on the acct. – If this is a fair state, it follows y / Public has been grossly imposed upon by / rapacity of the Servants. If sd be an Error in / made of / state] fm / Coln of Trade, it is incumbent on y to point out such Error & vindicate ye Reputn to / satisfon of ye Country.

You may recd last ye by this Cte / Copies of / Ports & Settlmts on / Coast of Africa was visited by h M. upon a Visit of / Ho of Comm. A copy of h Ms Warrant is now inclosed [ink]. We do not presume to add weight to such high Authy, but in conformity w our duty, we command & require of y / Tenor of this Warrant be compleat w in / fullest extent.

This comes by Capt Wm McIntosh of Emerson Seward, wh ship carries out / Supplies for all / Forts contgas p inclosed Invoice to / sum of £ [illegible] in / disposal of wh we expect / Public will feel / effects of y strict economy & wh y h given us strong assurces

We direct, in / distribun of / Supplies y strict Equity be attended to... We mean y when / Distn is made, no person wh h a choice in / quality of / Goods, but shd there be any diffce of quality in / same articles, we order y they be proportionably divided accordg to / sums y are to be paid. The warrts assigned by Messrs Collins & Weaver for / purpose given to Mr Mabis we are sorry to say are such as we cannot admit of

We observe t / ~~quantity~~ quantity o provins issued on / years 1773, 1774 & 1775 respty, gthy accounts / Indents f 1774 & 1775. We observe y cause assigd / reason f this decrease, wch is / more exty, as in / late Gen Mills' Ltr o / 24th May 1776. He mentions t there is / great scarcity o all sorts o European Provins & / same compln is made by Gov Miles in 3 subsequent Ltrs

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We h on sev occasn recommended a free & open Trade to all h Mjs subjects. To this injunctn we expect & will pay a distinguished attenn t any Trader may hereafter / Coast may know our disposn to conform to / purposes o our Institution, & ye readiness to second our Intentns

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We sh conclude by requiring t all / Orders contd in this Ltr be complied w on pain o dismission fm our Service. We are &c

Gilbert Ross — & 7 Dirs.

C 4. Read Feby 10 1778.

To / Hon / Commons o Gt Britn in Parliamt assembled

The humble petn o / Cttee o / Co o Merchts trading to Africa

Sheweth That ye Petrs h laid before this Hon. House an acct o / mony granted f / year 1776 exd & passed by / Commrs Baron o / Exchequer as required by an Act o / 23rd o George / Second intitled an act f extending & improving / trade to Africa. That they h invested / mony granted in 1774 f / support & / Forts & Settlemts on / sd Coast

That / Forts & Settlemts on / sd Coast have been deld to ye Petrs in in a very bad State by / R-A-C- & / sums annly granted by Parlt beg meerly expended in / Civil & Military Establishmts Engs very little f / repairs o / sd Forts and do still remain in a very ruinous condn

That ye Petitioners find by / Books o Accts recd fm Africa ending / 31st o December 1776 t there was at ye time due & owing to / Officers & Seruts thr, a debt o £24 694-14-11 Coast mony, wch according to the method o Calculn, amts to / sum o £16463-3-1½ Sterlg & ye Petrs h too much reason to apprehend t / sd Debt is considerably increased since ye time, owing in some measure to / Supplies sent out beg considerably lessened by / addl Expence o Freight & Insce.

That ye Petrs beg sensible o / ye 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 / mety support & maintence o / sd Forts & Settlemts: & repayg / Officers & Seruts / sevl sums o mony advanced by them, & likewise f / repairs still wanted, as to the great Wisdom & sum mett And ye Petrs as in duty bound will ever pray.

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C 5. Read March 3d 1778

Endd "Copy of Mr Thomas Westgate to Africa Cttee
dd Annamaboe Fort April 10th 1777"

Note A long letter fm Mr Westgate dd Anmaboe Fort 10th April 1777 answering complts made agst him by Gov Pulleine Miles. The controversy appears to have arisen fm Westgate's objecting to Pulleine irregularity in dividing Supplies, & favouring himself. From this error causes arose & disagreements between them. But Controversy & all seeming animosity died down & no act was taken by Council on Cttee instrs [supra] as is seen in Gov & Councils reply to Cttee letter of 23 Jan., in dtd Bay 25 June 1778 signed by Miles & Westgate & rest of Council [Vide C 28 A. post] [The Gov & Council became much more concerned in complaints made at home agst them, than in the individual disagreements]

C 6 Read Feby 13 1778.

12 February 1778 Admlty Office dr fm Mr Stephens to Secy to Ldsp Commrs f. Trade &c transmitting by dr Information & Report of State & Condon of the Forts & Settlements on Coast of Africa sent fm Capt Cotton Commdr of HM S Pallas. — as under: —

[Summaries] C 7

Tantumquerry Fort June 1777
Chief. Jerome Bernard Wewes, Factor, Sergt, Gunner 5 Soldiers, Burmer, Effer, Blind Person. 9 Slaves 15 m 3 w &c. Common 2 qrs 8 lbs 10 oz 4 dr. Fort & Buildings 2 Bastions & gutter walls running up as fast as possible. Slaves & Chiefs seem much used (17th cause) Trade consists in Slaves

C 8

Appolonia Fort June 1777
Chief John Brown, Sergt, Gunner 3 Soldiers Slaves 5 m 3 w &c. Common 6.6.3.8.2.6.1
seems all serene. 13 h Canoes. Chiefs expect new roof to be repaired. Ppal Trade Gold & Ivory & Slaves & Indian goods

C 9.

Succoa Fort 31 May 1777.
Chief Ogdesse George Ogdine 5 Soldiers Slaves 9 m 15 w &c. Common 16 4 9 6 9 6 6 3
needs fencing & planting. Chiefs lately shewn good conduct (on Cabes settlement). Trade & do gold & Slaves & Indian goods Fort very dull (Sgd) G Ogdine 2d Mate Pallas.

C 10.

Commenda Fort 4 June 1777
Chief Steward Beard, Sergt, Gunner 4 Soldiers Slaves 3 m 6 w &c. Common 2 18 12 4 8 3 7
10. 6. 3. 6 [22 useless]. 13 h Canoes 5 Bastions finished. Palisades wants repair. Small Trade. Slaves
(Sgd) Beard & Oakes

C 11.

Succondee June 1777
Chief. Charles Graves, Gunner 5 Soldiers Slaves 6 m 4 w &c. Common 2 2 12 5 6 1
Fort not repairable Trade trifling Chas Graves & Oakes

8.

C 12.

Winnebah Fort 31 May 1777

Chief Sandys Deathin 1 Sejt. 1 Gunner 4 Soldiers. Slaves 6 m 4 W &c.
Cannon 3[6] 1[4] 2[3] 1[1]. Exterior Walls in gt want of repair & very room, except Hall almost in ruins. A little Slave & Canoy Trade.

C 13

James Fort Accra 7 June 1777

Chief Robert Collins 1 Factor 1 Bricklayer, 1 Sejt 1 Gunner 8 Soldiers 1 Corpl (1 9th Cause) Wm Sackey Linguist. Slaves 12 m. 14 W &c. Cannon 2[18] 2[12] 2[9] 11[6] 4[4] [½ 19 & 4 Bad] ½ Fort originally built of Clay & stone shot in gt want of repair Some few months ago the was / glim prospect of / Ashantee Trade beg fully open here as the Ryc body of them were down & / Leeward Fanties had Sworn not to molest them in / parts. But now, on acct of / War betwn / Danish & Dutch Forts, it is much to be feared / Ashantees will be fearful of coming down as / Dutch h hired / Fanties to stop ye / parts to distress / Danes & their allies. As Ramframs / Trade is in as flourishg condition as it has bn for many yrs past Sgd Robt Collins

Ramframs 1 Factor 1 Sergt 2 Soldiers 3 W slaves. Cannon 4[3] 5[1].

C 14.

Annamaboe Fort 6 June 1777.

Chief. Thos Washgate 12th 1 Sejt. 1 Corpl 2 Soldiers 6 Mulatto DO. Slaves 23 m 7 W &c.
Cannon 8[24] 6[18] 3[12] 18[6] 10[3] Most parts repaired. Gate rotten. the most convex Most rooms in rotten ruinous condition & were day since rains began. Very little Slave Trade at present owg to our Navy endeavoured to lower / price. wh good intent is entirely defeated by / Capt of a French Sneau at Cape Coast below this a Cormantyn, who has established a Factory in / House of Amoney Coomah, our Post Cabboceer here in / Chiefs pay.

C 15.

Cape Coast Castle June 15th 1777.

Pope in Chief ye Richd Miles, his Meagre Assist Secy & Peg. 1 Warehouse Kpr & Gunner 1 Factor & Dep Secy 5 Factors, 1 Factor & Act Surgeon. 1 Writer, 1 Surveyor 1 Chaplain & asst in Accots Office [Quashie]. 1 Black Butler, 1 Mulatto Bombay, 1 Gardener, 1 Sergt 2 Corpls. 12 Soldiers. 14 Mulatto DO. 1 Drum Major 9 Mule Drummers & Fifers. Jno Thos Bettle Black asst Surgeons Mate. Fredck Adorg Linguist. 2 Black Boys & Writers - John Aquee & Geo Sackey. Amongst Indry George Barnabee. Slaves [Artificers] 151 m 111 W [Indulg 4 Cda. Passes] 96 W &c.
Cannon 2 19 9 4 6 9 7 12 28 16 11. 1 Schooner

The new buildgs remain as p last Report they beg discontinued by Orders fm / Ctee. Roy of part of / Castle in good repair
Trade for some time past has bn pretty good. At present a stagnation owg to our attempting to reduce / price of slaves at wh we had succeeded in some but / arrl of a French Sneau at Aboe, in / absence of / British Ships has put a stop to / Trade at present. Capt Allen intends to proceed this day to leeward in order to drive him away we h no doubt of gaining our point in reducg / price.

sgd Ross Cotton Packard Miles

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C 16 Read May 29 1779.

Anno 1776

An Accot of Monys rec'd & expended by / Clee of Co of Merchts trading to Africa
f / Support & Improvemt of Forts & Settlemts on / sd Coast The Clee consists
of following Gentlemen ... [9 names] [Summary]

Received of / Clee f 1775. Balce of last yrs Accot viz.
On Accot Forts & Settlemts Senegal 841-2-0 / 561 4 0 — 1402-6-0

Warrant fm / Treasury on accot Forts & Settlemts 13000
less Fees 342-13-6 — 12657-6-6

Cash f / Freedom of 31 persons & returned premium ... 62 — 16-16-0

£14,438-7-6

Expended
Cape Coast Castle £12,388-9-8
Senegal

Balce due f / Clee f 1777 viz.
On Accot Forts & Settlemts Senegal £1,188-14-10 / 561 4 — 2049-18-10

£14,438-9-6

Be it remembered That Three of / Clee of / Co of Merchts Trading to Africa f / Years 1776 appeared before me this 4th day of Augt 1779 & after respectively signg this Accot as above, were by me severly sworn to / Truth thereof (Sgd) Francis Maseres Cursitor Baron

Also a fourth Member of / sd Clee afterwards on / same day signed / same Accot & Swore to / Truth of it Fm Cur Baron
Also a fifth Member of / sd Clee afterwards to it on / 9th day of Augt 1779 signed / same Accot & swore to / Truth of it Fm. Cur Baron

C 16+ Read July 30. 1779

Richd Miles to / Clee C. C. C. 20 November 1779.

— This Box Letter did 10th vols [mbs] went by / Manners Sloop.—
I often informed ye / object we had made to reduce / price — slaves to 8 oz
f men & 6 oz f women ... Our scheme has now met w success as Capt
Mure in / Adventure after Copg in this Road since 1st of last month in
order to reduce / price — on hearg of ye Capts expected arvl — has proceeded to
Annamabbee & trade at 9 oz f men & 7 oz f women. The
grand object we had in view since I came here has been to reduce / price
of Slaves as much as possibly I cd, & I flatter myself Gentn, I will
do me / Justice to believe, I have done all in my power towds so desirable
an End. Perfect tranquility reigns at present betwn / Fanteeys &
Shantees Slaves are now in plenty & I make no doubt but / ships
now expected will make speedy purchases

To / inexpressible concern o almost ev man who knew him, we heard a few days ago by a Vessel fm St Kitts, / death o our late worthy Govr. His universal good character & benevolence o heart had gained him / good will & wy one around him ... it must have been a consolan to his friends to know t few men were more universally beloved while living or more regretted since dead. Yr Excell feel his loss as well in a publick as private light, & had he lived to have reached home he wd h/ been able to clear up many points t y wd wish to h known. He cd h confuted / many base & unjust charges t h appeared agst them in a paper intitled "Return fm / Comms of Trade & Plantns to / Honble House o Commons &c &c" This paper I had a perusal o 2 or 3 months ago, but declined transmitg to y any animadversns on it, fully relyg on Mr Mill's being able & ready at y long ago, & t he on / spot wd h been able to give y t satisfactn wh y had with only a right to expect but wh it behoved him in a perticr manner to give, as many o / charges are levelled ppally at his Conduct. As yr annual ship may be expected, I sh not enlarge upon t subject, here, wh doubtg not t if y find it necy for yr Govts to answer t / particr charges exhibited in t paper I will send out orders accdgly.

Mr Martin Watts late Chief o Tantum querry Fort who left yr service / latter end o last year on a bad health was taken by an American Rebel in sight o Dominica & lost coy chiefly o his ppty To avoid getting into debt at home he returned to / Coast fm / W I & arrivd here on 18th ult tolerably well recovered - Encloses letter prayg for his case to be taken into consn. Meanwhile he is accomodated w an Apartment in this Castle & at / Public Table —

— This letter will be deld by his Vassall discharged & proceedg home on the 1st of his health —

Richd Miles to / Clee C.C.C. 15 January 1778

— Sends copy o his last per Mr Vassall — Since when one ship sailed w 370 slaves, & one fm Whydah w 510 slaves —

Mr Martin Watts who departed y in my last was taken & carried into Martinico informs me t he saw 3 Frgt American Privateers fitting out in t Island (as they told him) for / Gold Coast; & within these few days a very suspicious Vessel has been seen off Accra. She appeared to mount 20 guns - hoisted St Georges Colours, spoke a Danes Ship in t Road, reported himself fm Bristol & stood instantly out to sea agn. If he proves to be an American wh we shrewdly suspect, I daresay his News are after / Shipps. He will hardly attempt anything at any o our forts. Shd he how'r come near enough in for t purpose, I hope we sh be able to give a good acct o him

The Dutch Danes who h been so long at Variance, h at last agreed to a cessation o Arms for 2 years, & in / meantime to refer the disputes to the constituents in Europe. Within these few days a store ship fm Zeeland has arrivd at Elmina & one fm Copenhagen at Christiansborg. The Danes h now 3 ships at Accra & / Dutch 2 at Elmina. There is also a Portuguese at this last place fm Bahia. Three Portuguese & 3 French Vessels h passed this since my last

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Batty

The late Cudjoe Cabboceers Custom is now finally over & his Nephew whom my predecessor mentd to yr in his Lr of October 1776 [19th B 55 nth 11 p 19] is elected his Succr & has taken / Oaths of Allegce accordgly. I hope, indeed I no doubt but he will prove a faithful Servt to / Publick.

. . .

A free undr course continues betwn / Fantees & Shantees. Indeed I never heard less talk of a disturbce betwn them in / last Year. If / Ships continue to drop down in regular rotn I no doubt of the mkts cheap & speedy parcks for / gt dispatch this h met w / very low prices they h laid the Slaves on at, this last Year. I hope those Gentn who (frm wrong informn) h complained so very loudly of yr Sentts, will now be induced to think more favourably of them, & as they will impute / high prices formerly given, to / real cause – the / Trade beg over done & wh naturally occasioned gt opposn amg / British Shipps I am desirous to enlarge upon this subject but refer / reasons given in my last 9th ultimo / arrl of yr Storeship

– Incloses list of Shipps, & Sick Wounded & dead. for 1777.

Richd Miles to / Ctee CCC 19 January 1778

Since writg / the L accompanies this, we h recd certain accts of / death of Tey Coomah, King of Ashantee. As yt no Messgrs are arrd here either here or in / Fantee Country to announce his succr, tho they may soon be expected. I am for frm thinking this Event unlr cause any gr Rebellion eithr in / Trade or Politicks of / Country. How far I may be right in this opinion must be / subject of some future Lr, However in / meantime, I h thot it my duty to give yr / Bankist intelligce of it. I am &c

Richard Miles

C 18 Read Augt 24th 1778.

Richd Miles to / Ctee C.C.C. 4 April 1778

Fantees & Wanks – Sends copy of his last [31 Jan. nth] since when 2 Ships & 1 Ram sloop arrd / 1st beg ready to take in 425 Slaves Trade is tolerably brisk

– Altho we did not succeed in our attempt to reduce / price of Slaves to 8 & 6 oz / Ships made very good purchases Capt Chalmers in / Lord Germaine – sailed 11th with 350 Slaves – did not pay more than £14 on average. / Fantees did not exceed £12:10:0

– Two Ships Kitty Fishes & Fancy Adamson both of Lpool h been taken, / one at Cape Mount, / the at Montserrado

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by an American Privateer ~~Sloop~~ called / Marlboro, 24 Guns commanded by George White Babcock, - as per enclosed affidvt - [or h] - from all we can learn / Privateer must h. left / Coast having taken 2 Prizes (names unknown) before she fell in w. this ships Hour. Shd we be mistaken & she comes this Length, I think we may venture to promise her a warm reception, provided she comes only wt enough in; having now at this Critical a much greater Force & better disposed, towds / Sea, than has ben usual here. Shd any such Vessel drop down, / British Shipping may go safely even near enough in here to be under cover o our Guns

W my last [31 Jan nh] I transmitted ye Accot o Capt Chalmers's dispute w. / Portuguese, & o his having detained 3 o those people on board his Ship. I fancy after well weighing / case he shd carry them off / Coast will be a step he cd not well answer, for on / taking o his Cable hence, whilst under weigh he sent / 3 people on shore, requesting me to forward them to the Ship at Lobycolah. I thot it necy to consult / Council on this occasion as there was not only a probability o / Portuguese Vessel having left / Coast, but a still greater (even if at Lobycolah) o / Port: Capt refusing to receive these people A majority were o opinion I shd first offer them to / Gen o Elmina for him to procure them a passage in / 1st Portr. Vessel that shd arrive. I did so & he has acted them fm me on those terms

- By / Ship Hero ... I recd duplicates o / Minutes o ye Board 26th Sept last respecting my Watts but to my infinite mortification not a single line fm ye Genrl cloths / ammn Storeship has now exceeded her time a full month. Seval o / Junior Chiefs have already applied to me for assistce, the own little Capitals being entirely in / Publicks hands, so that unless / Supplies are near at hand, we must all sink under it. For my own part I am indebted to my Credit for being enabled to hold out as long as I have done, my advancements to / Publick being already considerably more than I am worth this day. Yet in this distressed situation I am told that ye Seruts are accused o Breaking in / public Money, & that it is a matter in dispute whr they are justly intitled to / sums due to them for their advancements on this head. I shall take / Liberty to enlarge in my next Lr: in / meantime I have &c -

Richard Miles

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C 19 Read Aug 24 1778.

The Clerk to / Govr & Cel CCC. Plantation Office London 21 August 1778

We have recd ye Lrs o 10 July [C 2. P 1 supra] 15th & 30th October [nh] & 20 Nov [C 16+ P 9 supra] 1777 & 15. 19 [C 16+] & 31 Jan [nh] & 4 April [C 18 supra] 1778.

We refer ye to our Letter o / 25th March [nh] in wh we directed ye to guard agst a Surprise. We now inclose a copy o a Lr fm Lord George Germains Office, informing us that Hostilities have commenced betwn / Ships o HM. & / French King

We require ye to pay / closest attention to / contents o / said Lr & to conduct yrselves in strict conformity thereto. We partly charge ye to guard w / utmost Vigilce agst any sudden attack o /

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French or Americans upon / Forts or / Shipp[g] under the Protect[n]. & to exert Selves, in putt[g] / Forts in / best condition. & / present state o our Finances will admit o

Parliam[t] have[g] granted / Sum o £13,000 for / Support o / Forts & Settlem[ts] in / restrict[n] o not pay[g] any Debts contracted before / 31st Dec[r] 1774. We shall endeavour to dispatch / Store Ship this season as early as possible

We conclude w[th] strictly direct[g] y[m] to make it y[r] first & constant care, that / Trade be at all times maintained free & open to all H[is] M[ys] Brit: Subjects. We are &c

(no sigrs)

C 20 Read Jan[y] 12 1779

The Ctee to / Gov[r] & Col CCC. African Office London 30 December 1778

Our Lrs o 23 Jan [C 3 P 4 supra] 25 Mar [unk] & 21 Aug [C 19 supra] last remain[g] unanswered we send copies o / 2 last [unk]

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We are v[y] sorry for / unfortunate death o / late Gov[r] Mill, as well for his own Sake, as on acc[t] o his cursory view of Affairs, as y[r] seem to think he had cleared up many points we wish to be informed o. How[r] we hope for next packet will furnish some elucidat[n] on those points, & in / mean time, cannot but we cannot help observ[g] that what he look[d] more like innocence in Mr Miles had omitted / epithets base & unjust tho he did, by a proper defence, cleared himself o those Charges laid before / Ld[s] o Trade.

We are glad to hear / disputes betw[n] / Danes & Dutch & subsided & that / Country Powers still continue in amity; & we expect y[r] will embrace so favourable an occas[n] o render[g] / Trade as advantageous as possible to / Brit[h] Subjects. We are sorry for / quarrel wh happened betw[n] Capt Chalmers & / Delegate; yet we cannot disapprove o / former refus[g] to put himself into / power o / both Gov[r] o Senegal.

We are likewise much concern[d] for / loss of so many ships by / American Privateers, & hope / Coast has not been ag[n] infested by such / unwelcome Visitors

. . . Y[r] were find some build[g] materials on board this ship. By not[g] / directs o / 19 & 22 December 1775 [22 is, B 46, p 45] to suspend proceed[g]s on / buildgs, we now think proper to order that such Slaves, artificers & Negs remain no longer idle but they be usefully employed ag[n] in carry[g] on / buildgs & repairs, pursuant to our orders o 25 May 1773 [unk] & 29 April 1774 [unk] so far / whole sum laid down out in those Articles do not exceed in / Year 1779 / sum o £1000 Sterl[g].

After spendg a gr deal o time, in duly weighg & considerg o proper methods
Methods to reform / abuses wh h crept into our Establishmts & to reduce /
expence o them to a proper standard, We herewith send ye authenticated
copies o / Resolns & Orders we h that proper to make conducive to those
good ends. The Order o / 16th December 1748 fixes / no o white
people & the Salaries proper for all / Forts. W regard to / 2d Artic:
o expenditure, we must want ye further explanatn fm ye before we can make
our finall Orders thereon. The Black men who were annl pay are
increased in no & the stipends are incrd in value. Proper reasons for such
increase must be assigned before it can be allowd. We h indeed
discovered t / alterg / mode o payg t disbursemt, hath occasioned a Loss
to / Publick o £ 11-13-4 p cent. Yt will therefore be by our Order o
/ 24th December 1748, t we h directed t Acct: & wy dr on / accts to be pd
in / same manner they were before / 30th Nov 1744. When our Castle
Slaves were less numerous than they are at present, they not only performed
/ work in repairg / Forts, but some o them were employed in cultivatg
corn, & gr in waitg / Merchts' Ships. The Corn was applied to / use o /
Publick & / Wages & / Cattle service was credit given in
the Bks accordgly. The Slaves likewise provided all / Wood t was consumed.
How differt has bn / case o some years past! notwtstg / Slaves are so much
increased tho is a lge sum charged annly & free Canoemen & Labourers'
hire. Ye satisfactory reasons must be given before this charge can be
allowd, & in future / gtst part, if not / whole, must be discontinued.
The Artic: o Presents & Dashes amts to a lge sum annly. Yt must be
ye part[icu]lar in specifyg & what those Presents are & bn made.
The next Artic: o Stores furnished in Africa is enormous: and
small part o it is for Wood, wh our own Slaves ought to & bn employed
in procurg. The last Artic we shd observe on wh presents ye Vessels &
Small Crafts, wh will be reduced o course by / Sale o / Sloop
Our Resolns & Orders o / 25th March & 18 December 1748
relatg to Vouchers must be strictly complied w . . . We refer yt to
/ Ctees orig Instrns & Orders sent to Mr Melville dd 14 April 1751
[Ec. St. Koop @ 104]
& to / Ctees dr dd 4 Sep 1754 in answer to a remonstrce sgd
by our Solicitr & yrs in wh yt were fond / fully desirous Resolun -
"as / prices o goods in paymt o Salaries &c was fixed by /
"old Co, & no doubt for good reasons, & long experce, we cannot take
"upon us to make any alterat or abolemt therin" We likewise refer
yt to / Statute / 5th o this present Mayty wh requires t ye prin
[not one prin to swear f / whole] & wherein any Goods or Stores are
Consigned & sold, shall make oath to / truth o the Accts once a year
And lastly, we recommend yt to a careful perusal o /
condon o / Bond each o yr h given to / Ctee f / due performce
o ev'y part o yr duty. These Docts will fully inform yr whole
sorts

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sorts o Accts & Vouchers must be exhibited to / Ctee before I can possibly rece / said sums alleged to be due to Y; such accts beg properly passed. Our Resoln 23 December we hope will be satisfy to Y. On / other hand we are sorry to see t Mr Miles in his Ltr o / 5 March 1777 [Biot p 92] says he has pd Lge Sums to his predecessor. If he has paid those sums on acct o what is alleged to be due to him fm / Publick, he has made t paymt wt any kind o order fm / Ctee. Therefore such paymt cannot be allowed, at least not till his Predecessor's Accts are properly authenticated & passed

Our order in regard to / cargo o / Friend, Storship is full & explicit & must be complied in in its fullest extent.

We send Y Britt / Act o Parliamt under wh / Mony was granted in / last Sessions

The Invoice o / Cargo o / Friend Storeship amts to £12666-4-9. Let it be applied under / foregog Orders & Instns to / purpose for wh it was granted, wt / g'est frugality; & take Care to preserve / Trade free & open to all H.M. Subjects. We are — &c — Justinian Casamajor, James Boyle French Rud.d Camplin. Gregory Clive Samuel Shaw Junr.

Tho Rutherford Secry

C 22 Read Janry 12 1779.

Copies o Resolns & Orders o / Ctee o / Co o merchts trading to Africa

African Office 25 Mar. 1778

At a Ctee held this day

Mr Camplin moved Resd

That orders be sent to / Govr & Cl at CCC that a Garrison Ledger be kept at all / Forts as formerly, wherin must be inserted say Mens accts who rece a Salary fm / Co, cont'g / Species & goods & / price at wh they are pd them, wh must be signed by / Pson rec'g / same, & certified by / proper Officer; wh accts so signed must be laid before / Govr & Council twice in say Year at least, & after beg rdd & allowed by them, must be transmitted to / Ctee.

That / Deputy Warehouse Kpr & Accomt at CCC. sign a daily acct o / goods Stores & Merch: issued out o / Warehouse specifyg & what purposes / same are issued.

Resolved

Afr. Offe 15 Dec 1778

At a Ctee held this day

Mr Camplin laid before / Ctee a copy o a Pr sgd Nassau Senior wh states / Expences o all / Forts in Africa, Appolonia excepted, & / Exchange at wh those expences were pd. And moved t this Ctee do inquire into / causes o / increased Expence, & consider o proper measures to reduce / chges o / Establishmt as nearly as may be to / Standard o t Year, & t orders be immedly sent to / Govr & Council at C CC. to reduce / sd Establishmt accdgly. It is moved t this Ctee do likewise consider o a proper Establishmt for Appolonia

Resolved unanimously

Aft: Off: 18 December 1718.

At a Ctee held this Day

Mr Camplin moved / following Resolvn.

T it is / opinion o this Ctee t it is the bounden duty to enquire into / expenditure o / Public Supplies in Affrica & to require proper Vchs for the Officers & Servts in Affrica who h bn entrusted w such supplies, t / same h bn prperly expended & laid out. Resolved unanimously

Mr Camplin having represented to this Ctee t no proper Vchs had bn rcvd for Affrica for several yrs past

He moved, T Orders be immedly sent to ev'y Officer or Servt in Affrica who h bn entrusted w / expenditure o any o / Publick supplies, t they do forthwith send home to this Office proper Rects & Vchs for / several payms they h made on / Publick acct since / year 1710 - & t they be for informed t the several Bonds will be put in suit agst them, if they any longer neglect this necy part o their duty. Resolved.

He further moved t no Officers or Servts accts be passed or allowed till such Rects & Vchs h bn substituted to / Ctee Resolved

Mr Camplin further moved, T proper notice be sent to / late Gov Mills Exors, to produce proper Vchs for / several payms he made on / Publick Acct during / time he was Gov o C.C.C. Resolved.

Ordered T / Cargo on board / Friend Storeship sh on its arrl on Affrica be applied to pay ev'y Charge & Expence wch sh h accrued after / 1st January 1719, & t a sufficr pt thereof be reserved in / Warehouse to pay all / salaries to / Officers & Servts, & ev'y ot probable disbursemts for t whole Year. And after such a proper reserve is made for / sd purposes / remdr be applied to / paymt o / Debts contracted on those Accts in / Year 1718.

Aft: Off: 23 December 1718

At a Ctee held this Day

Resolved T it is / opinion o this Ctee t / strongest assurce be given to / Officers & Servts on Affrica t as soon as the Accts are audited & passed by / Ctee, they will use their utmost endeavours to procure them paymt o whatr Balces may appear to be due to them

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Aft: Off: 24 December 1718

At a Ctee held this Day

It appearg to this Ctee t a Debt to / publick o £11-13-4 P Capt is occasioned by altering / Black Mens pay for Slave Price to Cos Pay or Coast Mony, pursuant to an Order of Ctee dd 30 March 1714

Ordered T / sd Order be repealed & t in future / several payms be made & / Accts kept in / same manner they were made & kept antecedent to t Order

T / Gov & Col be directed to post mine ready down any Surgeon down to Whydah, who after they h such a No to supply ev'y of the Coast as is ordered by / Establishment sent herewith dd 16 December 1718

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African office 16 December 1778

At a Cte Held this Day

Ordered 1 / Establishment o officers & Serts at CCC & all / Out Forts

		Salaries p Ann
At C.C.C.		
1 Govr (o wh f his Table £400)		£800
1 Secy		150
1 Accomptant & Registr		200
1 Depy do Housekpr		100
4 Factors	@ £80	320
2 Writers	@ £60	120
1 Surveyor }		150
1 Surveyors Assr }		80
1 Officer o/ Guard		80
1 Chaplain		50
1 Gardener		50
1 Serjeant		36
1 Corpl		24
30 Soldiers	£24	810
1 Drummer		24
1 Fifer		13-10
2 Fifers	£13-10	24
1 Surgeon		100
2 Surgeons Mates f/ Gold Coast		160
1 Gunner		36
Overseer o/ Bombays		20
1 Linguist		100
1 Black asst Surgeon		70
2 do Writers	£40	80
1 Manager & Cry		48
		3624. 10
At Annamaboe		
1 Govr (o wh f his Table £150 & Vice Presidcy o/ Cte		£350 100
1 Factor		80
1 Gunner		36
1 Serjt		50
8 Soldiers		216
		832
Tantumquerry		
1 Chief	£100	
1 Serjt	36	
4 Soldiers	108	
1 Serjt at Munford	36	280
Womeboh		
1 Chief	£100	
1 Serjt	36	
5 Soldiers	135	271 551
Whydah	362	362
Accra		
1 Chief	100	
1 Factor & Receiver	80	
2 Serjts at do & Accra	72	
1 Gunner at Accra	36	
9 Soldiers at do & Prampram	243	531
Commenda		
1 Chief	100	
1 Serjt	36	
1 Gunner	36	
5 Soldiers	135	307 898
Succondee		
1 Chief	100	
1 Serjt	36	
4 Soldiers	108	244
Dixcove		
1 Chief	100	
1 Serjt	36	
1 Gunner	36	
1 Black Writer	18	
5 Soldiers	135	325
Appolonia		
1 Chief	100	
1 Factor	80	
1 Serjt	36	
1 Gunner	36	
5 Soldiers	135	387 956
		£7186-10-0

N.B. is to be understood £ / above is Cos pay & not Sterling

C 23. Read Jany 9 1779.

The Clee to Govr & Council - London 30 Dec. 1778

They send back Amissa a Moor, ad off Coast as Sailor by Capt Haughton & sold as Slave in Jamaica. They have at gr expence in obtg Justice for him a suit is now pendg agst Capt Haughton for damages but Amissa desirg to return home they have shipped him aboard his ship - To take care of him, send him over to his friends & relations & inform them of pains / Clee have taken to see justice done him.

C 24 Read Febry 9th 1779.

Anno 1779

An Acct of Monys recd & expended by / Clee of Co of Merchts trading to Africa for / Support & improvemt of Forts Settlemts on / sd Coast, / Clee consists of ... [9 names] ... [Summary]

Received fm / Clee for 1776 Balce of last yrs acct. Viz

On acct of Forts & Settlemts Senegal	1188 14 10 861 4	2049-18-10
Pay Warrants fm / Treas on acct of Forts & Settlemts less Fees	13000 342 13 6	12657-6-6
Freedom of Sun Prons		12 14719-5-4

Expended

[Including Chges of Managemt £1200]	12259-5-9
Balce due to / Clee for 1778 Viz On acct of Forts & Settlemts £1598.15.7 Senegal 861.4.0	2459-19-7
	14719-5-4

15th Aug 1778 Exd by me Francis (Lord Bacon) Master / Causes Baron [1773 - 1824]

C 25 Read Febry 9 1779

Anno 1779

Orders & Regulations relatg to / Forts & Settlemts in Africa, or / Govr & / Officers & Servts employed there.

1779 Sep 25. On appearg to Mr Martin Wallis, late Chief of Fort Amquaqua, assigned on acct of his ill state of Health, that his Health is now restored, & that he has suffered a considerable loss by Money taken by / Enemies in his passage for Africa to / Co.

Resolved unanimously, That he be restored to his Employ, be affixt to / 1st Vacant Fort, & meantime receive Factors Salary

1778 Jan 9 Resolved unanimously That no more Slaves be purchased for / Co under / pretence of taking them as Pawns, or on any or account whatever; & / Lagoe & Manford Pawns be not accepted as Slaves to / Co & that no Slaves belonging to / Co be bought or sold on any pretence whatever, such sale being contrary to Law

Resolved unanimously That / Sloop Nancy be sold & no Vessel purchased without express Order fm / Clee, on pain of dismission

Ord to / Govr & Cil at CCC 23 Jan 1778

The acting Council of CCC in future to consist of ... [vide Br. Cyprus. C 3. p 4 29] ...

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1779 Received
Feb. 25 Ltr to / Gov^r & Col^l at CCC. dd 25 Mar 1778 [o.h.]

Yare hby directed to exert yr utmost Vigilance & attⁿ. to guard agst a Surprize as tho' ys reason to believe ye present appearce of Publick affairs & a War betwixt Gt. Brit. & France is vy much to be apprehended

- Exact a Garrison Ledger to be kept at all / Forts as formerly —
- The Depy Wharehouse Kpr at CCC to sign a daily acct of / Goods &c issued fm / Wharehouse specifyg to what purpose issued

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C 26 Read Feby 9 1779

- Petⁿ to Hts Co fm / Clee of Co of merchts Trading to Africa
- The Accts of 1777 & 78 exd & passed by / Auditor Bacon of / Exchequer
- They h invested / money granted in 1748 & / Equipt & Manned Forts & Settlemts
- Forts were handed over in vy bad state by / RAC & vy ruinous
- They h not recd any Bks of Acct fm Africa of a later date than 31 Dec 1776 owg, as they apprehend to / Sloop of War by wh sent, beg detained in / W.I.
- By / sd Books ye appeared to be due to / Affairs of Forts a debt of £24694. 14. 11 Coast money
- ask / Hts Co to grant such sum as ye Lords shall think meet

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C 28. A. Read July 1st 1779

Richd Miles. Thos Westgate, Robt Collins, Martin Watts. to / Clee

[Gov^r & Council] CCC. 25 June 1779

- They h recd by Sloop Swinard Capt Mackintosh, / Clees Ltr of 23 Jan Last [C 3. P 4 supra] & pps & Invoice of £10793 4 8½
- The confirmatn of / seal appointg us Mills among us gratefully thanked.

The death of Zeh Coomah King of Ashantee, menn'd in our Mills Ltr of 19 Jan last [C 16th P 11 supra] has made no alterⁿ to / Trade. The new King (a Minor) has sent messgrs to / King of Warsaw requesting him to send ys of his own Slaves to / Egyptians, to learn whr they are amicably disposed towds them, & also whr they will accept / presents usually given on / occasn of a King's death. These messgrs are now in Fantee, & are to come here on their return

... [personnel - transfers] ...

Agreeable to yr Honrs pleasure Mr Watts has taken his Seat at / Board as / Junior Councillor — yr Orders beg positive so to / Hts to cause to constitute / Council here. We h. much agst our inclinatn, bn obliged to remove Mr Watts fm / Seat he held — for near 18 mos — & ask / Clee to continue them at ye Board next in rank to Mr Watts.

Yr orders respectg / m? & Of Gun sh be so for compld & t no further chge sh appear in / Public Books until Yr pleasure is known. In / meantime ... we take / Liberty to represent to Y. how Ov stating our parcty must appear, & to cause how destructive to our consequ.s / reprisals of / Brit. Nation to discontinue a Custom, wh we presume has bn introduced since Europeans first settled here, & is still continued at both / Dutch & Danish ppal Settlemts. Indeed, shd Y. after this representn of / matter confirm Yr Orders upon this head, but who will be Yr Serv.s here, he must for / credit of his natn continue it at his own Expence.

1 Q. as Yr Lo respectg / Sellg of / Cos slaves, we presume is fully answered in our Remarks on / Return of / Bd of Trade.

Yr Resolutns, Pontn, respectg / Lagoe & Mumford Factories (the name of wch were in Council at / time of transacg but our Mistr) we take / liberty to say in our humble opinions are extremely hard upon him. & must in / end tend to injure / Brit. Trade in this Country. Indeed was Our Mistr (as by my rule of Justice he is entitled to) to sue / Powers off / Coast, / immediate loss of those Towns wd follow, as at this instant / Danes (who h long attempted a Settlemt at Mumford*) are now in treaty w those people to build a Factory there. What are we to do? If we sit still & tamely suffer them to establish such Factory (to say nothg of / Public Censure wch will fall on us) we are in doubt whr our Securities in Europe wd not be made answerable for / consequs. On / other hand we cannot support our Right at Sword's Point at our Expence. The Mumfords in / late palaver at / Accroons were protected by / unanimous voice of / then Council, & t confirmed by Yr Orders in Yr Lr of 29 May 1773 [inst.] Affairs went to such lengths t our Assistce was necy for / loss of those 2 Towns inevitable. On / one hand, at War w a most powerful natn; on / other bribed by / Dutch who offered to advance any moy to get those places ceded to / States, / Council resolved at once to save them from destructn & / Brit. Rights & Privileges for wch invaded. Want of public ppty, they advanced their own private fortunes, on full expectn of beg reimbursed by Yr Orders, on / first supplies. It is now 4 yrs since t affair happened, all wh time / parties h bn losg use / Intt of their moy; & for / last 15 mos those people h bn maintained at Our Mistr sole Expence, tho' they actually bn, & are to this day, employed on / Public Service. This beg a true state of / mr, we wd beg leave to ask, what Encouragemt h we to attempt baffling / present endeavours of / Danes? or what security h we if beg reimbursed any part of our private ppty t we may advance in support of / National Intt in this part of / World? We flatter ourselves, Pontn, Yr wisd & will excuse /

* The "mangfore" of / Danish Diary of 1699—1700 was Mumford, presumably, from its context. Ed.

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Resolves y^h come to respecting / Places in ques^n. In / meantime (altho we are perfectly sensible t^t no Males derives hist / smallest advantage in life from by Keeping them, h^e cd maintain them and^r 12 months, at his Expence, rather than t / National Credit shd Suffer: after wh. shd y^r conform instead o restoring y^r Resolves respecting them, y^r will certainly deem him justifiable in disposg o them. On this Head, we entreat y^r parlar Orders & Instructions.

– The Schooner advertised f sale but few proceeds will be little.

We h attentively perused Copy o / Establishm^t transmitted y^r last year, & cannot perceive / smallest Change therin t will admit reduc^n. The Books f / y^r 1777 wh go home by / Weasel will best point out t y^r how far we h abided by y^r Orders & over-over promise to regard t a strict economy. Altho / Bills due y^r Servts wthin 1777 exceed those o 1776 by £1527. 10. 3 y^t y^r will perceive by no 10 inclt t we recd in 777 £3900. 16. 10 less than in. On exg those Books y^r will see ... / impracticability o curtailg any of Chge whatr. Of the perusal o those Books, wh are Remarks on / Return o / Bd o Trade, togr wh what fur y^r may h yrselves to offer in favour o y^r Servts, will not induce You to extend / annl Grant, it is hard to say what must be done.

This is pleasure we take this oppy o assurg y^r t our endeavours to preserve peace & harmony upon / Coast, h^s so far prevailed t we think y^r need be under no apprehensions o beg Troubles in any fur compltn.

In our Reply to / Return o / Comm^rs f Trade & Plantns to / Hon House o Commons y^r will observe t we h bn very full, & can can only wish t our Remarks may be satisfactory. This is very natural to suppose t men who h so unjustly attacked / Characters o y^r Servts in this Country, will, on perusal o our answers to the said Charges, fly out w the former rancour agst us, & no doubt will h a deal more to say, equally groundless & frivolous. I will please, however, to observe t we are willg to attest by Oath ev^y matter related therin; & if this will not satisfy / Compltn, but t they still continue to vilify & asperse us, we entreat y^r will take such steps in defce o y^r injured Servts as to Wisdom may seem meet. assurg y^r, at / same time, t we will be so much upon our guard in ev^y public transac^n here, as to prevent a possibility o y^r incurrg censure by supporting us. To shew y^r / little grounds t some o / memorialists h f compltg we beg leave to give y^r / following Extract o a Ltr fm Capt Chalmers to us. "Males" & leave y^r to make such comments thereon as y^r think proper – "I want much to discourse w y^r "on African affrs, such as guard coast &c. & such other affairs as we h "bn talkg abt. I hope y^r wrote fully on t subject to y^r friends & / merchts "in London. As to / 4th clause f / Letter I h seen since I h bn here, if any

"depend I will represent to my Friends & if my good word can be o any service
"to / present system, you may depend I'll do all I can"

The inclosed paper No. [illegible] will shew you / H. Ms Warrant has been complied with in / application o / supplies with you / Surveyor. It will also shew you / mode & economical plan (& much has been pursued / Books will shew more appear.) / Annual Grant will not defray / Expences o / Trade, at least while, on acct o / present Troubles, / Freight, Insce &c. sinks so great a part thereof.

Yr injunctions respecting our preserving a free & open Trade to all H. Ms British subjects we have ever considered as our indispensable duty, & as such it will continue to have its due weight with us on every occasion.

Mr Hl Smith, who came out in / Surveyor, has been at this Castle since his arrival. He purposes going in a few days to Annamaboe where we wish him every Success; trifles will end he has already recd our best advice, & shall not fail on hearing any assistance in our power to grant him.

The Capn o / French Sneau who carried on Trade in Annamaboe Cormantin's house last yr was driven to leeward by HMS Pallas after a stay o 4 days. At such a time when there was not a single other English Ship on / Coast to take / Slaves off / Traders hands, it would have been a different point to have prevailed on them to desist trading in any or many; & to use force with a much larger garrison than is allowed at Annamaboe Fort will in all likelihood injure even with us / Factors. At any rate it will involve us in a very expensive Palaver. It is strange that after such repeated applications, a grant cannot be had for a Sloop o war to be stationed on / Coast. This will effectually keep away / French, & is provided / Commdr has a right to drive them from / Dutch Roads. If not it can answer no end as it is a well-known fact to / Dutch by any means in their power encourage this Trade to them.

... We beg leave to add some few remarks for yr better information ... in addition to our Reply to / Return o / Bd o Trade.

The Interest o our Establishment in this Country, we are well aware, is with a view to extend & improve / African Trade. Of Presents to / Inland Nations are to be given in order to increase / Trade & obtain / preference over our rivals, / Dutch, for whence are they to spring? You see, & we make no doubt you feel for, / hardships you have to undergo for want o a proper Grant from Parliament: - A Sum to pay off / arrears due to us, & 2 or 3 thousand pounds p ann: in addition to / present Grant, would put us on a respectable footing, & would keep / Establishment clear o Debt. What a trifling addition would such a Sum make to / present Grants! Surely / whole Gold Coast is o as much importance, may we believe, much more

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than Senegambia. Yet we are obliged to maintain 10 Forts situated in a chain o near 200 leagues along shore. f a less sum than we believe store 2 Forts cost Gov including / military Establishmt! 9t is true £13000 is allowed by Parliamt f / Support o / Forts on / Gold Coast, but they ot to consider t when yg charge is deducted we fall considerably short o t sum. Af. Gentn, y wee oblige yr Sents so far as to investigate throughly / accts sent home this year, & add thrto such remarks as y sh think proper on / occn, we make no doubt but Gov wee see / necessity o enlarg9 / Grant. The Lds Commrs in their Return speak o / numerous & respectable Establishmts of / Dutch, French, & Danes h formed upon / Gold Coast & continue to maintain. W submission we would beg leave to ask yr Lds ps, what addn h / Dutch made to / nō or strength o thr Settlemts? We answer, none. The same by / Danes? None, what Settlemts h / French on / Gold Coast? None. Are / English Forts less in number than at / commencemt o / present Establishmt? 9s it not obvious t we h / addition o two, Annamaboe & Appolonia? Is / Dutch such a Settlemt in point o strength as Annamaboe? We h seen / most o them & say they h not. Are not our Forts in gen in as good order as when y took charge o them? Is not Cape Coast Castle at present a respectable Fortificn? We believe how ever showy it may h bn in / old Cos time it was never so strong as it is at this day. Since our time, / nearest way fm / landg Place into / Castle was at / distce o 100 yds; now y may land & in 3 steps be within / Castle Gates. This, in our opinion, in a country like this, where it is necy to secure / landg, is a vy gt acquisn, & of course this accts in a gt measure f / lge sum expended in carryg on / new Buildgs here. — Buildgs / like sorts are not to be seen in any Fort on / Gold Coast.

Respectg / Trade on / Gold Coast, we wd beg leave to ask whr or not it was / intention o / legislature at / commencemt o / present Establishmt, t / Brit. Shipg shd trade indiscriminately to all parts? We believe it was not. How, if it was, why are yr Sents debarred this liberty? Can it be supposed t f / trifling salaries we rec we shd barter away / Rights & Privileges o Brit Subjects. 9t is true, Gentn, while we are employed by y, it is our duty to comply w yr Orders. We do so, but we hope yr will pardon our pointg out to y / hardships o such restrictns. Fm / little knowledge we h o this Country we beg leave to give it as our opinion t no one step whatr can be so repugnant to / good o / trade in gen, as t o our neighbours / Dutch beg supplied w English assortmts. Our enemies must be strongly sensible t this mode must be destructive o / original end & intent o / Establishmt, or why wd they oppose yr Sents on t head? Yet we may one & must be well known in England t there vy Gentn who reclaim against us at / least boundless / vy people who encourage this Trade. Is it not palpable t / master o any abroad vy ship tradg to these parts deal as / Dutch often as cheaply as t / English. Are thr not shops many shops t h come fm England loaded entirely as Assortmts f them? 9t is a vy easy matter f / Merchts at home

(by an applon to y) to remove any abuses in ye Service, but we despair ever seeg / end abuses removed, untill / Merchts themselves are laid under some restrictns. We are v^y far fm wishg to give offce to / body o Merchts employed in / Trade, or to individuals. F this reason we h declined notic^g any men^n o / above in our Reply to / Return o / Bd o Trade. We h how^r considered it our duty to convey to y our sentiments on this Head.

— Have granted Steven Bond Beach leave f 12 mos to Europe — instead o Gov / "Islands" — Ptr Watts appted to / Command o Commerdon Ketch.

Sgd by Miles, Westgate, Collins & Watts

C 28 B Read July 5th 1779.

Govr & Council [Richd Miles Thos Westgate, Morton Watts] to / Ctee

CCC. 25 September 1779

— Send duplicates o the last & ppts then transmitted per Sumatra. after / departure o t ship we made an attemp^t to reduce / price o Slaves to 8 oz men, & 6 f women. Att t h bn not by ye Scrts since then has bn at t price, but / a^o but small. Indeed we dare not purche less / near arrie supplies shd arrive as late as those this yr, in wh case we shd be hard put to it to pay ye Scrts & support / Publick Credit w^t t respectable appearce we h hitherto aimed at.

In our last packet we transmitted y Copies o 2 Lrs t hd passed betwn Mr Miles & / Danes Council [in h] No 2 shedd one wh^t fur has bn writ on / subject. By those y will perceive t / Danes are absolutely bent on erectg a Fort at Cormantine provided they gain the Constituents' consent. Whr they may, by & by, ere such Orders we cannot pretend to say. We consider it how^r our duty, & y may rest assured t we will / utmost o our power counteract the designs: but as this cannot be done w^t expence, we humbly conceive t a Remonstce to / Danish Ambassador at / Court o London, will better answer / End.

After twice writg f / usual presents f / King o Fantee & in partic in our Lr o April 1779 [25th, B 107 p 36] mentiong / propriety o this beg sent, in as forcible terms as possible, we shd not agn take / liberty o touchg upon this subject, as it not fm / present critical situa^n we are in w^t respect to those people, we shall not enlarge here, but beg leave to refer y to Mr Westgates Ltr o 11 inst addressed to Mr Miles & included in / ppts marked 2. At a time when we are paid so v^y considerably short o our advances, & no prospect o any addl Grant, it cannot be thot t we wd propose burdens / Publick of unnecy expence, but such as in our opinions are indispensible we must communicate to y. In / yr '76, we lost two o / best Cabboceers y ever had in / English Int^t, & indeed two o / best men in / Country, Cudjoe o Cape Coast, & Cudjoe o Accra. The Books o / old as well as present Co will shew y / many signal services / English h reaped fm these people. The Success h mates

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per acct any mark o yr favour. We therefore entreat / same presents may be sent down fr each o them as were sent fr, fr / King o Fantee; observg at / same time t we differ fm Mr Mill, when he says in his Hr to ye Sec. '75 – [32nd – B 51. p 51] "Let Cromeny's cane be silver & his 2d rate, something inferior to "those fr / King o Ashantee". We beg leave to give it as our opinion t Amoney Coomah wd not accept a silver headed Cane; & / difce in price betwn / two is too trifling to risk / trial. Y cannot conceive how much / Dutch attach / Natives to their Interest by these little presents, & seemg attention to them. Scarce an English Cabboceer in / Country but has some presents fm / Dutch, but so far are we fm beg on a footg w them in this respect, t, we are sorry to say it, we are not enabled to give what we or to our own

About Six weeks ago a dispute arose between / two Towns o Succondee, wh broke out in a battle, in wh / Dutch lost 14 men & ours only 3. This irritated / former so much t they collected allies fm dr Dis to renew / fight. They h ever bn more powerful in t Country than ourselves, having Seven Forts, & we only two. Tr was a necessity fr protectg our people. At / same time we knew our enemies lost its inequal to it, & sendg up allies wd h run us into a most amazg expence. Four Miles therefore remonstrated agst / proceedgs o / Dutch Subjects in a Ltr to / Gen o Elmina, & pointed out how necy it was fr them as / Ppals o / two Nats to interfere, & put an end to the difces as soon as possible. The Gen took 25 days in givg an answer to this Ltr, durg wh time they were collectg their forces toge & sendg ammunition to their Fort. The people o our Town at Succondee were repeatedly sendg messgrs down here fr guns & powder wh we did not think it prudent to supply them wh; not only bec we dist it wd make / offrs Worse, but fm a conson t we may soon h more urgent occn fr our Ammunition o wy Kind. We therefore despatched messgrs to inform them t as they were only a handful o people compared to / Dutch & their allies, furnishg them w guns & powder wd be attended w / certain loss o many more o their people; & a heavy debt entailed on / Survivors. We added t anything shd be done to prevail on / Gen to Join us in accomodatg the difces; but if we failed therein, & / Dutch Blacks shd actually attack / English Town, our Subjects must on such case fly under our old walls there, & assist in defendg themselves as well as they cd; & concluded our message by assurg them o ample satisfaction on / arrival o / first English man o War at t place. Wthr / purport o our message got wind any how amg / Dutch Blacks, & fm them carried to / Gen, we know not, but it was t way, a fy few days after this, he answered

ten Miles Dr, when after observg y / English Blacks were / aggressors (& consequently ob to be prosd in ye Damages) he acknd there were faults on both sides, & y therefore he was very agreeable to issue orders to his Chiefs there, in conjunction w^th ours, finally to settle / affair, & each to put up w^th the loss w^ch ever party beg deemed wrong, We agreed to this proposal, & / matter is now finally adjusted upon / whole, much more to our credit than we cd h expected in / Akanish Country

By / Snow Britton, Hardcastle for Bristol, who touched here in his way to Benin / 24th o last month, we hd / disagreeable news of ye War w^th France was unavoidable. Indeed by / public news-papers by / same Vessel, we h very reason to believe the has bn warm work long before this. Our situa^n in this Country is now really become deplorable No Trade, scarce o any Kind - Short pay^mts fm / Public - Ag^t expence in presents to / Natives (& Fanties in parb) in order to keep them in some Kind o temper fr the loss o Trade w^th us — Obliged to support our Garrisons & / Public Credit in ye ab^t respect / same as if we hd bn enabled to do it by an add^l Grant. All this we cd patiently bear w^th pleasure patiently bear in hopes o future relief, if our present apprehen^ns were not grounded upon matter truly alarmg. The Fanties who can scarce exist but by trade, h hd very little w^th / English fr these 2 yrs past, w^ch they are much incensed, w^th making a great o allowce fr our situa^n in Europe. They now see a prospect o a long War w^th France & fear also y^t Powers are combing ag^st us. Fm these consens, added to / natural treachery o / Fanties in gen, & / bro o them in Annamaboe Town who espoused / cause o / French last War, we h very reason to apprehend y^t they may make a descent on this Coast & bribe high, these people will favour any attempt y^t may be made on our Fort at y^t place. We h / same to dread fm any ab^t ye Quarter where ye Settlemts are situated, tho fm / above reasons, not in so gr^t a degree as at this place o wh we speak in parb as beg / most respectable fortifica^n, & at / same time o / most consequence to / Nat^n o any y^t h on this Country. Its garrison is only 18 men when complete. At present it consists o 10, o wh / Soldiers are Mulattoes, on whom little or no dependce can be put. Almost ev^y ab^t Fort on / Coast is equally short. Here we h only 45 effective men includg ev^y Officer & Soldier in / Castle. fm wh y will plainly see y^t no reinforcem^t can be sent fm hence wth leavg / Capital in danger. The only expedient we h left o wh must be put in practice, in case o necessity is to send down Cos Slaves, wh at best is

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a bad shifr, not only bec fighting is a business t all agrees in them, but for the connexn w/ free people. by little dependce can be put we on them, or on /Mulatto soldiers. In short, if Govr think the Settlemts on /Gold Coast an object o Gvmt in these critical times, it behoves them most speedily to put the Forts on a diffr footg w respect to Garrisons, & it is in discharge o/ duty we expr them, t we h their it necy to point out to yr /necessity o the so doing. Paint only to yr Sobes, Gvmt, /disagreeable situan o beg within a good Fort, plenty o Ammun, Ordnce in good order, but few, or no Hands to work them! An enemy appears, who perceiving us so badly manned, will in all probability h /insolence t come close under our Guns, & at any rate (shd they not attempt to land) will batter down our Walls. It is hourly beyond a doubt t we here or at Annamaboe they wd not content themselves w this alone, but wd certainly get possn if they cd. While /War continues, men no doubt will be scarce. Even were they to be hd w ease, we are but too sensible o yr inability to raise them on o/ present Grant. To say for on /Subject wd be presuming on us we shd therefore only observe t what ttion affairs may take, yr may rest assured t to /Safety & Credit shall o our Fortunes, our utmost exertion shd be used to support /Honor & Dignity o/ Brit Nam, on diffce o wh we cannot entertain a doubt o beg reimbursed our loss & expences by /Public, to whose justice & humanity we humbly submit.

[Sgd by Miles Westgate & Watts]

C. 28 C. Read July 1779

Richd Miles to /Clte C.C.C 14 January 1779

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By /Rumbold Fayres o Lpool we are favoured w yrs o 21 Augt last [C. 19. p 12 supra] covrg copy o a ltr o/ 18th o same month fm Ld Geo Germaines office, in explic w/ contents o wh yr may depend on our best exerns both to protect & encourage /Trade o H Mys Brit. Subjects on this part o/ Coast, & likewise (in case o an attack) to defend /British Settlemts under our Command, to /utmost o our power & abilities

We &c —

(Sgd) Richd Miles

C.29 Read July 1 1779.

Endorsed "Corresponde on / Mumford Business"

To John Conrad Hansen Esqr C. C. C. 25 April 1778

Sir I am just informed by my Friends our Consulat at Tantumquerry, t y h lately sent Liquor & &c presents to / Cabboceers & Pynins o our Town o Mumford in / Kingdom o Acroan, & t sev o them are now actually at Xborg upon Treaty w y to allow a Danish Settlemt at t Place. Y cannot be ignorant, Sir, t Mumford is incontestably subject to / Brit: Nation, & o course an attempt on any p to make a Settlemt there must be an infringemt upon our Rights & Privileges. The good understandg t has subsisted f many yrs past betwn / two Nations as well in Europe as upon / Coast, makes me hope y will desist fm any fur proceedg in this business, or y will cause push me under / necessity o takg such steps as must be expensive & disagreeable to both parties. I am / more surprised at yr makg an attempt o this kind at present when I consider t both yr predecessor & yrself h ben f a considerable time past involved in a very heavy dispute o a similar nature w / Dutch. In / year 1748 our Plantations / then Danish Govr attempted a Settlemt at Amanda (in / Kingdom o Acroan) belong to / English Nation; & in / year 1763 the C G Reich was also on Treaty w / Mumford people, but on both occasions they desisted upon Remonstrances fm hence o / Chief Agents & Govr o / Brit Settlemts. I flatter myself, Sir, t as y h tried in the steps so far, y will follow the example by giving up / point, & not run yrself into an unnecy Expence by persisting to draw over our Subjects fm their allegiance; as be assured I shall use no means in my power entrusted to prevent y or any p fm any wh encroachg upon our Territories. I am &c

(sgd) Richd Miles

To Richard Miles Esqr Christiansborg 6 June 1778

Sir I rec'd your honored favour o 25th april i.c. to me Major & Govr Hemsen, h I read, & / same beg leave to answer as Royal Danish Consul gently answered

In yr 3d favour y please to mention / following. "That we "lately h sent Brandy & &c presents to / Cabboceers & Pynins o / Town "o Mumford (sc Amangfree) in / Kingdom o Acroan, & t sev "o them was now actually at Xborg upon treaty w us, to allow "us [sic] a Danish Settlemt there"

On t, Sir, as well yr high Superiors in Europe as yrself can be rightly informed o t what is merely happened in this affair, h we / honor to advise y / following

The 24th Feb. this fr came here into / Fort Tittie (Prestoe) fm / Cabboceers & Pynins o Amangfree w declon. "That / sd Cabboceers & Pynins owned themselves only "to be Danish Subjects, & they desired t we wd erect a Fort w them. "They had fm ancient times often had Danish Blacks w them in the Town & to buy corn &c, & they wd be glad to h Danish goods w them for / Trade"

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The next follog 2d March dispatched we / Messengr w / follog Answer fm us

"If / Amang free Cabbocers & Pyrins sd self send Messgr to "/ gleat & upperm^ost Cabbocers o Familee, & persuade them publick to "send Messgr down to us, Togr w Messgr fm / Amang free Cabbocers & "Pyrins, w Publick Declon o their offrd desire, & duby togr engage them all "to protect, be answerable f / Founda^n, then will be giv^n them an Answer "upon it, but before this was done, cd we not answer them"

The h gavin / sd Lettie & / people he hd along w him, a cloth & some brandy in present to / Amang free Cabbocers & Pyrins, t grant we ff f. Sex, & f anybody, & ff we, doin doubt but anyone t is acquainted w / Country will grant t it was a present we cd not avoid, & t / same cd not be to prejudice f f. Sex, in any way. In regard to / Right & presume t / British Man sld h to / Town o Amang free, wh t h we by / abready menth, plainly discovrd t / Amang free Cabbocers & Pyrins o own Instinct, h sent this Lettie w this desire to us, & we assure, t we h never desired a thot to desire such like o these people

The Date 20 April came agn a Lettie & Followers fm / before-mentd Amang free Cabbocers & Pyrins here into / Fort to us, & hd w them three Messgr w skins fm / three upperm^ost Cabbocers in Familee benamed Ovissue, Dadjadue, & Assia Quabia, w declon fm / sd three Cabbocers

"They were agreed w / Amang free Towns Cabbocers "& Pyrins in / desire t they wd h / Danish sld establish "a trading place in / Town o Amang free, & t these three "Cabbocers to t end obliged them, t wh in any Danish "Shipp came Dr to / Town, would they be answerable f getting "back what Dr cd be lost, jointly defend / Danish Rights agst "all what at / sd Place cd happen & therefore wd be glad "to see t / Danish wd have a Factory at Amang free, as "t place fm old time belonged to / Danish & hd ben a Danish Factory.

The next 22d April dispatched we / before mentd three Familee Cabbocers as well as / Amang free Towns Messg^rs w / follog answer.

We hd heard Dr offer but cd not undertake us anything ein w Factory or Fort to found at Amang free, before we hd made / nec^y proper Repr^t to our Sovereign in Europe, & fm thence recd orders thrt. and to precaution f us in a case o such consequa, demanded we t these Messgrs togr in this Public Palaver, t happened in / peace o / Danish issue & Laborde Towns Cabbocers & Pyrins, & tell us clearly f either / English or Dutch hands hd or cd h right to Amang free & therefore cd forbid /

Danish to establish themselves there? both we
not absolutely not known, & when any p.o/
European Nations had perfect right to / Place then
cd we not make any propos.n thereto to our
Sovereign in Europe.

After / hereby Amangfroe Towns Pynons messgrs. & / three
Fanthee Cabbocceers messgrs had Kept Council among themselves abt
our above mentd answer to them, gave they o Amangfroe / follows
public Answer to us -

"They had for / present time no or Husband (master)
"than / three gt Cabbocceers before named Orissue,
"Dadjadue, & Asia Quabia. They answered for, t the
"Country was their own, & none had they no Blank
"Husbands. Therefore wd they must convey the Country
"to / Danish Blancks t for old time had right
"there & had a factory there"

To yr more excuberce gave we / Amangfroe Pynons & Blacks
this Ques.n - If they had any European Nations Flag in their Town, &
if any o the Cabbocceers & Pynons had wages o any European Nation.
To this answered they totally no; but wd they & Danish Flags
& Sticks, as Blacks there for old time, & yet belonged to / Danish.

See, Sir, the h.y / certain & togr all t what is happened
by us w / Amangfroe Blacks. Can y.r or any men thereof
find out t we thereby had for seekg to draw off / place & its Blacks
from / British to / Danish Nation? Cannot y.r Sir & all well
judgg. o / before mentd well inspect t we had used all our thinkg
& needful precaun.s. Be assured Sir, t / Royal Danish Council,
by no means undertakes or resolves anythg t can be / here in
Guinea established European Nations to prejudice in their passens,
Rights, or in any manners, whereby good Harmony & peace cd be
broke. No, Sir, be assured t we possess t obedice o our
Soun's Orders, & / exact Intelligce o good harmony &
continuan o peace; t we wd t commit such offces there
agst t cd cause us eir reproaches or punishmt. But, Sir, y.r
must not we take us t amiss, t we employ our attenn on
spreadg our Soun's Power ships in this Country (when
Oppies thereto is given & it can be done wt prejudicg any o /
or respive European Nations) even as we o utmost possess
sh & still maintain / same rights; then t is our duty wh
we never wave sh lawful behind.

Y.r please, Sir, to shew us to / last diffusive disputes
betwn / Danish & Dutch Nation in this Country, but by a more
exact considerg o what we before h mentd, are we assured t y.r
y.rself call for Supposta back, & look into, t / happened betwn us
& / Amangfroe Blacks, can by no means h / least comparation

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Rigsarkiv Kbhvn

Tolds Kammerets Arkiv. IX Vestindiske og guineiske Sager

Guineiske Journal. 1776–1798

24 June 1778. No 48. Major Hensen sends in a copy o/ Council's l. to / Danish [o/ Guinea Co]

about a Trading place's Anleggelse in / Amanfroe negrie situate in Fanthee country. Amanfroe negroes h forlangt dat han raadslede sig paa at der kan dem tilforn her vaere Danske fartöyer, & t / place derfor til hover de Danske. Dette bekraeftes af gamle neger. what Richard Miles, Gov at Cape Corse deceased has written, paastaaende t Amanfroe er den Engelske nation underkastet, samt Raadets Svar derpaa, er ind fört i Palabber Bogen [no r]. The place has a good slave trade, & is a good corn country.

Since t letter, on 3 August 1778, h sendebudde come down fm 3 store Caboseers i Fanthee, tilligemed Amanfroes negroes Granderser, samt en Sendebud fra Annamaboe Caboseeren Amoanioakma, for at sige de Danish answer.

The major sends copy o/ underhandling förte med dem. They were displeased o/ English who h sold der Pastus. They wanted to sell der Jord to / Danes for / building o a Fort, f 300 Bendas or 9,600 Rdr pris. They wd help o / building. Custom to / Caboseers &c, shd be paid accordg to gen custom in Fanthee country. Amanfroe & Atjimfroe negroes shd belong to / Fort.

[N.B. This is the only note made from the Danish Archives, on the subject.]

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w^t what is happened betwn / Dutch & us. Then we h hereby proved t we h not sin bn seekg or claimed us any Ownings-Right to / Town o Amangfroe, but / Inhabiters o / Town, wh are Naturells o this Country & Owners o / Ground o / Place, h offered us themselves to establish / Danish Nat^n thr by them ag^st, as they h bn by them before.

What J are pleased to men^n abt / Trad o / Danish Gov^r Plat-fues in / year 1748 to / founda^n o an Establishm^t at Amanda in / Kingdom o Accroan, wh belonged to / English Nat^n, & a Transac^n o / Danish Gov^r Rasch in / y^r 1763 & / Mumford (Amangfroe) Blacks, thrabt are we unwitting as we h nothg in writg in our Archives abt t; but as J, Sir, so much mention / Years when such sh be happened, so shewed J us a Service, if J wd impart us copies o t wh is happened in writg betwn / Chief Agents & Govs o / British Establishm^ts & / before named Danish Govs, concernJ / two mentd places Amanda & Amangfroe.

To finish, repeat we yr our Assur^ce t we shan't undertake or resolve anythJ t can be / pr^r here in Guiney established European Nat^ns prejudice in the Territories, as we do us likewise assured, t / here established European Nat^ns wont undertake or resolve any^g ag^st / Danish Nation here in / Country, than t what is right & justice, & consequently can be answered by ev^y one's Sov^r in Europe.

We sh by / next ofter our duty circumstantially refer this affair w^t / Amangfroe Blacks, & this Correspdce w^t J, Sir, to our Sovereign, w^t in this month fm us expedJ ship

Signed { J C Hemsen . P Biörn . J A Kroge
9 Gionge . J F Klipnasse . S Erasmi
M C Bradt.

C 30 Read July 1 1779

Endd. - "Fur Correspdence / Mumford Business"

Richard Miles Esq^r

Sir

Even as we by dr o 6th Jany R.a. h given J compleat informa^n what Pyrnus & Messrs / Town o Amangfroe in / Kingdom o Accroan, togr w^t Messrs fm / 3 yl^w Cabboceers in Fanthee here by us hd discovered & decidd; Even so are acquaint we J o what here in / Fort by us is happened / 3^d inst w^t / before mentd Amangfroe Blacks & / Fanthee Cabboceers transpires as follows.

The Amangfroe Blacks begd t we wd notice / Cabboceers & Pyrnus Names fm who they was sent down to us. They discovered fur t we would let J know / Pallaber they broke before us / same day, viz / 3^d inst to proof t / English hd no right over them, but t ther ground, wh they wd now offer / Barres, only w^t alone belonged to them.

Fm Amanq free Town where at present time is / great Caboceer benamed Quackue, in whose place his messgr was sent down, & Pynins benamed Coffie & Anda was both seized here. There next messgrs fm / Caboceer Dadjadue & Quissue o Assenee Town, as well as fm Caboceer Quassy Atjamma o Bubbery Town, & fm Amoanikma Caboceer o Annamaboe Town, all those benamed gave us Con prove o/ Danish Fortune & Laboddee Towns Caboceers, Mediators & Pynins) there following finally Declaration, Answers & Desiring

The Amanfroe Pynins & messgrs sd t they in / english Gov^r Mr Deare Mills time had had war w^t 3 gr Fanthee Caboceers, Quissue, Dadidue & Quassy Atjamma, but Gov^r Mill had by messgrs acquainted them t he was settled ? Palaber, wherefore they shd give him 3 Pawns; wh they had delivered to Mr Trinder who at t time was Fort Chief at Winnebah, & on accot o Gov^r Mill settled / Palaber.

As / Palaber was settled he Gov^r Mill asked / charges paid; wherefore / Amanfroe Blacks say they delid Mr Trinder 12 Pawns, w^h he was not contented. Thron, say / Amanfroe Blacks t they had delid him 8 Pawns more, wh he had redd, & all o^r children

Fur sd / Amanfroe Blacks t they, after desire o/ English Gentlemen to / same purpose, had yet delid some & 50 Pawns to y^e Sir, / time y^e was Chief o Fantum Quarry.

As / Amanfroe Blacks in continuance o time gets advice t Gov^r David Mill was leave / Coast, says they

to h despatched Messengrs to him, w^h desire t he before his departure wd make up w^t them abt / charges he had f^r to settle / before mentd War & f^r wh they had pawned / before mentd number o^r Children; but Gov^r David Mill had referrd this Palaber to y^e Sir, as his Succor, / time he was ready to depart himself.

Now / Amanfroe Blacks say t they had turned themselves to y^e Sir, & made y^e / offer, t they f^r / redeeming o^r pawned children, wd sell the Ground to / English Nation t cd build a Fort by them; but t y^e had not accepted this offer, but had answerd t y^e wd h payment f^r / Charges Gov^r David Mill had by accomodating / before mentd War

Thron / Amanfroe Blacks say, t as they found t / English Gov^r, viz^t y^e Sir, had refused to take the Ground in Payment, & year & an continuance o time perceived t / pawned Children were sent away fm / Country, so is it t / Amanfroe Blacks had considered togr to chuse / Danes, offer to sell them the Ground & let them

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build a Fort on it, wh was the errand to us / last 2d March; & therfore was it they came down agn to / Danes / next following 22d April, & brot / before mentd 3 gt Fanthee Cabboceers Messgrs w them, wh jointly consented t they desired / Danes. And now was it they came into / Fort / 3d visit t to give a finally answer to / Danes, & therfore had they w them 3 messgrs fm / 3 gt Fanthee Cabboceers, as well as fm / Annamaboe Cabboceer, wh all shd hear what passed & also concordant consent in / Annamfroe Blacks the desire t / Danes shd come & build a Fort by them under wh belonged Annamfroe & Atreim proe Towns, to wh they gave us right, & wd be helpful to / erecting o / Fort, so soon as it was possible, & therfore desired they jointly t we wd write home to our King, wh we promised shd be done.

To finish, accordg, we y, Sir, t we by this Sallaber, & ble fr letter to us o 25th April h.a. & our answer thrupon o 6th June next publish t all / before mentd Fanthee Cabboceers Messgrs & Annamfroe Pynins, so t they all be knowg o what was passed betwn y & us in this affair

This is t what here is passed w / Annamfroe & ye mentd Blacks, & what they R fr us published & declared / 3d visit. Now refer we to y, Sir, if You find it reqr t honour us w an answer, as well on our Lr o/ 6th June as on this, w our King Ship Fredensborg named t put to sea / 9th visit. fm Mungo road, we sent off all what is passed on this Business w a most submisst Proposition to our Soun; & w a ditto ship, Rio Volta named, t will be clear fm this road within 3 Weeks, send we true copies o / same as well as o this our letter to y, Sir, o this date Christiansborg 31 August 1778

J C. Hemsen, J George, J F Rapiessa M C Bradt

Richard Miles Esqr Tantum Fort 8 September 1778

As I think it my duty to acquaint y w any — material transaction t may happen where I command, this serves therfore to inform y t / Boy who I keep on / station at Mumford, here a few days ago told me t / Town's Sellers & people had assembled w / Pynins fr givg me / answer they did when I went thr, & so he was by the at t time, they shd not h told me which they did. I thot this a good openg to urge them a 2nd time to comply w my desire, & sent one o my Boys over to tell them I had wrote y on / subject & recd y answer — t if they still persisted in their former sentiments, it was needless fr me to trouble myself any fut wth them, but if

34. on / 2d Board, they his ordered the Opinion, to be sent forwd, & I wd
communicate ye answer to them. I gave him orders this to assemble / Toms
Soldiers & people, togr w / Pynns, wh he did; / Pynns were to send me
/ same answer as before, but / Soldiers & ye opposed it, & they at length agreed to
take / matter once agn, & begged I wd come over in second time for ye purpose.
I read the answer on Sunday abt noon, & dispatched immediately away Boy to
acquaint them I wd wait them on / morrow, beg yesty. & desired none wd
absent themselves, for they wd one & all hear what I had to say. Yesterday
met them yesty, when after a deal of talk on both sides they told me,
"that they were ordered themselves English subjects, & I as Chief of Fantum
"was the Master & wd serve me on all occasions, & that what / Pynns did
"was w^th their consent; that they had reaped no advantage nor benefit from
"/ Danes Presents, & / Pynns alone were to blame & had brot /
"affairs upon them. That / Pynns had no Powers in / Bounds of English,
"therefore did not care, but that they did, & had Children or relations now
"at C. C. wh might be sold off / Coast or acct of this affair, therefore
"insisted my Flag (as they called it) shd be hoisted, wh / Pynns
"were obliged to agree to." I was accordgly going to hoist it,
when they started one Objection, wh was, that when our Trinder settled
the Palaver of them, he took away a Dutch Flag, wh had been
given them by our Merchant, / then Dutch Chief at Apam, of
wh they gave him one of the Quassafoes as a Pawn. This Pawn
is now at Elmina, & they cannot redeem him unless they give
back this Flag. They therefore begged I wd write ye to send me
that Flag, & on my delivering it, to them, I shd hoist mine.
This is what / Soldiers told me, & / whole Town agreed
to it. It seems that when / Fysical stopped at Apam, a few
months ago, / Pynns & Mumford went thro to pay the respects
compliments to him when he put them in mind of this Flag, & wanted
sold them 20 oz. of Gold wt / Flag, wd not redeem the Quassafoe,
wh has set them in a terrible stew; for wh reason they want it back
that they may redeem the Man.

I thot proper to acquaint ye w^th this & hope ye will approve
of what I have done in / affair which will be a great satisfaction to
Sir — &c —
J B Wemyss

Thomas Westgate Esqr

C. C. C. 10 September 1778

Sir The enclosed Line this I send yesty wd & as
I am in a hurry to answer it can give an answer this I send ye /
originals wh I beg ye will return immediately w^th ye opinion thereon

As to / Dutch

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As to / Dutch Flag that Wemyss mentions in his Let, I know nothg further o it than t it was in Mr Mills possn during his Stay here. How he disposed o it I cannot say. I am howr o / opinion t if I coud find it here, it ot not to be returned. For Mr Wemyss's Let it appears t / want o / Dutch Flag is at present / only obstacle to ours beg agn hoisted there. I wod therefore (after informg / Mumfords t Mr Mills has sent / Flag t / Co in / 1st Man o War t arrd) propose giving them and Share to make a Quasafee o, t let / Dutch dispose o / one they must h as a Pawn in any manner they think proper; a Quasafee I know is always a Slave or o course o no gt importce consequce. I shd hope therefore they will accept my offer, which if they do we shd get / Mr pretty easily settled. Otherwise I wod not propose spendg a shillg more, unless 2 or 3 Centers to / Pyrates & Towns Soldiers on Mr Wemyss going / point a Brg our Colours agn flyg there.

Now as respect to / Let fm / Danes Council, / ppse they to be attended to is the assertg t Attorney Cormacks Messgr attended there fm / ye Fantee Cabboceers, declarg / Danes right to settle at Mumford. I cannot believe this to be true, However, as it is my duty we shd know, I desire you will send for Attorney Cormack & read t part o / Danes Let to him. If he acknowr to h bn concerned w those ye Cabboceers, all I can do is to point out / Impropriety o such conduct, & demonstrate to him in as forcible terms as I can. On / ye Hand, if he denies any Knowledge or participatn in this Business, tell him I desire he will h a Messgr in readiness to attend mine to Accra, to refute what / Danes say respectg him. You may tell him also, if he will send his Gold headed Cane up here, I will h his Name cut on it, t in future his Reprisse may be known for an Impostor.

As to any answer to be given to / Danes, I see none necy, further than, after referrg them to my former Let, to acquaint them t his Britannic Majesty's Subjects neir want means nor inclinan to support their Lords Rights & Priviledges.

I am — &c —

R Miles

Richard Miles Esqr Annamaboe Fort 11 September 1778

Sir I recd ye favor o yesty covering / inclosed Let fm Mr Wemyss & fm / Danish Council — still upon / Mumford Business — W respect to an answer to / last. I am entirely o ye opinion t no ye is necy than / short & spirited one I propose to send them.

As Attorney Cormah has not bn out since his late illness a cd not come to / Fort, I went to his house, & on presg o ye Messgr Currantee, put / questns to him I desired. He disavows having sent any Messgr to / Danes, or singly as in Co w / Accroan Cabboceers messgrs on / Mumford business. If anybody made use o his Cane it was entirely unknown to him. He does not

96. deny t he heard fm time to time t / Accoroam Cabboceers hd sent Messgrs to / Danes, but hd no concern in it

When I mentd / propriety & y desire o sendg his gold headed Cane to C.C. to h his name cut on it, I was sorry to see him fly in a passion & declare he was used very ill by / Co. who hd never given him wn Cane, Hat, Sword, or / usual Presents his predecessors o Annamaboe used to rece: t fm this neglect o him he supposed they shot him o little consequce; o course they cd not expect him to enter warmly into / int o / English; t / Dutch Gen at Elmina hd sent him seve Presents, in parlr a lge Cane w his name upon it in order to secure his friendship, & fm his authority to settle any Palavers the Subjects mt h in / Fantee Country, as favourably as possible; t soon after this, they hd reason to see the Presents were not thrown away, fm his having settled a Palaver at Apam t mt h cost them much mony & trouble &c & &c.

I represented to him / troublesome times in England wh entirely put it out o / Co's power to give proper attenn to / Coast; t I was sure he wd not long be neglected, & (in order to pacify him) assured him t if he did not in a little time rece such presents fm home as his Predecessors used to h I wd myself convince him out o my own small fortune t we valued his friendship & held him in equal respect w any o his Predecessors, upon wh he consented & / present to send his own Cane to C.C. to h his name cut on it.

One may easily gather fm this how / present temper o / whole Fantee Country & God only knows what ill behaviour mt be towds / English if an enemy was to appear. I am strongly o opinion Amoney's expectans shd be represented to / Clee, & / necessity there is o taking more notice o him in a public way than has fm hitherto done. He can do much mischief, & at any rate his steady friendship shd be secured.

Upon considerg / whole o our Concerns fm w attenn, & / inconsistent behaviour o / Mumford people, I cannot be o opinion it is worth our while, especially at this parlr time, to be at / expence even o one Slave to give them as a Quasafoe & permissn to hoist our Flag. I am persuaded the wd still be objects started & t / glist Value set by / Dutch (as they say) on t Flag wh was taken away by Mr Trunder is all a concerted Scheme amg them in order to recover the Favour at C.C. & / bare privilege o our hoistg a Flag amg a set o ungrateful rascals. If they h already sold the country to / Danes & only wait & the sendg materials out to build a Fort, wd / trifling consn o paysg them a Slave, a few ankers Liquor, & / privilege o hoistg a Flag, give us any gtr security amg them than we h at present? In short / more I consider this business, / more I am inclined to leave / issue o it to a future period, & till we h ample Instrons fm / Clee how to proceed

I am - &c - Thos Westgate

JB Wemyss Esqr.

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J.B. Wemyss Esqr C.C.C. 12 September 1778

Sir Answer to yr Lr o/ 8th Inst I can only say to / Dutch Flag if I speak o was in the Mills person when here. How he disposed o it I cannot tell; at any rate when it cd be found I do not think it to be returned. I may therefore acquaint / Mumford people that "I suppose" / Dutch Flag wh the Traders took on our Territories, was sent home by the "Mill to / Ctee in a Ship o War, as usual on all such cases" as to the Quasofee (whom they say is now a Prisn in Elmina for this) as he is only a Slave he can be o no Kind o consequence; for wh I am convinced if they were sincere in the Intentns Leads us, they wd not let this be any obstacle to our agn hoisting our Flag in the Town. I may acquaint / Towns Soldiers that I believe what they say is very true; that this affair has been concerted by / Pyrates who hate / profit, and who I doubt not find means by and by to punish for the ingratitude, Tell them how; that if they chuse to stand forth in our cause, they may hoist our Flag when they please, / the Pyrates who are reduced to a very contemptible set & no power to oppose them. Indeed it appears to me that / death o old Quamsah & some more o / Ppals (most attached to our Int) in a great measure has been / cause o all these Troubles. I may further inform / Town Soldiers, who are / most respectable body among them at present, that while they continue true to their Masters, they have nothing to fear from the Pyrates being sold. They are treated in every respect / same as our Cos Slaves, and will from their being brought up to different Trades, be able, by and by when we've orders to build a Factory there, to assist in / erecting o it

I am — &c —
R Miles

To / Govr & Council C.C.C. 12 September 1778
at Christians borg.

Gentn I received yr Lr o / 31st ultio came to hand only 2 days ago and to wh I cd not reply till now being under / necessity o 15th sending to Amoney Coomah, King o Annamaboe, to inform him of his intended hostile name only / Accroom Caboceers who had sent messgrs to Xborg respecting / Town o Mumford. His Messgr (on his Masters Come) accompanies / Bearer o this Lr & will inform you & if any person appeared in his name, it was not his knowledge or consent.

After premising thus much I shall pass over the post o yr Lr respecting / Mumfords War wt / Accroms, and / Pyrates given in consequence thereof as an affair quite unnecessary to be entered upon here & shall only observe that / grt desire I have to preserve Peace & Harmony, makes me wish you wd desist from any further proceedings in this business

The Money you are now expending on those people is only thrown away for shd you (or any Gr Man) actually begin

* when did / Sergt who was stationed at Mumford leave? why?

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to put such designs in exn if we find the Britannic Majestys Subjects have want / means nor inclinan to render such attempts abortive, as well as on my pr respect to support the Crown's Rights & Privileges Iam &c R Miles

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Thomas Westgate Esqr C. C. C. 13 September 1718

This by Currantee who I've directed to proceed to Accra w my Dr to / Comrs Council. I have wrote them to Amoney's Merchr attends mine to confirm them to what he imposed upon respecting his Knowledge or Consent in / Mumford Business. I will therefore desire Amoney to send his Merchr w his Cane (which goes herewith) along w Currantee. I am so truly sensible of / necessity of keeping to ourselves Amoney Cormahs Interest, & at / same time lament so much / Cos not sending out / Presents I wrote of to him, & I have ever since my 1st coming here am continually sending him little matters of one kind or t'other to keep him in good humour. I say little, tho in fact when I reflect t / for great part of them are out of my own small fortune, they do not appear so inconsiderable. While I lived at Annamaboe he was repeatedly putting me in mind of / usual Presents given by / Co to people of his consequa. I promised him to the Mess. that I would write of them, he did so and none came. I repeated / application & said all I cd in favour of Amoney; still none came. All we can do is to represent / matr again to our Masters by Cleland, for I am persuaded he will not accept twice / value of those things in Gold or slaves in lieu of them. The Gold Cane which he has sent up now to have his Name cut on it, for may remember I gave him on my succeeding to this Place; but, says he "This "is not / Cane, that a Umbrella with two Mill & yrself "promised to / Co and send me." Such is a usual situation we are in; how we must have patience & bear it on so small degree, I fear

Iam — &c —
R Miles

C.31 Read July 1st 1719.

We / Govr & Council transacting / Affairs of / Cttee of / Co of Merchts Trading to Africa have receid from our Constituents by / Store Ship Somond, Capt Wm Mackintosh a Paper intitled "A Return from / Comrs of Trade & Plantns to / Ho. of Co.", & the desire to reply fully thereto, / same having been maturely & deliberately read at our Council Board, humbly beg leave to offer / following Pages as a Refutation of many Charges therein contained as well as in Vindication of our Conduct as Trusts of / Public.

(sgd) Richard Miles
Thos Westgate
Robt Collins
Martin Wallis

By a Standg

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Rs to / price o Slaves beg leave

By a Standg Order o/ Ctee, / consequence o any o the Lords Masty raising / price o Slaves (in which Stat he may be) is his immediate Dismission fm / Service. One recent we believe since / present Gov & Council offers only one instce o / Kind wh was in 1759, & on wh occn / delinquent was dismissed / Service.

The cause assig

To acct f / high price Slaves is bn said in ag, to which they were some years ago we beg leave to add some relation to / vy gr advce in / prices o almost all / Goods imported into Africa, in parte Indian Goods, such as Guinea Stuffs, Brawls, Chelloes, Silks o all sorts, & many fs t are now fm 50 to 60 % o Some even 100 % dearer than formerly. Hgn / gr increase o Shipng to / Gold Coast & / more superior advantgs than formerly were brot / Coast o many o the Ships (hope it will be allowed) & bn given to ignorant illiterate men, unexperienced in / Trade, & who stick at nothg in order to be / 1st off / Coast. As a proof t / competition among / Capts has in a gr measure occasioned / high price o Slaves, / following recent instce may be given: The Success, Nelson, o Liverpool was / 1st who happened to be a single ship last yr. He paid his Slaves in at £14 per head at Gambia. The Juliet, King, o London was / next single ship, & average his at vy little above £15. The Society, Norris, bound to Whydah, in a vy few days lay in C.C. Road wh 200 Slaves at little more than £12 sterlg. The Adventure, Muir, we believe did not exceed £11. The John, Cazenove, did £12 or £13. The Foster, Houghton, o Liverpool & / Lord Germain, Chalmers, o London, we make no doubt felt also / effects o beg long single ships, which they drop down in regular rotn / prices will be moderate, but we think we may venture to say t unless / Masters o Ships are laid under some restrictions, where ther are 8 or 10 sail o Ships in Princes Road, / prices will be up agn as high as ever. In / yr 1755 Slaves were at 10 oz. f Men & then sold f £50 currency in Jamaica. Slaves f some yrs past h bn no more than 10 oz. Therefore if / merchts made profitable Voyages then, it of course follows t it must be owg to / difce in / price o our Goods imported hire fm Europe, or to a decrease in / price o Slaves in / c.f. that they cannot now do / same.

Prices / House Custom on wy Slave to 12 oz. as was done in 1776, wh 12 oz Gold in lieu o ½ Taffety & ½ Cuttance on wy Slave, & such indiscretions may be added to / causes already mentd to acct f / high price o Slaves so much complained o lately. These Customs are now abolished; no Taffety, no Cuttance given, nor no Gold in lieu thereof. The House Custom now only 3 oz. in trade Time will shew who are / 1st to renew these bad Customs agn.

The considerable Expt o Slaves in / R.A.C.'s time accted f.

The Lds Commrs in the Memorial to / Hon Ho o Co set forth t it appears by / Records o/ R.A.C. t / exports fm / Gold Coast amted annly to 10,000 Slaves. In answer to this it will be necy to observe t / R.A.C. traded indiscriminately at all the Ports on / Coast, & the Gold mentd in wh appears a gr proportn thereof were shipped off in the French, Danish or Dutch Bottoms, f their own Colonies, & were purchd of foreign manufactures, & t / Imports at / Brit. Islands we were by no means so considerable as o late yrs

Ivory Trade said to be much lessened.

Every one who knows anything o/ Coast must be sensible t this Branch o Trade is chiefly carried on to Windward o to Leeward o/ Cles Settlemts, + t, Acra + Appolonia excepted, / whole forts on / Coast seldom purche 3 tons annly. The present or precedg yrs howr, we h / pleasure to oforsee ye say, has offorded as much or more than any 2 yrs since / present establishmt. And this calls to our mend / sg gt hardship we lay under in our modes o Remittce. We are restricted by Act o Parliamt fm shipg off Slaves on our own accts, so t we h no other method but t o selling them f Bills, or sendg home gold + ivory. The former o/ two, Capts o Men o War will carry, but within these few yrs they h declined declined taking our Ivory, + given us for answer, t their Instrons are to take on board no other ppty than gold, silver + jewels. Shd we ship it in a merchr ship, partly in these troublesome times, + 1/5 h is sunk in Insce. Qr by means o an applon fm / Cles to / Lds o / Admlty an order cd be procured f / Commdrs o H.Ms ships to rece on board Ivory, it wd be dog the Servts in Affrica a vy singular favor, + o wh they wd ever retain a grateful sense.

Gold Trade. To acct f / Ships carrying home no Gold as formerly, we must agn beg leave to allow to / lge quantities o goods imported, wh, tho risen in price at home, h so overstocked / markets here, t / traders not beg able to vend so lge a quantity. h within these few yrs past requized part o / value o each shrote to be pd in Gold in lieu o goods; + wh fm 40/- has gradually increased (in proptn to / increase o shipps) to / sum o £6 + £8 sterlg; to procure wh, this part o/ Coast on wh / / Cles Settlemts are situated, not beg suffer to supply / demand, vy ships carys on a certain part o the Cargo, consisting chiefly o India goods, intended f / purche o Gold, + wh goods they vend to / Natives, commencg at Cape Lahou, Bassam, Assinee, Appolonia, + so on down / Coast as far as Succoa; + wh it can be proved h bn commonly sold by / Ships + the boats (/ better to make them to rise to each o.) fm 80 to 100 % under sterlg cost.

Mode proposed f encouragg / importan o Gold Dust into Gt Britain

To obviate this inconveniency, as well as to encourge / importan o Gold Dust into Gt Brit, we wd beg leave to offer: t / Merchts at home shd lay the Capts under heavy penalties in case it shd be proved t any o them hd given Gold to / Natives on Slaves. This restrictn wd o course produce an order f / Cles Servts to follow / example, tho even wt such Order, we shd be vy happy to come into this measure, Gold, as we observed before, beg our ppr remittce. HMS Weazel, now in this Road, will carry home a small quantity belongg to / Cles Servts, + they wd h bn vy happy to h remitted more, hd not / Fear gtest part o the ppty bn in / Publics hands.

In / R.A.Cs' time few ships, we believe, frequented / Coast except the own + foreigners, w / most o whom the Agents traded, so t / far gtest part o/ Gold fell into the own hands, + not beg in demand amg / Natives was o course imported into Gt Britain tho the imports amounted annly to so much as 100,000 oz. we cannot pretend to say; but this much

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much we wish, whatever may be the case at the time, the whole of Gold Coast from Cape Lahou to the river Volta does not now, nor has ever for many yrs afforded 1/4th of the quantity annually. For it must be observed that whatever may be the R.A.C. imported into Great Brit. of above quantity, paid it in at 3£ Sterlg p oz. & sold it at 11/6, the profits alone on this article must have been £212,500 p ann. exclusive of advantages they derived from the Slave Trade. It is then a very natural quest to ask how they became insolvent.

A private trade set up & carried on by Govr & the Chiefs

It is hard to say what is meant by a private trade set up & carried on by Govr & the Chiefs on the Servts. It has ever been understood that the Cees Servts have undoubted a right to trade as any other Persons, provided their purches & Sales are confined to Brit. Merchts & the Shipping, & pursue within limits of Acts of Parliamt. Were they not allowed this liberty, it would be hard, we believe, to find men of character & abilities to serve in a Country like this on their present fixed salaries; tho' it is what little they now make from Gold & Ivory. Experience tells us that such Emoluments would barely find us in cloaths & support a Table.

The Cees carrying on a Trade in conjunction with the Servts in Affrica

So far as is within the reach of our Knowledge, we believe this Charge to be equally false as many others exhibited agst the Cees & their Servts. What we believe has given rise to this Report has been that the Cees Officers send by their Correspondents in London, orders for goods, which have accordingly been sent out & paid for on the Coast, either in the usual manner of so many oz. in Trade for Slaves or in £s sterlg. according as the different parties agreed on. This House has been no monopoly of London merchts; those in Bristol & Liverpool have frequently sent out goods to the Cees Servts on the same terms. If this mode of being supplied shd be thot repugnant to the spirit of British Trade in gen., it shd be discontinued on receipt of orders to that purpose. In the meantime to shew that it is by no means so beneficial to us as represented, we will decline sending any Orders whatever until we are favoured with the Cees sentiments on this head.

Spirits & Tobacco

The daily retail trade in these articles (tho a mere trifle to what it is represented to be) certainly ought to be considered as free & open as any other Branch of Trade & it is advantageous to the Cees Servts when these articles are plenty (as they usually are when scarce) is beyond all dispute partly to some of the inferior ones whose capitals will not admit their dealing in Slaves. But so inconsiderable is the quantity of gold taken at each Fort (Cape Coast & Winnebah excepted) that a great part thereof goes to defray the unavoidable charges of Fort, support a Table, & other private expences. Any one admits it to be even so considerable, every man acquainted with Trade here, must know that the Gold is of such an inferior quality to that taken to Windward, that very little of it will pass on Slaves. If this gold is so very plenty & as useful in the

Trade as it is represented to be, it may be reasonably asked, why do / masters o Ships send their boats so high to windwd for it? As a proof it is not in / power o/ Ctes Servts to vie w / shipg in / purche o gold, let it only be considered o / former absolutly pay / Public 100 % more for / goods they recve, than / latter often real them for to / Natives

Govr & Chiefs concerned in Shipg

It is said to / Govr & Chiefs are enabled by / Hold they collect fm the Retail Trade in Spirits & Tobacco, to despatch their ships off / Coast sooner than / private mercht can Before any answer can be given to this allegan, it remains for / Psons who gave / inform to / Honble Board o Trade, 1st to prove to any o / Chiefs wer were Proprietors, or even concerned directly or indirectly in Shipg since / present Establishmt, / late war Brew excepted, when / Ctee dismissed fm the service on the acct: nor wd we or those concerned w him we also except. 2dly we wd be too bold an assertn in us to say positively to no servt o/ Ctes (those above excepted) were wer concerned in Shipg, but so far as is or within / reach o our Knowledge, we believe they r not. It is true many Reports o / Ctes servts beg concerned in Shipg w certain Merchts in Europe r bn propogated at diffr times, but wt any proof to we know o. We can answer for ourselves to we neir are, nor ever were concerned w any merchr or Merchts whatsr since our admissn into / Service.

The purche o Portuguese Tobacco

Respecg our purche o this article, any one who knows anything abt / matter, must allow to / English Chiefs cd formerly get it much cheaper fm / Portuguese than they now do. This / British shipg in parte are well acquainted w, who often publicly force trade w them & they buy in the Tobacco at a much cheaper rate than / Ctes Servts. As an instce o this (a hundreds may be produced) / Gen o Elmina in 1776 lodged a compt to / Hon. Capt Cornwallis o HMS. Pallas agst Capt Frazer o/ship Wille o Lpool. Since, / Dutch r bn so much more strict in / orders they gve the Guards (whom they put on board / Portuguese if they know they r not force suffte to prevent / Shipg) we r no other resource left but to get supplied by / Dutch, on their own terms, & wt it (Trade apart) we cd not defray / unavoidable chges o / Settlemts

Slaves purchd at Dutch Forts & shipped by / Cos servts on their own acct

It can be no Chiefs intt to purche Slaves fm his Dutch neighbour bec. o course he must pay him / same price he recvs & therefore gets no profit. The British Shipg indeed r indeed a daily intercourse o this Kind w / Dutch. Some instces we remember o their selling them whole cargoes. Nor is it a very uncommon thg fr / Capts in / Trade, after bartering w an English Chief to beg he will recommend him to his Dutch neighbour

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for a Barter also; & wh has often bn done. But if / English Chiefs h made a custom o purchg Slaves fm / Dutch & shipg them on their accts (so far as is within / reach o our Knowledge) is fulse

Thirteen American Vessels cleared off on 1775 w 2268 Slaves, chiefly by / Dons

& tho h bn mentd that no / Engl. Govr, if it is well known to all / Engl. Forts on / Gold Coast do not offend to no o Slaves annly; & it can be easily proved to ⅔ds o one to p were purchd by them in 1775 (the Bills, who realized the ppty in Slaves & went off / Coast this year, excepted) were sold to / Capts o Ships fm London, Lpool & Bristol; / Brig George, Paisner, o Bristol while Poland in 1775, sold his Cargo to Messrs Mill & Miles fr Bills o exchange on London to amt o abt £2200 sterlg. He refused to take Slaves, a doubtless & mode wh h suited those gents better than / 4d. How this gives Bills does not appear to be an infringemt o / Act o Parlt.

Advantages to / Chiefs fm a contd Residce on / Spot

Its to any advantages we derive fm a continued Residce on / Spot, we know o none but such as arise fm a fair & open Trade w / Natives agreeable, as we believe to / inclin o / Legislature. The Public Books will show what use we h o / Ctes' Slaves, Stores & Craft. God knows, except on C.C.C. they are barely Slaves sufft to do / mean Work at / diff Forts. Stores we seldom h in our power to use can derive any advantage fm, & as to / Craft, / Ctee h had only one fr 3 or 4 years past; & she has never bn employed, to our certain Knowledge, in any other service but to o / Public. Notwg it is said we derive advantages fm a continued residce on / spot, no chges o any undue influce o ours over / Natives, tho alleged in a gen manner, appears to be proved nor no instce quoted. As we h observed before, were we to be deprived totally o / Slave Trade / little emoluments we shd make in any fr way, wd be but a poor return fr risking our lives in a climate like this, where / chance o ever returng w a small competency is upon / most moderate calculan at least 50 – 1, wh need clearly appear by referrg to / Public Books since / Commencemt o / present Establishmt.

Extent o / Slave Trade & / Forts on / Gold Coast

We h already observed & can prove to even in / most flourishg time / English Forts on / Gold Coast seldom exceed 2000 Slaves annly, & these are all sold to / British Shipg. C.C.C. Annamaboe, Tantumquerry, Wha, Accra & its dependency are / only Forts we h fr / Slave Trade. Appolonia Dixcove Succondee & Commenda do not altogr afford more than 80 Slaves, 1 fr w another. Now only put / Quesn to 2, 3 or more unprejudiced persons, Masters o Ships, well acquainted w / nature o / Trade & / expence attendg it, they must allow to fr / most part these Slaves

are not only nearly as cheap as those they purche from / Black Traders, but they must grant to our profits after paying all charges seldom exceed 30/- sterlg pr slave; & for this they must allow to they must pay / same prices to all British Traders settled on shore as they do to / Clts Servts. As a proof how our profits do not exceed / sum mentd, take a retrospect into / case of Tonlins Fortunes, who after sacrificg the Constitution in Africa for 12-15 yrs, h returned to the Native country. The African Chiefs are not considered as / most extravagant set of men in life. Indeed we believe / contrary is gently allowed to be / case. Now if we are as formidable evils as we are represented to be, it may not improperly be asked what becomes of / money we so make. No sooner is / Clt as we h observed above (unless upon some very extra occasn) our returns in less than from 12 to 15 years & few there are whose fortunes h exceeded 10 or £12 000. Indeed but very few had so much & surely such a sum considerg / prime of a mans life as spent in acquirg it cannot be considered an object of envy. Indeed, we may here add / time is very distant of any one now in / service to flatter himself w / prospect of such an independency

Gors neglect as to / Gov & Chiefs not havg done their to open / Trade duty in openg / Trade paths, in order to let / paths. Traders come down to / Waterside, it is a chge of such a nature as must h originated from some pson or psons totally unacquainted w / nature of / country. How, to refute it, we allow to wy possible means has been taken to keep open / paths by presents & messages to / ppals of / seat inland nations after has been a very flourishg trade on / Gold Coast for many years past. T / disputes betwn / Fanties & Shanties, / Athantahs, & other inland Powers often cause a stagnan of a time, is beyond a doubt, but it will appear to / Clts Officers on all such occasns h interfered, in order to settle the differs, so far as has been found consistent w sound policy; observg, how to it appears to h been / opinion of some of / most sensible men who h at diff times had / Chief Direction here to "To prevent "a reconcilan of differs amg / Natives of this Country, / "interposin of Europeans is / most effectual method wh / "ever a man can contrive". As we h observed above, temporal stagnan in / Trade, sometimes for a month sometimes longer will often happen, amg, they may be, to disputes amg / Inland Powers, or to / death of some great man amg them. (Capt Rose in / Constantine of Bristol now at Annamaboe is / 1st ship who has not made wy great dispatch within these 18 mos past & he has been only 2 months & days this yrs now near done). Wy one must be perfectly sensible to it is no less / little than / duty of / Clts Servts to remove this Inconvenience if it were possible to be effected.

It may be necy to add here to / Dutch also are very often

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often / cause o an English ships detenn, & to them more than to anything else may be attributed in a vy gt measure Capt Robe not having finished his purche sooner; they having almost instantly on his arrd advanced / price o slaves to / natives to 11 oz & men & 9 oz & women; by wh means / Gen o Elmina dispatched a vy lge ship in 18 or 20 days, who arrd after Robe. This also is anor inconvenie wh cannot be removed; the present Govr o C C C. as well as most preceding ones having repeatedly addressed themselves to / Gen o Elmina to join them in reducg / price o slaves / answer on all such occasns has bn & vy officer in / Dutch service pays a duty o 10% to the W.I.C. in Holland & liberty to trade, & in consequ thereof it is not in his power to restrict them. The Dutch officers are all enabled to pay this Duty & gt gain to themselves & / following reasons: 1st & they purche slaves o an inferior quality & always rece much higher prices & them fm / Dutch ships than / English can afford to give

2ndly they beg supplied lgely w tobacco at a reasonable rate fm / 10% duty wh they reach fm / Portuguese, &

lastly they beg allowed to trade indiscriminately w all nations

Cos officers intrigue w / nats o negroes so as to keep / paths shut.

Its to / Chiefs keepg / paths shut so as to confine / Trade within / extent o their own monopoly; it is out o their power to do it even were they ever so inclined, wh never can be supposed to be / case, as it is obvious / more slaves they buy, / more profit they h. To refute this chge we beg leave to make / following remarks: It often happens to a Capt o a ship on his arrl at Annamaboe, barters & ½ or ⅓ o his cargo to / Chiefs o / diffnt Forts, & purches / remain fm / natives. This last part o / cargo is vy often disposed o before / Chiefs h collected a sufficr no o slaves to pay & the past & in such case they are often put to / disagreeable necessity o borrowg a number fm some other ship, or what is still more so to / Chiefs, when no slaves are to be borrowed, detaing / Ship. Some few instnces h bn known o this kind which, God knows, if only & 2 days, causes murmurg enough how & if / Chiefs had it in their power to shut & open / paths at pleasure, there wd be no necessity & us to be put to ye o these inconveniences

Any judicious master o a ship, or pson experienced in this Trade, must well know to all / presents, messages & entreaties in / World will never prevail on / Fanties & Etr / Shantees come down thro the country. This has bn / stone o contention betwn those 2 nats & many years past; & fm / opinion o many able men it appears to that / King o Shantee once find

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his way to / Waterside, he wd make a conquest o / Fantees, wthby become sole Master o / whole Country called / Gold Coast, w is to say fm Cape Appolonia to / River Volta; a measure w wd not only change / situan o affairs, but probably be attended w / total loss o / British intt in this country. The mode o carrg on trade betwn / Fantees & / Shantees is by establishg markets at diff places near / boundaries o the respective territories. Here / south Traders meet where / Shantees exchange the Slaves & or Commodities & European Goods carried up by / Fantees. & these latter brg them down to / Waterside while it is / intt as well as / duty o / Clees offices to maintain & encourage an intercourse o this Kind, / Public cannot doubt o its beg done. In Justice to / Clees Servts, howr, we beg leave to observe w if any fur restrictns are laid on the Trade, many occasional Presents, wch are now made by themselves, must be paid by / Public

Lagos Benin & Gaboon Slaves.

The Trade fm these places to / Gold Coast has wholly bn carried on by / late Mr Brew, who by many yrs before he died had sole croft employed in t business, & factories established at those places. Few o / Clees Servts h ever bn Adventurers in this Branch o Trade & we verily believe t in / course o / last 8 yrs, they h not brot round more than 100 Negs is true ther are free Traders settled ther, who occasionally brg fm thence to / Gold Coast small nos in their boats or dr Croft; but so far is / exportn o slaves fm beg considerably increased by this means, t we are o opinion / whole nos brot round, within / 8 yrs above mentd has not exceeded 1000, 3/4ths o wch h bn imported by Mr Brew. Now if this be true, it will appear t (even make a much lger deducn fr casual slaves) / exportn o Gold Coast has really & bona fide increasd very considerably within these few yrs. In / above calculn we do not include any slaves t may h bn exported fm Lagos, Benin & Gaboon immedly by / W.I. by Mr Brew or any dr Adventurers in / Trade, bec we cannot judge o / nos. Therefore we confine ourselves to those brot round in boats or dr Croft & exported fm hence in Gold Coast ships.

The Govr selling Cos slaves off / Coast contrary to / Statute

Neg is very seldom t any o them h bn sold, but when by repeated crimes & misbehaviour, they h rendered themselves unworthy any longer to serve / Public, how shd we are they to be disposed o. If / Slaves are suffered to be guilty o theft Insolce or Neglect o Duty, wt some one or more o them beg made examples o, we had better h no slaves at all. It has ever bn a Custom when any one o them has bn found incorrigible here, to ship him off / Coast, & his Value carried to / Clees Credit. The follows extracts fm 2 Acts o Counal in / R. A. Cs time are here inserted as Precedents.

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At a Counc[il] held Wed. June 7.

Present

Richd Stockwell Esq[r] President & Gov[r]
Wm Husbands } Esqrs Chief Agents
Thos Bolter }

Whereas there is a Woman Slave belong[g] to / R.A.C. of England named Jukobah No on Tally 199. who is desirous to purche her freedom, not being [ac]used to Work, & has offered for / same a good woman Slave

Resolved to accept of / said offer

At a Counc[il] held Aug 16 1749

Present

[ut supra]

Cudjoe Sawyer a Cos Slave having in July 1748 deserted from Discove[ry] Fort for fear of punishm[t] for neglect of duty, & having by ill usage to some of / Cos Slaves, caused one of them to desert whom we can hitherto get no intellige of, but is suspected ere to be murdered or to have made away w[th] himself in consequence of / ill usage for / said Cudjoe. Resolved for / above crimes, & to deter others from / like practice that / said Cudjoe be sold off / Coast.

Ordered that / Treasurer do rece[ive] him into his charge as a Shipp[g] Slave

Bricklayer a Cos' Slave boy having been detected stealg several times, for wh he has been often punished, wh has no effect towds his amendm[t] being therefore quite incorrigible

Resolved for preventg further loss to any of / Cos' Slaves (partly as it is / desire of / rest of / Cos' Slaves that he be sold off / Coast) as / Cos' present necessities will not allow / loss of a Slave by punishg w[th] death, therefore ordered that / Treasurer do rece[ive] him into his charge as a Shipp[g] Slave

Public Supplies set to be applied to / Chiefs own privat Trade.

The sum granted annly by Parl[iam]t for / support of / Forts in this country &c

After deductg / Chiefs & the Servts salaries at home, payg / Freight, Insurance of the annl ship, is not sufficient to pay / Salaries of the Servts in Africa, / annl pay of / Castle Slaves & Black men dependant on / Settlemts, & the unavoidable charges The Forts are many of them built of clay & stone with / least mixture of lime. They were some of them in very indifft repair, when they were first invested in / hands of / present Chief. No sum at[all] has been granted for repairg them except £6400 for / purpose of C.C.C. Is it then to be wondered at that / Forts are not all in good repair now? One of / great misfortunes that cd befal / service, as we imagine, was / death of Engrs who were sent out in 1719 & Wearzel in 1764 purposely to survey / Forts on / Gold Coast. Had they lived & performed / service they were sent out upon, we make no doubt but from the representa[tion] of matters, Parliament wd be granted a certain sum for / specific purpose of repairg the / Forts

so as not to be interfered with / annual grant for maintaining them; for it is plain that so far are / Ctees from being able to repair them out of / present Grant, that / bare Keeping them from going to ruin has in a great measure run them so much on debt. It may be very proper also to mention here that / Fort of Appolonia has cost them £10,000 & upwds, exclusive of / Grant for building it. & for wch no provision has hitherto been made by Parliament. Hear, to recur to / appln of / Public Money, / Supplies have of some yrs past fallen considerably short of paying / just debts due / Ctees Servts. At / time they are rec'd & are therefore divided among them in due proportion, according to / sal sums to appear to each persons credit. These goods cannot surely so divided cannot surely be considered any longer as public mony, but as / ppty of individuals who have by advancing their own goods from 12 - 18 mos before on / Publics acct. How then can it be said that we carry on Trade with / Public Supplies?

But indeed / little grounds there are of any material complts seem to be laid over enemies (for in no other light can we consider them after so very unjustly attacking our characters) under / necessity of making use of any false & malicious insinuation to give / least colour & plausibility to their assertions. If it shd be argued that / difference as to price or quality of / goods we advance & debt we rece, is any very great Emolument to / Chiefs, all we ask is payment of / sol balces justly due to / Ctees Servts, after wch let / annual grant go for / current rates of / years & they present / Sovereign Chiefs for having any concern whatever in advancing for / Public. But even in this case unless a certain sum is also granted for / repairs of / Forts, / Establishment must soon be in debt again. It has also been said that / Chiefs derive great advantages from carrying on repairs. To obviate this, let that branch rest solely with some person appointed for that purpose from Home.

These 2 last proposed Regulations will be extremely agreeable to / Ctees Servts, & will save them much trouble & censure.

The nature of
our Mills
Furnishings &
rents explained
in reply to Nos
33 & 34 in /
Return of /
Lds Commrs &c.

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Nature of / Currency used in / Public Accts

The Ctees Servts are accused of keeping / public accts in diff currencies. In answer to this we beg leave to observe that / Currency called Cost money, in wch / Books are now & has been, since / Cos Orders in 1773, Kept, is confined to our Service only, as neither Dutch, Danes or Natives use it; nor even can we see / original intention of it, unless to make / Salaries appear larger than they are, it being nominal, & has always

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has always bn reckoned at 33⅓ under sterlg. Evy Serv[t] o/ Chees on leavg England, we believe are given to understand t they are to be pd their Salaries in Coast money at 33⅓ % under sterlg & it has ever bn a Custom when any Officer wanted to return to Europe, to rete from his succes[r], or 3[d] in / Service £200 stg for wch £300 t appeared due to him for / Books.

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Select Ctee o Lpools Report

Appolonia

In answer to / Report o a select Ctee o merchts & Traders o Liverpool, we beg leave to reply 1[st] as to Appolonia. This Settlem[t] was erected by a Grant fm Parliam[t] in 1765. In 1771 it was finished. So far as it fm hence / 1[st] apptm[t] of a young man in our service, t it is looked upon as / most beneficial Post to Windward, & as such has ever bn given to a pson who has had / command o one or more Forts before, who o course, fm this circ alone is supposed to have some little capital o his own. Five Chiefs only h commanded at t place since its Establishm[t] 2 o wch are dead. The remaing 3 are now in / Service & deny t they were ever dependant on / Favr o C.C. any[r] than in a Public capacity in / yr 1773 when / ship Unity — o Lpool stopped at Appolonia, Mr Collins was Chief o t Fort, & not only denies having used any indirect means to injure / trade, but wishes to have an opty o confronting his accuser. As to / accot set to be given to / Capt by / Blacks, if this is all / Evidce, it is very superficial indeed, for all / World Knows t if such Evidce is to hold good, / Expence o a puncheon o Rum, properly applied, will induce almost / whole race o Blacks to perjure themselves. The matter was a Mr McKenzie Officer o/ Guard at C.C.C. True it is, indeed, t Mr Arbuthnot did in / yr 1772 make an offer on to / Honr o a conversan t had passed betwn Mr Miles & 2 Capts in / Trade, & t sd offer was laid before / Ctee w a state o Mr Miles's Case, in consequ[e] o wch he was reinstated. It does not appear t Mr Miles ever saw / sd Arbuthnot more than once (& t only 3 days after) nor t he heard o him since / transac[n], therefore he cannot say what may be Mr / purport o his offer to a merch[t] in Lpool. But thus much he firmly believes, t what sd Arbuthnot may have had to propose to / Merch[t], no malversan o Mr Miles's constituted any part thereof. However to clear up this matter he wd beg leave to recommend an appln to be made to Mr Arbuthnot "for a true state o affairs on / Coast". For it does not appear t altho' he made / offer, / merch[t] has as yet accepted it. Mr Miles thinks t wr Honrs he may impute his reinstat[n] in some measure to / gen good character he had maintained in / Service for 7 years he had then bn in it, as well as to / offer o Mr Arbuthnot wh how[r] contained more

nor less than / Truth He also flatters himself t shd it be thot necy to h a fur Enquiry into t affair, shd he be heard in pson, he cd be able to confront / suppos'g Compl'r, Capt Bold, & give equal satisfn to / Honble Board o Trade on t head, as he did 5 yrs ago to / Ctee. The Select Ctee o Lpool have mentd this affair o Ours Mileage under / head o Appolona; & / reason o its beg repeal'd to here.

This Fort is barely lge enough to admit o a garrison o 6 Soldiers a Serjt, Gunner, Chief & Factor. To lessen this no wd be absurd, at least in / opinion o Coast Residents. Intt may be rd to guide us here. Hower, we cd take / Liberty to add few reasons at / end o these Remarks

Dixcove Is in good repair & lge enough to admit a garrison o 50 men w ease. Gold dust it is true is plenty here, but / profits o / Chiefs' trade is so trifl'g as barely to admit defray'g / annl house expenses. Indeed it can be proved t for sev'l yrs past, / quantity o gold annly taken here by / Chief has not exceeded from 150 to 200 oz. This compared to / quantity one Ship takes duri'g her Voyage, wch is gen'lly completed in fm 5 to 6 months clearly shews t / Chief here is no formidable competitor in this Article. Slaves tho' are seldom, Ten sold here in a year. The insinuat'ns t / Natives are intimidated by / Chief here fm trad'g w / Boats, is as base an aspersn as can be devised & as unsupported by Facts as many oth Chges. So far fm their go'g off in / night to trade, / Boats lie constantly 6, 8, 10 & often 12 in nō (when Ships are plenty on / Coast) high & dry on / Beach, where they make their Trade alongside o each oth, & fm / vy gr competit'n often in a manner give away their goods. Exclusive o this, they h mostly Factories in / Town o Dixcove where / generality o / Mates, instead o study'g their owners' intt, commit almost ev'y enormity, plunder'g / Natives o their Stock, often wound'g & worse maltreat'g them, & squander'g away their time in Excess & drunkenness. Indeed it takes up no small part o / Chiefs' time at this place in settl'g / disputes they get into w / Natives. As to / Capts trad'g here w / Chief at an advanced price, it shd be mentd what Capts & what Chiefs. So far are they fm often dealg at a disadvantage w / Chief, t they vy seldom make him an offer; & as to / Boats here, not one Mate in ten goes near / Fort. Indeed it is well known & can be proved t they repeatedly sell their goods for less to / Natives than to / Ctees' Scouts. A wh Inspect into some o / Ships Trade Books must confirm this.

Succondee.

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Succondee. Is in a very unwholesome country, & scarce deserves / name of a Fort. Here it appears to have been little better when / CCee first took charge of it. The Trade here is trifling, but as there is a Dutch Fort within musquet shot of it, there is a necessity for this being separated.

Commenda. The Trade here is of extensive parts & gold, when / Warsaws had a free communication with / Windward Parts since the Warr with / Ashantees & Fantees, it has decreased much. However, this Fort is not entirely dependant on / Warsaw Trade, as there are some few Slaves & gold purchased here from / several neighbouring States inland where This also is / English mart for Canoes, without most of / which Ships cannot get Supplied, & from whence all our Settlements are furnished in this Article. This Fort is very capable, with some little alterations, of containing a garrison of 50 men, & is now in good order. A Dutch Fort here within point blank shot of / English

Cape Coast Castle Is now in much better repair than it has been within / memory of / oldest man in Africa, except / new Buildings (which has been stopped for some time by order of CCee) to which may be said to be in good repair & all the remains that have been done to them is a range of Warehouses 140 feet long & lodging rooms ~~there~~ over them. This Castle is very spacious & airy, & will admit of a garrison of 200 men with ease, exclusive of / diff^t Officers

Annamaboe. Is / strongest, best finished & most regular Fort in Africa & (excepting some of / roofs & floors in / interior Buildings) is in exceeding good order. The trade of this Fort is by no manner of means under / direction or influence of / Govr of CCC. The Chiefs of this Fort, since 1769, are mostly now alive & if they are called in it may probably appear that they have sold more Slaves to / British Shipping, since that period than most of their predecessors. This Fort will admit of a garrison of 60 men, with very little alterations in / interior Buildings

Tantum querry. Is as easy to be supported, & from / turbulent disposition of / Natives here to be more supported as any Fort on / Coast. The Trade at this place has within these few Yrs very considerably encreased. It is true that two Sloops did in 1773 purchase at this Fort 200 Slaves, nor can he deny having purchased more than twice that number, this having been a very flourishing Year. They were however all sold to / British Shipping. As to Craft or Ships trading at this place, it is believed / oldest Commanders in / Trade can scarce give an instance of such a thing. For these 10 or 12 Yrs past it can be proved no Ship or Boat ever anchored at Tantum as a Place of trading with / Natives, for which cause we know not further than that they are looked upon (& really are) such a set of ~~separate~~ Villains that / Shipping choose to keep clear of them.

The Fort wh is built o a kind o clay w little or no mixture o lime, is small & will barely admit o ye present garrison, but if any Fort needs augmentn this certainly does. W/ very little expence 3 new towns may be added so as to increase / Garrison to 20 men.

Winnebah — A good Fort & Trade & o equal consequence w/ t o Tantum & built o / same materials & is much / same as to size & strength.

Accra — The Trade o this place has within these few yrs considerably encreased, / Shantees after keeping away many yrs, have been prevailed on to come down here agn. Indeed if the were British Shipps to carry off / Slaves they wd at this time find a very flourishg trade there. The Dutch & Danes possess it, but / English Chief having lately had little or no Vent for slaves, is obliged to confine himself mostly to / Ivory ~~Trade~~ Business. This Fort as well as / 2 last mentd is built w Stone & Clay, o coarse cannot be supposed to be a place o gr strength yt is lge enough to admit o a garrison o 40 men w little alterans

Prampram — Is a small House w one Bastion, & for its pr[esen]t creatn has been dependant on / Fort at Accra. Unless / Dutch can be prevailed upon to relinquish Pony, a few miles to / westward o Prampram, & also / Danes to quit Fungo, & ~~not~~ / same distce to Eastward, it wd be highly impolitic & prejudicial to / English Natn to abandon Prampram. The are but few Forts on / Coast to afford a gtr no o Slaves than this annually, & / Ivory purchd here exceeds all ye[s]. All / Crippee Slaves to go to Market in British bottoms are purchd at this little place. Add to it, its situation is / most advantageous o any English Fort on / Coast, beg within a few hours Journey o sevl capital Market places

Whydah — Few residents on / Gold Coast know much o this Fort, how[ever] its utility seems not to be doubted.

The gen utility o / Forts beg kept upon such a respectable footg as to be able, when necessity requires it, to oppose / Violence & injustice o / Natives, can be convinced by / many instances o depredatns & impositns on / British Shipps & Merchts as well to Windward as to Leeward o our Settlemts. One instce — Some time ago Capt Mulligan o / Minerva Brig o London upon whom / Native imposed 900 oz o base metal in lieu o gold. — No success in attempts to obtain satisfn. Had such an affair happened any where under our Forts ample redress wd have been obtd long ago. — The many Forts wh off & have been lost in course o Trade where no Forts — fur proves / necty o keeping them up. The mode & manner in wh they are to be supplied & garrisoned, YE alone are to determine. A comparative View how / Expence o Senegambia, as / alterations made for / support o / 10 Forts on / Gold Coast, will point out wh mode is most economical

most Economical to / mann how for / advantages arisg fm / Trade at these 2 diffr places may answer as to / differ in / expence o maintaing them we cannot say, but wh they are considered merely as marks o Sovty + Possn, or as places o defce in cases o attack fm our enemies they surely cannot be supposed to be maintained w less garrisons than they are at present. Appolonia & mistake it is said "it may "probably be found t one white man w 3 or 4 Cos Slaves are safer "if this ~~establishmt~~ Settlemt so all they h to do is to keep possn thereof "+ prevent / Dutch fm getting a footing thr" — what steps can 1 white man be supposed to take to prevent / Dutch or any fr Nation trading thr if they please — but if he had it in his power to keep away Interlopers in case o a dispute w / Towns people under ye Fort, how is he to defend himself? ... Experience tells us t thr are sometimes (indeed often) unavoidable disputes even w / present Establishmt, but a Settlemt reduced to 1 white man / Natives wd never let him rest till they had plundered him o ev'y shilling - In case an inland war came down upon / Towns People settled under / Fort, what protcn can this 1 white man afford his own people? They wd naturally seek protcn & succour under such Forts as can protect them — One man must be cooped up in / Fort like a fowl + be afraid o stirring out for fear / Natives wd not admit him agn except on their own terms — This single man dyg what wd happen to his + public prpty" — Such offices to be done by / Natives — He mt be murdered by them — The absurdity thus o manng Forts on / GC w smaller garrisons than / present. The Natives settled under / Forts on / G. C. are for / most part dependants on ~~them~~ their by / Trade made by ~~them~~ at those Forts + are attached to / Cos servants in a gt measure by / Employmt they receive fm them. We are respected more for / Trade we carry on them fm our Stores. Therefore, if we are restricted in t. our consequence ceases. / Natives will abandon themselves fm us + ev'y Dutch Town on / Coast will be populated w Engl: Subjects.

Vy shortly after / commencemt o / present Establishmt, gt complaints were made o / Cties Forts trading so extensively as they did. In Consequce whrof it was thot proper to restrict them trading w Foreigners in order t / whole o their profits might centre w / Brit: Shipping. Orders were issued accdgly + it does not appear but that they h been complied w in / strictest sense o / Word.

How / sole aim seems to be to distress them fm any trade at all. Shd / Legislature determine on t mode, of course / Cties Forts must submit to it, but in this case it is to be hoped + indeed

cannot be doubted that not only some equivalent will be given to them in lieu of Emoluments they now have by the Trade, but that also they may have permission and time to realize into Money and send off to Great Britain the Property now due to them by the Public; for it was on the Faith of the present Establishment that we came to this Settlement, and to alter it at the expence of present Incumbents will be not only cruel, but ... a bad precedent in our free constitution and directly contrary to the genius of a British Senate (signed) Richd Miles // Thos Westgate // Robt Collins // Martin Watts

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To the Committee of the Company of Merchants Trading to Africa.

Gentn. Having now agreeable to your Orders, and to the best of our judgments applied as fully to every part of the Petition from the Commrs of Trade and Plantations to the Hon the Ho. Co as to the nature of our station and separation from you will admit of in writing, it remains only for us to observe that in the 3rd Reply we have been influenced by prejudice to any of Memorialists or any concerned nor by a partiality to the Service, but after a close investigation of the matter contained in the said Petition, we ... offer the foregoing pages as a true and impartial state of Facts: at the same time to represent to you the great hardships, the sufferers labour under not only in being obliged to advance their private property here for support of the Public Credit, but that the supplies annually falling considerably short of just Sums due them, and therefore humbly beg that you would take the same into the most serious Consideration. We have — &c —

(signed) Richd Miles // Thos Westgate // Robt Collins // Martin Watts

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C. 31 Read July 15th 1719.

5th [?] July 1719. Memorial under Seal from the Committee of the Company of Merchants Trading to Africa to the Lords Commrs for Trade & Plantations

— Having observed by the Votes of the Ho. of Co of 16th June 1719 that the Hon the Ho. had addressed Hon that he would order £13000 to be issued & employed in repairing maintaining & supporting the British Forts & Settlements on the Coast of Africa. for the year 1720, & that Hon would direct the Commrs for T. & P. to take into consideration the manner in which the said money may be employed applied to the purposes only for which it was granted, & give their directions to the Co of Merchts Trading to Afr. accordingly:

They therefore apply to their Lops for such directions as they may think proper to give in consequence of H.M. having acquainted us what is desired by the said Address

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C 32. Read July 15 1719.

10 July 1719. Treasury Chrs John Robinson Esq, to Richd Cumberland Secry to the Bd of T. asks him to move the Commrs for T. & P. to inform the Lds of the Treasy what they have any objection to their signifying to the Committee of Merchts trading to Africa that sum of £13000 for repairing maintaining or supporting the Forts & Settlements of the Co of Africa for the year 1720

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C. 33. Read July 30 1779.

19 July 1779 African office. Letter. F Rutherford Sec. to Richd Cumberland
Requests him to lay before / Lds Comms of Trade & Plantns / indorsed Copy
o / Resolun o / Ctee o / Co. in answer to / Requisn o Dr Ldps.

C 34. Read July 30 1779
African office 19 July 1779

At a Ctee this day.
Resolved That it is / opinion o this Ctee that / Instrucns wh / Lds Comms of Trade & Plantns h be pleased to give to this Ctee relatg to / Mony granted by Parliamt in / last Sessns wd be properly cd into execun by sendg to Africa a copy o those Instrucns, togr w / Supplies purchd w / said Mony, & an Invoice in / usual form setg forth / sevrl Qts & cost o each septe Article, to wh shd be added 2 other Columns specifyg / price at wh each Artic: sh be issued in paymt o / sevl Disbursemts in Africa. These regulans togr w / Rules & Orders o / 25 Mar. 15. 16. 18 23 & 24 Dec 1778 conveyed to / Govr & Council o CCC in / Ctees br dd 30 Dec 1778 [C. 20. p 13 supra] if properly obeyed on / Coast wd be effectual to / present purpose. But as / Govr & Council h thot proper to disobey or evade sevl Orders sent out to them in / same yr, / Ctee wd therefore be better pleased to entrust / dispensg / Supplies o / yr 1780 to other hands. They therefore are of opinion that it wd be advisable that an Agent or Agents shd be specially applied to be joined in Commn w some other Person or Persons already in / Service in Africa. That / Supplies for / yr 1780 shd be consigned to such joint Commrs who shd be ordered to repair to C. C. C. to superintend / Expenditure thereof / Publick Supplies, to controul / accts & to take care that proper Vrts be taken for sevl paymts. They shd likewise be directed to collect, exe & compare sevl Papers & Vrs wh may facilitate passg / Publick Accts since / yr 1770 & transmit / same to / Ctee. And they shd be directed, one or more o them, to repair to each o / Outforts & transact / same Business.

A true Copy
Thos Rutherford Secy (LS)

C. 35 Read Aug 19 1779
African Office August 5 1779

At a Ctee held this day

Whereas it appears to this Ctee that Richd Miles Govr o C.C.C., Presidt o / Council, Treasr & Whouse Kpr, both in divers instances disobeyed or evaded / Orders of this Ctee, partly

1st By suppressg sevl heavy chges brot by Mr Westgate agst sd Miles, wh / Govr & Council were directed to enquire into by exg Witnesses on both sides, & transmitting / Evidce to / Ctee.

2ndly By neglecting to send home some material pps subsistalled for / Public Accts for 2 yrs preceding, wch pps, those accts cannot be audited & passed. And for wch wilfull reasons for such his neglect

3dly And likewise for misapplyg / Public mony in / yr 1777.

By / Cash Bks recd from Africa & sendg / 31st December 1776, wch appears to be a debt claimed by Gov Mill to / amt of £9900-10-7 Gov Mill resigned / Command / 20 Jan 1777 & then left / Coast on his way home. Within six weeks or more after Gov Mill left / Coast, Gov Miles his succor recd a cargo, purchd w / Public mony & consigned to / Gov & Council for / express purpose of / support & maintenance of / Forts & Settlemts; & it now appears to Gov Miles, in Violn of / express direcn of this Consignmt, hath pd / whole of / debt claimed by Gov Mill, so suddenly as to render it impossible in point of time for any acct or Vr to have been exhibited to / Ctee before / paymt was actually made. By this transacn / publick hath sustained a loss of more than £2000 sterlg.

4thly And also for misapplyg / Public mony in / yr 1778.

Resolved That it is / opinion of this Ctee to / sd Richd Miles for & after / arrival of / Ship in C.C.C. wch is to carry out / Supplies for / yr 1780, be suspended from his seal offices of Gov of C.C.C., one of / Council, President, Treasr & Warehouse Kpr & he is hereby suspended accordgly.

Whereas Thomas Westgate Gov of Annamaboe & Vice-President of / Council did by his Lrs of 10 Apr. & 16 Sep 78 exhibit seal chges agst Richd Miles Gov of C.C.C. wch / Ctee by their Lr of 23 Jan 1778 [C3: p 4 supra] directed / Gov & Council to enquire into. by hearg wrdce & to report to / Ctee. & whereas / sd Thos Westgate hath not proper, contrary to / express orders of / Ctee to suppress / seal charges & to neglect to proceed in / Enquiry. And whereas / sd Thos Westgate as one of / Council hath likewise concurred in / ~~misappropriation~~ misapplon of / Public Mony in / yrs 1777 & 1778.

Resolved T / sd Thos Westgate be suspended from his seal offices of Gov of Anamaboe, one of / Council & Vice President & he is hereby suspended accordgly.

Whereas Robt Collins as one of / Council did likewise concur in / misapplon of / Public Mony in / yrs 1777 & 1778 & in suppressg / Enquiry into / Conduct of Gov Miles

Resolved T / sd Robt Collins be suspended from his office as Councillor & tho still remain in / Command of Accra Fort.

Whereas Martin Watts as one of / Council did likewise concur in / misapplon of / Public mony in / yr 1778 & in suppressg / Enquiry into / Conduct of Gov Miles

Resolved T / sd Martin Watts be suspended from his office as Councillor & tho still remain in / Command of Commenda, or some other Fort.

— Whereas Gibson at Wby dah cannot attend Council, he is suspended ~~from~~ from his / office of Council

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Resolved T it is / opinion o this Ctee t 2 new offrs shd be appted in / Commn to be sent to Africa & as it is necy t / Comrs shd be armed w full Power,

Resolved T it is likewise / opinion o this Ctee t / 1st or ppal Comr shd pro tempore be appted Govr o CCC. Presidt o / Council, Treasr & W House Kpr; t / 2nd shd be appted Vice Presidt o / Council & Govr o Annamaboe & £2 pds shd be taken for / Offrs at present in / Service in Africa who shd likewise be appted Councellors. T t those 4 / Supplies for / Service o / yr 1780 shd be consigned, & all public business tendg to reform / abuses wh h crept into / Establishmt shd be referred to them, in Transactg wh wh if / Votes shd happen to be equal / Presidt shd to h a Casting Vote; t care shd be taken to fill up Vacancies wh may happen in / Commn, by directg those 1st appted to succeed according to Seniority & nominatg Juniors to take the Oaths in Council.

The Salary o / Govr o CCC Presidt o / Council, Treasr & W House Kpr beg £400 pa ~~£~~ £402 pa f o Table. The Salary o Govr o Aboe & Vice Presidt o / Council beg £300 & £150 pa f o Table, & as it is proposed to appt / 2 new Offrs to be 1st named in / Comn to those Vacant Govrs it is submitted wh / Salaries annexed thereto will not be a Saffict Compensn But as those appts will be only temporary, & may be o short duran, if o further allce shd be deemed necy. / Ctee are o / opinion it may be put out o / grant f / yr 1780 under / Gen words o / Support & maintce o / Forts & Settlemts, / payme o Salaries to proper officers beg a necy part o t support & maintce.

Resolved unanimously T / Ctee know not at this time any persons properly qualified to be nominated / 2 1st Comrs.

C 36. Read Sept 14 1779.

26 Aug. 1779 Admelty Office letter. P Stephens to Richd Cumberland
Sends f / information o / Lords Comrs o Trade re reports, recd by / Lds Comrs o / Admelty fm Capt Robertson late o HM Sloop Weazle, on / State & London o HMs Forts & Settlemts on / C o Africa

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[Summaries]

C 34.

Tantumquerry Fort July 1 1778
Chief Jerom Bernard Lewis 1 Factor 1 Sergt 1 Gunner 2 Soldiers 1 Drummer Slaves 14 m 4 w + 2 c
Guns 2 9s 4 10s 4 Fort in as good repair as old walls will admit. A little Gold & Slaves Trade

C 38.

Appolonia Fort May 30 1778
Chief John Brion 1 Sergt 1 Gunner 4 Soldiers Slaves 5 m. 2 w Guns 6. 6. 6. 3 1
In indifft repair Trade 57 ounces Gold dust

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C 39

Dicks Cove Fort
Chief Geo Ogilvie, 1 Gunner 4 Soldiers Slaves 9 m 15 W + c. Guns 19. 9. 6 6 3 ½
In good condition, entire stagnation of trade owing to vessels of Brit shipping on / Coast
who used to trade here lately & quit

C 40

Commenda Fort 3 June 1778
Chief Stewart Beard 1 Sergt 1 Gunner 3 soldiers. Slaves 9 m. 5 W + c.
Guns 2 18 14 12 3 9 3 6 8 4 10 2 6 1. 5 £ Bastion formed for barracks & ground
Interior much needs repair no trade of any Kind.

C 41.

Succondee Fort June 1778
Chief Chas Greaves. 1 Sergt 1 Gunner 5 Soldiers 4 m 6 W + c. Guns 2 9 2 6 12 4 5 3 6 1.
Fort much repairable Trade (Gold & Slaves & Ivo & India Goods Brandy & Rum) very bad
for a long time.

C 42.

Sumebah Fort June 1778
Chief Sandys Deckin 1 Sergt 4 Soldiers Slaves 6 m 4 W + c. Guns 3 6 14 4 2 3 1.
Walls yt need repair new ones required A little Slave & Gold trade
sgd Lewis Robertson Cdr Hm Ship Eagle.

C. 43

James Fort Accra 30 June 1778
Chief Robt Collins 1 Factor 1 Bricklayer, 1 Sergt 1 Gunner 6 Soldiers 1 Carpenter
Longwood Wm Sackey. Slaves 13 m 13 W + c. Guns 2 19 6 12 2 9 4 6 2 4.
Frampram 1 Factor 1 Sergt 3 soldiers Slaves 3 W + c. In Good Repair Trade dr
both places very good & / Ashantees come down frequently
sgd Lewis Robertson

C 44

Annamaboe Fort 28 June 1778
Chief Thos Westgate 1 Second, 1 Sergt 1 Corpl 1 Gunner 4 Mulattos soldiers
Slaves 22 m. 6 W + c. Guns 8. 6. 24 3 19 12 18 6 10. Rooms very good & much
wanted Floors & a roof. Slave Trade at present bleached, a little trade for Sugar
sgd Lewis Robertson

C 45.

C. C. C. and.
Gov in chief Richd Miles. Accomt Genl Rect Jas Mourgue. Dep Whitfield & Gunner Sam Gustatter
Surgeon Thos Buchanan. Factors & Dep Secs Chas Miles, Factor & Officer of Guard Jno Fountaine
4 Factors, 1 Factor & Asst Surg. Chaplain Pp Quaque, 1 Superan Writer, Surveyor Nich Lomax.
Cook Bombay, 1 Gardiner 1 Sergt 2 Corpl 5 Soldiers 15 Mulattos soldiers 3 Mus: Mos & drummers
Black asst Surgeon Jno Thos Bett, Interpreter Fredk Adoy. 2 asst Black Writers - Jno Aqua
& Geo Sackey. 3 Slaves 92. 108 & 22 Supernum. 81 + c & 17 Supernum
Guns. 4 2 19 9 4 6 4 6 9 12 28 11 18 = 87. 9 Carriages (15 - 3 Round)
New Buildings as per last report - discontinued by order of Ctee. Dry dock in good order
S Bastion now completed & 3 12 & 3 9 mounted on it. Trade pretty brisk, all the
Dy fleet ships Hm on / Coast. 4230 Slaves were exported in 1777.
Sgd Lewis Robertson & Richd Miles

C 45 & Wholly dash - Wms Fort.

C 47. Read 22 Oct
African office Fri Oct 1. 1779

At a Ctee held this day
– John Roberts appted 1st Agent Gov of C.C.C. Pres Col Fraser & Whitfield.
– Robert Stubbs " 2nd Agent Gov of Abee Vice Presidt of Col. [Oct 8.
– Stewart Beard " 3rd Agent & M. C.
– James Mourgue " 4th Agent & M. C. Oct 20

C 49. Read Dec 2
Draft orders & Instructions - [Vide Print C 51 & post]

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C 51 + Read Dec 11. 1779.

[a printed paper]

By / Ctee
of
Coe Merchts
Trading to Africa

Whras We h thot proper, by our Order o/ 5th o Aug. 1779, to suspend Messrs Richd Miles, Thos Westgate, Robt Collins, & Martin Watts, f certain reasons therin contained, to course beg Ld thrto wch more fully appear. And whras we h apptd Mr John Roberts to be 1st Agent ... [as in C 47/ Easter p.] Mr Robt Stubbs to be 2nd Agent ... Mr Stuart Beard to be 3rd Agent ... & Mr James Mourge to be 4th Agent ...

Y. Messrs John Roberts, Robt Stubbs & Stuart Beard are hrby required to repair to C.C.C. on board / Fascoyne Sloop, Wm Llewellin Master; & on ye arrl thr, when / seal Apptmts enumerated are to commence, Y. Mr John Roberts are hrby ordered & directed to take / Command o C C C., & hold a Council immedly, to wch Y are to summon Messrs Robt Stubbs, Stuart Beard & James Mourge, & acquaint / latter, t / Ctee h apptd him to be a Member o / Council - Shd a Vacancy occur happen in / Chief Command, We direct t Mr Robert Stubbs, Fort o Annamaboe, be apptd thrto; & in order to interrupt, as little as possible, / Succn to / Command o / Forts according to seniority, We direct t / Eldest Chief upon / Coast (a Subject o / K9 o Gt Brit, & not under Suspence) be apptd to / Command o Annamaboe, & Youngest Councellor; & as We wd not h / Council thus apptd by ourselves be superseded at thr Succn, even to / Presidentship, interrupted, We direct t in / case before stated, Mr Beard be apptd Vice-Presidt, & Mr Mourge 3rd in Council, And if a Vacancy shd happen in / Junior post o / Council, We direct such Vacancy to be fillid out o / Officers resident at C C C best qualfied, or by some Junior Chief o a Fort, whose Vicinity will enable him to attend his duty as a Councellor at C C C. We beg Our intn, in future, to h an efficient Council, who sh at all times assemble when Business is to be transacted

To / Govr & Council thus constituted & apptd, & to thr Succrs we shl address Our Orders & Instrns, expect them to be responsible f the due Exn throf

Dated in London / 10th day o November
anno dom. 1779

signed Richard Camplin Chairman

By Order o / Ctee
Thos Pemberton, Secretary

* The Chief o Accra no longer on C

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To
John Roberts, Robert Stubbs, Stuart Beard, & Thomas Mourgue Esqrs
The
Governor & Council at Cape-Coast-Castle
or to
the Succrs for / Govr & Council
at C-C-C. for / Time beg

Orders & Instructions

Many Charges & Complts have bn exhibited agst / Servants o / Publick in Africa, & are specially applyd by Us to Inquire into & thoroughly investigate, such chges & accusns as wee be har referred to y. & having diligently & faithfully collected / best Evidce wh can be obtained on / spot, Y are to transmit / same to Us, w yr opinion thereupon, / better to enable us to enter into such measures as justice sh require.

And y are likewise applyd to carry into immediate exon such Orders & Regulons as we sh think proper to make, for / better govern'g, maintain'g, & support'g / said Forts & Settlemts under our Care & direcn; & for redress'g such grievances as We sh have point out to Y.

In all quens before / Council, when / Votes sh happen to be equal, / President must have / casting Vote; & as it wd be unjust to make a man responsible for acns to wh he does not assent, ev dissenting Member o / Council is required to enter / reasons for such his dissent, in Writg, in / Council Book & sign / same accordgly.

The follow'g Charges have been exhibited

F Remedy whereof

First Y are to inquire into / nature o / trade lately carried on so injurious to / int o / publick, by whom t trade hath bn carried on, & in conjunc'n w whom; & t Y may be enabled to enter fully into this enquiry, Y are to direct / Govrs & Chiefs o / seal forts to lay before y / Orders & Instrns under wh they have acted; & Y are likewise to avail yrselves o all books & pprs to be found in / publick offices at C C C, & in / sd forts, as well as all o all viva Voce evidce wh may be produced; be careful, diligent & impartial, in collect'g / whole, & report / same to Us. Y sh then admonish those who sh appear to have bn any way concerned in this trade, & inform / Govrs & Chiefs o all / Forts, & ev yr officrs & servts o / publick t they are

First / Forts have been perverted from / purposes o their original construcn, & instead o protect'g / free Merchr in his dealgs w / natives, are become a chain o factories wherin a private trade, directly tend'g to a monopoly, hath bn set up & established by / Govrs & Chiefs o / Forts; & t this private trade, so injurious to / int o / Public, hath bn carried on by them in conjunc'n w psons at Home, some one or more o whom have, at / same time bn Members o / Ctee.

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placed in Africa & p^d by / publick to under
ev^y service in the power to / free mercht
resorting t^o t^e coast in carrying on the trade of /
nations, t^t they are required to give ev^y assist^ce
& assistance, wh the resident may be afforded them
to / Brit. merchts / better to enable him to carry
on a fair, open, honest & just traffick w^th /
native African; t^t / 15^th ppte o this trade is
to create a lge demand & consump^n o
Brit. manufactures upon / Continent o
Africa; t^t an increased demand o those
commodities wd be / best method o lowering
/ price o Slaves & o^r African produce; t^t
they are bound to promote a free & extensive
intercourse o trade, wh wou'd naturally
encourage such demand & consump^n;
& t^t by following such conduct they will
be no longer represented as dangerous
rivals to / free merchts & enemies o the
country; but on / contrary / Forts
will be restored to / purposes o their
original constitn & themselves will be
considered as friends to trade & faithful
servts o / public.

Secondly, The 2^d article is in some
measure included in / 1^st; but if it
can throw out w^th certainty to whom this
country is so obliged for striking out
such a pernicious trade, upon / same
to this

Secondly, T ships & cargoes suited
to / African trade, to be consigned from
England to / sd Govrs or Chiefs, by
the Owners & Partners at home, & such
ships belonging to / same concern, after
having been partly laden in England, to
goe to Holland to compleat their
cargoes, w^th / goods & manufactures
o t^t country, to / gr prejudice o the own.

Thirdly, T / sd Govrs & Chiefs to
purchase Slaves at / Dutch Forts
& shipped / same upon their own accts.

Thirdly. The latter part o this Art.
wh charges / Officers & Servts of
shipg off slaves on their own acct comes
within / clause o / Fifth o his
present Majesty, / penalty whrby is
inflicted on / servants. You are before
to enquire into this charge, & if / /
evidence is full & unequivocal, / are
to suspend / person or persons on whom
it falls immediately, & report / whole
proceedg w^th / evidence to us.

Fourthly, T / Chiefs o / out Forts are
to be only accepted, & acted as Agents
or Factors to / Govr o C.C.C. under
whose control they to be held by means
o goods or merchandize advanced by
him to enable them to carry on the
trade, whrby he has secured to himself
a pre-Emption o all / Slaves so purchased
by them & thereby rendered himself
a more formidable rival to / free
merch^ts.

Fourthly, You are hereby ordered to issue
to / Govr & Chief o each Fort respectively
out o / goods & stores consigned to you
as much as You may judge necy to
maintain his Fort for 3 months from
1 Jan 1780. in order to put an end to
C improper influence or tyranny under
wh / Chiefs o / out Forts to be held by /
Govrs o C.C.C. You are to inform them,
t^t / publick supplies will in future be
thus advanced & consigned to them
for / support & maintenance o each
respective Fort.

Fifthly, T/sd Govrs & Chiefs h pd so ge a prefern o gold in /purche o Slaves t no fore Merchts can cope w them, whrby/ demand f Brit. manufactures & E.I. piece goods is gtly decreased in /Gold Coast o Africa.

Sixthly, T by this Kind o traffick thus carried on, /sd Govrs & Chiefs h contributed to lessn /price o Brit. manufactures, & consequently to enhance /price o Slaves & o^r African produce, contrary to the standing duty, & in viol^n o /repeated Orders they h recd never directly or indirectly to advance/ price o Slaves

Seventhly, T /sd Govrs & Chiefs h refused to sell the Slaves to ships who h applied f them, reserving them f o^r ships, w^h whose owners they h bn more intimately connected, by wh partiality /latter ships h bn suddenly dispatched off /coast, whilst /former has bn forced to remain, to/ manifest^n prejudice o the owners, or perhaps to /ruin o /Voyage

Fifthly, Y are to inform ev^y Govr & Chief, & ev^y o^r Officer & Servt, in /Service o /Publick, t they are absolutely forbidden to pay any gold in purche o a Slave on pain o dismission fm /service.

Sixthly Y are likewise to inform ev^y Officer & Servt in /publick Service, who sh in future be concerned in any combin^n, or o^r practices, wh may tend to lessen /price o British manufactures, E.I. piece goods, or o^r commodities, wh gently compose /cargoes o /free Brit. Merch^t; or on /o^r hand, wh may tend to raise /price o Slaves & o^r African produce & beg thereof fully convicted, he who be immedly dismissed /service

Seventhly, The Act o /Fifth o his present Majty having decld, t it sh not be lawful f any o/ Officers or Servts employed by /Crae on /Coast o Africa, to export Negroes on their own Acct, Y are ordered to inform /sd Officers & Servts, t they must offer such Negroes as sh be hereafter purchd by them, f sale at a reasonable price, to /1st ship wh arrd in /Road before such purche were made & on his refusal to /2nd, 3rd & so on; & if no ship shd be in /Road when such Negroes are purchd, they are to offer them in like manner to /1st Ships wh sh arr after such purche hath bn made & on his refusal to /next & so on. Such offers to be made, by ly-ing on shore /Master or Supercargo o any Ship wh may be in /Road within 24 hours after they are purchd; or/ Master or Supercargo o any ship wh sh arr in /Road within 24 hours aft sh has dropt her anchor. And t this our Order may not be eluded, We likewise further direct & a list o all Negroes, wh sh be hereafter purchd by any Officer or Servt employed by /Crae, be hung up in /hall, or some o^r publick place in /Fort, where such Officer or Servt sh reside, f wh ev^y Master o a Ship sh h free access, in wh list must be specified /time when such Negroes were purchd, as well as /time when, & /pson's name, & /name o /Ship to wh he belongs, to whom /whole or any part o them h bn sold

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Eighthly. T / sd Govrs & Chiefs h used / Stores, Slaves & Vessels o / Co, committed to their charge, in carryg on their own private trade.

Eighthly. Y are to inquire into this chge & report fully agst whomsoe it may fall, & if are to take proper care effectually to prevent / like practices in future.

Ninthly. T / Goods, Stores, & Merchandize sent out by / Clee f / support & maintce o / Forts & Settlemts, h bn applied by / sd Govrs & Chiefs to / purposes o their own private trade, & / said disbursemts paid w Goods & merchandize o an inferior quality, to / gr detriment & loss o / Junior Officers & Servts, as well as o / Black Men who are entitled to annl stipends fm / Co, & t falsifications entries h bn made in / Books to cover these iniquitous proceedgs.

Ninthly. This charge is o a Vy heinous nature: Y are before to be Vy circumspect in hearg & statg / same on both sides; f tho / chge is fairly proved agst any delinquent, / resentmt o / laws o his country will certainly fall on him.

Tenthly. T / sd Govrs & Chiefs h, contrary to law, sold off / Coast valuable Slaves belongg to / Co, some o whom h bn bred to handicraft trades, tempted, as it is supposed, thrto, by / gr price such Slaves sell f in / W. I.

Tenthly. This Charge is o / same complexion as / last: Y are f / same reason, be as circumspect in hearg & statg / same

Eleventhly. T / Govrs & Chiefs, so far fm attendg to the duty in keepg open / trade paths, h entered into an improper & impolitick combinan w / Fantees, to obstruct & prevent / Ashantees & the inland Nations fm comg to / Waterside to trade w / British ships resorting to the Coast

Eleventhly. Y are to enquire into / ~~conduct~~ past conduct o / Govrs & Chiefs respecting this Vy criminal charge, & report to Us; & y are required & directed to exert / utmost o yr abilities to open / trade paths to / inland Nations, & a free & uninterrupted influx & reflux o trade may pass to & fm / Waterside. F this purpose we h furnished Yu w such presents f / Kings o Ashantee & Fantee, & f / Gabbocrums o C C. & Accra [more f Abbe:] By means o these presents & yr conciliatory methods, We hope y will be able to obtain this desirable end; f. how much we may wish it to be accomplished we wd not h y by violent measures run / risk o embroiling selves w / natives, or / natives w each o. Before if / method here directed shd prove ineffectual, Y are to report & propose any yr method to Us, wh Y may judge will succeed, & wait f our Orders before Y carry / same into execn

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Fourthly, Forts & Castles may easily be maintained by Parliament for the support & maintenance of Forts & Settlements, the Sums hitherto misapplied for such purposes

Fourthly, This Office is in some measure provided by Books & Accts which have been sent from Africa, but as it is stated in the Report of Committees Enquiry have been made in those Books, & as they are totally unsupported by Vouchers, it is hard to say to what extent those complaints have been carried, & by what part of the duty this Office will be able to state those Accts for the Years 1770 to Year 1779, both inclusive.

made a comparison between Sums Acct'd for & Expenditure on Forts from 1750 to 1754 when Accts were first sent home supported by proper Vouchers, & Sums Acct'd for as they are charged from 1770 to 1779: in which latter period You will find Exceptions to some of Forts more than doubled, be cautious that You do not admit a plea which may be set up, that Prices of European Commodities are lessened & Prices of African produce increased; this will not avail them, as the 15th Article of Royal Order of 1st Sept 1754 which both fixed Prices to which Accts must pass in Payment of Bills drawn. Before which You find European articles Charged You must detect Acct of Difference, & in like manner where You find African produce advanced, Gold from £4 to £6 p oz You must also detect Acct of Difference; take notice in making Comparison that Mode of Keeping Accts was altered in 1775, & restored to original form in 1779; & take care that You do not embarrass Accts by charges of Freight, Insurance &c. for in all cases whatever, We suppose Goods, Stores & Merchandize to be debited in Africa, free of all Charges & deductions whatsoever, Officers & Agents to Account for them accordingly. It is necessary to descend to Particulars of Acct

White Mens' Salaries

Take carefully Care of Supernumeraries which have been in Service for time to time, & Salaries actually paid to them.

Black

Black Mens' Pay

Enquire by what authority those people h bn admitted to rece such stipends; when they were admitted, & for what cause

Castle Slaves

Enquire how they h bn employed, & whether they h bn employed by Govrs & Chiefs in their own private concerns, chge them w the labour accordgly

Free Canoe men, & Labourers' Hire

Considerg / increased nā o/ Castle Slaves this chge is enormous; demand proofs o/ labour done hath bn done & / real payments made

Presents & Dashees.

Enquire to whom these presents h bn made, by what authy, & for what services

Stores furnished in Africa

Y will find / chges under this head in / yrs 1757 & 1758 amt to more money than in some yrs since, tho beg at t time no acct open for Forts repairs bec / Forts were then repaired by / Castle Slaves Artificers, & / materials supplied under this head. Since there has bn an acct opened in / books for Forts repairs, / materials are or ought to h bn carried to t acct, in wh case / chges under this head ought to h bn lessened. Y must enquire into & demand proper proofs for / sums wh still remain chged to this acct. no powder is to be allowed / Castle Slaves or to h furnished in future is any gunpowder to be allowed for saluting ships, except what has bn expended in saluting H Ms ships. We likewise admit / chge for firing / 21 & 19 gun at C. C. C & allow / same to be continued.

Vessels & Small Craft

The chge under this head is chge. Y are to require / many proofs for / several items thereof

Ground Rent & Water Custom.

State / annual sum, to whom it is due & how long it has ben paid

Charges on Palavers

Enquire by whose authy these Palavers & ben entered into, & by whom / chges ben checked & allowed

Forts Repairs.

The chges under this head are enormous indeed. Y must exert yrselves to / uttermost to detect any improper conduct in this affair. In / yr 1773 / Ctee sent out a set o Orders & Instrons for carryg on / buildgs. Y are to be very accurate in yr enquiry before ye period, & since they ha rec'd those Orders. Y are to see whr they ben duly executed. Having thoroughly investigated & fully stated these accts, under the seob heads, w / acct o my pson who hath any demand on / Co, Y are to report / same to yr opinion upon / whole to Us.

Y will find ye impossn on / Publick by / quantity & assortmt o Goods & Merchandize sd to be advanced by / Govrs & Chiefs, & / invoiced by wh they & that proper to pay themselves out o / Goods & Stores consigned to them f / support & maintce o / Forts & Settlemts. This acct must be stated by collectg / various artes advanced & paid, fm yr to yr beginng w / yr 1770, settg down in one Column / prime cost or sterlg value in Europe, & in a 2nd / price at wh they ben advanced & pd in Africa. The Ctees Minutes will furnish Y w / 1st column, & / 2nd must be collected fm / Books in Africa; by an accurate acct thus stated, / fraud will fully appear.

Respecting this, Y must insist on / best E can be obtd, when Y go back to a remote period Y ot perhaps to reduce a little in this point, but when We consider E by / 32nd art: o / Standg Orders given By / Govr & Cil to / Govrs & Chiefs o / Forts, they are directed to send their accts to C C C. once in 3 mos. w / best Vrs they are able to procure, / total neglect o this necy Order, both in / psons givg & / psons recg / same, is certainly proper ground f suspicion. Y will before inform any pson concerned E in failure o such Vrs, / most unequivocal vouchr will be required f / propriety o each art. chgd in his acct before / same can be allowed or passed

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Yare, on yr arrl at C. C. C. to cause Messrs. Miles, Westgate, Collins, & Watts to be served w^th our Order for their suspen^n, & Yare to inform them, t Yare empowered & directed by Us, to enquire into their past conduct, to exe & audit their Accts, & to require proper Vouchrs for any Artic. chged therein; & to inform them likewise, t Yare ordered to exe & state / Late Mr David Miels Accts, wth also yr publick Accts fm 1 Jan 1770 to ultio Dec 1779, & to require proper Vouchrs for every Artic. therein chged. And whereas it appears by / Late Mr Miels Acct, t sevl Lge Sums o money are chged as pd by him to sev^l psons, before those psons Accts cd, in point o time, have been exhibited to, or allowed by / Ctee; Yare hrby directed not to allow in such Acct, / sums therein chged as afsd, neither are yr to allow any Artic. chged in / sd Acct, or in any other Acct, as pd to psons leaving / service, or to / Exors o dead psons w^th / Ctees Order shd be produced as a Vouchr for such paym^t. And Yare to declare to those Gentn t Y have our express Order to rece any Kind o Evidce, wch they may think proper to produce in justifica^n o their conduct, or in support o their Accts; t Yare directed to collect / whole Evidce on both sides, upon / spot, as / utmost impartiality & transmit / same to Us. When t part o / Enquiry in Africa is finished, wch concerns Messrs Miles & Westgate, they will, perhaps, return to Europe. Yare therefore proceed, 1st o all, in t p^t o / scrutiny wch may more immedly apply to those 2 Gentn; / former, we are afraid, has so far involved himself in / whole Enquiry, by t very imprudent act o his, o paying so Lge a Bulk to his predecessor, wch Bulk will, in all probability be annihilated, t he may think a longer attendce in Africa prudent & necy. Be this as it may, Yare take whatr Evidce Mr Miles or Mr Westgate may think proper to offer, as early as y conveniently can; paying t respects / chge abovr by / latter agst / former, in his letter to / Ctee dd 10th April 1779. Accomodate them w apartmts at C C C. or Alboe, as long as they chuse to stay, & let them return to Europe when their own prudce or judgm^t sh direct.

Dagoe & Mumford Pawns

The taking those pawns, we are well convinced, was a scheme calculated to evade / Ctees Order o 27 April 1774 wch forbids / purchasing any more Slaves on / publick Acct. But as it has been represented, t / selling those pawns off / Coast wd occa^n a scene o much distress, wch wd in all probability be fatal to / Brit. Trade established at those towns. If / friends or relations o / people pledged, cannot or will not redeem them, Yare to inquire into & state / species, quantity & quality o / Goods or Merchandize, advanced by Mr Miles to / Inhabitants o those towns, & inform him, t he will be allowed / Value thereof in his acct w^th Subsistce when / men kept not employed to earn it. Yare to set / men to work under / same allowce as / Slaves, / whole or any p^t o them still subject to redemp^n by their relations or friends; but if our express Orders not to suffer One o them to be sold off / Coast.

Having thus pointed out to Y / nature o those enquiries into past conduct, wch we expect at yr hands, & fully instructed y respecting ye proceedgs thereon; We must likewise call ye earliest attent^n to / future conduct o affairs in Africa, t proper discipline, due subordina^n, & a strict obedce to Orders, may be restored in ev^y dept. fm / highest to / lowest

all former Orders of Clee, unrepealed, are to remain in full force.

The Goods, Stores & Merchdize consigned to ye care of / support & maintenance of / Forts & Settlemts are for / Services of / yr 1780. Y must not therefore suffer any part of them to be applied to / payment of / arrears of former yrs, & / surplus, if any, must go over to / service of / yr 1781. Y are to issue these Goods, Stores & Merchdize to / Govrs & Chiefs of / Forts &c 3 mos pay advance; ordering them to pay / Salaries & Disbursemts of the Forts w / same Goods, Stores & Merchdize, so issued by Y. Save & except such parts of them as may be necy to barter for Brazil Tobacco, or Palm Oil: / advantages of wch Barter, if any, must be credited for in the Accts. & Y are to give notice to wy one of them, that they must take a Vr for wy payment they make on / publick Acct, wt wch such payment cannot be allowed. Y are likewise fur to inform wy Psons to whom any of / Publick Supplies are consigned & deld, viz by / Clee, or under the direction by / Govr & Council, that pursuant to / Act of / Fifth of his present Majty, wy such Psons sh be required to take & subscribe / following oath: —

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The Govr & Council, as Commanders of Forts, are directed to take & subscribe / foregoing oath in common wt ye Commrs & Chiefs; they are required also to take & subscribe / following:

We JR, RS, SB & JM each speaking for himself, do swear, that / Goods, Stores & Merchdize issued by us, or Our Order, for / Support & Maintce of / Forts & Settlemts, are / identical Goods, Stores, & Merchdize wch have been consigned to us by / Clee of / Co of Merchts trading to Africa, save & except / articles of Palm Oil & Brazil Tobacco

Y will perhaps be at a loss to guess at / quantity of Goods & Stores necy to be deld out for / 1st 3 months advance; if Y take / quantum for former yrs Y will certainly be misled.

By having recourse to / Establishmts for all / Forts as fixed by our Order of 16 Dec. 1778. Y will find / nos of Whites men & their Salaries: Y h therefore only to see what vacancies there are, & / 1st advt of vacancies will be ascertained. Let wy White Man in / Service be trained to / use of Arms.

The Black Mens Pay we suppose is not lessened, but Y must not in future suffer any Black man to be put upon / list as intitled to an annl Stipend, till / Govr & Council have considered / merits of such Mans claim, & in all cases, where practicable, have reported to us; much less must Y suffer any Psons to be put upon such list, upon / single authy of / Govr or Chief of an Out Fort.

The nos, & consequently / expce of / Castle Slaves will be increased by admitting / Lagoe & Mumford Pawns to be put on the list; but if this part of our Establishmt be in future properly conducted, / expence it occasions will be amply repaid.

We wd impress on Y, in / strongest manner, our wishes & desires, that this useful body of people may be treated with all possible kindness, humanity & benevolence: We therefore Order Y to reward them when they are diligent & behave well, by allowing them Sat, in wy Week to cultivate their gardens & plantains, & make them saleable. This boon is given / better to enable

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to enable them to procure / comforts & conveniencies o life f themselves & their families. And when they behave ill, be so merciful in punishg them as / nature o / crime will admit o. Attend to the domestic economy, & see t the children are taken care of in their youth, & when come to a proper age, take care that a Nge propor^n o / boys be bound apprentices to masons, carpenters bricklayers, smiths & Canalemen. Take it on^r in ye Orders & Instructions, t no pson dill be suffered to use them ill in word or deed; be their Guardians & Protectors, their Friends & Benefactors. By this Kind o treatmt ye will make them forget / odious title o Slaves, & instead o beg a burthen on / publick they will in time become useful & faithful Servts, whose labours will be amply Sufficient to rebuild & Keep in repair / British Forts, & perform any ye service f / publick, in wh they may be employed. A diary must be Kept o / employm^t o all / Slaves, let all / able bodied men in this class likewise be trained in / use o / Gt Guns & Small Arms, an howr ey m^g & evg. Sats & Suns excepted.

The Slaves beg now so numerous no more Free Canoe-men & Labourers there will be allowed, except on a very extry occasion, such as expedg in / speedy dischg^g o / Store-Ship; therefore ey Cattle will be very little issued f / chge under this head.

No Presents & Dashees must be made in future to / value o more than 20/-, w^t an Order from / Gour & Council; therefore it will be time enough to issue / goods & merchdize f this purpose when / Order is signed, wh will ascertain / quantity.

A clear & precise distinction must be made betwn / stores issued f / rebuildg & repairg / Forts, & those furnished f / daily consump^n o / Soldiers. Both these accts must be checked & sd by Y; & as the expece ye Savg to be made in both, it is not so easy to ascertain / quantum to be issued f these purposes.

Vessels & small crafts little will be necy, as / Sloop is sold; but Y must enquire wh^t Vessel has been employed on carryg on / late Gours trade, & if Y find it to be / case, Y must chge / expence incurred in this acct accdgly.

As / Palavers must in future be regulated by / Gour & Council, Y need not issue anything on this acct, but / expence is incurred & regulated by Yrselves.

The Forts must in future be rebuilt & repaired by / Slaves Artificers & Labourers only, the Subsistence therefore, & / expence o / Buildg Materials must constitute / whole chge under this head. The acct o what is passed reduced to this simple ppte may be easily exd & controuled, & f / future no dr Art. must be admitted into / Acct o rebuildg & repairg / Forts. The diary ordered to be Kept therefore o / Slaves employm^t, & / materials weekly & monthly consumed on each]

Buildg, will ascertain to a precision / expence thereof. Such accts must be transmitted annly to / Ctee. Let / Gunner take an accurate survey o / Gr Guns & Ordnce Stores, & let / Carpenters & Smiths be immedtly employed to repair / carrges & mount every serviceable Gun at all / Forts beginning at CCC & Abce as ye 2 Forts we direct to be put in / best posture o defce w all possible expedn. CCC. we are informed is completed & finished as to exterior defce; Y must therefore let Abce be compleated in ye respect, likewise wt delay, & reinforce / Garrison by stationg some o ye Castle Slaves to remain in ye Fort, or in / adjoing Town. We direct ye / Surveyr, accompanied by some Young man in / service who is a good Draughtsman, do, in / course o / next year, if possible, visit all / ye Forts upon / Gold Coast, & send us a Plan & Elevan taken on / spot, o / state & condon o each Fort, as a Plan & Estimate of rebuildg or repairg / same in like manner as he did o Succondee, Accra & Prampram in / ys 1716, only reduceg his ideas within a narrower compass. We suppose he has Kept copies o / Plans & rebuildg Succondee & Accra, wh he has drawn on much too lge a scale: a Fort half as big at each place will answer ev purpose intended by it, let him therefore reduce his drawgs to ye size, & send us fresh Estimates accordgly In / meantime let these Forts & such repairs as will keep them inhabitable as marks o possn, & / Slaves Artificers may be employed in carryg on such Repairs at / sd Forts as are immedtly necy, taking care ye Y do not suffer expence to exceed / supplies in ye hands appropriated to ye service o / year, as we do not intend to allow / Sums in future to advance b / publick Service, unless in a case o indispensable necty

The Gov & Council were directed, by a former Order ye Keep 50 barrels o gun powder constantly in store b / defce o / Forts. Y are ordered, duryg / continue o / War to appropriate never less than 100 barrels to ye service, & be ever alert & carefull agst a surprise fm / Enemy

To reform abuses o a long standg is a very arduous Task. To relieve ye fm ye greatest part o / difficlty, We have been very diffuse in our Orders & Instrons; a breach o Orders & Instrons is not / smallest crime laid to / Chge o ye Predecessr: take care ye do not Split on / same rock. Copious As we have been in our Orders cases may arise, cases may happen wherein ye will be called upon to exercise ye own Judgmt & discretn. Be cautious, be wary, ye we may not ye / Publick may not be disappointed in / good opinion we formed o ye Integrity & Honour

Dated at London / 10th day o November

anno dom. 1719.

Signed Richard Camplin, Chairman

By Order o / Ctee.
Thos Rutherfoord Secretary

[B.T. 6/4. C. contd]

C 51 Read Dec 11. 1779

African Office London 7th Decr 1779

To John Roberts, Robt Stubbs, Stuart Beard & James ~~Mongue~~ Mowgue, Esqrs / Govr & Council at C.C.C. or to the Succors / Govr & Council at C.C.C. for / time beg.

Gentn. The Supplies for / Service of Africa were granted in / last ~~parliamt~~ Sessions of Parliamt under / following Resolutn.

Resolved that an humble address be presented to His Majty that He be graciously pleased to order / Sum of £13,000 to be issued & employed in repairg maintaing & supportg / Brit. Forts & Settlemts on / Coast of Africa for / year 1780, & that His Majty will at / same time be graciously pleased to direct / Commrs of Trade & Plantns, to take into their Consn / Manner in which / said ~~sum~~ monys may be applied to / Purposes only for wch it was granted, & give their Assistance to / Cttee of / Co of Merchts trading to Africa accordgly & to assure His Majty, that the House will make good / same

His Majty having been graciously pleased to direct / Lords Commrs for Trade & Plantns to take into their Consn / manner in which / monys granted by Parliamt may be applied to / Purposes only for which it was granted & gave their directns to / Cttee of / Co of Merchts trading to Africa accordgly

Our Orders & Instrns did / 10th of last month as well as those wch follow respectg / Applicn of / Grant of Parliamt to / Services of / Yr 1780 only, it being formed under the Ldps' directn

You will see by / inclosed Invoice that / Goods & Stores consigned to you are appropriated to / Service of / Yr 1780; that they amt to / sum of £ sterlg [illegible], & that no part thereof is to be issued out / Joint directns of / Govr & Council

In distributing those Goods & Stores to / Chiefs of / said Forts, you are strictly regard to equal justice, & at / same time taking care to send each Fort respectively such Goods & Merchdze as will best ~~suit~~ apply to / Trade carried on there.

The several matrs & things referred to yr consn & directn will make it necy for / 1st Year or two for / Council to meet almost daily. We therefore direct that proper Apartmts be assigned to / Members of / Council in C.C.C., that they may be ready to attend their duty upon all occasns.

And whereas by / 32d Artl. of Instrns given by / Govr & Council to / Chiefs of / out Forts, / said Chiefs are directed once in 3 months to send to / Govr of C.C.C. their public Accts & Vrs We hereby order & direct that / said Public Accts & Vrs be sent in future to / President & Council at C.C.C. & We beg our directn that all public business of impce shall be transacted by them, & not by / Govr in his single authy.

And in order to frequent Councils may be held, we hereby authorise any one Member of Council to apply to / President to summon a Council at such time as / sd Member shall desire, giving at least 2 days' notice, or on / neglect or refusal of / President so to do, / Secry is hereby required to summon a Council upon orders given him in Writg by such Member, wherein must be specified such neglect or refusal of / President; at wch Council so summoned / Members are hereby authorized & empowered to proceed to Business whether / President attends or not.

And it be ye 15th care of ye Secy to secure all Public Books, Pps & Records in / Secys office, in / Accounts Office or where else they may be found, & deliver those wch properly belong to / Secys Office to / custody of / Secy & those wch belong to / Accounts Office to ye custody of / Accomt & Registr, giving them orders to keep them safe & not produce them to any pson unless he is a Member of / Council nor suffer any Copies or extracts of them to be taken from them wt an Order made by / President & Council for so doing beg produced to them resply, on pain of immediate dismission from / Service

And ye are likewise to cause Public Notice to be stuck up in / Secys Office & in / Accts Office that no copies or extracts are to be made - - - [ut supra] - - -

In going thro / Accts ye will find a considerable sum deducted annly for defalcations & damages wch is a palpable fraud, & any penny of it must be recharged to / Govrs Acct pursuant to / Ctee ye dd 2 December 1712 wherein ye'll find an Extract of / Charter Party & an order made thereupon wch will amply justify such surcharge.

Send us copies of ye Council Book & of / Orders & Instns given by ye to / Chiefs of / Out Forts once a year at least. Always bear in mind that ye are placed in Africa to preserve / Trade free & open to all Hers Subjects We wish - &c - & are - &c -

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C 53 Read Dec 21 1719.

The Ctee to / Govr (Roberts) & Cil at C C C

African office / 6 December 1719

Our Ltr of 3d inst. [substituted by that of 10th inst supra] stateth / Resolun of Parliamt ... / Union of Hm Dom ... & ye late instns of 10 Nov & 3d [ye 10th] Decr last form'd upon ye Lds Justs Orders. - On / 11th inst they read / application of / Lds Comrs of Ts & P. Wherein of 10th Nov & 3d [10th] inst & they don't doubt they will pay proper Obedience & respect & observe them, ... All such Orders & Regulons as shall be made under / Authy of / Act of 23rd G II wch gives full power to / Ctee from time to time to make Orders for / governg, maintaing preserving & improving / Forts & Factories already built or wch shall be built in Africa, & to appt Govrs & ye officers Civil & Military & them to remove when they shall see fit; & to make such Orders & Regulons for / Govr of / sd officers & Servts abroad & the best security for the good behaviour

behaviour & for the pay^g due Obedience to / Orders wch / Ctee fm time to time think proper to make, so as no Orders made or to be made shd tend to lay any restraint whatsoever on free & open Trade.

In our Ltr of 10th of November we ordered if not to suffer any of / Lagoe & Mumford Pawns to be sold off / Coast. We now expect & Order & require yr earliest attenn to those & people after yr arrivl on Place, as we have abundant reason to think / Treatment some of them have met with hath bn one cause of / recent defecn of / Inhabitants of those Towns & of their having made proposals to / Danish Govr of same sort as those wch were made to / Dutch Govr in / yr 1772.

The British right to those Towns is incontestible. You must inform / Danish Govr & Council at Xburg & / Cabboceers & Pynins of Mumford & bn pd an annl Stipend by / Govr of Tantumquerry for many yrs past & therfore you cannot suffer them to make a settlemt there. Indeed we hope they will not attempt it as / affair is on negotiation betwn our Hons Ppal S^y of S. & / Danish Minister Count Bornstorff. We hope & believe / Danish Govr will have orders to withdraw his pretensions & no more untr meddle. However we recommend it to you to make yrselves masters of / Transactns relatg to those Towns wch happened in / yrs 1772 & 1773. fm / Pprs you will find at CCC, & conduct yrselves so as not to on / one hand not to contrive / Natives, & on / other hand not to suffer / Danes to make any Lodgemt in those Towns till you have further Orders fm us relatg thereunto

SP 15/135 136
SP 100/1
FO 24/ 24/ 22/1

C 55. Read Jan 20 1780.

Petition [n d] fm / Ctee to / Ho of Co. asking for a grant for 1781.

C 54 Read Mar. 16 1780

Memo 1778

On acct of / mony rec^d & expended by / Ctee of Co.... for / Support & improvemt of / Forts & Settlemts on / Gold Coast. The Ctee consists of / following Gentn... [9 names]...

Rec^d fm / Ctee for 1777. Balce of Cash for acct 2/6
on acct of Forts & Settlemts
on acct of Senegal

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by Warrant fm Treasury on acct of Forts & Settlemts		330 7.3
deduct Fees		54
Cash for returned Remnem		15501:13.4
Freedom of 24 persons		

Expended C C C. £1447 4.10.10
Senegal 12.10
1448 / .0.10

Balce due to Ctee for 1779.
C.C.C. 165.19.6
Senegal 848 14 . 1014 12.6
£15,501 - 13 - 4

Aug 6 1779 Exd by me
(sgd) Francis Masseres
Cursitor Baron

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C. 59. Read Mar 23, 1780

Richd Miles to / Clee C.C.C. 23 September 1779
[Out of order post p. of date copied later]

C. 60 Read April 6 1780

Govr [Miles] & Council to / Clee C.C.C. 26 July 1779

Gentlemen the bs per Friendship Store ship arrd 9th inst
Sends copies o seal Acts o Council passed since 3rd [inst]
by wch was / unanimous Voice o / Service wn to dispense w Mr Westgates'
Services or / while o / Scrts whose taken the direction wt / Govr. In this
case / Gen Council did not hesitate a moment wh to decide. Mr Westgates'
conduct since his dismission has bn as bad or worse than before; how-
ever as Mr Miles writes y f leaves to return to Europe 2 is needless at
present, no time to send / 5 luminous lrs & pps ~~to pass~~ to
lend to shew in a just light Mr Westgates conduct as Mr Miles
Phillips himself he will be able to lay them before y in pson — in 1780

The French Frigate did not think herself equal to / Task
o attacking any o our Forts except Appolonia & Succondee, tho we
dare say / Commdr collected such accts & other state recorded for
our neighbours as leaves little room to doubt our beg visited soon by
a superior force, in wh case we will do our best

Gwks? By our Act o Council o / 8th inst [inst] y will see our
Resolves respecting Succondee Fort; to wh we need only add that
provided the place is not in / meantime attacked, it will before yr
Answers to ~~are~~ are recd to these letters, be in a condition to resist 12 902
12 pdrs whether y think proper to send. — Bullocks & Carriages
will also be wanted. Every gun in / Fort was dismounted except 1 old
4 pdr. — The same Frigate fired upwds o 200 shot at
our Fort at Appol: but did no damage they attempted landg,
but found it impracticable for / great surf ... Respecting yr 2d
Forts ... we h not a rammer Sponge, Handspike or any thing o /
kind in any one o them except such as are made here wh are a bad
shift. — A very good supply necessy. ~~Only 8 24 pdrs at~~ For
24 pdrs only 8 at Mhoe. — The inadequate weight & metal
at C.C.C. & its defce Mostly bearers than 18prs & 8 24s & 6
/ Lower platform & 4 42s on / South west / sea wd make
it respectable & capable o defce — but wt men guns o little use
— Cotton wants for a list o — list o cannon wanted for / guns
in sev Forts —

The 15th may last, 18 o / unmentionable Pawns eloped
from hence & found their way to the Families at the place w a view to
petition them to redeem such whose friends were able to do so Y will
see our Resolves in / Act o Council o 15th inst [inst] respecting
these people in consequence o yr orders o 9 Jan 1778 no copy o wh
ever came to hand till / Friendship storeship arrd.

The Black man Amissa died on yr Coast o 30 Dec last
He was immedly sent down to / Chiefs o Annamaboe who acted
him to his friends.

Y will see by / Act o Council o 15th inst our opinion respecting /
reduction y h shd think proper to make in / no o white people to be employed at
each Fort We sh only add here that at present y h not 10 white Soldiers
on / Coast all / rest on / Books are Mulattoes, natives o / Country

1777 — 1780

[BT 6/4 C cont'd]

We h carefully perused / Act o 5 Geo 3. & do not find any Clause is required therein / Oath o / Gov^r entrusted w^th any part o / public Money, as to / just expenditure thereof — nor up till now could ye Orders to produce ye Accts or Vouchrs for ye purpose — Ye Orders to ye Council we h never seen nor can they be found — Ye Orders will be complied w^th — but impossible for any hitherto expended — almost all Papers being dead or discharged —

By Advices no Factors except at Annamaboe, Appolonia & Cabydah (y^e in a manner present / Council for assembling here) for they h no one to take charge in their absence Such drunken Wretches as y^e / most part necessity obliges us to make Sea^ts o, will be very improper Persons to take charge & send Factors for hence (where / Council's presence is very necy here) unacquainted w^th / Customs o / places they are sent to, both / Pub. Affrs & t^e / Chiefs must suffer Agn; it is by sending all / diff^t Forts, & being initiated into / manners o / diff^t people living under them y^t these Factors become qualified for Chiefs. If they had not this advantage, they will on their 1^st taking charge be liable to very imposition.

— Hope to write more fully by H^MS Acteon & Hyena wh they are expected down shortly — The Act^s o Council o 15^th inst is pretty full . . . & shows / sentiments o ye Servants — To it we beg leave to add here y^t we humbly conceive such hardships & restrictions were never before laid on / Acc^ts o any public Co whatr. F / present how are must submit. The public h our private ppty in their hands & (if y^e Fanti, shd not succeed in ye promised endeavours to serve us) y^e no doubt will recommend an appeal to them . . . Meanwhile discontented as they are & h good reason to be, their zeal for / public good will not be abated.

— Complain o / bad quality o various arts: o Trade :— Maudits' Woolens [Stripes ½ Says & ½ Ells preferred by / Natives] Silesias Inferiorable Brandy much Leakage bad Cooperage —

— The long delays o Simond & Friend Storeships by 9 or 10 to Senegal . Gambia . Sierra Leone &c . Request to Lds o Admlty be asked to appoint a Convoy for Spithead to Cape Coast for / Slave ships.

— 2 Ships for London & 1 for Lpool h arrived here . Hopes 13 comg togr will not raise / prices o Slaves wh already are 10 oz & 5 oz

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C. 62. Read apr 6 1780

Richd Miles to / Clee CCC. 26 July 1779.

— Entreats attⁿ to / peculiar Hardships & loss sustain in being now served upwds o 14 Yrs & had hoped in a few yrs to return to his native country w some little to live / remainr o his days on. But by the Orders he is in a manner ruined not only by shutg every Hand but by / Public, who in 1778 retained for him till he can produce Rects & Vouchrs for / Monys expended by him or their Acct since 1770; but / Gov^r Chiefs by their Orders beg in / same predicament cannot pay him / Monys he has advanced them to support their Forts, to wh end he has borrowed chiefly for £5000 for sundry Persons, most owg to Messrs Rumbold & Co Merchts o Lpool payable in Slaves to / Ord^s o their Ships for Goods

Left w him by Capt Sayer on Jam last. By the order he is rece no more than what he has advanced f / current yr. Thus, w what little stock he has remains on / ships arre is all he has w wh to discharge / above debt.

– He observes t he never recd orders, before or on his appoint to / chief dirn to procure rects & Vchs f what may be mr advance on / Public acct. Agreeable Agreeable 6 / act o 5 Geo III / accts f 1774 (1st yr o my gov) were attested. Those f 1778 only were only f a proper pson to admr / oath

– The Orders & Regulons by / Fremd no sooner known than a gen discontent ran thro / whole service & many wrote f their discharge as they will see by / Rctr o Council o 15th inst. Foreseg trouble what step he took he resolved (at / request o / Council) to leave / dirn in / hands o / Vice President & take passage by one o / Men o War expected, to lay their case before y. – / more prompted thrto by / idea o Mr Wedgate beg in England at / same time – But he finds this impossible 1st bec he cd not leave his affairs in ye confusion at such short notice. Next bec he understands is dreadned by some o / late Mr Brews creditors to be prosecuted f / loss t Estate sustained by / Americans. & fur, heavy / debt to Rumbold unsettled.

Also / fear o his character suffers shd an enemy attempt this Castle in his absence. Therfore asks the permission to return to Europe next year, to clear up many mrs – If this refused, he asks them to appt a succor f he cannot remain in / service while it is clogged w such hardships & restrictns; while if they allow him a pronse hearg & he gives acquits himself t their satisfacn he will be pleased to return to his statn agn, / more so as for what they cod be able to collect fm his informan, they wd be enabled by Parliamt to support / national honour in this Country w much more credit (& but little addl Expence) than has hitherto bn / case

Entreats a speedy answer

C 63. Read April 6 1780

John Bartlett

14 July 1779. CCC. Secty / to / Chiefs o / Out Forts

—To send on the public accts to this time. To enable / Govr & Col to dispose o / supplies recd per Fremd la w / Clees dirns Viz^t no arrears to this 1778 to be paid unless a surplus appear at / end o this year & in t case it is to be applied towds payg arrears due f 1778. –

– The Clee h assured / Govr & Col t after / public accts are passed (towds wh they must deliver Vchs f ev sum expended on / public Acct since 1770) they will use the best endeavours to obtain paymt f / arrears due to the Forts in this Country

12 July 1779 CCC. R Collins to Richd Miles – Is convinced t a party is forming in Europe to overturn / present system & E. at / expce o / Clees Servts now in this Country. after payg / disbursements f'79 & putg aside £1000 sterlg f carryg on buildgs in w / Clees orders, little will remain. – Is impossible to justify himself to answer wrtg he considers / Govr shd go home by / expected Man of War ship to answer any chges Wedgate may brg & also those in / Return o / Bd of T.

Unless this or some other method is not speedily fallen on before / Council to the respective Forts, he is determined to quit / service in 6 mos time.

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1 16 July 1779 C.C.C. Jn Watts to Richd Miles In reply to / Circ of 14th inst, Sends Commenda Accts for last 3 months — as it is impossible to determine Value of supplies advanced on his private Apply for / support of / Settlements he has commanded since 1770 owing to / Pmises having died or left / Coast he asks for Leave of absence to go home & make oath to the two honestly & honourably expended / Balce wh now appears due to him from / Ctee.

15 July 1779 C.C.C. John Broom to Richd Miles — re / Circular &c Has now been 10 yrs in this Vile country — & having gone thro / Drudgery, rose by rotation. 1st Apptmt was to Commenda 5 yrs ago, & on taking chge thereof was obliged — in order to support / garr, pay / Co Slaves, Labourers & other public chges, to appropriate his own private Apply for that use. — Has ever since been acting on / same Pple, relying on / Honour of his Employers. As there is little prospect of being repaid what he bona fide advanced — (he is prepared to take oath of / specific sum) he asks for his discharge.

18 July 1779 C.C.C. J B Weuves to / Govr & Col. — Whether he accepted / Command of Abbe Fort he presumes / arrears due him by / Ctee will not only be pd in full by / Storeship but that, from / representations made to / Ctee last yr by Man of War, an addl grant for / support of / Forts will be then made. — He wishes / Ctee had fallen on this method or mode of payment many yrs ago. The gtest part of his Apply is now in their hands, & shd an accident happen to / Ship sent for his capture by our enemies or detention. In consequence not be but must abandon / Fort, for need not tell you how rapacious / Natives are at this place, & at such a juncture shd an enemy appear or be unable to go on as usual I am very certain they will endeavour to dispossess me & make a tender of / Fort to / French — Recommend him to represent to / Ctee / situation of this place & inform them that / Natives are so much out of temper at / want of Brit shipping on / Coast that some of them have even gone so far as to say that if / Engr will not take care of their Forts they will sell them to / French & if no redress to be had from / Ctee next year he must resign his Command, as on / present footing he sees nothing but ruin staring him in / face

15 July 1779 C.C.C. S Deakin to Richd Miles re / Circ. is sorry the Masters did not fall on this mode of payment some yrs sooner. — As affrs stand at present he thinks HMs service more eligible than Ctee & therefore requests his discharge 6 mos hence as then he will be ready for / 1st opptty to Europe & no doubt on arrival in Engd. his oath will be sufficient to secure / balce due him upto 1778

n.d. n place J Ogilvie to Richd Miles — Re / Circulars. Upon his appointt to succeed, after 4 yrs residence in / Country he was not worth £4 sterlg — He was enabled to take chge of it by friends advancing him a sum for his disbursements. / public beg so far behind. Flattered himself that on / arrival of / Storeship he wd be able to pay his debts having by a little trade & severe economy saved abt £200 sterlg

By accts from England I find (wh[ere] as I am charged as crimes & misdemeanours) to the deepest dye & many relations in the kingdom wd me in my unhappiness & having fallen into a service where from numerous distresses they are continually leading us wd & difficulties with our Sovereign Masters seem to entertain as from recent regulations wh[ich] lately taken place. I have so little prospect of doing anything for myself & a country wh[ich] may endanger my Constitution, — I therefore gave (agreed 6 months notice to leave) country — & asked for his appointment to Appolonia Fort to be cancelled As to (Balance due me ult[imo] 1778, any such is (only Sir I can give & does not doubt our Masters will pay him at home —

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11 July 1779 CCC. Monrgue to Fort St Geo. — Yday Mr Pybus was informed of his appointment to Tantum in succession to Wemyss appointed to Aboe. — Altho sensible of honour & appointment to a Command gently conferred on a Senior Chief & wh[ich] (temper of (natives, considered one of most difficult in (service yet obliged to decline as his means inadequate to (expences those who have commanded at Tantum know how insufficient (Cheers allowance (especially in (article of presents & doceurs) is to defray (expences (Chief must be at to keep (Natives within due bounds. They are a turbulent rapacious set of people & it is only by presents & soothing they can be kept in order as (Cheers Establishment also is too weak to command obedience. This but key (emoluments of trade when Brit[ish] shipping frequent (Coast, or a considerable Capital (wh[ich] he does not possess) to a Chief can support (expences. But trade or no trade (Natives must be fed or else is no peace —

Deprived of (use of over £540 stopped from me by (Cheers order not to pay (Expences of 1778 out of (Friends' cargo (wh[ich] was due for salaries only) he has nothing but ruin staring in (face if he accepts (Command of Tantum Fort — a hard prospect after 8-9 yrs service, but asks to be allowed to remain where he is until a Fort is Vacant better suited to his circumstances.

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14 July 1779. CCC Rich Lomax, a 5ds to ~~CCC~~ Richd Malby

— owing to (decision to (Balances due to Officers on acct of the salaries wh[ich] 1778 are not to be pd out of (cargo now seized, they are in great distress as they owe large sums to Mr Clemson a private trader in this town who embarks for Europe in a few days. Ask him to take (husband of the situation into his consideration

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C 64 Read Apl 6 1780

Minutes of an Engagement between (Brit. Fleet & Succession & a French Ship of War of 40 guns

1779.

Sun mgt 8 oc may 23 The ship hove in sight off Tecorary

at noonday 12 oc She anchored in (Dutch Road within cannon shot of the fort & out of sight of (Single Fort

at ½ past 12 oc I went over to (Dutch Fort to discern with certainty what nr of guns she pretends, & my spy glass I reckoned 28 guns upon one deck. 6 on (Qr deck & supposed her to have 6 more on (Stern & Forecastle. I was informed of (weight of her shot is 18 lb.

1777-1780

[BT 6/4 C contd]

at 1 o'clock. Issued gunpowder & shot to my town soldiers & gave them / necy orders f defendg / beach & preventg / Enemy fm landg. Delivd arms to / Gunner & one soldier 2 Cos slaves & 16 of my own Blacks, f defend / Fort. Brot on / Battlements shod, wads, cannister shot, Bags o sand &c Tubs o Water &c. Ord only brg 2 9 pdrs & 2 6 prs Guns to bear on / Ship NB. The remdr o / Cos Slaves, / Serjt & 2 Soldiers were unable to act by sickness

at 2 oc I perceived an armed boat comg fm / Ship, & ordered my Towns people posted to prevent the landg at / Dutch or English Beach. They accdly marched to / Dutch Beach w the Flag & Drum & presented / Boat fm comg nearer in. The Dutch Writer named Abell accompanied by his Towns people & 2 Blacks fm Chama named Agabin & Accoun were much offended. They ordered my people fm the Beach & sent a canoe f / Offr o / Boat.

at 2.25 a 5 hand Canoe landed an Officer & anr man fm / Boat. The Dutch Writer & 12 Blacks fm Chama shewed them / way to / Dutch Fort

The 2 French men were put on board the Boat & they were accompanied by / 2 Blacks fm Chama. This oppy made them fully acquainted w / defenceless state o my Fort, & / fineness o / landg at Succondee.

at 6 oc The Dutch Writer came over to acquaint me t / French Capt intends sailg f Chama tomorrow in order to wood & water but does not intend to fire at me & t / 2 gentn fm / Boat wanted nothg but stock to purche. Ordered my Towns people to keep watch on / Beach

Morn'g at 6 oc, May 24. I perceived 2 boats off / Saltpond measurg / depth o Water &c. The pond is to windwd of this Fort

9.25 oc The Dutch Writer sent a message to acquaint me t / French Capt is determined to fire at my Fort.

12.15 oc She came within musket shot o my Fort, shewn in by / 2 Blacks fm Chama who were on a canoe at / head o / ship She began her fire & we returned it as quickly as possible.

at 12.30 oc I perceived 3 armed boats comg fm / Ship my Towns people were on / beach to receive them

at 1. oc Landg / boats landed & considerg how unable / Towns people were to cope w 200 white men I despatched some o my own Blacks to assist them on / Beach. A warm engagemt soon began on both sides & our people killed 3 o / Enemy

at 3.30 pm. Our people retreated w 2 men who recd slight wound & / Enemy advanced very resolutely nr / Gate where they were recd very warmly by our people & we killed 1 officer (1 Capts relan) & 1 Soldier. A reinforcemt o men beg landed fm / ship we plainly perceived our fate. The Enemy burst open / Gate & Killed our Serjt upon Guard From / dwelg o / Fort we Kept our Enemy at a stand f abt 3 minutes when / Cos Linguist & one o my Scouts perceived t & o / Enemys Soldiers had opened / Gate o / Dwelg, & finding myself overpowered I made my escape leavg / Brit flag flyg upon / Fort

I retreated 3 miles fm / Fort having our Enemy in sight. I sent my Towns people a reinforcemt o 6 men & some goodes ordered them to Kill as many o / French as they possibly cd.

Tues. May 25 The Enemy burnt my house in / Town & destroyed what they cd find. The Blacks kept a constant fire upon them in / Fort all / day. In / night such o our Blacks as had sheltered themselves in / Dutch Town were driven out by / Dutch Blacks

Wed. May 26. Our Blacks engaged / Enemy agn. Under cover o / night they removed such o my effects as they liked, & embarked / Fort ~~being done~~ after having done all / damage they possibly cd to it.

Thurs May 27. Returned w all my people to / Brit Fort & hoisted a flag as a mark o peace. One o / Enemy's wounded men was found dead on / Fort. Our loss is as follows viz.

6 Killed
12 Wounded

Our loss is: 2 Wounded (Blacks ~~men~~)
1 Killed (a white man)

(Sgd) Charles Fraser Chief

C 59. [read Mar 23 1/80]

Richd Miles to / Ctee C. C. C. 23 September 1779

– Sends Dup. o / desp.tches o 26 July last [Sapkra]

– To night sail / Adventure London w 400 odd slaves purchd at 4½ oz & 5½ oz ~~&~~ 500 oz gold, & some Ivory, & / Ville o Lpool w 300 odd Slaves at Same price La Germaine with more than ½ slaves having no Woollens or long cloths. Mr Westgate takes his passage in / La Germaine: course he will be in England before me. I h only to entreat y will suspend yr judgmt on anything he may h to offer until I h / pleasure o seeing y – – –

I know not who to impute it to / enterprising spirit o Mr Ogilvie / present Chief o Appolonia (no one having ever attempted it before) or to / deaths o Buck & Ammonides, / Cabboceers o t place, who out in Conson o presents for / Dutch he wished at / Settlers refusing us a passage by Land to Appolonia; but certain it is Mr Ogilvie on his goy to take chge o t Fort landed at / River Anobre abt 2 or 3 miles to Sd & W o Axem, & for thence proceeded by Land to Appol. amidst (as he writes me) / acclamations o thousands o Negroes, who were so rejoiced at seeg an Englishman undertake / journey (after having bn refused / passage by Land by / Dutch ever since our Fort was built there) t they almost quarrelled who shd convey him. By little towns he passed by, fresh hands run out to take his Hammock, & he tells me / Towns men / Fort were equally pleased. In consequ o this point gained I intend / next time Mr Ogilvie comes down t he sh go direct fm Appoll. to Axem, in order to know at once whr / Dutch dare oppose it (its true they he always refused to grant it but I am almost convinced they dare not oppose it. stop us) In / mean-time I expect he'll furnish me w fuller particulars as to / utility t river may be to us; its Landg; & / possibility o getting Timber (of wh Appol is remarkable) down / river to / sea shore. If we can effect this, it will be an essential service to / Public, for / Forests at / back o Commenda & Dixcove where Timber used formerly to be cut, are quite exhausted

1777 — 1780

[D 6/4 C contd]

Capt Pawley brgs us confirmatn o Spain hav[g] joined France ...

Jur Van Leefdael, who has bn Fiscal o Elmina these 16 Years died ther abt 3 weeks ago ... — One soldier died — only / 2nd European t has died here in / last 2 yrs

9h — rc — Richard Miles

Richd Miles to / Ctee C. C. C. 21 October 1779

— Sends copy o his o 23 Sept (Supra) — This goes by Capt Thoburn w 502 slaves & 502 oz gold dust.

— Mr Westgate died on / Lord Germaine 9th inst. ... His ppty all on / ship — for fur parts chief refers to Capt Thoburn

— Eveth o/ quiet on / Coast

9h — rc — Richard Miles

C 59. Read Mar 23 1780

Richd Miles to / Ctee C. C. C 8 December 1779

— This per Nancy Capt Pawley f Grenada w 370 slaves & some gold dust

— Re / Spanish taking possn o Fernando Po, ceded by / Portuguese —

On / 12th o last month a Danish ship o war o 60 guns called / Holstein arrd at Xborg. Nothg has yet transpired what her errand is fur than her having landed sml brass field pieces a 9" mortar & 2 Ordnce Stores. At any rate, be her business what it will — such a ship o t Nation is a phenomenon in this Country. I conjecture it is cum to interfere in / dispute so long subsisting betwn them & / Dutch at Accra, or to effect (what I before wrote y abt) a Settlemt at Mumford; possibly both. I shall be able in my next to give y some acct fur acct o her manoeuvres.

I do assure y / non appearce o any o His Brit. Majtys ships in this Qr & near there 2 yrs past hurts / English int[t] so much in / eyes o / Natives. Indeed our [illegible] neighbours / Dutch & their conjectures abt it they were unable no scruple to say t / time & / Chevaliers return (who commanded / French frigate in May last) draws near; t he already left / Coast w a View to return w a superior force; & indeed it seems not improbable Y Honrs / state & condn o all ye Forts. I shall before say no fur on t head.

In my ltr o 23rd Sep. I wrote y / determinn I had come to o giving Mr Ogilvie orders to come down by land fm Appol. to Axim. In consequce o those orders he left his Post abt a fortnight ago & arrd at Axim on / 29th o / same day where he was met w my mark o respect & politeness. He stayd a night ther & then proceeded on to Succoon, stopping at each o / ye Dutch Forts (Cape three Points & Accoda) on his way. Certain it is t my one o my predecessors, since we 1st effected a Settlemt at Appol, & formally demanded a free passage by land to t place, & it has always

bn as formally refused. That wy reason to suppose t on applon fm me on / same subject wd meet w / same reply. I did not chuse therefore to demand which I knew my inability to enforce. The Expedient I h fallen on, & wh has succeeded so much to our Credit & advantage, I hope will meet yr approbn. Anchors beg so directly in / neighbourhood o Axim, I h judged it most prudent to let our Objects postpone fr / present his researches as to / utility o t Water, & / advantages we may derive fm it in future, fearful lest by a too close inspecn into these mts just now our neighbours may be alarmed & endeavour to thwart us in our attempt. Be assured how t ch / proper season slips sh be taken towds gaing wy nece informan on t head.

— The Works at Succondee are in gr forwardness tho not immedly according to / plan transmitted to yr in July last. Our Lumber after beg upon / spot have found it absolutely necy to enlarge it somewh

— I h — &c — Richd Miles

C 68 Read 9 Sept 1780

Govr & Col to / Ctee — CCC 31 March 1780

— Report the Landg &c on 25th inst when Govr Roberts took / Command o / Castle as appears by / Min Col inclosed [in h]

— — — but Obedce & attenn has bn pd to / Ctee's Orders

Mr Westgate's death has bn communicated to y in our Miles's letter o 21 Oct 1779. Melcombe Last o ships in this road. We know o no Sr on / Coast. We have — &c —

John Roberts // Robt Stubbs // Stuart Beard // James Mourgue.

C 69 Read 9 Sep 1780.

Richd Miles &cs to / Ctee CCC. 2 april 1780

This serves only to advise y t so far as yr Orders to yr new Govr & Council respecting us (of wch I send new copy o those Orders not any hr fm y) h bn made known they h bn complied w in / strictest sense

— Our Miles will depart fm hence in a few weeks direct for Europe. Such o us whose circs will admit o it mean to accompany him home, when we flatter ourselves t our conduct as Servts o / Public sh not appear in t unfavourable light it has bn represented.

— We remain — &c —

Richd Miles // Robt Collins // Martin Watts // I B Wenmes

1777 – 1780

[BT 6/4 C contd]

C 40 Read 12 Sep 1780

4 September 1780. Whitehall. [to] George Germaine to / Ldsp o Trade

– Refers to them Mr Camplin's Memorial - - - - - - - -
& if the Ldsps shd be inclined to concur w him in supporting / memorial – he suggests the / joint recommendation to / Lds o / Treasy, & such relief as they sh think Mr Camplin may be intitled to recd.

C 41 Read 12 Sep 1780

Copy.

To / Rt Hon Ld Geo Germain one o Hms Ppal Secs o S &c &c
The Memorial o Richd Camplin lately one o / African Ctee

Sheweth

That Hon having ben graciously pleased in / beging o / yr 1777 to refer / state o / African Trade to / Lds Comms & T & P. at wh Board Ldp then presided, yr Memorialist at t time Secy to / African Ctee was directed to attend the Ldps w/ sd voluminous Bks & Pps.

That some o / Ctee conscious o their guilt & alarmed at / Enquiry then instituted, advised yr Memorialist not to explain / sd Bks & Pps, but yr Memorialist – conceiving it to be his boundn duty as a faithful servt o / Public thus called upon, concealed nothg fm the Ldps. He attended them duing / course o a vy long Enquiry & gave ev information & assistce in his power

That for this conduct yr Memorialist was dismissed fm his Office o Secy to / Ctee & another person was appted thereto, who hath made upwds o £600 pa fm / office ever since.

That in / month o July 1777 yr Memorialist was chosen one o / Ctee.

That in / yr 1778 / Ctee having agreed to apply for a lge sum o mony alleged to be due to / Officers & Servts, & likewise for a considerable addon to / annl grant, yr Memorialist remonstrated agst such applon & declrd his opinion singly at t time, that no debt was due, & that £13000 faithfully admistd wd be amply sufficient not only for / support & maintce o / Forts & Settlemts but for repairg them likewise. No addl mony hath yet since ben granted

That in / yr 1779 yr Memorialist having by great Labour & Assiduity convinced a majority o / Ctee o / Iniquitous practices carried on by / Officers & Servts in Africa, in conjunctn w certain persons at home, they agreed to send out 4 Comms to Africa to enquire into & state / frauds wh had ben there committed In drawg / Instrns for those Comms it became necy for yr Memorialist to peruse / accts wh had ben recd fm thence. From those accts it appeared beyond a doubt, that a lge sum o mony belongg to / Publick remained in / hands o private persons, w/ proper security for / same But yr Memorialist not chosg to take an affair o so much consequence, as state / Public accts

84 ffeul yrs past shd stand recorded upon his single entry, in / month o Jan. last he proposed in / Ctee t they shd choose fm amgst themselves 5 psons best qualfied to whom those Accts shd be referred who shd exe, state & report upon them. Four of Gentn w yr memorialist were applied o this Ctee who after having spent a gr deal o time & taken due pains to investigate / whole affair, h unanimously reported t the is due & owg to / Publick:

Fm David Mills Esqrs	£22.034	1.	6
Rachd Miles	9.900	10.	4
Charles Bell	1.308	14	2
The Trustees Lowes	4.552	5	2
	43,795	11	5
Ozes & above a debt discharged claimed to be due to / above named Psons, & to ors offrs & Servts in Africa amtg to	26,264	7.	1
	£70,059	18	6

Currency

The Ctee fnd reported t they had not a doubt but t when a proper return shd be recd fm / Commrs sent to Africa, a much lger sum o money will appear to be due fm / Offrs & Servts thr; but as such return cannot be expected fr a considerable time to come, they decld they shd not properly discharge / trust committed to them if they any longer ~~allowed so lge~~ suffered so lge a sum o mony belong to / Publick to remain in private hands. They therefore laid / case fully stated before / Attny & Solr Gen. The late Attny Gen, Ld Loughborough directed informns to be filed in / name o H Mjs Attny Gen. & informns are filed accdgly agst / ~~psons~~ 4 psons before named & likewise agst 2 psons o former Ctees, & one pson o / present Ctee fr colludg & confederatg w them.

Yr Memorialist begs leave to represent to yr Ldp t by his unwearied attenn, & / indefatigable labour o 3 yrs, this scene o iniquity hath bn fully detected: / Report o / Lds o Trade t / Ho o Co fully confirmed; evil delinquents deld over into / hands o Justice, & / depredations made on / Publick checked, if not totally suppressed.

And yr Memorialist begs leave finally to represent to yr Ldp t durg / whole 3 yrs wh h bn devoted to this service, he hath bn reduced to / very narrow stipend o £100 p.a. & t on / 3rd July last this miserable pittance likewise ceased & determined

Yr Memorialist therefore humbly prays t yr Ldp will be pleased to take his case into consn & t yr Ldp wd be so good as to refer / same to / Lds Commrs fr T. & P. he hopes t / recollecn o his behaviour durg / enquiry before the Ldps in / yr 1777. assisted by / minutes o the Ldps Board, & / unwearied attenn he has pd to reform / abuses then complained o, as will appear by / several Rpts wh h since bn laid before the Ldps. he trusts will place his conduct in such a light as may induce them to concur w yr Ldp. in representg his case to / Lds Commrs o / Treasy flatterg himself t he may rece some mark o the Ldps favour, as he understands yr Ldp formerly recommended his service as worthy o consn

And yr Memorialist sh ever pray

Rachd Camplin

Temple
21st Augst 1780

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[T70/1539.]

Indd. Diary Kept at C.C.C. by John Roberts Esqr. commencg 16 July 1780 & endg 31 Oct 1780 inclusive [extracts]

Sunday 16 July 6 pm / Capt o/ Guard informed me t / Towns people & Cos slaves were fighting: it beg just dusk ordered double Centrys to both gates to let no Black pson enter / Castle unless Co's slaves. Rang / bell as a signal f them to come in. Sent to / Capt o/ Guard come o / Fortn to stand before / lower Gate to endeavr / Slaves to come in, wh some o/ Ppals did. The Caboceers & some o / ppal Townspeople desired to come in / Castle ordered them to be let in & / fighting was stopped wh was w stones only. many o / Co's Slaves & Towns people were much hurt. 8 pm The Caboceers & Towns people went out o/ Fort: locked / Gates & put double Centrys upon / battlements as it was thot there wd be fighting w Guns early / next morng

Mon 17 July Day break, sent f / Caboceers dinguist & ppal Towns people unto / Castle. Told them fighting must be put an end to, wh / was determined to be done: therefore did order / soldiers to be 10 rounds o powder & ball, & arrange them on / diffr bastions t ever looked / Town & orders to fire on any o / Towns people t appeared in arms & committg any hostile act, & to do / same w / Co's Slaves, wh had a good effect to keep both parties quiet. The Co's men slaves ordered to keep in / Castle wh they obeyed

Thurs 20 July. 8 am Elmina Castle saluted Messrs De Graaff & Heycoop Deputies on the comg fm thence to / Fort, w 17 Guns. At 10 they arrd. Saluted them w 17 guns. At 4 pm drank / following healths ... 1stly. 21 Guns States o Holl. 21. Prince o Wales & Royal Family 21. Prince o Orange 21 Affucan Co 19 Dutch W I C 19. President & Col o Elmina 19 Affucan Trade 17. Peace & Harmony 17.

Fri. 21 July. 8 am the Heycop one o / Deputies departed by land f Elmina (the De Graaff &c undisposed) Saluted him w 17 guns 10 am Mr Roylston Espa Dutch Chief o Commenda arrd here in a hammock fm Mouree on his way to Elmina: 10·30 departed f t place. Mr Forgyes Chief o / Brit. Fort at Commenda by canoe to Accra w disps is 4 Clee five miles f / Clee

Sat 22 July Co's Slaves & Mumford Pawns employed this week viz

Sun 23 July No Prayers this Quaque gone to Commenda

Sun 30 July " / Parson on chge o Commenda Fort.

Wednes 2 Aug. 10 am Mr Read / Secry & Smith / Steward to Elmina in hammocks by land as deps fm me to / President o / Council at Elmina. On their leavg / Castle saluted them w 17 guns. At 12·30 they arrd at Elmina & on entrg / Castle were saluted w 17 guns. At 3 / Salutes begun at Elmina & contd till / same no o guns were fired as were when / Dutch Deputies were here the 20th ults.

Thurs 3 Aug. 9 am The Currantiers fm Fantee Mussam came in / Castle Sent fr / Cabocrs & dinguist. The Currantiers informed t they were deputed by / Heads o / Fantee Country to go to / King o Warsaw to settle a dispute betwn him & some o / Fantijes wh had occasioned / Trading Roads to be shut. Sent word by them to / King t he shd send a message to him soon to make him some proposals relative to openg / Trading roads to / Ashantee country. At 11 am / Deputies left Elmina. On leavg / Castle were saluted w 17 guns. The 30 day aved here in hammocks by land

Sun 6 Aug. No prayers. Mr Quaque beg still in chge o Commenda

Fri 11 Aug. ... 7 pm recd fm Botty Cabocr o this Town 6 o / Inner Towns People t had taken sanctuary under / Dutch Fort at Mouree ...

Tues 15 Aug. Mr Quaque returned fm Cda where he had bn in chge in Mr Guy's absence

[Entries abt / settlemt o / CC town dispute not noted]

Sun 27 Aug. 11 am Had Prayers

Mon 28 Aug. 11. The Sophoes Messengers called on the action fm Warsaw to inform ~~me~~ t / King Knew nothing o / stopp'g o / paths; t it must be some straggl'g people He wd enquire abt it, & let them Know t they heard som Ashantee Messgrs o consequce were comg down, & t / King o Warsaw intended to send messgrs to me to settle / dispute betwn his people & / Fanties

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Sun 22 Oct. No prayers Mr Quaque beg sick. At 11 am / King o Abras messgrs ~~arrd~~ came w / Towns Cabocrs & Linguist into / Castle to inform me he had heard t / Cttee had sent presents to Amoney Cormah, / Cabocrs o this Town & Accra, but t his presents had not bn sent him. The was / 130 men in / Fantee country; Amoney Cormah cd not do anything wt him. Told his Messgrs to inform the Master ~~t no presents~~ 9 had no presents fr him; t / Cttee cd not send presents to every one / came fr; t Amoney Cormah & / Pros t had presents had behaved well to Englishmen, on t acct / Govr had informed / Cttee o it who had sent presents to encourage them to continue to be faithful good subjects. T If / King o Abra cntd to be true to / English & obedt to / Govr & Council, they will let / Cttee Know & when they will no doubt send him more presents, as they had done / drs.

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End o Notes fm T70/1539.

[NB. There are a no o water-damaged illegible pps in this file indcd'g apl correspdce betwn Bartels & Vanderpuye]

1780.

T 70/1539. detached pps.

"Copy"

C. C. C. 18 September 1780

Whēas a dispute did arise some time past betw / Encooms, Enteens, & Upper Towns People wth / Bentrees & Lower Towns People, wch occasioned the fighting wth guns, & partly ye greatest part o / Town on fire, when many people were killed on both sides & / Bentree & Lower Towns People reduced to / necessity o seeking protcon under / Dutch Fort at Mouree. & both parties having agreed & me John Roberts Esqr o this Castle, President & / Council &c to exe into / be cause & beginning o / dispute wch they agreed to leave to me to determine wch party was right & wch wrong & wheth party I judged to be in / wrong they cd make such satisfcon to / injured party I shd propose.

Therefore, having taken / evidce o both sides down in writg, mutually exd, duly weighed & considered / same, & both parties beg met in this Castle this day to hear my determinan I gave it in favour o / Encoom & Enteen people, as they he fully proved t / Bentree people began / fight, as Quacoe went to / beach to go bottom / boys to prevent them fm fighting, wth his hanger in his hand (a short sword hung fm / belt o) & when he was got between them he saw Butta, Quotsha, & Quamino Aboo, wth their hangers in their hands, he turned his back on towds his own people, & they ran after him, & when he was pressed hard he turned & made a stroke at Butta wth his hanger. Butta kneeled down, then rose & cut him (Quacoe) over / head. Quotsha wounded him in / arm wth a spear, & Quamino Aboo (the) wth a billet o wood, wch was / cause o all t happened after.

Upon wch / Bentree & lower Towns People brot all / evidce they he to give relative to / dispute but they cd not disprove / evidce / Encooms & Enteens had produced. And as it is fully proved in evidce t / Bentree & lower Towns people were / cause o / beginng o / dispute wch occasioned all / troubles & misfortunes t happened afterwds.

Therefore if / Bentree & lower Towns People wish to unite themselves in friendship & good neighbourhood wth / Encooms, Enteens & Upper Towns people, & they may return to build their houses in this Town, they shd deliv to Botty one fat bullock, & enclose brandy wch he (Botty) is to make a feast o, t they may all eat & be in friendship togr. Hrar. After wch / Bentree & Lower Town people are to be free liberty to build their houses wth interrupcon or paying any fur consn; wch / Encooms Enteens & Upper Towns People do agree to.

Therefore to prevent any such quarrels in future, it is hereby agreed betwn Botty / ppal Cabor, Aggery Gen o / soldiers & / Pynins o C. C. Town t they will live in perfect peace & harmony wth / Bentry & lower Town people when they come to live in this Town on / following condns

That / Encooms, Enteens, & Upper Towns people, / Bentree & lower Towns people shall be subject to / present Govr o this Castle, & all Govrs t may succeed him, & shall at all times be obedient to his & their Commands, when called upon, & be all subject to / ppal Cabor o / Town: t they are not to settle any dispute they may he, or take redress for each o, by fighting or otherwise, but t each party is to apply to / ppal Cabor & tell him o any dispute t may happen, then / Cabor is to inform / Govr o it, & wt is to be exed into by him in this Castle, & he is to give right to those t hd wrong done them, in such manner as he shall judge to be just & equitable.

That Cabor Aggery shall be Gen o / soldiers belongg to this Town, t he shall carry a Union flag wth a yellow Elephant on it & t each Co o Soldiers shall carry a Union flag wth an Elephant & such flags wheth shall be made use o; & t all / Capts & soldiers belongg to this Town shall be under / entire command o Aggery the Gen, appointed to be so by John Roberts Esqr / present Govr o this Castle.

The Encooms Enteens & Upper Towns People agree to deliv to / Bentree & Lower Towns People any slaves belongg to / Bentree & lower Towns People; & t / Bentree & Lower Towns People do agree to deliv such slaves they he belongg to / Encooms, Enteens & Upper Towns People. when that is done on both sides, then / eight prisoners t are in this Castle (lodged there by / Cabocers & Upper Towns People) they do agree to deliv them to / Bentree & lower Towns People, to wch both parties he agreed.

2-4 And whros / Bentrees + lower Towns people h this 20 September 1780. debt to / Cabocers + upper Towns Peoples debt to / Cabocer + upper Towns Peopee - part o / men Slaves belongg to them, + engaged to deliv all / remaing men slaves not yet delivd all / women + children belongg to / Cabocers + upper Towns people. In consen o wh they / Cabocer + upper Towns People h agreed t Gov Roberts shd deliv / 8 prisoners seized by them + at his request deld to him to be secured in this Castle till / dispute was entirely settled + then he / Gov was to deliv / sd 8 prisoners t / Bentree + lower Town's People wh was this day accordg done + / dispute betwn / contendg parties entirely settled; in consequce o wh / Bentree + lower Towns People h engaged to rebuild the houses in C.C. Town in 10 days fm / date o this Agreemt. And / Bentree + Lower Towns People do agree to Cabocer Botty + h engaged themselves to deliv to him one o his (Botty's) people t was sold to / Chief o Cormantine, + if they cannot obtain sd man, they will make him (Botty) satisfacn by payg him for sd man to wh both parties agreed.

It is fur agreed betwn both parties t / Bentry + lower Towns People do pay to / Cabocer + upper Towns Peopee one man slave or value o Bullas death, who wounded Quacoe (wh was / beginng o / dispute) or 7½ oz in goods in lieu o such man slave. And t / Bentry + lower Towns People agree to pay to / Cabocer + upper Towns People 6 oz in trade as a fur gratuity, fm a desire they h to end / unfortunate dispute t has happened betwn / upper + lower Towns Peopee, t / Bentree + Lower Towns People may return + build their houses in this Town.

The dispute beg by / mutual consent + agreemt o both parties entirely ended it is likewise Agreed, to prevent fur disputes + quarrels t may hrafter arise in order to suppress / same, t any no o People beg gathered togr in a tumultuous hostile manner shd be obliged immediately to disperse on Cabocer Botty sendg / Cos Come, ordrg them so to do, + fr contempt thereof / party or parties so offendg shd each pay Cabocer Botty one fat sheep + one Anker Brandy or Rum, + in case they shd not disperse upon such summons but t it may be found necy to send some o / Cos soldiers to part + disperse them, then / sd soldiers shd seize 1 or 2 o each o / offendg parties + keep them in irons in / Castle till they pay each o them a bullock or cow f / use o / Public Table, exclusive o what it may be judged necy f each o / parties so offendg to pay f actg contry to / foregog Agreemt.

For Witness whrof we h sett our hands in / presence o us wm Fielde Lieut Counsellor + Thomas Read Secry.

The mark o Botty X Capt Cabocer o C.C. Town
The mark o Aggerry X Gen o / Soldiers o C.C. Town
The mark o Ampah Ansonah X / Eldest Capt o / Men o War Soldiers
The mark o Baniah X Eldest Capt o / Encooms
The mark o Abboo X Chief o / Bentrees
The mark o Ashun X Capt o / Lower Town.

N.B. On my exg / sedee on both sides t 9h taken down in Writg + found / Bentree + lower Towns People were / originl cause o / dispute + t 9 shd order them to pay to / Cabocers + upper Town people one fat bullock + 8 ankers o brandy. T they / Cabocers + upper Towns people shd tell / Bentree + Lower Town People t as they wished them to come + live in / Town as they did before, + as they wished for what he a sincere + lasting friendship betwn them, to shew them the goodness + sincerity they did not put them to / expence o a bullock + 8 ankers o brandy / Gov had adjudged them to pay f beg / original cause o / dispute, T they did not want anything fm them but / man Slave or his value + 6 oz o goods t / Bentrees + lower Towns people agreed to pay.

Before they parted they / Cabocers upper Bentrees [sic] + lower Towns peopee, drew fm Mr Ree. Ampah Ansonhan, Agah, Ansonaboe, / Messrs + People fm / King o Cabocer desired 9 wd give them something to make them friends, t they may eat + be merry togr as is customary on finishg a dispute. In consequce 9 agreed to give them a bullock + 8 ankers o brandy, wh they were all much pleased at + went out o / Castle.

The foregog is most humbly submitted to / consn of Clee by

Yr most obedt humble servt

(sgd) Jno Roberts

1780

BT. 6/5 "Aftica Bundle C fo 93 to 106"

C93 [Read Sep 23 1780]

Report o/ Ctee appted to exē & state / acct o Mr Charles Bell, late Govr o Annamaboe Fort.

– The Report is dd 29 Feb 1780 & is signed by Richd Compton, Thos Farr, Justinian Casamajor & Robt Pollexfen.

The acct begins 30 June 1769 & ends April 30 1775 shewg a Balce due fm Charles Bell to / Public o £4308-14-2¼.

The Report states t Bell's accts are unsupported by Vchs: t he appropriated to his own use Goods & Stores consigned to him f / support & maintence of his Fort at Aboe, wch he took command 21 June 1769.

C94 [Read Sep 23 1780]

Report o/ Ctee appted to exē & state / acct o David Mill late Govr o C.C.C. Present o/ Council &c &c.

– The Report is dd 9 March 1780. signed by / above.

The Acct begins 1770 Aug 11, & ends Dec 31 1776. shewg a Balce due fm David Mill to / Public o £2034-1-6.

The Report states t Mills Accts are unsupported by Vchs: t he charged f Wood wch sh'd h'n been provided free by Co above Labour: t he appropriated goods to own use & Merch. wch shd h'n applied to support & maintce o Forts & Settlemts, &c &c

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C95 [Read Sep 23 1780]

Report o/ Ctee appted to exē & state / acct o Mr Thos Trinder late Govr o Annamaboe Fort &c.

– The Report is dd 21 June 1780 by / above & John Maneaty

The acct begins 11 Aug 1766 & ends ~~31 Dec 1773~~ 15 May 1775 shewg a Balce due fm Thos Trinder to / Public o £4,552-5-2½

The Report states t Trinders accts are unsupported by Vchs: t he appropriated goods to own use wch shd h'n been applied to / support & maintce o / Forts Settlemts &c &c

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C 46. Read Sep 23 1780

Minutes

African office 5 Jan 1780

At a Ctee this day.

David Mills

– Relate to / exion of Accts of C Bell. R Miles Thos Trunder & ~~Thos Westgate~~ & Rob Wybrow & copies of correspce thereon / Ctee & C Bell re his accts. ~~on wh / C~~ on wh / Ctee who rd his accts. found he owed / public a balce of £ 4308. 14. 2½

C 81. Read 30 Sep 1780

John Roberts & Col to / Ctee C.C.C. – April 1780.

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– We unloaded / Stone ship & put ballast on bd within 21 days –

– Our Marque having refused to sign his Bond, vacated his seat in Council = Messrs Bartlett Deakin Lomax & Smith were sollg asked & refused This looked so much like party work t we put an end to it by chooseg Mr Falde to fill / vacant seat – He appted Mr Read Secry in his room. We are all well, pursuing yr instrns & diligce & attenn.

(sgd) John Roberts, Robt Stubbs, Chas Beard, Wm Falde

C 79. Read 23 Sep 1780

Report of / Ctee on / accts found indr obln.

1 The sums due owg to / Public for

David Mills Escrs	£22.094 - 1 - 6
Richd Miles	9900 - 10 - 7
Chas Bell	4308 - 14 - 2
Thos Trunder's Escrs	4552 - 5 - 2
	40.795 - 11 - 5

Over & above a debt discharged, claimed to be due to / above named Profs & ~~Co~~ to & Officers & Seats amtg to } 26,264 7 - 1

40,059 - 18 - 6

Guineas

[NB all Proceedgs re / above were stopped by resolution of / Ctee of Co ~~acq~~ moved by John Stubbard & agst wh some merchants protested C81 & C93]

C 87. Read Dec 13 1780

Add "Copies of four Lrs from Gov Roberts

John Roberts to / Ctee C.C.C. 11 July 1780.

– Refers to / Counsels Opn of this date – As to excuse & any want of information or inaccuracy in it Mr Beard is sick & Mr Stubbs cannot where wtg is required under any assistce never having wrote a single letter or line on public business – Even what related to his own Fort [Prince] has been written by his Second & his son, a boy of 12 yrs old – Mr Miles gone to Bengal to sail thence by Danes Brig to Europe. – To him & the gentn who accompany him, he refers re sevl matters on / Coast & in

pass

1780

[BT 6/5. C contd]

parlr to an acct o/ dispute Mr Stubbs has had w/ people o Annamaboe. & o/ utility he's to/ Public & his behaviour to me & yr Servts in gen. wh time at present will not permit me to elucidate . . . . . .

3. Yr Queen over all chiefs o Trade. Indeed dr is little to be got unless one has a prone assortmt o goods. Wherr dr is one / Traders will find their way to it. The Commerce to this port o/ Coast is strangely altered from what it was when I was here before. Now only 2 British ships on all / Gold Coast & Whydah, when I've known fm 30 to 40 constantly thr. The 2 ships in Annamaboe Road make their purches but slowly on acct o/ their cargoes not being o/ best manufacture & assortmt

4. As respect to prices they are double / price to what they were formerly, & / Negroes expect gold in paymt for what provns we want wh our Males & / Goods here found it the Intt to pay in prefce to cloth & yr manufactures Merchandize. I am using my means to abolish so bad a custom wh I've no doubt I shall be able to do so far as it respects myself & yr Servts; but private Traders, settled in this Town will do what they like, & there is no possibility to beg them to reason: & when in any matter I addresses [sic] w the Intt, & / natives & disputes w them, apply to me as Gov o this Castle to see Justice done them. Of I write them a letter - perhaps they will not answer it & by likely abuse me to / Blacks messr if he does not like to do / compln justice, or has taken / least dislike to me or any o yr Servts.

5. They tell / Negroes we've no Power over them (wh indeed we've not) & we are the servts as in three matters & late happened w Capt Griffith, who has sold his vessel to a Portuguese & settled a factory at C. Appolonia, but chiefly lives in this Town himself . . . [for on Capt Griffiths insults to him - wh specify'd them referring to his private Lr Book No 1. his Diary of 18 April & 2 May, & Acct o Col o 19 April.

6. As soon as / public dispatches are gone by Mr Miles, sh then discreetly deliv / presents to / King o Ashantee, & / ot people in / most Judicial manner I am able, to answer / purposes they were designed for; & sh settle w / Traders for a safe conveyce of them & / Councils messrs to Ashantee also for their return, for wh shall oblige them to give us security for / punctual performce o the Engagemt both as to / safe conveyce o/ messrs & to agree to / proposals I sh make them to give no interruptn to / Ashantees & yr Inland Peoples coming wh Commerce molestation to / Waterside, wh I sh use my possible means to obtain.

8. No Man o War having been here for upwards o 2 yrs, is a dy gr hurt to / British Intt on this Coast. Hope some will soon arrive as they will give us gr Weight w / Fanties to settle mrs below them & / Ashantees

9. - The Col not agreeing to his employing a Writer for his own Correspdce, he has engaged Mr Brews mulatto son as his Clerk at £60 pa. rests for ability to Age this apptmt to / 3 applies

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11 . . .

Genln &c

Jno Roberts

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John Roberts to / Clee C.C.C. 16 July 1780.

— Sends ppr relatg to him & Mr Stubbes & his forfeiting Stubbs his table — refers them to Mr Miles & / Gentn gng home or home, & hopes his future conduct will merit the appl —

John Roberts to / Clee C.C.C. 20 July 1780

- Sends dupg o his le o 11th inst

2.- Refers to his le o 16th re Stubbes

3 — Re / question o George Stubbes (son o ~~Robt~~ Peter Stubbs) becomg a factor at 12 years o age. ~~referred to~~ / Clee upon Fielder applon to / Council & Read applid lately — referred to / Clee f his decision

4. Mr Coghlan is 2nd to Mr Stubbes at Annamaboe fort & has behaved extremely well in / managemt o those encroachg insolent people. He is vy diligent. Would be or take to f / Vice President has left [him] the alone since / 30th ulto nothg in it is / time o / Native custom of Christmas when / people o / diffr countries come to visit / Annamaboes when Mr Coghlan & / Sergt were / only Europeans left in / Fort, / Gar beg here; wh I am persuaded a circular circ o a Chief beg fm thence at ye festival never happened ever since / Fort was taken, & at wh / Annamaboe people are much dissatisfied — —

6 } 7 } — as to increasing / ~~Garr~~ Soldiers & to shoes & / gr guns

8 — Protests agnst the prohibn o saluting f ships exp ~~Ships~~ Itm. Ships

— — — The Dutch when any Ships salute with 2 guns less & even salute / Members o the Council when at Elmina wch fr 15 guns each & wh / same are ret by Dutch. For they call it, wh gains them consequence & respect fm / Natives.

9 — The expense o canoe hire can only be remedied by having 2 small Sloops on / Coast o abt 60 Tons — — — — — —

10. The rest o le fm / President o / Dutch Council f he intended to send 2 officers hire today as is customary on a new Gov's taking command o this Castle wh, on acct o / late Gen's death & his indisposn has been delayed & on acct o our getting our les ready, was obliged to pray him to postpone sending them till / 20th as per / private le Bk No 1. Shall give them / best Reception & Entertainmt I am able to do

11 } 12 } — re Beard going up / command o Commenda Fort — He sees no necty f Beard coming at C.C.C he never writes a line on public business — The Gentn in / service wd not be objected to beg in / Council but f Mr Beard — — — — — —

13 Pray allow me Gentn to remind y I observed to y in a Clee t as only / same allowce was made as formerly f / Public Table when only ~~Mr Stubbs~~ / Accountt, Secretary, Deputy Warehe ~~Commdr~~ Keeper & Surgeon had a right to / Public Table. How hard wd it be upon me to h / addn o Mr Stubbes who had an Allowce f a Table & Mr Beard wth £200 pr annm as Physician & / Youngest Counsellor who h eat at my Table The Maintence o it in / most frugal decent way fm / dearness o provsn in / Country to what they were when £400 a year was allowed f a Public Table, when / Govrs got vy days as much.

[B.T. 6/5. C contd]

much ~~fresh~~ fine fish he wanted for himself & / garrison for / Fish Toll
for nothg. More we can get some but for Gold, wh I will not pay unless
reduced to / last necessity to do it. The Fish Toll arose from 6 or 800
canoes that went a fishg from this town any day. When they were returng
a Corpl went to / landg Place & 6 soldiers who took such Fish as he
liked & half a gall o rum by Tuesday was paid as an admit for such
privilege. But it was given up by Lt Mill as one many disputable
ones & will be difficult to regain. The Fish Toll I hope to recover when
I settle w / people who have deserted this town & gone to Moorea as noticed
in 33d § in Council the 10th inst, as by some messages that have passed
between us, think I shall settle w their opponents in this town, & their return
directly will be a very desirable acquisition, as they are almost all fishermen,
when I think to make / Fish Toll a preliminary Art. of the return. Must
beg leave first to remark w respect to / public table on / change of Govt in
Islands & expenses. I did me or them give an Invitation to the Chiefs & /
& Gentn to accept my Table, & as all / Chiefs o / Out Islands came here for some
days they have no where to eat but there, as / Natives sent out who on first
coming to this Country cannot find themselves at / price provisions are at
present & to put them to attempt it will cause despair & sickness for wh
fear we recover — for fur parties & to & on matters they can consult the Missi
if they think proper —

14. Permit me to espouse y Ct of my Salary & public Table Allowce wd
have deprived / annl expence o it I shd not have troubled y on / subject, but as
they will not be a considerable deal it is indispensably necy in Justice
to myself I shd submit it to yr consn.

15. Just on my finishg / foregoing § / Capt o / Guard came to
inform me that / Tauna People & / Cos slaves were fighting & beg just
dark, ordered double Sentries to both Gates, & that no ~~from~~ Black pson
into / Castle except / Cos slaves. Rang / bell as a signal for them
to come in. Sent w / Capt o / Guard some o / Gentn to stand before /
Town Gate to induce them to come in, wh some o / Ppl did. The
Cabbooseers & some o / Tauna people sent to come in / Castle, ordered
them to be let in, & / fighting was stopped for the night, wh was w
stones only, but it was expected they wd begin early in / morg as
guns. Told / Cabbooseers that fighting must be put an end to, wh I
was determined to have done. Therefore shd order / soldiers to have 10
rounds o powder & ball & shot arrange them on / left hand to
overlooked / town, w orders to fire at any one o / Towns people
that appeared in arms or committing any hostile act, & to do / same w /
Cos slaves, wh had / good effect to keep both parties quiet. The Cos
main slaves I keep in / Castle, & the rest / Towns people have finished
their custom, wh will be on Mon next.

16. The next day I am to take / matter under consn & we are
to settle / dispute. & to fall upon a mode to prevent the like any
hear, wh I think I shall be able to strike out a mode to do. I done
then I go directly on / dispute between / people o / upper & those o /

Lower Towns more beg under / protecn o / Dutch Fort at Mouree. wh I h no doubt but in my next to advise y o the beg returned, + I sh v a gen state o / Cos affairs on this Coast, an Abstract o / nō o Castle Slaves at / various forts on / Gold Coast accompany this, sh kind / next time I R / how to address y a more perfect acct o them.

14 — The Apptmt to / Council o Chiefs o outforts creates vy gr expence o Canoe + hammock hire o the comg to Council —

18 — To h an efficient Council at this Castle always ready to give advice on an xtry matter occurg, de sht consist o / Govr, Accomt + Warehousekpr wh was / Council in / late Cos time — rc . . . —

19. — A fitt sent on a medical capacity shd h an adequate salary to enable him to attend / sick only —

20 — for refers them to / pps sent hither

Jn rc Jno Roberts.

PS re Stubbs inutility to assist him + to write coherently

John Roberts to / Cttee. CCC 23 July 1780
[n c]

C.88. rec'd 13 Decr 1780

Encld :- Copies o Lrs fm / Govr + Council at CCC.

Govr [Roberts] + Council to / Cttee CCC 29 May 1780

Encloses dupps o the Lrs o 31 Mar [1779-80 p 82] + 22 April [- C 81 p 2 supra]

2. — No British ship arrd on this part o / Coast since the last. Pascoyne only remains she sailed fr C Coast 8 April to finish her trade as / Ashanties h opened a path to the place, where trade is brisker than here, wh will always be / case wher they find / trade unobstructed.

3. — Pascoyne expected daily + then she will sail fr Europe within few days. Abt same time a Danish Sneau will sail by wh Messrs Mills, Collins, Wemyss, Ogilvie + Purefoy sail to England by wh oppty they will write more fully

5. — The Island contains what is required fr 1781.

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7. . . . . .

The Dir Gen o Elmina Peter Voorbman died the 14th April + is succeeded by Jacobus Van der Puye as President o / Dutch Council —

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We are rc —

(Sgd) John Roberts Stuart Beard. Wm Fielde

Stubbs gone to Accoe to pay garr. but expect to meet wth.

Govr & Council to / Ctee COC 11 July 1780

– Send copy o/ ltr o 29 May, the last, supra.

2 – Now answer / Ctees letters o 10 Nov [CSL 1780-80] 3 Dec [a h] 4 Dec [CSL 1780-80] 16 & 30 Dec [a h].

3 . . .

4. – H duly considered / H o C's address to H M, & will punctually apply / sum o £11.324-11-9 consigned to them by Gascoyne to / support & maintce o / Brit forts on / Gold Coast & Whydah for / yr 1780 only conformable to yr Instrns.

5. – In distributing / goods & stores to / said forts we h strictly followed yr Orders w/ r/t "equal justice" . . . – so that each o / Cos Servts fm / highest to / lowest will be upon an equal footg re paymt o their Salaries.

8. – Note t Ctees alters "if signed by / Secy & seal o Office affixed are to be considered valid" –

. . .

10. W respect to / Lagoe & Mumford Pawns yr Orders are in / strictest sense complied w/, as will appear by extracts o Bks t h passed relative to t affair & Acts o Council t go herewith. The consequence resulting thr fm we shd give y before we close this Ltr, wh we duly expect to rece. Fm / enquiries we h made we cannot think / treatmt any o these pawns h met w/ here, tho / cause o / defecn o those towns, as / President has inquired fm some o those here t are here & finds them perfectly satisfied w/ this treatmt.

The people o Lagoe are under entire subjecn to / Fort & good subjects but it was usual to pay / Chief Cabboceer o £ Town 4 ackees p month wh since / death o / late Cabboceer has bn discontinued, & they h desired t / present Cabboceer shd rece / same monthly pay. We think it prudent to allow it him fr many reasons time will not permit us to elucidate, & hope / same will meet yr approbn

11. The Mumfords not beg content each o / Town gives, & most o / ppal people o t Town lately dead, added to / confusn o / Town beg divided in dift intts, is / true reason tho not beg so good subjects as / Lagoes, who are a check upon them, t we are under no apprehensions o their giving countence to / Danes to settle at t place. And as / Danes Govr has not lately made any such attempt, we think it prudent to let / matter rest till we hear fm y how / matter is terminated betwn Hms S o S & Count Bernstorff. How we then y may rest assured we will h a careful watch to defeat any attempts t may be made by / Dutch or Danes, in as cautious a manner to prevent expence as / nature o / affair will admit.

12. W respect to / 18 Winnebah Pawns t ran away fm hence to their friends etc / 15th May last [sic] as pr / late Councils Act o / 15th & letter o 26 July 1779 [C 61- 1779-80 p74 but no min col] to both wh we beg y to refer. We, in conjunctn w/ two Mules, h

used by means our inclinn pointed out to engage the friends to redeem or return them here, & daily expect they will do one or ye/other. If they chose to do it in ye/ former way, what we receive for them we shall carry to ye/ Cos credit, & those they return shall be employed in such work we shall judge to be most advantageous for ye/ Public Service.

17. — 2 ships for Spain anchored Aboe 9 leags of 600 slaves each — Sea voyage for Appol sails for Europe in a few days w 1500 oz gold & Teeth Rice & Camwood ... Mr Miles's friends take the passage in a Danish Brigg for Copenhagen, now at K'borg.

18. Since our last we have entirely gone thro' Mr Miles's publick accts the convoys copies of them we him for ye/ yrs 1777. 1778 & 1779. Those for ye/ 2 last yrs he informs us he has never had an oppty to send before, no ships of war having been on this part of ye/ coast for more than 2 yrs past. Those for 1777 he sent by ye/ Beagle sloop of war but as she was taken he has fresh copies of them also. It is a great satisfn to us, by accurately examg them, we have had it in our power to pass so just & honble an opinion of them as we have done at ye/ end of ye/ 6 mos' Journal, as also to acquit him of ye/ charges brot agst him by ye/ late Mr West-gate. We beg leave to refer y. to our act of Council of 24th April on y. subject. Our letr to him 31 May serves only to confirm ye/ good opinion ev'yone here seems to entertain of him. Also we beg leave to refer to ye/ accurate & regular manner in wch he has kept his Books & pps. On the beg perused & maturely considered, we presume they will fully justify us in y. opinion of giving him such testimonials he required & we think him justly entitled to.

20 ... — Mr Mure / Gardner & his wife well. The child died a few days ago ...

21 — H purchd 30 Rolls Tobacco on / publick acct by wch barter a profit arises of £66 Cos pay as per act of Council 29 June. We cd not go further wt disturbg / supplies nor indeed wd it be prudent to purchase too large a quantity at this time, the beg so get a rec on / Coast as 4 vessels have arrd from / Bengals within these 4 months.

22 — More slaves required —

[BT 6/5. C. contd]

23. Cabboceer Aggery Capt. of Black Soldiers of this town, Son to Cudjoe late Cabboceer & Linguist, is a person of great Authy & power over the Inhabitants Equal to the ppol Cabboceer Botty who succeeded his Uncle Cudjoe in the Station, which is the usage of the Country for the Sons not to do). He is a very deserving sensible man, who has on all occasions approved himself a faithful servt to the Co, & is very useful when disputes happen betwn Europeans & Natives, or Natives w each other in the diff parts of the Coast, in setlg such disputes having great influence w the people, & has often been employed by the Council to settle such matters as in the case of Sagot, Mumford & Winnebah Factors, when old Cudjoe the Cabceer was Linguist & at the head of this town, who had great power over the people in it & those of adjacent countries & he engaged them to do almost what he liked, wh added great weight to the Councils authy in the diff countries Botty who succeeded his Uncle as ppol Cabcer at £100 p ann Cos pay, & Cudjoes son Fredericke as Linguist w an equal salary both very faithful servts to the Co & at all times obedt to the Councils orders.

Aggerys pay at Cudjoes death was only 8 ackees in Trade p month It was signified to us he was discontented his pay was so small in propn to what the Rs had, thinkg himself of equal consequence wh indeed he is, We were informed the Soldiers of the Town were also dissatisfied at the acct thinkg the distinction ~~offered~~ paid the Rs in point of ~~pay~~ Salary, an indignity indignity to the Capt. wh on Enquiry we found true. Therfore after duly considerg the affair we came to a resolun to Advance Aggerys Salary to £50 Cos pay pr ann as pr Act of Council 17 May 1780 & we most humbly submit our reasons for so doing for yr Honrs Consn.

24. — ... Not yet had time to investigate into the State of Commerce of this extensive country, but will acquire a Knowledge of it & report the result of the Enquiries in the next Dr. — No Vessels on this part of the Coast except those mentd in § 17. It is on acct of small nō of Ships that have been at one time on this Coast for any pers to Brit. Manufactures & the Goods Merchdize have advanced in value upwds of 100 p% & the Natural products of Africa lessened in proportn, wh is happy for the Natives in case they will not be able to support themselves on the Salaries considerg they are charged in the Gts Accts with attend Servg the Supplies in war time for wh we humbly presume Parliamt do intend to enlarge the annl grant to pay the extra Exps & not let the weight fall on the Salaries of those who expose themselves to the dangers of this inhospitable & unwholesome Climate in the Service of the Country ... it is the gen opinion of Europeans in this Country that the Servts & the Commerce have long been neglected by Hs Mas Ministers wh, for its consequence surely deserves full notice than has been paid it by the Legislature for this past, however insignificant we may appear

25. The forego[ing] reasons are in some part / cause why we h[ave] not deld / presents &c sent f[or] some o[f] / ppal natives o[f] this Country on acct o[f] dead o[f] time it will take to properly dispose o[f] them ... Our reasons f[or] not delivering them we shall fully inform [Y] & flatter ourselves they will meet w[ith] yr approbn.

26 - Refer to the Act o[f] Council o[f] 16th inst[ant] appt[ing] Philip Boyd in / Service ... And as we are at war w[ith] / French, Spaniards & Americans we presume Y will not expect us strictly to keep to yr Peace Establishment in garrisons / sevl forts, tho' beg so few Europeans in them. We conjecture Y will approve our engaging any on ye Coast [that] may offer to come in / service f[or] / above reasons, wh it is absolutely necy to do f[or] / safety o[f] / Settlements if attacked by European powers, & in particr at Annamaboe to put an end to / insolent & exterr[ous] o[f] / Fantee people. We are sensible / annl Parliamentary grants will not admit o[f] an increase o[f] Establishmt, or even discharge / arrs o[f] present, but we presume to [in] yr representg o[f] necity o[f] doing it to / Kings Ministers, they will think it as proper to increase / allowce f[or] / maintence o[f] these settlements in time o[f] war as they do f[or] HMs [His Majesty's] fortifications

27. We think it our duty to inform Y[ou] that / Fort at Annamaboe w[ith] / establishmt Y allow f[or] in yr Instr[uctions] 16 Dec 1718 is a very great expense w[ith] beg o[f] public utility it not be by increasg / Establishmt to h[old] at least 16 Soldiers at all times in it w[ith] a quantity o[f] provisions & Wood f[or] 6 months, then / restless turbulent people will know better than to insolently treat / Chiefs as they h[ave] done to extort brandy &c from them; as instance o[f] a dispute w[ith] Mr Stubbs on / 19th inst[ant], Extracts & copies o[f] his relation thereto accompany this. To them we pray leave to refer Y[ou] to observe that / chges on Palavers & presents & dashes at that Fort annly upon an average to betwn 4 & £500 a year: but if 8 Soldiers were allowed to / 8 allowed the pay wd be but £216 p[er] ann a great part o[f] wh wd be saved on acct o[f] annl chges on / Coast o[f] Fort wd be able to redress himself when they attempted to encroach or insult him by not submitting to / insults o[f] those people ... ...

33. Mr Miles has fully informed Y[ou] in his Letter 22 Jan 1755 [post] o[f] / dispute [that] happened betwn / people o[f] Upper & Lower Towns under / cannon o[f] this Fort, wh names o[f] Upper & Lower they distinguished by / Lower Towns people beg Mr Miles will give them protection to / Dutch Town under / Fort at Mouree to be protected fm the enemies We hear they still remain strong Mr Miles has been at considerable expence on / public acct as well as his own to engage them to return, but wt success The Houses, wh are many more in no[.] than those in / Upper Town remain in a desolate state, but / President assures us inform[ation] has reached him fm / Ppal o[f] these people that they will return, wh will depend our early attention when Mr Miles has left / Coast, have reason to believe it will be most prudent so to do. ... ... We [are] &c

John Roberts / Robt Stubbs // Stewart Beard / Wm Fedde

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[BT 6/5. C. contd].

Govr [Roberts] & Council to / Ctee CCC 17 July 1780

– Send copy o cons o 11 July

... ...

6. We h recd a Remonstrce Petn & Protest frm / Co's Servts who were in Affrica before our arrl wh we send herewith & refer y to our answer thereto in Act o Council o 13th inst.

7. In ... our ltr o 11th inst we promised to give y some further advt o / Lagoe & Mumford Pawns but h recd no accot o them since wch use any means in our power to recover them ...

8. In ... / same ltr we informed y of / Winnebah Pawns. They h not redeemed any o them yet We sh use our best endeavours to engage them to do it but we must wait for dirns what to do w any slaves t are put for their redemp. whr they are to be sold off / Coast or put to / List o Castle Slaves. ...

– as to discharg superannuated & idle Co slaves & engaging ... as obligs ors of CCC & outports on same —

Miles sailg frm Accra 17th

& Beards reasons for resigng – Comments & remarks for

Jno Roberts // Robt Stibbs // Stewart Beard // Wm Fedde

C 89 Read Dec 13 1780

Richd Miles Govr to / Ctee. C. C. C. 22 January 1780

– Sends copy o his ltr o 8 Decr 1779 [C 54. 1779-80 - p 81]

– A few days after / date o my last / Danish man o War sailed for Kborg after having landed ther 6 9pr guns, 2 brass field pieces, 1 mortar, gunpowder & shot toge w an Engr, & gunners & 50 soldiers. The ships further destinan is not positively known, but by what I can learn she was bound to St Helena to convoy home some o the E. I. ships.

... – handg over o / Islands o Fernando Po & Annabona by / Port to / Spaniards – ...

Since my last Mr Thos Johnston whom y sent out in / Friend & who has bn appted Factor at Appolonia, has proceeded to t place by land frm Dixcove wt / least molestan, so t I think, Gentn, y may consider t communican as effectually free as any 9r part o / Coast

For many yrs past a dissension has subsisted betwn / one half o / inhabitants o this Town agst / other, / one being (if I may use / expression) o a diff caste or tribe frm / other & are distinguished by / names o Upper & Lower Town party, as well as by the opte flags The Co's slaves are & ever h bn incorporated w / Lower Town party & in diff fights they h hd, y h lost many o them. Whenever the quarrels break out, / Govr here is appt'd interr, in his publick capacity, on accot o / Co's Slaves. My predecessors, as well as myself, h bn at considerable expence, both public & private at diff times, to prevent the coming to blows, but abt a month ago both parties had come to such a pitch o animosity agst each other, & they were determined

to fight it out & see at once where / superiority lay. The quarrel began abt 9 oc in / afternoon when a course must o / Co's slaves were within / walls, most of them once before seen them myself engaged w / Town (& the a trifling fight compared w / one in quest. if last 4 or 5 o / best o them). Th on t accot bn more than ordy cautious to prevent such a thg happening agn having before so good an oppy I determined to embrace it. I accdgly shut / lower gate immedly on / disturbce began & placed a sufft guard at / upper one to prevent any going out. At first I readily thot they wd be muttered. How partly by threats partly by soothg I reconciled them to / necty of my taking such a step. The Caboors & ppal inhabitants waited upon me to beg my non-interfering t matters were come to such a pitch t / mastery must at once be decided by arms; t my interfering wd only be throwg away now, & putting off / evil day perhaps for a month or two longer when / same longueurs wd be agn necy; & to wh the wd never be an end. I have used my endeavours in my power to brg abt an accomodan, but all to no purpose. They were so exasperated agst each other t they wd hear nothing. The lower Town began by committing a most cruel murder on / son o / late Cadjoes Chief Councellor & ppal Capt. They fortified themselves in the houses & fired on / other party thro holes & windows. The upper Town party in order to drive them from the hold, set fire to the houses, & it blowing a fresh breeze, in a few hours / whole were in flames, a few to windward only excepted. Both parties took to / field & after an obstinate engagemt, / lower Town people & their adherents were obliged to fly to / neighbouring towns to leeward for shelter, where they still remain. Finding all my endeavours to brg abt a reconciln ineffectual, I sent out previous to / gen engagemt & offered protcn to / women & children o both parties burg / figst most o them w their effects took refuge in / Castle. Those o / vanquished still find it an asylum & must remain in it till mrs are accomodated. Most o / houses o / ppal inhabitants are agn repaired, but it will be a long time before / affair is finally settled & / other party returned, as they must of course allow / upper Town to take / lead. Th will however in / end be / means o establishg a lastg peace amg them. ... Both parties are thoroughly satisfied w / strict neutrality on my part. I was offered any quan price for gunpowder but was partly careful t not a grain went out / gates beg determined, as I informed both parties, to take no part in / disputes but t o mediator.

– Js informed they h agn voted his suspen for 12 months this not unpleasg to him. He has long wished for a personal interview w them. – He will give my assistce to his succor – & is confident he will be able to satisfy them in his conduct ... —

I am — &c —

Richd Wales

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C 90 Read Dec 13. 1780

Endd:- Instrons to / sevl Chiefs

Instrons

By / Prendat & Council & directg & managg / affairs o/ CCtee o/ Co's Marchts tradg to Africa

Sir Whras we h applied & Chiefs o Fort & / Factry & management o / CCtees' affairs there, & are to observe / following Artis & Instrons [Summary]

1. Upon arrival to make & sign an Inventory & send copies to CCC
2. To apply / CCtees goods there & bear such Chgs / payment o Cus & other Chgs
3. Evy 3 months to send public Accts of such Disbursements as practicable to CCC & a moneld roll evy month
4. While on Dn C as Dt / Fort he is to h / Command
5. To observe / powers o/ Acts o Parlmt & orders & regulatns / Trade to Africa, copy whereof given him
6. To cultivate a good understandg w / Natives round & acquaint / Council w any disturbces they may happen in / Country & / steps & h taken to accomodate them & to preserve our rights & privileges
7. Whras / Chiefs o Forts h often been embarrassed & wants o Safety Knowledge o/ Customs o/ Nations & affairs o/ Country around them, & in consequence o wch many o / Cos privileges h been infringed wch - - direct & to Enter into a Theory such Transactns as come under ye cognizance Right - all Polatters as sh be brot before & betwn / Europeans & Natives, or amg / latter themselves & ye decisions therein.
8. To advise o any ships coming into ye road
9. To maintain good discipline in / Fort
10. To pay ye Self Garrison Slaves & ye dependants evy 3 months
11. Not to contract any debts on Co's acct or make any advances wt previous authy
12. Always to be on guard & prevent being insulted by / Natives. To keep always within / Walls 100 Tons o Corn & keg pces white & Black & Safficn Wood; to keep all ground within musket shot o Fort cleared, & be careful o all powder & warlike stores.
13. To avoid / ruinous effects o enforcing debts due by Natives to / Chiefs o Forts, nor to trust / Natives on any pretce
14. Not to depart Fort wt leave wt had from Pres & CC.
15. To plant & cultivate a garden.
16. Not to trade w any Foreigners except / Portuguese & gold & Brazil Tobacco except & relief in distress
17. In all matters to apply & diries, & chief attn to be / honour & interest o/ Co.

Fort Orders dd 10 Nov 1719.

18. To pay all salaries & disbursements &c / same goods issued to ye by ye Co except such as may be bartered for Brazil tobacco & Palm oil, / advantage of such Barter, if any, to be credited in ye acct from & with ye / correctness of acct.

19. No Black to receive stipend till approved by Pres & Col

20. Slaves who behave well to be allowed cow gardens & plantations. Boy children of Slaves to be trained as artizans

21 Slaves beg summons ye Governors & Governors dismissed

22 No presents or debts of more value than 20/- to be made without authority of Pres & Col.

23. Nothing to be issued on acct of Factors wch in future not be settled by Pres. & Col.

24. Public accts to be sent to President & Council & not to / Govr & Council alone.

25. Carefully to peruse the Books

26 To keep Garrison Diges copy thereof to be sent to Pres & Col twice a year

27. The establishment of ye Fort is as follows. —

28. Not to pay Gold or trade with a Slave on pain of dismissal

29 Any combination to lower prices of Brit manufactures &c goods or any ye Commodities or to raise price of Slaves punished or instant dismissal

30. The export of slaves by virtue of / Clause beg prohibited by Act of / Fifth of this present Mayty. such slaves as he purchases must be offered for Sale to Ships carrying on / trade on / orders & manner here specified

31 Not to use / Stores slaves or vessels of / Co committed to ye charge or employ'd on ye private trade

32. To issue goods for trade & Co pay at / authorised prices Perquisites & Pay, or not to be charged to / Co but made up by Salaries

33 The Fireworks allowed This to be observed by / Fort Slaves

34 To have Tobacco at 40 Rollers per Roll. 2/6 Gs pay ye Factors. pay credit & / Co for any profit on barter

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C 91. Read 13 Decr 1780

Endd. - Miscellaneous Correspondce

[Extracts]

Miscellaneous letters

To & fm / Council Commencg 24 March 1780

Richd Miles to Govr Roberts C C C 28 March 1780

... I am v^y happy / Cte h^s resolved on takg / Dague & Mumford Towns as it were into only one / means o preservg the Right & Title to those 2 towns but furnished me w^t an oppty o justifyg my conduct in / transaction o t business so far as it related w^t / then Council in / Coast, & was appr^d of / Cte advised accdgly. I observe it is the duty o ev^y Mer^t acquire exact / quality species & quantity o / Goods I advanced on t Acct. Understand y^r Lot to whom & on what acct they were delid, & .... o / articles they were dispoyed w^t.

	Trade Oz		Dispoyed w^t		Oz.		
To / Assin & Aggumaucon Chieftees	Oz 25		33 Half Says	10	Oz.	20	10
" Antiade Broffie & Bostucy do	25		54 Romalls	6		21	6
" Aggumaucon, Assin, Antiade, Broffie & Bostucy Pynins	156		3 Pintal knives	8		1	8
			14 Qrs Gunpowder	8		4	8
3 men Slaves & Ampas Head	34 · 8		24 Barrs Guns	6		36	6
2 to 3 ea Goods & 2 Anchors for redemptn o Quey's Head	27 · 8		6 Furnes Stuffs	2 ackes			12
			45 Patches	6		16	14
To Antiadie Adoo	40		10 Chillees	3		5	
To / Pynin Soldiers	12		10 Leff-Ells	8		5	
To Queshie Gambia	26		4 Brands	3			12
Paid f a Pynin who Queshie Gambia gave / Assins to induce them to come up	6		116 Iron Bars	2		14	8
			3 Scissors	2			6
One Hhd Rum rolled into Town	8		5 Chints	8		2	8
Sundries to make Custom f / Gift pnts Killed in / Fight	8		1 Tapsilk				8
			20 oz Silver	4		5	
Ditto to bury / 4 Heads	4 · 12		21 oz Gold	16		42	7
Paid / boys employed in / Palaver	10		39 Negampants	10		24	6
Sundries expended durg / settlmt & dispt	36		16 Bejutapants	10		10	
			2 Cases Liquor	4			8
Trade Oz	418 · 12		40 Checks	8		20	
			8 Chantie Cloths	4		2	
			3 Bandanoes	10		1	14
			2 Long Ells	16		2	
			20 Rolls Tobacco	40		65	
			42 Kegs Tallow	3		7	14
			36 Ankers Rum	10		22	8
			6 Half Ankers	5		1	4
			1 Hhd Rum			8	
			152½ Gallons Rum	at 9^d/4^c		12	11
			2 Ankers Rum	at 12 ds		1	8
				ackes		361	4
			5 Men Slaves	at 11½ each		57	8
					Oz.	418	12

The 5 men slaves beg f / redemp^n o / heads o two Ppals in / Town o Mumford, hd they bn debtd they must, accdg to / custom o / Country in such a case, hbn murdered. I therefore paid a regulars assortiment as was then gog. in lieu o them

I / Assuan Caboceers are satisfied w^t / payms made them & / Dague & Mumford people w^t / Ld Ports I called in / office I refer y^r to the exact accts o / mr now in / Secy's office I am &c Richd Miles

p 45] Richd Miles to / Secretary CCC 26 may 1780

– Acknes his letter covering Act o Council o 25 may [qv w / dr acts o Council] respectg / Mumford + 2 both Pawns when Mr Roberts by / Councils desire consulted w me on t business mentioned / price at 4 oz 8 achis Gold. bec for buy one o / Lagoe + Mumford Pawns 9 paid Oz 9 trade wh reduced into gold is exactly t Sum. The Cttee paid her Smelter £32.3.0 Cos pay for each o / 2 both pawns; wh reduced into gold at / usual discount is Oz 5. 5 11/15 ac. And this sum they h undoubtedly a right to expect. But as / towns are in / neighbourhood o each o'r, + / stipulated sum for each mans redemp'n were certainly be known to both parties, it not occasion a discontent in / Winnebahs beg chgd more than / 1st and (in spite o all reasong to / contrary) make them think t / Council shew more favour to one party than / o'r. – Therefore advises t they lib / sum – for each stand at Oz 4. 8 of a prime man Slave. . . — Refers / Council to – / publick bs o Attoc Accts + Commenda or to his Ltr to / Council o 25 June last for wh is annexed to my answer to Mr Wedgwoods Ltr o Compln agst me t / Cttee I am – re – Richd Miles

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49] Richd Miles to Presidt + Col CCC 2 June 1780

– Replies to / charges on wh he was suspended + requests their opinion thron

53] Robt Stubbs Board + Fields to Miles CCC 9 June 1780

9r reply to above refers inter alia to Act o Col 24 April

June 19 – 2 July. Corresponde Stubbs + Robts re Attoes boycot o / Fort bec Stubbs turned them out o / Fort where they were to rece Sunday rations, while carrysg / 9 guns, instead of dog / former 15.

Correspondce relative to / Mumford Lagoe + 2 both Pawns

Jno Robts, Robt Stubbs, Richd Board + Wm Fields [Gar + Cl]

to John Bartlett Tantum CCC 25 May 1780

This will be deld by / Cabocers Aggarie + Adjumancon, / Council + Mr Miles send down to settle mrs w / persons concerned respectg / Lagoe + Mumford Pawns They must be sensible how well they h been used Therefore desire t to consene in / Fort / ppal people o those towns intrd in / affair, + request to know / reason / Pawns hd for running away, + this for not sendg them back when they were so often demanded, + on such equitable terms. Y will inform them they must soon determine what they will do on / following conditions Viz^t –

1st If they choose to redeem those who h run away w gold or slaves, we agree they sh + y are authorised to rece / one o / 2 for redemp't They sh be redeemed for gold at a good fair merchantable price at / time any pawn or pawns are redeemed 9r9 / parties concerned the option to pay for / same rec in gold or a prime man slave for each pawn so redeemed Such as / Chief o / Fort approves

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2ndly – Those they do not redeem they must deliver to y to send be sent back assuring them / crime of running away will be forgiven this time + no punishment inflicted on them. On the contrary they will be kindly treated + the friends shall redeem them, & those t h remained here or / before next Xmas at any time they choose hereafter.

3rdly – Inform them t we expect them to send / remaing 10 pawns viz 4 due fm Lagoe + 6 fm Mumford wh were delid short of / number at / time of settlg / dispute in 1774 + to set a day when they will make / same good. The whole of debt beg 46 men & when only 36 were delid ... Enclose copies of / Instrs drawn up on ye occasion for yr govt.

If / Mumford people are very desirous, & press much to h y send a Sergt thr to hoist a flag, y may; but do not attempt it unless at their earnest entreaty + they engage to be good subjects & submissive to yr command. We doubt not but y wee be cautious how y walk engage, as y well know / disposns y h to deal w. Wise y are to inform / people of Mumford & Lagoe t such slaves given for redemn of / Pawns to be sold or disposed of as / Gov thinks proper or / Mumfords & Lagoes are not to h any further claim or title to / sd slaves

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Secy to Bartlett. CC 26 May 1780

– The Council considering / offer of / Pawns h resolved to fix the / price of the redemn at 5 oz gold or a prime man slave for each; but if they think / price too high, inform how much gold they are willg to give or / no they will redeem for gold or slaves, & distinguish them by the names

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John Bartlett to / Gov & Col. Tantum 31 May 1780

– Perkins above by Colos Aggeree & Aggumaucon & despatched messrs to summone / Lagoes + Mumfords. The former very readily obeyed but at / same time begged me to acquaint y t tho by Custom they had never pay for / Gov + that they hoped, as they h ever shewn themselves faithful + obedt subjects to / English, y wd allow them / same as the predecessors enjoyed. They h fixed on this day to come over to / Fort to settle abt / Pawns.

The Mumford people desired / messrs to inform me t as they had always looked upon / Lagoes as their superiors they cd not send any answer till such time they heard fm them. Yesterday morng despatched Aggumaucon + / Linguist of this Fort over to them ordering them to inform / Mumford people t y

18 expected they wd never h more readily obeyed ye summons, parties as they were under such obligons to / English f protecting & rescuing them fm Slavery. They desired / messgrs to acquaint me t they hd prior to ye Duke's taking / ye in dispute in hand, delivd ye Number of pawns, all wh were drawn sold off / Coast fm Accra. Tho' as they were not within reach o guns, they were under no apprehensions o being obliged to deliv up / Pawns t were still due / Co. They h behaved very insolent throout / whole, indeed so much so t / Lagoes desired / messgrs to inform me t hd they now license & force to support them in it, they wd send ye as many Mumford people as there were pawns due fm them, & bring those people to a proper sense o their duty

I am &c - John Bartlett

PS [illegible] The Lagoes were w me yday viewing [illegible] & behaved very well, promising on Capt Aggerie's return fm Coast to come over & settle / matr to ye entire satisfon. I pressed them much to acquaint me wh way they proposed doing it. They begged me to rest satisfied t they hd no other intent than that o paying the just debts, but hoped I wd allow them some little time to consider on / mode o doing it. They at / same time acknowledged themselves much obliged to / English f their protection. Capt Aggarie & Appiumancon are just setting out by land f Mumford, where / Canoes are to stop & take them & proceed to Coast. I h desired them to be very particular in their Inquiries as regard to / Mumford peoples objecting to coming over here, & to point out to them / concerned fatal consequences o their conduct, & to make use o / most forcible arguments to bring them to reason. I h also desired them to send a messgr to me fm thence & to acquaint me how they are received. I shall write ye again tomorrow

I am &c John Bartlett

Tantum Fort 1 June 1760

Govr & Cl to John Bartlett CCC. 4 June 1760

By ye Bearer o / 1st inst we conjecture ye h a difficult business to transact w / Mumford people & we are much pleased to see / Lagoes do not join them &c. Ye may inform them t we approve much o their honest intentions & of their offering to oblige / Mumford people to do justice. Assure them t we take it kind & when / palaver o / pawns belonging to / town is settled & true justice betwn us & them, we will not only take / matter / Lagoe people mention into consn, but ye strongly recommend them to / Co as good faithful & obedt subjects who will no doubt allow them / same allowce their Predecessors recd.

We wish not to put them to / disagreeable service to pawn on / Mumfords, as we hd rather good neighbourhood & harmony shd subsist betwn them & t by the persuasion / ye will follow

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follow the honest example & settle entirely / palaver concerng / pawns belongg to Mr Miles & / Co he authorised us to redeem, & they shd not be sent fm their families & friends. But as we cannot pay & send for more than 1/2 we have he assures us he will apply of his right to / Accroam Caboceer he pd / money to, to oblige / Mumford people to send all / pawns belongg to him back here. . . We hope y will be able to persuade / Mumford people to do what is right w / assistce o / Lagoes to prevent any palaver betwn them & / Accroams wch may in all probability happen if Mr Miles applies to them. The mentiong 40 pawns sold off / coast by our Trader is true Black Mans Palaver, for they well know 1/2 none o / 46 belongs to Mr Miles, wh we are goig to redeem & / Co's acct if they will put it in our power so to do, had not anything to do if those they say Mr Trader sold. If he did, it was the fault & not redeing them. Y may tell them in answer to the insolent message "they were not in reach o our guns", where this occasn & we think proper we have guns they sh be under, add to wch, tho they are not under our guns now, when they are in distress they are glad to fly under them when / Lagoes have settled the mode o paymt & / time they want, y may tell them y will inform us o it Assure them we sh be ready to render them any service & protecn Y judge right by sendg Capt Aggarie & Aggumancon to tobah as / Mumfords will have time to consider before the return what they intend to do.

John Bartlett to / Goor & Cie Tantum 10 June 1780

– Adms above & only waited / return o Capt Aggerie & Aggumancon before sailg. They arrd here / this evenig before last The next mg sent messgrs over to / Mumford people, acquaintg them & it was yr wish desire to settle w them upon / most equitable terms, but & y were gly surprized at the ingratitude & sendg so insolent a message to / Fort. They seemed to be sorry & makg use o so unguarded an expression, & desired / favour to inform me & / people answerable & / remdr o / pawns due to / Cte was lost at Lagoe; & / addl debt o 6 pawns was in consequce o / Accroams insistg upon having old Quey's head; & old Quey's heir Awoosherie or her son Awellcomah hd left Mumford & settled at & place: & it was an affair entirely belongg to those people they hoped y wd not insist in the settlg it. – Sayn this mg sent messgrs to them – who not yet returned – –

20. – The Lagoes were w me yday + asked f same time f / redon o the pawns t / wch people h asked f. It ... It seems t / wch people h asked f 12 mos f / redon o this, / Lagoes ack f / same + h bound themselves to pay f when / wch people do be d sooner or later ...

Bartlett to Gov + Col Tantum 11 June 1780

– Refers to above – – I desired / mengrs [to Mumford] to tell those people t I was present at / setlg o the dispute w / Accroans by Mr Miles + t / redon o old Quey's head was unanimously agreed on by / whole o them assembled on t occn + bound themselves solemnly to be answerable to / Ctee f / amt. – They returned me much / same answer as before. "t old Quey's ~~head now~~ here now lived at Lagoe + they were / people t were to acct to f f / pawns t remained due."

– This morng sent mengr to Lagoe to tell them what / Mumfords sd – They replied t when / dispute was on / point o beg settled, old Quey, contrary to the knowledge or inclinan came into / Fort; t immediately on / Accroans perceivg him, they insisted on having his head as a satisfn f Pimpahs breaching To save him howr they all agreed to pay 12 slaves + 20 oz gold; t they, / Lagoes had already paid 2 pawns + / ozs gold on t acct + had bound themselves solemnly to disc up. / remains 4 [sic] when / wch is pd thro. – Refers them f fur parts to Capt Aggarie + Aggumancon who were inform them o / insolent behaviour o / Mumfords.

Thos Read, Secy, to John Bartlett CCC 16 June 1780

– Directed by Pres + Col to acknr above o 10 + 11 inst. The President has had a Conference w Labourer Aggarie + Aggumancon + / mengrs who accompanied them, + he has also talked w Mr Miles. Y are desired to acquaint / Lagoe + Mumford people t if they do not complete / no o pawns by / time o Mr Miles departure – within 8 days – / Council are resolved to render him any assistce in the power to do him / Justice he is entitled to – As to / Mumfords trifling excuse t / pawns due fm them are to be pd by Quaffo + Pimpahs families (now at Lagoe) it is ridiculous Pth is fm / town o Mumford t so many pawns are due + must be pd sooner or later – + best for them to send / pawns due now, to prevent fur excuse.

Bartlett to Gov + Cl Tantum 20 June 1780

– In reply to above sent mengrs to Lagoe + Mumford – The Lagoes h promised to deliv / pawns to me tomorrow – The Mumfords behaved w the usual insolce saying I must wait to / Lagoes f / 9 pawns they still owe / Ctee as they are determined not to pay a farthg more

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Phipps + Fielde to Bartlett CCC 22 June 1780

– Acknr above – Y were immedtly upon y recn / Lagoe pawns send them up here by canoe after wch we were y[our] f orders how to act w respect to / Mumford people.

[wch Pawns]

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[Winnebah Pawns.]

Corrspdce betwn / Govr & Cte & Joseph Corless

25th & 26 May 1780 G & C to Corless. If runaway pawns not returned, to be redeemed at 5 oz gold or a prime man slave each. The runaways are not be punished

7 June 1780 Corless to Govr & Council. Encloses agreemt ~~by wh~~ dd Winbah Fort 6 June 1780 by wh / Pg wins & 2 ppal men o / Town owners & relars o / pawns agree to redeem them ch / rate o 4 oz gold or a prime man slave, on Christmas day next. The copy paper has / marks o "Gazetta Capn o / Town. Apperacon Capn o / Town & Brindly Coco Capn o / Soldiers"

The reply to this was in similar terms dd 16 June was in similar terms to / be fm / Secy to Bartlett o Tantum also dated 16 June (supra

19 June 1780 Corless to / Secy. The Pg wins reply to this 4 / June for openg / Ogé river near this place [Winbah. ie / Lagoon] The business begins to morrow & when done - in abt 10 days - they promise to send / Pawns to CC or gold & slaves f the redon.

22 June 1780 Robts & Fielde to Corless. - Have prevailed on Miles to agree to above -

21 June 1780 Corless to / Secy ... The people o this Town are all busy at / River as soon as they h done I make no doubt but wyths will be settled to / Presits & Councils wish -

C 92 Read Dec 13 1780.

Endd:- "Acts o Council fm 25 March to 18 July 1780"

CCC 25 Mar 1780 John Roberts President, Robt Stubbs Vice-Pres Steavens Beard, James Monrgue Councillors. Wm Fielde Secy. Robts assumes command. Keys o Secys & Accots offices, sealed by Robts & Miles' seals till 21st Subsequent minutes relate to business carried on / Cte's Commn - personnel - &c. applts to Forts &c.

31 Mar a joint meetg o / old & new Councils

17 April Monrgue considered as having vacated seat on Council thro his objecn to signg a Bond.

21 April Deakin Lomax, Smith all declining offer o seat in Council on signg Bond f £ 5000 Fielde applied on his signg / bond & Thos Read applied Secy in his place.

... [applts to Forts &c] ...

24th April 1780 ~~ordered to necessary presents~~ The Cabboceers Fynns & Towns people o Cape Coast having assembled in Hall - - - - demanded / usty presents & dashes paid by a new Gov^r, - Ordered to be pd

2 May 1780 ... the Colonies Day Book & Jan Feb & Mar having bn recd, ordered t / Secy do send them to / Auditor to be exād & t / Accomt do inform / Council when Secy King o Ashantee commenced ab 160 / Pounds ab James Fort Accra, & by whose order ...

11 May 1780 - - - - Resolved t as / enemy may daily be expected upon / Coast t CCC be furnished immedly w^t 10,000 billets o Wood & my 5th part w^t 5,000 billets by purchase fm / natives who is to be bght at / Cos expense & Kept on Mo^t Inventory - - -

16 May 1780 - - - - The Council after mature deliberan fndg / impracticability o curtailg / accustomed chges at / diffr Forts, wch / natives h so long recd under / following Heads viz^t Christmas Dashes, Chiefs Customs, Ground Rent & Water Custom, Sundays & Weds liquor w^t ye usual presents & dashes to / Cabces, Resolved t / sd expences beg unavoidable beg allowed in future till / Council can by degrees reduce them.

17 May 1780 - - - - The desolan o CC Town by / desertion o Body / Inhabitants, the feuds & animosities still subsisting, having given this Council gt anxiety for the peril to the hour wch they h tried my means to obviate f / public int^t, as well as to be / better able to oppose a foreign enemy as to gain Subjects f / benefit o trade; & fndg fm / most intimate & minute enquiry t Aggery a Cabce o this Town & son o / late Cudjoe a man o gt power & influce is / best able to brg abt / desired end, Resolved t / sd Aggery be sh be allowed £50 Cos pay p ann. t gain his confidce, & be told t unless he brgs abt / reconciliation o / Towns people / Ctee will not allow chief, but if he does, they may allow it & add a present thereto.

24 May 1780 The Council having bn taken up since / 17th inst day by day in exg the Military acts during this gov^t at this place, wch they h not yt finished, but as it is o / utmost impce to consider / Ctees Instrons relative to / Mumford Pawns in the bs o 10 Nov & 16 Dec 1779. t / Council may be / better able to give / Ctee satisfon therein in the next gen Lr - Resolved t Aggery Capt o CC Town & / Cos Slave Aggumancon be sent to Lagoe Mumford & Labah w^t proper instrons agreeable t / Ctees Lrs & t / Chiefs o Tantumquerry & Winnebah be sent to & recd Instrons on & head.

25 May

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Prots o Council contd

25 May 1780. Roberts, Stubbs, Beard, Fridle: Read Leg
– The Presidents Let to / Chiefs o Tantumquerry & Wbob forts
re Mumford Lagoe & Wbob pawns – Mr Miles & he hav agreed to
send to those places Aggery a Cabour & Capt o CC Town a man o weight
& influence there w / people there. The President to send Aggumancon a
Cos Slaves, who hd acted as ppal mengr to Lwd Goors & Councils on
similar occns, in order to settle / affairs in / Cos behalf agreeable to /
Ctee's Ltr — . . .

[For Minutes hereon refer'd to / corresp^dce noted supra
as affect beg in pursce o Resolutions o / Council thereon]

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6 July 1780 — Rect given by Goor & Council to Richd Miles for 26
Lagoe & Mumford Slaves 21 15 Males & 11 Females sent for him –

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~~13 Feb^y 1780 A petn &c remonstrance &c presented~~

C 93. Read Dec 13 1780.

Endd: "Copy o Minn o Council 15 July 1779."
... [nc] ...

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C 94 Read Dec 13 1780

Endd: "Affrica, Petn o / Officers dd 20 June 1780
... [nc]

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C 95 Read Dec 13 1780

11 July 1780. CCC. Robt Stubbs Gov^r o Wbob Forts to / Ctee
– complaints agst Roberts. –

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C 96. Read Dec 0 1780

12 Dec 1780 T. Rutherford Secy Ctee to Grey Elliot. ~~Esqr~~
"in answer to yr Letter o / 9th inst" transmits: –

C 97. Read Dec 13 1780

Endd: – "Copy o / Proceedgs o / African Ctee relative to
"the late & present Limits on / Coast fm 5 Sept
"to 12 Dec^r 1780"

African office

Ffrican Office 5 Sept 1780

At a Cte held this day

Pro Tear dd in a pp o objcns to Mr Shelburnes Mr o / 17th Augt signed by Mr Mantby & himself wh was read & ordered to be entered in / Book o Objcns

The sd Paper is as follows:-

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1 Decr 1780

Resolved unanimously

T John Roberts Esqr o CCC Esqr & Messrs Stubbs & Beard be removed for the sg ge partiality ... in appg Mr Fuller to a Seat in / Council ... wt vacant seat offered to his senior - —

- T Mr Fuller be removed fm / Seat in Council & recvr to his orig applmt o Secty to / Common &c. his standg in / service - his short - dcd - ...

12 Decr 1780

Ordered

Resolved unanimously T John Roberts Esqr President o / Cde at CCC, & Robt Stubbs Vice President be recalled fm the present employmts in Ffrica immedly upon / arrl o / Hercules Storeship at CCC & they be ordered to return to England to give an accr o their proceedgs under / Commn assigned to them by / Cte dd 10 Novr 1779

Ordered unanimously T Jerome Bernard Weeles Esqr be appld Govr o CCC, Treasr & Wardhouse fm / arrl o / Hercules Storeship during / suspension o Richd Miles Esqr & he is hereby appld accordgly - to give / usual Security to / Cte of £10000 - Commn to be dated this day

- T / Govr o Ffrica & o any Vacant Forts on / Coast to be fillid according to seniority unless / Cte direct otherwise.

- T / Council at CCC do in future consist o / following Officers - - - - - - -

Govr o CCC President
Govr o Ffrica Vice President
The Chief o Commenda
The Accomt
The Surgeon } at CCC / Senior officers to take / 4th Seat

- No salary to a member o Cl except £100 pa to Vice President

- Any officer appld to command an Outport to give Bond of £5000 for faithful discharge o Trust

... ...

T In future no pson under 15 yrs of age [Geo Stubbs son o Robt Stubbs] be appld Writer, nor Asst Surgeon under 18 yrs No officer under 21 yrs to command a Fort.

... —

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[BT. 6/5 C contd]

C 98 Read 14 Dec 1780

Encld. Copy Case & Mr Attys Gens opinion dd 19 April 1780 of previous
— The Case stated by / Ctee after recital of Act giving them, —
sets out t David Mill late Govr & CCC when he resigned on 20 Jan 1777
claimed a balce due to him for / Publick £9900-10-7 wh his succr Richd
Miles on 31 Mar o / same year. Doubt proper to pay & out o a cargo o
goods sent for / maintce o / Forts & it now appears to Mill hd in
his hands £22034-1-6 o / Publick ... ask for opinion how to proceed
to recover this & other debts found to be due from Bell Trader & Westgate
— AG's (Wedderburn) opinion 19 April 1780 as to proceed
by inform^n in / name o / AG. at / relation o / Co agst / Govrs,
the Directrs & such Offrs as can be charged w collusion w them

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C 99. Read 16 Dec 1780

15 Dec 1780 Ups Off. Thos Rutherfoord to Grey Elliott Plantain Chrs
Has laid his bd o yesty's date before / Ctee & now encloses
Sundry ppr, wh w these formerly laid before the Ld ships makes / whole o /
Inform^n recd fm / Govr & Council in Africa; w expect to
our Orders. / Ctee beg leave to refer the Ld ships to / inclosed Certe, but
/ further investigan o wh is submitted to the Ld ships; / remaing parts o / Ctees
Instrns they apprehend, may be accomplished before / arrl o / Shipp
as / Comrs wish them h bn in Africa 12 months & the Comrs beg
temp^y / Ctee think themselves justified in the recall, beg convenced fm
the Correspce & Ds reports, / sooner they are removed / better it will be f
/ Service, but shd it be found t / Comrs they were sent upon is
not finally completed, / Ctee apprehend it will be more f / public
benefit to instruct / new appted Govr & Council to finish such
enquiry than to entrust / present Cargo w / Cte Comrs whose conduct
& views towds / public & to such Ds are very reprehensible.
— as to the third enquiry re Mr Wemyss ... — / Ctee found
t / harmony & subordinan wh prevailed among all ranks o people before
/ arrl o / new Agents hd bn entirely lost by / dissentions & disorderly
conduct o / Offrs now recalled ... & were: o opinion it wd be
an act o / highest injustice to / public to entrust them w / supplies
shortly to be sent out to Africa & t d wn meety to appt some Persons
better entitled to the confidce & the unanimous choice fell upon
Mr Wemyss for Chief Govr — ...

26.

C 100 Read Dec 16 1780

Endd "Copies of Mr Miles's papers"

These include Drs addressed to Mr Pickd Miles paying tribute to his admon & conduct both as Govr & as Chief of Abor. for Custer &c.
John Clemitson CCC 23 July 1779 Horatio Smith CCC 11 Jany 1780
Percy Ruffhead CCC 14 April 1780 Horatio Smith Pender Crawford &
Samel Carpenter CCC 23 May 1780. & Number of / Servts of / Co
(including Philip Quaque) & Drs of [illegible] 11 & 24 April 1780 &
Hibbert Beard to Govr & Col of 27 April 1780

A series of 12 charges & / answers &c to them, undated unsigned but presumably drawn up by Pickd Miles & answered by him

C 101. Read Dec 16 1780

Endd. Correspdce between "Messrs Miles & Westgate"

... [n c] ...

C 102 Read Dec 16 1780

Endd "Mr Miles Answers to Mr Westgate's Charges

... [n. c] ...

C 103

Endd. Copie of / Govr & Council referred to in / Letter of 15 Decr 1780

... [nc] ...

C 104 Read 21 Dec 1780

Memorial Shorthred to Comrs of Trade & Plantations

... [nc] ...

C 105 Read 29 Dec 1780

22 Dec 1780 Rutherford & Grey Elliott re Wemyss appointd

C 106 Read 29 Dec 1780

25 Dec 1780. Ld Grantham to Elliot deputing Wemyss appointt

End of BT 6/5

note. All / above pps can be noted more fully if necy after process for study of / Minutes of / BT. & Corr Drs & reports.

1780

[T70/1539].

Minutes of proceedings of Messrs Robt Stubbs Vice President & Councellors Stewart Beard & Wm Fielde who in pursuance of a resolution of Council of CC. of 19th October 1780 went on a mission to Annamaboe formally to present to Amoney Coomah / presents sent out for him by / Cttee & to get him to sign / following Agreemt

The Mission went at Aboe on 19 Oct. & stayed there till 22d Oct. The Minutes are chiefly concerned w / gross misbehaviour of Stubbs towards his fellow commrs, Stubbs beg Commdt of Aboe Fort.

The proposed agreemt wch was drawn up by Stubbs / commrs & sent to CCC to Mess Roberts & appd by him & signd, was was follows:—

"We Amoney Coomah ppal Caboceer of Annamaboe & "Aggoorry Capt of Town of C.C. [who accompanied / mission] "also / Bundafoes Ando Pyrins, Town soldiers & ppal inhabts of "Annamaboe, Annisham & Agah, do promise & oblidge [ury possible "means shd be used & us to open / Trading Paths to / Kingdom of "Ashantee. & wch purpose, & in order to begin so desirable a work "we promise [no Lett, hindrce, or molestn shd be given to / seval messrs "intended to be sent fm / Council of CCC, Botty Caboceer of CC Town, "& Amoney Coomah ppal Caboceer of Annamaboe, to / Kingdom of "Ashantee, to induce / King to send messrs to / Govr & Council "at C.C. to recve certain presents wch / Council h in chge fm / "Cttee of Co of Merchts trading to Africa, to delr to / messrs of / King "of Ashantee. And we further promise [/sd messrs of / King of Ashantee, "when they arrive here or within / districts of / Fantee Country shd h any "attenn in our power paid to them, also all possible assistce on their "return to Ashantee, w / sd presents, & shd / sd messrs commit "any unlawful act thro ignorce of / Laws of / Fantee country, during their "coming, their stay, or their going, we promise no injury shd be done them "but they shd be deld to / Council at C.C. who are to determine "/ matter as we very much want & wish a free intercourse w / "Ashantees, in order to encourage / British shipps to visit our Coast "as they formerly did when / trading Paths were opened, & we further "promise to use our intt w / seval countries as far as our influce "can be effectual to live in peace & good harmony w / Ashantees "in future".

At a meeting of / Comrs w / Caboceers & Ppals of Annamaboe on 22d Oct 1780 in Aboe Fort, Amoney Coomah was asked to sign / above Instrument. He refused & gave / following reason "That he was "to sign in wt consulting / Ppals of Atara, Fantee, Mussam & / "Broffoe Country it wd be looked upon as a concerted scheme betwn him "& / Council & he sd, these people are of much gter power than "me & therefore ot to be consulted in / matter. He sd & Council, he, "& Botty, shd send messrs w a little brandy to those people "to gain the confidce & protcn & a safe conveyce of / presents "& return of / messrs" [Minute signed by Beard & Fielde only]

In his instructions to Stibbs Beard & Fielde dd 19 Oct 1780. Gov Roberts wrote ... " If Amoney Coomah shd ask what signifies / opening o / ports, tho' are not safety ships suffer by / present Trade? Answer them - there was a time when Annamaboe Road hd seldom fewer than fm 25-30 save o shipps in it, but / Fantees stopping / ports & cause / price o slaves so high, detained / ships so long upon / Coast, wh was a gt Expence to / merchts, & they were obliged to sell their slaves to / Planters in / Colonies at such high prices they cd not pay / merchts for them, wh has put a stop for some yrs to / gt no o ~~Slaves~~ ships to used to anchor any yr at Annamaboe; but if Amoney Coomah & / people o / Fantee country join / Council to use any means in their power to endeavours to settle / disputes (or Palavers) betwn them, & / Asshantees, also to regulate & keep open / paths for / inland traders may come to / Waterside in safety, who will bring a gt no o slaves, gold & ivory ~~&~~ at reasonable prices for sale, as they did formerly; by wh / Fantees will gain as much & more than they ~~did~~ have done when slaves were sold at a high prices, for if accidents they will never see / road wt a gt no o ships, wh will induce many Traders to come fm / inland countries when they know there are such ships & consequently gt quantities o Merchdize wn Aboe they will come to purchase; ... ..

4. Brown-paper-package, tied with pink tape & ~~bubbled~~ inscribed - m/s Turley's hand. -

"Photostats

English - Portuguese Trade

1769 - 1773 "

This contains 3 sets of photostats, as follows:-

i) Cover-sheet inscribed "English Portuguese Trade 1769"

Photostats of Printed Material in Dutch Language.

ii) Cover-sheet inscribed "English Portuguese Trade 1771"

Photostats of Manuscript Material in Dutch Language.

iii) Cover-sheet inscribed "English Portuguese Trade 1773"

Photostats of ~~Mate~~ Printed matter in Dutch Language.

Green Pamphlet Box – "Photostats" – Continued.

2. Brown-p-per-package, tied with pink tape, & labelled – H/S in Fearley's hand –

"Photostats
BAC & WIC
Dingtalen
[Berlin Pamphlet]"

The Photostats are of printed material, in Dutch Language, date of publication 1692

(EFC 27-4-63. has placed this with brown-paper-package. See p. 1. supra).

The following items no 3. & 4, have been placed in another Med. Size Green Box file, labelled

3. Brown-paper-package, tied with pink-tape, & inscribed – ~~Labelled~~ H/S in Fearley's hand: –

"Photostats
Portuguese Trade.
1727-1730"

This contains 5 sets of photostats. as follows –

i) Cover-sheet inscribed "1727 Portuguese Trade Correspondence"
5 Subsets contained in this set:– viz.
a. Photostats of printed matter in Dutch Language
b. – ditto – – – – –
c. Photostats of manuscript matter in – .
d. – – – – – French.
e. – – – – – Dutch –

ii) Cover-sheet inscribed "1727 Portuguese Trade Correspondence"
1 Set of Photostats of printed-matter in Dutch Language.

iii) Cover-sheet inscribed "1727 Portugese Trade – French Pamphlet"
1 Set of Photostats of printed-matter in ~~Dutch~~ French Language.

iv) Cover-Sheet inscribed "1727 Port: Trade Pamphlet in French"
1 Set of Photostat of printed-matter in French Language

v) Cover-sheet inscribed "1730 Portuguese Trade Reglement &c"
1 Set of Photostats of manuscript-material, in Dutch Language.

P.T.O.

Green Pamphlet Box, labelled in M/S - not Furley's hand -
as "Photostats II" Containing
a brown paper package, labelled - M/S in Furley's hand
"Photostats II"

This contains 4 smaller brown-paper-packages, as follows.

1. Labelled "Photostats
Ample Deduction W.I.C [1686?]
Deduction B.A.C. 1687
Letter W.I.C to St.-Gen. 3 June 1688

The Photostats are of printed matter, in Dutch language, and consist of 3 sets, each tied up in pink tape :- the covers are inscribed as follows

i) "B.A.C
Ample Deduction W.I.C." [N.D. 1686?]

ii) "Deduction.
B.A.C.
1687
(Delivered to States General on 27 March 1687. Vide Sht. Gen: Resolution of that date.

iii) "B.A.C.
Letter W.I.C to Sht Gen
Amst. 3 June 1688

encls. A 1687
B . . . 1632
C 1639
D 1680
E . . . . . 1687 Seq.
F 1687
— . . . . — 1686

EFC 27-4-63, has placed this package in a Medium-Size Green Box File, labelled "PHOTOSTATS OF PRINTED MATTER IN DUTCH LANGUAGE

1686?
1687
1688
1692

2. See next page :- This package (1692) has also been placed in the Medium-Size Green Box-File, above-mentioned.

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Jan-1819 – end 1823

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(" 1818 ")

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1781.

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[BT. 6/6 "Africa Bundle D 1-51]

D 4 Read Feb 2 1781.

31 Jan 1781. Rutherford to Richd Cumberland, transmits copy o —

D 5. Read Feb 2 1781

– Petn o/ Ctee o/ Co o Merchts trading to Africa, to / Hon. H. o C.
– The Petrs h laid before / Ho an accr o/ mony granted in 1779.
– They h invested / mony granted in 1780 f / support & maintce o/ Forts & Settlemts on / sd Coast
– T/ Forts & Settlemts having bn delid to Petrs in a very bad state by / R. A. C. and others still in a very unsafe condn
– That this very critical period when hostilities h commenced agst / Dutch Yr Petrs think it their duty to represent to this Hon Ho. how necy it will be to support / British Forts & Settlemts wh are so intermixed w those o / H. P. as to require fur Parliamy aid in order to maintain t Independce & consequce so essential to a free & open trade.
– Pray Petrs ...
– Humbly pray / Ho to ... grant such sum f / maintce Repairs & Defce o / sd Forts & f preserving & securing / Natives in / intt o Gt. Brit. as to ithr gr wisdom sh seem meet.

D 6 Read Feb 13 1781.

12 Feb 1781. The Rutherford to Richd Cumberland. Encloses copies o the following 4 PPs :—

D 1. Read Feb 13 1781.

13 Jan 1781 Offr Ho The Rutherford Secy to John Roberts.
– On rect brof y are to deliv up to Jerome Bernd Weuves / Command o C.C.C. & in wg respect to act in conformity w our order o / 12th December last, an authenticated copy o wh is herewith enclosed [in h]

By order o/ Ctee (25)
The Rutherford Secy

D. 8 Read Feb 13. 1781.

13 Jan 1781 Offr Ho. The Rutherford Secy to Robert Stubbs
– On rect brof y are to deliv up / Command o Aboe Fort to J-B- Weuves or such pson as he sh appt to take charge o it ...

D 9. Read Feb 13 1781.

13 Jan 1781 Offr Ho. The Rutherford Secy to Jerome Bernd Weuves.
Having by our orders o/ 12th Dec. 1780 recalled John Roberts & Robt Stubbs bpn from the Commands in Africa & appld y Govr in Chief, & settled / Council in such manner as appears

to us most conducive to / publick benefit, y are hereby required to take ye passage of Africa in / Hercules Store ship. & on ye arrival at C C C to deliver to Mr Roberts our Letter addressed to him inclosing our order for his accepting & entring upon / duties of / said offices to wch y are appointed. You are likewise to order a proper pson to deliver our sd to Mr Stubbs & take chge of Prize Fort. As Presidt to call a meeting of Cil to lay before them our Lrs & dispatches entrusted to ye care ... (4S) I R Seay.

D 10. Read Feb 13 1781.

Aff offr dat. 20 Jan 1781.

The Cttee [I.R. Seay (LS)] to J B Wewitzer & Cil. C C C.

- Refer to orders of 12 Dec last appg Wewitzer Gov. &c. / future Council - We are concerned to find by any disorders have arisen in / Coast Com / conduct of some lately appointed officers & hope ... Subordination & Harmony will be restored entirely amongst our Lords but also between them & Natives ... [Pence] ... Cannot allow Mr Brew to demand on / bodies as Writer ...

- We observe an addn made to Black mens pay by salaries to a Cabor of Lagoe, Atg Gene Capt of / C C Soldiers, & a note to / King of Abramoe - You are to inquire & report ye opinion on these charges & if you think it necy they may be vested till y receive our further orders.

Rets to / Cabor Lagoe & Mumford Pawns, we are clearly of / opinion, that the relations & friends of ye be permitted to redeem them. Where it can be done y must get / best pawns & if can not embrace yr seekers of those people, & if / event we must leave / exchange of them to ye discretion till we are more fully informed of what may be expected from / Inhabts of those Towns.

We are sorry to see y disputes amg / Towns people of C C. have gone such lengths & wish they cd be accomodated at / same time we think it ought to be ye cautious of interfering for them y may appear to be requested by one or both parties as we are sensible / interposition of Europeans gently widens / Breach & both parties use in the demands expecting all chges to be pd as usual by / mediators

Mr Stubbs palaver with / Fantees appears to have been occasioned by his own imprudence & .·. / Expence must fall upon him.

- Issue orders immedly to Chief of Cong fore to provide for 3 months supply of Corn & forward upon / most reasonable terms, by barter or purchase.

Certain orders & Instrns dd 10 Nov & 3 & 16 Dec 1779 have been delivd to / late Govr & Cil requiring them to take Accts, reform abuses & transact ye business therein contd. y are to inquire what progress has been made by / sd Govr & Cil, & such of / sd orders as have not been fully complied with, y are to ... execute as far as is practicable & consistent with / publick service, & from time to time report ye proceedgs to us.

As hostilities

1781.

[BT 6/6 - D. cont'd]

As hostilities h commenced betwn this country & Holland, & it is probable they may extend to Africa, we direct y to give all assistce in yr power to such o h. Mrs forces as may be ordered to act on y Coast, so far as is consistent w yr duty to / Publick. Y are likewise to be partly careful in guarding agst any surprise or attempt o / Dutch Garrisons & / Natives in their pay.

- Herewith Invoices & B/L: o / supplies per Hercules, Thos Wilson Mr, amtg to £ 11.072 - 5 - 5. - Be frugal in / disposal & send yr accts properly Vouched

- We direct / present Cargo be applied to / Service o 1781 & / surplus if any reserved f / Exes o 1782

By order &c (LS) T. R. Secy

D 12. Read Feb 13 1781.

Anno 1779

Acct o / Money rec'd & expended by / Clie o / Co o Merchts trading to Africa f / Support & improvt o / Forts & Settlemts on / Sd Coast / Clie consisting o / following ... [9 Items] [Summary]

Rec'd fm / Clie f 1778. Balce o last yrs Acct		1014 · 12 · 6
Toy Warrant on acct o Forts & Settlemts	13,000	
Deduct Exs	342 · 13 · 6	12,657 - 6 · 6
Returned premium	—	313 - 8 · 6
Freedom f ~~go pass~~ 39 Items	—	78 ·
Costs recovered o Capt Hughes & / Sund o Amissah		250
" in full		43 · 13 · 3
		14387 - 0 · 9

Expended [each allocated to CCC or Chalkw]

[Commodities	8473 · 9 · 11
Invoice fm London to Africa	1412 · 13 · 6
Chges o Management	1200
Sets f bale in Sund Amissa v Hughes	39 · 1 ·
" on acct	60
Money & Items makg total o	13.397 - 19 · 5
Balce due to / Clie f 1780	989 · 1 · 4
	14.387 · 0 · 9

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4. D 14. Read March 30 1781.

Govr [Roberts] & Council to / Clee C.C.C. 8 October 1780

1. We embrace this opty by a Dutch 16 gun frigate o war arrd at Elmina / 11 Aug. & / Commdr reported she was a ship o 74 guns he had parted fm wh he daily expected to arr. But she has not appeared, nor is it probable she will

2. The frigate sailed for Elmina & passed this Castle / 4th inst on her way to Accra, where / President o / Dutch Council has informed Govr Roberts she will lay 10 days & then sail to Curacao to convoy / Dutch trading Vessels to Holland

3 - Send copy o the Lr o 14 July & encs per Packd Mules - 3 & 14 o Lr letter they reported / arrl o / ships Molly & Nancy fm Lpool, they will sail f. Jamaica in abt 3 weeks, sail having upwds o 600 Slaves, but at average price o something under £9 stg each By those ships we sh write a more circumstantial accot o / state o / Cos affairs t... it will not be prudent to do by / present Conveyce; our reasons we sh fully inform y in / next &c... wh we... believe y will see before this...

4 - Report arrl o 4 ships fm Lpool & Bristol & slaves — Enclose a list o a proper assortmt o merchdize to purchase a slave — Woollens & goods & powder command / gold & very trade.

5. - We refer to § 32 o the Lr o 11 July... we respect to / dispute betwn / inhabts o / upper & lower towns under / Castle. We h / satisfn to inform y t / contendg parties agreed to refer the dispute to Govr Roberts & abide by his decn wh he undertook, & on / 18th finally settled / affair to / entire satisfn o both parties; & / Subjects o / lower Town to / nō o 6 a 700 people returned here on / 2d inst to rebuild the homes t were burned.

→ Copy o / Govrs determinatn o / Nature & Agreemt o / terms they settled upon we sh ... send y by one o / Lpool ships, w / expence we were necessarily obliged to be at to gain so amicable & advantageous an end, wh we flatter ourselves y will deem trifling when compared w / advantages t will derive to / publick fm such a nō o useful people, beg mostly canoemen & fishermen comg fm under Dutch forts to settle in / town under this Castle.

6 . . . [stoneship shd arr before 1 Jan]

7. We h hitherto thot improper to distribute / presents sent under our care as we cou get no perfect accot o / state o / Ashantee Kingdom, / present King beg a minor. So far as we can learn he is governed entirely by / Mother, wh has thrown t one powerful country into 3 divisions, as to weaken it very much. Besides / Dancoes, a powerful people, h revolted & are at war w / Ashantees Both hearg there was a Ppal man o t country at Cape Appolonia, whom we h sent for & daily expect, we hope to get some valuable informatn fm him. Till we obtain more certain accts o / state o affairs in / inland country, we cannot w prudce dispense w / presents f

Ashantee

Vide T 70/1539. 1540, 1541 1542

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[BT 6/6 D. contd]

on there & Amooney Coomah, till we can gt security frm him & people o/ Fantee Country & /safe delry o/ presents & /King o Ashantee & our messgrs safe return here, wh if we obtain, & /men o War assist, we shd use our utmost endeavours to begin a negotiation & settlg /dispute betwn /inhabts o/ inland countries & those o/ sea-side, so as to brg them to an Agreemt to open /trading paths t h bn so long stopped, wh prevented t gt flood o Commerce formerly brot to /forts & shipg; & wh we think may be done But wt /support o /then o War it will be unwise to attempt dog it. Were 2 then o war to continue here till /matter was finished we are o opinion, by the assistce o /sum o £3000 more than /annl supplies to make /presents to /contending parties, & pay expences t always happ in cases o such sort And shd /acquisn o trade gained to /nation be obt by H.M's Ministers o such value to /Brit Commerce, to induce them to issue /above mentd sum, wh they may do on ye /Africn Merchts representg to them /many advantages t will derive to ye Brit & its Colonies were /paths to /inland countries wh h bn so long stopped be agn opened t those inland Tradg Negroes may h free intercourse w /forts & shipg. Shd £3000 be granted & ye Comtee are pleased to place /confidce in us, to consign sd sum to our care, we must humbly entreat ye to rest satisfied we shd be extremely cautious not to dispose o any part thereof till we h seen a solid foundation for completg so desirable a work.

8 - Upwards o 2½ years since one o HMs Ships appeared on this pt o/ Coast - ...

9. - Capt Wright's report (to Committee) o HMS Endymion wh prize Beaver Capt Carteret ~~had refused to~~ frm S L had refused to sail further down /Coast bec o bad weather & had gone to us. 9.

10 ... sgd Ross Bernard & Fields (Stubbs & Rose)

Prices Goods to purchase a Man Slave on Gold Coast

	oz	ackys
1 Knives Half Say		10
1 Sort ~~Broad~~ Linged Broad		12
1 oz Gunpowder	1	.
1 Gun Musket	1	.
1 Negetapaut / Negenepaut	1	4
1 Cotton		8
2 Iron Bars 12 lb Pewter		8
4 Lead Bars		2
2 Guinea Stuffs (Allejar pattern)		4
4 Brass Pans 2 Kegs Tallow		10
8 Galls: Brandy	1	6
1 Half Cotton. 1 Silesia		
	oz 6	0

Prices Goods to purchase a Woman Slave on Gold Coast

	oz	ackys
		10
1 Sort Broad 1 oz Powder	1	6
1 Bejutapt 1 Negenepapt	1	4
1 Cotton 1 Iron Bar		10
12 lb Pewter 4 Lead Bars		8
2 Guinea Stuffs (Allejar pattn)		4
2 Brass Pans 2 Kegs Tallow		8
4 Galls. Brandy		8
1 Half Cotton 1 Silesia		6
	oz 2	6. 0

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D 15 Read March 30 1781.

Gour [Pitts] & Col to / Clee C C C 31 October 1780

– Send copies o the bs o 14 July & 8 inst [supra.]

– Thes per Motley in co w hancy w abt 620 slaves & a quantity o gold & Ivory as / Capts repn.

– ask b / Gour to have power to advise on exit.

– The Dutch usg by means in ye power to prevent them having any trade or intercourse w Port. Ships intimidatg them from stopping at any Brit port tht needg lodg dal. so they cant barter Tobacco w them. – Refer to Accts o Col o 26 April & 29 June [in h.] So they h to purchase Tobacco for Dutch Gen at Cordillard price & much dearer & desire y Convoy to support them]

– Not bn in the power to do anything w / people o Lagoe Manford & Cobal pawns re the redemption: nor will it be till / arrl o / Storeship & 100 Men o War

– Re § 5 o the bs o 8th inst t / dispute betwn / Upper & Lower Tonas people was settled, we must conform / same & t / Ppals o each o / contendg parties h taken Fetish – according to / Custom o / Country strictly to adhere & conform to / * seal Artes o Agreemt each party has signed. Copy inclosed No 2

The expense & going so advantageous a point as y o bringg such a no o people for under a Dutch Fort to reside in / Town under ye Castle where they are buildg the houses, we flatter ourselves y will think inconsiderable as it amts to only £85-8-3 Cos pay. Bothy & Aggery – One. Cabocr, / 2d Capt o / Town, behaved so well / whole time / President was endeavourg to settle / dispute, by / influce they hd w both parties as / seal bearg before / President as gave much assistce to him in settlg / same Therefore, when / contendg parties came into / Castle to put a finial period to / affair, we thot it a proper time to deliv / presents y sent f Bothy / Ppal Caboor o this Town, wh were deld him in proper form & order, before a gr number o / Inhabts, t to him gly enhanced the Value

– Among Council Reorg Cabor Bothy hd recd his presents, sent messgs requestg in a vy pressg manner to recd those sent f him Stubbs Brand & Bulle proceeded to Dbae & deld them, as in Act o Col o 19th inst & minutes o the proceedgs thr

We are o opinion we h begun a negotiat t, if we h / assistce o / Sum o mny ordrd on 4th § o inst to 8th inst ... w / assistce o 2 men o war (to wch negro insolce o station) we shd be able in a short time after thr arrl to settle / disputes t h so long subsisted betwn / sev'l negroes & those o / Inland Countries ... We h not yet seen / Ppal Ashantee man mentd in / ofsd § who was at Appolonia but our Lumos.

* In T70/1539. Copied under 1780

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Lomax / Chf o t Fort assures us he will send him down here if some fr traders he daily expects thr - after we h seen him we flatter ourselves we shall be able to give y an acct o / state & situaⁿ o affairs in t country ... & be careful t / presents to / King o Ashanter & / Caboor o Accra are safely deld : / latter we sh. send immedly to who is y deserving o them beg a faithful servt o / Co

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sgd Robts Beard & Fielde

D 14. Read 8 May 1781.

Gov [Robts] & Council to / Clee CCC 24 December 1780

– Send copy o thr Lrs o 11th ult. [m h] – Reports they were h a
Dated ch / Cast o 1780 fm / supplies by / Geo coyne, to begin payg / taxes o 1781.

3d – ... – / prerogative & jurisdiⁿ o / Forts kept up so as to assert / necy power to preserve / British rights & those o / people living under thr protecn except at Accc & Tantumqy situate in / Fantee country; to oblige those peopa to pay due obedce to those Forts wch demand our constant attenⁿ & to use ev means in our power to recover some valuable privileges t h bⁿ ceded to / natives of these places & sevl of ports o / Coast, for thro indolce or fm what y natives we are ob a Loss to acct ....

4th By a Lr dd 8th ult fm our Factr Chief o Commendo Gov informg / Council a people named Antars, living in / country who reckned themselves subjects o sd Fort, hd commenced a dispute w / natives living in / Town directly under its guns. The sd Antars hd discheyed their Factr the Chiefs commands & dealt, on enquiry, shd / dispute be decided agst them, they wd immedly make war on / Commendo Town, people: also t they hd engaged / Shoopoons, a people subject to / Dutch Fort at Cda to join them. Therefore / Council judged it proper to request our Board to go & assist our Factr, if possible, to settle / dispute in an amicable manner ... he being ye Chief o t Fort & perfectly acquainted w / nature & disposiⁿ o / contending parties.

Our Board on his way to Cda carried a Lr fm Govr Roberts to / Dutch President at Elmina to inform / Shoopoon [Sepoem?] people hd taken a pd in / sd dispute, desirg him to order them to desist, assurg / President on a similar occaⁿ we shd always endeavr to ye utmost o our power prevent / natives under English Forts taking part in disputes t may happen betwn / subjects o / Dutch, referrg him to our Board & parties, who engaged / President to order / Shoopoons not to assist / Antars. After wch our Board went to Cda & in a few days terminated / affairs so as to render tryall in a tranquil state till Botty & Aggerey

Report they

ppal Cabocrs o this town went thr to satisfy /same - /g est part o/ people o Commendo belonged to /sd Cabocrs, which they h done or are returned here . . . they are reconciled . . . We cd not avoid beg ab betwn £30 & £40 expence, but as /dispute is settled, we flatter ourselves y will deem insignificant . . .

[Coj's Pay]

. . . . .

– The Annamaboes' dispute w Stubbs –

– Seizure o a ships boat by /people o Anmuchan causing o not more than 150 poor houses – & stopping a manger w pro[visions] for /Council hd to pay goods & gold to /amt o 02 ƒ.12 or £31

– Complain t /Vice President Stubbs pursues only his own emolument not keeping to presence / power & auth[ority] o his predecessors at Atoe – & they will be under /necty o suspending him.

. . .

11 – To keep / sea coast Negroes under proper subordination suggests a small Brig o 70-80 tons w 6 brass 4 pdrs & as many swivel guns to prevent fishg when places like Atoe & Anshan are insolent – . . . . . – wh wd save canoe hire in supplyg forts –

. . .

13 – Cos Slaves remaing at Seccondee employed in clearg away /rubbish o/ old buildg : layg up /stones & getg ors, to carry on /new

. . . . . .

14. – Recommend advance o pay to Cabocr Aggery. In addition to /reasons in Ltr o 11 July & also presents wh were only sent for Botty. – Aggery a man o gt power & influce, as Gen o/ dist Cos Soldiers belongs to CC. Has gt power & command on sh & also in a no o towns in /neighbourhood for many miles in circumfce [encirclement?]

Ask for Aggery – a white hat w gold paint despang lace w red feather, a scimitar, a fusee silver mounted w a bayonet, a message cane, dft for t sent for Botty, a Scarlet cloth w gold lace, an umbrella, a union hand flag w yellow elephant in /centre.

[In /next Ltr they – or Roberts who clearly wrote also long worded letter – deprecate giving presents to petty Cabocrs !]

20 . . . The presents to /King o Ashantee were by proper so he is a King in reality : but not yet found /means o sendg them to him.

21. The Ashanties h bn at C Appol & Accra for some time past. & /President has sent to endeavour to engage one for /former place to come here, who he expects : but any people for t country will not go on salt water, therfore cannot h one for Accra as /Fanties will not let them pass thro the Country We h sent Aggyumancon /Cos ppal Serjt to Accra on hopes to obtain informn o/ State & situatn o/ inland countries.

[why not get reports fm /Chiefs at Appol & Accra ?]

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25 – Much bad health on / Coast. Adv / Danish Fort Accra
deaths o Sir John Hemsen & his Lady ~~dec~~ on / same day
abt a fortnight ago, & since then / Vice President o/ Council the
Mr Biörn & about 100 ors & died in t fort for a time for / year –
where many died
26 – The Spanish forbidg / Isles o Fernando Po & Annabon consd
by / Portr. but at both places in opposn to / inhabts –
24. Asks for increased Public Table Allowce

(sgd) Phips. Beard & Feilde.

D19 Read 18 May 1781.

The Ctee to Govr & Council CCC Aft off Lon. 14 May 1781

Hm. having bn pleased to order a certain no o troops
for / defce o / Forts & Settlemts & protecn o/ Trade on / Gold Coast
o Africa & for necy services, we herewith inclose y copy o Lord
George Germains secret ltr [or h] to ~~[illegible]~~ We
wee not add upon / objects o Hms ministrs in this Expedn
except t we require y to compey w what is directed therin,
understanding t no / Ldrs o / Treasy h ordered £3000 for / express
purpose o Victualg / troops, we cannot give y any ltr directns by
this conveyce to provide barracks for the recepn, then such as
may be consistent w ye ability wt breakg in upon / money
granted by Parliamt for / support o / present establishmt; any
exertion in for power by means o/ Cos slaves & Lands, we require
y to recourse for carryg / views o his Mts ships ltr into full execn.
And if then / Ctee shd h any further sum granted to them for ye
purposes than Victualg / troops we will take / earliest oppy o communicatg
/ same for ye govr & Council The above sum wee be invested
in goods & provns & sent (we apprehend) be sent out by / Transports
& when this happens we will take care to give proper directns for issuing
/ same in such a way as sh not interfere w / common service o / Ctee

By order ...
Thos Rutherfurd Secy

D21. Read 6 July.

The Ctee to / Govr & Council CCC Aft off Lon 20 June 1781

– Refer to ltr from ltr above o 14 inst –
The Persons & goods intended for Victualg / troops cannot
be wanted room be sent by / ~~Transports~~ Transports, but wee forbid
us / Ordr & Ordnce Stores by a ship to be taken up for / purpose

10. by L Board. W hers we sh wee transmit such fur Instrns as we sh think necy. in / meantime y will see by / enclosed Order [on h] t we h appted our fountains to debr out / provns when they arrive on / Coast

We sh expect y to furnish us w / earliest intellige o / motions & success o / Troops

We recommend it strongly to all our Agts to live in / most perfect harmony w / Officers & Soldiers t compose / Detachmt & to give them the best advice & assistce f avoidg / distempers incident to t dangerous climate We h only to add our usual diren to maintain / Trade free & open to all HMs subjects

[no sigs]

D 23 Read 25 Aug 1781.

Gor (Ricketts) & Cl to / Clee CCC 3rd February 1781

This by a Dutch Cos Ship in / 11th & o / enclosed Duplicate [date not stated but evidently as he now here] we informed y Mr Field [sic] was gone to Tantumquerry to join Capt Lysaght to go & dispossess Mr Stubbs fm / command o Annamaboe fort wh by / enclosed copies o hrs [in h] y will find has ben effected, we sh in a short time ... send y a circumstantial acct o / whole transactn. We flatter ourselves when y peruse our reasons f suspendg Mr Stubbs duro y pleasure they will meet w y approbatn.

4 — Enclose list o Shipg —

5. The President fm his enquiries has recd accts fm Appol & Accra, where some Ashantee Traders h lately come down to purche guns & powder, o t country beg in a state o war & confusion by a very numerous & powerful people named Ducos, formerly subjects to / King o Ashantee having revolted & in 2 or 3 actns h had / advantage over / o's, so t t country is in so critical a situan it wd be imprudent in us to attempt sendg / presents y designed f / Ashantee King

6. — The 9th drought.

Y ...

sgd Ricketts Beard Fielde

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[BT 6/6 D cont.]

D 24. Read 25 Aug. 1781

For [Robts] + Cd to / Ctee CCC. 26 February 1781.

- Send duplicate o the Ls per Dutch Co's ship

2. - R Matter happened we did not / least expect. The 24th inst 8 am we saw to windward 2 sail They appeared to be a Lge cutter + a Ship standg wth his head. At 10 am / Cutter hauled her wind + stood for Elmina meridian she came to an anchor to wd. The ship anchored in this at 3 pm. Sent on board to know whence she came for. Reid answer she belonged to / English Cutter then in Elmina Road, + told Cutter wd be down next mg + / master wd give sy inform" then wanted 5 pm Saw 4 sail sy far in / offg at not make what they were Two appeared to be Lge ships wh spread for Sevts, as it gave them hopes one was a Man o War, / other / Co's storeship. Hour as they did not come to an anchor in / Road it gave cause o suspicn. Strict watch was Kept + / lights o one o / ships was often seen in / night.

25th inst 9 am / Capt o / Cutter came to an anchor a Dutch ship + Sneau he had undertaken in / night out o Elmina Road. Sent to desire / Capt to come on shore wh he complied w + brot / King's Proc + Prepns agst / Subjects ships + ppty belongg to / Dutch Nan. The Cutter is for Poole carries 12 6 pdrs + 63 men called / Union Capt Brown 10 am anchored in this Road / privateer ship Brig Hector Capt Llewellyn fm Bristol w a Dutch Ships + a Sneau he had taken in to windward w abt 350 Slaves on board, gold + Ivory. What / Cutter will find in her prizes at present we can give sy no acct. She transmit it as soon as we can do it w certainty but / ship to this goes by sails to night, Rose fm Cpool Stephenson bnd for Jamaica w 250 Slaves

3 The President sent a Mr yesty fm / Dutch Gen. + answered it directly. Copy o both Drs inclosed - to wh refer what- soever this matter will take. w / Dutch Council we are at a loss to know. What the intentns are be hostile agst us or not, we shd on our parts be upon our guard wst + prepare in / best manner we can to defend, if attacked, / British forts committed to our care notwtstg / disagreeable situan we are in fr want o / public supplies We cannot learn fm Capt Llewellyn any hopes o / Store ships arrd

4. We were in a most perfect state o amity + good understandg w our neighbours / Dutch. When any dispute happened betwn / Natives when our assistce was wanted, they stated it in writg to us. We did / same to them, + it was mutually settled betwn us to / satisfacn o all parties, so that we lived in / most perfect friendship + harmony What wd happen on acct o this gl alterat" in affairs

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time only can determine. Permit us, Gents, humbly to observe / Dutch have long been our contemporaries & neighbours upon this Coast. They well know / extent & its commerce & have formerly, when / Forts were in a much more flourishg state & better supported than they are now, attempted to engross as much of / trade as they possibly cd do, by hostilities both by sea & land. What they will do now, we must leave to ye superior judgmt to determine, a doubt not but ye will most carefully observe any proceedgs of this Nation may tend to commitg hostilities agst / Brit. possessions on this Coast & to take such steps as may to prevent the carryg the designs into effect, as ye from ye gt knowledge & judgmt may think proper.

5 – Enclose a list of shipps –

6 – We have got a list of / Dutch ships in / Capts' names whence they come & were found at / Port [in h] . . .

(sgd) Robts. Beard, Fielde

~~Read 25 Augt 1781~~

Inserted here Lre of / date

D 23. Read Nov 28 1781.

Gov[Robts] & Cil to / Clive CCC 25 January 1781

. . . . . .

– We leave it to ye feelgs Gents to consider / situation we are in at this, we shall not repine but study by means . . . to support & maintain / Forts still / Shipping &c –

– / Gov early applied to Mr Monsque Chief & Succondee to advance Knowg him to be / only person capable & supplies wanted at CCC. for 1st must till arrival of Shipping. He agreed to do it & they were upay him on arrl of / Shipping, which advances they feared a total desertn or disaffectn of Slaves & Soldiers –

– On 25th ulto [Decr] a Dutch Cos Ship arrd at Elmina & in her Peter Valkener who applied by / States of Holland to be / Gov of / Dutch 15 Settlements on this Coast & President of / Council Mr Van der Peuze whom Gov Valkener superseded as President, is Vice President.

– Other Dutch Cos Ship, arrd at Elmina w a Fiscal & 160 Gents & Soldiers. This reported they are gog considerably to increase / no of / Castle slaves & put ye Settlements on a more respectable & formidable foundn than they h been for many yrs past. But if measures are taken by H.M. Ministers to prevent the monopolg / Dutch Tobacco trade they must be at gt expense from Europe, wh, if not prevented, what they will get by the commerce of / Portuguese in a gt measure will defray, & if they were deprived of a part it will be an advantage to Gn Britn by lengthening out / annl supplies & pays / gt expense in repairg / Forts.

The Gov was here when / President was Gov of this Castle before; is well acquainted w / disposn manners & customs of / Natives & to all appearance, so far as we can judge at present seems well inclined to live in perfect harmony & friendship w us, as indeed do all / Gents in ye service wh is reciprocally returned by them in yrs.

By our act of Cil of 23rd inst we have suspended Mr Stubbs copy herwith [5th] –38 of our Cs of 24th ults will explain at ye our reasons – Mr Fielde gone to Tantumquery for ye purpose of before mentioned Cs

(sgd) Robts & Beard.

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[BT 6/6 p D contd]

Gen [Robbs] & Cte to / Cte C.C.C. 19 March 1781

- Send cpy o ltr last p 26 wch [p 11 supra] we advised y o 2 Privateers & 6 Dutch prizes. They h bn here ever since. The 15th day / Capts came on shore they applied to / Pres[id] to take chge o bn 140 & 150 Dutch prisoners & c they wd send them on shore early / next mg. He desired they wd not as it wd be impossible f him to dispose o them in safety & / garrison wh consists o 26 Malabbers & Black Soldiers little to be depended on, & 2 Europeans. This f strength o / garrison, they expected him to take in charge such a number o stout Dutch prisoners. The President then told them it was impossible f him to permit them to come on shore, wh. if he cd do in safety, they must furnish provns f the support f 6 months & give security to be accountable f any fur supply they mt want; wh they seemed not to like. The President then asked them what they intended to do w them. They were at a stand f an answer.

— wh / Results Suggestn / 2 privateer Capts Llewellyn & Brown agreed not to break up 2 o / ships they h taken, but fit them up to carry / Dutch prisoners to Holland —

2. These privateers h ruined our trade f a time by reducg / prices o goods taken in the prizes to so low an ebb & on / arrival o / Storeship our salaries were become 100 p[er] C[ent] worse than they were last year . . . . . .

3 . . . Hdrg / depredans o / privateers cutg / Dutch Coss ships & / Snow out o Elmina Road, wh irritated / Dutch Gen & / Genth o Elmina Castle vg much, when / Gen & / President came to correspond on / matter; / Pres[id] told him he cd not present any matters to / Privateers that proper to do, but he that it wd answer no purpose f he, / Gen & / Cos' officers making themselves parties in / War; but they shd live on / same footg they did before they h an acct o / Proc.

9 Mr o 1/10 4. Offrs many Drs passg & settlg some points to / Gen's satisfn he agreed, & orders were given to / Officers commandg / forts o both Nats to observe a strict neutrality & be upon good friendship w each o[the]r, wh has bn partly observed . . . .

. . . — wrote / 19th o March. no acct o / Storeship -

— Send list o shipg at Cost — wh

PS. The Privateers & the prizes sailed this mg.

Sgd Robbs Brond. Fiscle

14.

D 26 Read 25 Aug 1781.

Gov [Robts] & Cöl to / Clee C.C.C. 31 March 1781

– On 23rd a Privateer Amazon Capt Hughes arrd who wanted to take / 2 Dutch ships given to / Dutch prisoners, & take them home & attack Elmina Castle He had a fine Vessel of 40 12 & 6 pdrs & swivels; but he was dissuaded. On / 27th inst anchored in this Road / ship Sucumb, Privateer fm Liverpool Tragon Commdr who informed us he intended to take one o those ships on o Elmina road & had ben given to / Dutch Capts. We dissuaded him all we cd fm it; told him they were o no Value; & / Dutch Gov & we had entered into a state o neutrality; & tho was a perfect harmony betwn / Officers o both Nats; & shd be do such a thg it wd cause a rupture & must be vy disadvantageous to / Brit. Nation / Store-ship not beg arrd, tho we were in want o vy many things to support ourselves in case o an attack, & for our subsistence He answered he wanted one o / ships. We told him we hoped he wd not think o it as did not suit o / Officers at Table; & we thot we had dissuaded him fm / Enterprize He stayed & waited till Thurs. noon then sailed to Leeward as we thot; both mself & we were much surprised to see him at an anchor in Elmina Road. Abt 11 am he sailed fm Elmina & came to an anchor in / Ship in this Road. What effect this will have upon / Dutch Gov & his Officers we cannot at present say – – He sailed hence this mg to / Ship to Gaboon & / Coast o Angola, with cong & sendg on shore since he went to Elmina

(sgd) Robts. Beard, Feilde

Names o 3 ships arrd dug March.

D 28. Read Nov 28 1781

The Clee to Gov & Cöl CCC. Mr Off Jon 20 August 1781.

In T/O 1539

– Send copies o thr Lrs o 14 May & 20 June [supra 9] & o Lord Geo Germains Ltr of 27 April. – Bd o Orders by consigned to / 2 Offr quantity o Order & Order Stores f/ defce o / Forts on / Gold Coast o Africa per thr Store-ship Active

– They have sent out goods & recvs for Victualling H.M.s Troops to / amt o £2789. 6. 6 & copy o thr Instrns to our Factaine o 19/6 whom they have appointed Commissary for those goods [Instrns to Factaine are D. 29. nc.].

By order &c
Thos Panther Ford

Robt Stubbs to / Clee D 31. Read Nov 29 1781.
Abstr 30 Jan 1781.

Describes his violent ejectmt fm / Fort, at / pistol point by Feilde & Lysaght.

D 30 Read Nov 28 1781

Robt Stubbs to / Clee CCC March 26 1781. Informs them o his intention to set up as independent trader at Mumford in / Rivers where Brew lived many yrs

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[BT 6/6 D. cont'd]

~~D 34~~ D 34 Read Nov 23 1781.

Gov

James Jerome Bernard Bentzes / to / Clee. CCC. 20 June 1781.

I arrd here on / 22d may last & found Mr Beard in chge o / Castle, Mr Roberts / late Govr having died 21st April last, & Mr ~~Stubbs~~ Robert Stubbs having ben discharged / service by / late Govr & Council since 25 Jan.

Beg informed on my arrl at Appolonia t / Govr & Council had entered into a neutrality w / Dutch, & Capt West o HMS Champion having reconnoitred / Dutch Fort at Axim, & intimated his desire to goe to attack t Fort I acquainted him w / ability[ie] I had exrd, & prevailed upon him not to begin hostilities till my arrl here when, if found nesy, we might then consult toge on a proper plan f our operons. He arrd here 23d may in / evng & on / 24th made a prize o / Dutch Co's Schooner passg this Road f Almina loaded w sundry effects belongg to / Co & navigated by 12 free black soldrs. Capt West comg on shore / same day told me he then w sy improper / 2 Forts at Commenda shd stand so near each other: t fm / preparns / Dutch had made thr agst us thr was sy reason to expect they wd attack us & destroy our Fort as soon as he was gone, therefore that it was his duty to do / utmost in his pwr to destroy / Dutch Fort, provided we cd render him any assistce in it. Messrs Beard, Ogilvie, & most o / officers here seemed to coincide w Capt West's opinion t something shd be done in / affair, more parts as his Govr & before my arrl wrote t / Dutch had attempted to surprise our Fort, & as I had on / 23d in / evng wrote / Dutch Gen t provided it was agreeable to him I was willg to confirm / agreemt entered into by / late Col, & he having wrote f answer t it was entirely agreeable to him. I remonstrated agst it, sayg it wd appear inconsistent in me to begin hostilities after what had passed, & advised agst it. Capt West & / Dr Gentn, on / Dr hand, said t fm / attempts they had made to surprise Mr Govr, after the agreemt w / late Council little fault cd be put in the Treaty w me who they wd break when they saw a proper opng f it. & still urged / neety o attacking Dutch Commenda. Seeg all / gentn here so eager f this plan (most o them offerg themselves as Volunteers in / expedn) I agreed provided Capt West shd require my assistce to grant it, but not otherwise. Capt West signifyg his intenn o goeg up to Cda / next day - 26 may, & knowg / weakness o our garrison thr, I despatched in / evng o / 25th, Capt Lysaght w Messrs Ogilvie Fountaine & 8 Soldrs in order to reinforce t garrison & to co-operate w / Mom o Thar (in case o necessity) in / reduc[n] o Dutch Cda, giving them orders at / same time, t as I had entered into a neutrality w / Dutch they were not to fire

until / Man o War & / Dutch Fort had engaged when (if His's service required it) they were then to assist / Man o War to / utmost o their power They did so. They fired / whole platform at / Dutch Fort (last hour until / Dutch had fired & struck / Ship) wh brot on a vy heavy cannonade betwn / 2 Forts, wh lasted (on Sun. 27 May) fm 1 o'clock till ab 4 in / afternoon. Capt West having landed ye day betwn 40 & 50 men, / engagemt recommenced / next day w double vigour; when we did a gr deal o damage to / Dutch Fort & killed a gr no o people; / Dutch dog us but vy little damage. It not beg in our power to stop / communicn by land betwn Elmina & Cda, / Gov immediately sent all his free blacks armed to / relief o / Fort, also 40 white sailors, beg part o those taken in / Dutch prizes by our privateers, & left behind on their parole. These people beg armed, for w vy gr bravery & prevented us fm taking / Fort wh otherwise we shd h done

In this engagemt Capt West's ship was in / most imminent danger, having lost all his anchors & beg so close in shore that it was w / greatest difficulty he cd get to sea, wh he was obliged to do for / preservation o his ship. Upon wh, / Dutch seeing her sheer off immediately fired ye whole platform at our Fort, wh was instantly returned so effectively as to silence ye guns for upwds o ¼ hour. They had 5 men killed & many more desperately wounded. One o ye bastions wh contained all ye ready filled cartridges, took fire & blew up (during / engagemt) wh did them a gr deal o mischief. This wog, 28 May, having rec'd bis fm Cda acquainting me that there were a no o people fm / Man o War in our Fort, they were in want o provisions. I sent to Capt King to lend me an armed boat by wh I sent them a supply. On her return she narrowly escaped being taken off Elmina, / Gov having sent off upwds o 40 armed canoes to intercept her. Having rec'd by her; bis fm Mr Ogilvie wishing for further assistce immedly wrote a visc. to / Commdrs o / Brit. Shipping to afford us what assistce they cd & go to Cda to act in concert w / Man o War. They vy readily & cheerfully complied w my request, in consequce o wh Capt King o / Camden, Master o / Adventure & Thoburn o / Ld Geo Germain got under weigh & sailed for Lence / morng o / 29th. Mr Beard, having at / same time requested to go, on a presumpn that from a knowledge o / ~~place~~ Natives & / place, he cd do us signal services there, took his passage on board one o / Ships in order to take upon himself / Command (pro tempore) o Cda Fort. He arrd ye / 15th June but nothing material was done till / 17th when Capt West having landed some more men, reinforced by an addtl no fm / Merchantmen, & / Dutch having refused to surrender a vy heavy cannonade was begun upon them at 12 o'clock fm /

Ship

[BT 6/6 D onrd]

Ship & our Fort wh lasted till betwn 6 & 7 in / morg, when it was resolved to scale / walls under cover o / night; but when it was attempted it was found impracticable for / gt no o armed free Blacks who were entrenched up to the chins all round / Fort. This beg / case & seeg no probability o cutg off / communicn betwn Elmina & Cda wh supplies all the wants in / night, added to / contin o / Champions people beg rather sickly & much fatigued, Capt West resolved to embark his people & return here, wh he did ye / 1st o / ships Mercht ships on / 4th inst. On his leavg Cda I wrote / Dutch Gov. to as Capt West had now withdrawn himself fm t place & as our flag upon his ship & Fort had ben in consequ[ce] o ther flag upon Htm's ships, wh as British Subjects it was our duty to assist. I begged to know wh (/ cause beg removed by / Champions departure) he chose to continue hostilities betwn / 2 Forts or not, assurg him at same time t nothg but my duty to my King & Country cd h prevailed upon me to break / peace & good harmony t subsisted betwn us, & t in this case I hd ben compelled to do it in order to support / dignity o our flag, wh I wd always support to / last. He wrote me for answer t if I wd enter into a treaty w him t no fur hostilities shd be carried on in this country eir by myself or any o Htm's Ships t not knowg wt, he wd sign & prevent ships o his Nation fm molestg us I wrote him for answer t I hd not / power to entrg into such a treaty; t I cd only stipulate w him for those under my command, but t even in t case a prizes shd be made t in case o / arrl o any o Htm's Ships / neutrality not only ceased but I shd assist them to / utmost o my power as my duty required This he rejected so t affairs continue as when Capt West left Cda. Hours / 2 Forts h ceased firg at each ot, but all communicn is stopped betwn us & our Forts to windward, / Dutch having armed all the free Blacks who take & plunder every thg they can fm us They h taken prisn o English Succondee wh was quite defenceless, & are all under orders to march agst Dixcove They retook a few days ago / schooner t was made a prize o by / Champion, by means o armed canoes, & h also taken a boat belongg to Mr Lomax w a gd deal o ppty. In short they distress us all they can In consequ[ce] o wh I h entered into a negotiatn w / Fantees who h my orders to march

to Cda, cut off / communican betwn t place & Jamaica, & prevents all Kinds o provins fm beg brot to / Dutch. The critical situan they are in w regard to provins, makes me hope they will soon come to terms. Indeed I am almost assured t Gov h proposals made me by / Gon as soon as he finds / Man o War is gone. Messrs Beard & Ogilvie beg both at Cda deprives me o / benefit o the advice wh I stand in gt need o on this occn. I h hour / pleasure to acquaint y t all / officers under my Command seem quite full o spirit & determined to do the utmost f / honour o / Publick Service. They o their own accord h complimented me w a Subscripn wh already amts to more than £500 f / defrayment o / exes, wh shews I think they do not want f Spirit.

I presume it will be unnecy f me to acquaint y w / distress o these Settlements previous to my arrl. owg to / late coming o / usual supplies — Asks t / Storeship be dispatched as soon as possible. — In gt want o ordnce stores & men f / Jam party as now we h not only / Dutch to contend w.

— Capt West sailg this mg cannot send all / pps — One thg, situated as we are, is o / utmost consequce to us. ie. / importn o gunpowder in trading ships to Africa, wh gives our enemies an oppy o getting supplies w L Adrde did it not bn f our own ships bringg a lge quantity o it / Dutch wd h bn in / utmost distress as the Storeships w Seal &c were all taken by our Privateers who brot them here & disposed o the Cargoes f almost nothg. The British knowg the was a lge quantity o gunpowder on board gave gold to / Natives who went & bot it f them: by this means they h got supplied & are able to make head agst us. I issued orders to / Chiefs & Commrs o Shipg not to give any powder to / Pirates o Slaves under / penalty o £500 The Capts agreed to it f 11 days . . . . This I hope will shew y / necty o / prohibn o Gunpowder to Africa whilst we are at war w / Dutch . . . . . I &c

Jer Bard Wentes

D 35 Read Nov 28 1781.

Jer J B Wentes to / Ctee

C C C. 29 June 1781

- Sends copy o his last o 20 instr per H M S Champion

Jer Beard acqd this mg fm Commenda where he left Messrs Ogilvie & Paynter in chge. Voyg remains this in / same way as per my last. The communican still stopped betwn us & all our Settlements both to Windrd & Leewd wh I hope will be removed when / Fanlees go up to Commenda wh they promise to do some time next week

- The necty f dispatchg / Store ship as early as possible —

I h &c

Jer Bard Wentes

[BT 6/6 D contd]

D 47 Read Mar 22 1722.

Gov Jerome Bernard Wenbes to / Cte CCC 27 July 1781

– Apes o his letter o 29th ulto [supra D 35] already by sent since wh nothg
material occurred –

– Enclose Acts o Col since Beards return fm Cda – Beard now
settled at Abce – Supplies to / Leward Forts beg sent by various shipps –
– Send packet fm / Cte Council w ppos re suspension o Mr Stubbs who
has taken passage by ships Zorg wh has sailed to Leward fm Abce.

I expected by this time to h b able to inform yr Ex / Fanties accords to
my diros hd formed a camp betwn Elmina & Commendor & drive in /
inland country, but it has not yet taken place & I begin to despair the ever
dog it, / Dutch having bribed them very high. I am confident / Dutch h
at least given them £5000 wh they h b obliged to take out o / ppty o
/ late Gov (as I am informed) & Attorney Council our Ppal Cabocr at
Abce & some more o / heads o Fanties h hd no small share o it.
How the brokes will h no dr effect than Kpg / Natives neutral, & /
Fanties will never suffer us to be drove fm the country. My only
fear is f our Windwd Forts whre / Dutch h gtr force, consequently
more infl, than we. It has b n my study since my arrl to put all /
Forts on as good a state o defce as possible & I believe I can
safely say assert that unless / Dutch get a reinforcemt fm Europe
we need be under little apprehens'n for them. The Blacks still
continue to seize our ppty & subjects, wh causes our Blacks to
retaliate & is / means o stopg all communicatn.

On Sunday mg 15th inst sg a schooner boat lyg off
Elmina endeavourg to beat to Windward, I concluded she
belonged to / Dutch & immediately ordered / Towns people to go off
& seize her. They manned 4 lge canoes, went after her & took
her. She proved to be what I dmd, a Dutch boat, loaded w
goods & arms f Bentry. These goods & arms I am informed
were to be distributed amgst / Blacks o Succondee, Bentry, & Accoda,
in order to go & attack our Forts at Dixcove, Therfore / taking o
them must h b a gt disappointmt to them. The goods I distributed
most o them amgst / free people & ps who took / boat in order
to encourage them, but / arms, beg 120 in nō, I h kept to be
given to our own people in case o neces'y, And as it is impossible
to transport anything to / out forts in canoes (except it is to Abce)
I h armed / Boat & put in her 2 soldiers (who are sailors) w
4 free people o / Town to navigate her at 25/- Gold ea p. m, by
wh means we sh always be able to send dō our out forts any necessaries
– The Gov sent 2 canoes dr on the 17th at 2 am to recapture
/ boat but / attack beaten off & failed –

tho / Dutch do wt thy in the power to annoy us

– Reports abt / Port ship wh after leavg Elmina was brot to in CC roads by a gun fm Ship Vulture wh wanted tobacco. The arrest & impt o his canoemen fm Elmina wh / Port Skipper cd / Dutch had forced him to take of 42 Rolls tobacco besides / canoe ..... —

Since my last I h entered into a negotiation w / Dutch Gen for an exchange o prisoners by wh means I h obtd / rele o our People & ab people taken off Elmina in / Schooner. The remain still a no o our people at some o the d^r Forts, but I believe I h now as many of ours as not more than a sufft no for the exchange.

– Season unhealthy, many sick – for / deputies w / Dutch & Negy t some o / Factors shd be stationed at any out forts in case o any accident to / Chief

– The agreemt w Commdrs o Shipg abn wtdrawg any powder fr slaves, broken immedly on expirn o time – Shipping now goes 10z to 1½ oz powder wh on each slave – Endorses his conspicce w / Captns [in h] – Again urges prohibn o powder fr ships to WA.

– a fight at CC betwn / people o Capt Aggerrie & John Quamino – reported by Bobby Cobor & settled by him [Wewes] on 29 July Came – a general betwn / respective dependants

– This goes by ship Lord Germain –

– Slaves not so plentiful as few months ago owng to bad season o / year but they continue at 8 oz & 6 oz

I am – &c.

Jerome Bernard Wewes

D 46 Read March 22 1792.

Gov^r J B Wewes to / Cttee CCC. 1 October 1791

– Sends copy o his last [supra] since wh Capt Currie o / Dumfries arrd here on / 8th Aug. Thanks me fr despatches o 14th May last [supra p 9] in consequce I set abt immedly to procure proper accomodatn fr / people therein mentd wh I h now reason to expect will shortly arrive Messrs Whitte & Miles came in sd ship ... – Bad season on Windward, public business retarded. – We h hd 2 Dutch: in this road one brot by Capt Currie / o^r o his own accord & bartered w both fr tobacco Trade still dull & are affairs w / Dutch much in / same way. – Reference as p. my last

– Reference fr Hercules leakage o brandy & heavy chges incurred by / ans will make Supplies my chief to defray / exes to / end o / year – Beg / to despatch Storeship as soon as possible

Remain – &c –

Jerome Bernd Wewes.

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[B 16/6 D contd]

D 48 Read March 22 1782.

Govr Jerome Bernard Weuves to / Ctee C.C.C. 26 October 1781.

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On 11th Augt in consequ[ce] of ye despatches by ship Dumfries a Council was held to take them into consn. Resolutions herewith No 4 [Enc]

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Same day [1 June] a Portg Capt hav[g] anchored in this Road came on shore & requested my protec[n] wh I promised he shd h[a]ve & sent on board an officer w[th] abt 20 Cs Slaves well armed to watch on board her for fear / Dutch shd come in / night & cut his cable, wh they h[a]ve sometimes done in Annamaboe Road. He was very thankful for / people, begged I wd get him a canoe & canoemen & dispatch him as soon as possible, wh I did in 10 days (having procured him canoemen from Aboe) when he sailed for Leeward. I bartered w[th] him for 40 Rolls Tobacco wh at £5 p roll is £200 for wh I gave him 40 half barrels Gunpowder at £3 each is £120 so yt by / above ther is a profit of £80 to / Ctee. & now Gentn give me leave to point out to yr / gr benefits [that] wd arise to / service ed we influce / Portuguese to resort here instead of Elmina. There are annually 13 Portuguese vessels to this Coast who, were they supplied here by / Co w[th] powder guns, cloth goods & brandy (wh they all want for ye trade to Leeward & wh they must get on / Coast [if] not for / Forts or Ships) wd bring in a clear profit of upwds of £200 each ship wh in / yr wd make £2600 by barter alone & be a pretty increase to our annl supply

The Dutch not only now get this benefit, but / 10% also wh, say to one ships w[th] another it amts to only 400 rolls (wh is I am sure a very moderate computa[n]) it will then produce / sum of £26000 — since / annt of our Grant. Is it therefore any wonder / Dutch shd h[a]ve more power & influce than any other Europeans in / Country, when for / advantages they enjoy, they are able to give to / Natives much more than anybody else?

Sept 20. Capt Hammond of / Regiment of Lipse. hav[g] anchored in Commenda Rd in order to get a Canoe ther, / Dutch thinkg it was a ship of War, reinforced / garrison of ye Fort w[th] 30 Soldiers 4 officers & 70 stout Cs Slaves who h[a]ve been ever since, buildg a platform facg / Sea, wh by acct of 15th Inst. is already 9 feet high, so yt in a short time it will be completed & fit for mountg 16 or 18 guns, wh will considerably increase / strength of ye place.

— 10 Oct Bartlett power at Tantum prevented fm goig to / beach by armed Town soldiers f not ~~complying~~ giving them liquor —
O/C Fort fired grape on crowd dispersg them & probably Bartlett to return to / Fort wh / Natives attempted to blockade wh effect —
Sent Mourque to Frederick Adolf Danquist who settled / matter & obtained satisfn f / insult.

Oct 15th — A canoe sent up to Ogilvie at Commenda wh Corpl & black fm Beg was seized by / Dutch free people close wh / Dutch Landg place over Towns people endeavoured to rescue them & a fight ensued over people lost 7 killed. We captured 39 Dutch people now in / Fort The Gen of Elmina has retd / fm Beg & I believe will consent to return / canoe & provided our people will agree to drop / affair wh they h refused to do as they demand satisfn fm / Dutch f / insult offered them, after having made a law suing themselves t / Landg place be as free to both parties as ever. The consequence is that all / Elmina Chiefs Successors & Tuccorary people are gone to / assistce of / Dutch while / King of Warsaw has sent his troops to / assistce of our people who say they are ready to fight / Dutch people at any time wh / least fear of peg wasted — They h sent to me f ammunitn. The Dutch have supplied the people plentifully I But I will do no less than comply wh the request I accdgly sent them a no of prize muskets 20 ℔ kegs of powder lead bars flints &c wh has pleased them much I hope soon to hear Mr Ogilvie & his Fries arrive. — will be able to bring things to an accomodatn. This was stood at Cape at all / fm forts wthg remarks of ours no attempt having been made upon any of them except Accoore wh was attempted / 1st inst by Messrs Pallé & Sprengel Gers of Prum & Bartley, but the troops were so discontented that when they found they were to go on actual [sic] Service, they refused to march, wh caused / while scheme.

. . . — The early appearce of / Steamship will be of very acceptable sight to all fr Servts — . . Notwg / heavy war charges, yet fm / want of public subscriptns of Gold as / profits fm / Fort, barters / supplies will not hold out to / end of / Year. — I remain &c

Jer. Bernd Wesmes

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D 37. Read Nov 28 1781.

Copy of Minutes of Ctee of Merchts trading to Affrica relating to Richd Miles Esqr Govr &c CCC Present of Council &c

[These Minutes start on 31 Jan 1781. & are a detailed view of Miles's acts They end at Minutes dd 10 Octr 1781 when it was inter alia resolved unanimously that Richd Miles had during his Admon acted as became an honest man & faithful servt of Public: that it was an act of justice due to Mr Miles that he be & was thereby accordgly restored to his rank & that Salary be allowed fm / day of his Suspen; & that / Sum of £5544-9-5. Cos pay was justly due & owg to Mr Richd Miles fm / Public; & that Copies of / proceedgs be laid before / Lds Comrs of Trade & Plantns & sent to / Bristol & Lpool Ctees & / Freemen of those places & a certd copy given to Miles

D 38. Read Nov 28 1781.

Affrican office 14 Nov 1781.

At a Ctee held this day

Resolved unanimously That / following Resolutions be / Instructions to Richd Miles Esqr Govr of CCC Present of / Council &c.

Taken by our Minutes of / 10th day of Oct 1781 we have entered into / Chief Person of / Brit. Forts & Settlements on / Gold Coast of Affrica at Cabo Lahydah, we think it necy to give him / following Orders & Instructions for his future Govt

1. Crooks p 49.—
Richd Miles Presidt of Council Treasr Commander & Govr in Chief
Johnstone Bernard Esqrs Vice Presidents
Steuart Bonard
Geo Ogilvie
Richd Smith Esqrs } Members of Cil & Chiefs of Atoe Accra & Cabo
2- Mr Abson [Lahydah] to still hold rank as Councillor tho cannot often be consulted —
3.- Forts of Atoe, Accra Cabo & Lahydah to be commanded only by Members of Cil
4 ...
5- Vacancies in Cil to be filled by seniority subject to approbn of / Ctee -
6. Crooks p 50
7 8-18. " Instrns re accts offices & dead Mens &c
19. Crooks P. 50

Establishmt of Officers & Serts at CCC

CCC. 1 Gov £400 pa + Public Table £400. Auditor & Register £200
Dep Auditr 130 Secy 150 Cash Secy 130 Surgeon 100 Asst Surg 80.
Dep Sheriffs 100 to ye Coroner 36. 4 Factors at £80 = 320. 2 Writers @ 60
= 120. Chaplain 80. Officer of Guard 80. Sergt 50. 2 Corpls @ 36/2.
30 Soldiers @ 27 = 810 2 Drummers @ 24 - £54 2 Fifers 13.10 = 27
1 Drum Major 36 Gardener 50 Butler 50 Asst Surveyor 80 -
58 in Garrison — Total £3605
1 Coffeebearer [Bolley] 100
1 Linguist [Frederick Adoy] 100
1 Capt Gen of Town [Aggery] 60
2 Black Writers 30
£3945

Accra Chief 200 Table 150. Vice Presidt 100 Factor 80 Sergt 36
Gunner 36 8 Soldiers 216 = 12 garr at £818

Tantum query C Chief 100 1 Sergt 36 4 Soldiers 108 = 6 at £244
1 Sergt at Mumford 36
36
280

Winbah Chief 100. Sergt 36 5 Soldiers 135 = 7 at £241.

Accra Chief 100 Factor at Pram 80. 2 Sergts 41 Gunner 36
9 Soldiers 243 Linguist 60 = 14 at £591

Whydah — — — — £382

Cida Chief 100 Sergeant 36 Gunner 36, 5 Soldiers 135 = 8 at 307

Deave Chief 100 Sergt 36 Gunner 36. 5 Soldiers 135
Black Writer 18. = 8 [&c] 325

Appoh. Chief 100. Factor 80 Sergt 36 Gunner 36, 5 Soldiers 135
= 9 at 367

Total 127 men at £4306

D 42 Read Dec 21. 1781.

Read "Copy of Minutes of Ctee of Co of Merchts trading to Africa on 12th & 18th Dece. 1781. containg the reasons for not proceeding at Law agst certain of the Officers".

[In C. Journal of B of T supplt].

D 44 Read Feb 19 1782.

Petition to H of C. for Ctee of Co and for a grant.

State inter alia that Forts & Settlements now in so much more danger as they are exposed to Attacks of Dutch the near neighbours, & inconsiderable force upon Coast, they require

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require not only a more effectual supply of men & military force-stores for the defence but likewise a more ample provn of merchandize to secure / protection & support of / Natives of / Country - The charges of freight & insce beg in / present year exceed £2000 more than in 17/4

- after long inquiry into his accts they find £5544.9.5 Cos Pay equal to abt £3465 Sterlg is due to Pickd Miles & they cannot pay it not / assistce of / H.C.

- Oz sums claimed by Offrs of / Co but not yet reported on by Commrs

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D 50 Read April 26 1782.

Anno 1780

An Acct of Monys recd & expended by / Cttee of / Co ... for / support & Imptovemt of / forts & Settlemts The Cttee consists of / following Sorts ... [9 names]. [Summary]

Recd by / Cttee £1779 Balce of last yrs Acct — 989-1-4

Duty Warrant — 13,000 . .

Select Fees — 342.13.6 — 12654-6-

288

13934-7-10

Expended (includg £1200 charges of Management) — 12521-10.6

Balce due to / Cttee for 1781. — 1412-17-4

13.934 7-10

[End of BT 6/6.]

Note This concludes all / papers referred to in / Journals of / Bd of Trade & P. mentd

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1704.
November 24th
Letter to Mr Perry Secretary to / Royal Affrican Co for Seal o the Accts.

To John Perry Esqre Secretary to / Royal Affrican Co

Sr The Lords Commissioners o Trade & Plantations having under Consideration / Petion o / Royal Affrican Co to her Majesty. The Lordships h commanded me to acqt you That they desire you will cause them h / Accts following.

Acct o / Ten p. Cent paid by Seperate Traders frm June 1698 to Michmas 1704. & how / same has bn Expended

Acct o / Charge o / Forts & Castles during / aforesd time & o / Cos Settlemts in Affrica

Acct o / Value o / Cos Joint Stock in 1698

Acct o what has since bn Called in

Acct o what Dividends h bn made durg / aforesd time

Acct o / Value o / present Stock.

Acct o / Debts owg by / Co

Acct o / Exports & Imports frm 1698 to Michaelmas 1704

Acct o / Number o Ships fitted out by / same time

Acct o / Number o Negroes furnished by / Co to / Seal Plantations durg / sd time & at what Rates & / London or wch such Negroes h bn sold

Acct o / Woollen Manufactures / Co h Exported since June 1698.

Jam — tc
Wm Popple Junr

Whitehall
Novr 24th 1704.

Letter to Mr Lowndes desiring an Acct o Imports & Exports by seperate Traders to Affrica.

To Wm Lowndes Esqr.

Sr Her Majesty having bn pleased to refer to / Lords Comissrs o Trade & Plantations a Petion frm / Royal Affrican Co, The Lordships h Comanded me to desire you will move my Lord High Treasr that they may h bn / Commissioners o Her Majestys Customs

An Acct o Exports & Imports by Sepate Traders to Affrica frm 1698 to Michelmas 1704.

Jam — tc
Wm Popple Junr

Whitehall Novbr
12th 1704

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December 1st
Letter to Mr Perry for some further Accts frm / Royal Affrican Co

To John Perry Esqr

Sr Since mine to you o / 24th o / Past Month, by direcn o / Lords Commissioners o Trade & Plantations, for sevl Accts frm / Royal Affrican Co, The Lordships h agn Commanded me to desire that you will likewise please to let them h as soon as possible Copys of ye sd Accts:

An Acct how often / sd Co h Ballanced their Books since 1698 to this time, & what those Ballces amounted to.

Jam further directed to request You / Acct you may give o / Ten P. Cent paid to / Royal Affrican Co by / Seperate Traders, & you do add to / partr sums, / Names o / Persons who h paid the same. Jam — tc —

Wm Popple Junr

Whitehall Decembr
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Decembr 15th
Letter to Mr Way & ors seperate Traders to Africa w. several Queries & the Answers.

To Benjamin Way Esqr & ors

Sir

The Lords Commissioners of Trade & Plantations having under Consideration Several Papers brought from the Royal African Co touching the Trade to Africa. Their Lordships have commanded me to send you the Inclosed Queries relating to the said Trade, & to desire that you will Communicate them to the Merchants Trading to Jamaica. And that their Lordships may have to all the said Queries full Answers (as strongly proved as may be) with all convenient despatch.

The like Queries have also been sent to Mr Robert Heysham, Mr Joseph Martin, Mr Isaac Milner, Mr David Waterhouse & Mr John Taylor, wherewith I think necessary to acquaint you, that you need not Communicate your Queries to them, but to such only as you shall think proper.

I am — &c —
Wm Popple junr

Whitehall Decbr
15th 1704.

Benjn. Way Esqr
Robt Heysham
Joseph Martin
Isaac Milner
Davd Waterhouse
John Taylour
Peter Paggen

1704
December 15th.

Queries to the Seperate Traders to Africa

First, What time the present African Co was incorporated in 1672. to the time that the Trade was opened in 1697. there were any Complaints against the said Co as to the ill management of the Trade, what those Complaints were, by whom made; & what was done thereupon.

2d. What Forts, Castles, Factories, & Settlements they had at the time of granting the present Charter, & what Forts, Castles, Factories & Settlements they had in 1697. when the Act passed for opening the Trade?

3d. What Forts, Castles, Factories & Settlements they now have, & of any whereof they were once possessed have been lost or quitted; By what means; or to whom have the same been lost or quitted?

4th. In what Condition are the Forts & Castles at this time, as regard to the Fortifications, Number of Men, Artillery Amunition & Provisions?

5th. Have the Seperate Traders (who paid the Ten P. Cent) enjoyed the partition & benefit of the said Forts & Castles in such manner as by the said Act they ought to have enjoyed, or has the same at every time been refused when demanded.

6th. What Charges do you believe the Co may have been at in Supplying the said Forts & Castles with Men, Artillery, Ammunition, Provisions & all other necessaries & incident Charges from 1698 to 1704?

7th How much do you Compute has been paid to the Co by the seperate Traders betwn 1698 & 1704. comprizing the said Duties & Forfeitures, & what sum has been answered the necessary Charges of the Forts & Castles only?

8th What do you judge to be the Real Value of the Forts & Castles, & the other Dead Stock?

9th. Do you not find in your private Commerce with Natives, a necessity of having Forts & Castles for the Security of the Trade; Or what Method can you propose on a free & open Trade, that the same do not fall into a confused & abusive Traffick to the destroying all Credit with Natives whereby the Trade may fall into the Hands of other Nations?

10th Has the Co Extended the Trade to the most profitable Parts within the limits of their Charter, & wherein may it be further Extended or improved?

11th What defects do y found in / Constitution o the present Charter?

12th Hl / Natives advanced / Prices o Slaves, or o their own Comodities & depriciated our Commodities since 1698. If so, then to what degree has / same bn done; And what do y conceive to be y true Cause throf?

13. What Trade h / Dutch or French to Affrica, in what parts is / same chiefly Carryd on; whr such ther Trade has bn improved since 1698, & to what degree, & what Strength or Settlemts h / Dutch or French in those parts?

14. Hl / Blacks at any time since 1698, Insulted / Cos Forts or dr Settlemts; & if so, what do y found to h bn / Occan throf, & what Consequces such Insults h had?

15. How many Ships h bn Yearly sent out by / Co on Acct o t Trade; & how many by / private Traders within / same time?

16. What Shipg does now belong to / Co as ther partr property?

17. What do y compute to be / Value o / Exports (partly in refere to our Woollen Manufactures), & o / Imports o / Co betwn 1698 & 1704 as far as y can be able to make a Judgemt throf; And what is / Value o / Exports & Imports by / Seperate Traders w t time?

18. What Number o Negro's do y Judge necessary f / Supply o / Sevll Plantns, distinguishg / Number wanted in each Plantr.

19. What Number o Negroes h bn Yearly Imported into / Plantns by / Co frm 1698 to 1704; what Number within t time by / Separate Traders; At what Rates h such Negroes usually bn Sold by yr Co, or by yr Seperate Traders within t time: And at what Rates were they sold before yr Trade was openid?

20. What do y beleive the h bn / true Value o / Cos Stock in Trade in 1698; How much h they callid in & actually received frm ther Sevll Adventurers betwn t time & 1704, & what Dividends h they made within t time?

21. What do y think to be / present clear Real Value o / Cos Quick Stock, or Stock in Trade, viz in Cash Merchandizes Shipg or good Debts owg to them, all Debts owg by / Co first deducted?

22. Lastly, What do y understand to h bn / Practice o / Co, since / openg t Trade in relan to ther Adventurers in Trade abroad, & Dividends at home, & how much in Value h / Private Traders adventured evry Year, more than / Co. since t time?

To all wch Queries, full Answers (as strongly provid as may be) are desired, w all convenient dispatch.

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Feb 9. 1705/6.

Letter to the Earl of Sunderland, & a Representn upon Petition of RAC.

Whitehall Feb 13

Feb 13 1705/6

To the R^t Hon^ble the Earl of Sunderland

My Lord

Having attended H^r Majesty's Commands signified to me by yr Lp^s of the 20^th Nov^r last, considered the Petition of the RAC & all other Papers referred by yr Lp^s to this Board concerned in the Plantations, We have humbly thought fit to lay before yr Lp^s our Representation drawn up to be laid before Her Majesty in Council.

Stamford. Herbert. Pr. Meadows. John Pulteney. Rob^t Monckton.

To the Queens most Excellent Majesty

Trade

May it please yr Majesty

In obedience to yr Majesty's Commands signified to us by the R^t Hon^ble the Earl of Sunderland the 20^th Nov^r last, We have considered the Petition of the RAC to yr Majesty

H.90.

& having often heard the said Co^y to the Allegations in their Petition & Answer and all the most considerable Separate Traders, & others concerned in the Plantations, We take leave to represent to yr Majesty the Matter as it appeared to us which is as follows.

That in 1672 the Liberty of Trading to Africa was by his Majesty's Royal Grandfather King Charles the Second granted to the present Company exclusive of all others Subjects in the Charter being bounded Southward by the Cape of Good Hope & to contain a Sea Coast of more than 6,000 miles.

African Entry Book fol 83.

We do not find that Trade was at that time carried on or improved to the Satisfaction & Benefit of this Kingdom and of the Plantations until the late Reigne (as the Petitioners suggest) for that Parliament in 1680 there was a Complaint from the Council & Assembly of Jamaica to his then Majesty in Council that the Island was not supplied by the Company with the number of Negroes then wanted, that many of them were unfit for Service, & were sold at exorbitant Rates.

Such Complaints & a general dissatisfaction that so profitable a Trade should be confined to an exclusive Joint Stock soon broke on an interloping Trade whereby the Plantations were much better supplied with Negroes; And it is particularly affirmed that no Negroes were carried to Virginia or Maryland till the private Traders opened that Country Trade. During that time great private Ships of their Cargoes were seized on the Coast of Africa & the Plantations, for trading contrary to the Co^y's Charter, whereby the private Trade was in a manner crushed. But upon the late Revolution the Petitioners revived again; And we find it was carried on for some years to a much greater degree than formerly

Keeble's Stat. Vol 3^d fol 1975.

[Vide Domain I P 421]

[Recd royal assent July 5 1698]

In 1697. an Act was passed for settling the Trade, whereby Liberty is given for the Term of 14 years from the 24 June 1698 to any of his Majesty's Subjects to trade within the Limits of the Co^y paying the Duties in the said Act mentioned Viz^t

10% ad val on all Exports & Imports of the Trade between C. Blanco & C. Mount (on the Gold Coast)

10% on Exports only between C Mount & Cape Good Hope with an exemption of duties on Negroes

5% only on Red Wood.

All which Duties are payable to the Co^y & (tho' w^th 1/3 part of all the Forfeitures) are by them to be wholly applied to the maintaining the Forts & Castles with Men, Artillery, Ammunition, Provisions, & the necessary & incident Charges, & to no other use whatsoever

© Vide C.S.P. Colonial America & W.I. 1644-1680
1170. 1574. 1575. 1583. 1622.

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Since / passg o^t Act w^h we heard of any Complaints fm / Plantations either for Scarcity or excessive prices o^f Negroes other than as may h^e been occasioned by / present war. The Number o^f Negroes yearly imported since t^e time limited by / Statute o^f Traders to Guinea (computed) abt 25,000; & / Co (according to ye Accots) h^e exported but 17,760 in / whole time since / passg o^f sd Act. The prices o^f Negroes sold by / Co or private Traders h^e not much / gone, or h^e advanced or lessened according to / demand & to / rate & fall o^f / sevl Commodities produced in / the diff^t Plantations; but t^e gen^l / prices h^e been fm £14 to £23 p. head

The Petrs for set forth t^e being willing to try if they cd carry on / Trade under this new Regulⁿ, they raised an additional stock; but after an experience o^f so many years, h^e found it attended w^th irreparable inconveniencies, under wch they say / Co can no longer subsist, for / following reasons.

First. That / Ten p^er cents does not render answer / Charge o^f / Forts & Castles

In proofs whereof they h^e delⁿ in / following Accots o^f / 10 p^er cent fm / private Traders fm 1698 to 1707 inclusive, amounting to £53,731.9.6. wch w^th £193,134 computed fm / Co's Exports & Imports to be the Sum arising on o^e 10 p^er cent fm / same time amounts in / whole to £187,865.9.6 Whereas / charges o^f Forts & Castles for those years, according to the following Accots given in by / Co amount to £243,172.16.7. So that / Charges exceed / Sum received £185,707.7.1.

And / Co being asked in what Condition their Forts & Castles were, they answered t^e they were well provided w^th men, arms, Ammunition & o^r Necessaries, and t^e / Private Traders h^e always had / Protection o^f sd Forts when desired

Separate Traders Answer to Q18. I.8 Vide Scheme H.105.

I.12. Mr Asgill's Answer Q19.

H.98 103 119.

* NB. This Computa^n is made fm / 10 p^er Cent o^f / Co's Exports & 10 p^er Cent o^f two thirds o^f the Imports & 5 p^er Cent on one third o^f the Imports - Red Wood which makes one third o^f the Imports - pays but 5 p^er Cent

* Accot o^f / 10 p^er Cent received fm Separate Traders fm June 1698 to Sept 1707. No 1.				✕ Accot o^f / charge o^f / Forts & Factories o^f / R.A.C. fm June 1698 to Sept 1707. No 2.			
Years	£	s	d		£	s	d
1698	572	11	8	——	5392	10	10
1699	5961	7	11	——	28253	4	3
1700	11584	10	7	——	28561	15	3
1701	11353	10	9	——	29360	1	-
1702	5363	8	3	——	26258	18	4
1703	4413	5	2	——	28562	8	2
1704	3997	3	-	——	31154	8	4
1705	3568	19	-	——	31865	6	7
1706	3127	7	10	——	33135	13	1
1707	3789	4	4	——	30618	10	9.
	53731	9	6	——	243.172	16	7

* H.98
✕ Ibid 99.

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Journal L. Fol. 411. Mr Beaumont Accountant o/ Co upon producing ye Accts relating to / Charges o/ Forts & Castles &c - they were transmitted to / Co by Mr Tyr Gen. in Africa, & h bn paid before / Barons, who Kept them open for some time, but finding no objection made thereto by any o/ Private Traders, he at last passed / same.

In consideration whereunto / private Traders say t between Sept. 1698 & Sept. 1707 there has been paid on acct o/ 10% by them, £53,731: 9. 6 (as appears by / Co's Books) wh sum (wt / Co's factors well entrusted in Trade, & prudently managed [would] h reasonably produced abt £100,000 on / Coast o Africa, a sum (if duly applied) suffic to h answered all / Charges I. 8 Past par. but one. of / Forts & Castles only, such Charges beg paid in Gold / produce h bought at / money arising here by / Ten p Cent. & Gold thr f Gold at Cent p Cent profit.

And as to Rats they h complained to f some o them sent to / I. 15. African House & desired Mr Beaumont, / Co's Accountant, to let them inspect the Journal o Receipts & Payments on / Ten p. Cent, wh he shewed them & t they might be able to pay before us a distinct Acct & Proff, they carried Pen & Paper to minute the observations on / parts Charges f maintaining / Forts & Castles, but / Accountant refused (as he said accordg to orders given him) to let them take in writg any remarks out o / Books, while they lay open, or so much as to write any Memorandum after they were closed & taken from them, wh refusal we take to be contrary to / true intent & meaning o / foresaid Act.

I. 15. Hath / private Traders h observed upon / said Inspection t the Acct o Charges f Cape Coast Castle & / Gold Coast, between 1703 & 1705 they find but 40 Soldiers one year & 46 Soldiers another year in Cape Coast Castle, besides an Armourer, Carpenter, Surgeon & 2 Tradesmen, but 40 Soldiers in Nine o the 8 Settlemts & Forts on / Gold Coast, and in two o them but one man apiece

I. 15. For / years 1705 & 1706 they find but 30 Soldiers one year & 35 / other year in Cape Coast Castle, besides / 3d Officers. And no 4th Forts on / Gold Coast they say mention is only made o a Serjeant & Soldiers in the Plan & a Corporal & Soldiers in another for wh they judge [illegible]

Ibid. As to other Charges they observe t Sr Isaac Thomas their Governor General has a Salary o £1130 p Ann. & then Mr. Baker (Sandilands Keeper & Accountant Gen.l) Acct styled Secretary & Treasurer Generall Salaries amounts in / whole, as they remember to £1600 p Ann. & t on the [illegible] p Cent p Ann. charged f Passages; whereas they are but / Co's Factors receiving such Sum paid by / Company & / Ten p. Cent

I. 15. [illegible] charged f entertaining Strangers & Travellers [illegible] & some [illegible] as also Expences in Treating other / Negroes. And they found a Charge o Brokage to Negroes, to a great Value, being Bribes given them f promoting / Co's Trade. & obstructing t o / private Traders

Ibid. That sort o / Charges were f supporting / Wars & / Natives, occasioned by / Co.

That

I 15 That / Charges o the Negroes employed in carryg the goods & d[r] masters relating to the Trade & in lookg after the slaves, are placed to / Acct o / Ten p. Cent Duty; many Presents given to / Kings &c. for promotg / Interest o / Co: And Lastly, they do observe t a g[t] part o / rest o the Charges does properly belong to / Coo Trade or Factors [sic - Factories?] &c. into mixed wt / Gen. Accts, & ought to be borne by / Co, so far as can be proved they relate to the Trade.

Jour[l] M. fol[o] 29. And on this Head o Charges o Forts & Castles, / private Traders observe, t ye / Value o / Coo Exports fm 1698 to 1707 be £293,740-6-8 as they allege, and if, within t time / Co has laden wt £273,172-16-7 on the Forts & Castles, as they pretend, / latter sum, being deducted out o / former, there remains £20564-10-1 for Trade, wch is not £3,000 p. annum on acct o all the Trade within t time. But if / sd sum o £293,740-6-8 be / remain[r] o the Exports wholly employed in Trade, then it does not appear t from 1698 to 1707 / Co h laid out anything upon / sd Forts & Castles.

I 21. In answer to this / Co h delt to us a new Acct o / Charges o the Forts & Garrisons, rectifyg an Error in the former Acct, wch is as follows Viz[t]:

A Particular Account o / charge o / Coo Forts & Garrisons on / Coast o Africa.

The whole Charge given in		£243,142-16-7
Deduct an Error in / charge twice charged for Premio		8,720-0-0
		£264,452-16-7
For / cost in Engld o Stores & Provisions sent out, & freight on them	£29,288-0-9	
Pd. Officers, Artificers &c on letter o Attorny payable in Engld by Agents, & for Seamens Wages	19,564-7-6	
For procuring Sales & Certificates &c Passport & them	9848-16-10	
Premio o Hazard for goods sent for payment / Coast for Salaries, Wages & Diet &c	20,675-1-4	
Balance acctd for on / Coast	186,076-10-2	[186,076-10-2]
	£264,452-16-7	

The foregoing Acct having bn delivered us since / framg / Draught o this Report, wch h not examined, it ought to h bn, if it, wch requires considerably more time to examine, by due Vouchers of the Coo Books for many years, a halfe part out o wch those Gen: Articles are composed, than may be proper to allow at present. But taking it granted t / sd Acct is right, then £186,076-10-2 (t Balance accounted for on / Coast) must be deducted out o £293,740-6-8 (t Value / Coo Exports) & there will remain £107,663-16-6 for / Value o / Coo exports employed in Trade for some Years & a half, wch is farr more than one third of what / private Traders h employed in t Trade in three Years of / sd time, viz[t] £294,720-0-11 as appears by / Acct o the Ten p. Cent, amounting to £29,472-0-0-11 between Sept[r] 1698 & Sept[r] 1701.

The private Traders for whose t they are informed up / Forts they employ their / Forts & Castles o wch / Coo are most possessed, are in a very ill state o defence, & ly often in great want o Provisions, insomuch t the sd Cape Coast Castle is / only place of strength / wch o the Forts & Castles they go to seek & the French must needs be surprized & taken, & others of Necessity. Sp[t]

Vide Sowle's Affidt I 20. Many o / Slaves are bought upon the Leeward Coast & brought down to / Forts & Castles o / Coo own Goods & not any Profit to private Ships trading thither.

Vide Lottin's Affidt I 11. Instances whereof h been given by some Traders to t Coast; particularly at Whidah.

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H. 90. 2^dly This is alleged by / Co^y / Natives / ruine / whole benefit o / Trade, takg / advantage o diff^t Traders to advance / Prices o Negroes & ye^r own / Goods & to depreciate our Merchandizes

Journal M. Fol^o 25. That they settled, in consequence, y^e / price o Negroes, which now obt. £10 p. head in Africa (which formerly it was not above £3) is suffic^t proof: That they informed y^t this is occasioned by / Private Traders, & y^t they believe / Negroes are not so dear in / places where / Private Traders do not interfere w^t / Co^y, viz^t on / Coast o Angola, Calabar & ye places towds / Cape o Good Hope.

Vide Sworn Affidavit I. 10. This / private Traders admit to be true in / manner as is before mentioned. But they say y^t / same has proceeded fm no 8^r cause than y^t orders h^d bn given to / Agents & Commanders tradg f / Co^y when they come near any private Traders, they shd be sure to sell ye^r goods & less & give more f Negroes than / private Traders, and give on purpose to out do or rather ruin them. That tho' ye^r is a Trade extensive enough f both, where / same reason y^t in those parts our Commodities are lessened above one half in / value at wch they used to be sold, & / prices of Negroes advanced to near double, & this they take to be ye reason, likewise, why / Co^y h^d suffered so much (as they set forth in ye^r Petition) when y^e Peace in / same Trade. On / Coast o Africa, where / Co^y h^d few or no Settlements, viz^t Whidah / Bite, & all along / Coast o Angola (/ greatest extent o / Co^y dominions, & fm whence / greatest number o Negroes are exported) our Commodities (as they affirm) do keep up ye^r value, & Negroes are bought as cheap as formerly.

H. 90 The chief inconvenience o wch / Co complains, is y^t the Natives grow insolent, & are encouraged by ye Traders to intrude / Co^y Forts & brg them under difficulties on purpose to obtain Bribes to compose differ^s o ye^r own creatg

Journ^l M. Fol^o 26 This allegation they sd was drawn out o letters fm ye^r Factors, & they particularly instanced y^t one o / private Traders having made a bargain f some Negroes, carried them to Barbadoes without pay^g f / same; but y^t / Co^y in order to secure peace & a friendly correspondence w^t / Negro Kings, sent to Barbadoes, & bought / sd Negroes & returned them to / King fm whom they were so taken.

The private Traders own they h^d heard, & do believe, y^t / Co^y h^d differ^s w^t / Natives inhabiting near ye^r own Factories, & y^t some o ye^r Factories (partly Annamboe & Commenda) h^d bn insulted by / Natives; But they say those Differences were occationed by / Co^s

Cos ill usage & bad treatmt o them in Trade; & sometimes by joing w one Prince to depose ors (as / Co h admitted) wh has rendered / Co so obnoxious, t (/ private Traders say) / Cos Agents & Factors dare not go w/ Commanded o thr own Guns, tho / Private Traders usually Trade all along / shore & up / rivers in open boats [on / Gold Coast?] (where thr are no Forts n Castles) & sent chiefs up into / Country, being treated civilly & justly by / Natives. They add t / Natives are not capable o attacking a fortification, but t thr way o resentmt is to stop trading w t Factory from whence they h bn injured, till reparan be made.

4. The Petrs complain t thr unfaithful Factors having oppy, confederate w / Capts o Private Traders in defraudg / Co. To this they offered no proofs, but only sd t they had bn defrauded by some o thr Factors, who h sent effects o / Cos to this Kingdom, & they did not conceive that cd be done but by / connivance o / Masters o private Traders

To this / private Traders say t they are so far from knowg t / Masters o thr Vessels in any respect confederate w / Cos Factors, t they usually forbid them to h any Correspondce w them, or to come nr the Factories.

Lastly, / Petrs sett forth t Foreigners take / advantage o this confusion in / Managemt o / Trade, & endeavour to destroy our Interest in Africa, wh / Co (when upon a Right Establishmt) doubts not but to improve, & to secure to this Kingdom the ppal part o / Trade to Africa

By right Establishmt, they understand a Joint Stock Exclusive o all ors; but in case this sh not be thot proper, they say they will be content to be limited in thr Trade from Cape Blanco to Cape Lopez, if / private Traders be restrained fm comg thr.

To this allegan / Private Traders answer t whatr confusion may h happened in t Trade, they are to be imputed to / diff Interests o / Co & Private Traders. Therefore, for prevention o / like for / future, they propose t all Traders to Africa be set on an equal foot by layg open / Trade (like t to Turkey) under a just regulan. In order wherunto they say they are ready to come into such methods as sh be thot reasonable for / effectual maintaing Forts & Castles, if they be thot necy, & h offered / annexed Scheme o / Charge, marked A. However, they think / Forts & Castles are neir an advantage or security to / Trade, but an unnecy Burthen. For t in time o peace, no advantage can be assigned to balance / Expence, & in War they are not defensable, agst a foreign Enemy for want o strength to resist any Men of War t sh think them worth / Expence o an attack; James Fort & Sierra Leone having been both taken fm / Co by open Boats.

A. I15.

That

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That / Co are sinkg under the pretended disadvantage, while / Private Traders carry on this Trade to profit tho they meet wth all / oppon that those Forts can give them, instead o t support protection they st to h had fr / Ten p Cent they h paid, o wch Duty they course has bn / Co's chiefe support.

That / Forts are no security to / Commerce, nor are they any inducemt to / Natives to trade w us, or whom nothing can h any influe but fair deal & a mutual advantage.

On / ot hand, / Co allege t Forts are absolutely necy for protecting ye Trade, & securg the effects left in / country: T / sd Forts were certain markets f Negroes to come to: T if all / Forts were in / hands o any one Nation, no Negroes cd be had off at ye / permission: T if / Co were settled upon a right foot as before mentd, they cd build more Forts in ye places to good advantage: T / sd Forts are a protecn agt any insults fm / Negroes. But they owned t they were not capable o resisting an attack fm an European Enemy, t shd come before them w Ships o War. They added t when they bot / Forts of / Dane, cost them £50,000: and t one o ye Forts wch they bot o / King o Denmark, cost them £4,000.

We sent to / Co f an acct o wt Forts, Castles, Factories & Settlemts they had at / time o passg / foresaid Act, as likewize o such Forts, Castles, Factories & Settlemts as they are now possessed o, in order to our laying / sd acct before yr Majty. Whereupon they h given us / annexed Light marked B. containg / names o / sevl Forts, Castles, Factories & Settlemts belongg to / Co, as also / names o such as belong to any o ye European Nations upon t Coast.

B. = I5.

By wch list it appears t / Co h no Forts or Castles at Calabar or Angola, fm wch places (as / Private Traders say) are exported by considerable numbers o Negroes. And we are informed by one who has used t Trade abt 28 years, that he believes it practicable for / Co to h erected a Fort at Molumba, a ye Cape Bonde on L Angola Coast, wch wd h bn a gt benefit to / Traders thither, f while he was on t Coast in 1702. Capt Elerson & Capt Cook were both taken, & Ransomed, & so forced to leave, f want o a Fort to defend them fm / Enemy / Natives beg willing, but not able to protect them.

Vide extract of Sorrel's letter. I9.

It appears fur t on / same Coast they h Gambon, Serilion & Sherbrough, all wch h bn taken & plundered by / French. However it is admitted t / Co are now possessed o / like Number o Forts, Castles, & Factories, & Settlemts as they were in 1698, tho not in / same places: And / Co affirm they h now in the possession most o / Forts & Castles wch were belongg to / former Co, before / passg o / pretent Charter in 1692, except one or two wch / Dutch took; but / Co took fm the Dutch others instead o them. The [illegible] Co, being asked wher

Vide extracts Sorrel's letters I9.

whr they wer made any Settlem^t near Sunio, / Portuguese Settlem^t in Angola (as they undertook to do upon / passg the Charter) they answered, they never had any Settlem^t there.

As to / French Settlement at Whidah, 'tis said / w^t prudent Management / same co^d be presented / Co (before t Settlem^t was made) hadg within half Gunshot a Factory & at least ten Great Guns. In relation to this, / Co owned t / French had built a Fort at Whidah within Gunshot & that it was by / neglect & the Agents there / French obtained permission to do it for / King & Country.

If Majesty may have a View of / Co's first Stock at / time when / Trade was opened by / Forfeiture Act, & its rise & fall since t time, & how it now stands, We take / Liberty to lay before yr Majty / following Scheme, shewing what money has been called in by / Co: / Balance & the Books: Dividends by them made: & / Value of the Stock, from 1698 to 1707 inclusive.

Years.	Money called in by ye Company	Balance of ye Company's Books	Dividends made by the Company	Value of the Company's Stock
	No 4	No 3 No 6	No 5	No 3 No 6.
	£ 12. p. Share.			£ 30. p. Share.
1698.	57.096	189.913 - 5 -		
1699.				
1700		205.748 - 14 - 2		
1701		210, 368 - 19 - 4		
	£5. p. Share			
1702.	64.150	199.165 - 16 - 3		
1703.		202.117 - 10 - 2	52.82 - 15 -	
	£4 p. Share			
1704	44 112 - 10 -	216.554 - 8 -	105 15 - 10 -	
1705		210.924 - 14 - 9	15.715 - 9 - 6	
1706.		44.941 - 9 -	15.830 - 12 - 6	
	£ 4 p. Share in Stock		13.725 - 15 -	£ 25-3-9. p. Share
1707	36.612 -			
	231.973 - 10 - 8		61.130 -	

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Mr Beaumont / Co [illegible] by which Balance 97698 (wch is £109,998-5-0) did arise, [illegible] were included / Value of / Co Ships & Effects here, & in Guinea; as likewise all / Debts owg to / Co; but he was not able to say what Debts were good, & what not. He owned also the Sum and Debts viz / Plantns contracted viz / Reign of Charles II still standg out, & admitted / Balances for / Succeeding years were computed upon / same Score.

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He added that viz / yr 1698 / Co made an Order for their present 2/12 shares & £57096 by Assessmt upon private / Co's, wch was by ye means 4758 new shares added. The original shares viz / Co were 6252½ ; wch togr wt / new shares make up / present Number of 11010½. So that if / 6252½ shares be computed at / same rate as these additional shares (viz at £12 p. share) then / real Stock of / Co wd be £57/787-6-0 less than what / Co say the Balances of their Books viz t year amounted to.

4758
6252½
11010

This manner of admitting new shares was confirmed to us by Mr Pondar / Deputy Governor, & upon our makg / foregoing objection to him, he only replied that they had admitted / new shares at £12 each, yet they did not esteem the an original shares so low, wch might make a difference; tho at / same time he owned that even then, the shares were sold upon / Exchange for 10 or £11 each.

Many Interrogat / Private Traders on this Head as / Co's Stock, they say that what / summs money at such times called in by / Co, the Stock is not now sold for above £11 or £11-10-0 p. share or Credit: & the outstanding Bonds for money they owe are at £16 p. cent discount, & t / more has been paid into / Co / since the Stock has fallen.

The Private Traders compute t / Co do owe.

Upon the Common Bonds	£220,000
On the Speay Bonds	50,000
And on other Debts about	20,000
Amounts in the whole to	£290,000

That 11010½ Shares, valued at £11-10-0 p share, do amount to £126,620, so that / Bonds, & Debts, & value of the Stock is £406,620, then due / Co, to make good that Balance, be worth £406,620. But what they fall short of a visible Estate of £280,000 (being what they owe upon Bonds & other Debts) in good money & good Debts due to them, by so much is / Co worse than nothg.

We further take leave to lay before yr Majty, / following Accots recd fm / Co of the Exports & Imports, as likewise of Negroes imported in the Plantations, within / time therein mentioned, whereby it may appear how / Co h carried on / Trade in those Parts.

Years

Years	Exports made by the Company	Imports made by the Company	Tonnage imported in yearly Collections by the Company
1698	6198 - 2 - 0	12,370 - 11 - 0	
1699	44,063		1500
1700	26,685	9,746 - 2 - 3	2045
1701	39,530	9,424 - 16 - 0	1511
1702	36,117	24,300 - 12 - 0	2014
1703	23,721		1138
1704	53,254 - 14 - 2	61 - 16 - 0	
1705	26,600	8,646 - 0 - 0	2921
1706	18,768	29 - 6 - 3	1144
1707	29,792 - 14 - 2	2,396 - 1 - 4	1801
	2,93,748	62,330 - 17 - 2	17760
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H 104 The Co h Returns deld in a List o what Shipping they h employed in their Trade since 1698 to this time, / Wch wants 8 Ships, o which no we find / Co h 9 Ships or Shallops in (whole 1550 Tuns) I. 4
the own property, as we are informed, are employed as follows Viz:

One Vessel & / Sloop imployed carrys Rum & Sugar from Barbadoes (where they usually hold) to Cape Coast I. 15.
Two o/ sd employed between this Kingdom & Cape Coast
Two more imployed in fetching Negroes from Gambia & Sierra Leona
four ors employed in / Slave Ships
Upon these Heads / private Traders say in / proportion o Shipping as to / number sent out to Africa by / Co & Private Traders, wee shew the Value o the respective Exports in such Shipping, & consequently hold good in / differ Imports.

For / private Traders say the Ships are equally large as / biggest o those employed by / Co. On this occasion they h deld in / following Extract o / no Ships dispatched from / Port & Tonnage to Africa as well on / Co's & / Private Traders I. 8.
from 24 June 1698 to 3 December 1707 taken out o / Customs House Books Viz:

From

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	No of Ships	Private Ships	Cos Ships
From Midsummer 1698 to 1699		41	10
" 1699 " 1700		63	13
" 1700 " 1701	98	81	17
" 1701 " 1702	66	51	15
" 1702 " 1703	50	32	18.
" 1703 " 1704	44	29	15.
" 1704 " 1705	39	36	3
" 1705 " 1706	36	31	5
" 1706 " 1707	25	16	9
From Midsummer 1707 to 24 December 1708	19	16	3
Total	427	396	118

Upon which they argue thus: Supposing the have been despatched for / Plantations before Midsummer 1698 & December 1708 14 Vessels each year (with Sugar, Rum & / rest of the Cargoes made up w European goods) being 10 years

	133	128

Then the 5 have dispatched for Bristol, Liverpool & other ports of this kingdom within / same time, 6 Vessels one year w another, wch makes

	57	66
Total	694	570

Grind supposed 6 out of / 3d 694 Ships, 4 Private ships & 3 Cos ships pr Annum went to fetch Redwood Elephants' Teeth, & £ 2 o/ Cos Ships traded betwn this Kingdom & Cape Coast deducting them from / respective Numbers

	85	38 47.

Then there will appear to have been employed in / Negro Trade, on each acct after / ye Deduction

	609	532 77.

Now if / 532 Ships be reckoned to carry 250 Negroes one with another, & / 77 Cos Ships to carry 350, as was / account of Negroes imported (supposing none ha ye last mentioned brand, wch is equal in proportion o/ Number o Ships on both sides) will stand thus:

Number o Negroes imported on acct o Private Traders	133 000
ditto Co	26 950
	159 950

By ye 3d Computation he just then the Private Traders h employed in this Trade 4 Ships for one employed by / Co; imported 4 times / Number o Negroes; & h employed 4 times / number o Hands in Navigation more than / Co. The Private Traders say fur, that betwn 24 June last & 8 December, they h sent out 16 Ships to 3 sent out by / Co for / Port o London; & 7 Ships for one dispatched by / Co, from Bristol.

And upon this they do observe that if / sum employed by / Co in / Trade to Africa, within 9 years past be £ 104, 669 - 16 - 6 (as before computed in relation to / Value o the goods exported) &

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if £20.000 (supposed to h bn employed by them in / Gold Trade, & gold, Red. Wood & Elephants' Teeth) be deducted from thence: there will then remain £87.663-16-6 for the Negro Trade, within that time. Now, if that sum be compared with / Private Traders' Exports o £294.730 & 3 years (as before computed in relation to / Value o their Exports fm Sept 1698 to Sept 1701) & a deduction made o £6000 & / Value o / effects on board of 12 ships supposed to h bn sent out by / Private Traders for Redwood within t time) it will then appear that much more / Private Traders h employed in / Slave Trade within / sd 3 years than has bn employed by / Co in 9 years since / passing o / sd Act.

Tis computed t / no o Negroes necessary & a yearly supply o / Plantations is:- for Virginia & Maryland 4.000. Carolina & New York 1.000. Barbadoes 4.000. Leeward Islands 4.000. F / use o Jamaica & what are carried by / Ms Subjects to / Spanish. W.I. 12.000. Total 25.000

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wch no of 25.000 / Private Traders reckon h bn carried to those Seal Colonies, & t a gtr no mt be carried thither if / Trade were more open. To wch they add t / gtr part o / Negroes furnished to Virginia, Maryland Carolina & New York has bn by / Private Traders, & t not above 200 £ bn carried to those Parts by / Co since the Establishmt.

The Co Keener on Gold than Slaves?

Upon this we must crave leave to observe to yr Majty t those Plantns so profitable to this Kingdom ot not to h been neglected in such a manner: & wt such a supply by / Private Traders, near one half of / Tobacco cd not h bn brot hither; & how much t wd h lessened yr Majty's Customes & / Navigation of this Kingdom, we need not mention.

Having now laid before yr Majty / present State o / Trade to Africa, we shall now humbly offer our fur Observations upon it.

There can be no manner of doubt, but that a / Trade, so very profitable in itself, & so absolutely necy & / support o / Plantns ought to be preserved, & put on such a foot t it may be carried on & improved to its full extent.

We are of opinion this cannot be done by a Co w a Joint Stock, exclusive o all others, & / following reasons.

1st. Such a Co will, in all likelyhood contract / Trade within / Gold Coast, or such narrow limits in Africa, as may best turn to their own profit without regard to / good o / Plantations or of / Public, wh may reasonably be presumed from / way o their having carried it on for / time past.

2ndly, It will, o consequence, very much lessen the number of Ships now employed in / Trade, to / great discouragemt of our Navign, for since the has bn an open Trade, / Private Traders h sent out three ships for one employed by / Co.

Lastly

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Lastly. Shd so exclusive a Trade be confined by an exclusive Joint Stock. We apprehend t / Plantns may suffer for want of a sufficient number of able Negroes, at reasonable rates; those markets being always best supplied where they are most Sellers. And on this Head, we further take leave to observe t we find, by / Cos own Accounts of / Negro Trade, that from 1680 to 1688, in 9 years (all in a time of peace) they were but 46,396 Negroes delivered in / Plantns. Whereas, 'tis computed by / Private Traders that (since / opening of / Trade by / forsd Act) within / like term of years (notwtstg / present War) there have been imported into those Parts, 160,950 Negroes.

'Tis true t / French, Dutch, Danes, Hamburghers, & ye Nations trade to Africa in a Joint Stock; their Trade beg not very considerable. Whereas had they / Benefit of so Pge & so many improveable Plantns as those of yr Majtys in America, 'tis to be presumed they wd soon enlarge t profitable Trade to a greater extent by Ways / same open.

Tho' / carrying on of this Trade in / way now settled by / aforsd Act is much more advantageous to / Public, than t of an Exclusive Joint Stock, in regard to / parties ends of / Trade, yet we find t ye inconveniences have arisen, & were unavoidably arise for its beg carried on upon such different & contending Interests as those of a Joint Stock & of a Private Trade: For while they strive to beat each other out of / Trade, / Value of our Commodities is greatly lessened & those of Africa as much increased; And it is reasonable to believe that from such a struggle in Trade, the disputes & quarrels betwn / Cos & / Natives, & / losses of which / Petitioners complain, have in some measure proceeded. For tho' / Cos do impute / ye lessening of their Stock to / Extraordinary Charges in Maintaining / Forts & Castles over & above / produce of / 10 pr Cent, yet we cannot but be of opinion t / 3d 10 pr Cent well invested in goods & prudently managed wd have sufficiently answered t purpose.

In / Valuation of / Cos Quick Stock (as given in by them) all / Debts due to / Co of what Kind soever, unless we were able to distinguish / good Debts from / bad, we cannot positively affirm in what condn / Cos affairs are, w regard to their Real Stock in Trade; But do believe it is reduced so very low by ill Management, as that it will be impossible (upon / foot they now stand) for them to carry on that Trade; which if duly extended, will employ a much greater Stock than / Co have hitherto at any time had.

Their Forts & Castles, & other their Dead Stock: / Co do value at £141,450, tho / Private Traders say t (at / time of passing / aforsd Act) all their Forts & Castles, then in their possession were valued by some Private Traders (well acquainted w their affairs) at no more than £4,100 or thereabouts; which Valuation (taking in / Quit Rents they pay to / Natives) 'tis said was then proved to / Satisfaction of / House of Commons. And if they are of greater Value now, by any additional Fortifications made by any of them since t time, / Private Traders hope it will be thot reasonable t such Improvements shd be looked upon as owning to / 10 p Cent by them paid (pursuant to / 3d Act) in proportion to their 3d duties.

We

141.450
4,100

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We are humbly of opinion that an open Trade, w^t just Regulac^ns like t^o / Turkey Co, or such others as Y^r Majty in Parliam^t shd judge proper & necessary, will effectually prevent those confusions & abuses in Traffic which usually do arise from different & contending interests in Trade; That it will establish our Credit w^t Natives in / Trade for getting into / hands of Natives; encourage Navigac^n / carrying on a more extensive Trade in Affrica; to / increase of our exportation of / Woollen & other Manufactures o^f this Kingdom: Provided that in case Forts & Castles shall be thought necessary for / preservac^n & well carrying on / sd Trade (as in / foresaid Act is declared) the sd Forts & Castles can be maintained under such open Trade. [by whom?]

All wch is most humbly submitted

Whitehall
Feb^y 3^d. 1707/8

Ph. Meadows
J. Pulteney
H^t Monckton

Stamford
Herbert.

The Private Traders Scheme for Maintaining the Forts

£15.

Rate to the Charges necessary for the supporting & defending what Forts or Factories they are possessed of, & effectually answer the ends of maintaining the Honour of the Nation, and Protection of Trade for the benefit of all Her Majty's Subjects alike. We humbly offer the following Scheme, as abundantly sufficient for those purposes. Viz^t:

For 1 Fort called Dicky's Cove, of 12 Guns
the Charge for one year.

	£
A Chief o/ Fort at £100 p. annum	100
Serjeant at £32-10. o p. annum	32-10.
Gunner at £32-10. p annum & 9 Soldiers at £26. p annum	266-10
Their usual allowance o Gunpowder p. annum	15
	£ 414

For Succundee Fort, of 8 Guns

A Chief o/ Fort at p. annum	100.
Serjeant & Gunner (same person)	32-10.
6 Soldiers at £26. p annum	156.
Gunpowder, / present allowance	15
	303-10:-

For Commenda Fort, 24 Guns.

A Chief o/ Fort	100
Serjeant	32-10
Gunner £32-10. & 21 Soldiers at £26.	578-10.
Gunpowder, / present allowance	30.
	741:-:-
Forward	1458:10:-

Cabbo

Brought over . . . £1458-10-

Cabbo Corso Castle & Fort Royal or Danes Hill, 50 Guns, the charges for one year

The Commander of the Castle; & Consul for Trade his Salary & Expenses p. ann	£500:-:-	
The Deputy Consul & Lieutenant	200	
A Chaplain	100	
A Surgeon & Mate	120	
2 Serjeants	65	
A Gunner & Mate or Armourer	65	
91 Soldiers @ £26 p. Ann	2,366	
Expence of Pallor, 30 Barrels p. Ann	150	£3,566:-:-

Anisham, a Negro Towne

One Soldier, & Ground Rent to the Captain of the Town, p. ann.

Amirabo Fort. 10 Guns

The same as Dickys Cove p. ann	
Agga	
One Soldier p. ann	
Santaguore	
The same as Anisham	
Winabah. 12 Guns	
The same as Animabo	
Accra. 24 Guns	941
The same as Commenda	
For Ground Rents paid by the African Company to the Lords of the Country	

For Dickys Cove p. ann	£24	
Succundee	24	
Commenda	48	
Cabo Corso or Fort Royal or Danes Hill	384	
Animabo	72	
Winaba	72	
Accra	96	
Repairs p. ann	800	
Other Contingencies, p. ann	440:10	1540:10:-
		£9010:-:-

N.B. There is a mistake in the Original (Trade T 70 15) of £10, the sum being £9,000.

In the foregoing Calculation of £9010, We have, as We conceive, fully provided for the things necessary for the Forts & Castles on Gold Coast, nor valued several Particulars more than the Company have ever actually provided for or supported for any Three Months together, And to provide the Sum of £9010 on the Coast of Africa, £5000 honestly obtained & fairly shipp'd in Woollen & other Manufactures hence, will be sufficient, which is much less than the Separate Traders duty have paid for three Years past, so that more than all the 10 p. Cent suppos'd to be paid by the Company, & the Vast Sums they pretend to be in arrear, is sunk by Misapplication

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The Situation of the European Settlements on the Negroes Coast.

On the North Coast

...

On the Gold Coast

			miles distant
Dutch	Axim	...	
Brandenburg	Aquedah	...	2
	Dickey's Cove	...	3
Dutch	Busenge	...	3
	Succundee	...	15
Dutch	Shundah	...	9
	Commendah	...	2
Dutch	Commendah	...	2
Dutch	De Mina	...	9
	Cape Coast	...	9
	Fort Royal	...	1
	Queen Anne's Point	...	2
Dutch	Moree	...	2
	Amisham	...	3
	Annamabo	...	3
	Agga	...	1
Dutch	Cormantien	...	3
Dutch	Apongh	...	30
	Shido	...	3
	Winebah	...	7
	Accra	...	28
Dutch	Accra	...	2
Danes	Accra	...	
	Whydah	...	

Note. James Island & Castle ... ...

Note. The Intermixture of Dutch & English Settlements on the Gold Coast for Preservation of the Trade [illegible] determine as the said Settlements should be more or less distant.

Note. The Dutch ... at Whydah ... [illegible]

Note. The Dutch seize all the Portuguese Ships they meet with Trading on the Gold Coast & oblige them to pay 12½ p Cent upon their Cargo for their Permission before they be suffered to Trade.

African House the 18th December 1704

Richd Beaumont Accomptant
for the Royal African Company.

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