

242] Jm / President at "CCC"

To
Gen Van Voorst at Elmina } Dated 29th Augr O.S. 1750

On perusal of yours / of the 25th Sept. N.S. I am
sorry to be misunderstood in / purport or dicⁿ of
my last / result of a composed peaceable disposiⁿ
as indeed / majority of my former letters.

In answer Sir, to yr last paragraph, permit
me to acknowledge agreeable thereto, I cannot consent
to / putt^g it out of my power to transp^{rt} to Dixc^{pt}
(during / time a Ceasⁿ proposed not continue) as often
as necessity or Inclinaⁿ m^t urge me to it.

In Argument in answer to my reasons of 30
dog are far from being so clear & indisputable, as to
convince me I am wrong to persist in such resolution
but on / contrary afford me matter to infer ~~of~~
want to effect by such a Restriction somewhat I cannot
otherwise compleat.

The Fort of Dacca (I informed of in my last)
was well supplied & secure of by / Cargo's sen-
hence & put on Shoar by shipps. It has full
[9] of monthly Ammunition & Stores in it, & will (I
know) / Chief has frequent Oppies of recruiting for
East^d Vessels, now (as I hinted to you before) /
Terms you'd have consent to, wd indeed be applic-
able & proper, if / aforesaid Fort was reduced to /
last extremity (to wit) blockaded by Land & Sea,
distressed of w^{ch} necessary, & denied Advantages
from Shippg. were such / Circumstances, it wd truly be
madness in me, not to accept yr Terms but we
are not yet so straitened, thank God. Agn you
pleased to advance Sir, to the proposals wd be no
indignity of / English Honⁿ to grant (much less of
my self) really Sir, I am of / Contrary opinion
/ Affairs. (I re repeat) is become National, Sh^d
therefore (bec entrusted w^{ch} / manage^{mt} of Affairs)
personally pretend to diminish my Country's
Credit, or concur (from persuasion) to an Act

unworthy its ~~honour~~ ^{honour}. far be it from me, when I am led to such Consent, may I instantly say Britain arraigns me, in truly concerns me we differ so wide in our Sentiments

I was in expectation / ~~tempor~~ ^{tempor} o my case w^h h^o clear, & convinc^g, & do hope you ~~will~~ considers yet thereon. I desire no ~~cessation~~ ^{cessation} ~~that~~ can be detrimental to y^r or y^r Affairs. ~~Alleg~~, & it will be v^y ill-judged in me to acquiesce to an Affair, w^h / w^o conclusion o whi perhaps my self & people may be upon a worse foot^g. than at present: ~~Sh~~ time be spent in a ~~cessation~~ / Stores o Dispute be exhaust^g all ~~of~~ such ~~in~~ time; & ~~not~~ I not h^o / Advantage or Liberty to supply / Deficiency? unreasonable proposal indeed s^hd. I therefore adhere to my resolves in my former, or (to be brief) can't subject my self. To any ~~of~~ ^{of} restraint than not to commit any act hostile.

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244] As to / original, o / Pallaver o its progress I seem satisfied w^h / party h^o taken therein; I rest content w^h my own proceed^gs wh^o h^o tended to no purpose but defend my Country's Priviledges, & repress Oppress^o wh^o (next to promoting her advantage) is a Cause I prefer fall^g in, w^h / comfort o an unblemish^{ed} Integrity, to lawfully obtained through Injustice & Baseness. And fm / some honest principle o Interm I sh^d continue to defend Dixons, or upon / reasonable Terms advanced, prefer meet^g y^r to adjust / Dispute, beg sincerely desirous o so do^g & o assur^g y^r &c

J. Roberts

243] From Gen Van Voorst, Dated
To "The President at CCC" / 11th Sept 1850

In answer to / honour of yr dated / 29th / 1850. I / honour to say, if we had managed / Dispute wth yr Subjects in wth Busha people, in a national manner (as yr are pleased to call it) the certainly wd h^{ve} been methods put in practice quite diff^t from those wh^{ch} now h^{ve} been used. & Affairs of Phantah had been seen in quite a diff^t form from t^{he} wh^{ch} at present they are.

But it having been considered by us, & Council, t^{he} / division has arisen from an old negro Pallaver, we h^{ve} given / people of Busha no fur^{ther} Liberty than to seek a friendly Union, & a reasonable Satisfac^{tion} of / Injuries received.

And as our design has always been to assist in finishing Troubles & to Labour for / reestablishment of repose, so from t^{he} Considerac^{ion} (a. taking for granted t^{hat} yr continual Assurances of being amicably inclined are true) we still hold / same Sentiments.

We say no more, on / Point I proposed to yr. abt^{nt} not transporting anything to Duxcoo during / Suspension, but touching / Assembly at Succondee, we will agree wth yr to / following Articles. [22]

- 1st To a Cessac^{ion} of Hostilities in / Country of Phantah a. t^{hat} sh^{ould} begin from Tuesday next / 15th Inst. 1850.
- 2^d If you sh^{ould} cause / Negroes Acca & Amacon to appear at Succondee.
- 3^d If / Cessac^{ion} of Hostilities sh^{ould} last 10 days after / Assembly sh^{ould} be (perhaps fruitlessly) broke up.
- 4th If / Assembly between yr & We sh^{ould} be held in / presence of / people concerned, & be heard by

them just on / Territorial limits between / Two
Fortresses at Succondee.

lastly. T y & We fix next week, on some
day to meet at Succondee in order
to during the time, / Phantah people may be
assembled

If now such pacifick & friendly Intentions
are to yr liking, We beg you'd be so good as to
honour us w yr answer, so't we may h time
to send / necessary orders to / King o Phantah or
J. V. Voorst

244] Fm / President at "CC Castle"
To
The Gen at Edinva

[no date, but
15th Sept 05]

Vide Van Voorst's Letter o
17. Sept 05. pool J

On reading yr last o / 11th Curr^t MS.
I perceive, you are pleased to say, I had managed
/ Phantah Dispute in a national manner, Methods
wd h been put in practice quite diff^t fm those
used, & Affairs been seen in a quite diff^t
form, fm whence somewhat seems to be insinuated.
It is needless f me only to observe thereon, &
I in / opinion o my Self & / Gentlemen who were
in Disceve, well acquainted w / efforts made by
Sea & land to reduce t Fort to / last Extremity,
it wd h required no Conjur^m to h found out
by whom / Phantahs were encouraged in their
wicked attempts, & supported in their unjust Deprad^s
wd h ~~not~~ yr Self not owned it (w all yr Self)
in a letter / 4th o May 05, & I must say, & do
sincerely believe, what's diff^t light or form

/ Phantah matters wh^{ch} appeared in, y^e cd not h^{ave}
put any methods in practice more Vigorous than y^e
h^{ave} done. I sh^{ould} not trouble y^e w^{ith} a recital how
much / British Subjects h^{ave} been thereby oppressed, but
proceed to / Articles y^e propose f^{or} an Assembly at
Succondee.

1st. To / first I agree t^{hat} all Hostilities cease f^{rom} Tues.
14th Inst^{ant} O.S. at 6 o'clock in / m^{orn}g, / Parties at /
same time to be opened f^{or} all persons w^{ith} excep^{tion}, to
pass & repass unmolested

2^d. Acca & Amacoa sh^{ould} attend at Succondee (f^{or}
what reason I can't conjecture)

3^d. It concerns me I can't agree & hope (instead o^f
putt^{ing} some severe Construc^{tion} upon it) You'l ra-
ther consent to a Limita^{tion} o^f 20 days f^{rom} / time /
Assembly may be broke up, f^{or} sh^{ould} we proceed
consistent w^{ith} our Offices, to hear what is offerred
in a candid impartial manner, th^{ere} can be no
dangers but our meet^{ing} will establish Peace & Unity,
& I hope upon a last^{ing} founda^{tion}.

The 10 days required can't effect y^er people or
Self, but so short a Limita^{tion} f^{or} departure will
terrifi^e mine so much, t^{hat} in all likely hood I sh^{ould} be
obliged to compel them to attend.

4th. I agree to hold / Assembly w^{ith} y^e, & t^{he} / people

Concerned be permitted to hear / Debates on
both sides (w^{ith} proviso) no person appears in Arms
(dur^{ing} our Conven^{tion}) in or near / English or Dutch
Forts or Towns o^f Succondee, if any o^f y^er or my
246] ~~mine~~ people sh^{ould} in Contempt o^f our orders appear
in Arms, Such Offenders or Offenders to be instantly
given up to receive punish^{ment} due to / Crime

lastly, I consent t^{hat} we fix a day next week, when
we are to meet at Succondee, t^{he} / Parties con-
cerned may repair thither. I expect you'l order Mr
Sullmer & Bacot to attend as I wish f^{or} noth^{ing} more
than t^{he} truth may make its appearance, assur^{ing} y^e I
h^{ave} f^{or} & still continue anxious to terminate / Disputes
t^{hat} cost us both so much fatigue

J. Roberts

245] NB. No answer to / President's letter on
t'other side • & than an impertinent
message by a Black Boy signifyg
t' / President's his Master. Had no
indignation to accommodate matters, t
therefore / Gen shd write no more,
unless / President first wrote an-
other letter to him.

Whereupon, / next letter trans-
cribed on t'other side [ie on
P 246 infra] was dispatched
to / Gen to enlighten or clear up
matters.†

246] From / President of C.C.C. } Dated /
To } / 3^d Sept^r O.S. 1750.
Gen Van Voorst, 2^d letter

My Boy on his return yest^r informed
me & was displeas'd ab / Contents o my last,
in so much t' y told him y perceiv'd thereby
y had no intenn to meet in order to finish /
Disturbance. y^e agn taken into Consideration / Pur-
port o t' letter, no part whereof appears to me
to merit such Construcⁿ, or yr dislike; having (as
y will please to observe) agreed to my proposal
laid down by y, only in / third Article ask'd
(in a manner as a favour) twenty days in-
stead o ten, b / re passage o my people &c. &c.
I declare (upon / Honour & Reputation I wish to
hold among men) I calculated no part o it to
give y Disgust, & t' t' will afford me / great
Satisfacⁿ to terminate / present unhappy
Disputes w y & Self, at / same time tenderly
hintg. I am not reduced to / extreme necessity
o do y it almost upon any Terms.

I will not prolong this by touching more upon /
so much canvassed Affairs, tho' new matter (/
rumour of Negroes) wd almost urge me to it (/
Sloop's beg agn desperately attacked by formid-
able Long Boats & (ge Canoes, / latter under
conduct o a Quondam Canoe Commodore) as it wd
be needless fm / Judg^{mt} I h formed o yr Inclina^{on}
f an Assembly at Succoedee, tho' I must say, if
yr desire to accomodate matters is not changed,
I shd be glad to come to some fair Delucidat^{on}
o t Affairs, thereby to prevent any Objections (/
may be started) before we go, or whilst we are
thre, but o this as y please, observing, I h
repeated to y often t I h thought to do w /
Pallaver o Amaco, wd h not hitherto pur-
sued any Step therein. The British Defectors,
the Protector & Upholder, Panyates / Co's Slaves,
Detaining them, & ~~the~~ Appearing Armed & Hostile
under / Walls o Dixcove Fortress, are heads o my
Pallaver. The Attack o / Fort, Buring / Town,
Bloodshed, Despoil made & & & & are only
Consequential Enquiries.

I h hitherto conducted my Self by / Standard
o Honour & Truth, h credited no reports but
European, h imposed no falsities on y, favoured
no private Views, nor indulged Enmity or Pique
to any man, I h swer hd before my Eyes & in
Considerat^{on}, / good friends hip subsistg betw
my Royal Master & the High mightinesses to
deter me fm committg any Act to interrupt the
246] Repose. And I must say I h fatigued my Self
to introduce peace & cultivate good friendship
betw us, the Subjects, in wh I do flatter my Self
y Sir, wd h joined me, had y not ben imposed
upon or deceived in / Acc^{ts} transmitted by /

Dependants, but o this enough, I sh only beg
 permision to observe that some o/ Cannamen
 Prisoners in Boutry Fort are vj much in-
 disposed, whereupon the friends sent them a
 little Gold, to buy them a few Necessaries, wh
 Mr Bacot (w his accustomed good nature)
 refused to let them receive. In Sickness
 Sir! such an Indulge mt be allowed, life
 (to Blacks or Whites) is so unustain here &
 health so inestimable a Jewel, I shd hold t
 man barbarous & Inhuman t forbid Necess-
 Saries to prolong / One or recover & necessabish
 / o, be pleased therefore Sir, to take it into
 Consideration, & permit them in the Sickness to
 receive some additional Help & Assistance fm the
 friends &c
 J Roberts.

247] From Gen Van Voors^t } Dated /
 The President^{to} at "CC Castle" / 17th Septemb^r NS. 1750.

The reason o our delay^g an answer to
 y^r letter o / 15th Inst. O.S. is well founded (viz)
 t We cannot ~~always~~ be allways consent^g to
 go as ~~mediators~~ to Succedee, & to our gr
 mortificaⁿ We find our selves fur^r off than
 ever, when we consider diligently y^est y^s
 letter in wh y are pleased to say, a second
 time, t y^e h^o holding to do in Annas's Pallaver,
 & t hitherto y^e h^o taken no step in it

W^h / Troubles betwⁿ y^e & / Phantah
 people are to be judged in this manner, it is
 certainly unnecessary f us to trouble our selves
 w writ^g to each o^r, & to have an Assembly w /

people o Phantah at Succowdee as / Cause modern
o / Trouble is / Amaco's accusⁿ touchg / seizure
o some goods by One o Aheyantey's Slaves, wh
Slave is now in Irons at Mr Senior's Fort, as I
Jointly w Messrs Husbands & Boteler did me /
favour to inform me in yr first letter dated / 4th
April 05.

Consequently / Point o to be first con-
sidered in order to findg out, o Truth, as fm
thence w^d succeedg Trouble took its rise at

The Violan o Dutch Territory.

The Hostile panyar^g, & carryg to Dixcove, /
Kings Women.

The Panyar^g / English Co's Slaves

The Embarkⁿ o Auxiliary Troops fm "C. Coast"

The Protectg o certain Negroes

The Retirg o Bosse fm Dixcove Village

The Fing agst E Fort

The Slaughter o English & Dutch Subjects

w everything else t has happened, will clearly
be set forth when we sh begin fm / vy Subject o
/ Dispute, & so go on regularly to / Conseques.

Reason itself dictates t thro is no judg^g
till / true cause be discovered (viz) wher /
Parties concerned acted in a reasonable manner
or not.

Touchg / Attack upon / Sloop Dolphin, we h
hearded nothg o it, & I am almost persuaded it
is an invented Story bec I add t It was
made by gr Long Boats. I we know nothg o
such kind o Craft beg at Busha' or any
where thereabouts.

W regard to / treatmt o / Cape Coast Negroes
249 | Prisoners to King Entery, I sh write to /

Comis Bacot to bid / King grant them leave
to h / necessities.

By what I h sd in this, & by / ~~the~~
Articles set down in ours o / 11th Curr^r 92 S
our Inclination to go w y to Succedee to finish
/ Provs o / natives sufficiently appears, & y
chuse it. We are ready to keep to / same
Resolⁿ & to assure y re J. V. Voorster

246] From / President at C.C. Castle } dated
To
The Gen at Elmina } / 4th Sept^r O.S. 1750

Agreeable to my message by yr Boy,
I do acknowledge / acct. o / yr last, / first para-
graph whereof I sh be quite silent ypon. As
to part o / second, signify^g Amacoas accusaⁿ
touch^g / Seizure o Goods re is / Causa movens
o / late & subsist^g troubles, in some degree / same
may be true, but w respect to / part I take, &
Redress seek^t f / Injuries & Insol^{ns} sustained,
be / Causa movens ever so justly clearly
justified & well grounded, it can add no
weight or strength to my Cause, nor be it ever
so illegal & unjust (tho' / Criminal confesed
/ Fact impeach^d his Master & af) can it
diminish or inferre / Equity o It Bec Ahe-
Yam Keys not attend^g to acquit himself
thereof when visited, ill usage ~~of~~ / Chiefs
messengers received fm him self & Associates,
contemning his Master's Commands, appear^g
/ Hostile before / Fortress, & / panyar^g first or
before any proposals were attempted, ~~are~~ are /
Causae movens o my Pallaver, w its

Chain o' Consequences wh' t'is true may be construed
Effects (in some sense) o' Amaco's matter, wh' as y'
seem earnestly abt' (/ Athantah's having interested them-
selves therein) may be (tho' entirely an English Pall-
aver) w' all my Soul searched into, but not
proof to my Cause, wh' (I repeat commences fm/
Disobedience o' Atheyantey & (as I sd above) wh'
Captⁿ Dick was caught in panyarg / Negroe o' s'
not concerns not me, as / Some can not add (I
agn' say) to my Equity fm / Justice o' it. nor can
diminish fm its Illegality.

The Succeedg^t Paragraphs o' y^rs are reasonable
or need no Observaⁿ, tho' I must not pass over an
acknowledgm^t o' my most hearty thanks f' / trouble
y' are inclined to take in behalf o' / poor Sufferers
at Boutry, & conclude upon / whole, t' I keep to
/ same Resolⁿ o' go^g to Succoedee to finish /
Drills in Conjunctⁿ w' y' (if possible) y^r hop^g
in some measure you regard / Proposol
250] or indeed Request in mine o' / 1st Mot^o (to wh' I
refer) concern^g / non app^roach o' any Request
armed in or abt' either / Succoedee, dur^g our
Assembly or Inquiry, as a Band o' Associaⁿ o'
Blacks in Arms, danc^g & parady, wh' y' know is the
Custom & Delight, can no ways aid an Inquiry
into Truth, no expedite / Introducⁿ o' peace
but may rather serve to breed feud & Animosity,
perhaps fm little personal Piques am^g each o' s' &
to terrifie & intimidate some o' / Swid^{es} &
Parties concerned &c

J. Roberts

249] Fm Gen Van Voorst } Dated
To } 19th Sept^r N.S. 1750
The President at "ccCastle

I am honoured w' y^r agreeable o' yest^r &
in wh' I w^o pleasure see y^r Concourse t' / beginn^g
o' / present Diff^{cl}ties in / Athantah Country,
proceeds in some sense fm / Negroe Amaco's
Accusaⁿ o' Atheyantey, & I assure my self t' do

during our Assembly w^{ch} of Affairs will be cleared,
 so as to admit our Introd^o of Peace & a good
 Union, to wh^{ch} send our Letter o / 11th Inst^o wh^{ch}
 we had / honour to send & may serve as an In-
 strument containing / Articles of Convenⁿ, only
 chang^g Tues. / 22^d Inst^o to / Saturday follow^g
 f / people concerned to assemble themselves.

Grant this, & instantly on yr answer, I sh^d in-
 form / King o / Ithantah o / it, & expressly order him
 to come to Succondee wth Armed men.

As I do not in / least doubt but y^e will
 cause also / same to be observed so (please God)
 we will ab^t t^e time be at Succondee, followed
 by / same Mine People who served before in
 / Tallaver. &c. J. Van Vorst

250] From / President at / C^t Castle, dated
 To
 The Gen^l at Elmira } / 9th Sept^r OS. 1750

I am charmed as you last & t^e we are so
 near a meet^g, only, as y^e are pleased to refer me
 to yr Letter o / 11th, observ^g t^e may serve as an
 Instr^ument to proceed by, ab^t / intended Assembly,
 it occurs to me t^e y^e omit notic^g, wh^{ch} y^e consent
 consent or not to / twenty days limitⁿ, instead
 o / 10 days, f^r / return o / my people &c. wh^{ch} I
 press f^r / reasons heretofore pointed out.

As this is / only point I rest upon, I hope
 you'll forgive me wth y^e Concurrence, & I sh^d ac-
 cordly dispatch a Canoe to Dixcome to ap-
 prize my people thereof & order thr^e Attendance
 unarmed, if / Canoe sh^d be pursued by /
 Enemy, I doubt not, but y^e will answer f^r /
 Consequences. &c. J. Roberts

PS. I must also observe to y^e I sh^d attend. & lib-
 terally stand to / Tenour o / my Letter o /

yth 19, wherein tho' y may consider my Pallases
as second to Amaco's, yet w regard to my
concern therein, it must first be first inquired into.

251] Fm / Gen o Elmina } Dated
To } / 20th Sept^r 1750
The President at "C.C. Castle"

Y^r Exceptions are so numerous t when an
Assembly is held, w^y Body will doubt / Equity o
y^r Cause, & it will not be difficult f us to make
them more than doubt, therefore Sir be pleased, to
accept / answer to y^r letter o yest^r, to g^w w those
o / 11th & 19th Inst^r f in them is contained all we
can do, towards a reconciliation.

It is just equal to us wh^r / Truth o Amaco's
Pallases be looked into first or last, as we are really
are not yet convinced wh^r they are Key has bn o
disobedient or not, besides, the are o^r Articles o much
g^rer Consequence wh^r form / principal Point o /
Breach o Union &c
J. V. Voorst

250] Fm / President at "C.C. Castle" } Dated
To } / 9th Sept^r 1750
The Gen o Elmina

I h just received y^r & / same Inst^r sit
down to acknowledge it, not as an answer, f to
be plain w^y, it requires none or at least f m
its Abstrusity.

As to / Justice o either Cause, or how
clear so ever y mt at a meet^g make appear to
/ Assembly, / Doubtfulness o my Cause, is
o little Concern to me, tho' I must say, 'tis /
Th^g I sh^d h bn glad to see experienced

I know not wh^r y & my self understand
Assembly in / same Sense, when I use / word, all I
mean to be included in it, are y & my self chiefly
o^r principally o Judges or Moderators, / o^r
Parties concerned, only as Evidences or Accusers,

I have been often informed & late he hath bin us'd
wth method his Invenⁿ furnished him wth, to
spirit & irritate / Natives (when he found
them peaceably inclin'd) to renew the Attacks
& to invade / British Territories, w^{ch} reports I
thot unw^{or}thy o my notice, therefore deferred
till y^r Honour w^{as} a recitaⁿ but now am
oblig'd to it by an open Violence he has put
in execuⁿ (ie) on Sunday / 2^d Inst^r People o/
Garrison in Dixcove Fortⁿ / Battlem^{ts} thereof,
saw a Lge Canoe, wth a Dutch Flag hoist, & sev^l
small ones wth white & Black people, who landed
on an Island belong^g to His Britannick Majesty
ly^g in / Sea betwixt Dixcove & Bussa (to
put it out o all Dispute, to Windward o / River)
under / Cannon o / British Fort, at / former
place, where they erected a Flag Staff, & hoist
a Dutch Flag thereon, w^{ch} I deem, on conjecture,
will be looked upon in such light by / Legis-
lature o Gr Britain & as an insolent
Usurpaⁿ & Encroachm^t on / Privilege o my Royal
Master & Property o / British Naⁿ

I can't be persuaded, but it is done wth y^r
order & Consent, & t piece o Arrogance & Dis-
respect to / British flag o^t in justice to be
noticed & plac'd wth / former notable exploits
& perform^{cs} o t mighty man Mr Bacot.

Therefore Sir, I expect t you'll give
orders to y^r Chief aforementioned to evacuate
/ Island aforesaid, & to take / Flag & Flag
Staff fr^m off / same to prevent / ill Con-
sequences t y^r Concourse to the beg^g continued,
may be attended wth, o w^{ch} I ~~thot~~ thot proper
to advise y^e, as I am &c

J. R.

N.B. The follow^g letter is fr^m M^s Senior

256
4 Brew Joint Chiefs o Dixcove
whereupon Governour Richards wrote /
above Letter to Gen Van Vorst.

Frm Mess^{rs} Senior & Brew } dated

To
The Governour & Council } / Dixcove, 2^d Decem^r 1750

The 30th Ult^o Bossu sent a Messenger
into / Fort to acquaint us t Bacot sent to desire
t he wd either join Entree to fight / Fort, or
quit his Camp behind / 9th Town, wh^o if he re-
fused to do by 8 o'clock t night, he wd send
people to fight him, f wh reason he begged we
wd return his Cozins Fettish. wh we did, at /
same time he desired we wd keep his Son in /
Fort. Bossu likewise told his Messengers t
acquaint us t this so sudden change fm
Peace to War was entirely Mr Stockwells do^g,
& t we may gett satisfied t neither he nor his
people wd fight or medel Ours.

At 11 o'clock this m^g saw a lge Canoe w a
Flag go^g fm Bonting to Leeward, wh we took
to be Bacot, we ~~like~~ likewise saw a lge Canoe
w a Flag go^g ashore upon Busha Island,
at 3 o'clock this afternoon. We fired 6 Six-
pounders at her, & three small Canoes wh
attended her, abt half an hour after they erected
a lge Flag Staff & hoist a Dutch Flag, at /
same time cd discover a white man as a spy^g
Glass tak^g a View o this Fort. We shd be glad, you'd
advise us how to behave in case they continue to
hoist / Flag upon / Island, by this Canoe, & doubt not
what we hitherto done, w^l be much f^r Approba^m, it
wd give us gr pleasure to h orders to strike t Flag on
/ Sloops arrival, as nothg can be a gter mortifica^m
to an Englishman, than to see a Dutch Flag hoist on
his Britannick Majesty's Ground.

MS

R.B.

From / Gen^l o' Elmina } Dated
 To
 Governour Roberts } / 19th December 1655.

If y^e had shot proper to fill y^e letter o' /
 5th Inst^l o' S. w^{as} many expressions f^r an accom-
 modat^o / Disputes in / Ahab^l Country, as
 on / Contrary it contains (+ deserves to be
 called) a Chain o' Calumny, Hatred + Inven^o
 agst / Comis John Credo Bacot. we sh^d w^g t^e
 pleasure to answer it + Satisfac^o h^e an-
 swered it in a v^y friendly manner.

But we are now obliged to answer
 t^e it has nothing b^e done by / Officers o' /
 Dutch Nam but what sh^d be answerable
 before God + Man, It is therefore v^y much to
 be wished (since y^e cannot dive into /
 meaning o' what y^e Enemies are do^g) t^e y^e
 Undertak^gs + Managem^t were designed only
 to ac^establish repose + to g^et Satisfac^o f^r /
 Offended Parties

It is our End + sh^d be so long as we sh^d
 h^e / Honour to name Our selves +

J. V. Voorst

256] From Governour Roberts at "CC" } Dated
 To
 John Van Voorst Esq^r } / 22^d Dec^r 1655

I h^d / honour to receive y^e letter o' /
 19th Inst^l 1655. in answer therunto I beg per-
 miss^o to assure y^e it has b^e my constant en-
 deavour + Study to do everyth^g I was capable o'

putting in execution to bring to an amicable Conclusion /
Dispute in / Ahantah Country, wh^{ch} for its
Origin, it is demonstrable I laboured & fatigued
myself to accomplish as it was what I most
earnestly wished for & sincerely desired, what^{er}
acts I h^{ave} done myself / honour to transmit you, from
time to time regardg / Manage^{ment} & Behavi-
our o^f Mr Pacot, were not founded upon ~~pre~~
prejudice or pique I h^{ave} ag^{ainst} him, or on Ideals
or Imaginary Conjectures, but from corroborat^{ed}
Circumstances & incontestable Proofs, & I earnestly
desire you to believe me to be ~~above~~ above talkg
/ Advantage o^f any malicious Slander & De-
tract^{ion} to / prejudice o^f any Person.

Permit me Sir, to say, this needs no gr^{eat}
Fund o^f Penetration, Cunning or Ingenuity
258] to find out / Measures & Designs o^f Enemies
o^f British^{ish} Nam, & who they are, who cannot,
I am satisfied, answer what they h^{ave} already
done to oppress / Subjects & invade / Property
belongg therunto.

Mr. Pitt relates to a trifling
Aff^{air} affairs o^f a Negro paroled
at Succondee, except viz

It concerns me to inform you, notwithstanding
oblig^{ed} Assurance your Messengers nor People sh^{ould}
meet w^{ith} any molest^{ion} or Obstruc^{tion} at
Chama River. I h^{ave} received advice t^{hat} some
Co's Slaves ordered up to assist in / reparat^{ion} o^f
Succondee Fort, were a long time before they c^{ould}
get a passage, & when they did, were
carried into Chama Fort, where they were
detained some time & examined by yo^{ur} Chief
where they were go^{ing} & & & then sent

back not suffered to prosecute the Journey, wh
 I hope Sir, you'll admit was not right, &
 give orders t' no such methods are taken f
 / future J. R.

P.S. Durg / time / above was under trans-
 am ya respected favour of 2^d Jan^y. N.S.
 came to hand w / enclosed Copies o Letters fm yr
 Chiefs o Succondee & Charma, it is needless
 to inform yr Honour t' English Craft & Boats
 h bin severl times attacked in the respective
 Voyages to Windward, since y were pleased to
 make a solemn formal Declarⁿ o War in yr
 Letter o / 30th April 1750 & give yr permisⁿ
 to / Natives to make Depredatⁿs upon Brit-
 tish Subjects, all I know o / Affairs y intimate
 w respect to / Boats, is, The British Command-
~~ers~~ ers have received advice t one o the
 Boats had bin vigorously attacked betw
 Taccarody & Diccoise / 3^d Inst^r dispatched
 2 Boats express to Com^o / Patrons o the 2^d Craft
 to Windward to secure themselves ag^t any
 Attacks they may be obliged to encounter w
 on the way to Leeward - they will no doubt
 answer f / Behaviour o the Officers, if they
 h done anythg contrary to orders J. R.

257] From Gen Van Voorst

To
Governour Roberts

Dated 2^d Jan^y 1450 [1451]

W^{ch} / honour to send y enclosed an
Authentic Copy of two Letters this day received in
wh^{ch} you'll see be so kind as to see t^h two Long
Boats carry^g English Colours betwⁿ Succondie &
Chama & off Dutch Town o Broary fired sever
Shot at a / Ege Canoe & on 10 Fishermen who
were out at Sea, upon wh^{ch} / first was obliged
to go on Shoar, & / 2^d to leave / Sea & go back
into Port, & as such proceedgs seem strange to
me. We take / liberty to ask if t^h Attack on
/ Dutch Subjects was made by yr order or
Knowledge, to this I beg yr answer.

Here follows / two letters mentioned above.
One fr^m a Sergeant or Ensign at Succondie
The 2^d fr^m a Second or undr Chief at Chama.

viz

Respected Lord &c

The two Long Boats, wh^{ch} some days
ago sailed fr^m Dixcar, arriv'd here yest^r &
this morn^g went to Leeward, beg off Broary
Broary they met a Canoe in wh^{ch} / some
Commiss Spiroggell's Wench Mulattoe Wench
was com^g here, they attacked it & fired sever
Shot at / Canoe, but by / Skill o / Canoe men
who immediately made f^r / Shoar, / Shot did
no damage, / Long Boats nevertheless chased
them & agn fired 2 Shot at them wth Hurts
but when they perceived / Canoe men jump^g out o
/ Canoe they left off & pursued th^r Course, /
sd Mulattoe Girl is come by land & / Canoe is
saved & arriv'd here.

J. C. Fennelkol.

259] 2^d letter

Respected Lord &c

I h/honour by this to commu-
 nicate to y, & this morn'g / Fishermen who
 are here accordg to Custom were out at Sep &
 off Abernary they met / two English Long
 Boats wh are on this part o/ Coast, & beg
 come within Gun Shot, were fired by / Long
 Boats on them, & consequently they were ob-
 liged to come on Shoar &c

D. L. Soyce.

From Gen Van Voorst } First Answer Dated

TO
 Governor Roberts } / 4th Jan^y 1750 [51]

We are honoured wth yr letter of 22^d Dec^r
 in wh y are pleased to say, y h always en-
 deavour'd to terminate / Troubles in /

Athantah Country, o wh / fatigue y h given
 y^r Self on / Occasⁿ is advanced as a proof
 We may h reason to ask, provided y
 will give us leave to interrupt y a little
 in yr Affairs, if y did not think it super-
 fluous, f us to say (in our letters wh we
 hd / honour to write to y, dated / 11th
 17th & 19th Sept^r last) t our true Intention
 has always bⁿ to labour jointly f an accom-
 modatⁿ & towards w^{ch} y h wh may
 hasten Quiet instead o wh yr answers
 h bⁿ f ever Partial, in so much t one cd not
 form / least Shadow, much less any hope o
 promisg Oneself Success in a Congress, as
 y still kept unshaken upon a certain Article,
 wh has neither Justice nor friendship in it
 We conceive t what y h f^r time to time
 entertain'd us w concerning / Factor

Bacot's manage^{mt} has b'n allways occasioned
by / inform^{ns} y^e had received thereof, but We also
assure our Selves y^e Justice enough wth to
condemn any Side wth having first heard its
Defence, & (if so) it will not be difficult to
combat those incontestable Proofs by like Ob-
jections, as till, this v^y Minute / sd Bacot has
abstained fm / Ash Manage^{mt} o^r nor Senior
(/ Author o^r / Discord) fm / Begiving

{ Here a Paragraph relatg to / Ashante
Negroe parlyard f^{ro} Succoodee
Garden o^r no Significⁿ to / gen Palaver }

We are absolutely ignorant o^r what y^e menⁿ
concerng / Co's Slaves y^e had sent to Succoodee, & o^r
o^r what they encountered at Chama, We will
inform Our Selves abt it, & have received an
Answer sh^o impart it to y^e, but as / times are
now circumstanced, it seems to me t^h / Negroes
make an Elephant o^r a Fly

261] The Answer given to your Letter o^r 2^d does
not seem conclusive to me, since no Molestⁿ
has b'n given to any One o^r British Subjects
dur^g / time o^r / Dispute, wth / Ashantah King,
fm any place but Buebia, & in case it really
happened (o^r wh^o how^{er} we never recd. any
Complaints, wh^o generally is / way am^g Euro-
peans) & wh^o we apprehend cannot be proved,
nevertheless / Insult we mention was committed
betwⁿ Succoodee & Chama & o^r consequ^e o^r ano^r
Country & at least 5 or 6 leagues to Leeward, wh^o
has no manner o^r Connecⁿ wth / King o^r Ashantah
Ashantah & his Confederates.

It wd. therefore be agreeable to us, if you'd
give such orders to / Ship Captains in Cape
Coast Road, to whom / Long Boats belong,
(who surely wd not be committed such Vices

unless y had bn acquainted wth it much less h
 undertaken a rash Descent on Dutch Territory,
 as they did / 29th o Decr at Busha) to give
 over such Insolencies, lest / disordered Affairs
 betwⁿ Busha & Discourse shd extend them -
 selves fur^r, as t wd become totally opposite to
 what is marked in / Concl^um o^r yr letter - to
 h nothing more at heart than / reestablishment o
 Repose & renewal o^r friendship - our wish
 has always bn to t end o- so sh continue, & as
 y know v^y well Sir, it can never be obtained
 wth a personal Interview, as my Deputies who
 hd / honour to congratulate y on yr late
 Elecⁿ (o^r Governour) h informed me

We are ready to go to Com^menda thro^u to
 hold an amicable Interview & to labour towards
 an Establish^{mt} o^r Harmony.

This minute I hd News t a Man other
 War belongg to / King o^r G^t Britain passed
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J. V. Voorse

260] Fm Governour Roberts at Succowee } dated / [51]
 Gen Van Voorsk at Elmira } / 15th Jan^y OS. 1750

I hd / hon^or to receive yr letters 4th Jan^y past^l
 N.S. at Discourse where I journeyed to, pay my Com-
 pliments to / Com^mander o^r his Maj^{ty}s (my Sover-
 eign) Ship / Surprize, & assure y t^h wd give
 me gr^t Satisfacⁿ to examine any Part^s y sh propose
 relatg to / Phantah Conty (when reasonable)

I h inspected / letters y referred to &
 respond y to supervise my Answers o^r 1st 3^d
 yth 8th 9th & 10th Sep^r timber past, as / some
 perhaps will manifest / good Inclination I hd
 to finish / Dispute, wth proviso if on a Trial or

hear of thereby / Contrary shd unfortunately happen
/ Return of my people fm a Congress had bn secured
wth y^r G^t Sir, in y^r wonted Discre^m refused
Acquiescence to

In some measure I repeat to y^r Dread L^{ds}
(or what^r Title y^e may think y^r Claim or Due on
this Coast) - I what / Captains of British Trade
Vessels do, or order the Craft to do, I cannot
nor never will concern my self ab^t.

262] I did conjecture my last conveyed some
reason to y^e f^r the late Spirit & commendable
behaviour of Busha, & elsewhere, / former y^e are
pleas'd to / thro' the g^tness of y^r arbitrary Soul
to challenge Dutch Territory - insatiable Inclinaⁿ
are y^e Master of G^t Sir, to endeavour at curtail^g
/ Same wth a common Plea of Shadow of Right,
& to possess y^r self, or any of y^r British
Dominions & thereby continue Disturbes.

Some ten or twelve days past / Chief of
this Fortress sendg his messengers into / Country
had three of them parryed, or taken prison-
ers by / negroes named Quiga of / Town
under Chama Fort, who robbed them of their
Clothes, Gold, liquor, G^os Came, & afterwards im-
prisoned them in / Fort aforesaid. 'Tis true /
Boys h^o since bn released after a good deal of
maltreatment, but / G^os Came & Property afores^d
are detained, whereupon I demand & expect
Six y^e will order restituⁿ of / Same, wth ample
Satis factⁿ f^r / Offence to prevent fut^r Disturb^{ce}
as it will be diffic^l f^r me to sit an idle

Spectator, & behold / British Subjects are op-
pressed or pillaged on all parts / Coast by
/ Officers & Subjects of the good friends & allies.
I am g^tly alarmed y^e pretend to ad-
vance they h^o bn molested fm no q^r Quarter than
Busha, you've bid adieu to truth G^t Gen
long ago, or wise / Canoners in y^r Castle at
this of hours, who y^e own were seiz'd by y^r
order, w^{ch} h^o roused y^r remembrance & set aside
such expresⁿ.

I am desirous still, if possible, to convince y^e
 of the sincerity at heart / termination o' Disturbances
 in / most equitable & amicable manner way if
 wh purpose an Deliberations w^{ch} [y.] will give me
 gr pleasure, as I think to continue here some
 time, it will be inconvenient to go to
 Commedia, if you'd lengthen yr Journey
 hither I sh be v^y glad & J. R.

261] From Gen Van Voort } dated
 Governour Roberts at Succondee } / 14th Jan^y 1751. N.S.

Y^r letter dated Succondee / 1st Jan^y 05
 was delivered me by Mr Gardener & we sh not
 anymore enlarge on / Contents o' y^r letters wh
 y make menⁿ o' nor on ours wh we h formerly
 sent y, least / Decimⁿ to neutral people,
 whose Articles show / most Justice & Reason.

It seems to me v^y strange t^y shd
 say in / French translaⁿ (touching / unjust At-
 tack o' some Long Boats belongg to y^r Traⁿ on /
 Town o' Bushra, w regard to what / Captains do
 w the Long Boats) it is an Affair in wh I h never
 medled & in wh I sh never trouble myself.

Truly t is a weak excuse & a reason
 why I shd ask y Sir, to whom I am to appeal
 when / Captains o' y^r Traⁿ sh commit any
 Insult on / Dutch Natives.

263] Before we received yours we had sent
 orders to deliver up what had ben par-
 yared at / village o' ~~Lab~~ Labi under Chama.

We assure y t We h ben / y^e begining
 ben inclined to see / Dispute in / Nthantah Coun-
 try adjusted, for wh reason we h done our selves
 / honour to acquaint y Captⁿ Baird in a
 friendly manner o our opinion therein, wh
 we also hereby propose to y, so t in / presce

o/sd Gentlemen, / people o Phantah may be assembled & heard on each Side

For purpose we are ready in person to set on / t place provided y will agree w me t all Hostilities cease & t / Paths be safe to pass & repass &c

J. V. Voorst

- 262] From Governour Roberts at Succowee } dated [5th Jan^r OS. 1755
To
Gen. Van Voorst at Elmira

Mr Ulbera did me / honour yesterday to deliver y^r letter o / 14th Inst^r M.S. wh I defer answering partly by flattery myself o having pleasure to see y here in a short time, when I hope we sh come to a more clear & perfect knowledge o each o^rs sentiments & Circumstances respectg / Phantah Pallaver than yet come to hand

I sh be extremely glad to inform y what truths I know o / matter, & in answer to / latter part o y^r letter am ready & desirous to order a Suspension o Arms on / part o / British Subjects, so soon as y sh be pleased to send y^r Commands to / people y Support. to observe / Same, & will dispatch my messenger in Co w y^r to Discombe, if y approve what I propose, & order him to call here, at / same time offering to y my honour no modest nor Hostility sh be committed by my people, if y will guarantee / same f those y espouse,

264] if y think t not sufficient any o Security y Judge meet sh be granted, y giving me / like

Cydsve my Linguist is ordered [as] soon as y leave Elmira to repair hither from Cape Coast to assist in coming at / truth o Affairs &c.

J. R.

263] From Gen Van Voorst } Dated
 To Governour Roberts } 17th Jan^y 1650 [9

We find wth g^o Pleasure in yr agreeable o^r / 5th o. S. t^y are willing to h^{ave} a Congress at Succondee, & a Suspension o^f Hostilities betw^{en} / people in Dispute in / Country o^f Aphantah & a free path f^{or} / Subjects o^f either Side, on / Strength o^f wh^o / Bearer o^f present is commissioned to go to / King & People o^f Aphantah to inform them o^f this, so t^{hat} they may obey.

I am answerable to y^e f^{or} all ill or Hostility t^{hat} may be committed in / Interim Interim by my People. We think to be at Succondee in two or three days & hope them to testify to y^e re.

J. V. Voorst

264-5 [over]

N.B. It is here to be observed t^{hat} Captain Patrick Baird o^f His Britannick Majesty's Ship Surprise beg^{an} arrived on / Coast came down & anchored in English Succondee Road, Dutch Succondee beg^{an} pallisadoed round & put into posture o^f Defence to engage / English Fort, but upon / Correspondence aforesaid & some messages sent to demand / English Prisoners on / Castle o^f Elmina &c by Captain Baird, a Congress was appointed, & / Gen arrived at Succondee, betw^{en} whom, Captain Baird & Governour Roberts, / follow^{ing}

Articles were proposed between / English & Dutch
of debatg / Affairs, / former of which were
agreed to (to wit) The articles proposed by / English

264] Proposals on / Part of / English, submitted to
/ Consideration of Capt^m ~~Barnd~~ Patrick Baird
& John Van Voorst Esq. Gen^l of Elmina.

1st It is submitted in order to be a fair impartial
Hearg of / Palaver or Contest, / Some be
enquired into. One day in / English Fort &
Succeed. The 2^d day in / Dutch Fort, & so on
alternately, wch will prevent / Confusion & must
unavoidably happen among a Multiplicity of
Blacks convened between both Forts, as proposed
by Gen^l V Voorst

2^d That no Negroes be admitted in either Fort but
Evidences & those only when called upon to
be examined on either Side, except / Officers,
White & Black of both Parties, w^{ch} such prin-
cipal Natives of / Aphantah Country & o^r
Cabocheers whose immediate Attendance may
be deemed necessary.

3^d That such Palaver be examined fm / Acⁿ of
Capt^m Dick Cabocheer of Aiccove pan-
yan^g / Negroe of Aheyankley (Party in /
Palaver) of stealg his (ie) Capt^m Dick's Chest
of Cloaths &c & be regularly [enquired?] [?]
into throughout, or so far as may be judged
proper.

4th That all Evidences be examined regularly,
candidly, & wth Intimidation to corroborate
or invalidate / Truth of any Allegations [may
be advanced by either Party. That such
examinations be committed to Writg of /

after considera^m o Capt. Patrick Baird - 1nd t
 / testimony o X^{tian} Evidce be preferred to t
 o Negroes.

5th 1 Orders be given / Negroes o both
 Parties to remain within the respective
 Towns, till such time / Attendance o any o' them
 may be required, or then only / Parties de-
 manded to attend be admitted, to prevent
 Mutiny & Confusion.

Agreed to by all Parties

65] Proposals on / Part o / Dutch by John
 van Voorst Esq^r submitted to Captⁿ Baird
 Patrick Baird & Governour Roberts.

Since / Troubles wh^{ch} be arisen in /
 Phantah Country take the Rise fm /
 panyary a Black man called Jongwa
 by Amatto who is still kept Prisoner in
 Dixons Fort, it is our Opinion

1st To begin wth Point in order to be in-
 formed what reasons Amatto had to
 panyary, since 1st Disputes flow fm t
 Imprisonm^t.

2^d 1 all / Cobocheers & 9th Men o /
 Country on both Sides assemble wth Arms
 behind / Pallisades in order to hear /
 Plaintifs & Defendants before Mr Roberts,
 Captⁿ Baird & myself

3^d In case / sd Gentlemen make any Difficulty
 in appearing th^{er} & hearing such long rela^{ti}oⁿ

o/ natives, that these Messrs Roberts & Baird
sh send the Labocheers & Interpreters to they
may be informed at / publick Assembly
what reason excited Amako to make
/ Courzen o Atheyantley, & why he has en-
couraged Mr Senior to seize Atheyantley
himself.

4th. Messrs Roberts, Baird & Ourselves
may be assured to our Interpreters
acquaint us faith fully w what they hear
& understand, / sd Gentⁿ may make our
Linguists take Fetish in the Fort, / day /
Assembly begins & We sh do / Same to thro
5th. The day after or as soon as / Assembly
sh break up, & Mess^{rs} Roberts & Baird
by the Linguists & We by Ours, sh be
informed o / Affairs, or if Amako has right or
not to make pretension, We pray these Gen-
tlemen to come into / Garden o / Dutch Fort,
not to be exposed to / Heat o / Sun, & the
may appear in the presce King, Entery & /
o Negroes as Quako Gwom, Atheyantley,
Coffee Hydrus & Tye, agst whom Mr Roberts
to be [sic] just Complaints, & likewise to they may
be able to inform themselves concerning / Troubles
wh^{ch} is prison.

6th. Lastly to inform themselves ab^t / pretended
Right^s wh^{ch} Mr Roberts has to / Towns o
Bushá, Sancer, Aduasso & Tye, jointly
wth Inhabitants

Feb 7th 1751. J. V. V.

264-5 [Across]

218 Agreeable to English Proposals a
 meetg was had, & lasted till / ~~Arrival~~
 Arrival o his Majesty's Ship
 Prince Henry, to wit, abt /
 25th o February.

Vide. / sevl Depositions on both Sides
 & Escamots.

266] From Governour Roberts at Succowee } Dated
 To
 Gen Van Vorst at So } 25 Feb^y O.S. 1750

I take this opp^y to inform y^e o / Ar-
 rival o his Britannick Majesty's Ship / Prince
 Henry wh has presented me havg. / Papers
 in readyness agst to day. but believe / same will
 be finished this night, therefore if its agreeable
 to y^e I sh expect y^e will honour me wth y^e Co. to
 answer morng at this Fort in order to
 proceed to a Termination o / Dispute in Quest^{on}
 wh I sincerely wish was accomplished
 J.R.

267] From Gen Van Vorst at Succowee } [51]
 To Governour Roberts at So } 8th March 1750

This m^g l^{tr} were honored wth y^e
 agreeable letter o / 25th Ult^o O.S. in wh y^e wa
 pleased to inform me o / arrival o ~~the~~ his

Majesty's Ship Prince Henry commanded by
Captⁿ Richard Jasper of wh^o We thank y^e
Also t^o arrival o^f sd Ship had hindered
y^e fr^m preparg y^e papers, but t^h they sh^d be
ready tomorrow, desirg us to come to English
Fark in order, to pursue / Examinatⁿ o^f Disputes
To wh^o the h^o / Honour o^f answering t^h We
h^o b^e here w^{er} since / 20th o^f Jan^r last / 9m-
formants on one & t^h other side touchg /
Troubles wh^o h^o arisen betw^{en} y^e & / Materials
o^f Phantah, wh^o were finished last Fryday /
5th Inst

We therefore pray y^e to let us know in
writg y^e Considerans upon them, & y^e may expect
fr^m us an immediate & friendly Answer

J. V. Voort

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Fr^m Governour Roberts }
To } Succoonde 26th Feb^r 1650
Gen Van Voort

As to / latter part o^f y^e o^f 8th March
MS. touchg. y^e sh^d be glad o^f my Considerans on
/ Examinatⁿ o^f both Parties, I h^o / Honour to
tell y^e, it is my opinion. / Considerans t^o
regards y^e & my self thereupon, is t^o Captⁿ
Patrick Baird, before whom I intend to lay my
papers this day, & doubt not y^e do g^o / Same,
as his Judgem^t & Decree is what I sh^d abide by.
I beg leave to trouble y^e wth / enclosed para-
graph o^f a Let^r fr^m Mr^r Drew, I deem /
insults therein committed a Breach o^f t^h
Agreem^t wth me, as y^e engaged / Path sh^d be
free & open to all persons durg / time

o our holdg / Assembly at this place - therefore expect you'l forbid such proceedgs f / future & you'l oblige re J.R.

Copy o / Abstract mentioned above

The Busha people will not suffer one o my Boys to go fur than / Big Town wh is, as I take it, re-nues & Hostilities whin I cannot send my messenger where I think proper

yesty I had two messengers slip'd & sent back to me, & this day Attom whin I was sendg to Bossie's Croom, was stop'd & sent back by a party o Busha men, not exceedg Ten, who still keep possesson o Bossie's Camp, & who are counted twice a week by Mr Bacot's Boy, & a few Dutch Co's Slaves, how far this is consistent w yr Agree'm't w / Dutch Gen I know not &c.

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From Gen Van Voorst of Succondee }
Governour Roberts } Succondee 13th Mar N.S. 1750 [51]

After y were pleased to inform us y had sent / papers concerng yr Dispute w / Natives o Aphantah, togr w / Depositions to Captm Beard. & t y had left / Affair to his Decim. We sent a letter to / sd Gentleman to beg o him his opinion to communicate to / Aphantah Natives, & afterwards to let him know / Sentiments o / sd Natives, but to our gr Surprise We yesty received y answer t / sd Gentleman wd not give his opinion in writg, but wd expect us in / English Fort, where he wd labour jointly togeth / final Accomoda'm o this wearisome Affair.

Upon wh we beg'd him agn to honour us w his
presce in this Fort, & fm his own mouth we m't be
informed of his opinion, but, as my Secretary
says, he refused this too, when he delivered his
letter, persistg t he wd not come into / Dutch
Fort & t he was not capable to give his opinion
in an Affair, o wh he does not know. / Customs
o / Country.

Fm all wh it appears we h employed our
time here to no purpose & t its now 8 days
since / Deposits h bn finished, w't advancg a
single Step, neither has Capt'n Baird accom-
plished his promise o comg on shoar to day,
wh promise of yesty w'm caus'd to be con-
firm'd by two o yr Deputies

As we h bn here at Succowee takg part o /
Deposits o / Negroes (accordg to yr proposal)
to no purpose of a space o 53 days & as our
269] Affairs require our presce elsewhere. We can't
but declare to y. t if in two days we don't
receiv a satisfactory answer fm y in writg,
touchg yr present Dispute w / Negroes o
Phantah, we sh leave depart fm this place,
& leave / Source o / negroe Disputes, in wh
y h engaged yr self (& wh has therefore got
to / yr highest Degree) to / determinanⁿ o /
Phantah Natives, w thz Enemies Acca &
Amaco, & deliver to them all / people panyard
on / English, wh f a v'y good reason, & to pre-
vent / sd Negroes fm beg alimated, we h kept
o so long a time

But w regard to us, as abstracted fm
/ rest, we wait f / Justice due to us & / sd Co's
Subjects upon Dutch Ground to wh y h form'd v'y
ill founded pretensions

J. V. Voorst

260] From Governor Roberts } Succoodee
 To
 Gen Van Vorst } / 4th Mar D.S. 1750

Y^r favour of Saturday was duly received & we confess wth h^{gh} surprized us h^d We not bⁿ well acquainted wth y^r method & charg^g all y^r own delays & subtle Shifts to our Acc^t

W^{ch} hitherto flattered ourselves / Intenⁿ of late Congress was to h^d / unhappy Dispute betwⁿ us fairly & candidly examined into, in / pres^{nc} of Captⁿ Baird, in order at / conclusⁿ thereof / Papers sh^d be submitted to t^e Gentleman of Decⁿ, 't is true t^e Affair took up more time than was expected, but We c^d not fall upon a better, fairer, or more ~~expeditious~~ Expeditions Plan. hint

Y^r Sir, were not pleased to ~~send~~ any o^r to us, or more than a proposal of chiefly submit^t / grand Examinaⁿ or Enquiry to / Body of Negroes, wh^{ch} w^d h^d bⁿ like match^g 5 English Natives ag^t 5000 Dutch, / former, gr^t Sir, w^d h^d / same Chance to h^d contend^d / Justice of the Cause by Deed & Words & Oratory as Strength, / result therefore of y^r proposals afores^d must be unavoidably promoted new Quarrels & Commotⁿ, wh^{ch} it was, a^l much our Interest to avoid, as y^r perhaps to encourage.

Sir, we must inform y^e / Examinaⁿs taken, h^d bⁿ some time finished, & agreeable to / Articles or Preliminaries of Congress, h^d bⁿ ever since, this day y^e night laid before Captⁿ Baird, Since t^e time we h^d only waited for y^e to lay Yours also before him.

yr neglect o vsh obligis us to assure y, / Time
elapsed since t performance o our Part, rests
upon y to acct f

How y can possibly expect Capt^m Baird
determinanⁿ w^t first perusing & comparing yr
part o/, proceedings w Ours, We cannot
concede.

As y now start off & acquaint us, y are
determined to leave this place in two days,
unless we send y some Satisfactory Answer,
it gives us some room to conjecture t on
perusal o/ Evidence y perceived a truth (to wit)
t all yr Party h^e deposed, amts not to

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& Behaviour & t/ Same will not bear / Ex-
aminacⁿ o such an important impartial
Arbitrator as Capt^m Baird.

We cannot think but it wd h^e b^e more
agreeable to yr repeated Expressⁿ o a desire
to accommodate Matters, to h^e proposed /
Restoraⁿ o our Prisoners & entered into some
honest terms o Accommodacⁿ f preservg Peace
f / future than to recede or fly off under
a scandalous pretce o withdrawg yr Inter-
posim. We fancy it will appear to most
people y h^e b^e [e] a much larger share
in / Troubles than bare Interposim especially
as yr own v^y Protest^t makes & proclaims y
aboud a Principal, y h^e b^e & continued /
Grand Engine, / Ahantah, y talk & write
so much abt in vain, only passive Instruments
till agitated by yr Influence.

However its still expected t accordg to
Agreem^t y lay yr Credentials & before

Captⁿ Baird, if y are resolved to / Contrary
 We sh be glad to hear what y h^l next to
 propose to introduce & establish Peace &c
 J R

P.S. Agreeable to desire We lay before y /
 Testimony o Our white & o^r Evidences, by
 Messrs Senior & Hippiley, / Originals
 whereof are duly sworn to before.
 Captⁿ Baird y may always command
 & Examine^m

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From Gen Van Voorst }
 To Governor Roberts } Succedee
 L 16th Mar. N.S. 1750 [51]

Y^r Letter o / 4th Inst^h O.S. in answer
 to our last We find more offensive than satis-
 factory, as accordg to y^r old Custom, you
 make an Accusⁿ wh y cannot prove, but
 w much more truth wd fit y & y^r method
 o proced^r, if we confess we are oblig'd con-
 trary to our Inten^m to take up w y^r tedious
 way o procedure, in order as usual to give
 y sworn o sinking [in margin seeking] w^t y
 Subject o Reproach, y accuse y^r unwil-
 ling^{ly} falsely in sayg we h committed /
 Affairs to / simple Judgem^t o / Natives,
 as we h desired our Board to give us his
 opinion, in order after havg hd^t it, to hear
 what / Aphantah people wd think o it, they
 beg / Party w wh y h begun / Dispute,

or it is / opinion of every one in this Affair con-
cerning the Nation.

Consequently y^e w^{ch} little propriety, say
t we were interested in encourag^g & visit^g /
above mentioned Natives to foment the Quarrel,
wh^{ch} y^e h^{ad} s^{et} or made w^{ith} them. To this we had no
Occasion to go, whilst y^e h^{ad} but too much
inflamed it; And we are besides much
surprized at y^e mentioning / Articles or
Preliminaries, this is as to us as much an
Enigma as t^{he} wh^{ich} y^e write of last Interview

But t^{he} is v^{ery} intelligible wh^{ich} y^e mean^{ing} o^f
y^e Expectat^{ion} after present^g y^e papers to
Captⁿ Baird, is int^{er} t^{hat} we sh^{ould} h^{ave} fol-
lowed y^e example, & t^{hat} in consequ^{ence} / s^{ome}
Gentleman wd^{ould} h^{ave} sooner determin'd, f^{or}
wh^{ich} reason (accord^g to y^e position) I' d^o
to blame my self f^{or} / loss time. Now f^{or} this
v^{ery} reason we see (as in all y^e o^{ther} Chim-
erical projects) y^e y^e self are / Cause o^f t^{he}
delay, wh^{ich} y^e lay to our Charge, f^{or} what
likelihood is th^{ere}, t^{hat} we sh^{ould} h^{ave} any reasons
to send our papers to t^{he} Gentleman, as y^e
h^{ad} in y^e own hand / Pro & Con o^f / whole
Examinat^{ion} o^f both Parties, y^e sh^{ould} besides
h^{ave} b^{een} wise enough to find out t^{hat} y^e
papers were more intelligible to Captⁿ
Baird than Ours, by wh^{ich} he cd^{ould} h^{ave} under-
stood noth^{ing}, & it wd^{ould} h^{ave} b^{een} ridiculous
to h^{ave} sent him them

27.] Thirdly we think (contrary to y^e Judge^{ment}
o^f matter) t^{hat} Mr Baird h^{aving} b^{een} present at
/ Examinat^{ion} m^{uch} h^{ad} bound^{ary} enough

to give his bare Opinion, & to suspect a final Decim from him, or to ask it o him was never in our head, & he sh never be so amiserable f us as f our Roberts.

Very ridiculously then do y conclude from thence t we conceive our Deposits too weak to stand / Test o an Enquiry as we know v y well t y h / Originals o them in yr own hand & wh pretty strongly beat down yr weak Evidence, in so much t y h no or Refuge left, but to yr usual false Accusans

But to convince you in another way t y only weary yr Self in unnecessary Writg - Knows - T we h begged Capt'n Baird by letter o / 10th Inst^l to let us know his opinion on / Examina^{ns} wh were taken in his presce, but he desired us by letter o / 11th Inst^l O.S. to excuse his givg his Sentiments on / matter. Moreover, we another time sent our Secretary on board him, entreatg him in writg dated / 12th Inst^l on / same Subject & begg he wd give us / pleasure o his Co in our Fort to join w him, also to add our opinion o / Phantaks & if possible to come to an Accomodan^o & Conclusion o / Affair, but / sd Gentle man answered us by word o Mouth & not in writg, t he cd not meddle in / matter to Judge either agst / English or Dutch

nam^e but t^h he wd be at / English Fort / next
day to debate wth us. He did not however keep
his word, wd you then h^{av} us forced our
papers on t^h Gentleman f^{or} his perusal &
examination? especially as / sd Gentleman
informed our Secretary t^h f^{or} / same reason
t^h he wd not meddle in / Affairs, he h^{ad}
sent back all yr papers & Deposits wth
h^{av}g read them, a fair Resol^ution? but after
this is it not odd it sh^d be expected o^us to
offer our papers to Captⁿ Baird accordg to
our Agreem^t.

now we think we h^{av} now no longer
any Occasion to fatigue Our Selves to no
purpose in followg yr Example, & also t^h it
wd be v^{er}y unnecessary & improper to
deliver y^e any Prisoners belongg to /
Phantahs (wh^o were panyard by way o^f
Reprizal at / risk o^f the lives & o^f shedd^g
innocent Blood) till it appears plainly
t^h they in dog it were so culpable as y^e &
especially as 't is ridiculous to make a
demand o^f them o^f them before / Affairs
is determined

those f^{or} this reason we h^{av} f^{or} some time kept
these Prisoners in Sequestran^t, tho' we wd
deliver them in exchange f^{or} those wh^o are
detained in yr Fort.

We conclude then f^{or} lawfull reasons
such as are best known to Ourselves, t^h y^e
sh^d keep us here no longer unnecessarily,
but t^h / last proposals to obtain Peace

thro' our Mediation betwⁿ / respective English
 & Aphantah Na^{ts}, are in reciv^g Satisfacⁿ
 for the Enemies Acca & Amako f /
 Insult on them by those English Cabochers,
 originally for / false pretension o Amako,
 wh was / mo^o Cause o all these Troubles

242. Lastly you'l please to know t We've
 sent back / Papers Mr Senior &
 Hippisley bro^t us, unread, bec we co^d
 not comprehend or at least understand
 them. We may answer y when /
 Contents are explained J. V. Voorst

P.S. Besides what we h already sd, y will be
 pleased also to understand, t we in per-
 son can no longer stay here as / dispatch^d
 o a Cos Sloop, Ship at its own price
 at Elmina. We h therefore commissioned
 Mess^r Mayn^r Jacob Credo Bacob. One o /
 members o Council to put an end to
 y to / Affairs, if possible in a friendly
 way, in wh hope he will sh stay 6 or
 8 days after our departure &c.

[End of / Book T. 70. 1467]

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Enclosure
" A Copy o Robert's letters to
Jno Hardman Esq."

Cape Coast Castle

Sep^r ye 28 1750.

Africa

Africa Cape Coast Castle Sep^r 28
1750

Sir

A Vigorous war w/ Dutch & Aghanta
natives f / 6 mos past at Dixcove Fortress,
four o w^h close Confined therein defend^d
/ Same, togr^e w^a distress o Hands to forward
/ publick acct^s h^e contributed to present
performance o my promise to transmit of an
Estimate of Annual Sum upon / nearest Calcu-
lans it will cost to support / Forts & Settlements
/ former therefore will be requisite to give y
a short detail o.

The Dutch our inveterate Enemies & rivals
on this coast thro a desire not only o engross^d
/ whole trade but even curtail^d / British
Territories, h^e spirited up almost a total de-
fectn in / Aghanta Country, particularly
amg^t / Natives o Dixcove in so much t^h f^r
incentives aforesaid, & touch'd w^h some old
hardships they underwent in / time o War

Chalmer & others many of most considerable
 English Labochers forsook the Allegiance
 embraced / Dutch Jurisdiction & Protection
 Contrary to the own Country Laws took
 up arms agst Fort Dixcove, upon timely
 notice o/ above fm our Chief, I was obliged
 I bequing o April last to repair thither & put
 same in / best posture o defence where I was
 block'd up 4 months, as above / Fort having fm
 closely besieged o all / avenues to it beg
 stop'd by / Dutch as much as in the power
 both by Sea & Land

To recite in / small Compass o a letter
 / frequent attacks & numerous bodies o
 natives t Fort resisted & repuls'd is a chg
 impossible, neither wd it admit a quarter o
 / Concessions & endeavours I h made to terminate
 troubles wh h no[t] affected / least impress on
 / obdurate heart o / Dutch Gen whence y may
 well Conjecture war is still continued agst
 Dixcove & indeed it is wth gr^{at} resolution scarce a
 Day passes but / same is vigorously attacked,
 / Dutch having / Conquest o it wth much at heart
 as / West India Compy o Holland will thereby
 be Masters o evy fort & Settlement to windward
 o Seconde

I sh be silent upon a Cert⁺ fm
 Colleagues & Commendaⁿ o o^{rs}, t new masters
 hd long agoe occupied Dixcove fortress hd
 I not o hastened thither to its Defence & relief,
 nor shd I advance ought o Dangers ex-
 countred or hardships underwent only fwe
 till y t Fort remains yet in / English poss^{ion}
 session, / Garrison are all in good heart & well
 supplied supply'd w provisions & Ammunition to de-
 fend / siege Six months Longer, or till /

Dutch may be inclined to accommodate matters
or a ship of War arrives to its succour; by
Gen's obstinacy I'm sorry to say we are wide
from terminatg of troubles yet I hope to be able in
a little time to give y a good acct of affair
/ justice of Cause beg entirely on my side, &
t on an inquiry into / origin / Gen will be
obliged to refund to our Satisfacⁿ of / Vast
expence losses Bloodshed & Despatch we h
sustained . . . [Long by Capt Boats at A'bord]

[no sign^{er}]

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Endorsed " A Copy
Indent sent by Mrs
Roberts to John
Hardman Esq^r
Cape Coast Castle Sep^r 20 1750. "

Includes / followg item :-

[P3] 20 Silver Headed Canes w/ Comp^d Arms
engraved thereon of presents to Kings & gr
men in / inland Country to engage them
in / British Interest. for want of one of
above mentioned Canes it has caused a gr
deal more trouble than wd h happened at
Ducove, as it is enlistg them into yr
Service & they never after Desert

[Original] Cape Coast Castle, January 16. 1750-1

Honorable Gentleman ^{LET}

The Multiplicity o Business, /
 daily hopes o supplies, / loss we are at how
 any longer to support yr Forts wth this
 heavy expensive Pall a bre, or Contest wth /
 Dutch in / Ahanta Country brings upon
 us a wth wth / Support^g all yr^s Forts wth
 since September last has nearly exhausted
 our own Fortunes now daily sink^g having
 now no method or way o Trade to win
~~we~~ draw or lengthen / same out, & have
 no soul but our Selves to attend / daily
 Occurrences, totally deprives us o / Honour
 we daily propose to our Selves o answer^g
 yr letters by / Melley, but / advises now
 received & confirmed to us, as they are o /
 highest Importance to yr Honours Affairs as
 well as / Interest o / Hon^r in Gen. Obliges
 us to brake through everythg to acquaint
 y^r thereof & to inform y^r if there is this
 morn^g arrived in this Road one Capt
 Thomas Carpenter o New England who
 acquaints us t^{on} / 10 & 11 Instant he
 was in co wth three french frigates o 36
 Guns each off Axim, full o Men &
 Stores & sett^lg a french Factory at
 Annamaboe, he also begs us a letter
 fm / Chiefs o Dixson where in they say
 Jan^y 14. 1750-1 "Capt Tate o Bristol
 " is just arrived here & informs us t^{he}
 " spoke wth two french Sixty Gun ships
 " & three french Gallies full o Men who
 " are com^g down to settle Annamaboe, he
 " thinks they will be down here tomorrow

"as they lay off Azim when he spoke w them

Capt Partrick Baird in his Majesty's
Ship Surprise o 20 Guns who Arrived at
Discove / 24 litta remains at Succondee w
Governour Roberts & / Dutch Gen indeavour
to Compose / dispute in / Athanta Country,
but no news yet o his Majesty's Ship
Prince Henry Capt Richard Jasper men-
tioned in yr Honours' letters nor o any
Suppliers.

We beg leave to Assure yr Honours t in
Gover Conjun^m w Governour Roberts & w
/ advise & Assiste o Capt Baird we sh
use w^y method we can, nor sh we spare
advanc^y our own private fortunes not w^y
/ Discouragem^t we h hitherto mett w
in not beg paid as yet f our advancements
in / year 1749 & our private advises
inform us One o us at least are to be re-
moved & t yr Honours h b^m pleased not
to think us Worthy to Conduct yr Affairs
any longer by / Decision yr Honours
favoured us w in yr above mentioned
letters by / Melley wh however gave us
yr Satisfac^m by yr continu^y our Roberts
in / direc^m o yr Affairs & Appoint^y him
Governour, We say not w^y all these
discharge m^ts We beg leave to Assure yr
Honours Our Zeal f yr Service & /
National ~~Interest~~ Intrest is not any way
declined, & therefore w / above mentioned
we sh use w^y method we can to prevent
/ French fm Sett^y at Annamaboe, but

we imagine nothing but force will do it
 & in what Condition we are in w^t either
 men or Money to apply force y^r Honours
 can easily form a Judgment o^r how it
 will End. We heartily pray f^r Speedy
 Supplies fm y^r Honours sh^d / same be
 attended wth our Demissions in / mean-
 time we beg leave To Subscribe Ourselves

y^r Honours

most Obedient & may we add
 faithful & Dutiful Servants

W^m Husband

Thomas Boteler

Capt^r Carpenters adds, he fell in Co
 wth French Ships / 1st Instant off
 River Sestos & they kept him
 Cost fm thence to Axim, showed
 no Colours in answer to his, but gave out
 to 1 Blacks they were go^g to settle at
 Benmin T Boteler

Endorsed

Deposition

of
John Roberts Esq^{re}

John Roberts Esquire
Governour o Cape Coast Castle

Deposeth

I this Dep^t received a letter dated /
30th o March 1750 from Mr^r Nathanael Senior
Chief o / Royal African Co o England's Fort^r
Dixcove, advising t Capt Dick an English
Cabo Cab^{er} had brot a Negroe Man into /sd
Fort, who had some time past stole his (Capt
Dick's) Chest o Cloths; & desired /sd Senior
to put /sd Negroe into Irons, wh he did. And
t / next day upon Enquiry into / Truth o /sd
Capt Dick's Accusamⁿ, /sd Offender confessed
/ Fact, & impeached his Master, Atheyamkey,
another English Cab^{er} o receivg part o /sd
Stolen Goods. T thereupon sd Senior sent f
Atheyamkey to come & clear himself o /
Accusamⁿ, who sent /sd Senior f answer, he
wd not come &c. T sd Senior therefore sent
his Boy & some Co's Slaves to brg sd
Atheyamkey down by force, /sd Atheyamkey
on thir Arrival agreed to go w them & ~~ac~~
accordg by set forward; but on / Road to
Dixcove, /sd Slaves & Boy were attacked
by certain Negroes belongg to Quacoo
Croom & Coffee Heydrue, both likewise
English Subjects, who Armed w Guns & Cut-
lasses wounded & beat /sd Co's Slaves, & Boy,
& rescued or carried away, sd Atheyamkey.
also t 4 o / Royal African Co's Slaves were
[Hydra, in CO 388/45]

Pampered & Carried away by some negroes within Musquet Shot of / sd Fort o Dixcove, w^o Particulars therein recited. This Dep^t Fur^r Saith t^e he received another letter fm / sd Senior dated 31st o / sd month, advising t^e / People o Bushaws had appeared within Pistol Shot o / sd Fort, armed in a Warlike or Hostile manner, at whom / sd Senior discharged two Canon fm / Fortress & they Dispersed.

Upon Receipt o / Advice's aforesaid, This Dep^t repaired to Dixcove in order to Enquire into, & Accomodate / sd matters, & did arrive thr Friday / 6th o April 1750 & has^g conferred / Cabb^{ers} Bossue, Acca, & Old Dick, Enquired into / Origin o / Dispute & if / sd Cabb^{ers} Dick's ~~Palace~~ Palace was just & fair, The Cabb^{ers} aforesaid Assured this Dep^t it was.

That this Dep^t understand^g / sd Cabb^{ers} Theyanky, Quacoo Croom, Coffee Heydome, to^g w^o Tye, were fled to & ~~protected by~~ protected in thr Disobedience by Entering King o Athanta, in whose possession were likewise / 4 Co's Slaves pampered as set forth in / sd Senior's letter. This Dep^t sent a Messenger to Enterry to Inform him this Dep^t was arrived at Dixcove & desired him Enterry to send / English Cabb^{ers} Theyanky, Quacoo Croom, Tye & Coffee Heydome w^o / Four Slaves belong^g to / Royal African Co o England t^e had bin Pampered or Seized,

belong to Royal African Co to him this De-
ponent, & to desire sd Enterry wd come to
Dixcove & accomodate / Dispute assuring him
Justice shd be done all Parties concerned & t
he shd be at full liberty to come & go w^o
hurd or molestⁿ. This Dep^t Fur Saith /
Messengers returned w^o informaⁿ Enterry was
gone to Bontry whereupon this deponent /
Day follow^g sent a messenger agn to
Enterry to demand / Revolted Cabbers offered
& Ordered / messenger to assure Enterry if he
wd send / sd Cabbers or come himself into
Dixcove Fortress & Refer his Palaver or Dis-
pute to this Deponent he shd not be
prejudiced or ~~for~~ any advantage taken o
him & however wrong upon Enquiry it mt
appear he was, he shd depart / Fortress to
his own habitaⁿ.

This Dep^t Fur Saith t / messenger Returned
w^o Informaⁿ Enterry wd not come into Dixcove
Fort therefore this Dep^t Convened / English
Cabbers o Dixcove (to wit) Bossu, Acca,
Capt. Dick & Atchwinnee, & ordered them to
send messengers to Enterry to assure him
o his Safety & t Each o w^o them were ready
to take o Fetish w^o him f / same if he wd
come into Dixcove Fort & make / Palaver.

t / Cabbers offered sometime of words
returned & told this Dep^t they hd sent & assured
Enterry they wd give him Pawrty or any o^r
Security f his Safety yet t Enterry not w^o
such assurances, refused to attend at Dixcove
Fort to settle / sd Dispute.

This Dep^t also Saith on Thurs / 12th o
April a considerable Body o Negroes

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armed, presented themselves in a hostile manner within Musket Shot o/ Fort Exultg

Dancg & Insultg / English Subjects o Discove contrary to / laws & usage o Coast.

T on Sun / 15th day o April. this Dep^t Dep^t had an Interview in Discove Fortness w Mr Peter Volkman & John Caedo Bacot who were Commissioned by John Van Voors^t Esquire to treat w this Dep^t abt / sd Dispute. T / sd Volkman cd not speak English & Bacot (who cd) wd not, but talked both in Dutch or Portuguese, wh was interpreted to / Linguists in Blacks & by / sd Linguist reinterpreted to, this Dep^t in imperfect English & this Dep^t's answers underwent / contrary Chain o Explanaⁿ whereby no tolerable Judgment or Enquiry cd be made into ~~sd~~ / sd Dispute or either Party well understand each o^r. wh this Dep^t observed to Mr Bacot in English, & t / Merits o Debate wd never be come at, by such imperfect male Interpret^{ns}, but be rather / more perplexed. T therefore this Dep^t desired Mr Bacot to hear / Circumst^s o Dispute in English & f him Bacot, to explain / same to Mr Volkman, wh Bacot positively objected to. Whereupon this Dep^t agⁿ observed to sd Bacot / bad Consequ^s o not clearly understandg each o^r. Sd Bacot evaded / Proposal pretendg sd Volkman did not understand English, & advantage mt be taken o his Bacot's imperfect Knowledge thereof: Whereupon this Dep^t demanded / British Cabbers Theyankley, Tye, Quacoo Croom a Coffee

Hejdrone then under Protecⁿ o sd King
Entery & upheld by him fm returning to
the Allegiance.

This Dep^t fur^r Saith t he informed /
aforsd Volkmer & Bacot t / 4 Cabbers de-
manded were English Subjects to his own
Knowledge as they inhabited Towns belong^g
to / English^r f a Succesⁿ o Years especially
when this Dep^t was Chief o Dixcove, & did
at / time o the Resolv^t. Therefore he, this
Dep^t Demanded / sd Cabbers to answer f /
Turmults they hd committed, after wh, if
they cd be Proved Dutch Subjects, they sh^d
sh^d be Delivered up.

This Deponen^t fur^r Saith sd Volkmer
Produced some Sheets o Paper wrote as they
sd to / best o this Dep^t's Knowledge in
Dutch, offerg it as a Justificanⁿ o Entery,
desirg it m^t be heard in sd Language & thro'
/ same chain o Interpretans, wh this Dep^t
objected to, & desired / same to be rendered
into French. At / same time assurg sd
Volkmer & Bacot t if Entery wd brg /
Cabbers aforsd into Dixcove Fortress, / same
Instan^t his (Entery's) two Women who hd b^e
pannyarred or seized sh^d be set at Liberty, the
sd Volkmer & Bacot answered they wd call
on Entery & inform him o / Proposal & let
this Dep^t Know / Result / Day followg, wh
they never did.

This Dep^t also saith t it hath b^e
reported & offered in Swide in / late

Examinaⁿ o Witnesses I he this Deponent
sent People to attack Bushaw, in / Night. This
Deponent affirms / same to be false & ground-
less as this Dep^t to / best o his Knowledge &
belief (fr / Interviews wth sd Volkmer & Bacch)
never ordered his People by night or day on any
such Expedition fr under / Cannon o Dixcove Fort
to / Day o this Deponent's Departure

This Deponent fur Saith t / 18th o
April a Messenger o his to / English Cabber
Bossue was stopped in / Bush by a Party
o Negroes & not suffered to go on wth his message,
who followed / sd Messenger into / 1st Town
(as he informed this Deponent at his Return)
whereupon this Deponent ordered some o / Gar-
rison to go & learn / Occⁿ thereof, betwⁿ
whom & / sd Party o Negroes, armed, a Skir-
mish happened. This Deponent likewise Saith
a little time afterwards a Number o Negroes
appeared in Arms in / 1st Town & on / Sand
before Dixcove Fort, agst whom some o / Garrison
went o^{ut}, but were beat back by a numerous
Body o / Enemy who burnt / Little Town &
Canoe shed wth Stores o Limbers lodged th^r f
Repairing / fort, killed one Man & wounded sev^{er}
al under / Walls o / sd Dixcove Fort.

This Deponent Fur Saith on Sunday
22^d April this Dep^t Ordered a Canoe to
go on Board a Vessel t appeared in / Offin
wh he g^{ot} near half way, 6 three hand
Canoes, manned, put off, fr Boutry to
Surprize, Panyar or Serec this Dep^t's
Canoe as he verily believes f on his
Candemⁿ's ~~deceit~~ observ^g they were
pursued, came back, wth 9 oⁿ board /
Vessel & / Canoes fr Boutry returned
firg sev^{er} Guns. This Dep^t fur Saith
on / 25th April he Embarked f Cape Coast
Castle leas^g / Command o Dixcove

Fortress to Messrs Andrew Johnson (Chief of
Commenda Fort) John Smolman Gardener
Factor in / Service of Royal African Co of
England, Nassau Senior Chief & John Godfrey
& returned again to Discove 128th May
in order to meet Godfrey Sandra & Peter
Volkmer deputed by John Van Voort Esq^r
to Enquire into & Adjust / Dispute wth this
Deponent as he imagined, but verily believes
sd Sandra & Volkmer were rather sent to
Embroid matters if Informants were true & came
to this Deponents Knowledge. T / first

Interview this Deponent had wth Mrs Sandra
on / 30th May, O.S. this Deponent proposed
to Mrs Sandra t^e Effect & Purport follows:
"T if it shd happen upon Enquiry into /
" Merits of this Dispute t^e Troubles shd not
" be Accommodated, a Limitⁿ of 20 days
" shd be agreed upon for all Parties, after break^g
" up of Assembly, to Return to th^r Respective
" Habitans" to wh^{ch} Mrs Sandra consented.

This Deponent full Saith at a second
Interview wth Messrs Sandra & Volkmer this
Deponent demanded / Limitⁿ of 20 days
Cessaⁿ as before set forth, to wh^{ch} both
verbally agreed.

This Deponent likewise Saith t^e to his
g^o Surprise Mrs Sandra informed him by
letter he had left Bontny on / 8th of July N.S.
wh^{ch} letter this Deponent received on / 28th
June O.S. wh^{ch} time this Dep^t considered &
looked upon as / Commencem^t of 20 days
Cessaⁿ so Concluded & Honourably agreed
upon, but, this Deponent full Saith, on /
8th July a Negroe of Garrison of Discove

198.

was Seized, taken Prisoner & Slain under / Guns
o/ sd Fort in Violation o sd Agreement as this
Dept^r heard & verily believes. And fur^r t^e
notw^t / sd Cession so agreed upon two Eleven
hand Canoes on the Voyage fm Cape Coast
Castle, Laden w Sundry Stores Merchandize
& English Subjects Passengers, were Panyard
& Seized, / Goods made Captives as well as
Passengers & Hands on board, & carried into
Bontry Fort ~~where~~ where / English Subjects
were Imprisoned & barbarously treated by sd
John Credo Bacot / Chief, as this Dep^oment
has bin informed but f^r q^uer Certainty refers
to / Deposition o Bacot Cabb^r o English
Succoedee. This Dep^oment fur^r Saith on /
9th July he sent a messenger to sd Bacot
to Demand Restit^ution o/ Canoes, Cargoe, & People
seized as aforesd, who returned f^r answer
t^e he, Bacot, cd not deliver them, but he wrote
to / Gen Van Voors^t thereupon.

This Dept^r fur^r Saith on Sunday 22^d July a
lge Canoe came on^t fm Bontry w a number o small
ones & paddg towds / Dolphin Sloop then at anchor,
Discharged sevl Guns at sd Sloop &
Returned to Bontry.

Sworn before me on board J^on Roberts [orig
his Majesty's Ship Surprise sign]
in Succoedee Road 2^d March

17507

~~Pat~~ Baird [orig
Pat: sign]

Endorsed

"Deposition
Jno Roberts Esq^{re}
Atchumab
1. & 2.

1745 relatg to
Atchua t at Dinner
thr a league to Wind
ward o Dixcove Inne
head o Atchua Acknowledg^d
/ Whole District to belong
to / English "

Indift
hand
& ink

original

Dares

John Roberts Esquire
Governour o Cape
Coast Castle

Deposeth T this Deponent beg appointed
by / Council at Cape Coast Chief o Dixcove
Fort in / year 1745, he, this Deponent received
/ Charge o / sd Fort & ca from Mrs William h
~~Trav~~ [Trav? sdge town] who upon makg out
/ Co's Slaves Lists Informed this Deponent
t Abraham / Bomboy & Sewl o / Co's Slaves
were at a Town belongg to / Afors^d Fort abt a
league to windward called Atchumab.
gatherg limestone & t / Co's Sawyers were in
Atchumab Bush Sawg Timber accordg to the
Duty & Custom & t / sd Slaves wd return on
Saturday night or some part o them
This Deponent fur^t South t all / Time

he Continued at Dixcove Fort / Cabocceer
 Enou & Inhabitants of Atchumah were under
 his Command & paid due obedience thereto &
 acknowledged themselves to be Subjects to
 / English. / Coy's Slaves & Sawyers
 under this Deponents Command Cut
 Timber & Sawn it in Atchumah Bush,
 & were often Employ'd by this Deponent
 either abt such work or Pickg Limestone
 f / Service of Royal African Co of England
 This Deponent fur saith he hath
 often times sent f / Cabocceer's Enou &
 Tye & order'd / Formes to assist / Slaves
 Afores'd w / Atchumah Towns People & /
 latter w his own People to gather Limestone,
 & bring down Timber, or in do any o^r work
 t required Assistee to wh they readily Com-
 plied. And furthermore this Depon^t
 2/ Saith one Time having Occasion to Employ
 / Co's Slaves at Dixcove t were Pickg
 Limestone at Atchumah, This Deponent
 sent f / Cabocceer's Enou & Tye, who
 both Came, & this Deponent lett told
 them " If War Come on (wh at t Time
 " all his Towns People assured him they
 " expected) / Afores'd Cabocceer (to w^h)
 " Enou & Tye w the People must gather
 " Limestone to repair Dixcove Castle, oth-
 " wise t This Deponent Ed not assiste
 " f the r Peoples Protection from the
 " Enemy (or words to such effect) wh they
 promised to perform & did so.

This Deponent full saith he went wth Mr
Thomas Chalmer to Atchumah to be more
fully satisfied how / sd Cabocers Enou
& Tye wth the people went on, & how much
Limestone they had gather'd & found they had
collected a good quantity thereof - where-
upon this Deponent & sd Chalmer dined
in / Cabocers Enou's house, who acknow-
ledgd this Deponent his master & Chief &
no o^r Person to this Deponent's Knowledge

This Deponent full saith in / Month

- o July 1746 / Council o Cape Coast wrote to
him to purchase a quantity o Corn f^r the
Service, & this Deponent be^g informed /
People o Atchumah sold the Corn to Canoes
t^h came fm Leeward this Depon^t. sent f^r
Enou / Cabocers & Tye & told them
if he catch'd either o them or any o the
people sell^g Corn to any Person but him
himself, he this Deponent wd make a
Palours upon them f^r so do^g, upon wh^o
sd Cabocers Enou & Tye were refrain'd
fm dispos^g o the Corn to any person but
this Deponent the Master, or if they
did ~~it~~ it was in a clandestine way as
it never came to this Deponent's Knowledge,
3] tho' he ordered Abraham / Bomboy & Co's
8th Slaves to reside at Atchumah to
prevent Canoes carry^g Corn fm thence.
The Af^r sd Cabocers & Tye sold this
Deponent a quantity o Corn f^r Service

o/ English. This Deponent fur^r saith he
 has often ordered / Cos Slaves under his
 Command to go to Atchumah & Tyes
 Croom to Panjore Live Stock, such as
 Fowles, Ducks, Sheep & Goats f^r His use
 & / Aford Cabocers Enrou & Tye Came
 f^r paym^t f^r / sd Stock so Panjored

This Deponent fur^r saith Tye & w
 his people were used to Cut wood f^r this
 Dep^t & br^g it Down to Atchumah Beach

Joⁿ Roberts. [origⁿ sign]

Sworn before me on board
 His Majesty's Ship Surprise
 In Sacondee Road 2^d March

1750

Pat^r Baird

[origⁿ sign]

Endorsed

" 3
 Deposiⁿ
 John Hippisley.

3d

17

The Deposiⁿ o John Hippisley
 Chief Surgeon o Cape Coast Castle.

This Deponent saith t on or abt /
 Second day o June 1750 beg presents at a
 meetg of Discove before Mr Roberts

& Messrs D Sandra & Volkmar on / occa^{on}
o mak^g up / dispute in / Athanta Country.
He (this Deponent) heard Mr Roberts propose
to / above gentlemen (Messrs D Sandra & Volkmar)
t^hat / quarrel shd not be made up by the
Conference or Endeavour, t^hat twenty days shd be
granted (to begin from / break^g up o^f
Congress) t^hat / return o^f / people (who were
then assembled) to the se^{ve}l homes dur^g wh^{ic}
time an absolute cessat^on o^f all hostilities &
molestat^on shd be observed.

This Deponent further saith t^hat Mr D Sandra
answered / above proposal in such words
as / Deponent (as he believes ~~any~~ any one
else who was present) conceiv^d wd amt to
an Agreem^{nt} as firm & bind^g as one barely
Verbal could be

[No sign or attestat^on clause]

Enclosed

Depositi^on
Nassau Senior

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1747 / Right to Atehua Co^o
Corroborated / 20 days agreem^{nt}
bet^h Sandra Conformed
Both by Endeavour to
Settle his Palaces /
obstructed by Dutch
Threatings
Possess^on Busha Island

[In diff^{er}
hand
& ink]

Original

Nassau Senior Chief of Discove
Saith & is willg to Depose.

I / Cabb^{ers} of Atchuma, &
Tyes Crewm always acknowledged him
this Dep^t as the Master fm / month of
August 1747, / time he received / Charge
of Discove Fort till / month of March
1750 / bequing of this present Dispute &
always were Obedient to this Deponents
Commands wh were partly Executed by
them in sellg whate African Com-
modities they had to dispose of to him /
Deponent, & had it come to / Knowledge of
this Deponent t they made Trade w any
one else he wd be severely punished 'em
f^d.

I / Cos Sawyers under Command of
this Deponent cut & sawed Timber in
Atchuma Bush

I this Deponent sent f / Cabb^{ers} of
Atchuma called Aondo but he beg on^t
o / way sent f / ~~Sakey~~ Sakey (1 Person t
took care of / Crewm or Village in his
absence) & told him t he / Deponent wd not
allow any Small Canoes to be kept at
Atchumamah & t if they / Canoemern did not
choose to come w the Canoes to Discove he
this Deponent wd send & destroy them,
he Sakey replied t the were only two old
Canoes the, to wh he this Deponent sd, let
'em be old or new / Canoemern must come w
'em to Discove. This Deponent fur Saith
t he / sd Sakey went to Atchuma, & two

Canoes came from thence to Dixcove (one o /
Canoes belonged to Tye & / or to Sackey) &
remained there till Sackey obtained / Permission
o this Dep^t. t / sd. Canoe men shd return w / the
Canoes to Atchuma, he / sd Sackey represent^g
to this Dep^{on}ent t he cd not supply him w
Corn w / them.

This Dep^{on}ent fur^r Saith t some o / Atchu-
ma People came to acquaint him this Dep^{on}-
ent t Mr Bacot o Axim's head Boy w his
(1 sd. Boy's) People hd quarrelled there & broke
some o / Inhabitants' heads. On wh this
Dep^{on}ent dispatched some People w Orders
to br^g / sd Axim Boy & into / Fort o
Dixcove wh they accordg^y did. This Dep^{on}-
ent Saith he examined into / Reason o /
Disturbance aforesd & it was Proved t on / sd
Axim Boy w his People com^g to Atchuma
they asked / above mentioned Sackey f Palm
Wine who told them they were go^g to Dix-
cove & so was he, w a doady o Corn f his
Master, mean^g this Dep^{on}ent, t when he came
there he wd give em Palm Wine, to wh they
answered how came he to carry / English
Chief Corn when / Dutch Chief o Acquidah
who was his Master's wanted it, to whom
Sackey replied t Croom or Village mean^g
Atchuma did not belong to / Dutch but /
English, two o / Chief o Axim's Boy's People
then told Sackey they wanted Palm Wine to
Drink there, who answered if f & f^r Master,
mean^g / Chief o Axim's Boy will sit down
I'll get f something to Eat, & by t time / Palm
Wine will come, at wh / sd Boy's were affronted
2] affronted & asked him if he ~~that~~ that the

Master was so poor he cd not give them
 Victuals to Eat. & thereupon ill used sd
 Sakey or beak & ~~mal-treated~~ maltreated
 1 People o Atchuma. The Deponent fur
 saith t after this Examinan he ordered
 / above two Boys to be put in Irons & /
 Chiefs Boy to go to his Master & tell him t
 nothing shd satisfy this Deponent but a Man
 Slave f / Insult they hd done to / English
 Subjects o Atchuma & if he / sd Chiefs
 Boy did not buy a Slave as aforesd at a
 certain time then limited he this Deponent
 wd sell / two Boys off / Coast. & thereupon
 / Boy answered he wd go to his Master's
 Brother at Bontry, & Complain to him o
 what this Deponent hd done.

This Deponent fur saith Mr Bacot
 (Chief o Bontry) sent his Boy to this Depon-
 ent & desired ~~to be~~ desired t he wd
 release / two Boys he hd in Irons as it wd
 make his Brother o Atxim, much ashamed
 (or words to t effect) if his head Boy went
 to Elmina wth Attendance at / same time
 alledg^g / two Boys were Drunk when they
 quarrelled w his this Deponents' People.
 Whereupon / sd Deponent Ordered / two Boys to be
 taken out o Irons or them Flogged, after wh he /
 Deponent delivered em to / sd Bacot o Bontrys
 Boy & told him to inform his Master t it was
 purely to oblige him t he / Deponent hd
 released / two Boys but he hd ordered
 them Correction at / sun / better to Deter
 'em fm do^g / same f / Future. & / Boy
 replied his Master was obliged to him this
 Deponent f what he hd done.

T next Morn^g / Dutch Chief o Acquadah
sent his Boy Tietie w a Present o Oysters + at
/ same time acquainted him / Deponent t he
heard t he hd had a Palaver o Quarrel w /
Chief o Heims Boy, + desired t he this
Deponent wd not think, t he hd put any such
thg into / Boys head f he knew w^y well +
was always ~~satisfied~~ satisfied t Atchuma
belonged to / English.

Sd Nassau Senior Fur Deposeth t
havg read t part o Mr Roberts's Deposiⁿ
to April 6th / Day o his Arrival at Discover
+ fr^m / 12th to / 25th o sd Month, finds
/ same is fact + deposeth thereto

Also havg Perused t part o Mr John
Smalman Gardener's Deposiⁿ fr^m April
26 to May 11 well know^s wth t / sd Part^s
therein mentioned are true + Deposeth / same.

This Deponent fur Saith on May 21st
a small Canoe returning to leeward was
chased a long way by a Lge Canoe fr^m
Bushaw manned w an Indent as this
Dep^t imagines to take / sd Canoe.

T Mr D Sandra in his Conferce w Mr
Roberts agreed to 20 days Cessⁿ o Hos-
tilities in case / Dispute shd not be settled.

3] This Deponent likewise Saith t on /
21st + 22^d o July a Number o Canoes were
seen off Boutry + Bushaw who joined +
divided themselves into Parties or Squadrons
Sundry times + neared / Sloop Dolphin
intend^g as this Deponent really believes
to Engage + make a Capture o / sd Sloop.

This Deponent fur Saith t on / 30th
o November (/ time t / English Cobb^{er}
Bossue was endeavour^g to adjust / present
Dispute betwixt him + his Masters in order
to return to his Allegiance + resettle himself

& People in his (1st Bossue's) Town under
 Discove Fork) Bossue Cabb^l sent to ac-
 quaint this Deponent & Mr Richard Brew
 & Mr Bacot had sent to order him Bossue
 to come to Boutry or to quit / Camp ~~behind~~
 behind / Big Town (or Town o Bossue)
 (as he Bacot imagined they supplied / Fork
 w Provisions) wh if he Bossue did not do
 by 8 O'Clock t night he wd send & Engage
 or Fight w him.

This Deponent likewise Saith t he
 hath bn acquainted t Mr Bacot o Boutry
 had sent sevl^y threatening messages to
 Bossue English Cabb^l in order to gain
 him over to / Dutch Interest & join
 Entering to Fight agst his Bossue's lawful
 Masters contrary to / Laws & Custom o /
 Country & in breach & in Contempt o an
 Article o Agreement made betw / two
 honourable Cos & once in part^l had sent
 him (Bossue) Gunpowder, & on his refus^l
 to accept o it or to go to visit him / 1st
 Bacot at Boutry he (Bacot) had
 delivered / People o Bushaw, Powder & Shot
 to fight agst him Bossue.

This Deponent fur^r Saith t on / 2nd
 o December a 1/2^l Canoe w a Dutch Flag
 at her head put sevl^y People on shore at
 Bushaw Island who hoisted a Dutch Flag
 on / same & sometime after this Deponent
 perceived a White Man wh he really believes
 was Mr Bacot & t he was reconnoitring /
 Fork w a Telescope.

This Dep^r likewise Saith t a Dutch
Flag was hoist sev^l days after on 1st
Bushaw Island, an unprecedented
Insult on / British Rights or Jurisdiction

Nassau Senior [orig
Sign]

Sworn before me onboard
his Majesty's Ship Surprise
in Succowee Road this 2^d Day
6 March 1750

Pat: Baird [orig
Sign]

Endorsed

Deposon
John Smalman Gardener
5

Confirms - Mr R Deposon
fm 5 to April 25

O.S. t no hostility
were committed by /
English after / Cessation
agreed on fm 26 Apr
to 3 May - t Canot was
Parryd. t was to brg advice
o Cessation, t after

Acc^{is} people were par yard
+ killed - + Dolphin Sloop
attacked.

Confirms / Gov^{rs} fm
28 May to Conclusion

Original

[Ind~~ist~~
dift
hand
+ ink]

John Smalman Gardener Factor in /
Service of Royal African Co
England

Deposeth.

I in / beginning of April 1750 on or abt. /
Time / Athanla Palaver or dispute com-
menced / now enquiring into before John Van
Voort Esq^r Director Gen^l of Transacty Affairs
of / hon^{ble} Dutch West India Co on / North &
South Coasts of Africa & John Roberts Esq^r
Governor of Cape Coast Castle President
Treasurer & Director Gen^l of Affairs of /
Royal African Co of England on / Gold Coast
of Africa, before Patrick Baird, Esq^r Com-
mander of his Britannic Majesty's Ship
Surprize, President of / sd Court of Enquiry)

This Deponent attended / sd Jno Roberts
fm Cape Coast Castle to Discove Fortress in
order to enquire into / Cause or reasons of /
sd Troubles & terminate / Same.

I this Deponent have perused & part
of / Deposith of sd Jno Roberts fm April 6th
to April 25th OS. & maturely considered /
Same well knoweth / purpose or Substance
thereof to be true, he this Deponent be
present & a Party to yr S^{ve}l part^s therein
recited, & deposeth to / truth thereof.

This Deponent full Saith & / sd Jno
Roberts departg fm Discove 25th of sd April
left Command of sd Fortress to Messrs
Andrew Johnson then Chief of Commenda,
This Dep^t, Nassau Senior & Jno Godfrey.
A few hours after departure of sd
Jno Roberts a Party of Armed negroes

issued from a Path called Busha Corner within
Ristal shot o sd Fort, & discharged (un-
molested, unprovoked) sev Volleys o Small
Arms at / English Subjects belongg to
Dixcove Fortress, sittg upon or under /
Walls o sd Fort.

I more partely on / 26th sd April this
Deponant having ordered / Cos Slaves belongg
to Dixcove Fort (w^{ch} 12 o / Men o War Soldiers
armed to Cover or protect them) to Rasaus
or cut down / Bushes at / sd Path called

[a] Dllsha Path or Busha Corner, / sd
Soldiers o Slaves were attacked & fired
upon by an armed Party o Negroes, who
came down Accas ~~Corn~~ Corn Field in
Sight o this Deponant who was then wth
sd Andrew Johnson on / Battle mts o
Dixcove Fort observing sd Slaves at Work.
Whereupon a Skirmish ensued betwⁿ /
Men o War Soldiers & armed Negroes
afresd / latter o whom begⁿ rein forced
by a lge body o people from Busha, as
this Dep^t heard & verily believes /
sd Slaves & Men o War Soldiers at /
Call o this Dep^t from off / Battle mts
afresd returned into / Fortress o Dixcove

This Dep^t furth saith t^h from sd 26th
April to 3^d May OS. followg no
Attack Molestam^t or aught w^{orthy} o note
occurred, or than t^h on sd 3^d May a
Canoe from John Roberts Esq^r arrived
at Dixcove / Campmen whereof Informd
this Dep^t they hd. in this Voyage been
panyard or Seized by Aggebah &
Taccorady people who detained them
Prisoners a day & night, in wh^{ch} time

the live stock died & the Palm Oil Tobacco
 &c destined for Garrison & Dixons use
 were stolen & taken from them

The said Comraon delivered to this Depo^t
 partly, as also to sd Andrew Johnson, letters
 advising a Cession of Arms was agreed upon
 between Gen Van Voorst & / Agents at Cape
 Coast Castle & thereby charging this Dep^t & sd
 Andrew Johnson strictly to observe / Same

This Dep^t saith notwithstanding / sd Cession
 two men belonging to Acca linguist were payn'd
 otherwise taken Captive by a Party of Enemy
 at or near / Water Pond of Acca on
 / 5th of sd Month May, one of whom made his
 his Escape but / sd was carried Prisoner to
 Busha as this Dep^t heard & verily believes.

In / afternoon or Eve of / same day (to
 wit) 5th May two of Acca's men were fired
 upon at or near / Water Pond aforesd (in Sight
 of this Dep^t & Captain James Bruce Commander of
 a London Smeas then on / Battle mts) One of
 whom had his Arm broken in two places
 thereby & recd sev^l of desperate Wounds
 in his Body from / Fire of sd Enemy who
 belonged to King Enterry as this Dep^t
 was informed & believes

This Depoⁿt further saith he recd Sunday
 Letters from John Roberts Esq^r charging him
 this Depoⁿt is having suffered or permitted
 some of / Dixons Soldiers or Garrison to
 go from under / Guns of fort who had
 attacked / King Enterry as his Majesty
 wth some of his Attendance or Court, was

Following his Progress thro' part o his Domains to
nasaw (ie) Cut down or Grub up / Bushes &
Set his Corn under benefit or in confidence o sd
Cesba^m This Deponent Depo^t avers / sd
Accusaⁿ is false & Scandalous, & calculated
as may well be conjectured to Alienate / Off
Affecⁿs o t Monarch, bec (fm / sd 25th April
/ day o Mrs Roberts's departure fm Dixcove
to / 28th May ensu^g when he arrived the
agn to Accomodate matters w Mrs Godfrey
De Sandra & Volkmer) neither / Soldiers or
any o / Garrison o Dixcove insulted, attacked,
or molested (e^t than in the own defence) any
party or parties o Negroes whatso^r armed
or unarmed w^t / Walls o Dixcove Fortress to /
best o this Deponents knowledge & belief,
but on / Contrary fm / sd 25 April to / 28th
May afores^d were Sundry times attacked
by / Troops o / sd Monarch Entery - maimed
wounded Panyard or Seibed as afores^d &
/ Co's Canoe by one o sd King Entery's
Subjects called Yaw w^o o his Party
Stole on^t o / Cove o Dixcove fm her
Grappell & carried to Busha residence o sd
Entery as this Depo^t heard & Verily be-
lieves in despite or Violaⁿ o sd Suspenⁿ
o lesaⁿ o Arms.

This Deponent likewise Saith t on 11th
sd Month o May 1750 / Dolphin Sloop an-
chored at Dixcove fm Cape Coast Castle
Jonathan Wickham Commander who informed
this Depo^t t in / Ev^g o 6th sd May
3] Preced^g / sd Dolphin Sloop was attacked

off Bontony by Serl Canoes full man'd &
Armed & t^{sd} Jonathan Wickham sus-
tained divers discharges o Small Arms
fr^m each & e^{ry} ~~one~~ / s^d Canoes at whom
he discharged two Swivel Guns & one Four
pound Gun. T^{sd} Wickham verily be-
lieved this was a White Man in one o/
Canoes. This Dep^{nt} saith / same be^t
only hearsay or a rel^m o^f s^d Wickham's,
he this Dep^t cannot depose to / truth o/
premisses, or than t^{sd} Wickham told
this Dep^{nt} / rel^m or Acc^t ~~of~~ ofore s^d
This Dep^t lastly saith (f^r brevity sake)
he has desired agn to peruse / s^d John
Roberts's Deposiⁿ, & havg will considered
/ remaining part thereof commencing fr^m / s^d
28th May O.S. to / concl^m o^f s^d Deposiⁿ,
well knows / Serl Part^r therein recited to
be true & hereby Deposeth / Same.

John Smalman Gardener [orig sign]

Swoon before me on board his Majesty's Ship
Surprize in / road o^f Succonde' 12^d March

1750

Pat. Baird [orig sign]

Endorsed

" Depose in
John Godfrey

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Conforming 1st Affid^t o [in depts
w^{ch} P^r - J.S.G. & hand
N. Senior. & ink]

original "

John Godfrey Inspector of Fortifications belongg to /
Royal African Co o England on / Gold Coast
o Africa

Deposeth. This / beginning o April 1750.
he was ordered from Cape Coast Castle to
Dixons Fort where he arrived on or abt /
12th o Sep April & hasg perused / Deposition
John Roberts Esqre commencing therefrom, & also
/ Sevl Depositions o Mr John Smallman Gardener,
& Nassau Senior, commencing from Date
aforesd to / end o October 1750 well known
/ purpose or Substance o / Sevl Depositions
aforesd to be true & hereby Deposeth / same

Jm^o Godfrey ~~aff~~ [orig sign]

Sworn before me on board
His Majesty's Ship Surprise
in Succowee Road 2 March
1750

Pat. Baird [orig sign]

engaged sd Dolphin Sloop, & a Lanthorn Boat
 on / Flag-Staff o Bonty Fort; - T sd Sloop
 having beat y^e Canoes off they returned to
 Bonty where at landg. all or most o
 them discharged the Pieces on / Shore thro;
 T immediately afterward this Deponent saw /
 Lanthorn pulled down fm / sd Fort.

This Deponent fur saith t these Canoes
 fired sev^l small Arms at / Sloop Dolphin
 before they returned any fm / Sloop. And fur
 he cannot depose o^r than he verily believes
 thro was a white man in One o / Canoes, as he
 hath often since bn informed thro was; & t /
 Attack upon / Sloop happened two days before
 her Arrival at Discove.

Anthony Abraham ^{his}
 X
 Mark

Sworn before me on board
 His Majesty's Ship Surprise
 in Succowee Road: 2^d March
 1750

Pat. Baird [Long sigs]

Endorsed
~~with~~

Depon
 Agree Cudjo

9.
 Conforming 20 Days Lesson
 w Sandra - t he agreed to
 meet at Discove & did not but
 proposed / Wood, t Dept sent to
 Bossu vs to come & make up
 his Palawes, t his 3 women
 were sent to Panyard -
 Otherwise Bossu had finished
 his part o / Troubles.

In a
 diff
 hand
 & ink

Original

Agree Cudjoe Caboccur o Cape Coast Castle

Saith - I this Deponent went up to Dixcove w Mr Roberts & was present at an interview sd Roberts hd w Godfrey De Sandra in Dixcove Fort.

This Deponent fur saith & in his (this Depon^{ts}) hearing sd Roberts proposed to sd Sandra t it wd be proper in case they shd not settle / Palaver tht shd be a cessation o 20 days f all people to pass & repass unmolested frn / time / sd Roberts & Sandra shd break up / Assembly or in words to such effect to wh he sd its vj well to be sure its right & agreed to it.

This Deponent fur saith sd Roberts informed him he hd received a letter fr sd Sandra informing him t he sd Sandra wd come to Dixcove & beg / people o Ahanta w him in order to hear / palaver before / Gate o Dixcove Fort as they Messrs Roberts & Sandra hd agreed & a place was made ready f t purpose.

This Deponent fur saith one morning Mr Roberts sent f this Deponent, Acca, & Old Dick & told them Mr De Sandra was come g to Dixcove w all / Ahantas to hear / Palaver therefore sd Roberts desired this Deponent & / Caboccur afores^d to beg all the people into / Castle (the attendants not excepted) as / sd Roberts hd given his word & Honour to sd Sandra t none o his people shd make any disturbance therefore he (/sd Roberts) ordered this Depon^t & / Caboccur Acca & Old Dick to inform the people & / People in Dixcove Fortress if they made

any disturbance t he wd give / ~~Aggressor~~ / up to
sd Sandra to punish or wd order him
or them to be hang'd over agⁿ.

This Deponent fur^r saith when word
was bro^t to Mr Roberts Mr De Sandra was
com^g come^g sd Roberts ordered all
people belong^g to Dixcove fortress into / Castle.

This Deponent fur^r saith when De
Sandra came in / Castle / Dutch Gen^l
Boy & / Elmina Caboceros came thr soon
after him, & Mr Roberts & Sandra began
to talk abt / palawar, sd Sandra told Mr
Roberts / Ahanta people wd not come under
/ guns o Dixcove Fort to make / Palawar
but t they were all met upon Accas

offield (at some dist^{ce} fr^m & out o sight o
Dixcove ffort^r) & desired sd Roberts wd
let this Deponent Old Dick & / rest o his
people go to / Ahantas in / Field aforesd &
talk / Palawar, Mr Roberts made answer
2] what are y & I come here for but to hear
/ palawar & what / people be to say on both
sides, t / sd Roberts wd not let his people
goe therefore he desired sd De Sandra to
brg / Ahanta people before / Castle Gate.
De Sandra answered he cd brg / Ahantas
into / hall if he pleased but cd not do it
wthout / Gen^l order therefore he sd he
wd write to / Gen^l & let sd Roberts know
his Answer.

This Deponent fur^r saith De Sandra
went away & as this Dep^t found sd
Roberts & sd De Sandra cd not agree
he sent Baddo Cabocero o English

Succordee & gave him an Anchor & Brandy
to Carry to Enterry, Bossu & / resu o /
Aphantas & f he to Baddo to tell / people
o Ahamta / Deponent sd / Moon was not
as big as in its first quarter as it is after-
wards wh signified t / palawar cd not
be made up in one day therefore he / Dep^t
desired they (Enterry, Bossu, & / Aphantas)
wd come to Discove Fort & before / Gate o
/ Fort [to] settle / Palawar, they told
Baddo to tell this Dep^t they wd not come
to Discove but Old Dick must come to them.

This Deponent fur saith he told
Old Dick / answer he received who answered
I am under / white man's protecⁿ let him
hear / palawar & use me as he pleases if
my palawar is ~~bad~~ wrong, but if I go
to / Aphantas they will kill me, I will
not go.

This Deponent fur saith Enterry
told Baddo / Cabour aforesaid, as he
(Baddo) informed this Deponent, Cudjoe
has bn to see his Brother Bossu but
has not come to see me

This Deponent fur saith sd
Baddo persuaded this Deponent to go &
this Deponent went to Mr Roberts & told
him if he pleased he wd go to Busha to
see Enterry, sd Roberts told this
Deponent he thot it was dangerous
f him to go thr & t he did not chuse

he sh^d go abt / Dutch Gen^l wd think in all probability t he / sd Roberts sent this Deponent th^r to make / palawar w^t his officers this Deponent also saith he begged permission to go & Mr Roberts told him he m^t go if he wd, but t he charged this Deponent if any mention was made abt / palawar t he wd tell / people he was ordered not to talk abt it.

This Deponent fur^r saith he went to Busha to see Entery & after he had bⁿ th^r some time, sd Entery began to talk abt / palawar & this Deponent told him he heard what he sd, but t he, this Deponent, did not go th^r to make or talk abt any palawar, so th^r was no more talk abt it, & at night this Deponent returned to Dix Cove.

This Deponent, fur^r saith he sent / Cabo- ceer Badaq some time after his return to ask Entery if he wd come & make / palawar at Dix Cove. This Deponent received f answer Entery wd not cross Busha River but if Mr Roberts wd deliver up / three Women then / Deponent proposed to / Athanta people t they sh^d fight no more, but Mr Roberts m^t go to Cape Coast & / Gen^l & he may th^r make up / palawar f / Athantas t be no more to say to it. Then this Deponent engaged to / Athantas f three Women sh^d be delivered upon / Conditions afores^d & went to Mr Roberts & desired he wd send f them

from Cape Coast, wh he, Mr Roberts agreed to do,
at same time tellg this Deponent they may
be pariyard, on wh this Deponent sent ~~to~~ to
Bossu to acquaint him o sd Roberts appre-
hensions. Bossu answered if Baddo wd go
to Succondee & receive / Women the
Amentas wd not hurt them, but as he Baddo
was bringg them up, Baddo, Women, &
Canoes were pariyard, so t this Deponent
verily believes whores pariyard them
presented / palawats ~~by~~ fm be^g finished

Cudjoe [orig. sign]

Sworn before me on board
His Majesty's Ship Surprise
in Succondee Road 2^d March

1750 P. Baird [orig sign]

Endorsed

Deposⁿ
Baddoo Cabocheer

10.

conforming t Bossu &
Entory w^o h made up
/ troubles on return o
/ Women
/ Seizg Canoes & beatg
Dept. impress on g him
in Bonny. t Bacob
Sent Amⁿ to Entory
to go & fight Dixsone f^or.

In a diff
hand
& ink.

Original "

The Deposition of Baddoe Cabosser o
English Succowee.

Saith. T. he received an Anchor o
Liquor fm Cudjoe to carry to Enterry o
Bossu to whom he (sd Cudjoe) bid him
say The Moyn does not in its first quarter
appear in its full grness, in like manner this
Palawar cant be finished all at once, thgs
h failed at this time. So home o another time
we may conclude.

The Depoant says t Enterry told him
Cudjoe hd him to see his Bro^r Bossu o why
does he not come o see me? / Depoant
says t he first desired Enterry to come to /
Cocoe Nut tree o make yr palawar w Cudjoe,
addg t this his desire came fm Baddoe's
own head. Enterry sd No. I will not slip
my foot a Cross / River. The Depoant
then sd I will give y a pawner f a Cow o
yr People pawner of Sheep if you'll come.
Enterry sd no, let my Father Cudjoe brg
/ three Women o / one Woman Slave to
me, o I will come to him o make / Pala-
war. The Depoant says Bossu who was
w Enterry, sd lett Cudjoe brg / Women
o I will go w Enterry o make / Palawar.
Mr Roberts after this sent a Canoe to Cape
Coast to brg / Women; but expressed
Some apprehenⁿ t they wd be payward on /
way. The Depoant says he o them
went to Bossu to tell him o this, wha

replied t if they were delivered into Baddo's
 own hands they wd be safe. The Conoe
 seeing t Mrs Roberts to h staid a long
 time he sent / Deponant to meet it. The De-
 ponant says t beg arrived at Succindee he
 went off to / Conoes which he came to meet
 & proceeded up w them; t come off Boutry
 the came from thence sent Conoes wh he
 Deponant knew to be o Boutry, Adjubah,
 Pompande & Bushaw, two o them were
 1 ge & in one o wh was Cudjoe her Baggots
 head Boy, / people in / Boutry drew near
 & fired two Guns, on wh Yamree who was
 w / Deponant in a Conoe prepared to fire
 his piece in return, but desisted on / Depon-
 tillg him / danger o it. The Deponant fuz
 says t Cudjoe, Bagots' Boy, came to his
 (/ Deponant's) Conoe & having lookt abt it saw
 one o / Prisoners & knowing her to be Bossie's
 Cousin took her out, & sd, this is what my
 Master wants, & so went away, after wh / o
 Conoes came, / Conoesmen o wh beat / De-
 ponant ~~with~~ cruelly & carried him to Boutry
 Prisoner. The next day Bacot sent f Sinteray
 who came & ~~cried~~ cryed ont w^t Master
 h of Pamiard Baddo? I beg Baddo ont;
 but Mrs Bacot wd not agree to it on wh
 Sinteray got all / Cabo seers to come & beg f
 2) him, but still Mrs Bacot refused & have g
 kept him three days, sd to / Got Cabo seers,
 now since y want this Man to be released,
 let me flog him or. Cut his Caroe in two.

* then turn him out. They desired not to
 flog him, on wch Bacot he turned him out

The Deponant adds t / day before he
 was enlarged, Mr Bacot brot out a
 hundred Weight Powder, a Brass pan o Shot,
 & one o Flint, & sent those to Entways house
 telling him to go & fight.

The Deponant says he was
 stripped to his skin before he was sent
 away.

The Mark o

Bacot X Cabos here o Eng^h. Succondee
 Sworn before me on Board his Majesty's
 Ship Surprise in / Road o Succondee
 12th March 1750.

Pat. Baird. [orig. sig^h]

Endorsed

Deposon o
Negro Bogue Freeman

11.

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T Bacot Summoned
or Sent his Serv^t to order all
his Negroes to go & fight
Dixcove. Attack o Sloop
on Sandrats leav^g Bontry
Bacot orderd his people if
they co^d not take Dixcove by
fight^g. to starve it out,
t. he gave 'em Ammunition
& they formed a Camp. t
Bacot orderd them to attack
1 sloop a 2^d time. t
he hd a path cut to a road
on an Eminence reconstrued
Dixcove & promised
to buy Canon to bry to bear
upon it.

In a
dift
hand
&
ink

Original

Bogue a Negroe & a Freeman
Deposeth &

Saith

T this Deponen^t went fm Dixcove to
Succondee before 1 present^t Dispute or Palaver
happened to receive some Debts due to him
in order to pay Mrs Senior therewith a Sum,
this Dep^t owed him, & on this Deponen^t's
return fm Succondee he called at a Croom
in Bontry Bush where he saw Mrs Bacot o
Bontry's Boy hump Back named Brunea

Tell / People in this Deponent's heard his Master Bacot sent him w / Came he had to order t they wd get all / Soldiers togr & go down to help him (Bacot) to take Dixcove Fort. T / Women told / Boy the Cabber o t Croom was gone to Poho, / Boy sd then y must send to call him down f t he (Brunea) was go g to / rest o / Crooms to call all / People togr to go & Fight Dixcove Fort.

This Deponent Fur Saith / Cabber came fm Poho & went to Boutry w his People & t he & / People o Poho went to Dixcove to fight t Fort as Mr Bacot Ordered them.

This Deponent Fur Saith he came down then to Boutry & lived at Brunea's (Bacot's Boy) house where he stayed some time & then Returned to / Croom & ths heard / English Sloop go g to Dixcove had bn attacked. Where-upon he went down agn to Boutry to see what wps / matter & heard f Truth at Boutry / Sloop had bn attacked by Canoes t wch fm Boutry & t sd Canoes returned in / night & one Man had his Ear shot off who this Deponent saw himself. This Deponent Fur Saith he was told by / Towns People o Boutry t Bacot had sent his Boy w his Came to Pompondee & Aggubah to order / Canoesmen & Canoes to come to Boutry to Attack & take / English Sloop next mg. / People o Aggubah came & this Deponent saw Coffey & his (Coffey's) Brother who he knew but by t time / Sloop was Anchored in Dixcove Road. This Deponent fur Saith Bacot sent his Bomboy Quashee & ordered

him to Drive all / Cabocers & People out of
Town to fight Dixons Fort.

This Deponent fur Saith Enterry told
Bacot & his Cabb^{ers} Asherree did not send
his People to fight so Bacot stopped sd
Asherree in / Castle & as this Deponent
heard was god to whip him but was begg'd
off by / Towns People & set at liberty.

This Deponent fur Saith when Mr De
Sandra went away fm Boutry, Bacot
sent Fall / Athanta Cabb^{ers} fm Boutry, Cape
Three Points, Accoda & / Cabb^{ers} fm / Bush
& told them they must go to Dixons & take /
Fort, wh if they cd not do by Fighting they
must make a Camp ab^{ve} it & starve / People
therein.

This Deponent fur Saith t Bacot
insisted on / Cabb^{ers} forced talkg Fetish
(a thg Saied amongs^t Negroes) t they wd
make a Camp & t no Person must go or
send to Dixons Fortress, accordg^{ly} /
Athantahs went & formed a Camp & Bacot
gave them Flints, Gunpowder & lead Ball
& sent his Boy Ancobia Srou w / Athantahs
to form or make / Camp.

This Deponent fur Saith some o / Athantahs
used to go fm the Camp at times to do the
work, wh sd Bacot heard, whereupon he sent
t / Cabocers & ordered them to keep half
the People in / Camp wh he, / sd Bacot,
told them wd be sufficient to block up
Dixons Fort, & to let / o^r half go to work,
& he, Bacot, sent two o his own Boys

named Tethi & Tanyer, to Continue in /
Camp to regulate & dispose / Watch &
Count or Number / People by m^g.

This Deponent fur Saith he heard at
Boutry t Bossue was go^g to make his
Palaver w / English his Masters & t Badoe
was gone to Succondee to fetch up to

Dixone three Women belong^g to Bossue
& Enterry & this Deponent says he heard
many o / ~~Athantia~~ People Express them-
selves t they were v^y glad o it as they
were in hopes / Palaver wd be soon made
up wh they were v^y desiring o but t /
sd Bacot forced them to Broking it.

This Deponent fur Saith he went to /
Croom where he staid a Day & / next day
he heard two L^ge Canoes were Panyarred
belong^g to / English w Badoe Cabber o
English Succondee / Women he sd Badoe
went f, & two Hog's heads o Rum by two
l^ge & a number o small Canoes & brot
to Boutry.

This Deponent fur Saith then he
went to Boutry where he saw Bacot's Boys
& Canomen & Danc^g & t sd Bacot
called 'em into / Castle & told them to drink
one Hog's head o Rum t was seized in /
English Canoe, wh they did & he this De-
ponent drank some o it w Bacot's head
Boy Cudjoe.

This Deponent fur Saith Bacot
Ordered all / Canoes off & he (Bacot)

came down to / Waterside himself, & Ordered
a 9th Gun to be Put in his Bacot's 19th Canoe
then he gave / Camerons Gunpowder & Lead
Ball & he Bacot in this Deponents' hearg, or-
dered them to go off & Attack / English
Sloop ~~by~~ by & betwixt E Place & Dix-
cove & E he Bacot sent his own Servants
in sd Canoes. This Deponent also Saith
he heard they fired / 9th Gun & had like to
be overset / Canoe.

This Deponent fur^r Saith Bacot heard
/ Canoes had done nothg but t they were
gone on shore at Bushaw. Therefore sd
Bacot got in his Hammock & went to
Bushaw to send / Canoes off agn to
Attack / Sloop, as this Deponent heard
& verily Believes.

This Deponent fur^r Saith Bacot sent f
all / Ahanta Cabbers & told them they had
took Felish but did nothg at all, they had
brot him no heads nor killed anybody as
he believed. Therefore sd Bacot made /
Cabbocers in Number Seven give him
Each a Pawn they wd not break up thir
Camp till they had taken Dixcove Fort.

This Deponent fur^r Saith Bacot went
to / Camp where King Enterry & / Phanta
Cabbers were, he (Bacot) asked sd Enterry
& / Cabbers Cam y Cut Path t I may
see / Castle (mean^g Dixcove) Enterry ans-
wered Yes & ordered a Path to be cut to /
top o a Hill where sd Bacot went &

37 Took his spy Glass to reconnoitre /
 same. This Deponent also saith after /
 sd Bacot had looked f some time he told
 Entroy & / Cabbocers, gr Guns upon /
 Top o this Hill will Play / Devil w, t
 Castle to wh Entroy, Asherree & Piedo
 answered, Master y must get us gr.
 Guns, Bacot replied, I cannot take
 those Guns off my Castle, but / first
 Interloper t comes t has got any to sell
 I will buy some f. y & then y must take
 t Fort f me

his
 Bogore x Mark

Suon before me on 6th his Majesty's
 Ship Surprise in Succoese Road
 12th day o March 1750

Pat. Baird [orig sig]

Endorsed

Deposition o
 Quobino Che Che

12.

Inter alia

T Dep^t was imprisoned
 6 days by Bacot
 t he ordered / Parks to
 be Stopped fm Bossus
 Crown to Discharge &
 forbid his sendg any
 provisions thither

In a
 diff^r
 hand
 &
 ink

Original

The Deposition of Quabino, Cudjoe's
Cabocero of Cape Coast Castle, Ched-Chee.

This Deponent saith, that when / Fight was at
Discove Cudjoe sent him up to the Place wth Orders
to stop at Succondee wth Baddoe & take / s^d
Baddoe's Boy to accompany him. The Deponent
took wth him two Flasks of Liquor fm Cudjoe,
One as a Present to Enterry, / s^d of Bossu; The
Deponent accordingly went up & found
Enterry at Boutry, & sd to him th^t his Master
desired his Service to him, he sent him a
Flask of liquor & beg'd he ~~would~~ would send
a Boy wth him to Bossu; To wh^{ch} (/ Deponent
says) King Enterry made Answer; th^t he was
going up himself to Bushaw & he would
take / Deponent along wth him; accordingly
/ Deponent says he went to Bushaw along
wth King where there was then some People
of Bossu who / King sent wth / Deponent to
Bossu.

This Deponent fur^{ther} saith, when He came
to Bossu He presented Cudjoe's Compliments
to him, & th^t Cudjoe wanted to know why?
He (Bossu) had Quarrel'd wth his Master.
th^t he wd not let him fight wth a white Man,
but prevent any one fm firing a Gun at
white Men; To wh^{ch} The Deponent says,
Bossu answer'd th^t he wd not suffer any
Body to fire agst / Castle.

This Deponent fur^{ther} saith, At this
time Mr Roberts was at Discove; th^t

& while he was thus, Bacote's Boy Aguee came
 also to Bossu for his Master, to tell Bossu
 & he must stop / Path & suffer no Palm Wine
 to go to Discone; Bossu answered, No, I
 will not stop it, My Brother Cudjoe is coming, &
 why should I stop it? The Boy Aguee then
 sd, My Master says Y must not let any
 Provin go down; Bossu answered, I will not
 stop / Path. The Boy Aguee then sd, if Y
 will not stop it my Master says Y must
 go to Cape Three Points, Accoda or
 Boutry, if Y must not stay here - this Place
 belongs to Enterry; - No, says Bossu, This
 Place & all hereabouts were my Cousins, of
 wh he weigh'd his Money; They now
 belong to me, I will not leave them, & if
 yr Master please, let him come & drive
 me away

Quobino Chee Chee

his
X
mark

Sworn before me on board his
 Majesty's Ship Surprise in
 Succowlee Road this 2d day
 of March 1750

Pat: Baird [Long Sign]

Endorsed

"Depose^m
Yammee

13.

relatg to / Seizg 2
11 hand Canoes By Bacot
& bringg / Cargoes &c.
to Boutry where / Conoemⁿ
& Baddo were Imprisoned
Original

In a
dift
hand
& ink

Yammee a Negro & ffreeman deposes &
Saith T this Deponet was ordered
by William Husbonds Esq^r at Cape Coast
Castle to take charge o an eleven hand Conoc
laden wth one Hog's head o Ham two hundred
Yambs & three Women Prisoners to see /
Sundrys aforesaid delivered safe at Dixcove

This Deponet fur^r saith He parted fm
Cape Coast in / aforesaid Conoc accordg to /
orders he had received abt Six o' / Clock in /
evg^g h^h / Sea Breeze blowg strong / Conoc-
men grew tired & came to a Grapnael a little
to Leeward o / Dutch Castle Elmira were they
lay until Eight o Clock / next m^g.

This Deponet fur^r Saith a two hand Conoc
came to them in wh was / Dutch Gen's Bomboy
named Quabino who asked this Deponet were
he was go^g this Deponet answered he was go^g
to Windward, sd Bomboy Quabino asked him
what way in / Conoc this Dep^t answered what do^y
ask me f, sd Bomboy Quabino replied / Gen
sent me to see what is in / Conoc this Deponet
~~sd answered what do^y ask me f:~~

sd y may see what is in yourself but I will
 not tell y, sd Quabino answered I see / three
 prisoners & know they belong to Bossu one
 Hoghs head o Ruum some Yambos, h y got anythg
 Else no powder or guns this Deponent answered
 do y see any, than sd Quabino Bomboy went away.

This Deponent fur saith two nights
 after this Deponent got to Succondee where he
 staid one day were (as this Deponent saith)
 was another Eleven hand Conoe & / Chief Mr
 Meers delivered un^d one Hoghs head o Ruum
 & told this Deponent it was go^g to Discove
 in / o^r Eleven hand Conoe, & f^r this Deponent
 to take care o^t.

This Deponent fur saith at night he wentⁿ
 on board / Conoe he came in fm Cape Coast
 wherein was / Ruum Women & Yambos of said
 & Baddo / English Laboocer o Succondee & they
 set out f^r Discove w / Eleven hand Conoe
 before mentioned, in Co.

This Deponent fur saith t^h between
 four & 5 O'Clock in / m^g or thereabts near
 Boutry a Conoe w Seven Concoemen & five
 o^r Mr Bacots' Boys came v^y near to / Conoe
 this Deponent was in & fired some guns
 at it w design to kill main or wound this
 Deponent^r or some o / people in / Conoe as
 this Deponent truly believes on acctⁿ o a
 number o Shot t^h f^r flew abt / Conoes this
 Deponent^r was in.

This Deponent fur saith on / guns be^g
 fired abt Thirty small Conoes came abt
 this Deponents' Conoe & / o^r under his Care.

2] 10 This Deponent fur saith as soon as
 Bacots' Boys saw / small Conoes they
 came & Jumped into this Deponents' Conoe
 & Cudj [oe] Bacots' Boy on seeg Bossubs
 Couswa sd this is what my master wants
 & took her & / o^r two Women ont o this

Deponent's Conoe

This Deponent fur saith after Bacot's Boy had taken / Women from him & were in his Charge one o / Concoemen sd lets carry them to Bushra No sd another o Bacot's Boys named Agee my Master sent us to panyard them we will send a Conoe on shore to know where he will h them brot to him, accordgly they sent a two hand Conoe on shore & one o Bacot's Boys therein.

This Deponent fur saith t / some two hand Conoe o Boy returned & told / acst his Master ordered them to brg / two Conoes panyard on shore at Boutry wh they immediately did

This Deponent fur saith they carried him on Shore at Boutry ab / Sun rise & at / Water side he was met by / Dutch Co's Bomboy & 2 Slaves who Tied / Concoemen & carried them w this Deponent, after beatg & abusg him this Deponent & / Concoemen, to Boutry Fort, & one Bacot ordered / Concoemen, to be put in Chains.

This Deponent fur saith Bacot ordered this Deponent & Baddo / Caboecer aftd to be brot to him upon / Battlemts, Bacot asked this Deponent what he had in / Conoe beside / people, this Deponent answered Two Hoghs heads o Rum & Two hundred Yambes wh this Deponent thinks Bacot put down in writg after wh he gave this Deponent his Liberty to go to Discove

Yammie his Mark

Sworn before me on board his Majesty's Ship Surprise in Succoedee Road this 2d Day o March 1750. Pat: Baird [Orig. Sign]

Endorsed "Depose^m
Minta

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Messenger sent by
Cudjo to demand o
Enterry / Canoes &
Bacots' message ord?
Cudjo to leave Dixcove
in 3 days - t /
King shd fight / Castle
in 3 days wh they
did

In a
diff
hand
& ink

Original"

Minta a servant o / Dey o Fetue Depose^m &
Saith

When Baddoe Caboccer o Succondee
was panyard w / two Lgc Canoes bring 2
/ three Women o Bobbies up & two hogsheads
o Puum Yambts & a Mr Roberts sent him
& Eu Kamie to Enterry to tell him. Did not
y, Enterry, tell Cudjo if he had a mind to
make this pallabre up, / best way was to send
t / 3 Women prisoners for Cape Coast Castle &
if he wd put them into Baddoe's hands at
Succondee to brg them up hither they wd be
safe. What is / matter now we sent for them
at yr desire y panyard them comg along w
my Canoes Canoe men Puum of all / things.
t was bec y desired it t I sent for them therefore
y must return them. But if y won't return
/ 3 Women, send me my Canoes Canoe men
Caboccer & thgs, So he went to Enterry
& he carried this Depose^m into / Castle
o Boutry & there told him, no, I won't return

from Acca, & Old Dick he sent the Women to Succo-
combee, when I take Dracoue (wh I sh by soon do)
I sh loose so many Slaves & I shd be gott. I
keep / Canoemen upon & acc^d this answer he
brot back to Mr Roberts & Cudjo. Then Cudjo
sent this Deponment to Enterry to tell him, If y
won't return / Canoemen & thgs send me Badoe,
/ messenger went to Enterry, who agn car-
ried him into Bontny Castle w Assherrie /
Linguist & some o^rs & the Enterry told Mr
Bacot - here Cudjo has sent this ~~man~~ ^{man} to me
to desire I will send Badoe to him, to wh
Mr Bacot replied to this Deponment Go y Back
to Mr Roberts & tell him to write me a Vy

livil letter & then I will see to help make this
palabre f him. So he returned & told Cudjo,
& Cudjo told Mr Roberts, & Mr Roberts gave
im a letter to Mr Bacot, wh he accordg by
delivered him & when Mr Bacot read / letter
he abused this Deponment sayg what does Mr
Roberts send me such a sawsey letter as this f,
when he went into Bontny town he heard t
Bacot hd sent Badoe back to Succoodee, then
Mr Bacot sent f him & gave him a dr^o
to carry to Mr Roberts

Four days after this Cudjo sent this
Deponment agn to Enterry & Enterry agn car-
ried him into / Castle to deliver his message
where he told Enterry Cudjo throws y Achio-
& says / Canoemen y h panyard are not
/ Whitemen's Canoemen, they are his Canoemen,
he came here to make up this Palabre, what
has he done t y Keep his Canoemen, y must
send them to me, To wh Enterry Replyd

no I won't return any o them, I keep them bec
 Acca & old Dick h sent the women to Succondee.
 Then Mr Bacot told this Deponent tell
 Cudjo in three days / King sh fight, /
 Castle let him go away, if he ~~won't~~ dont
 / King sh fight him too, to wh this Depo-
 ent made Answer, Sir How will y h
 Cudjo to go away y won't let any body pass
 by land & now y keep his Canoe men,
 how can he go wd y h him fly - at this
 time / Deponent saw Mr Bacot deliver
 to Entery a two ounce Cask o Powder (i.e.)
 a whole Barrel w a Keg o Lead Ball &
 Gunflints, then he returned to Cudjo, &
 in three days time, as Mr Bacot sd, they
 came & fought / Castle

Minta
 his X Mark

Sworn before me on board
 His Matys Ship's Surprise
 in / road o Succondee /
 4th day o March 1750

Pat: Baird [orig sign]

Endorsed

" Deposiⁿ
Combe
15.

Relates to / stopp^g
& detaining / Canoe
at Pompondee &
was sent w /
Drs o Cession
Original "

in a
dift
hand
& white

Combe a Negroe & a Freeman
Deponeth &

Saith ~~that~~ this Deponent was at Succondee
when Mr Roberts came down in a Bristol
Sloop fm Discove. This Deponent fur saith
sd Roberts ordered him & two o^r Canoemen
in a three hand Canoe to carry letters, two
Anchors & Palm Oyl, four Baskets o Limes
& nine Fowls, to Discove, & he set out ~~as~~
accordgly.

This Dep^t fur saith when he got up as
far as Pompondee it beg just day light
he, this Deponent saw one Eleven & one
nine hand Canoe just by them & both
came to this Deponents Canoe. This Dep^t also
saith / Eleven hand Canoe hd a Dutch
Soldier in it & both / Canoes People hd Guns
& t they seized his Canoe & carried him
this Deponent ashore to Pompondee.

This Deponent fur Saith / Dutch White Man sd / thgs brot on shore on^o this Deponents Canoe. Then / White Man aforesaid went in a two hand Canoe, as this Deponent was told by / Canoe men in whose Charge he was left w / or two People t were in / Canoe, as this Deponent, who fur Saith t / White Man aforesaid returned ab^t 3 O'Clock in / Evening, & told this Deponent t Mr Bacot sd ordered him to let them go as ths was no Gunpowder or Guns in / Canoe. Then he this Deponent g / two L^gc Canoes went into Bonting & this Dep^t went to Discombe

Sworn before me on board His Majesty's
Ship Surprise in Succowda Road
2^d March 1750

This is to Certify, whom it may Concern t I wrote / above down fm / Mouth o / Negro Combe, but he g taken Sick when he was to h gone on board his Maj['] Ship Surprise to depose to / truth thereof, was presented & is since Dead.

Joⁿ Roberts [orig. sign]

[End o / Depositions in T.O. / O. 1516]

[T. 70. 1516]

Cape Coast Castle Feb 10th 1750

We / principal Cabosers & Inhabitants o /
Town o Cape Coast in Africa as also those o
/ Kingdom o Fetua, request desire & beg base
in this manner, to testify our hearty Concom at
/ Removal o Richard Stockwell Esq^r fm / Gov
o Cape Coast Castle as he has, ever since
hd / Gov o / sd Castle, behaved to us wth
all / Humanity, Tenderness & / Strictest
Justice, t was in / power o Man to do.

We therefore most earnestly beg (o those
in whose power tis) t they will be
pleased to / good o us who h hereunto
set our hands, as also o all / Inhabitants
under / Jurisdiction o / above ~~mentioned~~ Gov.
To restore / above mentioned Richard
Stockwell Esq^r to / Gov o Cape Coast Castle
wh will lay us under an Eternal Obligaⁿ.

The Marks o / head Cabosers at
Cape Coast

[12
marks]

28 7 25
7
2 3 2 3 2
2 3 2 3 2
2 3 2 3 2

Andyoe Head Cab^r.

[Endorsement too faded To read. Script "Certificate
of Mr Stockwell's Behaviour"]

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Endorsed "A letter to John Roberts Esq
or Thos Botcher Esq
at Succowdae"

Cape Good Castle / 20th of February 1750 /

Dear Gentlemen

In favour of y^e festys date come
to my hands this morning puzzles me
much as y^e therein say y^e had them on two
Days before y^e return of Canoe w^{ch}
palm oyle y^e letter desirg me to find it
was dated but / 16th Inst it came to me
only on / 14th day after t^e day at night
I did patch it up to y^e in a severn hand
Canoe wh^{ch} unluckily met wth an accident off
Saltpond on her way up by wh^{ch} we had like
to h^{ave} lost her & some of y^e in her. This I knew
not until / 18th in / m^{orn}g after / same had
happend.

[Commerman - the contents of all letters by Capt
Bignall]

The French Ships at Pointe of Sanctings since
are gone down / Coast to whydah from whence
by w^{ch} I cd guess for the officers they were to
go directly to France

The Dames Governour's still here they
h^{ave} both ben exceedg ill, but beg now much
better. purposed settg out tomorrow m^{orn}g in
a new Canoe of Accra, as Capt Mully who
is wh^{ch} ben these two Days extremely ill
in this Castle, still remains here & Cant
proceed wth them as was proposed in my
Lab^r

Duncombe + Boats w^{ch} I believe

will be / first to go off / Good they go on
bravely in the purchase o Slaves but they
cant think o Sailg this month or 6 weeks
yet. I sh however hear some time before
they go & shud advise y accordingly
I observe your hint & sh follow yr
advise abt / date Governour, wh is all at
present fm

Dear Gentle man Yr Vly obed
& most Humble Serv^t

W.H. [w^m husbands]

T. 10. 1446 1448-50 letters fm John Roberts

Messrs Scot Pringle & Scot n.d.

I am now bound out f CCC. where I am appointed by / Governour to dispose o & see / applican o / 10,000 £ granted by Parliam^{ts} f / support o / Forts & Settlements & / British trade to Africa f / applican o wh I h given them security f 20,000 £, & by / Royal African Co Governour Treasurer President o Council f / transactg / affairs on / South Coast o Africa. . .

p 69] London. Sir Charles de Blon. "CCC. 15 Feby 1749

I arrived here / 2^d Current in / Ship Speedwell w Goods & Stores f / Support o / Forts & trade to Africa & took possession o them accordg to my Instructions.

p 86. To Van Voorst 8 April release o 4 slaves by Chief o Bonting I copied

85] To Mr J. Meers Succor'd. Dixcose 8 Apr. 50

If you is not a Canoe for C. Coast wth y^e
comg here, in Pleat. o this Send up here wth fresh
Canoesmen / Chest o Bussconers Guns y^e h, or wth
quanty of h o ym wth lost o time & if ye
Canoe is Arr'd for C. Coast dispatch here
directly away & send ye Guns up in here
I am &c

] To / Council at C. Coast 6th Apr 1/50

Gentⁿ. I arrived here abt an hour agoe so can^{am}
not able to give y^e any o^r informⁿ than y^e have
bready, wth respect to ye Palcoser, but by what I
am learn from Mr Senior & Johnson, it is likely
to be a troublesome affair tho' I hope to finish
it soon, / Towas people came in this eveng
give me / best Intelligence they can, after wh^{ch}
I sh^{ll} send to H^{er} Majesty & proceed accordg to ye
inbaser or Satisfacⁿ o^r receive, o^r wth w^{ch} I
sh^{ll} advise y^e.

The two Chests o Musquets were not sent
p, as I am or may ~~be~~ in a little time be in g^o
wth o them desire y^e will dispatch them wth loss
time or some o ye trade Guns I brot on wth I
know are proof & will do, be so good as send
so Doz: o Porter the be I no keex here, I hope
receive / Guns as soon as possible & you'll be
pleas'd me to be most sincerely
#c

Send Mr Godfrey up in ye Canoe
as it will be y^e proper to Swinsey
/ fforts as I return.

87] Journal at C: Wash. 9th Apr. 1750

Sent^m I wrote to y^e ye 6 Cur^m by ye Canoe
 Sent by y^e Mess^r with I hope to receive
 this morn^g & assure y^e if I had bro^t them
 wth me as I expected I sh^d h^e oblig^d Entery
 to h^e accept^d / Terms I tho^t proper to insist
 upon in req^d to ye Palaver to see this
 wth I ye h^e by Such misfortune oblig^d to
 part off, till they arrive & permit him time
 to get his people toge^r, how^{ev}r I don't
 doubt Setling this Palaver to our Satisfacⁿ

I Sent on my Arrival a Boy to de-
 mand ye Co's Slaves & Cabbocheers
 belong^g to this ffort who he p^racted Entery
 was gone to Bentry & ~~fast~~ fast y^e m^g
 / Dutch Chief o^f y^e place Sent his Boy wth
 ye Slaves wth Word he had rec^d a Line fr^m
 ye Gen^l orderg him to interest himself
 to procure th^e Liberty. I Sent my Boy to
 thank him f^r ye trouble he took, & to
 inform him I sh^d write to y^e Gen^l wth
 I do by y^e Oppy. / Copy is enclosed f^r
 ye approbⁿ as I am here it cd not be
 wrote in Conjunⁿ & wth by y^e Omission
 o^f it take away in some part y^e paper
 y^e h^e given me

Antony Sent me Word yest^d if I w^old
 deliver / 2 Womⁿ w^ore Senior Paronyard into
 Bopis hand he w^old come into / ffort &
 refer his Palaver to me, as I insisted th^e
 he first persisted ~~on~~ on Call^g all y^e people
 o^f ye Athanta Country to Settle it I Sent
 him Word I was come here to Settle it, &

1 people o y^e Rhanta Country had no right to
interfere in a Palaver, t^e be long^d only to y^e Co
those o Dixcane Town & / people t^e were
Subjects & Subservients to y^e Co, but if
Anterry w^od Come into y^e ffort, I w^od give my
Word he sh^d not be hurt if he did not lette
his Palaver, but he permitted to go to Busha
before I put any force in Exec^on to oblige him
to give me Satisfaction wch I did entirely upon
his Acct^s as I came in a peaceable manner to
protect th^e Rights, & did not desire them to run
into Danger with^t absolute necessity, wh^o t^e
& happened I insisted they sh^d oblige
Anterry by force to come & make his Palaver
as I knew them well able to do it, they told
me they w^od go into Town & send to Enterry
to come, I told them to do what they pleased
wt I w^od send no more to him I hear t^e Bossie
& Recca offer him Pawns y^t he sh^d return
Safe, I assure y^t if I had y^e Musquets
I w^od set fire to Busha Town & in all probabi-
lity h^e Anterry in this ffort to night, y^e
pas^t doubt^s some roguery at y^e bottom &
noth^g but force will do, as y^e people cannot
elude we are in earnest, I send herewith
Camees & h^e ord^r on fm Comenda f^r y^e
C.C. men o War^s Men w^{ch} I beg I will
dispatch with^t loss o time, & am Satisfied
th^e com^g will h^e a good Effect, as y^e people
will be convinced y^t at any O^r time we will
support & protect them, then they will come
into it & do not fear, but I will carry it to
our own honour & Satisfaction o y^e Inhabitants
in Subjecⁿ to y^e "R. A. Co" & as what

we go upon is Equitable & just with all the
Negroes allow, / Aggressors must in y^e end
pay y^e Expence

My friends, let us push our just Cause
on wth Spirit & Vigour y^t is y^e way to make
a figure & to be at no expence. So I woud
advise y^e to Treat wth In^o Carrantee ab^t.
Send y^e up y^e Fantins wh^{ch} they come or
not it will strike a Terror in our own
people & make y^e behave ~~as~~ as they d^o.
I h^{ave} sent p. Cances 20 Boards, I
need not recommend Dispatch, as y^e well
know how necessary 't is on these Occasions,
I am wth / great Esteem &c

86] Commenda to Mr John Stewart

Discove 12th April 1750

I Received y^e Polite letter & am much
pleas'd t^o / Catchers visit y^e so frequently.
I wish / Professions o^f the Zealous Attach^{mt}
to / British Intrest wth Sincere & am Con-
vinced y^e Behaviour will Cultivate &
Increase it

I much approve of message y^e sent to /
Dutchman, as y^e h^{as} a right to Expect him to
pay y^e / first Visit, as a King's Subject &
Servant

89] I fear I sh^{all} be Detain'd here some time
& h^{ave} a Troublesome Palavaas to settle,
I wish y^e health wth Sincere Esteem &c

J Genl^m.

Duxrose, April 12th 1750

My last was / 9th Inst desiring y^e to
dispatch / "C. Coast" Soldiers by return of Canoes, a-
rrived for a Suspinⁿ that t^e Bossee & / 9th former
people were at Bottom o^f Enterry's Palaver, wh^{ch} I now
convincing proof o^f, as y^e may please to observe
y^e / following recital o^f Bossee & his peoples' behaviour
After I had dispatched / Canoes, I sent to Quashee
Nichoret & Billy Cudjoe (Mr Senior's Boy) to
come into / Castle, knowing they had many people,
they came & I told them as they had heard / Palaver
s^t Entry & / rebellious Cabosheers wh^{ch} they
said to be just so, I expected they wd send
me the people to assist in obligg^g Enterry
make satisfactⁿ & reduc^g / numerous Cabosheers
Obedient so, wh^{ch} they Promised. I told them
Bossee & / rest o^f / Cabosheers were coming into /
Castle, & there I wd talk to them toge^r; they
sd me they wd return & come in agn^l wth Bossee
wh^{ch} find^g t^e Bossee did not come in, as I expected, I
sent a boy to him, by whom he sent me word he
was Sick. I sent agn^l to send me his people, to join
myⁿ / rest o^f / Towns people & go into / Bush to per-
myare upon / Inhabitants o^f Bushaw, Bossee
sd answers t^e he was call^g his people toge^r & wd
send them. Mr Senior sent his boy into Town &
Boy, Billy Cudjoe, (Bossee's Cousin) whom I
found at Bossee's house & told [him] his
ster wanted him. Bossee bid / boy tell his
ster, Billy Cudjoe shd not go into / Castle;
whereupon I sent to Bossee to tell him as he
was Sick, to send Billy Cudjoe & Quashee
Nichoret into / Castle as I intended them to
take the people ready to go wth his. Bossee sent
me word they shd not come, if he had already
three Cousins in / Castle & was afraid to come
himself. I sent Acca / Co's Linguist &

assured him if Bossu wd come into / Castle,
 & let me know ~~his~~ / reasons he had for his
 fears, or if any one had injured him, I wd give
 him Satisfaction, as I came more to protect &
 defend / Cos' people & English Subjects than to
 distress them. Acca offered upon my word before
 Bossu's messenger, to take felleish wth Bossu & he
 shd not be hurt But shd go out o' / Castle if
 he cd not make his Palaver to his Satisfaction. I
 also told / messenger, I did not want to take
 such a scandalous advantage o' Bossu as to
 keep him in / Castle when he came to apply for
 Justice; wh^{ch} no Englishman cd be guilty o' but
 imagined he thot he was treaty wth a Dutch
 Dutchman, neither was at all afraid o' what
 he cd do But wd give him ~~his~~ Liberty to carry on
 his Palaver if he thot Proper in a hostile manner.
 Acca sent his boy wth / messenger to Bossu, &
 on his own Voluntary Accord Offer'd himself
 as Pawn to him for his safe return, if he Bossu,
 wd come into / Castle - but to no Purpose
 Purpose - upon wh^{ch} I removed three six-
 pounders to / side o' / Spurs towards / Land, &
 as they had not been Discharged since I left /
 Coast, Scalded & loaded them, first Advise'd
 Acca o' it, who sent to Bossu to tell him not
 to be frightened & go away wth his people as I
 was only clearing my Guns. 9 O' Clock at
 night Acca came into / Castle & inform'd
 me t^h Bossu's messenger was at his house &
 desired to know if he shd beg him in I
 order'd him to do so, & repeated to / messenger
 if Bossu wd come into / Castle he wd
 safely do it, as I wd not hurt him, nor
 wanty to make hard Palaver on him, tho'
 he knew he had Acted wrong, if he wd

me & beg pardon f not come I into / Castle or
to his people come when I had sent f them. &
he did not come in before t time tomorrow
night & acquiesce to my Proposals he was
to respect reside under / Protecⁿ o this Fort
was Maintained to Protect / Co's faithfull
servants, But not Rebels Subjects & hoped
shd find him (Bossu) / former, if otherwise,
I m^t Depend, & I shd, if he fled fm his Alleg^{ie}
pursue him to / most distant part o / Country, & if
I had g^{tr} inclinⁿ to joyn Entery than to Assist to
support / Authority o / King o England, / Co's Servants,
this fort he m^t, not doubtg but he wd repent, & at
11 o' Clock / next m^o Bossu sent his Messen
r wth his Hat & Elephants Tail to ask how I did, &
to let me know he was come home, & if I wd de
ver up / Pawns I had in / Castle he wd come in
/ Message Entery Sent as you'l please to Observe =
returned f answer t he had not behaved so
well as to deserve my reposⁿ & so much Confidence in
m as to render his Pawns, one beg of his own
good Behaviour, / o' Panyard on Entery's head
but if he wd come into / Castle & clear himself,
I m^t appear t he was True & Faithfull I wd
kysse him / people as I had already done to / o' Cab
sheers, & t I expected he wd come in before
insett t Night, if not, he never shd tell I brot
him in by force, & t I wd send his Cousin to
ape Court, as he had forfeited her by his ~~misbehaviour~~
behaviour.

Acca went himself & met Bossu & his people
to his Quorn & assured him agⁿ if he wd come
to / Castle, I wd not hurt him, he Seemed Con
nt^d, But his people Dissuaded him fm it, Acca
ed many Arguments to enforce his return - Such as
I never break I my word when Chief &c, but
ineffectuall. Bossu sd he was only go^g to his
room, & was a Co's Servant & not go^g to
ann under a Dutch fort t he had no Palliser wth
e. But cd not rest f old Dick, Tattoo & Effaa &c.

I observe Gentleⁿ / means I took to Engage
 / old Villain to his Duty & Obedience in
 a Peaceable way beg Unwilling to invade our-
 selves in Difficulties & Palavers w our own People,
 Especially as I know his strength & / Service
 his Assistance wd h bn to us, in Supporting our
 Palaver agst Entery, wh cannot possibly be
 Secured w^t Oblidg^s Entery by force to make
 us Honble Satisfacⁿ. I wd h given up to him
 a deal as I see, w many thgs, but my Indulge
 hd no Effect, wherefore this is no method left but
 to Support / Palaver w Vigour & resolutⁿ & y
 drop [ped^o] must End in a Subterⁿ o Britⁿ sh
 Hon: Authority & Jurisdiction on this Coast, & our
 own honour wh I am Confident y will
 readily concur in Assisting me to Pro-
 mote & Maintain.

If my Intell intelligence be true (wh I
 too much fear) Bossu is firmly engaged in /
 Parlawer w Entery, & has taken bettish to
 Support him. I find this Palaver has bn
 in Embryo sometime, however, as Bossu has
 yet not openly Supported Entery, I for-
 bear to put ~~into~~ in Execⁿ any means
 hostile ag^t him beg determined he sh be /
 first Aggressor, fm a necessary Caution o
 not hurting or appraising people who h
 lived & enjoyd / Protecⁿ o / For so long, &
 perhaps as Bossu may h bn wrong ad-
 vised, so prefer givg him time to think
 better, wh I h not / least hopes o.

I h got a Sufficient Quantity o Wood
 wood in / Castle, & everythg in order to ach-
 Offensive or Defensive & hope / former,
 provided y send / "C. Coast" People, I will

Distroy Bushaw & then we sh^d Bossu
to an open declarⁿ.

Acca Yesty informd me / People o
accorary, Boutrye & are in Arms & sent
tell him if he stood by / fort, to take care
his head.

I fear / Dutch Chief o Boutrye has
trusted them Term Bendys in Guns &
powder, & I believe is a principal Pro-
moter o / Palawour, where I am assured
o its reality I will write to / Gen. The
Secretary o / Virginia came to Boutrye
last night, / Occasion I cannot conjecture.

I must^d not more than an 100 Slaves,
Boys, Canoe men & Towns People, so am no
say equal to / Bushaw people who sent
Acca word they wd burn his town
before three days passed, beg willg to
them sep I was not asleep last night, I
distributed Arms & powder to such as
santed, & sent / sergeants & two white Soldiers
with them, to go as near to Bushaw as they cd
when near enough to fire into / town, wh
they did. If enterdy is Supported by /
Dutch & Cabbocheers o Ahanta Country, it
is not in the Powers to hinder my Distroy
town.

I am gett^g all / Bush Cleard wthin
I shott o / fort, & then if they come I may de-
pend they meet w warm Recepⁿ Bossus
ople came this m^o in / gt town where I lett
em alone till they appeared on / sand, At mid-
then ordered our People to Pursue them, wh
they did & Oblidged them to run, if they
tempt such an Insolce agn, I sh burn
osse town, as it wld be Dangerous to let

it stand beg within musket shot of fort, &
 close to / Landg place to prevent a surprize
 (so much for Palavers).

I am now to answer yr always Esteem'd
 barrows o / yth instanc^t . . .
 It gives me concern to find y are
 likely to h a Palavers w / Fantiens, as I
 am in doubt this Palavers will not be
 settled w^t the assistce, or some Superior
 power to Bossu & Entering; I
 Observed / message y sent / Gen & /
 answer y intend to send to his letter. I
 cannot imagine he will be so imprudent
 as to concern himself in assistg / negroes
 in / Palavers, it will be / most ill Judged
 thg in / world to Vindicate / negroes in
 the insolent Disobeydce wh will in a
 little time Distroy all / Power & Authority
 Europeans h on this Coast. I rather
 Surmise it is t troublesome fellow
 Bacot who has bin tamperg w them. I
 hope to gett / Sloop off this Eveng, on t
 acct I h bin passive. as it is Possible
 they may come in a Body in / night &
 Burn here I sh send Mr Godfrey to Suc-
 condee to be w Mr Mearys in case any
 Palavers happens coz I am impatient
 to hear fm y, & expect to see / Canoes w
 / Cape Coast people tomorrow ~~on~~ on g -
 Depend on my Pursueg all Methods in
 my Power to settle this Palavers consistent
 w / Hon^r o / Britishh Nam & Maintain /
 just rights & prerogative [o] / Royall

African Co h over / Native's Subsistence
em. & am Satisfied y will support me w
ppl's o men & of so laudable & usefull
under taking I am w / most Sincere Esteem &
25. this Instant I received a message fm /
Secretary o Elmina y^r he wait on me
1 day after to morrow & to desire I wd till
t time continue quiet w respect to Palaster
to whom my answer I sh be glad to see him
Send by first Conveyce.

it gives me Extreme Satisfacⁿ t by
/ Prudent steps y took y are upon
so good a footg, such vigorous
measures, tho' attended w Expense,
when / ~~and~~ end is Answered
are Undoubted / Best ...

Succondee John Meers - Dixie 12th April
I received yr Letter o get Curr^o & / Guns
desire on receipt o this yr y wou^d get in /
asste as much o / Corn ~~as~~ t is owing to / Co,
own Stock, or / Estate o / ~~deceased~~
deceased Mrs Makinzie as y possibly can w a
sufficient quantity o wood & keep everythg in
order in yr Fort in such manner as if y expected
o be attacked so as not to give any offence to /
utch Chief. Dispatch a messenger Express to
ommand^r w / Letters & send yr Cook up here as
there is no body t can make Bread or roast a
Fowl. I am n

Apr

97] To ye Council at C. Coast. D^o 14 ~~Apr~~ 50

Gent: I was extreme impatient of not hearing from ye, I wrote ye 12 To w^{ch} refers, nothing by venturial hath happened since, this morning was dispatched another Canoe w^{ch} Ie waste not in one of ye^s humours but y^e for w^oge before I'd finished I was agreeably surpris'd with ye^s arriv^e o^f both Canoes, ~~so~~ so desisted of persecut^g a vein of Spleen, y^t naturally att^o d^e attendy w^o when at a certain Crisis we think ourselves neglect^d in brief I h^o ye^s pleasure in Anon^o lines^o to ye^s ever respected fall^o o^f 11th Cur^o to return my Acknowledgments of ye^s Supplies o^f Soldiers & al^l so extreme necessary at ye^s juncture, beg^g inform^d ye^s by a Spy I keep abt Bossue y^t he has taken Footish w^o Enterpry some time past to assist him w^o all his Force to carry his Palace or take this Fort, & if myself & Secretary o^f Elmira don't settle it they h^o conspir'd in 2 days to burn ~~the~~ / Towns & Attack ye^s Fort, wh^o they are resolute upon & ~~confident~~ confident^l to Succeed^g in for a conjecture we cannot stand to fight w^o ye^s 9th Guns perhaps they may be deceived w^o y^e to for Chalmer who has left ye^s Battlem^o intirely open & bare not y^e least parapet of defence - w^o measures o^f this kind are taken by negroes w^och y^e may be satisfied they are resolved to put into Exec^on. I am convinc'd I h^o no Occaⁿ to press ye^s most Assiduous Assist^o to enable me of defence o^f ye^s property o^f our Country, & t^o preferable to any Occaⁿ trial or ~~out~~ o^f Consequence, / present Affairs beg^g too press^g & too consuming concern^g to admit ye^s least inattenⁿ & delay, nothing sh^o be want^g in my Self & in my present Sentiments I can clearly Answ^r of ye^s parts to convince / natives effectually, we will retrace our Authority, however declined, & Support jurisdic^on equal to Dutch or any naⁿ.

[hr - Wel Ed Kerr]

Observe y^e Copy o y^e Gen^l L^{tr} & in w^t mand.
accuses Senior, in my opinion w^t foundon,
Secretary & Bacot dine here tomorrow. I sh^d Cam-
ass ~~the~~ moves to find who aggressed. I fancy
it will appear y^e Buttrys Chief, if so I sh^d write
y^e w^t E D h^t full on y^t head & if 15th para-
graph o his l^{tr} be true translated he gives up
p^lensions to Bushaw but seems ~~highly~~ fully to lay
a snare f^r us to Acknowledge his right,
after y^e Conference I sh^d write him my Sentiments o
Mr Bacot, wh^o may not be in his favour. it gives me
pleasure to find y^e are likely to settle y^e
Fantin palaver Satisfactorily. I sh^d Esteem
& Kind you'll inform me y^e Cause. I've rasaid
all y^e Bush within 9un shot o y^e Fort & sh^d
continue to clear away, pray Send me some
Bills. I deplore y^e necessities I am wnder o
informing y^e nothg but force & resolyⁿ will
strewe & Support British hon^r & Authority here
reduce y^e rebellious Subjects to Submissⁿ. I
lesty got y^e Sloop afloat w^o no small trouble &
fatigue, & tomorrow design to get her into y^e
Road, you'll find she will be o more Service
in this palaver than y^e Expence o her Cost &c.
I've more men ~~than~~ yⁿ Guns in Consequ^e
want a Supply o y^e latter. I w^d not let
y^e C. Coast people lie in y^e gr^t Town as y^e
Town's people sh^d h^e no excuse to say I took
it f^r y^m, when I begin to commit hos-
ilities I may depend I sh^d pursue ~~you~~
them wth resolyⁿ & vigour wh^o will redound
to our hon^r & be o infinite advantage towards
prot^g our Interest^s o y^e Natives wh^o I sh^d
Study to increase & to convince y^e I am &c.

96] Mr Jno Meers [Succowee] Dix^e 16 Apr - 50

... take care to inform yr Self fm yr linguist
or any o' Natives if they hear o any [o] Succowee
Taccarady, or o^r people beg in Arms to assist
Entry, & if y receive any informations material
advise me express / particulars. ... I am rc

[18 April]

99] [Roberts to Van Voorst] Succowee, 18 April 1750
already copied fm Palaver Book - p 29. supra

104] Mr Jno Meers Succowee 19 April 50

Send to yr Neighbourg Dutch Chief & as
yr Ithanta people h attacked this ffort yr've
orders to make preparat^{ns} to defend yr self in
case yr ffort is attacked but not w any design
to disturb him or Molest his Town people

Send to Cape Coast for Guns, Ball & what y want.
... yr 2 Guns loaded on yr land side yr
ffort I am rc.

105] To yr Council rc Dix^e 19 Apr 50.

I wrote last night to inform y o' yr En-
gage^r wth yr Natives, wh was a vj brisk one,
& lasted as p. former & I can confidently assure y
tho' no. must exceed 3000, they were sd dar'g as
to come wth ungt^s yr Walls, & I believe recd.
due chastizem^t fm our Partridge Shot &c. We
found yr field o Battle this m'g well trinctured
w blood & in many places par^t o bones found &c.
Today ths Attempts h on faint [faint?], a few
Small Small Shot exchanged now & then & ths
Keep us in perpetual Alarm. Am rather easg
to night havg recd good & timely Supplies fm
Capt Wall o yr Providence Sneau who has
behaved in yr most friendly gentle manner &
paid me under an obligatⁿ to assist him, whos
I will do him vj good service as he merits it, &
dischge my Rec^t p dispatched by this oppy.

[• n.o.r.]

As to y^e Affair nothing remains but to preserve y^e
fort if possible, & by driv^g o^r mercenaries reduce y^e
Natives to a Condition incapable o^r persist^g & Succ^g
us o^r Terms, wh^{ch} I am in v^l little fear o^r do^g &
bring^g y^m to a hearty Repent^{ce} o^r th^{er} imprudence
y^e defray^g o^r Expense o^r y^e Palaver, wh^{ch} must now be
vigorous^{ly} prosecuted, as our Interest & British
ov^{er} depend on y^e figure & Success we make in
it. Th^{is} persued ev^{er} y^e precaution necessary in my
w^{is}h ~~mat^{ure}~~ mature Consideran^{ce} & sh^{all} continue to
050.

We sh^{all} be in want o^r Corn, beg^g y^e will make a
win^{ning} fur & Supply us th^{erewith} & A particu^{lar}
note o^r y^e may be fr^{om} time to time hereafter
required, as I am apprehensive I D. are at y^e
bottom o^r this despicable Scheme, at least Bacot,
& P. Enclosed are Cap. Wall was so generous
transmit me, pray get it translated, hav^{ing} a
singular use o^r it, wh^{ch} I sh^{all} inform y^e o^r in my next.

I h^{ave} wrote to Meers to apply to y^e o^r f^{or} any
toes he may want.
I w^{ould} send Godfrey, but can't spare him fr^{om}
y^e Distress I am in, as I hope Meers will
oⁿ occasion trouble th^{is}. I've approv^{ed} Meers
to get his foot in readiness with^{o^{ut}} giv^{ing}
obedience to his Neighbor.

The Sloop sh^{all} be dispatched tomorrow, not so
complete as I w^{ould} wish, 1 Irons o^r brass 1 Guns
beg^g at y^e Water Side ready to be put on
board but in y^e Engagem^{ent} were lost o^r Secreted
by y^e Enemy

I expect to hear speedily fr^{om} y^e Don't be
anxious, I hope to carry y^e Point. We h^{ave} not lost
st^{ill} all our people. Acca, Dick & beg^g here, th^{is}
not y^e Majority yet y^e honestest part

105] after Dr p. Sloop. To ye Council

Gent^{ns} By ye Sloop comes 4 Women & 1 man
Slave on asc^t o ye Palaver wh I hope will
Come Safe to Cape Coast Castle I shall write
more fully [by?] Mr Johnson [?] I am re-
noting / Palaver I h put Lime stone on
board. / people I were on board / Sloop in-
form me I they saw / Dutch Chief go to
Busha in a hammock 3 o'clock Saturday
I must send Wickham an order to Deliver
/ Prisoners as he has my orders not to
Deliver them w^t.

To ye Gen o Elmina 21st April 50 Dixson

[already copied in Palaver Book
vide p supra]

110] To / Council 19th Apr 50

"92B
"This is
"Shd h b
"Copied
"before /
"Genis o /
"19th"
[sic]

I this morning recd yr favour
14th Curr. & refer y to ye enclosed f ye
Gen wh pray be so good as to get
translated & forward if I have no
Objections - you'll perceive y^t Volkmar
& Bacot's Visit rather tended to perplex
than settle / Palaver in an amicable
way They produced a long paper write
in Dutch & offered to read as Entery's defense,
& of one of the Boys to tell Acca & he to
interpret to me. I told them Entery shd make
no excuse nor wd I hear any he shd to
offer till such time as he deliverd up y^e

English Subjects fled from the Allegiance, then if he c
indicate himself & wd come into this fort & mak
is Palaver & clear himself y^t he was not Con-
victed in y^e Insult committed ag^t English Na^t
- / "A. A. C." by Parrying the Slaves I sh^d be
re satisfied & drop my Palaver ag^t him but y^t
I wd not treat w a negroe who protected y^e
Subjects o England in the Audacious disobedie
ence delivred del^t up I wd hear what he had
to say.

As to Bossu We taken all y^e Steps I ^{could} w
sh^d to engage him to our Interest, not w^g he &
is people h left / Town. I wd not Suffer it to
plund^d wh / Negroes were v^y desirous to
recute & h ordered y^t none o y^e people sh^d
o w^g it. so^t he cannot alledge anything in
justific^{on} f his misdemeanor - misbehaviour
he is come down here f^r Cabbocheer o
Quidah, a gr Trad^g man, aclaⁿ o Acca's
ho he has sent to Bossu to persuade him
to come & make Concessions to me, wh I hope
sh^d h some effect on him, he goes ag^t my
Acca himself not as hav^g any Orders from
me as I gave Acca none to send him, but
wh he came told me his design, I replied
m^t do as he pleased, but I wd sh^d not
send to Bossu any more Messages, as I expected
sh^d send to me.

Assure, y^t noth^g will do, but to make some
forts by force o Arms, wh y^e may be assured I
be cautious o putt^g in ex^{ec}ion, but when I do,
pursue it w^g Vigour & resolution. / Castle when
came here was not in a Condiⁿ to begin hos-
ties, but I h now put it into such a posture o
defence, y^t if all y^e Natives in Africa were
come ag^t it I sh^d not be in any Concern
they cd do any hurt now I h a place f my

people to retreat to. The next Step I take is to
 begin wth Enterry. I sh^d give Bossu no pro-
 voca^m so hope at least he will be neuter
 as he must by ye preparatⁿ I h^{ve} made, be
 convinced we are determined to h^{ve} Satisfaction
 f^r / insults committed. If I am I'm not
 mistaken, in my next I hope to advise far is no
 Busha, & Enterry must take care o^f himself
 or perchance I may h^{ve} him in Discom^{fort}
 before he thinks f^r it (this Entree now). Then
 if Bossu declares f^r Enterry, / people I h^{ve} here
 will h^{ve} ye f^rort to retreat to. & I can harass
 him, so as I don't doubt but soon to br^{ing} him to
 Terms, if offerd by him I sh^d not impose severe
 ones. I don't doubt ye C.C. Soldiers behav^r well
 I did not expect ye Fainting w^d come yt length
 but it w^d serve to intimidate these people. I
 don't let me know, / Cause o^f ye palaces at
 Cormantins. I can't conceive what w^d u
 mean, by circumvent^g ye Dutch by presents
 &c, who are y^e to make / presents to, if w^d
 not make any concessions to Bossu or Enterry
 when y^e h^{ve} got just a Side o^f ye Palaces, I wish
 you'll explain y^r part & what ye mean by a
 little money well applied. I arg^{ue} o^f Opinion
 it cannot be better Accounted f^r, than to hire
 people, Cost what it will, to reduce Bossu &
 Enterry to due Obedience & oblige them to pay
 ye Expence, as it is my opinion there is little
 defence wh^{er} y^e h^{ve} a f^rort wth no people or those
 y^e h^{ve} not begⁿ in Subjection. I prefer / former
 & think y^e Contrary w^d depreciate / How^r &
 Dignity o^f / Eng^lh Na^th. I this day sent a
 mess^g to Bossu to demand two people
 belong^g to Tando, who he promised to send
 send down wth our Johnson but it was more
 to recom^{me}nd his force. y^e mess^g met
 abt 50 o^f his people on Arms in y^e path
 half way to y^e Croon in Arms, who refused
 to let him pass, & told him if he had h^{ad}

my message to deliver / three Women on't o. y^e
Castle, or to send to Bushaw, y may depend I sh
hastise such insolce but don't chuse to go rashly
ab^t it.

y^e Soldier y^r stands Centry bigs me Word
Bossis people are in Arms in y^e gr Town, wh
oblige me to conclude re.

Bossis people behaved in so insolent a man-
ner in Com^g in Arms upon y^e Sand before y^e
Castle. I ordered / Soldiers & Cabbocheers people
to Surround them but they retired to y^e
Bush & were followed by our people, & sev^l
shot were xchanged on both sides, at last
Bossis people retreated, one o y^e Cape Coast
Soldiers wounded, who I send down, be so
good as send up a Doc^t. w his Apparatus &
medicine

Since y^e above wrote at 3 I've bⁿ Engaged
a Numerous Body near 4,000 at all
quarters till near y. they came quite under
y^e Castle Walls, & in y^e East end after a
ar^t Contest retired. Cudjos Coz is killed
I h^{ve} some Wounded. I believe we must h^{ve}
one gr Exec^um. I sh send / Body o Cudjos
Coz in an Armed Chest, nothg but force
will do, y must send up / Fanning, or send
imedy to Entifferot & send him a
handsome present. I am alarmed agn &
extremely fatigued.

Capt Wickham Duxie Fort April 21. 1750
Receive on board 5 Women + one Man in Irons
y Acc^t o / present Palaver as soon as they are on
rd y are to weigh Anchor & get a good Offin & not
up till y arrive at Cape Coast Castle where y are to
deliver y^e Prisoners when y receive / Gentlemen o /
units Order f so do. I wish y a good Voyage + am

114] Gentlemen.

Duxone Fort April 24. 17

I take this Opportunity to inform you of a Scheme
 deeply laid by the Natives & their reason to believe
 suspect supported by the Dutch to take this
 Fort by Force of Arms. in the first attack tho'
 a vigorous one they were disappointed. I
 had good Fortune to preserve it for his
 Majesty & Merchants of Great Britain, but
 beg obliged to go to Cape Coast Castle on
 Affairs. I beg if Mr Andrew Johnson or
 Nassau Senior applies to you for any Stores or Pro-
 visions I will be so good as to Supply them
 taking the Joint Receipt for same which be
 punctually discharged or like Stores & Pro-
 visions returned (if I cannot be with them)
 at Cape Coast Castle. Your Compliance will
 infinitely Oblige as I am

Duxone. Andrew Johnson.

Secconded 26 April

I met here Sundry Letters from Council
 wherein they inform me they have been treating with
 a man mean enough to send Hippisley &
 Bignal to wait upon him. They interpreted
 the letters with accusations of Gen's agst
 me & I went in person to Bushaw's Town at
 head of Blacks & wounded several people, how-
 ever they have managed it so, as they write me,
 that Gen proposed a Cession of Hostilities, & he
 would send up a third or fourth person to treat
 with me about Affairs & that he would come him-
 self to wait upon me if his health would
 be permitted. He craves he ordered Cannon to
 be parryered & that Guns & powder should be
 issued to the Phantab, & that he would be any Cannon

answered go9 to Duxove w Warlike Stores.
Major's Chee Chee I hear has bn w Bossu &
Terry but / purport o his Embassy I cannot
arr. I may depend t I will never end this
Affair as long as I am able to support it, but
on Honble Terms. I desire y to Continue
to Commit Hostilities agst any negroes t appear
in arms before / Fort, & keep a good watch
I do not care to depend upon / Gen's Hon^r
ho, they Inform me, has wrote to Bacor to
~~2222~~ Cease Hostilities. I will forward
appls & be w y as soon as possible. I sh
rite y more fully fm Cape Coast I am... re

T.O. 40. 151.

Cape Coast Castle 28th April 1750

At a Council held this Day on return o our
President fm Dixcove

Present
John Roberts (Sd President)
William Husbands } Chief Agents.
Thos Butler }

Whereas on / 3d April past It was agreed
Council / Command o this Castle & / trans-
action o Public Business shd on / President's
-pairg to Windward, do wite to William Hoo
bonds Esqr who has9 now laid an acct o
s Proceedgs before / Council, and / same be9
then into Considera^m are unanimously app-
oved, deemed Valid & effectual to all intents
purposes, & therefore Ordered to remain in
ull force

The President hath laid before / Council
his whole Proceedings at Dixcove re relating to /
Palayer or Contest in t Country & Corresponden
w / Dutch Officers in order to terminate &
Compose sd Difus

Agreed t he hath acted properly & agreeable
to our Wishes & Sentiments, it appears through
/ Course o Such his proceedgs, he hath stren-
uously laboured to adjust matters provided
thereby he cd possibly h Secured / British
Property fr Invasions o / Dutch Officers, who
as it appears appears to us hath been
certain Sinister Wicked Designs, taken
all Opp^t of Some time past to improve a
dislike some Natives o Aphantia h long had
to / English (wen [sic] since / Wars
Entirelye King o Warsaw brot upon /
Natives o t Country at Succonda at / time
Messrs Craick & Melvil were Chief Factors
tho) wh Breach / Dutch Gen Jan Van
Voorsk & Officers o / West India Co o
Holland hath opened agn, & effectually
to exclude / English out o / whole Kingdom
o Aphantia, by virtue o Bribes Threats
Menaces & w y unjust proceedg, as hath
bn clearly made appear to this Council,
Spirited up, Assisted & upholden /
Aphantese to Attack Dixcove Fortress, ~~burn~~
burn one o / Towns Situate under / vy
Walls thereof, & to carry on the designs
w Such force & Vigour, t fm plain Circum-
stances we rest Satisfied / Fortress o
Dixcove must itself (& wd) h bn destroyed

and / British Subjects therunto belong? fallen
refused to / Enemies aforesd. had not 3d
resident Roberts repaired thither, & defended
same in Person

Fur

Having impartially examd. into /
Royal Africa Cos right to / Sevl districts
called Achua, Aheyankley's Croom, & Sevl
2 places at present in dispute by / Dutch
- fm / best Informan it appears to us. T
/ Sevl Districts aforesd now in dispute
in / Ahanta Country are & h on time
immemorial / Property o our 3d Royal Africa
Co. & / Natives or Inhabitants the Subjects
whereupon it is resolved to defend / Same
/ Cash & humanity, & / better to effect /
me T Proposals be made Entuifford
ing o Warsaw & / Fantyns to join us to
secure / Property belongg to our Co as
aforesd & reduce / rebellious Ahantese
encouraged by / Dutch as before mentioned
the Duty & Allegiance. And t proper presents
sent to / sd King Entuifford, Braboo
Fantyn, & John Curzantee, to effect /
same

Fur, t Cudjo Cabochier be consulted
upon. T / Sloop Dolphin be sent
thither w a Ladg o Communiⁿ & Provⁿ
Dixson & fm thence w a Messenger to /
bocheers o Cape Apolonio w a proper

Present, they have by a message signified to our President the readiness to send Force to / relief o Discovery & Assist o / English

Agreed to a letter be wrote & sent ✓
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T. 40. 1446 (resumed).

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Cape Coast Castle 30th April 1750

Mrs Andrew Johnson.

I wrote y^e Conjoint wth my Col-
ages / 28th To wh^{ch} Refer. Since y^r favour o /
some date y^e may be assured we sh^{all} never
ettle / ~~Palace~~ Palace but on an Hon^{ble} foot I
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Canoe men to take the fishing Tackle for them.
 I hope / Sloop is wth me this, I will find in
 her a good Supply, if in sight you can dis-
 patch ye Canoe for anything I want. I sh^d send to
 Maurice & Queen Anne Point to purchase
 all / fish to be got, if any, sh^d send y^r
 account at foot o / number & anything else I
 send by this Conveyance. Give / towns People
 a little fish & now & then a Butt o Beef &
 some Liquor. And lett Accaw want of
 nothing to keep up his Spirits, tell him not
 to fear I will take Care to see him supplied
 & / Palaver Settled to his Satisfaction & t^h I
 will protect him & Dick from any Enemy
 they may be as / Council at Cape Coast will
 any o^r Eng^l Subjects in a just palaver, As
 I Believe I can now send y^r People to
 Basaw in safety. I sh^d be glad I wd
 get as much o / Bush Cleared abt / Castle
 as I possibly can & at / same time not to
 be too Bold. But keep a good watch as /
 Dutch may say, / Negroes Contrary to the
 Orders, attack^r y^r People, in case they sh^d
 as there is no trust to Villian Baccott. /
 Gen^{ls} head boy was here wth / letter & hinted
 to Cudjoe t^h / Gen. Himself designs go^g
 to meet me at Dixcove. I sh^d lett y^r know
 in time, to tell Mr Senior to get things in
 a little order, I cannot send / Canoe
 away to night the sea is so bad, so for-
 ward this letter by Land & sh^d dispatch /
 Canoe tomorrow night, I am in haste but most
 sincerely
 Y^r sincere friend
 Joⁿ Roberts

Cape Coast 1st May 1750

Mr John Smallman Gardner

I received yr^s o/ 28th & am Oblig^d
to y^e f/ acct y^e give me o Transac^{ns} o wh^{ch}
desire yr Continuance & am in no doubt if Oc-
casion Aquires [sic] but / Bastion o Johnson
will be well Commanded. I assure y^e t/ Kezar
is highly delighted w / gr^{at} diff^{er} in yr
letter y^e pay to his Majesty. he is this day
gone to Elmina

I Refer y^e to what I wrote Mr Johnson
st^y wh^{ch} is partly an Ans^r to yr^s. I h^{ave} sent
to Sound Inte ferow but fear th^{is} is not
othg to be Expected fm t Quarter, as it is
received Advice & Oppinion t Apokoe is
dead & t Donacoon / Deceased [s] he is
still I immediately find him full Employ^{ment}
I may depend I sh^{all} take Steps as I hope will
engage him if money or / promise o protec^{tion}
will do it but as th^{is} is a treaty proposed
t/ Accomodam^{ent} o / Athanta Palaw we th^{is} can
be nothg done openly, & as / Gen^l & people
fwe out t I am fond o breedg Disturbce &
wear [sic - war?] I am willg to let them see
Contrary but sh^{all} never give them up one
Article where English property or Hon^{or} is
in / th^{is} Minutes^t part Infringd.

The Gen^l sent his head boy w his
lter Yest^{er} who told Cudjoe Cabbocias t /
was v^{ery} desirous to end / palawour in an
amicable manner & t he was Satisfied / Gen^l
sh^{ould} go himself to Dixcove in Order to Settle
Same, we h^{ave} had no Ans^r to / letter we sent
t^y but so^{on} moment^{ly} expect / return o our

Messenger, I demanded / Canoe & it was par-
 yared in 'Strange terms. Before we come to
 121] Treaty & Touch'd upon Bacot's falacious
 Inform'ts wh will appear flagrantly if Van
 Voorst & I meet, at all Events I may expect
 to see me soon.

I dispatch this Canoe to night & am
 Extreem bad Sea & in her / Sunbry thgs as
 per part's at foot, some o wh is Ingredi-
 ents f Black Soup Sauce, a little o Wall's Wine
 & Claret in Case / Gen shd go up.

We h hd greate dog here f this three
 days past, all / Capt's fuy Annamakoe to
 Mr Botilers' Barbique. Grand dolings &
 Yest of a Turtle o at least 120^{lb} Wgt. I send
 of Twenty four hands o Tobacco, I assure tw
 leafs I got & a fathom o Portugeze a Dasher
 Dasher f Accaw, tell him to be a good Cheer,
 he may depend t I will take Care o him, /
 Flagg is makg.

The Sea bad last night t / Canoe men
 cd not get off, We h received / Gen's Ansⁿ.
 but are not likely to settle affairs as he
 demands Busha & Satisfacⁿ f Mr
 Senior's Sendg Armed men thr, desire
 Mr Senior to write me an Explicit Acct
 o / Beginn^g o / Palatow & how he
 parnyared & where / people were brot
 fm, w^{ch} Side Busha River Samcor is,
 & where / Busha people hd Arms when
 they came before / Fort at / Time he
 Fired a shot at them, &ea to my arri-
 val at Dixaroe, I this morn^g 2d o May
 received of letter by Capt Yewart &
 y may be assured t I sh make him

win an ample Acknowledg^{mt} of his Civilities
to y^e & y^e may inform her Senior t^h his
note is Discharged & Deliver him / Enclosed
Invoice o^f Stores Sent by this Canoe, /
Canoe men are to stay wth y^e, & deare I have
Orders to br^{ng} the Fishg Tackle up t^h part o^f
y^r letter o^f Accaw o^f Cape Apollonias
Behaviour gives me ~~Extreme~~ Extrem^e
] Satisfac^{ion} & I Expect to make use o^f his
Friendship. Ask Accaw what footg he &
Inteffero are upon, if good I hope to
get / Ahamtes betwixt them both, I am
working here wth a View to Destroy them, / did
well to give his Boys a good Dashed. I am
gett^g / Best Cloth t^h Cape Coast will pro-
duce made wh^{ch} I sh^{ll} br^{ng} up wth me & a
dared Hatt & y^e may tell Accaw t^h it
sh^{ll} not be at his Expence but mine, I
sh^{ll} send / Sloop thr^{ough} when I get up, but
y^e Cap^t has Orders to waite till he hears
fm me which you & as I believe our
Cerssation will not be o^f long Continuance,
how^{ev}r only act upon / Defensive till y^e hear
fm me & keep a good look out as ther is
no trust^g Dutchmen if they make
Treatys to keep no longer than it serves
thr^o own Ends, I h^{ave} bin so much hurried
since I came down wth disputes betwixt
Cap^ts & Sailors, but he Settled them all
this day, I sh^{ll} write to / Gen for a categorical
answer what he Intends to do wh^{er} he is f^{or} War
or Peace & his Answer will determine this day
sh^{ll} sett out, be sure h^{is} / Sloop ready as per-
sons I may send f^{or} her to Succor de. I am in haste

124] Dear Gardner "CCC. 6th May 1750

I wrote Mr Johnson / 30th de lillo & 2^d / 2^d Curr: Since wh I h not had / pleasure o
 heary fm y wh gives me Concern as I am
 Uneasy & sh be so till I hear y h Received
 / Supplies by / Sloop & Canoe & t y are Free
 fm Attacks o / Phanties & in good health.

The Gen is out o Order & had not Ans^d
 our last letter, when he does I sh soon be w
 y, ~~but~~ till such Time do not miss an Opp^y
 o lett^g me hear fm y if y h no matter but
 t y are all well. The Bot a fine Gold
 Point Esparge: lace Hat f Accaw o Cape
 Apponia, but cannot get anythg better
 than a Scarlett Cloth f him, if his
 Messengers are still w y keep them & I
 will send them up in / Sloop when I come
 to Dixcote.

... [disputes between Aboc Capt's & the views] ...

125] I am most sincerely Yrs &c
 John Roberts

126] P.S. Since writg / above I h / pleasure o
 y^r o / 4th wax wafers & paper beneath, no
 Check at Cape Coast, y will find a Supply
 o what we can spare y by / Lge Canoe wh I
 hope is w y. We sh make a proper Use
 o y^r hints when I write to / Gen, I am
 Satisfied o / falaciousness o Bacot's
 Advices, y may depend I am a Contriv^g
 all ways I can think o to make a Hazard
 I am a project^g Schemes so t I scarcely
 get any Sleep, y are right, to go on a rec^o
 Cudjoes man y mentiond in y^r former

is Employed I want I can get Comp^s to
son & tell him I received his letters & would
as Courtece to Stewart to q^r / Canaize
p^{mt} saved as I am determind before I get
his will in this palaver to invade (his)
reparty o / British Naⁿ, I it sh become
real over / whole Coast & I will as soon
is up my life as give him up one Inch
I am surprized at the Partying /
and they sh pay Dear f the Insolence
fore I he done w them, f^r Linnem's
Clean I sh big it up w once

I am most sincerely
Y^r John Roberts

Cape Coast Castle May 9th 1750

Mr John Smallman Gardner

I received y^r favour 5th May & Observe
contents & am surprized at / Busha Peoples
Sale & directly wrote to / Gen to demand
said ~~the~~ F^rish Boy & to desire to be
know what he discharged by a Suspicion
Hostilities & hoped it was not t / Negroes
come Vanpering, Kill^g Seiz^g our Subjects
under our Guns & we sit Idle Spectators &c.

To wh we received answer this Morn^g t he
not give Orders f / delivery o anything
injured by / Busha people but t f they were
und to be in / Wrong we may assure our-
elves t we shd be Just & fair Satisfacⁿ, &
he had before informed me t he cd not leave
Castle & know^g my dislike to Mrs Bacot,
e had appointed Mr Sandra Governor o Chama

Fort as soon as ever he is informed of my De-
parture for Disceuse he shd wait on me there
in order to Settle / Palavour &c

Now my friend I will tell y better news
than / Forts leaving in / Gods hands I he let-
ters by Mr Samuel from two Daughters who
elected Sub Governours of / Co & another friend
mine Deputy Governour, he has sent me a
list of / Directors who are all my friends
& t^o I may be assured of having / Supplies
in time & do not in / least doubt receive
my Commis^o Cap^t Penn as all / opposers
of it are not of / Monogine. Husbands &
Botelers sadly down in / mouth on / occasion

Observe which y say abt Accant of
Apolonias, / Rum, Guns &c &c goes away
tonight in Cap^t Wall's long Boat of
Succondee where y are to send / Sloop to meet
her to take them in to go. Accordg to Accants
desire, y may be assured I shd do all in my power

130] Brought forward Mr John Smallman Gardener
May 9. 1750 to serve & ~~app~~ Oblige him & I hope it
will be a good Effect. I hope y will not meet
any more Insults from / he grows I will ~~be~~
be w^y in a little time & Doctor Hipsley w^o me,
if y want anything Let me know Express as I
think to set out on Monday or Tuesday at Furdoy
I am v^y much hurried, Two Ships go off / Coast
on Sunday besides a Long & tedious Correspondence
w^o / Penn. believe me to be most^y Sincerely
Recd Lines Yours &c

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