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The Gold Coast

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1] 1704.

April 3. Present: - Lord Viscount Seymour, Mr Cecil,
Mr Blackway, Mr Pollexfen, Mr Prior.

15] 1704.

May 18. Present: Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows,

I. 41-44]

Mr Blackway, Mr Pollexfen, Mr Prior.

Miscellaneous

Ordered t^o a letter be writ^t to Mr Secretary Harley (fo. 44)
to acquaint him t^o beg one o^r her Majesty's Principal Secretarys
o^r State, he is one o^r Commissioners o^r this Board, & t^o the Lordships will be
glad o^r his assistance when his o^r affairs will permit.

7] 1704

September 14. Present: - Sir Philip Meadows, Mr Pollexfen, Mr Prior

I. 116-119

42] I. 119-122

Barbados

a Memorial fm / Royal African Co (fo. 121) desirg t^o
two convoys a year may be appointed f^r Barbados,
or / Leeward Islands, was read.

~~Memorial~~
African Co's
Memorial abt
convoys

43] 1704.

September 20. Present: - Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows,
Mr Prior.

I. 122-125.

Barbados

Merchants &
Governour o^r
Royal African Co
abt convoys

Mr Holder (fo. 121, 123 - m.c.) [Under-Holder, Melisha, Agent
f^r Barbados] wth Barbados merchants abt also / Governour
o^r / Royal African Co attendg upon / subject o^r the late
memorials relaty to convoys f^r Barbados, & beg askt such
quesns upon t^o subject, the answer in substance was as follows: -

T 26 mt o^r 27 o^r the ships havg bn taken this year by / French,
it was absolutely necessary to send ano^r fleet wth goods, utensils &c. f^r supply o^r t^o
island. T they shd h by / end o^r October 12 ships wthin wh^{ch} wth be ready to sail f^r t^o
island. But if they cd be assured o^r convoy the wth be more than 20, besides sail o^r t^o
wth take t^o oppo^s ~~to~~ o^r sailing to / Leeward Islands, T what^r / number o^r
ships may be t^o sh^o now go out, double t^o number, by / addn o^r ships fm o^r
Plantations will return wth / convoy t^o was now desired, wh^{ch} they prayd mt^o be
one 4th & one 6th rate. T / fleet was intended f^r Barbados be allowed to
stay h^{er} 70 days after the arrival the, & t^o then two o^r / guard ships was
the, do come adwy as convoys to / homeward bound fleet, & / two now
desired remain in the stead. They added t^o it was absolutely necessary f^r
/ good o^r t^o island t^o two convoys be annually sent thither. They fur sd t^o
they expected a fleet o^r 40 ships fm thence in November next, & they
designed to make the applicⁿ at / Admiralty f^r Cruisers to meet them
abt / mouth o^r Channell.

After these gentlemen were withdrawn (fo. 122, 125) the Lordships
drew up & signed a representation thereupon [?] to Mr Anne Burchet,
at / Admiralty?]

48] October 19. Present: - Sir Philip Meadows, Mr Blackway, Mr Prior.

49] 1704.
I. 139-142.
Carolina
letter for
Deputy Governor,
to Mr Lowndes on
Royal African Co
Charleston.

A letter for Sir Nathaniel Johnson, Deputy Governor
o Carolina. dd July / 19th. 1703, inclosg
copys o sev^l depositions relatg to a Bermuda sloop
trading w negroes for / coast o Guinea, was read; whereupon
ordered t a copy o / sd letter be sent to Mr Lowndes for
opinion o / Commissioners o / Customs thereupon, & to / Royal
African Co (No. 141) for their informⁿ, & t they return an
answer to this Board o what they know & propose thereon.

51] 1704.
I. 145-147.
Carolina
African Co
in answer to letter
Sir them abt a
Bermuda sloop
trading w negroes

October 27. Present: - Sir Philip Meadows, Mr Blackway,
Mr Pollexfen, Mr Prior
Mr Perry, secretary to / Royal African Co (No. 141) presented
to the Lordships / sd cos answer to / letter wherewith on /
19th instant, inclosg a copy o a letter for Sir Nathaniel
Johnson, Deputy Governor o Carolina, dd 15 July 1703;
wh was read; & Mr Perry desiring to pursue / depositions
mentioned in Sir Nathaniel's foresaid letter, he was
told t as soon as they were returned for / Customs
House, whether they had been sent, they shd be communi-
cated to him.

57] 1704
I. 203-206
Trade
Squib o Scotch
Hely abt trade to
Africa & Indies

December 13. Present: - Lord Dartmouth, Mr Blackway,
Mr Prior.
Mr Blackway also communicated to / Board / copy
o an Act past in Scotland, 1703, intituled
Act in favours o / co trading to Africa & Indies.

62] 1705.
I. 245-248.
Plantations Gen.
letter for
Mr Bridges relatg
to salaries &c
letter for
Mr Burchet abt
salaries &c

March 30. Present: - Mr Ceill, Sir Philip Meadows,
Mr Blackway, Mr Pollexfen, Mr Prior.
A letter for Mr Bridges, Surveyor Gen o Ordn^{ce}
inclosg a
Copy o / orders & instruct^{ns} relatg to salaries for
garrisons, castles, forts, &c was read
letter for Mr Burchet o yestys date, inclosg
copy o instruct^{ns} relatg to salaries for
garrisons in / plantations &c.

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Journal o / Proceedings o Her Majesty's Commissioners for
Promoting Trade o this Kingdom, & for inspecting & improving her
Plantations in America & elsewhere. fm / third o July, 1705, to /
twenty-ninth o November 1706.

281] 1706
K. 378-381.
Barbados.
Act abt paper credit
under considerⁿ.
Observ^{ns} thereon.
African Co &
Barbados merchants
summo'd.

October 3. Present: - Mr. Ceill, Sir Philip Meadows,
Mr Pollexfen, Mr Prior
The Lordships agm took into considerⁿ / Act o Barbados,
(No. 378) abt establishing a paper credit in t island (mentioned
in / minutes o / 24th o / last month) & made sev^l observ^{ns}
thereon; & order'd t a letter be writ to / Royal African Co
(No. 381) to desire some o / members thereof to attend
the Lordships upon / sd Act on Tuesday next, as
also send letter (No. 381) to / Barbados merchants to /
same purpose.

252] 1736.

K. 381-385

Barbados.

Memorial for / African Co
agst / Act of
paper credit.

Draught of
representaⁿ on / sd
Act.

Barbados
Memorial for
sd merchants
agst / Act
relatg to a method
of credit &c

Barbados
Representaⁿ of
repeal of Act
of paper credit
by Mr Secretary
Hedges

October 10. Present: - Mr Seile, Sir Philip Meadows,
Mr Pollexfen, Mr Prior.

Mr Perry, Secretary of Royal African Co, presented
to Board a

Memorial for / sd Co (No. 381) containing the
Object's agst an Act lately passed past in
Barbados to supply / want of cash &c, wh was read.

The Lordships took into Consideraⁿ / draught of a
representaⁿ upon / above mentioned Act (No. 383) & made
a progress therein.

October 15. Present: - ... [ut supra]...

Serl of Barbados merchants attendg, presented
to Board a Memorial (No. 381) containing
the Object's to / Barbados Act of establishing
a method of credit ther, wh was read; & the
Lordships then made a further progress in / draught
of a representaⁿ upon / sd Act (No. 382 & infra)

October 17. Present: - ... [ut supra as Mr Blathwayt]...

a representaⁿ of repeal of / Act lately past at
Barbados (No. 383, 385) intitled an Act to
supply / want of cash &c, together with a
Letter inclosg / same to Mr Secretary Hedges
were signed

295]

Journal from / second of December, 1706 to /
(thirty-first of December, 1707.

L.

1706. December 4. Present: - Lord Dartmouth, Sir Philip Meadows,
Mr Blathwayt, Mr Pollexfen, Mr Prior

Miscellaneous. A Letter to / Earl of Sunderland signifyg, t he, as Principal Secretary
of State, is one of Commissioners of this Board, & t / Board wd
be glad of his preseⁿ & assistce when his d^r affairs will permit, was signed.

345] 1704

L. 133-136

Miscellaneous.
Her Majesty's
new Commission.

April 29. Present: - Earl of Stamford, Lord Dartmouth,
Lord Herbert of Cherbury, Sir Philip Meadows,
Mr Pulleney, Mr Moxleton

A new Commission for her Majesty was opened & read, whereby
(besides 19^t officers as in d^r Commission of this Board) / Earl of
Stamford, Lord Dartmouth, Lord Herbert of Cherbury, Sir Philip
Meadows, Mr Stepney, Mr Pulleney & Mr Moxleton are appointed Com-
missioners for promotg / Trade of this Kingdom & for inspectg & improvg her
Majesty's plantatⁿs in America & elsewhere.

420] 1707.

L. 378-381.

Trade.

Letter from /
Earl o Sutherland
refers a petition
o / Royal African
Co
to / Board.

November 25. Present: - Earl o Blenheim, Lord Dartmouth,
Lord Kirkby o Chester, Sir Philip Meadows,
Mr Pulleney, Mr Mallett

Mr Pindar, Deputy Governor (No. 382), & several members o /
Royal African Co attendg, presented to the Lordships a

Letter from / Earl o Sutherland o / 20th instant referring

to the Board a

H90. petition o / sd Co to her Majesty, relating to her ships
they lye under in referre to the trade, wh was read;

whereupon these gentlemen were acquainted t, so soon as the Lord-
ships shd h finished a report to / House o Lords, wh is now in hand, they wd
consider / sd petition, & then demand o / sd Co such papers as sh be found
necessary f examining / allegations o / sd petition

November 24. Present: - ... [ut supra] ...

429] 1707

L. 381-384

Trade

Letter to / Secretary
o / Royal African
Co
f acct acts

Ordered t a Letter be writt to Mr John Perry, Secretary
to / Royal African Co (No. 380, 383). f / sd
acct follows, viz: -

H98

Acct o / sd Co

Acct o / ten per cent. paid by separate traders from
June, 1698, to Michaelmas, 1707. & how /
same has bn repnded.

H. 99.

Acct o / charge o / ports & cooies durg / foresaid
time & o / Co's settlements in Africa.

H 100.

Acct o / value o / Co's joint stock in 1698.

H 101.

Acct o / what has since bn called in.

H 102.

Acct o / what dividends h bn paid made durg /
aforsaid time.

Acct o / value o / present stock

Acct o / debts owing by / Co

H 103.

Acct o / exports & imports from 1698 to Michaelmas
1707.

H 104.

Acct o / number o ships fitted out f / same time.

H. 105.

Acct o / number o negroes furnished by / Co to / sd
planters durg / sd time, & at what rate, w
/ condin on wh such negroes h bn sold.

H 106

An acct o / woollen manufactures / Co h exported
since June 1698.

H 107

Further ordered t a Letter be writt to Mr Laurence, to move
/ Lord High Treasurer f an acct

Acct from / Commissioners o / Customs o exports
& imports (No. 382, 386), by separate traders
to Africa, from 1698, to Michaelmas, 1707.

Letter to Mr
Laurence f acct
o imports & exports
by separate traders
to Africa.

November 28. Present: - Earl o Stamford, Lord Herbert o Cherbury, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr Pultney, Mr Mometon.

430] 1707
L. 384-387.
Virginia
Maryland
Trade.
Separate traders to Africa.

Mr Perry, Mr Wade, Mr Milner & Mr Virginia & Maryland merchants attendg & beg asked ...

These gentlemen beg fur asked what benefit or disadvantage they find in / planters by allowg separate traders to / coast o Africa (fo. 383, 387). they sd t / separate traders ha furnished to / planters abov 300 negroes annually, since / passg / late Act; & t / co ha sent none to Virginia or Maryland since, nor h reason fears before, t / sd negroes (such as are merchantable) are sold for 25 to 26 a head; t / separate traders h paid to / co considerably more by / ten per cent, than / co h laid out upon the forts & fortifications; & t / sd separate traders h no protectn for / sd forts, but on / contrary h received all / discouragemt imaginable for / co's factors thro.

December 5. Present: - Earl o Stamford, Lord Dartmouth, Lord Herbert o Cherbury, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr Pultney, Mr Mometon.

435] 1707.
L. 392-396.
Trade
letter fm / African Co
w sd acct

H96 a letter fm / African Co (fo. 394, 396) w / sd acct required for them by / secretary's letter o / 24th o / last month, & 1st instant was read, & divers given by preparing a scheme out o / sd acct by the Lordships consideration

December 8. Present: - ... [as supra except Lord Dartmouth] ...

434] 1707
L. 396-399.
Trade
Royal African Co's acct
letter to / secretary to attend w the account

The Secretary laid before the Lordships a scheme o / acct mentioned to be received for / Royal African Co at / last meetg (fo. 395), & the appears sd acct difficult therein, ordered t a letter be writ to Mr Perry, desiring him w Mr Beaumont (fo. 399), acctⁿ to / Co, to call at / office any morng this week.

December 9. Present: - ... [as on 5th except Meadows] ...

435] 1707
L. 399-401
Trade
Improvmt o Woolen manufacture by African Co

H 118 An Act o / improvmt o / Woolen manufactures by / Royal African Co (fo. 399, 402) beg received for Mr Beaumont, was laid before / Board.

December 10. Present: - ... [as on 5th] ...

436] 1707
L. 402-404
Trade
African Co's debts

Ordered t a letter be writ to Mr Perry, secretary o / Royal African Co (fo. 399, 403) for an account o / debts o / sd Co.

Trade
African Co.

December 12. Present: - Lord Dartmouth, Lord Herbert o Chesham, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr Pulleney, Mr Monckton.

The Lordships took into consideration / several papers lately received from / Royal African Co (pg. 402, 405), & made several observations thereupon. And 1st Co attending, & being asked several questions in relation to / sd papers, they sd t, as to the Lordships' desire o having an acct o / debts o / Co, signified in / Secretary's letter o / 8th instant, t was included in / balance o the books; & t balance contained / true real value o / Co's stock, all the debts paid; so t as they alledge in / year 1706, / Co were really worth 176,594 £. 14 s. 2 d.

As to / acct o money called in by / Co, they sd t in 1698. after / passg / Act o Parliament, they agreed t whoever shd pay to / Co 12 £. shd ha a share & £ 57,096 £. was paid in, the way 4,758 shares added to / Co, wh makes them now in all 11,010 $\frac{1}{2}$ shares.

As to / forts, they sd t they had now most o those t were in / possession o / former Co before / passg o / present charter in 1692, except 3 one or two wh / Dutch took, but / Co took from / Dutch sd instead o them.

All / forts & garrisons, & are well provided w arms, ammunicⁿ & w necessaries.

T / separate traders h alidays had / protectⁿ o / sd forts, when desired.

T they never made any settlement near / Portuguese in Angola.

After wh these gentlemen being desired to let the Lordships h a part^r o / charge o / sd forts, a list o / ships wh are / property o / Co, & a list o / separate traders, they promised to send / same to the Lordships by the accountant on Monday next.

434] 1707

L. 405-408

Trade.

Papers from

Royal African

Co.

December 15. Present: - Earl o Stamford, Lord Herbert o Chesham, Mr Pulleney, Mr Monckton.

Mr Beaumont, accountant to / Royal African Co (pg. 403) delivered to / Secretary several papers wh were laid before / Board, & are as follows, viz: -

H 119. An acct o / imports made by / sd Co from / 24th June, 1698 to / 29th September 1707.

H 120. A List o ships sent from England to Sumia by / sd Co, from / 24th June, 1698, to / 29th September 1707, distinguishing what are / Co's ships & what are hired.

H 121. An acct o exports made by private traders from / 29th

H 122. September, 1707, to / 29th September, 1707.

whereupon
letter to the
Secretary & acct
o / Co's ships,
had the balance
o the books arise
t.

whereupon ordered t a letter be writ to Mr Perry (pg. 408) of an acct o / number o / ships, the names & the tonnage, t are at this time / real property o / Co, & by them employed in / trade; as likewise to know how / several balance balances o / Co's books do arise; & put t the Lordships desire to see / parts o / charges o / forts & fortifications as they stand in / sd Co's books. And Mr Pulleney (pg. 410) was desired to discourse w Mr Beaumont, acct^r gen o / Co, thereupon.

Queries to / separate traders.

Queries to be made for / separate traders to Africa (pg. 413)

were laid before / Board & agreed, & thereupon ordered t copies thereof be sent to Mr Henry in 'n Day, Mr Robert Heysham, Mr Joseph Martin, Mr Isaac Milner, Mr Daniel Waterhouse, & Mr John Taylor (pg. 418; M. pg. 1.2.) requiring them to communicate / sd queries to / several merchants or to return full answers to them (as strongly proved as may be) w all convenient despatch.

438]

1707.

L. 408. 410

Trade.
Letter to Mr Paggan
w/ queries abt
African Co.
Letter fm Mr Perry
abt ships belongg
to RA Co.

December 17. Present: - Earl o Stamford, Lord Herbert o
Cherbury, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr Pulteney,
Mr Monckton.

Ordered t a letter be writ to Mr Peter Paggan, w/
same queries as were sent on 15th instant (fo. 406.)
to 10^{separate} traders to Africa.

I 4. A letter fm Mr Perry, secretary to / Royal African Co
(fo. 405. 416) inclosg a
list o 10 ships t are now / property o / sd Co.
was read.

Trade
Royal African
Co.

wh is 180,913-5--(0) did arise, he sd t in t ballce was included /
value o the ships & effects here & in Guinisa, & also all debts, ~~as~~ owed
to / sd Co, but he was not able to say what debts were good, & what not;
& he owned t the were sev^l debts, in / plantans, since / time o King
Charles / second, still standg on; & t / ballces b / success³
years were computed upon / same foot.

Mr Pulteney (fo. 406) acquainted the Lordships t he
had this day discovred w / accountant o / Royal African Co,
who attended here accordg to / desire o / Board o / 15th instant,
& partly t, haog asked Mr Beaumont how / ballce o 1698,
wh is 180,913-5--(0) did arise, he sd t in t ballce was included /
value o the ships & effects here & in Guinisa, & also all debts, ~~as~~ owed
to / sd Co, but he was not able to say what debts were good, & what not;
& he owned t the were sev^l debts, in / plantans, since / time o King
Charles / second, still standg on; & t / ballces b / success³
years were computed upon / same foot.

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1707.
L. 410. 413.

And Mr Beaumont agreed t when / 12th of share in 1698
was called in, the were 4,750 additional shares made; t / original
shares in / Co were but 6,252¹/₂ shares; wh toge make up / presnt number o 11,010¹/₂ shares.
And if / 6,252¹/₂ share be computed at / same rate as / additional shares,
the / real stock o / Co wd be 57,797-5--(0) less than what / Co say / ballce o the
books in t year am^t to, & therefore he was not able to give any acc^t of t, & advise
than t he supposed / Co had let in / 4,750 shares at a cheaper rate than they
were really worth, wh they m^t do to in salvage those additional shares to enter
into / Co, they had at t^e t time in need o money.

Then he was asked, had they computed the stock at 26^l. 33. 9^d. per
share, he sd t was upon a supposⁿ t all the debts in / plantans were good.

As to / charge o / forts & factories, he sd t acc^t was transmitted to them
fm the Governor Gen in Africa, & laid before / Curstitor Baron, who (no
objecⁿs hadg b^e made to him by / separate traders, some o whom had persued
/ sd acc^t at / Royal African Co house) had pass'd / same, & Mr Beaumont
produced the books, containg / sd acc^t, wh contain^g o charges b / repairs o / forts,
& / Governor & o^r officers' salaries, & keepg a table b presents &c.

December 19. Present: - ... [ut supra] ...

441]

1707.

L. 416-419

Trade.
Situar o Royal
African Co's
settlm^{ts} on /
negroes coast.

A memorial fm / Royal African Co (fo. 408, 418)

I 5.

is an acct o / situaⁿ o / sev^l settl^{ts} on /
negroes coast, delivered by Mr Perry, secretary
to / African Co, & is laid before / Board & read.

December 22. Present: - Earl o Stamford, Lord Herbert o
Cherbury, Mr Pulteney, Mr Monckton

Trade.
Letter fm Mr
Waterhouse in answer
to queries abt trade
to Africa

I 7
A letter fm Mr David Waterhouse (fo. 416)
o/19th instant, in answer to / secretary's letter
o/15th instant, inclosg wch queries relaty to
trade to Africa, signifyg t he cd not give
any part^r answers to / sd queries, was read

December 27. Present: - Earl o Stamford, Lord Herbert o Cherbury,
Sir Philip Meadows, Mr Pulteney

Ordered t / secretary write to / separate traders to Africa
(fo. 406) desiring the answer, as soon as possible, to / queries
sent them / 15th instant, or at least to such o / sd
queries as they can at present make answer to.

442] 1707.

L. 417-422
Trade.

Letter to
separate traders to
Africa & answer
to queries.

Journal ... fm / second January, 1707-8, to /
twenty-eighth January, 1708-9.

M.

1707-8

January 2. Present: - Earl o Stamford, Lord Herbert o
Cherbury, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr Pulteney,
Mr Monckton.

Trade.
Answer o separate
traders to Africa
to queries &c.

Extract o a letter
& copies o affi-
davitly delivered by
them

Mr Way's
answer to queries

Mr Harris's heads
o inquiries abt
African trade.

Query abt charge
o ports &c, to be
explained.

I 8
Mr Paggon, Mr Way, Mr Milner, Mr Harris, & o^r
merchants, attendg in relaⁿ to / trade to Africa
(L. fo. 406) presented to the Lordships the
answer to / queries sent them / 15th o / last
month, togr w a supplement to / sd answer.

I 9
I 10
I 11
They also delivered to / Board an extract
o a letter fm Captain Paul Sorrel, dd at
Portsmouth, / 24th o / last month, w
copies o two affidavits, / one o / sd Sorrel's,
10^r o John Love, in confirmⁿ o what is
contained in / forego^g papers.

I 12
I 13
Mr Benjamin Way. Likewise presented to
the Lordships his answer to / like queries
sent him / afores^d 15th o / last month
(L. fo. 406). Mr Harris also presented a
paper containg some heads o inquiries to be
considered touchg / trade to Africa, all wch
papers were read

But it beg^d observed t those gentlemen hd not fully answered
/ 6th query relaty to / charges o / ports & factories in Africa
(fo. 11), the Lordships desired them to explain t matter in writ^g,
wh they promised to do accordingly.

445] m. 3-6

Ordered t / 4th paragraph o / African Cob petition allegg^g
t / Cob factories haog oppy, confederate w / captains o private
traders, in dependg / Co, be sent to Mr Peter Paggon (fo. 6)
to be communicated to / wch o / separate traders by the answer.

446] 1707-8
m. 6-9
Trade.
Letter to Mr Paggan
m. / petition o/
African Co.

January 9. Present: - Earl o Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows,
Mr Pulteney, Mr Mmilton.

Ordered t / secretary write to Mr Peter Paggan f his answer
to a letter writ him / 5th instant (pp. 5, 16), relatg to an
allegatⁿ in / 4th article o / petition o / Royal African Co to her Majesty

447] m. 9-12
Trade
Merchants aft
African Co.

Mr Gay, Mr Harris, & Mr Milner attendg, presented to the
Lordships a Supplement to the answer to / 6th query relatg
to / Trade to Africa (pp. 2) wh had br sent them /
I. 15
I. 16
15th December last, so also another paper containg
fur remarks relatg to / 10 per centⁿ pd to / Co by
seperate traders, wh were read.

They also presented to the Lordships the
I. 17
proposals f enlargg & improvng / Trade to Africa
in a regulated Co as t to Turkey & Russia, wh
was also read.

448] 1707-8
m. 15-18.
Trade
Memorial fm /
seperate traders o
Africa.
Trade
Draught o a
representatⁿ on
African Trade
under Consideratⁿ

January 16. Present: - ... (ut supra, & Lord Herbert o
Cherbury)...

Mr Richard Harris & Mr Isaac Milner attendg
presented to / Board a memorial signed by them-
I. 18.
selves & 8^r merchants, in answer to a letter to
Mr Paggan, upon an errorⁿ o / Royal African
Co (pp. 3, 356) settg forth t / Cos factors had
opp^s, confederate w / private traders to defraud
/ Co & givg reasons why forth are not necessary
to the Trade, was read; / sd gentlemen added in

discourse t when they had leave fm / sd Co to inspect the books in relatⁿ to
forth &c, Mr Beaumont, the acctⁿ, had refused to admit them to take any
notes.

Then the Lordships took into consideratⁿ / draught o a representatⁿ upon
/ petition o / Royal African Co to her Majesty (pp. 18), & made some progress therein.
... [also on Jan 19]

450] 1707-8
m. 18-21.
Trade.
Report on Trade to
Africa under con-
sideratⁿ.
The Royal African
Co Summoned.

January 20. Present: - Earl o Stamford, Lord Herbert o
Cherbury, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr Pulteney
Mr Mmilton.

The Lordships agn took into consideratⁿ / report (vide supra;
pp. 42) relatg to / Trade to Africa (mentioned in yesterday's minutes) &
made a fur progress therein.

Ordered t a letter be writ to Mr Perry, secretary to / Royal
African Co (pp. 25) to acquaint him t / Board desire to
speak w any o / members o / sd Co on Friday m^d next.

The secretary hasg received two papers fm Mr Pollexfen
relatg to / Trade to Africa (pp. 25) he laid 1 same before /
Board, wh are as follows: Sixt.

Copy o some observatⁿs upon / petition o / Royal African
Co, given / 2nd o July, 1677.

I 20. Consideratⁿ on / Trade o Africa, humbly offered to /
honorable House o Commons, in behalf o / Bill now
before them.

Papers fm Mr
Pollexfen abt
African Trade

452] 1701-8
m. 24-30.
A 5 to 5/24. The man's take advantage of our confusion to
determine our fate, with a great deal of artifice
in / counting! / 5/24 facts were a certain market & requires to come to;
E / 5/24 facts in / count of any one man, no negroes at he
mentioned, they can build more facts in di places to good advantage; E / 5/24
facts are a problem to them as they are not ready for / negroes, but they would E / 5/24
were not capable of meeting in attack for an European country E / 5/24 some before
them is 5/24 a war; they would also E / 5/24 French had built a fort at / Sidah,
within gunshot of ours, but E / 5/24 was by / neglect of the agent for E / French
the usual permission to do it for / hung & E counting. They added E when
they had / facts of / 5/24 so. They were from 40 to 50 thousand pounds;
& E one of the facts, with they but of / hung & E Demons, with them 4,000 E;

January 23. Present: ...
m. 24-29
fact.
Royal African
Co.
1701-8
The Board, Deputy Governor of Royal African Co, is members
of 5/24 to attend, according to appointment (1701), & has asked how they
make good / alligons of the party, they 5/24 E 5/24 / fact, E / 1 m. per cent;
they will mean another / change of fact & causes, E also appear by / accd
of 5/24 change, & / 1 act of / 5 m per cent, addition in 5 of the / 5/24
A 5 to / 5/24, 1 / blacky enyng / whole bunch of / trade, by attending
/ 5/24 & negroes & a separate / 5/24 & our commodities, they 5/24 E /
put in negroes, who is not abt for him point for had in Africa / 5/24
formerly it was not above 3%, is a sufficient proof; & they insisted E also is mentioned
by / private traders, E E they believe E / negroes are not so dear in / places where / private
traders do not interfere us / 5/24, as in / coast of Angola, Calabar, & E places / 5/24
Cape of Good Hope. And they asked E / Sidah is one of / places for whom / 5/24
quantities of negroes are sold.
A 5 to / 5/24, 1 / blacky goods unsold, & are managed by private traders to
under / 5/24 facts, they 5/24 E they were informed & day by letters from the factories;
E one of / private traders, have made a bargain for some negroes, several from to Barbados
at pay of / 5/24, but E / 5/24 in order to return here & a friendly correspondence /
negro Kings, sent to Barbados & bot / 5/24 negroes, & returned them to / hung from
whom they were so taken. But these gentlemen agreed at / some time E they &
freely by signed of one negro King, in regard of conquest and, as they found
it more conducs to the interest.
A 5 to / 5/24, 1 / 5/24 factory, complaints of / private traders in Africa
/ 5/24, they 5/24 E they had been affronted by some of the factories, who E sent effects
of 5/24 to the Kingdom, & they did not concede E ca he done but by / commerce
of / 5/24 & private traders.
A 5 to / 5/24, 1 / 5/24, the man's take advantage of our confusion to
determine our fate, with a great deal of artifice
in / counting! / 5/24 facts were a certain market & requires to come to;
E / 5/24 facts in / count of any one man, no negroes at he
mentioned, they can build more facts in di places to good advantage; E / 5/24
facts are a problem to them as they are not ready for / negroes, but they would E / 5/24
were not capable of meeting in attack for an European country E / 5/24 some before
them is 5/24 a war; they would also E / 5/24 French had built a fort at / Sidah,
within gunshot of ours, but E / 5/24 was by / neglect of the agent for E / French
the usual permission to do it for / hung & E counting. They added E when
they had / facts of / 5/24 so. They were from 40 to 50 thousand pounds;
& E one of the facts, with they but of / hung & E Demons, with them 4,000 E;

Then heg asked wher / ten per cent. arisg here for / reports o / Co & private traders, was invested in goods in order to be sent to Africa, they sd t what w salaries o the officers, pay o the soldiers (wh are paid here in England) & stores o war sent to Africa, by little o / ten per cent. remained, but t what did remain, was invested in goods.

Then the Lordships, compar / charge o / forts since / Pass o / Act, wh amts to 273,172 £. 16s. 4d. w / value o the reports f / same time, wh amts to 293,740 £. 6s. 8d. & deducts fm t Summe / charge o the forts, the then remained but 20,564 £. 10s. 1d. f what they h employed in trade during / sd term. The Lordships fur observed t, if / sd 293,740 £. 6s. 8d. had bn wholly employed in trade then it did not appear t / Co had laid out anythg upon the forts & castles. To wh Mr Pindar, / Deputy Governor, replied t they had always considerable effects at the forts, Fort. ; at Cape Coast Castle to / value o 20,000 £. & at / d forts in proporⁿ; wh effects h bn applied to / use o / forts as occasⁿ required. Upon wh the Lordships took notice, t those effects heg included in the reports, the forego^d observations were right, to wh Mr Pindar sd he wd beg the Lordships a more part^r acct o those two articles (p. 40).

437
1101-3
m. 30-32

They asked t they had taken up money upon bottomry bonds, but did not say to what Summe & t they had taken up about 40,000 £. in species bonds, / interest whereof was punctually paid by / Co as it became due.

They likewise asked t when they called in money, they divided it agr at abt 3 per cent. per share, sinking / principal, wh they did as an encouragement to / private sharers.

The sd Mr Pindar fur asked t in 1698 they made an order, t wh^t would pay twelve pounds shd h a share in / Co; whereupon 54,096 £. was paid in, wh made 4,758 additional shares. Upon this the Lordships observed t / 6,252 1/2 original shares computed at / sd rate amts to 45,000 £. wh added to / Summe pd in by / additional shares, make 54,434 £. 5s. less than what / Co say / value o the books was in t year; to wh Mr Pindar only replied t tho they admitted / new shares at twelve pounds each, yet they did not esteem the own original shares so low, wh Mr Cause t differ, tho at / same time he asked t when then / shares were sold upon / exchange for ten to eleven pounds each.

Then heg asked what number o negroes they thot / planters wd annually require, they sd t was uncertain, & they cd give no part^r acct o it.

Then they acquainted the Lordships t / private traders had imparted into follow^d number o negroes for 1704 to 1704, inclusive, Fort. ;

To Jamaica	11,510
To Barbadoes	2,093
To Antego	698
To Nevis	250
To Virginia	2,434
Amts in all to	<u>17,285</u>

457
1704-8
m. 38-41.

January 29. Present: - Earl o Stamford, Lord Herbert o Cherbury, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr Pulteney Mr Mordaunt

Trade.
Letter fm Mr Perry
Memor^l from
Royal African
Charge o forts

I 21. a letter fm Mr John Perry, inclosg a memorial fm / Royal African Co (p. 30), togr w a part^r acct o / charge o / sd Co's forts & garrisons on / coast o Africa. was read.

2. 458
1707-8

February 2. Present: - ... [as on Jan 29]...

The Resolutions proceeded in / full consideraⁿ o / report to her Majesty relaty to / trade to Africa (fo. 18, 43). & agreed / same, & ordered it to be transcribed.

m. 41-44.
Trade
Representatⁿ
Royal African
Co

February 3. Present: - ... [ut supra]...

A representatⁿ upon / petiⁿ o / Royal African Co to her Majesty (fo. 42), as agreed at / last meetg, toge w a letter to / Earl o Sunderland, inclosg / same, were signed CO 389 / 20. fos. 114-152
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Trade
Representatⁿ on
(petiⁿ o Royal
African Co.
letter to /
Earl o Sunderland

March 11. Present: - ... [ut supra except Monckton]...

An order o / House o Commons o / 10th instant directg this Board to lay before t House a copy o the Resolupis' representatⁿ to her Majesty dd / 3rd o / last month, w was read; & direcons given by transcribng a copy thereof accordgly relaty to / trade to Africa.

470] 1707-8
m. 79-82.
Trade
Order o / House
o Commons by
app^r o / trade to
Africa.

April 12. Present: - Earl o Stamford, Lord Herbert o Cherbury, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr Pulteney, Mr Monckton.

A circular letter to the Governors o her Majesty's plantans requirg them to transmit to this Board an acct o / number o negroes brot directly fm Africa by / Co & / separate traders (fo. 111). as also / rates they were sold at, fm / year 1698. to Christmas 1707. & to / future they do send distinct accts o negroes imported into the sev^l Yars, was agreed, & ordered to be transcribed.

479] 1708.
m. 108-109.
Plantans Gen.
Circular letter to all
/ Governors o /
negroes.

April 15. Present: - ... [ut supra]...

Circular letters to / Governors o her Majesty's plantans. & to / Propriet^r a Charter Govs. relaty to / number o negroes brot directly fm Africa by / Co & separate traders to / sd plantans &c (mentioned in / minutes o / 12th instant) (fo. 108. 258; 92. fo. 308), were signed.

480] 1708
m. 109-112.
Plantans Gen
Circular letters abt
negroes.

May 10. Present: - ... [ut supra except Monckton]...

A new commissⁿ for her Majesty, dd / 4th instant (fo. 181) appointg / Earl o Stamford, Lord Dartmouth, Lord Herbert, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr Pulteney, Mr Monckton & Sir Charles Turner, Commissioners by promotg / trade o t^e Britain & by inspectg & improvg her Majesty's plantans in America, was read.

481] 1708.
m. 130-133
Miscellanies.
A new Commissⁿ

569
1708.

December 6. Present: - Earl of Stamford, Lord Herbert of Chesham, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr Pulleney, Mr Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

m. 354-356.

Trade.

Memorial for Mr Harris, Mr Smith & the separate traders to Africa
Papers recd for them relating to the trade.

Mr Harris & Mr Smith attending they presented to the Lordships a

Memorial for themselves & the separate traders to Africa, (p. 16.358). concerning the trade, together with following papers, relating thereto, which memorial was read: -

Account of negroes taken by the Company & separate traders from Africa to Jamaica by the Company & separate traders for the year 1708.

Extract of a letter from Mr Freeman to Mr Harris, relating to designs carried on by the African Company to ruin the separate traders: dated at Rio Fambia, 20th January 1707.

The fictitious account of charges of fort at Fambia for the year 1705.

Abstract of charges of fort at St. James Island in the River Fambia, for the month of January, 1705

Certificate of George Watts, touching the forts at Fambia & Sierra Leon, from 1698 to 1707

Informations given by Mr Bonham, Mr Brethwer, & Captain Chidley, touching the full state of defence of several forts belonging to the African Company at Fiera, Comenda, Cape Coast Castle, &c.

569 1708

m. 357-359

Trade to Africa.

Queries drawn up

December 7. Present: - ... [as supra except Meadows & Monckton] ...

The Lordships took into consideration the papers presented them yesterday by Mr Harris & Mr Smith (p. 358, 302) relating to the Trade to Africa &c, & gave directions for preparing several queries to be sent, as well to the Company as the separate traders.

- 3 Accounts of negroes imported into Antego by the Company & separate traders recd from the Governor of the said Islands -

562 1708

m. 360-362

Trade.

Letter to Mr Peery to send accounts for African Co.

Letter to Mr Harris & queries to the separate traders by the order.

December 8. Present: - ... [as on 6th, except Monckton] ...

A letter to Mr John Peery, Secretary to the Royal African Company (p. 361.395) for recd of the accounts relating to the trade, from Michaelmas, 1707, to Michaelmas 1708; as also

a letter to Mr Richard Harris (p. 358.393) in which several

queries to be communicated to the separate traders to Africa, touching the trade, & the answers therunto, mentioned in yesterday's minutes, were agreed & ordered to be sent.

14. 514)
1708-9
m. 395-396
Trade.
Papers for /
separate traders to
Africa.

January 11. Present: - Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr Pulteney
Mr Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

Three papers lately received from / separate traders to Africa (fo. 362)
were laid before / Board, & are as follows, vizt.:

Answer o' separate traders to seal queries relatg to thr trade, sent them
in / secretaries letter o' 8th December, 1708, as also / two followg
papers refer'd to therein marked H. & I. vizt.:

An acct o' ships sent from / ports o' London & Bristol. to / coast o' Africa
betwⁿ Michaelmas 1707 & Michaelmas 1708, as well by / Co as by
separate traders. wth / ten per cent^l duty paid on each ship &c.
as also an acct o' ships belongg to / separate traders th^t ha^{ve} been lost or
miscarried to / aban^d time.

An acct o' ships arriv'd wth negroes at / plantans betwⁿ Michaelmas 1707 &
July 1708, toqr is an abstract o' number o' negroes arriv'd at
Barbadoes betwⁿ 3^d April 1698 & 29^d April 1708.

Trade.
Papers for / Royal
African Co.

The three followg papers, begⁿ lately received from / Royal African Co
(fo. 361) were laid before / Board, vizt. -

A letter from / Royal African Co, is thr answer to seal queries sent
them in / secretaries letter o' 8th December, 1708 relatg to th^e trade.

Acct o' / Royal African Cos' forty & castles in Guinea. from Michaelmas
1707. to Michaelmas 1708, wth th^e charge; also an acct o' negroes
impal'd into / plantans, from 29th September, 1707, to 29th
September, 1708. Acct o' money call'd in & number o' ships sent^l on^l.

Some gen observations & part^r remarks on / report o' Lords Commissioners
to trade & Plantans, dd 3rd February 1707/8 upon / petition o'
Royal African Co.

Co. 388/11

530] 1708-9
m. 410-412
Trade.
Order o' House o'
Commons ab^t
African trade.

January 21. Present: ... [ut supra usq^{ue} Turner] ...

An Order o' House o' Commons, dd yest^r, requirg th^e Board to
lay before th^e House a state o' African trade, toqr wth th^e
observations thereupon, was read, & directions giv'n (fo. 4.6) to
prepare a report thereupon

532] 1708-9.
m. 415-418
Trade.
Letter from Mr
Perry & copies o'
complaints (if any)
agst / African
Co from
America.
Answer
Trade.
Mariner to order o'
House o' Commons
African trade.

January 24. Present: - ... [as on 11th] ...

A letter from Mr John Perry, secretary to / Royal African Co
(n. fo. 6.) derivg copies o' such complaints as they are
apprehensiv^e th^e Board may h^{ave} received from / Plantans in
America, relatg to / trade to Africa, was read, & direct^{ns}
giv'n by returng an answer thereunto.

An answer to an Order o' House o' Commons o' 20th instant
(fo. 4/6) requirg a state o' African trade, was signed,
& Mr Pulteney was desired to present / same to / House,
wh^{ch} he promised to do accordingly.

[End o' / Volume]

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of
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& Plantations
for
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Journal of Privileges of Her Majesty's Commissioners & Printers
of His Majesty's Colonies & Plantations, for / part of February 1908-9 to the
twenty-sixth day of May, 1910.

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February 7. Present: - Lord of Stowford, Sir Philip Meadows
Mr Pittman, Sir Charles Turner.

A letter from Mr John Pongy, secretary to Royal African Co.,
of 5th inst. (Mr. Pongy's letter of 4th inst. 1908) relating to the
of ships & in each year (some / part) to be
trade to Africa) imported negroes into Jamaica & Antago.
as absolute number of negroes imported by separate nations
into / each colony, was read, whereupon ordered & to be
requiring & day may & / acts of / of number of ships &
negatives of day with send one of the own clerks to transcribe
same, & to (assist in day office & not time to do it.

Trade
from the
Brisbane / Royal
African Co.
State imports &
negatives sent to
Jamaica & Antago

N. 3-5.
1914-15

February 9. Present: - ... [as supra, of the meeting] ...
The opinion of merchants & planters of Jamaica in relation
to African trade (p. 6, 7, 8) transmitted to the minutes &
the minutes in a letter from Mr Thomas Mitchell & Mr Richard
Boomer, dated Kingston / 13th of December 1908. Copy by
communicated to / Board by Mr Meade, was read.

1908-9
9. 10-13.
Trade.
of Jamaica & Antago
of the African trade.

March 4. Present: - Lord of Stowford, Mr Pittman, Mr Meade.
Sir John Bennett & Mr Jones attended (p. 22-23) in relation to
the minutes of the committee appointed & / the minutes, day
were required & the proceedings of the same were read.
The minutes of the committee were to be read at / House of Commons
the day.

1908-9
22-23
Minutes
of the day

16.
493 1709
n. 252-255

October 21. Present: - Lord Dartmouth, Mr Chancellor o/ Trade
Bechequer, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr Pulleney, Sir
Charles Turner.

Trade.
letter to Mr Perry
to accty abt
African trade,
letter to Mr
Harris upon same
subject.

The Lordsships, taking into consideration / trade to Africa, ordered
(Co. 11) to a letter be writ to Mr John Perry, secretary to / Royal African
Co. of sever o the accty relatg to t trade for Michaelmas, 1708,
to Michaelmas, 1709; as also a letter to Mr Richard Harris
(Co. 290) inclosg sever queries to be communicated to / separate
traders to Africa. of the answers thereunto.

97] 1709
n. 287-290.

November 29. Present: - Earl o Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows,
Mr Pulleney, Mr Monckton, Sir Charles Turner.

Trade
Africa
Answer to queries
number o ships
10 per cent.

K 52 Answer o / separate traders to Africa to sever queries
sent them in / secretarys letter o / 21st o last month,
(Co. 294, 315) togr w / followg papers, were read.
K 53 Number o ships sent fm / parts o Gr Britain by /
separate traders & / Co to Africa, fm Michaelmas
1708, to Michaelmas 1709, w / 10 per cent paid
K 54 Acct o / number o negroes imported into / Planta^{ns}
by / separate traders & Co betw Michaelmas
1708, & July, 1709.

106] 1709
n. 313-316.

December 16. Present: - ... [ut supra, in sup^m mention] ...

Trade.
Africa.
Order o House o
Commons.

K 68 Order o House o Commons o / 15th instant (Co. 314,
290) directg this Board to buy before them what
for divers o^{rs} the Lordsships h made, relatg to / trade to Africa,
since the last directors laid before t House, was read; &
directs given & preparg an answer thereunto.

Trade.
Africa.
Answer to Order o
House o Commons.

December 19. Present: - Earl o Stamford, Lord Dartmouth,
Sir Philip Meadows, Mr Pulleney, Mr Monckton
Sir Charles Turner.
Donnan
II P 102
An Answer to / Order o House o Commons o / 15th
instant (Co. 313; O Co. 89) relatg to / trade to
Africa, mentioned in / minutes o / 16th instant was
signed.

157] 1710
n. 450-453

May 19. Present: - Earl o Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows,
Mr Pulleney, Mr Baillie.

Miscellaneous
new commisⁿ
Mr Baillie.

A new Commission under / Gr Seal o this Kingdom, dd. 11th instant,
appointg Mr Baillie one o her Majesty's Commissioners o Trade
& Plantans, was read & he took his place at / Board accordingly.

160] 1710.

Journal o / proceedgs fm /
first o June 1710, to / thirty-first October 1711.

186. 1710
O. 44-46

October 29. Present: - Sir Philip Meadows, Mr Pulleney,
Mr Monckton, Mr Moore.

Miscellaneous
Mr Moore is a
new commisⁿ

A new Commission under / Gr Seal o Kingdom, dd. 14th instant,
appointg Arthur Moore, Esquire, one o her Majesty's Commis-
sioners o Trade & Plantans, was read, & he took his place
at / Board accordingly.

October 31. Present: - Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows,
Mr Pultney, Mr Mowbray, Mr Moore.

197] 1710.
O. 87-89.
Trade
Africa. letter to
Mr Perry & acct^s
o/ 50.
& to Mr Harris
& queries to
separate traders.

The lordships, taking into consideration / Trade to Africa, ordered to
a letter be writ to Mr John Perry, secretary to / Royal African Co,
of set o the acct^s (p. 314; p. 109) relatg to / Trade,
for Michaelmas, 1708, to Michaelmas, 1710; as also
a letter to Mr Richard Harris, incl^g sev^l queries, to be
communicated to / separate traders to Africa, of the
answers therunto.

198] 1710
O. 106-109
Trade
letter from Mr
Perry.
African acct^s.

November 20. Present: - ... [ut supra] ...

L 57. A letter from Mr John Perry, secretary to / Royal African Co,
o/ 17th instant (p. 89. 120), in answer to one writ
him / first ditto, containg
acct^s o/ 10 per cent, pd by / separate traders to / sd Co,
/ Co's exports,
/ charge o/ ports,
negoes imported into / plantat^{ns}, &
o/ sd Co's settlem^{ts} in Africa,

was read; whereupon ordered to / sd acct^s be extracted & laid before the lordships

202] 1710
O. 118-121
Trade Barbadoes.
letter from /
Duke o Queensberry,
Petit^o o / Royal
African Co, &c.
Answer.

December 4. Present: - Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr
Pultney, Mr Mowbray, Sir Charles Turner, Mr Baillie,
Mr Moore.

A letter from / Duke o Queensberry o/ 2nd instant, incl^g, /
petit^o o / Royal African Co. (p. 109, 122) &
o sev^l planters & inhabitants o Barbadoes, to her
Majesty, w^{ch}
sev^l papers relatg therunto

desiring this Board to set his Grace's & the opinion thereupon, which were
read; & advices given by prepar^d an answer to / sd letter,
acquaints him & the lordships sh^d be ready to enter into / considerat^o o what he has
proposed, but & has already laid before her Majesty & / both House o Commons
in 1708 & 1709, the petition on / Trade to Africa, they do not conceive it proper to
enter int^o the matter, unless her Majesty think fit to direct / same.

205] 1710
O. 121-124.
Barbadoes.
Trade.
letter to /
Duke o Queensberry.
Africa.

December 6. Present: - ... [ut supra] ...

A letter to / Duke o Queensberry, in answer to one from
his Grace o/ 2nd instant (p. 120, 132) relatg to
/ Trade to Africa, directed 14th ditto was signed.

20] 1710.

December 12. Present: - ... [as on 6th, except Moore] - ...

O. 132-135
Barbadoes.
Trade.
Letter for
Duke o Queensberry
Papers o Royal
African Co
& inhabitants o
Barbadoes w/
papers.

L 77

A letter for / Duke o Queensberry, o / ninth instant,
returning to the Lordships / petition for / Royal African Co,
& / planters & inhabitants o Barbadoes to her Majesty
(pp. 122, 147, 181) together w/ seal & papers relating to / Trade to Africa,
mentioned in / minutes o / 6th instant, was read, & / papers
therein referred to were laid before / Board & are as follows, vizt:

L 78

Petition o / Royal African Co & o the creditors to her Majesty, relating
to / Trade to Africa.

Petition o seal planters & inhabitants o Barbadoes. praying
Trade to Africa may be preserved &c.

L 80

Letter for Sir Dalby Thomas & Co's to / Royal African Co.
dd. at Cabo Corso Castle, 126th November, 1709,
relating to / Trade to Africa.

L 81

Letter for Mr Crabb to Mr John Perry dd. at Comenda
in Africa, 19th March 1709. relating to 4
Dutch men o war by the, & to the building a trade
at Oussam, &c.

[Bassham]

L 82 The Scheme o / Royal African Co f preserving & carrying on /
Trade to Africa, &c.

Wh papers the Lordships agreed to take into consideration on Friday next.

214] 1710.
O. 147-150

Trade.
Letter for /
Duke o Queensberry.
African Papers
dear to Mr Perry.

December 19. Present: Earl o Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr Pulleney,
Mr Moxham, Sir Charles Turner, Mr Dalbie, Mr Moore.

The letter for / Duke o Queensberry o / 9th instant (pp. 132, 150) together w/
papers presented to her Majesty by / Royal African Co therein referred to
(mentioned in / minutes o / 12th ulto) (pp. 182) were read, & the Lordships
agreed to take same into full consideration tomorrow next, & ordered a
letter be writ to Mr John Perry, signifying the Lordships desire to speak w/ some
o / members o / sd co on Friday next.

December 20. Present: - ... [as supra except Moxham, Turner, Dalbie] - ...

The Lordships, again taking into consideration / papers relating to / Royal African
Co mentioned in yesterday's minutes (pp. 147, 154), ordered a letter be writ to
Mr Perry, signifying the Lordships desire such o / members o / sd co, as sh
attend them on Friday, do come fully prepared to present / allegations set forth
in the petition to her Majesty.

215] 1710
O. 150-153

Consider o separate
trading to queries
Papers therein
referred to.

L 85

Consider o / separate trading to Africa to / queries sent them /
first o November 1710, relating to Trade to Africa.

11th December 1710, was read together w/ following papers
therein referred to vizt:

Account o ships sent for St Britain, for Michaelmas 1708, to Michaelmas 1709,
by / African Co & separate traders, w/ 6% per cent. duty paid,
number o wooten goods exported & negroes &c.

Account o ships sent for St Britain & / planters to Africa, by / separate
traders, for Michaelmas 1709, to Michaelmas 1710, w/ 10 per cent
duty paid. No wooten goods & negroes imported.

Testimonial o John Dways, master o / Dorset brigantine taken by a French
man o war on / coast o Africa, relating to / Governor o / African
Co's dealing w/ French, & goods on board the ships

Testimonial o Jacob Duce, relating to protection given by / Royal African
Co's agents to / Portuguese ships trading to Africa.

December 22. Present: - Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows,
Mr Pulleney, Mr Baillie, Mr Moore.

21/1/10.

O.154156
Trade.
African Co.

Mr Pinckard, Deputy Governor of Royal African Co (No. 150).
as was dated a seal of members, a Sir Edward Gold, a seal creditors
of sd Co, attending, they were acquainted to the Lordships, had read /
sd petition to her Majesty, & papers therein refer'd to, were desirous to know
wher / co had anything fur to offer than what was contained in / sd papers,
partly upon this single point, wher / trade to Africa wd best be carried on by benefit of
planters by a co or a joint stock, exclusive of sd, or wher any or method wd be proposed
to carry on the trade to / ut most advantage & more than by such a co, & they presented to
the Lordships / two following papers: viz:

Reasons agst /
separate traders'
scheme, &
for / co's
separate settlement
the debts.

Reasons & arguments agst / separate traders' scheme, & shewing /
necessity of a joint stock establishment of carrying on /
trade to Africa.

Reasons shewing / necessity of speedy settlement of trade to
Africa in a co or a joint stock.

Then heg asked how the debts stood in / planters, they presented
to the Lordships an

Acct of debts due to them for / seal planters therein mentioned.

Amount of / in old debts	65,520 - 18 - 9
And in new debts since / redem'd	105,600 - 16 - 5
/ whole	<u>£ 171,120 - 15 - 2</u>

Upon wh they sd & they had interest at ten per cent, allow'd them for the debts
in / planters; & formerly they had agents for recovery of the debts, but these agents
made in the assets, fictitious debtors, wherby / co were considerable losers. After this
they sold the negroes to / planters, & gave them credit, wh occasioned in part / gr
debts due to them. Then they appointed agents agn for whom they had security in
this Kingdom; but by the reason they are forced to allow them three per cent more than
they did to the former factors.

Then heg asked what they meant by the part of the scheme where they say
they wd be obliged to export to / coast of Africa in manufactures of this Kingdom
of sd goods to / value of 100,000 pound annually; wher the export was intended
only on acct of trade, or wher part of it was to be apply'd to / use of forts & castles;
they sd, part of trade, & part to pay the officers; & by such an exportation, if /
management of trade was wholly in them, they did not doubt but the negroes wd be
had at a much cheaper rate than they are at present, & they wd be able to supply

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O.156160
I want of all / planters; but they wd not enter into an engagement to do /
same, unless the wd be agents here appointed for / sd planters, who shd for
time to time give them acct of negroes sent by each respective gov, & / sd
agents do contract w them, when such negroes shd be imported to / sd respective gov, they
be then taken off the hands at certain rates, & wd be an insupportable loss to
them. Upon these terms they wd venture to engage to supply / planters annually w such
numbers as they shd want.

Acct of improvement
of / woollen
manufactures

They then presented to the Lordships an
Acct of improvement of woollen manufactures by them, & heg

thereupon asked what they meant by arrabasses, mentioned in /
sd acct, they sd, & they were a sort of a stuff made of wool &
cotton, between three & four yards long, & in value for three to five
shillings a piece.

Acct of coinage.

They first laid before the Lordships an
Acct of coinage of gold by / co from 1680 to 1688
amounting to 252,818 guineas

Then heg asked if they had anything fur to offer to the Lordships,
they sd & they had not, but & if anything fur did occur, they wd wait upon
the Lordships w it.

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Co's scheme
sent to /
separate traders

These gentlemen he's with drawn, ordered t a copy o /
company's scheme above-mentioned (read / 19th instant)
be sent to / separate traders (fo. 165). & what they may
h to offer thereupon.

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O. 163-165.
Africa
Mr Harris, Milner,
Objects agst
/ Co's scheme.
Scheme o /
Separate traders.

January 2. Present: - Earl o Stamford, Mr Pulteney,
Mr Monckton, Mr Baillie, Mr Moore.
Mr Harris, Mr Millner & Mr Morice attend, they presented
to the lordships
A paper containg some objec^{ns} to / scheme fm / Royal
African Co (fo. 158, 169). f an exclusive co;
they also presented to the lordships
A Scheme fm / separate traders to Africa (fo. 182).
f / more effectual carryg on & preservg / trade
to Africa, wh were read; & the lordships agreed
to take / some into consideraⁿ on Monday m^o next.

225] 1710-11
O. 181-184.
Trade.
Africa.

January 12. Present: - Earl o Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows,
Mr Pulteney, Mr Monckton, Mr Baillie, Mr Moore.
The lordships then took into consideraⁿ / letter fm / Duke o
Queensberry o / 9th o December, 1710, referg to this Board /
petition fm / Royal African Co to her Majesty (fo. 132, 133).
mentioned in / minutes o / 12th o / same month, wh was agr read, as also two
schemes, one fm / sd co read / 19th ditts (fo. 142), / 2^d fm / separate traders
read / 3^d instant (fo. 165). both / sd schemes containg proposals f / carryg
on t trade; wh upon the lordships agreed to proceed in / fur consideraⁿ o /
African trade on Monday m^o next.

January 15. Present: - ... [as supra, w Sir Charles Turner] --
The lordships then proceeded in / fur consideraⁿ o / trade to
Africa (fo. 181) as they ha agreed at / last meetg, & framed 9th
queries f / separate traders, & gave direct^{ns} f sendg / same to
them, & t they be desired to attend / Board thereupon on Tuesday,
/ 23rd instant, & come prepared to lay before the lordships,
what^r they h to offer by way o answer to / sd queries (fo. 184)
in maintenance o the scheme, read / 3^d instant, & t / co be
acquainted therewith, & desired to attend at / same time.

Trade
to Africa.
Queries sent to
separate traders.
Royal African
Co summoned.

January 16. Present: - Earl o Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows,
Mr Pulteney, Sir Charles Turner, Mr Baillie.
A Letter to Mr Perry, secretary to / Royal African Co,
as also
a Letter to / separate traders to Africa (fo. 183, 202)
inclosg sevl queries to them relatg to / carryg on o t
trade, as directed justy, were agreed & ordered to be sent.

226] 1710-11.
Trade.
Letter to Mr Perry
o separate traders
to Africa o
Queries.

O. 184-187
A Letter to Mr Perry, secretary to / Royal African Co,
as also
a Letter to / separate traders to Africa (fo. 183, 202)
inclosg sevl queries to them relatg to / carryg on o t
trade, as directed justy, were agreed & ordered to be sent.

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January 23.

Present: - Earl of Stamford, Sir Philip Meadows,
Mr Pullney, Mr Monckton, Sir Charles Turner,
Mr Baillie Mr Moore.

Trade.

African Co &
Separate Traders.

Memorial on queries
Co's observans.

Abstract o what they
to offer'd.

Mr Pendar, Deputy Governor o / Royal African Co, &
seul & o / members o / SA Co attendg (fo. 184, 211) togs &
/ separate traders, as directed / 16th instant, / ~~the~~^{the} queries
them transmitted to them were read; whereupon / separate
traders laid before / Board a

Memorial containg the answers to / sd three queries.
and / Co presented to the lordships the
Observans upon / same; both wch papers were read.

The African Co fur presented to the lordships an

Abstract o what they had formerly laid before this Board,
relatg to t. trade.

o these gentlemen, after havg ben fully heard as to what they had fur to offer,
beg withdrawn, the lordships agreed to take / sd observans & answers into
consideration on Fryday m3 next.

January 29. Present: - ... [ut supra] ...

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O. 210-213

Trade,
Barbadoes,
Africa.

Then the lordships proceeded in / consideraⁿ o / petitions for /
Royal African Co (fo. 202, 248) & for / planters & inhabitants o
Barbadoes, referred to the lordships by / Duke o Queensberry's letter o /
4th o December last, & read / queries sent to / separate traders & / Co

/ 16th instant, as also / separate traders' answers to a / Co's observans upon, / sd queries;
o the lordships, after havg considered / whole matter, agreed to lay a state thereof
before her Majesty & the opinion.

Heads o a
representaⁿ.

T / Trade to Africa is very valuable, & o / great imple to this
Kingdom & / planters.

T ports & settlements are necessary for / carryg on & preservanⁿ
o t. trade.

T / sd trade sh^d to be speedily settled, by reason / Act o
Parliament, under wh^{ch} it is now carried on, will soon expire.

T if / regulars &c. in / separate traders' scheme sh^d be
judg'd by her Majesty in Parliament proper for preservg & carryg
on t. trade, it will be for / interest o this Kingdom & / Trade to
Africa be free & open, & thereupon gave directions for preparg /
draught o a representan (fo. 213) pursuant to / foregoing heads.

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O. 213-217.

Trade,
Barbadoes,
Africa,
Representaⁿ.

February 1. Present: - ... [ut supra except Turner & Moore] ...

A Representaⁿ upon / petitions for / Royal African Co
& for sevl planters & inhabitants o Barbadoes &c
(fo. 213) agreed justly [n. c.] togs w^{ch}
a letter to / Dutty o Queensberry inclosg / same,
were signed

March 5. Present: - Earl o Stamford, Mr Pulteney, Mr Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr Baillie Mr Moore

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O. 240-251
Trade.
Orders o House
o Commons
African Trade.

An Order f/ House o Commons, dd/ 27th o last month, resolved 1st instant, direct the Lordships to lay before t House the observations & reports they h made since / last session, relaty to / Trade to Africa, (fo. 211, 255), whereupon ordered t copies be made o all / papers resolved fm / African Co o / separate traders, as likewise o the Lordships report thereupon, to be laid before them tomorrow m3.

March 6. Present: - ... [ut supra, w Meadows & not more] . . .

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Trade.
Papers abt Trade
to Africa
sent to /
House o Commons.

The secretary layg before the Lordships copies o all / papers in / office relaty to / Trade to Africa since / last session o Parliamt (fo. 468, 349), toge w a list thereof, Mr Baillie was desired to present / same to / House o Commons, wh he promised to do accordingly.

280] 1711.
O. 340-343
Miscell annt.
New Commission.

June 15. Present: - Earl o Winchelsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr Monckton, Mr Baillie, Mr Moore.

A new Commission fm her Majesty was quind & read, whereby (heretofore 1st officers o state as in o^r Commissions o this Board) / Earl o Winchelsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr Baillie, Mr Moore & Mr Gwyn, are appointed Commissioners & promotrs / Trade o this Kingdom, & f inspecty & improvg her Majesty's Planters in America & elsewhere; & his lordship, be3 present; took his place at / Board accordingly.

282] 1711.
O. 346-380
Trade.
Letter fm Lord
Dartmouth o
African pelin.

June 19. Present: - Earl o Winchelsea, Mr Monckton, Mr Baillie, Mr Moore, Mr Gwyn.

A letter fm / Lord Dartmouth o / 18th instant, referring to the Lordships / extract o a petition fm / Royal African Co to her Majesty (fo. 353, 381) was read.

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O. 380-383.
Trade.
Letter fm Mr
Secretary St. John.
Address fm /
Commons.
African Trade.

June 20. Present: - [ut supra, w Meadows] . . .

A letter fm Mr Secretary St. John. o / 19th instant, referring to the Lordships / copy o an address fm / House o Commons to her Majesty, relaty to / Trade to Africa (fo. 349, 399), directg / Board to consider t Trade, & in what manner it may be carried on w / gst advantage to her Majesty's subjects, & to lay a full & ample state o / same before her Majesty, was read.

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O. 391-400
Trade
African settlements
Letters to /
Co o
separate traders

July 3. Present: - Earl o Winchelsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr Moore, Mr Gwyn.

The Lordships taking into consider / seaverty o / settlements upon / coast o Africa, ordered t a letter be writ to Mr Perry, to acquaint him t the Lordships desire to speak w any three o / members o Royal African Co on Friday m3 next (fo. 391, w. infra fo. 1, 402, 404) upon t subject, & t letters be writ to Mr Harris & Mr Bulner to signify / same to / separate traders t the Lordships desire to speak w any three o them upon / same matter.

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July 4.

Present: - Earl o' Winchelsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr Baillie.

O. 397-400

Trade.

Letter fm /

Lord Dartmouth,

Settlements in Africa.

Captain Holland

Summoned.

A letter fm / Lord Dartmouth, o' yestij's date refering to / Board / copy o' a letter fm Captain Holland, late Commander o' ship Scarborough (v. supra) relatg to / settlements on / coast o' Africa, & to / Trade str, was read. Whereupon resolved t' a letter be writ to Mr Burchett, to desire t' sd Captain Holland (p. 400) may be notice to attend / Board to-morrow m'g.

July 6.

Present: Earl o' Winchelsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Sir Charles Turner, Mr Baillie, Mr Moore, Mr Gwyn.

Trade.

Captain Holland

abt settlements

in Africa.

mentioned in his letter (wh was read / 4th instant), he sd t' he was then in August last; t' factories at Gambia & Sierra Leon are demolished (wh first is / best place for trade); t' rest are in a miserable condin, ill provided w' stores, & little or no care taken o' them by / co; t' best fort is Cape Corce Castle, / walls are o' brick 14 foot thick, w' 4 bastions, but it is in / same condin as / rest, w' relan to stores o' war &c; t' if / forts were to be repaired & put into a condin o' defence, it wd require 20,000 £., & 3 or 400 men to be in garrison ther; t' he hears / lords o' Admiralty are abt sendg two ships o' war thither; & he concluded t', if / British settlements be deserted & want o' protectn, / Dutch, Portuguese or French wd in / allibly take possessn o' them.

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O. 400-404.

Trade.

Royal African

Co abt

the settlements.

Mr Pindar & Mr Perry attendg in behalf o' Royal African Co (p. 394), & beg asked / same ques^{ns} as Captain Holland hd fm, they sd t' by / last letters they hd received fm the agents ther, they did not apprehend the settlements to be in any immediate danger, unless they be attacked by a considerable force; t' ther are now two ships o' war, & two o' the own ships wh sailed fm hence in April last w' stores & necessaries, upon / coast; t' they hd petitioned her Majesty f' what they thot necessary f' better defence & security o' the settlements; a copy o' wh petim they presented to the Lordships, wh was read. Then beg asked what number o' men & quantity o' stores o' war they thot wd be necessary f' / defence & security o' / sd settlements, they sd they wd consider ther o'f, & give the Lordships the proposal in writg some day next week.

Trade.

Separate traders on / same subject.

Mr Harris, Mr Milner & Mr Morris (p. 394), in behalf o' Separate traders, attendg upon / same occan, & beg asked what they hd to offer in relan to / seawg / sd settlements on / coast o' Africa, they presented to the Lordships the proposal upon t' matter; wh beg too gen they were desired to reconsider / same, & to make the proposal more part^{ic}, in relan to / number o' men & quantity o' ammuni^{on} & stores o' war to be sent thither, wh they promised to do accordingly.

July 11.

Present: - Sir Philip Meadows, Sir Charles Turner, Mr Baillie, Mr Moore, Mr Gwyn.

Trade.

Letter fm Lord

Dartmouth.

Trade to Africa.

Trade.

Proposal fm /

separate traders abt

/ settlements ther

A letter fm / Lord Dartmouth, o' 6th o' July 1711, inclosg

a letter fm / Commissioners o' Admiralty to his Lordship, o' third o' last month (p. 394), relatg to /

Trade to Africa, was read.

A letter fm / separate traders to Africa, o' this day's date

inclosg

a proposal f' seawg / settlements on t' coast (p. 394-405)

toget w' an acct o' ammuni^{on} & necessary f' each

settlement; was read

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O. 404-407
Trade.
Memorial for
/ Co

July 12. Present: - Sir Philip Meadows, Sir Charles
Turner, Mr Moore, Mr Gwyn.

A memorial for / Royal African Co containing
an acct o what will be necessary for / securing
the forts & settlements on the Coast. (No. 404, 411)
was read.

July 19. Present: - Lord High Treasurer, Lord President,
Mr Secretary St. John, Lord o Winchester,
Sir Philip Meadows, Sir Charles Turner,
Mr Moore, Mr Gwyn.

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O. 410-412.
Trade.
Captain Holland at
/ Board.
African settlements.
He proposes four
ships o war to be
sent.

Captain Holland attendg, as he had been directed, & he asked
what number o ships, what number o soldiers & quantity o stores
& ammunicⁿ was necessary to be sent for / protectⁿ o / settlements on
/ coast o Africa (No. 405). he sd & in relatⁿ to ships o war he
did not think & / settlements could be effectually secured wth
two 4th rates, & two 5th rates, to cruise in diff^r st^s,
two to / leeward, & two to / windward.

Present strength o
/ settlements.

As to / number o soldiers, he sd, & / African Co h^d the
abt 100 men, sd^d in Cape Coast Castle abt 60 (in wh^{ch}
place the are, abt 35 guns mounted, some o wh^{ch} are four &
twenty pounders); in Commenda abt 18 men, in Dickys Case 12,
& in Succunda 12; so & he tho^t if 200 men were sent for
hence, it mst be sufficient, wth assistⁿ o / forementioned ships o war,
to secure / settlements.

200 men wth
ships o war
sufficient.

As to / quantity o provisions, he sd, they sd to be
proportionable to / number o men already the, & to those &
sh^d be sent thither.

Provisⁿ proportionable
to / number
o men

Then he asked how / settlements the are supplied wth
provisⁿ, he sd & best provisⁿ are sent for hence, &
fresh provisⁿ are fetch^d for St. Thomas.

How / settlements
are supply^d wth
provisⁿ

African Co.

Mr Pindar, Mr Blake, & Mr Pory, in behalf o / Royal African
Co, attendg, & he asked / same questⁿs as Captain Holland, they sd
& if / French send no gr^{tr} force than usual to those parts [Gambia],
they hoped two fourth-rates, to be ready to sail for hence in a month's
time or sooner, mst be sufficient to protect the settlements; but, if the
w^{as} any design o annoyg / French, then it w^{ou}ld be necessary to
h^d four ships, two to cruise to windward, & two to leeward

Two men o war to
protect the settle-
ments sufficient

But if / French are
to be annoy^d, two more
sd to be sent

Number o men on
the / coast

As to / number o men, they sd & they had there on / coast
above 100 whites, most o them artificers, who serve upon
ocean as soldiers; & they h^d abt 500 mulattos, who are
bred up in the factories, & will be o service upon ocean;
& they intend to send abt 40 men more; & therefore
they were o opinion & if her Majesty w^{ou}ld be pleas^d to
send 100 men, to be dispos^d o in / seal factories, they
mst be sufficient to protect / Gold Coast.

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they intend to send
40 more.
And desire 100 may
be sent by / Queen.

what they allow / persons they send over per annum.

If money were advanced, they wd raise / men to be sent.

Acc^d o stores they intend to send, & of what use.

They are desired to make an estimate o / charge, wh they promise to do.

Separate traders consider / same as Captain Holland's

They propose 200 men & stores proportionable.

They promise to make an estimate o / whole charge.

Trade.

Estimate o necessities for / settlements in Africa

Estimate o / separate traders.

Mr Secretary St John acquainted therewith, & desired to appoint a day for considering / same.

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O. 4th 6th 4th 19

Trade.

Letter for Mr Secretary St John ab^t / Committee's meeting / Board to-morrow African Co & separate traders to attend.

Then beg^d asked what encouragement they give to / persons they send over, & what they cd not raise 100 men besides / 40 they intend to send, if they had money for it; they sd & as they only send articles they give them, some 20, some 30 pounds, & 5th more or less a year, & one month's salary advance, & t^h they hoped they shd be able, if they had money advanced, to raise / 140 men abovesaid. Th^o they sh^d make enquiry & let the Lordships know in a few days what they sh^d be able to do.

As to stores, they sd & they are now abt sending a ship wth a sortable cargo, to be disposed o the loads / paym^t & subsist^{ce} o the servants & support o the factories; so & what they send is only for sale, & therefore what they h^{um}blely desired o her Majesty is contained in the proposal presented to the Lordships / 12th instant.

These gentlemen beg^d desired to make an estimate o / charge o / whole t^h is now to be sent, both what they intend to send themselves & what they desire for her Majesty, distinguishing what part o t^h charge they can bear, they promised to do it accordingly, & lay it before the Lordships / beginning o next week.

Mr Keysham, Mr Milner, Mr Harris, & o^r separate traders attend^d, & beg^d asked / same quest^{ns} as Captain Holland (p^{gs}. 41, 41st), the answer in relatⁿ to ships o war was / same as Captain Holland's.

As to men & stores, they proposed t^o 200 marines, & officers to be sent, & stores proportionable to / number o men.

Then beg^d desired in like manner as / so had b^{een}, to make an estimate o / charge o what they proposed, they promised to do / same, & send it to / office on Saturday or Monday next.

July 24. Present: - Earl o Winchelsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Sir Charles Turner.

An Estimate for / Royal African Co o / serv^t o / serv^t parts necessary for / present support o / settlements on t^h coast (p^{gs}. 40th) was read

Mr Keysham, Mr Harris & Mr Milner o^r separate traders attend^d, presented to the Lordships a memorial containing an estimate o what they th^o necessary to be sent to Africa, for / security o / settlements th^{er} (p^{gs}. 41st), wh^{ch} was read.

Whereupon Mr Secretary St John was acquainted t^o / Board had received / forementioned estimate, t^o / Lords o / Committee o Council may appoint a day for / full consideration o t^h matter (p^{gs}. 41st).

July 25. Present: - Earl o Winchelsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Sir Charles Turner, Mr Moore, Mr Glyn.

A letter for Mr Secretary St John, o yesterday's date, signify^{ng} t^o / Lords o / Committee o Council will meet at this Board tomorrow at 12 o / clock, to consider full o Trade to Africa (p^{gs}. 41st, 41st) was read whereupon ordered t^o some o / members o / Royal African Co, some o / separate traders, & Captain Holland to be notice to attend at / same time.

July 26. Present: - Lord Treasurer, Lord President, Sir John
deane, Mr Secretary Sr. John, Lord o Winchester,
Sir Philip Meadows, Sir Charles Turner, Mr Mome, Mr Dygn.

Trade.
Merchants &
settlements in Africa.

Sir William Humphrys, as one member o / Royal African Co
attended, the estimate o / such parts by them desired f / present
support o / settlements on / coast o Africa (to, 416, 422) was agd
read, & these gentlemen were asked what questions thereupon as follows:

Queries.
Answers

Had they computed 1 6^l. 10^s. 6^d. per head f / such artificers,
& / 4^l. 15^s. 6^d. f / soldiers; to wh they considered t / first was /
customary allowance they always made, & was given to / sd artificers in money; f
providg themselves w / cloaths & d^r necessaries f / voyage; t / 4^l. 15^s. 6^d.
was laid out by / Co f / necessaries f / soldiers, & therefore t they desired t
money amountg to 5^l. 10^s. 0^d. m^t be immediately impressed to
them, w^{ch} wh they c^d not raise / sd mon.

Then heg asked why they demanded at present / salaries f /
artificers, & / pay f / soldiers f / six months, amountg to 1,045^l, wh is not
to commence till after the arrival, they sd t / reason was, bec t money was
to be raised in goods here, to be sold upon / coast; & t it was absolutely
necessary these goods shd be sent along w / men, in order to pay them
once a month, as they do the d^r servants. T / cargoe o goods they intend
themselves to send, amountg to 2,500^l, is to be sold f / paym^t o /
servants they h already th^r; & they agreed t, if / such parts they
desired wd not be sent to / coast o Africa on board / men-of-war, they
wd find ~~the~~ tennage f them.

Then they were asked had they computed / beef, pork, bread & d^r
provis. They sd t was computed f one hundred men f six months,
accordg to / Queen's sea allowance.

Heg asked what security they wd give t / Queen shd be reim-
bursed / money she shd advance at present upon this acct, they sd
they hoped t / Parliamt^t / next year, when / trade to Africa sh come
to be settled, will make proviⁿ t those who sh h / managem^t o t

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trade f / future sh be liable to make good what her Majesty
sh now advances, or they were willing to give one o / companies
bonds f it.

These gentlemen heg withdrawn, the lords heg agreed to represent
to her Majesty t two fourth-rate & two fifth-rate ships o war, be sent
f / security o / coast.

T her Majesty be graciously pleased to advance / sums o money
desired by / Co f raising & subsisting / artificers & soldiers.

T / ord^r stores by them desired be furnished by / Board o

Ord^rce. T / proviⁿ be furnished by / Victuals Office.

T / rest o / parts desired by / Co be provided by them

And t / Parliamt^t be moved, when t trade sh come to be
settled, t a clause be inserted in some Act, to reimburse her
Majesty / expence she sh be at on this occⁿ.

July 29. Present: - Earl o Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows,
Sir Charles Turner, Mr Moore, Mr Gwyn.

Trade
Memorial for /
African Co
abt re. imburse^g
her Majesty's
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O. 422-425.
Representation
Settlements in Africa

Two Memorials for / Royal African Co;
/ one offering an obligation under / seal o / co to
reimburse her Majesty what expence she sh^d be
at in / protect. o the settlements (fo. 414):
/ 2^d, prayg t / men they sh^d raise be put on board
one o / guard ships in / Thames all they can be
sent to Africa, & see read.

A representation, relatg to / security o / settlements on /
coast o Africa, togr w
a letter enclosg / same to Mr Secretary St John.
(fo. 414) was signed

September 12. Present: - Earl o Winchilsea, Sir Charles
Turner, Mr Moore

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O. 429-431.
Jamaica.
Letter for Major
Gen Handasyd
Second letter for
him.
Papers therein
referred to

A letter for Major Gen Handasyd, Governor o Jamaica.

Ano^r letter for him, o / 2nd o June, givg an
acc^t o some Acts then pass'd was read &
/ following papers therein refer'd to, were laid
before / Board, viz:

An address for / Governor, Council & Assembly
o t island to her Majesty, relatg to /
Royal African Co etc:

a paper entituled. Consideran for / Council
& Assembly o t island, relatg to / Royal
African Co obtaining an exclusive trade to Africa.

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P. 45-48.
Trade.
Letter to Mr Secretary
St. John abt /
African Trade
Memorial for /
African Co
relatg to the case

December 13. Present: - Earl o Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows,
Sir Charles Turner, Mr Moore, Mr Gwyn.

A letter to Mr Secretary St. John, desirg t he will please
to inform himself when / Lords who are o this Commisⁿ
will be at Leisure to enter into / consideration o / Trade to Africa
refer'd to this Board (fo. 54, 48) & acquaint the Lordships
therewith, was signed.

Sev^l o / members o / Royal African Co attendg, they presented
to the Lordships a memorial containg / case o / sd Co & o the
creditors, wh^{ch} was read; & they were acquainted w / substance
o / forementioned letter to Mr Secretary St. John.

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P. 54-58
Trade.
Petition for /
Royal African
Co.
letter to /
Earl o Dartmouth
thereon.

January 10. Present: - Earl o Winchelsea, Sir Philip Meadows,
Mr Mockett, Mr Moore, Mr Wilm.

a letter from / Earl o Dartmouth o / Schinist (fo. 46
vide infra) referring to the lordships
petition for / African Co to her Majesty, &
for / Co o the creditors to / House o Commons, &
a copy o a representation o Mr Gassoway & Mr Phelps
to / sd House relaty to / present state & condition
o / African trade;

wh letter & petition were read; &
a letter to / Earl o Dartmouth (vide supra (fo) 78)
deery to know when / Lords o Council who are
o this Commission, will be at leisure to enter into / consideration
o / foresaid papers, was signed.

February 4. Present: - Lord High Treasurer, Lord President,
Sir John Leake, Earl o Dartmouth, Mr Secretary
St John, Mr Chancellor o yr Exchequer, Earl o
Winchelsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Sir Charles
Turner, Mr Baillie, Mr Moore, Mr Wilm.

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P. 45-48.
Trade
Trade to Africa

The lordships then took into consideration / present state o /
trade to Africa (fo. 46, 80), & read / queries sent to / African
Co & to / separate traders / 16th January 14th 10, together wth the
said answers to / same, & agreed to proceed for in this
matter at / first opp^t.

323] 1411-12.
P. 48-81.
Trade.
Abstract o what has
bn offer'd by /
Co o separate
traders

February 7. Present: - Earl o Winchelsea Sir Philip Meadows,
Sir Charles Turner, Mr Baillie Mr Moore, Mr Wilm.

The lordships took into consideration / trade to Africa (fo. 78
vide infra), & / secretary laid before the lordships an
abstract o what has bn offer'd to / Board, as well
by / Royal African Co as / separate traders.

Trade.
Additional proposals
from / separate
traders to Africa.

February 8. Present: - ... [as on Feb 4 - except Sir John Leake] ...

Sir Robert Daders, Mr Robert Keysham, Mr Harris,
wth o / separate traders attending (vide supra. fo 81), they
presented to the lordships some additional proposals
touchg / maintenance o / African settlements, wh were read

Trade
to Africa. A stock
necessary to carry
on / same.

Then the lordships took into consideration / trade to
Africa (fo. 80, 85) & after some discourse thereupon,
agreed t^o a stock is necessary to carry on / trade to
Africa, to / best advantage o her Majesty's subjects,
& f^r preferg & improvg / same; & ordered t^o / sd
resolution be communicated to / Co o separate traders,
& t^o they be desired to let the lordships h^{er} the proposals
hereupon in writg, on Monday or Tuesday next.

Co o separate
traders to be
acquainted therewith.

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P. 84-87.

Trade.
Memorial fm /
African Co
abt necessity o
a joint stock.

February 11. Present: - Earl o Winchelsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr Baillie, Mr Moore, Mr Guyn.

Mr Perry attendg, presented to the lordships a Memorial fm / Royal African Co (fo. 81, 100) (in answer to a letter writ them / 9th instant), settg forth t' it is an absolute necessity o a joint stock f / carryg on / Trade to Africa &c; wh was read.

Trade.
African Co
Papers

February 12. Present: - Earl o Winchelsea, Sir Charles Turner, Mr Baillie, Mr Guyn.

The secretary laid before the lordships / two followg papers receiv'd fm / African Co, wh were read, viz: -
An acct o / annual charge o / Cos forts & settlements in Africa
Part^r Valueⁿ o / Cos forts, castles & factories in Africa.

Letter fm /
separate traders.
Stock &c.

Sir Robert Dawson, Mr Bromley, & Messieurs Heyshams, Mr Harris, & severl o^r separate traders, attendg (fo. 81, 100, 104), they presented to the lordships a Letter, in answer to t' writ them / 9th instant, containing an acct o / stock o / separate traders, & proposals f / manag^s / Trade to Africa in a regulated Co, wh was read; & the lordships communicated to them / fore-mentioned papers fm / Co; & they desired to h copies thereof, / same were ordered accordingly.

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P. 98-100

Trade
to Africa,
9^t Officers
summond

February 15. Present: - ... [ut supra & Sir Philip Meadows] ...

The lordships taking into consideratⁿ / Trade to Africa (fo. 85, 104), letters were writ to /gt officers o this Commissⁿ, to desire the pres^{nc} at / Board on Thursday next.

February 20. Present: - Earl o Winchelsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Sir Charles Turner, Mr Baillie, Mr Moore.

The lordships then taking into consideratⁿ / papers fm / Royal African Co & separate traders, (fo. 85, 100, 108), mentioned in / minutes o / 12th instant, ordered t' Mr Ponder, f / Co, & Mr Harris & Mr Morris, f / separate traders, h notice to attend / Board to-morrow m^g at ten o / clock.

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P. 102-106

Trade.
African papers con-
sider'd.
Co & separate
traders summond.

February 25. Present: - Mr Chancellor o / Exchequer, Earl o Winchelsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Sir Charles Turner, Mr Baillie, Mr Moore, Mr Guyn.

The lordships then taking into consideratⁿ / Trade to Africa (fo. 104, 110), they agreed to go upon / same agn on Thurs m^g next, & letters to /gt lords o this Commissⁿ, to acquaint them therewith, were sign'd.

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P. 106-109

Trade.
Africa.

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294] 1711-12.
P. 109-112.
Trade.
Separate Traders.
African Co.
Proposals.

February 28. Present: - Lord High Treasurer, Sir John Leake, Mr Chancellor of Exchequer, Earl of Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Sir Charles Turner, Mr Bailie, Mr Moore, Mr P. Sym.

Mr Morice & Mr Harris attend in behalf of separate traders to Africa (fo. 108, 112), they presented to the lordsships some proposals in relation to settlement of trade to Africa, / substantia of wh is as follows: -

T if they sh be incorporated in a regulated Co they will be obliged to export in goods to / value of one hundred thousand pounds per annum; & they will be subject to her majesty's directions in relation to / number of negroes to be supplied to / plantations; & they will supply 13 Spanish Assiento; & they will give such security of / performance of all this as sh be thought proper by Parliament; & they will appoint consuls in / coast of Africa, w sufficient quantities of goods to pay ground rent, duties, & other expenses

Upon wh proposals hez asked severall quest^{ns}, they sd & as to / security to be given by them, in case / common seal of Regulated Co, or / forts in Africa when purchased from / Co, w / 10 per cent. duty, wh may be augmented to 15 or 18, if it be thought proper, shd not be thought sufficient, they were willing to raise any sum of money as sh be thought fit by Parliament, & make a deposit of it in / bank.

As to / purchase of / forts for / present Co, they sd & when the sh be a reasonable & impartial value of sd forts, they were willing to pay / Co out of duty of 10 or 15 per cent. or give / Co the bonds payable at certain times, & upon failure of paymt of any of sd bonds what had been paid before sh be lost to / sd Regulated Co.

Then hez asked what quantity of goods & trade m^t take off a year, they sd & they did not doubt & in time of peace it wd take at least 150,000 £. per annum, in proof of wh they laid before the lordsships an acct of / 10 per cent duty paid in three years of peace, vizt, 1699, 1700, 1701, amounting to abt 14,000 £. per annum, & of / last two years of this war amounting to 6,400 £. per annum.

They were then desired to lay before the lordsships a scheme of what privileges they desired as a Regulated Co, wh they promised to do on Monday next.

Trade.
Mr Pindar in behalf
of African
Co.

345] 1711-12.
P. 112-115.

Mr Pindar, in behalf of Regal Royal African Co attend (fo. 110, 116), the lordsships communicated to him / above-mentioned proposals of separate traders; whereupon he sd he did not conceive it possible for them to do what they propose; & it was only an exclusive Co & could manage & improve the trade; & in / beginning of this Co

they had a stock of 100,000 £., 40,000 £. of wh was paid to / old Co for the forts & settlements, & & they then exported in goods & manufactures, of this kingdom to / value of 30,000 £. or 90,000 £. a year; & the trade in time of peace it is capable in time of peace of being very much improved; & a stock of 500,000 £. wd be sufficient to carry on / trade; & / Co sd raise such a stock, including / value of the forts & debts in / plantations

Then hez asked what was / present state of / Co w relation to the credit in / plantations, they sd & / Co used upon bonds abt 250,000 £.; & the was due to them from / plantations 180,000 £., wh hez deducted from 250,000 £., the remains abt 70,000 £.

March 3. Present: - ... [ut supra, except Sir John Leake] ...

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P. 115-117.

Trade.
Africa.

Separate Traders
Scheme for improv^d
o Commerce Africa.

Mr Morris & Mr Harris, in behalf o / separate Traders, attending (bo. 112, 117), as they had been directed on Thurs last, presented to the Lordships a **Scheme o rules & priv^{ies}** wh they sh^d be necessary for **bet^{ter} Carry on, improv^d & increas^d / Trade to Africa**; wh was read; to wh they added £ / care o / Turkey Co, & / African Co were / same, for till / year 1605 / sd Turkey Co was exclusive; £ / Russian Co was likewise exclusive till o late years, since wh / Trade to Russia has bin very considerably increased. Then he^s asked wh they intended, after they had deposited in / bank as proposed by them, & any person sh^d come in upon pay^g 5^l. only w^o contribut^d the share to / sd deposit, they sd they intended it so these gentlemen, he^s withdrawn, the Lordships gave directions for prepar^g / **draught o a representⁿ**, stat^g what had bin offer^d by both sides.

March 4. Present: - Earl o Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr Baillie, Mr Moore, Mr Gwyn.

Mr Pindar, w^o read o / **Royal African Co**, attend^g,

(bo. 116, 118), he presented to the Lordships an **acct o eight years' exports o / sd Co. & eight years' exports o / separate Traders**; wh was read.

Mr Morris, for / **separate Traders**, sent in to the Lordships (bo. 117) an

acct of 56 ships lost by them before Michaelmas, 1707. & 1711; wh was read.

Then the Lordships took into consideration / **draught o a representⁿ**, relat^g to / Trade to Africa, & made a progress therein.

March 5. Present: - Earl o Winchilsea, Sir Charles Turner, Mr Baillie, Mr Moore, Mr Gwyn.

The Lordships again took into consideration / **draught o a representⁿ** relat^g to / **settlem^t o / Trade to Africa** (bo. 119, 119, 124), & made a progress therein, & ordered £ copies o / sd draught be sent to / G^t Lords of the Informⁿ, & £ they be acquainted £ the Lordships will meet again on Friday next upon £ matter.

A letter from Mr Harris to / **secretary** (bo. 118, *vide infra*) explaining himself o what he had formerly offer^d to / Board, relat^g to / Trade to Africa, was read.

March 7. Present: - Earl o Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr Monckton, Sir Charles Turner, Mr Baillie, Mr Moore, Mr Gwyn.

Mr Pindar attend^g, & he^s asked wh by his proposal o 500,000 £. of a joint stock, he included / value o the forts & settlements on / coast o Africa, he sd he did not, & then withdrew.

Mr Harris & Mr Morris also attend^d (*vide supra*, bo. 122) & he^s asked wh / deposit they had proposed to put in / bank was a security £ they wd annually

import to Africa 100,000 £., & keep a sufficient quantity o goods in / forts & settlements; they sd £, if no ^d security wd be accepted, they wd do it, but they hoped it wd not be required o them; & they added £ they chose rather to abide by / **4th article in the proposal**, read / 28th o last month, viz., to give security touch^g / management o / African trade as sh^d be sh^d fit by Parliam^t.

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P. 117-120

Trade.
African Co

Separate Traders ex-
ports for 8 years

Trade.
Acco ships lost
by / separate
Traders in 4 years

Africa.
Representⁿ.

Trade.

Africa
Draught o a
representⁿ
Copies sh^d sent to
G^t Lords

Trade.
Letter from Mr
Harris.
African Trade.

Trade.
Mr Pindar
Proposal.
Africa.

Separate Traders
African Trade pro-
posals.

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P. 120-123.

March 12. Present: - Lord High Treasurer, Earl o Dartmouth,
Mr Secretary St. John, Mr Chancellor of Exchequer,
Earl o Winchilsea, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr Monckton,
Sir Charles Turner, Mr Baillie, Mr Moore, Mr Gwyn.

Trade.
Africa.

Separate traders desire
to explain themselves
on three articles.

Sir Robert Davies, Mr Oleysham, Mr Lawson, Mr
Onslow, wth sev^l o/ separate traders to Africa, attendg (p. 119),
acquainted the Lordships t^h there was a report on / exchange,
as if they had come into an exclusive joint stock, wh^{ch} was
never the intentⁿ, & therefore, if Mr Harris & Mr Morris had
agreed to anythg o t^h nature, it was wth the knowledge & consent; & they desire
to explain themselves upon three articles, to wit, / price o negroes to be sold in
/ plantat^{ns}, / necessity o enlargg / forts & settlements, & / necessity o maintaing
& increasg / alliances.

As to / price o negroes, they sd it was impossible to settle / same here,
b^u t^h wd always depend ~~on~~ upon / quantity & goodness o / negroes imported, so t^h
they cd not submit to any regular to be made here in relati^o to / price o negroes
in / plantat^{ns}.

In relati^o to / necessity o enlargg / forts & settlements, they sd t^h they were
never o opinion t^h forts & settlements were necessary f^o carryg on o t^h trade; t^h
they did indeed, to avoid dispute, agree t^h / forts & settlements had on / coast
shd be maintaind; but they did not think it necessary t^h s^hd be
erected, b^u t^h they carry on the trade chiefly where there are no forts at all.

As to / necessity o maintaing & increasg o alliances,
they sd t^h, as / charge therof was b^y inconsiderable, they wd not
make any objection thereto, tho they did not agree they were necessary.

ports
rest
necessary

349] 1711-12.
P. 123-127.
Trade.
Africa.
Representatⁿ.

These gentlemen beg withdrawn & representatⁿ relati^o to /
Trade to Africa (p. 118. vide infra), mentioned in /
minutes o / 5th instant, was agreed, & ordered to be
transcribed.

March 15. Present: - Earl o Winchilsea, Sir Philip
Meadows, Sir Charles Turner, Mr Baillie
Mr Gwyn.

Trade.
Africa.
Representatⁿ.

A representatⁿ, relati^o to / Settlement o / Trade to Africa
(vide supra), agreed at / last meetg, was signed

350] 1711-12.
P. 127-130

March 24. Present: - ... [vide supra o Mr Monckton] ...

Jamaica.
Address fm /
House o Commons
b^y a copy o t^h for
Jamaica abt^o Trade
to Africa.

A letter fm Mr Secretary St. John, inclodg
/ Address fm / House o Commons to her
Majesty o / 21st instant wherein they
desire a copy o t^h for Jamaica, relati^o to
/ Trade to Africa, was read; & a copy o / sd
address beg laid before the Lordships, Mr
Gwyn was desired to present / same to /
House, wh^{ch} he promised to do accordgly.

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The same given to Mr
Gwyn to present /
House.

* to / Queen. vide Donnan II p 145 doc. 58
[This was p 40]

310] 1712.

P. 184-187.

Miscellaneous.

New Commission

Philip Meadows, senior, Robert Monckton, Arthur Moore, Francis Gwyn, Thomas Foley, & John Hynd Cotton, esquires, are appointed Commissioners of the Trade & Plantations in America & elsewhere; & my Lord Guilford, being present, took his place as / Board accordingly.

New Privy Seal. A new Privy Seal, of / establishment of Commission of Trade, was also read.

July 17. Present: - Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr Monckton, Mr Moore, Mr Gwyn.

A new Commission for her Majesty, dd / ych instant was open'd & read; whereby (besides / gr officers of State as in gr Commission of this Board, / Chancellor of Exchequer excepted), / Earl of Sandwich, / Lord Guilford, Sir

438] 1713.

P. 277-380.

439] P. 380, 382.

Trade.

Order of House of

Lords.

Trade to Africa.

June 24. Present: - Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr Monckton, Mr Gwyn, Mr Foley.

An Order of House of Lords, dd yesty, requiring

[n.c.]

such addresses as h. be made for / plantations, & / reports of this Board, relating to / Trade to Africa, to be laid before the Lords, as was read; whereupon / gr addresses & reports being brought in, were deliver'd to / Lord Guilford, as a list thereof, & his Lordship was desired to lay them before / House, which he promised to do accordingly: / list is as follows, viz.:

1707. February 3rd. Letter to / Earl of Sutherland, w a representation upon / petition of Royal African Co. Trade. E. fo. 115.

1708. January 27th. Answer to an Order of House of Commons dd. / 20th January 1708 requiring a state of / African trade. Ibidem. fo. 275

1709. December 19th. Answer to an Order of House of Commons, relating to / Trade to Africa. Trade. F. fo. 7.

1710. February 1st. Letter to / Duke of Queensberry w a representation relating to / Trade to Africa. Ibidem. fo. 4-41.

1711. July 27th. Letter to Mr Secretary St. John, inclosing a representation relating to / securing / settlements on / coast of Africa. Trade. G. fo. 225.

1712. March 15th. Representation relating to / settlement of / Trade to Africa

1710. December 10th. Copy of / petition of several planters, inhabitants of Barbadoes, praying for / Trade to Africa may be preserved &c. Barbadoes. B. R. 94.

1710. January 5th. Letter from Mr Harris, inclosing / copy of a petition from / planters, merchants & inhabitants at Jamaica to / House of Commons, relating to / Trade to Africa. Trade. M. 5.

Extract of a letter from Major-General Handasyd, Governor of Jamaica, to / Lords Commissioners of Trade & Plantations, dd. 2nd June 1711. Jamaica. M. 56.

1711. September 12th. Address from / Governor, Council & Assembly of Jamaica to her Majesty, relating to / benefit of an open & free trade to Africa &c. M. 57.

Some considerations from / Council & Assembly of Jamaica in relation to / Royal African Co's obtaining an exclusive trade to Africa. M. 58.

34. 464] 1713.

Q.

(This is no title on / fly-leaf o this Volume.)

469] 1713.

Q. 6-8.

Miscellaneous.
New Commission

September 18. Present: - Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows,
Mr Vernon

A new Commission for her Majesty, dd ~~to~~ 15th instant was open'd & read, whereby (besides / gr^o officers o State, as in d^r Commissions o this Board, / Chancellors o Exchequer excepted), / Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, senior, Robert Monckton, Arthur Moore, Esquires, Sir John Hynde Cotton, baronet, John Sharp (fo. 18), Samuel Pytts & Thomas Vernon, Esquires, are appointed Commissioners & promotg / Trade o this Kingdom, & of inspectg & improving her Majesty's plantations in America & elsewhere; & Mr Vernon, he is present, took his place at / Board accordingly.

487] 1713.

Q. 56-59.

December 4. Present: - Lord Guilford, Mr Monckton,
Mr Moore, Sir John Hynde Cotton,
Mr Sharp, Mr Pytts, Mr Vernon.

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Q. 59-62.

Letter from Lord
Bolingbroke.

Commissioners of
French Trade

Article of Portugal
abt negro's

letter to Mr Perry.

Royal African
Co.

A letter from / Lord Bolingbroke. o / 3rd instant, relaty to / Boards preparg instructions &c. of Commissioners to treat wth those o France (fo. 69) & to an article to be desired o Portugal abt carryg negro's to / Brazil, was read; whereupon ordered t^h a letter be writ to Mr Perry, secretary to / African Co, to acquaint him t^h the Lordships hadg propos'd to her Majesty t^h applican be made at / Court o Portugal of liberty to import negro's into / Brazil (fo. 65) by her Majesty's subjects, they are desirous to disapprove of any o / Royal African Co, or any d^r persons as are best acquainted wth trade, on Tuesday next

490] 1713.

Q. 64-67.

Trade.

Members o African
Co abt carryg
negro's to /
Brazil

December 8. Present: - Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows,
Mr Monckton, Mr Moore, Sir John Hynde
Cotton, Mr Sharp, Mr Pytts, Mr Vernon.

Mr Pindar, Mr Hopegood & d^r members o / Royal African Co, attendg, as they had ben desired / 4th instant, the Lordships communicated to them / last paragraph o the letter o / 20th o last month to / Lord Viscount Bolingbroke [Encl. inclosg / draught o a Treaty o Commerce wth Portugal] relaty to our importg negro's into / Brazil (fo. 59), as also what my Lord Bolingbroke had written to the Lordships thereupon in his letter o / 3rd instant, whereupon Mr Pindar sd, t^h he did not think it was our interest to carry negro's to Brazil, t^h it wd make / price o negro's in our plantations (where there is a gr^o demand of them) much dearer; & t^h it is our interest t^h / price o negro's at / Brazil shd be kept as high as possible; t^h / Portuguese, who can get but few o thei own, & to buy what they want o us upon / coast o Africa, as they be hitherto done at 50 per cent^o dearer than they cost us; & if we carry them to Brazil, / Portuguese will not buy them but at thei own price, And he acquainted the Lordships t^h Captain Bowen, who has lately ben d^r, is now in town, & they promis'd to send him to wait on the Lordships on Thursday m^o next.

Merchants summoned

These gentlemen beg withdrawn, ordered t^h Mr Robert Nightingale, Mr Francis Chamberlain, Mr Richard Davis & Mr Charles Kent (v. infra) be desired to attend / Board on Thursday m^o next.

December 10. Present: - ... [but supra except Moore & Sharp] ...

Trade.

Merchants et al.
wth carrying negroes
to / Brazil

... Mr Robert Keysham sd ... he doubted wh^o
it wd not be a prejudice to / planters ...
Mr Kemp, sd he did not apprehend any ill consequence
to / planters by it; & if we do not supply / Portuguese, they
will h negroes o th^r own, or fr / Dutch, French or Brandenburgers, & ∴ he
thot we had better supply them than let th^r nav^y do it

These gentlemen were asked to reconsider / matter ...

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December 15.

upon / whole, it has considered & / African Trade is shared by
so many ~~more~~ sev^l nav^s / more persons are engaged in supply^g / Brazil
wth negroes, / cheaper will negroes & th^r labour be, & consequently th^r sugar-
works better supported; these gentlemen all unanimously agreed t^o our carrying
negroes to / Brazil wd be prejudicial to / British planters in America.

496] 1713-14.

Q. 82-86.

Trade
letter fr Lord
Bolingbroke.

Prussian Resident's
memorial

Settlements on /
coast o Africa

Monsieur Bonet to
come to / Board

January 3. Present: - Mr Moore, Mr Sharp, Mr Pyles,
Mr Vernon.

A letter fr / Lord Vis count Bolingbroke, o / 20th May 1719.

refrag to / Board a

memorial fr / Resident o Prussia, relat^g to

th^r settlements on / coast o Africa, & what / King is

willing to take of them (fo. 85) w^{ch}

copy o a letter fr Hamburg on t^e subject by

a person employed by / States-Gen, was read;

& th^r upon ordered t^o a letter be writ^t to Monsieur
Bonet (1st Resident) to know what day th^r Lordships
may discourse wth him upon t^e matter.

January 12. Present: - Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows,
Mr Monckton, Mr Moore, Mr Sharp,
Mr Pyles, Mr Vernon.

Monsieur Bonet, Resident fr / King o Prussia
here, coming to / Board (fo. 84) as he had bn desired, his
memorial relat^g to / Sale o / King o Prussia's settlements
on / coast o Africa, ment^l in / last^o minutes, was
ag^o read; & after some discourse wth him th^r upon,
ordered t^o a copy o / s^d memorial be sent to / Royal
African Co (fo. 89. 130), & t^o they be desired t^o let
th^r Lordships h^o th^r thro^{ts} th^r upon on Tues next
in / m^o, & t^o they br^g along wth them some
Commanders o ships, or o^r persons, t^o know /
s^d settlements.

Trade.

Mr Bonet at /
Board

Sale o King o

Prussia's settlements
in Africa.

497] Q. 86-89.

Memorial sent to /

African Co

of th^r thro^{ts}.

a to br^g some t^o
know th^r settlements

January 15. Present: - ... [ut supra, w^t Monckton; w^t Cotton]...

498] 1713-14.

Q. 89-92.

Trade
letter from Mr
Pery incusg /
African Co's
attendants
Prussian settlements.

A letter from Mr Pery, o/15th instant (fo. 86, 105), signifyg
t/ Royal African Co cannot attend / Board on Tues next, in
ular to / King o Prussia's settlemts on / coast o Africa, as they had bn
desired; whereupon ordered t Mr Pery be acquainted w/ Board's
desire t some members o/ Co attend them on Tues sedmornight,
t Monsieur Bonet, his Prussian Majesty's Resident. he
noties hereby.

January 21. Present: Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr
Monckton, Mr Moore, Sir John Rylands Cotton,
Mr Pytts, Mr Vernon

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Q. 98-101.

Trade
Memorial from Mr
Karris; censg
negro's B / Brarils

A memorial from Mr Karris t^d merchants (fo. 60)
relatg to our furnishg / Brarils w negro's, as also a
letter from Mr Karris, dd yest^r, incusg / same
to / secretary, were read.

503] 1713-14

Q. 100-106.

Trade.
letter from Mr Pery
African Co.
Prussian settlements

January 26. Present: - ... [ut supra w^t Moore & Pytts]...

A letter from Mr Pery (fo. 89, 111), secretary to /
Royal African Co, o/ 22nd instant, incusg / sd Co's
not attendg / Board this day, as they had bn desired /
15th instant, upon / memorial from / Resident o Prussia
was read; & the Lordships agreed to hear what sd Co
had to offer upon / above mentioned memorial on Fri mg next,
14th instant.

505] 1713-14

Q. 110-112.

Trade.
African Co.
Prussian settlements
in Africa.

January 29. Present: - ... [ut supra Jan 26]...

Mr Pinder (fo. 105) & sev^l o^r members o/ Royal
African Co attendg, as they had bn desired, upon / memorial
from / Prussian Resident, relatg to / forts & settlemts belongg
to / King o Prussia on / coast o Africa (mentioned in /
minutes o/ 12th instant), 1st memorial was read; &

these gentlemen beg ask'd what they had to offer thereupon, they sd t it wd be a
gt detriment to us, if / French, who h no settlemts on / sd Gold Coast, shd
purchase those fm / King o Prussia; & therefore it wd be an advantage
to us, in order to prevent / French hadg any settlemt on / sd Gold Coast,
to purchase / sd Prussian forts & settlemts; but t / African Co cannot
pretend to buy them, unless they were settled in a Co exclusive o all o^r
tradg ther. After some f^r discourse upon this matter, these gentlemen
were desired to draw up what they had to offer in writg, & let ther last-
ships h / same as soon as possible, wh they promised accordingly.

511] 1713-14

Q. 130-133.

Trade.
letter from Royal
African Co.
Prussian settlements.
letter to Monsieur
Bonet.

February 14. Present: - ... [as on Jan 21, w^t Moore
& Vernon]...

A letter from / Royal African Co, dd 15th instant,
in answer to / secretary's letter to them o/ 12th o/ last month,
upon a memorial from Monsieur Bonet (fo. 86) Resident
o Prussia, relatg to his Prussian Majesty's settlemts on / coast
o Africa, was read, whereupon ordered, t a letter be writ
to Monsieur Bonet (fo. 132) acquaintg him w/ / fored
letter from / Royal African Co, & t the Lordships wd be
glad if his affairs wd permit him to come to / Board
on Friday next at eleven o/ clock.

February 19. Present: - ... [as on Jan 21]...

512] 1713-14.

Q. 133-136
Trade.

Monsieur Bonet
letter from Royal
African Co.
Prussian settlements.

Monsieur Bonet attendg (p. 130), as he had bn desired / 14th instant, the Lordships communicated to him an extract o a letter from / Royal African Co, o / 15th, upon a memorial from / sd Monsieur Bonet, relatg to / King o Prussia's settlements in Africa, & acquainted him t, in ten days or three weeks' time, the Lordships wd send by / sd Co, when Monsieur Bonet shd be present also, t they may explain themselves more fully upon / sd memorial.

Emb. There is no fur refer to this matter in / minutes].

543] 1714.

Q. 236-240.
Trade
I. 262.

Portugal
letter to Lord
Viscount Bolognroke
4th article o Treaty
o Commerce

June 14. Present: - ... [as on Jan 21. wth Sharp, wth Cotton & Vernon]...

A letter to / Lord Viscount Bolognroke, in answer to his Lordships' o / 5th instant, derivg / Board's reasons for omitting / 4th article in / draught o a Treaty o Commerce wth Portugal (p. 229, 239.) transmitted to his Lordship / 20th o November last in / draught laid before his Lordship / 14th May, was signed.

555] 1714.

Q. 246-249.
Trade.

letter from Lord
Viscount Bolognroke
wth instructions to
Treat wth Commissioners

July 23. Present: - Sir Philip Meadows, Mr Moore, Sir John Rynde Cotton, Mr Sharp, Mr Vernon.

A letter from / Lord Viscount Bolognroke o 22nd July, 1714 derivg / Board to prepare proper instructions for gentlemen appointed to treat wth French Commissioners upon sd points refer'd to them by / 10th 11th & 15th articles o Treaty o Peace &c, was read. Whereupon order'd t Letters be writ to Mr Perry, Secretary to / Royal African Co, (p. 262) wth / 11th article, of what they had to offer in relati^{on} ther'o. All wh they are desired to say to the Lordships in writg by Tues next.

584] 1714.

Q. 282-285
Trade.

Acco^o hardships
last on / African
Co by /
French

August 4. Present: Lord Guilford, Sir Philip Meadows, Mr Moore, Sir John Rynde Cotton.

Mr John Perry (p. 275) Secretary to / Royal African Co attendg, presented to the Lordships, acct's o damages & losses sustain'd & injurios done / sd Co in time o peace by / French, wth some reasons concerng / forced capitulation o Gambia in 1702, in answer to a letter wth sd acct's / 28th last month, wth / 10th article o Treaty o Peace wth France, was read.

545] 1714

Q. 340-343.
Miscellaneous
New Commis^{ns}.

December 20. Present: - Lord President, Earl o Halifax, Lord Viscount Townshend, Lord Berkeley o Stratton, Mr Moleworth, Mr Cokburne, Mr Hutcheson, Mr Chetwynd, Mr Cooke, Mr Dominique.

His Majesty's Commis^{ns}, dat'd / 13th instant, was open'd & read, wherby / gr^o affairs o State as in / last Commis^{ns} of this Board, / Right Honourable / Lord Berkeley o Stratton, Sir Jacob Astley, Knight & Baronet, Robert Moleworth, John Cokburne, Archibald Hutcheson, John Chetwynd, Charles Cooke, & Paul Dominique, Esquires, are appointed Commissioners & Promot^{rs} / Trade o this Kingdom, & of inspectg & improvg his Majesty's planters in America & elsewhere, & / Lords & gentlemen first above-mention'd to be present took the oaths at / Board accordingly.

Mr Popple, Secretary - appointed by his Majesty - William Popple.

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37] 1715.
Pt. 76-94
102-105.
Miscellaneous
and Commrs
to Earl o Suffolk
& Windsor &c

May 23. Present: - Sir Jacob Astley, Mr Moleworth,
Mr Chesynd, Mr Cooke, Mr Dominique

A new Comm^{rs} under / 1st Seal dd 11th instant f
promotg / Trade ~~of Kingdom~~ this Kingdom & inspectg &
improvg this Majesty's Plantations in America, directed to / 3rd
officers & state as in former Comm^{rs} f t purpose & to / Rt.
Honble, Henry Earl o Suffolk & Windsor, Sir Jacob Astley,
Knight & Barr^{er}; Robert Moleworth, John Cokkburne,
Archibald Hutcheson, John Chesynd, Charles Cooke, & Paul Dominique Esqrs,
was read.

91] 1715.
Pt. 244-280.
Trade.
Order o Council
on /
Admiralty report
abr
naval assistie
desired by / African
Co.
Members thereof &c
Summoned.

November 22. Present: - Mr Moleworth,
Mr Cooke, Mr Dominique.

An Order o Council o / 18th o / last month (Pt. 280,
305) referg to / Board a

report fm / Lords o / Admiralty relatg to some naval
assistie desired o this Majesty by / Royal African Co, was
read; whereupon ordered t a letter be writ to Mr Perry the
Secy, desirg him to acquaint them t the Lordships wd be
glad o speakg w any members o / sd Co at ten o'clock on
Thurs m^o next. Fwth ordered t Mr Robert Heysham, Mr
Humphrey Morris & Mr Richd Harris (Pt. 282) be ac-
quainted t / Board desire to speak w them or any o^r gentlemen they sh
think fit to beg w them, at ten o'clock on Fri m^o next, upon / same subject.

November 24. Present: - ... [ut supra, & Cokkburne] ...

Trade.
Members o /
African Co &c
attendg on /
naval assistie
desired by them.

Mr Blake, Mr Sedgwick, Mr Elliot, & Mr Sother,
members o / Royal African Co, attendg w Mr Perry
Secretary o / sd Co, they were asked severall questns relatg
to / necessity or use o / naval assistie wh they desire o this
Majesty on / coast o Africa, as mentioned in / Order o Council
o / 18th o October (Pt. 248) on a report fm / Lords o /
Admiralty, read / 22nd instant; whereupon they sd they
hd / same occaⁿ at present f a man o war as before /
Peace f t the Trade was in 3rd danger fm / natives o Africa,
as likewise

92] 1715.
Order o Council on
/ Admiralty report.

as likewise for French & Dutch rivalls, / French has 9
 two settlements in / mouth o / River Gambria, & claims / sole
 right to trade in t River, where they ha lately seized two
 interlopers' ships; t / Dutch h ha a mighty diff w^t his Majesty's
 subjects at Wida wh inconvenienc might be prevented f^r /
 future by / countenance o one man o war at least, tho' two may
 be necessary, & they presented to the Lordships / abstracts o
severall letters received for the Factors relatg to / damages & insults
 t^r trade has lately sustained; t they did not desire to make use o
 his Majesty's ships ag^t any o^r than the foreign rivalls, & hoped t
 as / Gov^t had allowed them ships f^r the protection & encouragement in
 time o war, / Count h / same indulg^e, whilst the trade continued
 in equal danger. [o^r pirates?]

Abstracts o letters
 abt damages
 sustained by /
 trade.

Memorial desired.

The Lordships then desired these gentlemen wd prepare
 o^r to / Board a memorial in writg (p^o 295) settg forth
 / necessity & use o / ship they desire, & what instructions they propose
 f^r / commander, & likewise to add a state o / trade to Africa in
 gen, as it is now carried on; wh they accordingly promised

Letter to Mr
 Burchet f^r acct
 o ships o war
 formerly attendg
 / African coast etc

Ordered t a letter be writ to Mr Burchet, Secy. to /
 Rt. Honble. / Lords Commrs o / Admiralty to desire o the
 Lordships, t this Board may h an acct o what ships
 o war h bin appointed for time to time since 1690 (p^o
 300) w^t respect to Africa w^t attend on / coast o
 Africa both in war & peace, w^t copies o / usual instructions given
 them in relation to t trade.

Separate traders
 queried on
 African Trade.

Mr Keysham, Mr Morris, Mr Harris & (p^o 319) who are con-
 cerned in / separate trade to Africa, & ha bin desired to come to
 Board tom orrow, attendg mas, were asked severall questns relatg to /
 trade to those parts; wherupon they sd; t in time o peace ther is no
 occasion f^r ships o war, nor h they heard o insult or disturbance given his Majesty's
 subjects by any foreign man, tho' they h ships lately arriv'd, partg one in July last,
 by wh they had an acct, that when / master was on / coast o Africa, ther were 12 ships at
 / same time tradg ther; t one Capt^r Coble, Commander o a / Co's ship, had assaulted one o /
 separate traders; t / Prussians are v^y useful to us in the settlements, protectg all
 our ships as free Ports, & an invoice was given o a / Gov^t at a Danish Settlement
 had taken gr^e care o an English vessel driven thither in distress, wh he faith-
 fully dispos'd o & remitted / value — t / great insult committed are by / Co's
 Factors — t / French indeed h taken a ship f^r tradg as alleged within / French
 Limits, but h not & w^t intended the pretens^{ns} — t they (/ French) h a settlement at
 / Island Goree & by combinan^{ts} w^t / King o Portugal draw ignorant people in &
 95) 1715. piratically commit depredat^{ns}, / French commonly tallg / ships, & /
 R. 280-286 King / goods (as was / case o / ship Neptune^r durg / last Peace);

95) 1715.
 R. 280-286

t these irregularities are o a national concern, & o^r to be redress'd by /
 Gov^t o France, for wherise if any favourable orders shd be obtained, they wd be o
 little use, since / French Senegal Co are worth little or nothg — t what injuries
 are done by / natives o Africa, cannot be prevented by a man o war, nor did these
 gentlemen think ther was occasion f^r any, except it were to carry some stores, provisions
 o^r effects, our Co are sending to the Ports & Settlements, wh it is believed, is / sole use
 f^r a ship o war tho' & reasons are pretended.

Present state o /
 African trade
 desired in writg

The Lordships then desired these gentlemen to give them /
 best acct they can in writg o / present state o / African trade
 (p^o 302), or what they wd h to offer relatg ther, wh they
 accordingly promised.

99] 1715.

December 2. Present: - Mr Moleworth, Mr Cokburne, Mr Chetwynd, Mr Cooke.

R. 295-298. 0.30
African Coy
memorial abt
State o the Trade
in

Mr Blatte, & 2 members o / Royal African Co, attending, presented to / Board a Memorial (No. 281) relaty to / all state o the Trade & reasons f desiry / assiste o a man o war, wh was read; & the Lordships resolved to take / same agn into consideration as soon as possible.

99] 1715

December 15. Present: - ... [ut supra]...

R. 298-302
Trade.

0.31

Letter & Memorial
fm Mr Harris abt
British Trade in Africa
affected by Foreigners,
& reasons o /
Coy desiryg
a man o war.

A Letter fm Mr Harris (No. 284) o / yth instant
Togr w a Memorial in behalf o himself & or separate Traders to Africa, representg how far / British Trade on t Coast is affected by Foreigners; & / reason o Coy desiryg a man o war,

was read; whereupon or dored t a Letter be writ to Mr Harris to desiry him to consult / 2 gentlemen concerned w let the Lordships h the opinion in writg betw him & chosen o / cloth tomorrow mry whr, if any o Kings ships were sent to / coast o Africa w instructs to / Captains to protect / British Trade in gen, wud be any advantage to t Trade, as it is now carried on. And fdr ordered t notice be given o / Boards desiry to speak w Mr Harris (No. 302), or any o / sd gentlemen at / same time.

99]. R. 302-305
Letter to Mr Harris
w a query.

0.32

December 16. Present: - ... [ut supra, w Dominique]...

Trade.
Letter fm Mr
Harris abt
sendg men o war
to Africa,
his thro
Throp.

A Letter fm Mr Harris (No. 302) o this days date to / Secretary, in answer to t writ he sent him yesty, relaty to / sendg any o His Majesty's ships to / coast o Africa, was read; & Mr Harris attendg at / same time, the Lordships hd some discourse w him upon t subject, wh in he acquainted / Board t in case any o His Majesty's ships shd be sent thither, / best staⁿ f them wd be / Gold Coast, / country & climate at; & near / River Gambia, be3 sd sickly & unwholesome, & / worm destroy3 ships etc, so t / merchants care not

to venture them long ttr, & this he sd he knew fm his own experie, has3 formerly sent vessels o his own to t River under / care o Mr Fortg, w whom / inhabitants come down to Trade, as they wd do to / sd sea coast, if commanders o ships declined go3 up / River. - It be3 then observed to Mr Harris t the sure allegans in behalf o / Royal African Co, t find or none o / separate Traders, carried on any commerce up / sd River Gambia, & t / assiste o a ship o war was necessary to preserve / interests o / Co etc, wh hd bn prejudicial by / French & sd, he sd - t / separate Traders to Africa hd now 14 ships at t River, & t on / sd hand / Co hd not sent a ship thither these 3 years - t / lettg o / French in the by agreement w our Co hd bn a grt damage to / Trade - t in / last Peace the hd bn a ship seized by / French in collⁿ w / nation o Africa, & and now, be3 both private ships - t there are no pirates, wh he has heard o, t Mr Secy has Majesty's sendg a ship o war to those parts, but he added t such a ship to h its staⁿ at a distⁿ fm Gambia f / reasons above mentioned is a commander instructed to protect / commerce in gen, & not Trade himself, m^r he o a disadvantage, but not necessary in time o Peace, / French nor any o^r nⁿ, w^{er} send3 ships o war thither, but in time o War.

Mr Harris was then asked his opinion how / Trade to Africa m^r be improved & best carried on, whereupon he sd, he thot it cd not be enlarged beyond what it is, but t it m^r be much better carried on, if it were under a regulaⁿ, as / Turkey Co.

Mr Harris

letter from Mr Burchet w
Copy o ships sent
formerly to Africa
etc. no used.

Mr Harris being withdrawn, /
letter from Mr Burchet o / 30th o last month was read &
/ Copy o ships drawn referred to, wh h bn appointed to
attend on / coast o Africa since / year / 1690 w
Copies o the instruments (p. 281) were laid before /
Board, & orders given f preparg / draught o a report upon
/ Order in Council (p. 278, 306) mentioned in / minutes
o / 22nd o / last month, relatg to some naval assistce
desired by / Royal African Co.

100] 1715.
R. 305-308.
Draught o upo-
sentan on naval
assistce desired by
African Co.

December 20. Present: - Sir Jacob Astley, Mr Moleworth
Mr Cockburne, Mr Chetwynd, Mr Cotte,
Mr Dominique.

Trade.
Representan
African Co.
naval assistce.

The draught o a repn. directed at / last meetg to be
prepared upon / Order in Council (p. 305) mentioned in
/ minutes o / 22nd o / last month, relatg to some naval
assistce desired by / Royal African Co, was agreed & signed.

105] 1715-16.
R. 321-325
Miscellanies
New Commisn

January 17. Present: - Mr Chetwynd, Mr Cotte, Mr
Dominique, Mr Addison, Mr Moleworth Junior,
A new Commn. from His Majesty dd / 5th day o this instant
January, 17th / 16, was opened & read, wherby (besides / gr
officers o state, as in / last Commn. f this Board) / Mr Honble
/ Earl o Suffolk & Bindon, Sir Jacob Astley Knight & Barr, John Cockburne,
John Chetwynd, Charley Cotte Paul Dominique, Joseph Addison, & John
Moleworth Esqs, are appointed Commrs. f promotg / Trade o this Kingdom, &
f inspectg & improvg His Majesty's Plantans in America, & Mr Addison &
Mr Moleworth beg present took thr places at / Board accordingly.

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twenty-sixth November, 1716.

108] 1716.
S. 117-120
Trade.
letter from Mr
Secretary Methuen
Royal African
Co
Papers ths with

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October 31. Present: - Mr Cockburne, Mr Chetwynd, Mr Cotte,
Mr Dominique, Mr Addison, Mr Moleworth.

A letter from Mr Secy. Methuen o 17th o last month
refers to this Board / followg papers, relatg to / Royal
African Co, was read togr w / sa papers, viz: -
Copy o a letter from / lords Commrs. o Admiralty to Mr
Secy. Methuen, dd 7th Sept., 1716, relatg to /
Royal African Co's desire o some naval force, to cruise on
thr coast.

Copy o a report from / lords Commrs. o Admiralty to
his Majesty 14th Octr 1715 relatg to some
naval force desired by / Royal African Co to cruise on
thr coast &c.

Copy o / Royal African Co's petition to his Majesty dd.
23rd August 1716, prayg some naval assistce
f security o thr forts & settlements.

196] 17/16.

A Memorial fm / Royal African Co, as likewise / apr. o this Board o / 20th Decr, 1715 upon / same

S. 120-129.
Royal African
Co's memorial.
Boards
represent^g
Mr Pierce &
Benson.

subject, were read
and Mr Pierce & Mr Benson attendg, in behalf o / Co, they were asked what number o ships they designed f / Coast o Africa, had soon & what cargoes, they were to carry, to wh / sd gentlemen answered, t / Co intended abt / middle o next month to send six ships f / Coast o Africa, w / value o betwⁿ 40 & 50,000 £. in stores o all sorts, f / the forty & eight^h & d^s goods; & and^o cargo o abt / like value in three months after; they further sd, t / besides / Saltee Pirates fm whom / Co's ships mt be in danger in / voyage, the were sent pirates on / Coast o Africa, f / wh reason / Co desired t / ships to be granted them, mt h orders to remain some time on / sd coast; t / at present / separate traders are permitted to h / benefit o / Co's forts by order o the Court o Admiralty; & / trade is chiefly in danger fm foreigners & pirates; Mr Pierce & Mr Benson were then desired to beg, as soon as conveniently they cd, what inform^{ns} & proofs / Co h, concern^g such pirates & what^r else they mt h fut^r to offer, to induce / Govern^t to comply w / Co's present desire, wh they promised accordingly.

November 2. Present: - Mr Cotterman, Mr Chetwind, Mr Cooke, Mr Addison, Mr Madeworth.

188] 17/16.
S. 126-129.
Trade.
African Co.

Mr Edwards, Mr Pierce, Mr Benson & one^r gentle man, attendg fm / African Co, pursuant to / direct^s o / 31st o / last month, they sd, t / they had made a subscripⁿ o 100,000 £, & were now sendg out six ships to Africa w / ammunitⁿ, stores & goods to / value o betwⁿ 60 & 70,000 £. part thereof. T / rest wd be dispatched away in abt three months after; t / as to the apprehension o the meet^g w / pirates or Saltee men they referred to / article fm Whitehall in / Gazette o / 24th Oct: last; as to interchants made upon them part^rly at Whydah, by / natives, they referred to / extract o letters presented by them to / Board in Nov^r or Decr. last & to / extract o a letter fm Messrs Gerard Gore, James Phipps, & Robert Blean, dd. at Cape Coast Castle 7th June, 1716, now delivered; & to prove t / they separate traders, did not intend to exclude / separate traders fm the settlements, they produced / extract o a letter fm / Co A to / sd Messrs Gore, Phipps & Blean (dd 28 Febr^y, 1715.)

the chief merchants at Cape Coast Castle, directg them to purchase goods fm any English ships t / same thither f / negroes, but especially fm those t / came directly fm / Plantations.

Afterwards these gentlemen added in discourse, t / if his Majesty shd not think fit to let a ship o war remain w / them upon / coast, they then desired t / they mt at least h / protectⁿ o a ship o war till they were got beyond / Cape de Good Islands.

Merchants summoned. These gentlemen beg retired, ordered t / Mr Robt Keysham, Mr Humphrey Morris, & Mr Richard Harris be acquainted t / Board desire to speak w / them on Tues m^g next.

November 6. Present: - ... [ut supra except Cooke] ...

190] 17/16.
S. 131-134.
Trade
Messrs Morris &
Harris
naval assist^{ts}.
African Co.

Mr Humphrey Morris & Mr Richard Harris attendg, as desired, & Mr Thomas Mitchell, they were acquainted w / subsc^{ri} o / seal papers, infered to this Board by Mr Secy. Mather's letter o / 14th Sept^r 1716, mentioned in / minutes o / 31st o / last month, w / abt to some naval assist^{ts} was desired by / Royal African Co; & these gentlemen beg asked seal quest^{ns} thereupon, they sd, t / as to a man o war to remain on / coast o Africa they saw no necessity for o it & as to pirates the, they had no news o any since / peace, tho a ship had was sailing
Come

Come for thence, nor did they apprehend any; & separate traders had no molestation at whydah, & if / Co had any str, it must be from / natives, agt whom a ship o war wd be o no service; & obtaining a ship for his Majesty, they believe, is chiefly aimed at to promote / stock jobs & some part^r persons here, & tho they do not judge such a ship to be absolutely necessary, yet if a man o war o 20 guns were ordered to cruise betwⁿ / Cape de Verde Islands & / mouth o / river Gambia, & / protectⁿ o / British trade in gen, it wd be o service, / French African Co having taken some ships in / north part o / coast o Africa; & / Salley Rivers cruise abt / Western islands, but such ships as will take / licence to sail for westward may avoid them; & as to / correspondence at present betwⁿ / Royal African Co & / separate traders, / Co has brot home the effects for Africa, give lease to the factors to deal w / latter, but give no preference to / British subjects where they find g^r interest w / Portuguese & J^s.

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S. 124-128

letter to Mr Secretary Methuen.

These gentlemen beg withdrawal, the Lordships gave directⁿ & prepar^y an answer to Mr Secy. Methuen's fore mentioned letter & papers relatg to / sd Co.

November 7. Present: - ... [ut supra, w Cooke]. ...

Trade
letter to Mr Secretary Methuen.
African Co.
naval assistce.
agt^r / natives & J^s who inter upn the trade,

The draught o an answer ordered yesterday to be prepared to Mr Secy. Methuen's letter o / 14th Sept^r last, upon sd papers received from / Royal African Co, relatg to some naval assistce & protectⁿ desired by them o his Majesty, agt^r / Salley Rivers & o^r pirates on / coast o Africa, as well as

November 8. Present: - ... [ut supra]. ...

Trade.
letter to Mr Secretary Methuen.
naval assistce.
African Co.

A letter to Mr Secy Methuen, agreed at / last meetg, in answer to his o / 14th Sept^r last, relatg to some naval assistce desired by / Royal African Co, was signed.

January 16. Present: - Sir Jacob Astley, Mr Colthorne, Mr Chetwynd, Mr Cooke, Mr Addison, Mr Moleworth.

204] 1416-17
S. 126-128.
Trade.
African Co
Belin.

The twenty copies o orders o Council under mentioned, upon sd letters & representations o this Board, were read, viz: -
Copy o an Order o Council o 12th January 17¹⁵/₁₆ upon 3 repts. ... / third on / petⁿ o / Royal African Co f shipping to encourage the trade, referg them to / lords o / Committee.

247] 1414.
S. 301-304.
Moresworth.
new commiss^{rs}.

July 19. Present: - Earl o Suffolk, Mr Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr Dominique, Mr Moleworth, Mr Pulleney, Mr Bladen.

A new Commission for his Majesty under / Gr Seal, dd / 13th instant, was opened & read; whereby (besides / 30 Officers o State &c, as in / last Commissⁿ & / Chancellor o / Exchequer f / time beg) / Right Honourable / Earl o Suffolk & Bindon, John Chetwynd, Esq^r, Sir Charles Cooke, Knight, Paul Dominique, John Moleworth, Thomas Pelham, Daniel Pulleney, & Martin Bladen, Esq^s, are appointed Commissioners & promot^r / Trade o this Kingdom, & f inspectg & improvg his Majesty's plantatⁿ in America, & elsewhere.

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301] 1717.

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January 28. Present:— Mr Chetwynd, Sir Charles Cooke,
Mr Dominique, Mr Moleworth, Mr Pelham,
Mr Pulteney, Mr Bladen.

332] 1717-18.
T. 92-95
Trade
Royal African
Co.
Ships o War.

The copy o a report fm / Lords o / Committee o Council
to whom three representants o this Board were referred...;
and concerning / petition o / Royal African Co, abt assisting them
w/ Ships o war; ... was read.

334] 1717-18.
T. 98-101.
Miscellaneous

February 7. Present:— Earl o Holderness, Sir Charles
Cooke, Mr Dominique, Mr Pelham, Mr
Pulteney, Mr Bladen.

Earl o Holderness

A new Commission fm His Majesty, under / Gr Seal,
bearing date / 31st o last month, was opened & read;
whereby, besides / Gr Officers o State, as in / last Commission, / Right Honble.
/ Earl o Holderness, John Chetwynd Esqr, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr Paul
Dominique, John Moleworth, Thomas Pelham, Daniel Pulteney, &
Martin Bladen, Esqs, are appointed Commissioners f promoting / Trade
o this Kingdom, & f inspecting & improving his Majesty's plantations in
America & elsewhere.

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V. 244-247.

Miscellaneous
New Commission

May 24. Present:— Earl of Westmoreland, Sir Charles Cooke,
Mr Pelham, Mr Bladen.
A new Commission for His Majesty under / gr Seal bearing date /
11th instant, was opened & read. whereby besides / gr Officers of State,
as in / last Commission, The Right Hon. / Earl of Westmoreland, John
Thomas Pelham, David Pulteney, & Martin Bladen, Esqs, are appointed Commissioners
of promoting / Trade of this Kingdom & of inspecting & improving His Majesty's Plantations
in America & elsewhere.

[Capitulum of / Castle of Gambia to / French. pp 98. 100. 101].

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to / twenty-second December, 1720.

W.

148] 1720.

v. 262-265.

Leeward Islands,
Plantations Gen.
Barbadoes.

Letter for
Mr Clarke,

Mr Dunbar

Our Plantations

received by / Dutch

letter to Mrs

Pery & Mr Harris.

September 14. Present:— Sir Charles Cooke, Mr Pulteney.

A letter for Mr Clarke [Secy to / Commrs of Customs] of / 11th instant
to gr is an
extract of one for Mr Dunbar, Surveyor Genl. of Barbadoes &c
/ Leeward Islands &c. relating to / British Plantations in America
beg supplied w^{ch} requires by / Dutch, were read. whereupon a
letter to Mr Pery, Secy of / Royal African Co., &
to Mr Harris Richard Harris one of / separate traders to Africa
of his opinion on this matter, was agreed to be sent.

125] Journal of proceedings for / twentieth of November, 1719
to / twenty-second December, 1720.

W.

48] 1720

W. 96-101.
Leeward Islands,
Barbadoes,
Plantations Gen.
Trade.

Letter for Mr Harris
British Plantations
negroes. Dutch

Letter for
Mr Evans,
Royal African
Co.

Representations upon
to which

February 17. Present: - Earl of Westmoreland, Mr Chesbnd,
Sir Charles Cooke, Mr Miles South, Mr Pelham,
Mr Bladen.

Letter for Mr Richard Harris of 21st, in answer to
one writ him / 14th of September, 1719, relating to / British
Plantations neg supplies w negroes by / Dutch.

Letter for Mr Evans. Deputy Secretary to / Royal African Co
is a representaⁿ for them in answer to / Letter writ to Mr
Pery / 14th of September, relating to / British Plantations neg
supplies w negroes by / Dutch.

148] 1720.

Mr Williams
New Commisⁿ
Edward Ashe Esq in
/ room of
Mr Bladen Esq.

July 2. Present: - Earl of Westmoreland, Mr Dominique,
Mr Pelham, Mr Bladen, Mr Ashe

- New Commisⁿ dd 24 June appointg Earl of West-
moreland, John Chesbnd, Sir Charles Cooke, Mr Paul
Dominique Thos Pelham Daniel Pulteney Martin Bladen
& Edward Ashe His Majesty's Commissioners -

[Grant to exclusive trade to India Co in France & proceeds of /
French agt British ships. pp 196-7. 200, 201, 206, 217.]

239] 1720.

Journal ... from 24 December 1720 to 20 December 1721.

X.

240] 1720-21.

X. 4-7

January 3. - Letter for Mr Lynn Secretary to / Royal African Co
dd 30th December 1720. inclos^g
list of / officers in / Co's service on / coast of Africa
who constitute / respective Council of the affairs
th^r.
Copy to Mr Burchett by / Informant of / Lords of Privy

222] 1721.

X. 314-318.
Mr Williams
New Commisⁿ
Mr Plummer

September 26. Present: - Mr Chesbnd, Mr Dominique
Mr Plummer.

- New Commisⁿ dd 4 September app^g Earl of Westmoreland
John Chesbnd, Paul Dominique, Thos Pelham,
Daniel Pulteney, Martin Bladen, Edward Ashe, &
Richard Plummer Commissioners -

235] 1721/2.

Journal ... from 9th January 1721-22 &
to 20th December 1722.

Y.

[End of Vol. [4] from November 1718 to December 1722]

Journal

o/

Commissioners of Trade
& Plantations
for

January 1722-3 to December 1728.

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1722-23. Journal o/ proceedings for / eighth o/ January, 1722-23,
to / twentieth o/ December, 1723.

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Plantations Gen.
Petition o/ Pirates
Memorial from
merchants &
letter from Mr Harris
abt the pardon
Draft o/
Representations.

January 8th. Present: - Mr Chet Synd, Mr Dominique, Mr Pelham.

The Lordships falling again into consideration / Order in Council
o/ 9th November last referring to / Board / petition o/ seal
pirates, prayg to be pardoned;

A Memorial from seal merchants in relation to / pardoning these
pirates, who h desired to surrender, as also

A letter from Mr Harris upon / same subject, were read.
And ordered t/ draft o/ a representation be prepared thereupon.

Plantations Gen.
Petition o/ Pirates
Draft o/
Representations
agreed.

January 9th. Present: - Mr Pelham, Mr Bladen.

The draught o/ a representation (ordered yesterday to be prepared)
upon an order o/ Committee o/ Council o/ 9th o/ November last,
referring to / Board / petition o/ seal pirates, prayg to be pardoned,
was agreed, & ordered to be ~~transcribed~~ transcribed.

Plantations Gen.
Pirates
Representations on
the petition,
signed

January 10th. Present: - Mr Chet Synd, Mr Dominique,
Mr Pelham, Mr Bladen

A representation upon an order o/ Committee o/ Council o/
9th o/ November last; referring to / Board / petition o/ seal
pirates prayg to be pardoned, agreed yesterday, was signed.

44] 1723.
Z. 200-205
Virginia.
letter from
Mr Lynn
African Co,
agst Act abt duty
on liquors & slaves
Hearg appointed.
Mr Richard Harris
summoned.

November 12. Present: - Mr Dominique, Mr Bladen,
Mr Plummer.

Letter from Mr Lynn, Secretary to / African Co dd.
29th August. 1723, being to be heard agst an

Act o/ Virginia layg a duty on liquors & slaves,
was read; whereupon ordered t/ he be acquainted t/
Board h appointed next Tuesday to hear what / Royal
African Co may h to offer agst / 3d Act.

A letter from Mr Harris, dd 23rd September, in
relation to / forementioned Act, was read, whereupon
ordered t/ he h notice to attend / Board ab/ same time.

48.
50] 1720.

November 19. Present: - Mr Chetwynd, Mr Bladen, Mr Ashe, Mr Plummer.

Z. 210-217
Virginia.
Royal African
Directors &
Mr de Heup de
abt Act layg duty
on liquors & slaves.

Mr dunsdale, Mr Hayes & Mr Tryon, three o' Directors o' Royal African Co, attendg, as they had bin desired, as also Mr Peter de Heup, agent f' colony o' Virginia ... in relation to an Act passed in Virginia last yeas ther, intituled An Act to lay a duty on liquors & slaves, the sd Act was read, & the Lordships ... desired to know what objections f' sd Co had thereto. Whereupon Mr Tryon acquainted the Lordships in behalf o' Co, & they apprehended / duties laid by this Act w'd tend g'tly to / discouragement o' British Trade, but chiefly to / Slave Trade; ... & as no negro cd be landed before / duty laid by this Act was paid, he shod it a g't hardship, w'ch it frequently happened, & in 300 negroes imported 40 or 50 were not worth £5 per head, & therefore he shod it w'd be more advisable to h' this laid this duty on / gross scale.

In answer to wh Mr de Heup sd, & as the had formerly bin Act's passed, wh laid a duty o' £5 per head on negroes, wh was levied in like manner as prescribed by this Act, & as the had bin no objections made thereto, he cd not imagine ther cd be any reason to complain o' present duty, wh does not amt to half t sum ... & therefore he desired, the Lordships w'd please to recommend this Act to His Majesty f' his Royal confirmat'n.

The Lordships then acquainted / sd Co, & if they had any fur' objections to make thereto, they were ready to receive them

These gentlemen, being withdrawn, advised t' / sd Act he w'd to Mr [Richard] Bosc, f' his opinion thereupon in point o' law.

December 5th. Present: - Mr Chetwynd, Mr Dominique, Mr Pelham, Mr Bladen, Mr Ashe.

55] 1723.
Z. 235-239.
Virginia.
Trade.
Merchants o'
memorial agt'
Act layg duty on
negroes &c.
Extract o' letter to
Mr Harris on same
subject.

Mr Carey, Mr Harris & Mr Chamberlain attendg, presented to / Board a memorial complaining o' an Act passed in Virginia for layg a duty on liquors & slaves, wh was read, as also an extract o' a letter f'm Virginia to Mr Harris, on / same subject; & the Lordships were pleased to acquaint these gentlemen t' they w'd take no resolution upon / sd Act w't givg them a fur' oppy o' be'g heard.

Journal o' proceedgs ... f'm / second o' January 1723/24 to / eighteenth o' December, 1724.

A. A.

62] 1723-24
Virginia
Trade
Memorial f'm Bristol
merchants.
Act abt duty on
liquors & slaves.
Agents & merchants
summoned

January yth. Present: - Mr Dominique, Mr Pelham, Mr Bladen, Mr Plummer, Sir John Hobart.

Memorial f'm some Bristol merchants t'ing to Africa, in relation to / Virginia Act, layg a duty on liquors & slaves, was read; whereupon ordered t' Mr de Heup, agent f' Virginia, Mr Carey & Mr Harris be acquainted t' / Board desire to speak w' them on Friday next, as also w' as many o' sd Bristol merchants as are in Town.

67] 1723-24.

January 10th. Present: - Mr Chetwynd, Mr Dominique, Mr Pelham, Mr Bladen, Mr Ashe, Mr Plummer.

A.A. 9-13.

Virginia. Trade.

Agents & Merchants

Act concerning

liquors & slaves

Conceded or it adjourned.

Mr dehaup, agent of Virginia, Mr Harris, Mr Chamberlain, Mr Carey, Mr Perry, & rest of merchants attend, as they had been desired - adjourned by / attende
o Mr Byrd -

January 14th Present: Mr Chetwynd, Mr Dominique, Mr Ashe, Mr Plummer, Sir John Hobart.

Virginia Trade

Merchants & agents attend again

Act concerning liquors

& trade slaves.

Mr Chamberlain, Mr Morris, Mr Harris, Mr Carey, & Mr Mercieatther, in behalf of Merchants & Merchants of London & Bristol, attend, according to appointment, as also Mr dehaup, agent of Virginia, Mr Perry, Mr Byrd, & Mr Bradley, in relation to an Act, passed at Virginia in 1723, intitled, An Act for laying a duty on liquors & slaves; / several letters & memorials, mentioned in / Minutes of 12th November, 5th December last, & 4th of this month, were again read & considered; & a letter from Mr Byrd, secretary to / Royal African Co, was read, in relation to / sd Co's intention not to appear any more concerning / sd Act; Mr Morris in behalf of African traders represented to the Lordships that he conceived / duty laid by this Act upon / importation of negroes did of much affect / trade & shipping of Gth Britain, being paid by / importer; & considered / prime cost of negroes upon / coast of Africa was 4, 5 or 26 per head, / duty of 40% added to the prime cost at 4 a head was amount to 50 percent, at 25 prime cost to 40 per cent. at 26 prime cost to 23.6.8d & so on in like proportion. He thought this duty to be so gth a burthen upon trade, & it amounted to a prohibition

Mr Harris

Mr Harris, who also appeared against / sd Act desired ... that he did it a way of hardship to / merchants in Gth Britain that he obliged to pay duties to support the funds etc. ...

Mr dehaup

Mr dehaup agent of / Colony desired the Lordships would be pleased to report / sd Act as fit to His Majesty's Royal command ... that it must be / purchaser in / and to pay / duty; & that was no new duty - 3 acts from 1710 to 1713 ... - near any opposition to / sd Act ... - / increase of / importation of negroes in / sd term of years.

Mr Chamberlain & Mr Harris

Mr Chamberlain & Mr Harris then sd ... that they should have no further objection to it, provided it could be made to appear that / duty was to be paid by / planter. ...

67] 1723-24

January 26th Present: - ... [see supra, Mr Ashe].

A.A. 22-26.

Virginia. Trade

Representation

on Act about liquors & slaves.

The draught of a representation agreed justly by repeals an Act in Virginia by laying a duty on liquors & slaves was signed

[note Petition of several merchants of Liverpool complaining of Act was read on Jan. 22nd]

50. 90] 1724.
A.A. 125-129.
Virginia
Order on
Papers
Ad.

May 19th. Present: - Earl o Westmoreland, Mr Chetwynd,
Mr Docminique, Mr Pelham, Mr Ashe.

The undermentioned copies o Orders in Council dd /
30th April 1724. were read, viz: -

Order in Council approv a representan o the
Board. f repeals an Act in Virginia in 1723,
entituled an Act f layg a duty on liquors o Slaves.

141] 1724-25

Journal o/ proceedgs ... fm / Session o January, 1724-25
to / Twentieth-second December, 1725.

B.B.

211] 1725-26

Journal o/ proceedgs ... fm / Session o January, 1725/26
to / Twentieth-first December, 1726.

C.C.

219] 1725-26
C.C. 92-96.

February 23. Present: - Mr Chetwynd, Mr Docminique,
Mr Pelham, Mr Bladen, Mr Plummer,
Mr John Hobart.

Trade.
Africa.
Letter fm
Duke o Newcastle
memorial fm /
Royal African
Co.

A letter fm / Duke o Newcastle, dd / 21st inst,
referrg to / Board a
Memorial fm / Royal African Co., settg forth
hardships the trade labours under, & desirg relief
therin, was read. And the Lordships resolv'd to
consider fur thof at anr oppy.

220] 1725-26
C.C. 96-40

Trade.
Africa.
Separate traders f
copies o Cos
papers & prayg
to be heard.
Agreed & copies
ordered.

February 24. Present: Mr Chetwynd, Mr Bladen,
Mr Plummer.

Mr Morris, Mr Harris, Mr Elton & Mr Director attendd,
desir'd the Lordships wd please to give them copies o/
African Cos petition, wh they were inform'd was refer'd to
/ Board; & t they mt h an oppy o beg heard in behalf
o / separate African traders, before / Board shd make any
representan upon this matter. To wh the Lordships agreed,
& order'd in / meantime t they shd h copies accordingly

221] 1725-26
C.C. 40-44

Trade.
Africa.
Letter to Mr Lynn
Gibson /
Co h
for to offer

February 25. Present: - Mr Chetwynd, Mr Docminique,
Mr Pelham, Mr Ashe, Mr Plummer.

Order'd t a letter be writ to Mr Lynn, Secretary
to / Royal African Co, to know wh / sd Co h
anythg to offer upon / subject o the petition, mentioned
in / Minutes o / 23rd inst.

March 2. Present: Mr Chetwynd, Mr Doorninque
Mr Pelham Mr Bladen Mr Plummer.

Trade.
Africa.
The Co's
memorial
considered.

The hardships took agn into consideration / memorial fm /
Royal African Co, mentioned in / Minutes o / 23rd o / last month.
Sett forth / sev'l hardships the trade lies under, & resolved to
consider fwr thro' on / afternoon

Post Meridicum

Present: - Duke o Newcastle, Lord Townshend, Mr Chancellor
o / Exchequer - & / about, w / Sir John Hobart -

Trade.
Africa.
Representation fm
/ Co o
the hardships
considered

A representⁿ fm / Royal African Co in relation to /
hardships the trade lies under, & propos^s methods & remedies
/ same, was read. And the hardships gave directions f sending
copies thro' to / South Sea Co & to / separate traders.

Copies ordered to go
South Sea Co
& separate traders.
Queries or direct
to be sent to
South Sea Co,
African Co,
separate traders
& West India
merchants.

The hardships also gave directions & sending / follow^s
queries to / South Sea Co, / separate traders, & to /
West India merchants [w / RAC?], & to they be desired
to send the answers therin on Mon m^d next, viz.:

Wh^r't sh^d be f / service o / public & / African trade
sh^d be carried on by a Co, or laid entirely upon ?

Wh^r it be necessary & / fort^s & settlements on / coast
o Africa sh^d be maintained ?

Wh^r & expense or not to lye upon / trade ?

Wh^t / present value o those settlements is ?

In what manner / property may be purchased, & how
sh^d be maintained f / future in / hands o /
Crown or Divise ?

224] 1725-26.
C.C. 52-56.
Trade.
Africa.
Sev'l answers to
queries.

March 3. Present: - Mr Chetwynd, Mr Doorninque,
Mr Bladen, Mr Ashe, Mr Plummer.

The follow^s answers to / sev'l queries mentioned in /
minutes o / 2nd inst. relaty to / African trade were read, viz.:

The South Sea Co's answer. dd / 4th inst.
Sev'l Virginia merchants' answer inclosed in a letter fm
Mr Micajah Perry, dd / 5th inst.

The Royal African Co's answer dd. / 7th inst.
Captain Lydes' answer. dd. / 7th inst.

Sev'l merchants
who h not
answered / queries
to be writ to.

March 9. Present: ... [ut supra, w Sir John Hobart] ...

The hardships taking agn into consideration / sev'l papers
relaty to / African trade, mentioned in yest^d's Minutes,
gave directions f writing to those sev'l merchants, who h not
yet made answers to / sev'l queries upon this subject; sent them
/ 3rd inst.

225] 1725-26.
C.C. 56-60
Trade.
Africa.
letter to
Mr Carterbe
for nage o ships
& value o exports

Ordered to a letter be writ to Mr Carterbe, Secretary
to / Commissioners o / Customs, f an acct o / tonnage o
ships employed in / African trade f ten years, fm
Christmas 1714, distinguishg; if possible, / Co's ships fm
those o / separate traders, as also an acct o / value o /
exports thither f / same time.

32.
March 11. Present: Mr Dominique, Mr Bladen, Mr Ashe,
Mr Plummer, Sir John Hobart.

Trade Africa.
letter from
Mr Dymon & copies
of answers to queries
etc. Consider

A letter from Mr Dymon, Secretary to / Royal African Co.
dd / 10th of March, 1725-6. deriving copies of /
use of Co, of answers given by / sevl merchants to /
queries, sent them by order of this Board, mentioned
in / Minutes of / 2nd inst., as also prop^{os} / names of
sevl merchants, to whom / Co derive / forementioned
queries may be sent, was read. Whereupon ordered t
an answer be made thereto.

Mr Tryon's
answer to queries
Trade Africa.

A letter from Mr Tryon, dd. / 9th March, 1725-6
w his answer answer to / queries, in relation to / African
trade, &c

letter from
proprietors of
Barbadoes abt
African Trade.

A letter from / most considerable proprietors of /
Island of Barbadoes to / sevl persons in Gr
Britain, interested in / sd island, requesting the
application to / Honorable House of Commons, of
establishing / African Trade by a joint stock, wch
letters & answers were read.

March 15. Present: Mr Chetwynd... [cum ceteris
ut supra]...

Trade Africa
letter from
Mr Dymon,
queries to be sent
to sevl
merchants

A letter from Mr Dymon, Secretary to / Royal African
Co, deriving t / queries mentioned in /
Minutes of / 2nd inst., may be sent to / sevl persons
named in his letter, read / 11th inst., was read.
And the Lordships were pleased to give directions t /
sd queries may be sent accordingly.

March 18 *

226].
227] 1725-26
C.C. 64-64.

March 22. Present: - ... [as on 15th] ...

Trade Africa
Answers to queries
abt /
African Trade.

An Answer from / separate traders from / Port
of London to Africa to / sevl queries, mentioned
in / Minutes of / 2nd inst. was read; as were
/ sevl answers from Sir Denis Dudgeon, Mr Douglas,
& Mr Cassels.

An anonymous letter signed T.B. & dd / 21st inst.
in relation to / African Trade was read.

Anonymous letter
relatg thereto
228] C.C. 64-41.
Copies of /
answers to be
communicated to /
Royal African
Co

The Secretary acquainted / Board, t Mr Parsons
& some of / African directors had bin w him, to
desire copies of / sevl replies returns to / fore-
mentioned queries, whereupon ordered t copies be
made out accordingly.

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Trade Africa
Africa
Sentlemen from
Aristol, answer
to queries abt African
trade
Mr Chester's answer
to same

March 18. Present: - Mr Chetwynd Mr
Dominique Mr Ashe, Mr Plummer.

Sir Abraham Elton & Mr Cole attendg, w some gentlemen
came from Aristol, presented to / Board an
Answer to / sevl queries, in relation to / African Trade.
sent them / 2nd inst, wch was read.

Mr Chester's Answer to / same queries sent him
/ 15th inst, was likewise read

March 23. Present: - Mr Chetwynd, Mr Dominique, Mr Plummer.

Trade.
Africa.
Mr Breneton
answer for
Liverpool to queries

Mr Breneton, one of members of Liverpool, attended, presented to Board an answer for merchants of port to several queries, mentioned in Minutes of 2nd inst., in relation to African Trade, which was read.

229] 1725-26.

C.C. 41-45
Trade.
Africa.
Letter to
Mr Dym of
acc^{ts} of
Cob for C^{ts}

March 25. Present: - Mr Chetwynd, Mr Ashe, Mr Plummer

Ordered to a better letter be writt to Mr Dym, Secretary to African Co. of an acct of nature, number, strength & situation of Cobs forts & settlements on coast of Africa.

230] 1726.

C.C. 45-80
Trade.
Africa.
Directory of
Co, acct
of the forts
Mr Gess
answer to queries.

March 31. Present: - ... [ut supra, w Bladen & Hobart] ...

Gen Thomas Sanderson, w some of directors of African Co, attended, presented to Board an acct of nature, number, strength & situation of the forts & settlements on coast of Africa, which was read, as also Mr Gess's answer to queries sent him relating to African Trade.

April 5. Present: - ... [as on 21st, w Dominique] ...

231] 1726

C.C. 80-84
Trade
Africa.
Cob
acct of forts to be
copied by
separate traders.

Ordered to copies of African Co's acct of the forts & settlements, mentioned in Minutes of last meeting, be sent to separate traders of London, Bristol & Liverpool

... [African papers continued, on 6.4. & 8 April] ...

232] 1726.

C.C. 85-89.
Trade.
Africa.
Hearg.
persons attendg.

April 14.

Post Meridiam

Present: - Duke of Newcastle, Sir Robert Walpole, Mr Horace Walpole, Mr Chetwynd, Mr Dominique, Mr Pelham, Mr Bladen, Mr Ashe, Mr Plummer, Sir John Hobart.

This day beg appointed to hear what Royal African Co had to offer in maintenance of the petition, referred to this Board by His Grace / Duke of Newcastle's letter of 21st of February last, as likewise what separate traders of London, & merchants of Bristol & Liverpool, had to offer in relation to African trade; Sir Robert Sutton & several members of Royal African Co, as Mr Attorney Gen & Mr Wills, the counsel; Mr Humphrey Morice & Mr Richard Harris, w several merchants of London, in behalf of themselves & of separate traders to Africa, as likewise Mr Earle, Mr Breneton & several gentlemen, who are concerned by traders of Bristol & Liverpool, w Mr Serjeant Darnell & Mr Fazackerly, the counsel, attended. The Lordships proceeded to sd hearg, & letter of reference from His Grace / Duke of Newcastle beg read,

Mr Attorney

34.
Mr Attorney Gen
opens / Co's
petition.

The Co
purchased forts,
etc. o the
predecessors.
The charge.

205) 1726.
cc. 89-92
A stock raised &
amounted to near a
million, but /
trade not in /
great danger.
Present state o
/ Co.
how arisen.

The price o negroes
increased by
competition o
separate traders.
The consequent
detriment.

African trade
necessary for
support o /
Plantations.
Forts &
settlements necessary
The reasons.

made, & inland
coast; he observed, it was one thing to maintain / trade w / natives, &
another to defend / coast; both o wh he alleged were necessary. T /
necessity o forts & settlements on / coast o Africa & carry on / trade etc,
appeared not only for / conduct o foreigners, but was likewise / opinion
o / Legislature o this Kingdom, expressed in / preamble o / Act o
Parliament o / 9th & 10th o his late Majesty King William / 3rd
to settle / trade to Africa. * w respect to / separate trading alleg'd
t they be carried on the trade to much greater advantage than / Co, Mr
Attorney desired to be informed what wd be the case, when / Co's forts &
settlements are taken away, or if they were in / possession o foreigners.

Mr Attorney Gen opened / Co's petition, representing
t / trade to Africa was o / great advantage & consequence to
Britain. T / trade o this Majesty's Plantations in America is main-
tained & supported by it; & b t reason his late Majesty King Charles /
and was pleased to grant / Co an exclusive trade for / Part o Ballee
to / Cape o Good Hope, T / sd Co, entering upon / trade, found it
necessary, not only to purchase o the preceding years forts & settlements,
wh they were possessed o, at a very gr charge, am't 3 to £34,000, but to
enlarge them & build new ones, as / power o the navy increased. T b
recover & improv this trade, they raised a stock & advanced it
by several subscriptions & calls on the adventurers to near a
million o money, but notwithstanding these repeated effects [i.e. efforts?]
/ trade is now in / great danger o being lost to / nation, & in
consequence / British Plantations in / utmost hazard o being ruined.
T / present ill state o / Co has arisen partly from the contest w
foreigners, but more from / separate traders, who, not contributing
to / charge o maintaining forts & settlements on / coast; tho they be /
protectors o them, were enabled to undersell / Co, & thereby deprive
them o / profit, wh / Co st to reap. T by this competition between
/ Co & separate traders, / price o negroes has been increased to
near four times / value they were sold at formerly, by wh
means they must go dearer to his Majesty's Plantations, &
consequently render / commodities, wh are made up o
produced by the labour, dearer also. T / Royal African
Co, having for some time carried on the trade to loss, at last
he has been obliged to put a stop to it, & by reason o the gr
charge must quit the forts & settlements, unless some remedy
be speedily put to / quiet us they at present labour under.

Mr Attorney, in behalf o / Co, likewise insisted t / African
trade is absolutely necessary for / support o this Majesty's
Plantations, & t it was necessary to maintain forts &
settlements on / coast to prevent foreigners from infringing t
trade. T, where a trade is to be carried on w savages,
it is impossible to do without forts & settlements, as Mr
Attorney instanced in / practice o / French, Dutch & o
foreigners on / coast o Africa. And as to an objection
made, t inland forts can be o no protection or service to ships upon /
coast; he observed, it was one thing to maintain / trade w / natives, &
another to defend / coast; both o wh he alleged were necessary. T /
necessity o forts & settlements on / coast o Africa & carry on / trade etc,
appeared not only for / conduct o foreigners, but was likewise / opinion
o / Legislature o this Kingdom, expressed in / preamble o / Act o
Parliament o / 9th & 10th o his late Majesty King William / 3rd
to settle / trade to Africa. * w respect to / separate trading alleg'd
t they be carried on the trade to much greater advantage than / Co, Mr
Attorney desired to be informed what wd be the case, when / Co's forts &
settlements are taken away, or if they were in / possession o foreigners.

If forts, or necessary
to / whole trade, it
is just they shd be
maintained by
the whole

manner o doing it

The Co shd
h / benefit o
the Charter,
to which
entertain, when
they h forts, or
an exclusive trade
within / compass
o / Co's
present settlements,
& / separate
traders to traffic
to the parts o /
coast.

234] 1726
C.C. 93-96.

And he urged t, if / forts & settlements were necessary &
beneficial to / whole trade, it was not just they shd be maintained
at / expense o / whole trade, & not by / Co alone, unless they h so
gr a share in it. T / next arg to be considered was / manner
o doing it. T tho he did not enter into / consideration o / legality
o grants an exclusive trade on / whole coast o Africa, as / same
is done by / Charter, yet he shd, / Co or at least to h / benefit
o the Charter, where the forts & settlements were, & ff some
certain dist^{ns} round abt them. T if / Co be allowed an
exclusive trade within / compass o the present settlements, they
wd be content / separate traders shd traffic in those parts
o / Coast o Africa, where it is alleged they procure so much
gr^{er} numbers o negroes. T / Co, by the sd Charter, h a
grant both o / land & god; & it is not to be contested but t
where / countries o savage people h bin found on &
discovered by / subjects o this Kingdom, / lands h bin vested
in / Crown, as this Majesty's Plantations in America h done.
T / sd Charter, so far as it grants / land & god, is legal,
& gives a property wh / Co may sell or dispose o to /
highest bidder. T upon a suppos^{on} t / sd forts &
settlements o / Co were in / hands o any one foreign naⁿ,
either Dutch, French or Portuguese, they wd undoubtedly
exclude / English & all o^r navs, in consequence whereof
/ whole trade o this Kingdom to Africa wd be lost. Mr
Attorney concluded, t, there beq, / principal matters o /
pet^{on}, he conceived it necessary / lands & trade on /
Coast o Africa shd be preserved to th^e Brittain, wh
cd only be done by a bill regulated so.

Mr Wilks Evidence
on behalf o /
Co.

Mr Wilks, /^r counsel on behalf o / Royal
African Co, then proceeded & represented to the
Lordships, t / Co h no o^r view but t so extensive &
beneficial a trade shd be maintained, tho / separate
traders h each a gr^{er} regard to the own private interest. T it is a
point genly agreed t this trade is necessary; but / separate traders
here differ in opinion for all o^r navs, concerning forts & settlements ff
preference & improvement o it. T experience shaws t, to / north o / River
Gambia, / French ingross / trade by means o the forts; t on / south part
towards Angola, / Portuguese destroyed our Co's fort at Cabinda, upon
an apprehen^{on} o its influ^{nce} to extend & increase / British Co's commerce
& interest in those parts, & lessen t o / Portuguese. T forts up in /
country, tho objected to as useless, are o course agst / savages, as those on
/ coast are agst pirates or enemies at sea. T / Dutch h forts on / coast o
Africa intermixed w those o / English, wh are a check upon each o^r. And
if / Trade shd be lost for this Majesty's subjects to those o any o^r nav,
who h forts on / coast, they, who h plantations o the own, wd never
supply this Majesty's Plantations w negroes, so t our plantation trade
wd soon be ruined thereby. The South Sea Co h given the opinion o /
necessity o forts & settlements on / African coast. T / House o Commons,
as appears by the Votes o / 23rd o February, 1709, were o / same opinion;

* The Charter, sd. 20 September 1692, is in
Doddman. I pp 144. 569.

2 / Board o Trade had represented to Her late Majesty, / 15th o March, 1711-12, t / African Co & separate traders agreed, " T b / preserving, better carryg on & improvg / "trade to Africa it was necessary t forts & settlements be "maintained & enlarged on t coast"; Mr Willy fur advised in ulam to men o war, wh some had propos'd f / only a best security o / African trade, t they cd not be o any use agst savages.

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T ships o war are liable to shifts o weather, & may h enemies or pirates to encounter, on wh occasions forts may be useful or necessary f them to h recourse to. As to / separate traders' allegan, t forts are not necessary, bec more negroes are had fm places on / coast o Africa, where ther are no forts, Mr Willy desired t / fact mt be made out; & if, as / separate traders affirm, / commerce is more advantageous, where ther are no forts erected, it wd be no inconvenience to those traders, shd / Co, upon agreeg to bear / charge o th' own forts & settlements, h / sole trade o those places, where they h bn at a sust' expence in making & maintaining such forts & settlements, & to / parts adjacent, partly fm / River Gambia to Cape Formosa, is wh, he sd, / Co wd be content. T if such a propos'n be not approved, & forts & settlements are necessary, as / Co insist they are, it is self evident / charge th'of o' to be supported by / whole trade. And as it has bn erected t in / glos' years / Co h not supplied His Majesty's plantans w abov 5, 400 negroes, wheras / separate traders h furnished them w 30,000 negroes a year, it is highly unreasonable to go on upon th' foot, where / separate traders h so lge a proporⁿ o / trade, & / Co bears all / expence o / forts & settlements. wherefore he urged t some proper regulat^{ns} shd be speedily made in th' trade, wh they submitted to th' Lordship's consideraⁿ, & partly referred to / proposals mentioned in / representatⁿ o / Royal African Co to th' Board o / 2nd o March last, and he concluded t, by reason o / Co's gr & necessary charge abov mentioned, they were unable to go on w / trade.

Proofs o what is
alleged in behalf
o / Co.

Debate o /
Council th'upon.

merchants o /
Liber pool & Bristol

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Sergeant Darnell sd, as he was instructed, they cost nothg.

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Royal African Co to /
Co o Royal Adventurers f th' effects, extracted fm /
Royal African Co's books, & signed by Mr Beaumont Richard
Beaumont, th' accountant, was produced & read. And / sd Mr
Beaumont beg present, was asked wh' ther was
no name or names in / books, fm whence / sd
acct was drawn, o / person or persons, to whom / sd
sd' sum's th' in mentioned were paid. He sd th' was
not, but t he believed th' were receipts taken f
/ sd sum's. The Council f / separate traders desired
t / Co's books were not produced, & they hoped th' Lordship's wd require
better evide, as likewise t Corporatⁿ Books wd not be admitted by evide in all cases.

The Council f / Co then proceeded to th' proofs
o what they had set forth & alleged, viz: —

As to / lands & exclusive trade granted to / Co,
Mr Attorney Gen referred to / Charter to / Royal
African Co in 1672, whereupon / Council f /

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A printed paper concerning a subscripⁿ.

Mr Lynn examined.

Co, where he found it fastened in by a wafer, it beg^d for before his time. The Council on /^r side desiring to see /original books o / subscripⁿ, Mr Attorney desired t Co m^r h an oppy to produce it, beg^d not now brot. The next

Copy desired to produce / Co's books.

Acct o purchase & charge o Fredericksburg.

Observed throⁿ.

Acct o money paid in to / Co

Mr Beaumont examined thereon

Acct o expens^s o forts & settlem^{ts}.

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Mr Beaumont's books & acct examined abt / sd acct, re

A printed paper in / year 1691, containing an acct o / subscripⁿ then made, & / gr^t sums advanced by / Co for carryg on / African Trade, beg^d produced, & Mr Lynn, / Co's Secretary beg^d present, he was asked how long he had bn Secretary to / Co, & how he came by t paper. To wh^{ch} he answered, t he had bn Secretary abt 5 or 6 years, t he had taken this paper out o a Minute Book o 1700, belongg to / Co, where he found it fastened in by a wafer, it beg^d for before his time. The Council on /^r side desiring to see /original books o / subscripⁿ, Mr Attorney desired t Co m^r h an oppy to produce it, beg^d not now brot. The next proof produced was an acct, signed also by Mr Beaumont above mentioned, & dated in 1688, containg / part^s o / purchase & charge o Fredericksburg or Fort Royal, wh^{ch} was read, whereupon Mr Sergeant Darnell observed t it was a mortgage, & m^t be supposed to be paid & delivered up, & t / Co ot to produce the deeds, to wh^{ch} Mr Attorney Gen replied, t they were in portu^m, & a good title, & offered this acct to prove / expence only. An^d aⁿ acct. shewg / sev^l sums o money paid in originally, & since / Co's establish^{mt}, signed likewise by Mr Beaumont, was read. And /sd Mr Beaumont beg^d asked how these acct^s were made, & for whence drawn, he sd, they were copied for / Co's books, & examined by himself. Mr Sergeant Darnell observed on / last mentioned acct amountg to £1,214,694-11s.-10d. sev^l of considerable sums had bn taken up by / Co on Bottomry bonds & calls, in order to make dividends to / Proprietors. Mr Beaumont beg^d asked how long he had served / Royal African Co, he sd abt 28 years, whereupon one o / separate traders took notice t it appeared by / Journals o Parliam^t, t / Co had some years ago alledged as an excuse f not producg certain acct^s, t one Mr Bishop had run away wth the books, and it was thereon inquired o Mr Beaumont, how / acct^s, not produced, wd be drawn f so long a time back, for / Co's books. To wh^{ch} Mr Beaumont answered, t /sd Mr Bishop had run away wth those books in his custody as cashier, & not wth those kept by him as accountant. Mr Attorney Gen next referred to an acct o / annual expence o maintaing / Co's forts & settlem^{ts} f 5 or 6 years, signed also by Mr Beaumont; amtg annually to £ 24,368 cost money, wh^{ch} acct was read, & Mr Beaumont beg^d asked wh^{ch} they had no acct^s o / charge o the forts before / year 1721, when this acct commences, & what / annual charge m^t be f t time; he sd, they had such acct^s f abt 30 years past, & t as to / charge o Cape Coast, wh^{ch} in t o all / forts or / Gold Coast is included, it had bn much abt / some one year wth an^d, as in / present acct. Mr Beaumont, at / instn^{ce} o Council [sic] f / separate traders, was then desired, & beg^d asked wh^{ch} / expens^s o the tradg Voyagers were not brot into this acct o / charge o / forts & settlem^{ts}; wh^{ch} he had not known, t acct^s h^{ad} bn first made here, & sent by / Co to Africa, in order to be transmitted back, & wh^{ch} / expence o all the factors, chief merchants, Writers, & o £1,000 per annum f a table, he not included in / sd acct o / charge o / forts & settlem^{ts}; he sd, he did not know o any such acct^s sent to Africa to be emitted thence. And to / last quesⁿ, concerng

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/ charge o / factors, chief merchants, &c. he answered in / affirmative;
+ t all / charges o / factors were included, As to / duty o 10 per cent;
received by / Roy o African Co fm / Separate traders, by virtue o an
Act o Parliamt made in / year 1698, an acct throf, under / hand
o Mr Beaumont was produced & read, wh upon examinⁿ, he sd,
was drawn fm / Co's books. Mr Beaumont was fur asked, wh /
charge o / Co's factories & settlements in Africa, did not am^t to one
half o what / Co laid out in / trade, he sd, he believed it did not.
And beg fur asked wh f some time / Co did not allow th^r factors
/ liberty o / trade on / coast in considⁿ only o / sd factors main-
taining th^r forts & settlements; he acknowledged t they did so, except
at Cape Coast Castle. A list o / Dutch settlements on / African
coast, signed by Mr Dym, / Co's secretary, who sd he hd drawn
it fm / map o / coast, was produced & read. Whereupon / Counsel f /
Co observed t na^m was plainly o opinion such settlements were
necessary, or d^ruire they wd not be at / expence o maintaining them.

Act o 10
per cent. raised
fm separate
traders by /
Co

Mr Beaumonts
fur examinⁿ.

Factories allowed
to trade on
consideration o
maintaining /
forts.

list o Dutch
settlements in Africa
Captain Lovett
examined on oath.

And Captain Lovett, who hd bn sd^r Engager on / coast o Africa,
beg called upon & examined on oath, as to sw^r parts concern^g
/ Dutch settlements, he sd, he hd bn at or in sight o / sd sw^r
places, & apprehended them to be all forts. T / Dutch
Governors in these places do not allow / English to anchor

or trade th^r w^t permission first obtained. But beg asked, if he knew any part^r
English ship t hd bn molested th^r, he sd, he did not. As to / French settlements
he sd, he knew only those at Goree & Senegal, where they do not admit o any
foreign na^m to trade. T he hd himself bn twice taken by / French in 1714
& 1719, on pret^{ce} t / whole coast, fm Sallee, to Cape Dona Esperanza,
belonged to them. T one o / sd times t he was taken by / French, he was
50 leagues to / northward, trad^g betwⁿ Senegal & Sallee. And not^g he
went to France on purpose, he cd obtain no satisfactⁿ. Beg then asked

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wh^r he knew t / French suffered any persons o d^r na^ms
than St Britain to trade betwⁿ Sallee & Senegal, he sd,
he did not know. As to / forementioned Dutch forts &

settlements, he was asked how long they m^t be in possession o / Dutch, to wh
he likewise answered t he did not know. Upon fur^r Enquiries concern^g /
Dutch & Portuguese settlements in Africa, he sd t^e he knows Fredericksburg,
[Burg] wh^{ch} is inhabited by Dutch, & has a fort o 60 or 70 guns, & t they
ke fort^s in sw^r d^r places. T / Portuguese carry off more negroes than
any d^r na^m fm where / Dutch h^{ve} settlements, pay^g them a certain national
duty, wh^{ch} he believed was 10 per cent. T he knows none but / Portuguese,
who pay t duty at / Dutch forts, nor any d^r na^m, t trade w^t / Dutch in like
manner as / Portuguese. T it was never known / English did customarily
trade w^t / Dutch th^r, only f wood, water & like necessaries; & beg fur

Portuguese pay
10 per cent. at /
Dutch settlements.

asked, wh^r / English, French or d^rs do not trade near /
Dutch settlements, wt pay^g / 10 per cent., or wh^r / Dutch
made any diff^{er} betwⁿ Portuguese ships fm Europe &
th^r fm / Brazil, he sd, he knew o no such liberty
/ English, French or d^rs hd fm / Dutch, & t he believed
no Portuguese what^r was excus^d fm pay^g them / sd duty o 10 per cent.

Mr Cleave sworn
& examined

settlements called Goree or Senegal, wh they took fm / Dutch, & had after-wards confirmed to them by treaty. T / French took three o / Co's ships, two wherof were detained at Goree; / 3rd in 1684 beg molested in thr trade on / coast by / French, they fought, & / English ship then escaped, but was afterwards taken. T / French always

The French take
/ separate traders
near thr
settlements,
Captain Lewis,
Mr Cleave,

Mr Cleave beg then sworn, & asked what he knew relaty to / Trade or settlements in Africa, he sd, he went thither in / year 1649, & / French h two settlements called Goree or Senegal, wh they took fm / Dutch, & had after-wards confirmed to them by treaty. T / French took three o / Co's ships, two wherof were detained at Goree; / 3rd in 1684 beg molested in thr trade on / coast by / French, they fought, & / English ship then escaped, but was afterwards taken. T / French always

take any separate traders or ships o dr nants, wh they find tradg near thr settlements, they claimg sayg claim to / sole right to / coast o Cape de Verd. And Captain Lewis sd, he was master o two seal ships & had bn taken by them. Mr Cleave proceeded & sd, / French h persisted so long in thr right to take such ships, & it is now become a practice w all merchants

except in policies
o insure o /
coast o Senegal,

mpce o /
Co's harb at
Gambia,

Limits o French
Co & o thr
thr claim o
exclusive trade.

Representan o
/ Board in
1711-12.

Votes o
House o Commons,
Act o Parliamt,

Fur being
appointed.

o ships in London. To except in thr policies / coast o Senegal belongg to / French. T as to / fort & settlement wh our Royal African Co h at Gambia, if they shd lose / property o it, / English trade th wh they suffer. T / limits granted by / French King to / Senegal Co, are abt six thousand miles, fm Gallee to Cape Bona Esperanza, & th they claim an exclusive trade fm Senegal to Arguin. The formentioned representan o / Board, relaty to / Trade to Africa, dd / 15th March, 1711-12. / resolves o / House o Commons, o / 9th February, 1709-10, & / preamble, o / Act o Parliamt o / 9th & 10th o King William, to settle / Trade to Africa, were then read. And / Council f / Royal African Co referred to / opinion o / South Sea Co, & drs now before / Board, relaty to / usefulness o forts & settlements on / coast o Africa, wh they submitted to thr lordships' consideration.

Wherupon all parties were ordered to withdraw. And / Board agreed to proceed to / fur being o this affair on Wednes next at 5 o'clock in / afternoon, & wh / sev parties were acquainted.

April 20. Post meridieum.

Present: - Duke o Newcastle, Lord Townshend, Sir Robert Walpole, Mr Horace Walpole, Earl o Westmorland, Mr Chetwynd, Mr Dominique, Mr Bladen, Mr Ashe, Mr Plummer, Sir John Hobart.

Trade.
Africa.
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Sir Robert Sutton & sev dr members o / Royal African Co, with Mr Wilks, one o thr Council, Mr Humphrey Morice, & Mr Richard Harris, w sev dr merchants o London, in behalf o themselves & sev dr separate traders to Africa; & likewise Mr Earle, Mr Grenetson & dr gentlemen, who are concerned f / traders o Bristol & Liverpool, w Mr Serjeant Darnell & Mr Foxcroft, th Council, attudy accordg to appoint m.

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new proofs &
witness
deposited since
1 last heard.

Original
Subscription book
in 1691.

Mr Willis acquainted the Lords with / nature o some
new proofs & widely discovered since / last heard, partly
fm / entries in / Co's books & dr papers, & partly by
persons ready to give the testimony visa voce, wh he
desired / Royal African Co mt & liberty to say before /
Board in support o real allegations o the petition concerng
/ African trade, before / separate traders entered upon the
answer. wh he's agreed to, / original subscription book
o / Co in 1691 was produced, & t part ther o, viz;
1/4th Article in / 2nd page o / subscription book fm 1691
to 1692, abt the purchasg / effects o / former Co, was read

as was likewise an order o / Court o Assistants o / 3rd o December, 1692,
relatg to / Articles o Agreement & surrender o / Royal Adventurers, & a
Warrant f / paymt o / first £17,000 in part o / £34,000 agreed upon.

As to wh Mr Fazackerly observed t / indenture itself shd be
produced, whereby / consideration mt appear, & / receipt to whom /
money was paid. An entry in / Co's cash book o / sd first
paymt o / sd first £17,000 / 24th January, 1692, w / directors'
certificate, signed by Mr Buckworth, etc was likewise read. The
copy o / cash book o / old African Co in 1692, beg produced by
Mr Lynn, upon examination, he declared he found / sd book in
his office at his first comg into it, upon wh Mr Sergeant Darnell
took notice t / present Co, beg purchasers, shd h / original books
o / old Old Adventurers. To wh it was answered, t / old Co
subsisted some time afterwards f part's purposes, such as /
paymt o debts, &c, so t it was necessary they shd keep the
original cash book. The Council f / Co likewise produced /

entries in / book o proceedings o / Court o Assistants o / sd Co, dat /
4th, 11th, 19th & 21st o March, 1692, relatg to the suspndg / paymt
o £17,000 to / Royal Adventurers, & the payg £12,000 in part ther,
wh sd paymt o £12,000 was corroborated by an entry in / sd
cash book o / 21st o March, 1692-3, certified by Mr Gabriel Roberts
& others. The officers o / Co beg asked, if ther was no acct o /
part's o / disbursemt o / £34,000, sd to be paid f / Co o Royal
Adventurers forth & settlements, they sd, they had found no part's,
& upon fur examination, they declared t / sd £34,000 was paid
by / present Royal African Co f / part's & all / or effects o /
Royal Adventurers, whereof abt £5,000 were debts due to / Old
Adventurers, f wh reason / Royal African Co stop't t sum, Mr
Barretton then askg, wh / Co were not in possession o / vouchers
referred to in the books o acct's, partly / receipts f / real sums
sd to be pd in this acct, Mr Cleave, / Co's Treasurer, answered
t he had carefully searched f such vouchers, but found none. The
Council f / Co also produced & referred to an acct extracted fm

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1 books o / sd Co's exports fm / year 1720 to 1724, wh was
read. Whereupon Mr Fazackerly observed t ther shd be
better witness than / entries o / Co's books, relatg to matters
o so late a date, to wh witness visa voce mt be hd; Mr Willis made answer,
t / same was truly extracted out o / Co's books, so mt be undeniably
proved, but t / only use now intended by this acct, was to shew
shew what considerable traders / Co were. The number o ships
employed by / Co fm 1720 to 1724 as mentioned in / sd acct,

was partly taken notice of. And an act of guineas coined of them. from / year 1695 to 1725, was likewise read.

Mr Walter Charles
examined.

The Council of / Co then called some witnesses & Mr Walter Charles beg sworn, upon examination he sd t he had bn on / coast of Africa abt six years ago, & continued on / coast abt 33 or 34 months. T in his opinion, forts & castles on t coast are of useful & necessary to / trade of His Majesty's subjects. T on / north coast partly, ships were often in distress... [Gambia]...

T as to / Dutch forts on / coast of Africa, he never knew any sd permitted to trade near them. And t he was of opinion, if we deserted / settlements we had near those of / Dutch, they wd ingross / trade in those parts. T he had lived some time on / Gold Coast, T all nans in ~~general~~ gen trade at our settlements, tho none of / English traded at those of / Dutch. [i.e. not / Dutch at those of / English] But this last, he sd, was accordg to / informan he had received, & did not declare it of his own certain knowledge, t any English ships had bn actually seized. But t had bn at Minna, / principal castle of / Dutch, he had heard t^r chief at t place declare, no English shd trade t^r. T all nans came to trade at Whidah, where more slaves were bot than at any o^r place.

Mr Snow
examined.

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Mr Snow beg next called & sworn, he declared upon examination, t from / year 1702 to 1719, he had bn four or five times on / coast of Africa. T he had bn chief of / Co at Gambia, ... [Gambia] ... And shd we abandon our forts on / Gold Coast, / Dutch wd ingross / trade in those parts, & t none of separate traders cd carry on any commerce t^r. T / Dutch,

within / influence of t^r forts, oblige even any fishermen t are foreigners to pay a toll of fishg. T at Whidah / trade cd not be carried on w^t w^o necessaries as canoes partly, w^h are purchased of / Dutch, corn & o^r stgs, & w^h a settlement is useful & necessary. T / balance of trade falls at present to / natives, / price of slaves beg enhanced from abt £8 they were formerly bot at, to £15 or £16 a piece, w^h is / present rate gain of them on / coast, a price at w^h, he sd, / trade cannot be carried on to advantage. And this, he sd, was occasioned by / compellⁿ of traders t^r, & t only a Co can cultivate a familiarity w^h / natives, & do by under / trade more beneficial. ... [Gambia] ... As to / questⁿ what dist^{ce} it wd be from / River Gambia to Dickey's Cove, he sd, it was abt 460 leagues, but observed t / Co had a settlement of fort at Sierra Leone betw these places. And he added, t he was in / year 1703, at Cape Coast, where he had bn informed t notice had bn sent to divers separate traders on / coast, of two French ships of war arrivg t^r, & t by / fine from t^r platforms, / sd ships of war were obliged to sail away. T he had known 12 sail of 10 per cent. ships protected by / platform at Cape Coast, where were 14 or 15 guns of 18 pound ball. Mr Snow beg likewise partly asked wh, if t^r were no private traders, / Co wd be able to buy cheaper than any o^r nans; he sd did not say they cd. And as to / questⁿ, w^her we cd not trade at Annamaboo, in case we, had no forts on / coast, Mr Snow sd, / Dutch wd not suffer it. And t they permit such only of / Portuguese as come from / Brazil, to trade upon / Gold Coast, accordg to / stipularⁿ betw them, / Dutch confiscatg any Portuguese ship comg directly from Lisbon to trade t^r.

Mr Ramsey & Mr Blackwood
Mr Ramsey
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CC. 126-129.

The counsel f / Co then called upon Mr Ramsey & Mr Blackwood to give the lordships an acct o what they knew concerning / African Trade, who beg sworn, & sevl quest^{ns} asked Mr Ramsey relatg dr to, he sd, t he hd traded 12 years to / coast o Africa, & was chief f / Co at Gambia in 1720. T he was o opinion, forts & settlemts were necessary f carryg on / African Trade. . . . [Gambia]
T if we abandoned our forts in Africa, he was o opinion, we cd not carry on / trade. The French wd in t case ingross / north, & / Dutch / southern coast, & he hd heard o a scheme in France f t purpose. . . .

Mr Blackwood
Mr Dym
Mr Barrington
abt a policy.
Mr Overal

Mr Blackwood, upon examinⁿ, then gave / Board an acct, t he hd traded to t part o Africa called / Gum Coast
Mr Dym, / Royal African Co^s Secretary . . . [Gambia] . . .
Mr Barrington beg then sworn, a policy f usury was produced, . . . wh^{ch} in was an excepⁿ agst / sd ships gog to / French & Portuguese settlemts. . . .
Mr Overal was then sworn, & upon some quest^{ns} acquainted the lordships, t / Dutch at / coast o Minina hd taken upon them to seize a Portuguese ship, wh arrived the fm Lisbon. T as to any agreem^t betwⁿ / Dutch & Portuguese, he knows nothg o it. And upon inquiry wh^{ch} / Portuguese hd not first seized a Dutch ship, he sd, he hd heard some such thg.

Inspeⁿ o / Co's books & papers.
244] 1726.
CC. 129-134

Mr Sergeant Darnell then desired they mt h / inspect o / Co's books & papers, wh were now produced, f t accordg to his instructs fn a person, t is / representative o him, to whom some part o / money sd to be paid f / Royal Adventurers' effects was due, dr hd bn no money paid, but some equivalent spotten o. And Mr Fazackerly wrd t some o / acct^s produced by / Co, beg part^r articles taken out o sevl books, / whole acct^s mt explain / part^s; wharupon J was agreed in behalf o / Co, t / separate traders shd inspect / sd books in / pres^{nc} o some officer o / Board, or fm / Co.
The lordships then resolved to take this matter into full consideran on Friday, / 29th inst. at five o'clock in / afternoon.

April 29.

Post Meridicm

Present. - Duke o Newcastle, Lord Sicant Townshend, Sir Robert Walpole, Earl o Westmorland, Mr Chelmsford, Mr Dominique, Mr Pelham, Mr Bladen, Mr Alobe, Mr Plummer

Sir Robert Sutton, Sir Thomas Sanderson & sevl o^r directors o / Royal African Co, w Mr Attorney Gen & Mr Wills, the counsel, attendg, as they hd bn desired, as also Mr Morice & Mr Harris, & sevl o^r / separate traders fm London, Bristol & Liverpool, w Mr Sergeant Darnell & Mr Fazackerly, the counsel, the lordships resumed / consideran o / African Trade; & Mr Sergeant Darnell desired, in behalf o / separate traders, t the lordships wd give him leave to make some remarks upon what / counsel f / African Co hd offered at / last hearing.

Mr Sergeant Darnell
His observations on sevl parts alledged in behalf o / Co.

First, Mr Sergeant observed t / African Co hd alledged as an uridge t forts & settlemts were absolutely necessary, t / Co hd bn at / expense o buyg them. Secondly, t anybody sd they were necessary, Thirdly, t it was / opinion o / legislature, when they passed / Act f layg a duty o £10 per cent. upon / separate traders loads maintaing / forts & settlemts. And fourthly, t it was / opinion o / separate traders themselves, as they hd given under the hands.

As to forts & castles beg necessary.

To / first, Mr Sergeant observed, t allowg / African Co's having bot these forts & settlemts, to be an uridge o thr beg, absolutely necessary to protect / trade, yet they hd given no uridge o thr having bot these forts & settlemts o thr predecessors. T / £34,000, wh they alleged to h bn paid to / old Co o Royal Adventurers f thr forts & settlemts, did nowhere appear in thr accn books, t h bn paid f forts & settlemts, but f effects, & t he was ready to prove t / Co hd actually received £22,000 in effects, but t he cd not admit o thr having paid / £34,000 as alleged, they havg produced no proof, nothg but entries o thr books, w^t any receipt f / same.

248] 1706.
Ct. 146-150

As to thr second allegaⁿ, t it was anybody's opinion, t forts & settlemts were necessary, he sd t it was not only / opinion o all traders, t they were unnecessary, but o dr nans also, & he partly instanced / Portugueze, who carry on / gst trade to / coast o Africa w^t havg any fort thr, but t they paid a duty o £10 per cent. to / Dutch Co. f beg supplied wth negroes at thr arrival upon / coast.

Opinion o / Legislature

As to / Co's third allegaⁿ, viz.: T it was / opinion o / Legislature, / forts & settlemts were necessary, Mr Sergeant did confess it was mentioned in / preamble o / Act f layg a duty o £10 per cent. but t he thot it was an argum^t rather agst them than f them, since / Legislature h let this duty drop, wh they wd not h done, hd they thot t forts & settlemts were in anywise necessary.

Opinion o separate Traders

As to / Co's fourth allegaⁿ, viz.: T it was / opinion o / separate traders t forts & settlemts were necessary, & t they h given such an opinion under thr own hands, as also the opinion f maintaing / sd forts & settlemts by a duty on trade; Mr Sergeant observed, t / separate traders hd indeed laid before / Board a memorial, signed by Mr Morice, Mr Harris, & some o^r, in pursuance o some direcons sent them by / Board o Trade, but as they were thaly directed to give thr opinion upon a supposⁿ t forts & settlemts were necessary, he hoped / Board wd not interpret anythg thrin contained, as / opinion o / separate traders, to / necessity o / sd forts.

Allegans f an exclusive trade answered.

As to / Co's allegaⁿ, t, if they hd an exclusive trade, they wd be enabled to buy negroes on / Coast o Africa much cheaper than they do now, Mr Sergeant observed, t t was no reason f an exclusion, & t supposⁿ / Co shd obtain an exclusive charter, it wd be only excluding thr fellow subjects, as foreign nans cd not be affected thry, but wd trade to / coast o Africa as they do now. T if a duty shd be laid on trade, to support these forts & settlemts, it wd give foreigners / advantage, as it wd enable them to trade cheaper. T when / duty o £10 per cent. was laid on trade, it reduced / trade to so low an eb, t Bristol sent out only eight ships, whereas, since t duty ceased, they h annually employed sixty odd. T / Co f many years togt did not send out one single ship, but left thr forts & settlemts to thr agents, who were at / charge o maintaing them. T / Co, since / year 1780, havg made sev^l gr calls, hd sent out £34,000, but he never hd heard t they hd received any return f / same, wh hd bn / ruin o many. Mr Sergeant Darnell observed fur to thr lordships, t thr Charter, beg an exclusive one, was void in law, & instanced partly a case, whereby it appeared t / Legislature were o / same opinion viz: A ship belongg to Mr Dockwra, tradg upon / coast o Africa, was seized by one o / Co's ships, commanded by Captain Dickinson, f w^{ch}, after / resolⁿ, Mr Dockwra brot his acⁿ agst / captain & recovered damages;

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249] 1726.
C.C.150-154

/captain then applied himself to Chancery where he was received,
& / Co obliged to pay all costs; / Co then appealed to / House o
Lords, where / decree was confirmed.

Soil / property
o / Crown

Mr Serjeant Darnell begged leave, to make one full observⁿ
w respect to / forts & settlements on / coast o Africa, viz: That he
conceded / property o / soil to be in / Crown, he thought, it was necessary
to support t properly, t some settlements shd be maintained ther, but then he submitted
to the lords hips wh it was proper, t charge shd be laid on / trade, or be paid f out
o / revenue accruing to / Crown fm t trade.

Observⁿs on

Mr Snow's vidée.

Mr Serjeant then acquainted the lordships, t at / last meetg, /
Co produced an vidée, viz: Mr Snow, who affirmed t w^{ch} else o /
separate traders' ships had bn protected by / fort at Cape Coast Castle,
fm two French men o war, who came on t coast, wh vidée was so far fm / truth, t
they had witness to produce t Sir Dalby Thomas, then Governour o Cape Coast Castle,
sent to acquaint some o / Co's ships then on / coast, t his guns were not fit f
service, & t he cd not protect them, whereupon they cut the cables & made / best
o the way. Mr Serjeant then submitted to the lordships, how far it was
reasonable to believe Mr Snow's vidée, w referⁿ to / protect jason to / w^{ch} else
ships belong to / separate traders by Cape Coast Castle, at a time when /
Governour joined himself not in a condⁿ to protect / Co's ships, but left them to
take care o themselves.

Mr Morice his
arguments in behalf
o / separate
traders.

Mr Morice then acquainted the lordships, t he was
directed by / separate traders o / Port o London, to lay
before / Board the thots concerning / state o / trade to Africa,
w some observⁿs they had made upon / African Co's petition &
memorial, f wh purpose, he set, t / trade to Africa was / chief
& only support o / Planters, as it supplied them w negroes. T / Planter trade
is now / most considerable branch o / trade o this kingdom, & t, shd / Planters
not be supplied w negroes, wh wd be / case, if / separate traders be excluded
fm / negro trade, he was apprehensive / Planters wd soon become o little
consequ^e. T / trade to Africa occasioned a gr^t exportⁿ o our own
manufactures. T / only way to maintain this trade was to continue it
open, & not confine it to an exclusiv^e co, who did not export annually

negroes supplied
to /
Planters.

To / Planters about 5,400 negroes at / time they
did trade, whereas / separate traders, h this year made
a disposⁿ f furnishing o fifty thousand negroes. T /
city o London employs annually in / African trade
84 ships, / city o Bristol 63, & / town o Liverpool 21;
& t these ships, w respect to the trade in / Planters,
are / occⁿ o 1,000 more beg employed. As to /
Co's allegⁿ, t / trade to Africa was in danger o
beg lost, he set t, if this was true it was high time
to take / necessary precaⁿs to prevent / same. T /
Co had offered nothg in proof o this assertⁿ. T if
/ trade was in danger o decayg, it was not owing to /
private traders, who had bn / only means o supporting
this valuable branch o trade to this Kingdom.

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C.C.154-158.

In answer to ano^r reason assigned by / Co f / decay o the trade,
viz: / insults & hostilities wh / sd Co had received fm / Portuguese at
Cabinda, & fm / French at Gambia, he set, t notwithstanding / settlements at
Cabinda had bn ruined, yet a gr^t trade was carried on the then
war. T it is a place o open trade, where all nations come promiscuously.
T / gr^t trade on / coast o Africa was carried on at places distant
fm / Co's forts. T / private traders had found out several places o
good trade, t / Co knew nothg o. T / Co's forts had frequently fired
at / private traders' ships, & had behaved in / same manner as an
avowed enemy, & therefore Mr Morice submitted to the lordships,

wh^{ch} it was not an inconsistency in / Co, to pretend t^e / private traders cd not
 h^{ave} carried on the trade w^{ith} / assist^{ance} o^f / Co's forts. As to ano^r part o^f / African
 Co's complaints, viz: T / South Sea Co's secret^{ions} are continually enhanc^{ing}
 / price o^f negroes on / coast; Mr Morice sd, t^e / South Sea Co wd never h^{ave}
 begun a trade to / coast, had / African Co performed the contracts w^{ith} them.
 T / South Sea Co themselves do agree t^e / q^{ui}st trade is carried on where
 / African Co h^{ave} no forts & settle^{ments}, partly at Bonnamaboo, whidah,
 Calabar & Cabinda. As to / Co's resolu^{tion} o^f leav^{ing} the trade, & desert^{ing}
 the forts & settle^{ments}, Mr Morice sd, they had formerly done so, but t^e they
 were ab^{le} to carry on trade, & are still ready to do so. T all / West India
 merchants do agree t^e / Planters were never so well supplied w^{ith} negroes as
 at present. As to ano^r part o^f / Co's allega^{tions}, t^e / French do pretend
 to exclude all ships trad^{ing} to / northward o^f Gambia, Mr Morice sd,
 there was no o^{ther} way to prevent it, but by ships o^f war, neither can there
 be any o^{ther} protect^{ion} o^f ships on / coast; not any way to prevent /
 Emperor or any o^{ther} prince fr^{om} send^{ing} ships to / coast o^f Africa. Mr
 Morice then concluded by enlarg^{ing} upon what Sergeant Darnell
 had just before sd, in behalf o^f / private traders, w^{ith} respect to / Co's
 allega^{tions}, t^e they had signed a memorial to / Board, wherein they
 acknowledge / necessity o^f forts & settle^{ments}, wh^{ich} Mr Morice sd
 were o^f so little consequence, t^e he believed one single man o^f war
 cd destroy them all.

Mr Harris on / same side then read his observa^{tions} upon
1 African Co's pet^{ition} & memorial, wh^{ich} was left at / Board.

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May 4.

Post merididm

CC. 159-163.

Present:— The Duke o^f Newcastle, Lord
 Viscount Townshend, Sir Robert Walpole, Mr
 Chetwynd, Mr Dominique, Mr Pelham,
 Mr Bladen, Mr Ashe, Mr Plummer.

Trade.
Africa.

Keazg

Mr Elton.

Mr Bortle.

Mr Fazackerly

the counsel, attend^{ing} accord^{ing} to appointment, Mr Beacher

o^f Bristol

his represent^{ation} on /

African Co's

pet^{ition}, etc

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CC. 164-166.

Mr Fazackerly

t^e / separate

traders.

Sir Robert Sutton & sev^{eral} o^{ther} members o^f Royal African
 Co, w^{ith} Mr Attorney Gen & Mr Wills, the counsel, Mr Humphrey
 Morice & Mr Richard Harris, w^{ith} sev^{eral} o^{ther} merchants o^f London, in
 behalf o^f themselves & sev^{eral} o^{ther} separate traders to Africa, as likewise
 Mr Elton, Mr Bortle, Mr Brereton, Mr Beacher & o^{ther} gentlemen, who are
 concern^{ed} w^{ith} / traders o^f Bristol & Liverpool, w^{ith} Mr Sergeant Darnell &
 Mr Fazackerly the counsel, attend^{ing} accord^{ing} to appointment, Mr Beacher
 o^f Bristol read to the Lordships a paper contain^{ing} his
 answer & observ^{ations} upon / pet^{ition} & represent^{ation}
 o^f / Royal African Co, refer^{red} to this Board by His
 Grace / Duke o^f Newcastle's letter, mention^{ed} in /
 Minutes o^f 14th o^f last month, wh^{ich} paper he left
 w^{ith} / Board.

Mr Fazackerly then proceed^{ed} in behalf o^f /
 separate traders fr^{om} Bristol & Liverpool, & represent^{ed}
 to the Lordships, t^e / sev^{eral} separate traders h^{ave} an equal
 & natural right to trade to those parts. They are

consider no one shd be constrain^{ed} in his right unless it were fr^{om} / public
 good. T / quest^{ion} is at present, wh^{ether} / benefit o^f this trade shd be dispers^{ed}
 over all / Kingdom, & monopoliz^{ed} by a few o^f His Majesty's subjects. T
 when it is in many hands, ev^{ery} part^{icular} person employ^{ing} his stock fr^{om} /
 improvem^{ent} o^f it, & t^e it has bin considerably advanc^{ed}, appears by / g^{reat}
 number o^f ships o^f late employ^{ed}, & manufactures export^{ed} fr^{om} Bristol,
 Liverpool & o^{ther} parts o^f this Kingdom. T / trade to Africa is o^f beneficial,
 is agreed on all hands, & Mr Fazackerly particulariz^{ed} sev^{eral} branches
 o^f / Planters trade, wh^{ich} depend^{ed} upon it. Observ^{ing} t^e negroes / African

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trade, wd be in effect to ingross / Plantans, wh he thot highly unreasonable, especially by a Co who, accordg to the own state o the affairs, seem to be in a broken condⁿ, & therefore, as he thinks, they are not fit to be trusted wth fav^r privileges. Mr Fazackerly then took notice, t^h the were four material parts o this Grace / Duke o Newcastle's fore-mentioned letter o reference to be considered, viz: His Majesty's Pleasure t^h the Board shd give due attⁿ to a matter o so gr^t weight & consequence, as / subject o / Royal African Co's petition; / hardships / Co life under; / decay o / trade f^r negroes; & / causes o it; & t^h the hardships shd report the opinion what methods are proper to be taken, f^r / preservg so considerable a branch o / trade o His Majesty's subjects. As to / first, Mr Fazackerly sd. it was not to be doubted but / Board wd give all possible attⁿ to an affair o such consequence. In relation to / second, he sd, / Co cd not pretend to h^{ave} any hardship done them, wth first shewg some merit on the side, or some right, o wh they had been deprived. T^h right, they pretend to, is founded on / Charter granted them in 1672, wh he opened, & alledged t^h / grants therein contained were agst Law, & t^h / sd Charter was therefore void. T^h by our constitution / King had not a power, wth / consent o Parliamt, to exclude any o his subjects fm tradg to any parts o Africa. T^h the had been a like Charter f^r / trade to / Canary Islands, wh in King Charles / Second's time had been adjudged to be void. T^h / Co was no legal body or Corporⁿ, & h^{ence} therefore no right w^{as} to / forts; & if the be no right in any Corporⁿ, / right is properly in / Crown. In relⁿ to / merit o / Co, as is pretended by the purchasg & maintaing o forts & settlemts on / coast o Africa, he sd, it did not appear the thirty four thousand pounds paid by / Co to the predecessors, / Royal Adventurers, was f^r anythg besides the effects & debts due to them; tho by the acts they wd h^{ave} it believed / last mentioned sum was disbursed f^r the forts & settlemts. T^h / effects & sums employed in this trade by / separate traders did v^{ery} much surmount those o / Co, & t^h if / Co had made an ill bargain, / separate traders ot not to bear it. T^h if / Co had suffered any real hardships, they were recom^pensed by / duty o 10 per cent. paid f^r a time upon / separate traders, wh amounted in / whole to almost one hundred thousand pounds; & was a good over-balance to what / Co had laid out on any public acct. In relⁿ to / decay o / trade f^r negroes, Mr Fazackerly observed, t^h / Co had given no w^{id}er to t^h purpose, & t^h it was so far fm being true, t^h the had been an improvement o / trade in gen. T^h / increase o negroes in / Plantans was a benefit to / trade o / Kingdom, & increased / Revenue o / Crown. T^h durg / continuance o / duty o 10 per cent, / number o negroes carried to / Plantans were much less than o late years; they began increased to thirty, forty, & sometimes fifty thousand negroes per annum. T^h as to / dearthness o negroes, a gr^t demand than usual will always raise / price. T^h since / sd duty o 10 per cent, the number o ships employed in / African trade, had increased at Bristol fm seven to eight to sixty three sail, & at Liverpool fm one or two to t^wo twenty two or twenty three. T^h this benefit o / increase o ships, employed in / African trade only, has been v^{ery} exten^{sive}, occasions likewise a gr^t number o ships to be employed in / Plantan trade.

Methods for preservg / trade. In relⁿ to / fourth head o reference, as to / methods f^r preservg so considerable a branch o / trade o His Majesty's subjects, Mr Fazackerly observed, in answer to what had been urged fm / preamble to / Act o Parliamt, wh gave / 10 per cent. duty, & fm / representan in 1711-12 o / then Board o Trade, whereby forts & settlemts were declared necessary f^r carryg on & preservg

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/ trade to Africa, & experience of to be our guide rather than / precedents now mentioned; & t when / sd 10 per cent Act was made, & mt then seem reasonable to h forts & settlemts in Africa f / purposes before mentioned, when we had not known so much of / advantages of an open & free trade, as we since h done by above 13 years' experience. T / shore of Africa is six or seven thousand miles in length, & t / great trade is where / Co has no forts, T two or three ships of war wd be a better security to / trade than all / Co's forts; / charge of wch ships he sd wd be sufficiently compensated by / increase of His Majesty's duties on / produce of / Plantations

Number of negroes imported.

As to / number of negroes imported of late years into His Majesty's seal Plantations Mr Humphrey Morice acquainted the Lordsships & the hd out bn time, since / Co's petition was communicated to / separate traders, of procuring certificates thereof.

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Mr Sergeant Darnell then called upon seal witnesses present, who were respectively sworn & examined viz.:

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Mr Wragg

Mr Samuel Wragg — Bn a trader to Carolina 17-18 years. T country formerly hd vj few negroes but now employ near 4,000. Has import abt 1000 pa. formerly none. Sometimes 2-300. The Co never supplied / Province on the own acct except by a private contract w him, when they supplied him w 300 instead of 900. The Prov. bn regularly supplied w what negroes they want by / separate traders

Mr Spatt

— lately come from Carolina; / Prov. then vj well supplied w negroes never knew of any negroes brot thr by / Co except those contracted f w

Mr Wragg

— Prov. takes abt 1000 pa. They sell at £30-£35 p head. a negro can make £10 pa clear profit f his master; thinks / Colonies wd be cheaper & better supplied by / separate traders than / Co.

Mr Perry

— Virginia merchant. Prov plentifully supplied w negroes; vj few Co's ships thr since he was in trade, abt 3-4 years.

Mr Bradley

— in / trade to Virginia over 20 years. Prov hd bn well supplied w negroes by / separate traders. The labour of a negro produces abt £15 annual duty to / Crown. Believes negroes now cheaper than formerly, but admits thr was formerly a duty of 5% on negroes, making them dearer.

Mr Hunt

— Trader to Maryland. Of late years 500-1000 negroes imported thr p.a. Produce of a negro abt 4 hogsheds tobacco pa. Duty thrn £40-£50. Prov wd take more negroes if they cd get them. Gambia, in coast, & Angola chief places of supply. Believes if trade confined to a Co, negroes wd be dearer & Prov wd be supplied

Mr Byam

— Trader to Antigua abt 12 years; island well supplied by / separate traders 10,000 hogsheds sugar in / island last year. Negroes brot thr so plentifully by / separate traders & they hd bn forced to carry some away unsold. They now pay less sugar f negroes than formerly; apprehends Plantations wd be in a vj bad condition if / trade of Africa restrained to a Co

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C.C. 173-178.

Mr Gerwin

— lived at Montserrat many years. Island better supplied w negroes 3 to 1 better since 10% duty ceased, than before. They hd as many brot by / separate traders as / planters cd pay f; never hd / like supply for / Co. Planters sometimes sent ships themselves to Africa f slaves. Durig / duty of 10% they made abt 2,000, but now 3,000 hogsheds sugar pa. less quantity of sugar now paid f negroes than formerly.

Mr Day

— lived in Jamaica 1708-10. Island then well supplied w negroes by / private traders. ... Separate traders imported 7 to / Co's 1 man when / 10% was paid in 1723, 23,000 hogsheds sugar shipped, each containing 14-15 cwt. Formerly only abt 12,000 each hogsheds containing 11-12 cwt. If / Co shd h an exclusive trade f negroes, he apprehended it wd ruin / Plantations.

Witnesses to lists of ships employed by / separate traders

Then Mr Tomms, Mr John Ketcher, & Mr Ogden, beg severly sworn were examined to prove / respective lists of ships employed by / separate traders of London, Bristol & Liverpool in / African trade.

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May 11.

Both Meridians

CC 183-187.

Present: - Lord Townshend, Earl of Westmorland,
Mr Cherymond, Mr Ducauque, Mr Bladen,
Mr Asha, Mr Plummer, Sir John Hobart, Bart.

Trade.
Africa.
Kearg

- Attendance o parties & the Counsel [except / A.G.] ab on May 4. -
Mr Morice desired o the Lordships t Mr Newport, a considerable trader
to Barbadoes, the Knight o Jamaica, who were present, mt be
examined as to / supply o negroes, w wh those islands hd bn seized,
durg the beg acquainted w t trade. Whereupon Mr Newport, beg
sworn & sev'l ques^{ns} asked him, he sd - lived 6 years in
Barbadoes, to 1706 - / negro trade to t island chiefly carried

Mr Newport
examined

or by / private traders - Now as many negroes in Barbadoes as in 1700, & now as
cheap as formerly. - many sent off / island & disposed of at d^r Planters - ...

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Mr Knight

Mr Knight - sworn, lived sev'l years as a factor at Jamaica - Reciv^d. - Son of
some time - In 6 years not above 3-4 ships come dr w negroes on acct of Co;
/ separate traders hd 30 ships w slaves dr in one year. Whilst he was
in Jamaica / island w well supplied w negroes. Since then / price
advanced £4-£8 per head. - occasioned by / advance o / commodities o t island.
less is now got by / negroes at Jamaica than formerly. He hd heard o some
planters o island complain o / want o negroes, but they were gently such persons
as cd not pay f them.

Mr Sergeant Darnell.

Then Mr Sergeant Darnell, in behalf o / separate traders,
desired to the Lordships, in answer to / evidence, wh Mr Snow
hd given, o / strength & usefulness o Co's forts on / coast o Africa, t they hd proof o
/ sd Mr Snow's declar^y t w one ship o strength he cd beat down all / sd Co's forts.
And, as to / protect pretended to be given to ships belongg to / separate traders agst an
enemy, it was by advising them to cut the cables & get away. So t in truth there
forts were no better than sheds or warehouses for goods. And to prove in what
mean condⁿ, & o what little consequence / Co's forts & settlements on / coast o Africa

Captain Bonham
abt mean condⁿ
o / forts, etc.

were, Captain Bonham beg called, was sworn, & upon
examinⁿ declared, t he hd bn acquainted w / coast o
Africa abt twenty four years, f 13 or 14 whereof he was
master o sev'l ships in t trade. And beg desired to give
the Lordships an acct o / sev'l forts belongg to / Co, & / places
o trade betwⁿ / same, fm Gambia to Whidah, he sd he hd bn at Gambia

in 1710

T fm Gambia to Sierra Leone, is abt 150 leagues. T / Co h no forts dr,
tho they formerly hd one, wh was o no use, bec ships cd not come within 15 or
16 miles o it. T it was taken / last war by 3 or 4 open boats. T fm
Sierra Leone to Sherborough is thirty leagues [90 miles]. T he hd bn thr 15 or

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16 years ago, & employed by / Co, & t in / late French war / forts
thr hd bn taken by a small vessel o abt 8 or 10 guns. T all
navy trade to t place, & if well fortified, cd not hinder them
fm so do. T fm Sherborough to Dicky's Cove is abt 300
leagues [900 miles], t ships commonly get slaves before they come thr, & t
won wt go. T he hd never bn ashore thr. T thr is a small
factory, wh can be o no service to shippg. T / only use o Dicky's Cove, is
to supply ships w wood, water, etc. The next place, belongg to / Co, is

Seccunden, where he hd bn ashore. T thr is a factory, & some guns,
w abt 6 men to defend it, but it can only be o use agst / negroes.

T thr is a Dutch factory w^g near it, & t ships cannot come near enough to lye under / protectⁿ o / guns. Fm Secunda to Commenda, thr is ^{abt} half a miles distre. T he hd never bn ashore thr, but did not believe it capable o protect^g ships. T Cape Coast Castle is / metropolis o all / coast. T thr is a battery o guns mounted, but t he does not think this place capable o protect^g any ships in / road, bec by reason o foul ground, thr runs such a sea at full & change t ships cannot ride safely thr. Beg asked if he hd never heard o any ships beg protected by / guns at Cape Coast Castle, he sd, he hd heard but o two small ones, / reason o wh he conceived to be, bec no ship o burthen wd venture after them. T thr is no trade thr at present, but t / trade is now carried on at Anamaboo, whr all mans trade wd interruptⁿ. T thr was a little factory thr, but it is now demolished, & / natives will not as yet suffer / Co to rebuild / same. T all mans trade thr promises equally. T he believes thr are 10 negroes bot thr to one to any o^r part o t coast. T t is a vry lge town, near a mile long. The has sometimes anchored in / main road, & has bot negroes thr o / Dutch. T any one may trade freely where / English fort is at Ampanaboo, but not w / same freedom where / Dutch forts are. T slaves are bot at many o^r parts o / Gold Coast, & cheaper than at Anamaboo. Beg asked / price o negroes at t place, he sd t abt twnty years ago they were sold at abt £10 or £12 per head. T he is not certai o / price now, but t he believes them to be dearer than they were thirtien years ago, when they were sold at £13 or £14 per head, & accord^g to / hist o his advice, they are sold now at abt £24 per head. Beg asked / reason o / increase o thr price, he sd, he believed it to be owing to / gr demand thr is ff them. As to Wimnebah, he sd, he hd never bn on shore thr, but t he hd bn in / road. T thr was a small factory much like / o^rs, wh he did not believe was capable o defence. T he hd bn on shore at Accra, & t / fort thr was much like / o^rs, neither capable o protect^g / traders, nor present^g any persons trad^g thr. T / Danes & / Dutch hd forts near Accra. And beg asked whr, 260] 1726 whr, if / English hd no fort thr, / Danes or / Dutch C.C. 196-200. wd prevent our trad^g thr, he sd, he believed it was impossible to hinder / natives bring^g off thr negroes

As to Whydah And beg asked whr / Dutch, where they have settlements, allow / English openly to trade, he sd, he hd traded at some places, where / Dutch & Danes h settlements, both w / natives & w / Dutch, partly at / Dutch settlement o St. George del Mina. ...

Captain Gordon examined. Captain Gordon was next called, & beg sworn, upon examination he gave / follow^g acct o his knowledg, & what he hd bn informed relat^g to / Co's forts & settlements, & / trade on / Coast o Africa, viz.: T he hd used t trade fm / year 1702 to 1715, it beg now sixteen years since he was upon / coast. T he hd bn often at / Co's forts & settlements fm Gambia all along / Gold Coast. ... [Gambia]... T he knows no one fort / Co h, wh is capable o protect^g a ship. And t in / year 1704, upon advice o some French men o war beg upon / coast, Sir Dalby Thomas gave orders ff one o / Co's ships to put to sea, as know^g he was not in a condⁿ to protect her. T he did not remember above one o / Co's ships protected, wh was by gett^g under / fort at Cape Coast. Beg asked

whn he did not think Cape Coast Castle capable o protectg ships thr, he sd, he believed it mt some times, but t upon / change o / moon thr runs such a sea, it was not safe f ships to lye at anchor near it. Captain Gordon beg partly asked, whn he thot / English forts & settlements on / coast o Africa wd not be o advantage agst / Dutch, French or o' foreign settlements thr, he sd, t / Co always opposed / separate traders accordg to what strength they had, & t an enemy cd not do more.

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C.C. 200-204.
Captain Snelgror
examined

Captain Snelgror, beg likewise called o' sworn, he sd upon exam'n, t he had bn acquainted w / African trade these two & partly years, & was upon t coast abt fifteen months ago. T it is abt 250 leagues [450 miles] fm Sherboro' to Ancobera, betwn wh settlements thr are real good places o trade, / natives comg off to / ships in canoes. T since / duty o 10 per cent ceased, / trade has g'tly increased in those parts, where / Co h no forts or settlements, & t / windward o all / sd settlements, / trade is carried on chiefly by our separate traders, & no o' any foreign nam. T our separate traders h bn obstructed by armed canoes fm / forts. T he, / sd Captain Snelgror, was at Dickys Carr in / year 1723, when thr were but five white men o / guard, & t he was informed by / factors, / trade thr was so little, / place was not worth keepg, besides t, / water thr is not good, & / place incapable o receiving vessels to careen, bigger than long boats. At Seccondie, wh is abt ten leagues [20 miles] distant fm Dickys Carr, Captain Snelgror sd, he was on shore in October, 1724, thr beg then four white men to guard it, & t / trade was so inconsiderable, / Dutch had shut up thr factory thr on t acct. At / same time Commenda, seven leagues [21 miles] distant fm Seccondie, had only five men to guard it, wh he sd, was a place like this Majestys powder magazine near Greenwich. T he was at Cape Coast Castle in October, 1724, wh is abt six leagues [18 miles] fm Commenda, in / former o wh places he saw but 20 white men, where they had upwards o 40 guns, but not o use. T / Castle was out o repair, & / trade thr inconsiderable, beg drawn away to Anamaboo, wh is not above 5 leagues [15 miles] distant. T ships cannot be protected in / road, & if they come neary / shore, are in danger o shipwreck, / ground thr beg ~~so~~ so rocky. T Phipps's Tower & Fort Royal, wh are appendices to Cape Coast, are usefull agst / natives only. T as to Queen Ann's Point, he was never thr, but believed it o no use, Anamaboo beg so near it, wh last place, he sd, he was at in November, 1724. T it was a neutral port. T / Co's fort was fallen down, & / natives wd never permit them to repair it. T he was at Tantium quarry (a small settlement 6 leagues fm Anamaboo) in February, 1722, & saw but two white men to guard it. T it was o no use. T he was at Winneboh, (settlement abt 6 leagues [18 miles] fm Tantium quarry), in January, 1722, & saw but 5 men to guard it, & / river near t place is brackish, so t fresh water is vj scarce. T in November, 1724, thr were five white men at Acora, (distant 10 leagues [30 miles] fm Winneboh). T / Dutch h likewise another factory within half a gunshot o it, & / Danes another within abt a mile, but t all three are not capable o commandg / trade, / far g'ter part beg carried on at Shado, a free place 4 leagues [21 miles] above them, & at Stalia & Labadie, 3 leagues [9 miles] below them.

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T fm Accra to Taquin is abt 60 leagues [180 miles]

wt any settle^{mt} between them, except Whidah, but t thr
CC. 204-208. are sevl places o good trade f negroes & elephants'
teeth. ... T from Taquin to Cape Lopez is abt 300

leagues [900 miles] ... T in his opinion / settlements on / coast o Africa
are o no protect^o or service to / trade in gen, but h bn an obstruction to
himself & o^rs. T ships o war will be / only proper & effectual protectⁿ
to / trade, partly agst pirates. Captain Snelgrove beg partly
asked, whr he hd ever traded w / Dutch on / coast o Africa, he sd,
he hd often done it w them & / natives near / Dutch settlements, & once
w / Dutch Gen him self. T / Dutch, havg fewer planters in America
than we have, do not regard slaves so much. T thr are o^r places
where a free trade is carryed on in Africa besides Amamaboo, & /
natives often come along / coast to / places where shippg arrive.
T in conversⁿ w / Gen f / Dutch at / Mine, / sd Gen com-
plained t thr forts were burthensome, & if / English Co were
inclined to make / Dutch a present o thr forts, he wd not advise
/ Dutch to accept them, tho he owned / Dutch hd given thirty
thousand florins, or abt three thousand pounds sterlg, f Cape
Three Points & a fort at Arguin. But upon fur examinⁿ,
he sd, t any naⁿ, wh hd not yet traded to Africa, instancg / people
o Ostend, mt send thr ships & trade thr wt beg hindered by any
forts o what naⁿ soever. Captain Snelgrove beg asked, if,
besides / white men, wh he sd wh he sd were at Dicky's Cove, thr
were not sevl blacks, & whr thr mt not be more white men thr than
he saw. He sd, thr were four or five blacks, & it mt be more, wh
he did not see; & did not deny but they mt be o service in
defendg / place, but sd, / white men were principally to be
depended upon, & as to / number o / latter, he sd he did not
believe thr were more than he saw, bec / chiefs o each settlement
always made / best shew they can o white men people when they
receive any stranger on shore. Mr Wills then askg Captain
Snelgrove whr / Dutch cd not hinder any ships or traders
withⁿ / reach o / guns o thr forts; & if forts & settlements were not
o service, f what reason he thot / Dutch gav^e / value o three
thousand pounds f Cape Three Points & Arguin, & were at
expense upon o^r forts. He sd, as to / first, t he believed they mt
hinder any o^r ships or traders t shd come withⁿ / reach o thr guns.

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T as to / purchase made by / Dutch, o Cape Three
Points & Arguin, it was abt / year 1720, in /
Bubbling time, when pretences were made o mighty
advantages fm some mines, sd to be discovered in those parts.
T / Dutch West India Co bot those places o / King o Prussia,
tho / fort is since fallen into / hands o / natives o Africa, who
answered whn / Dutch demanded it agn, t they mt h / materials,
but not / place. And / Captain fur sd, he hd bn at much o /
Dutch settlements, whereof they h abt ten at dift places, & / grest
part o them in / same ill state o repair as those belongg to /
English Co.

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May 19.

Post meridiem

C.C. 224-227.

Trade.
Africa.
Hearing

Present:— The Duke o Newcastle, Lord Viscount Townshend,
Sir Robert Walpole, Earl o Westmorland, Mr Chetwynd,
Mr Dominique, Mr Bladen, Mr Ashe, Mr Plummer.

Sir Robert Sutton, Sir Thomas Sanderson & seal & of Directors o/
Royal African Co, w Mr Attorney Gen & Mr Wills, the Counsel, attendg, as they hd bn
desired; as also Mr Morice, ~~Mr~~ & Mr Harris & seal o separate traders fm London,
Bristol & Liverpool, w Mr Serjeant Darnell & Mr Fazackerly, the Counsel, the
Lordships resumed / Consideraⁿ o / African trade; & Mr Attorney Gen desired
leave, in behalf o / African Co, to observe to the Lordships, by way o reply
to what / Counsel f / separate traders hd represented to the Lordships, beginning
t / only answer / separate traders hd offered, w respect to / hardships / Co
labour under, was t they hd neither right nor merit, tho at the same time, he sd, he
hd not observed t / o^r side hd advanced anythg agst / Co's right, t was consistent
w / Common Law. T it hd bn alledged t / Co's Charter beg f an exclusive trade,
was agst Law; Mr Attorney Gen observed t was no reason agst the beg a corporaⁿ,
hec supposg t part o Charter, wh grants anythg not within / prerogative o / Crown,
to be void on Law, yet as it is / undoubted right o / Crown to create a corporaⁿ, he hoped
/ Counsel on / o^r side wd admit t part o Charter to be in force. And as to / Co's
right to the forts & settlemts, he submitted to the Lordships, whr they hd not made it
appear t / present Co hd purchased them fm / old Co t hd bn subsistg before / year
1672, & t / Co hd bn in quiet possessⁿ o them ever since.

As to / o^r allegaⁿ o / separate traders, t / Co hd no merit; he sd, t wd
depend upon / forts & settlemts beg usefull or not. T if they hd bn usefull. it
was meritorious in / Co to h erected them, & to h maintained them ever since.
T / erectg these forts hd preservd / Coast o Africa fm falling into
/ hands o / Dutch in / first Dutch War in 1674. [sic]; & he
for submitted to the Lordships, whr it was no merit to h
borne this labour & expences at a time when he did not observe the hd
bn any proof offered, o any one separate trader beg concerned in t trade, & t,
if f Co hd not them traded to / Coast o Africa, / Plantans must h bn ruined.

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C.C. 227-230

In answer to some questions t hd bn asked, w respect to what
methods were necessary f preservg & supportg this trade, & to / cause o
its decay, Mr Attorney observed, t / Co hd bn at a gt charge in maintaining
the forts & settlemts, & t offer as / separate traders, after / 10 per cent. ceased,
hd no o^r charge laid on the trade, towards / maintaining these forts, they cd
consequently trade upon easier terms; & this Mr Attorney sd, he conceived to
be / cause o decay o / Co's trade.

Mr Attorney Gen for sd, t he hd not observed any evidence
produced t forts & settlemts were not useful. T fm experience no trade cd
be carried on to advantage w^t some settlemts, as appears by / separate
traders themselves sendg the ships to those places where / negroes are brot
down f them, & allowg those places only to warehouses, yet these warehouses
cd not be protected on / Coast o Africa, even fm / injuries o / natives, w^t forts.

T forts & settlemts were for necessary f extendg / trade up /
Country, w^t wh the will be fewer slaves exported to / Plantans, than if /
settlemts were extended, & / negroes f / reason will be dearer. As to /
proposal o / private traders, t two or three men o war shd be appointed on
/ Coast, to protect / trade, Mr Attorney observed, t they mt indeed be o service
in defendg Ships fm pirates, but cd be o no use to extend / trade into /
Country, wh cd only be done by a force at land. T / Dutch, French

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• Portuguese were so sensible o/ necessity o/ forts & settlements on /
coast o/ Africa, t they were at gt charge in maintaining them. T/
Portuguese partly were so jealous o/ African Co's in creasg the
strength, t they sent some ships o war for Lisbon, on purpose to
destroy / forts erectg by t Co at Cabinda. T forts & settlements,
if o no service in protectg / trade this trade, were absolutely
necessary to preserve possessn, & to create an evidence o /
property o Gt Britain on t coast. T as this trade had never
bn carried on w/ forts & settlements, Mr Attorney sd he feared
it wd be o dangerous consequence to make such an experiment.
T shd they be deserted & fall into / hands o a foreign power,
all / evidence o our possessn wd cease, & we shd be excluded
fm any trade thr. As to / bad condin o/ present forts &
16a] 1726. settlements, / gt disadvantages / Co h traded under
C.C. 230-233 are sufficient reasons f it; howr, if they h
strength enough to resist / natives, they are
sufficient to answer / Co's purpose.

As to / manner how these forts & settlements may be
supported, Mr Attorney observed to the Lordships, t they had
already proved / Co's property in them, & t he conceived they ot to h /
sole use o them, or else / liberty o partg w them. T as / Co had
purchased them & bn at / charge o maintaining them, it cd hardly
be thot / Co wd h bn at this charge, w/ a sufficient title to this
trade, & t supposg / Co had bn under a misapprehenⁿ o the right,
he submitted to the Lordships, how unreasonable it wd be, t
separate traders shd h all / advantage, & / Co be at / whole charge.

Mr Attorney, then in behalf o/ Co, made / followg
proposn to / Board; & sd t, whereas / private traders h
represented to the Lordships, t / chief trade f negroes was carried
on on t part o/ coast o Africa, where / Co h no settlements, / sd
Co were wllg to be confined to t part o/ coast where the own
settlements were, wh was only a space o 300 leagues [900 miles],
• & leav^g the rest o/ coast, wh is abt 1400 leagues [5,100 miles],
to / separate traders. T, if this was not approved o, he conceived
it m^t be worth / Gov's while to buy them. But if they did
not care to do this, & / Co shd desire leave to dispose o them,
he did not see how this liberty cd be denied to / Co. He
further sd, if it was worth while f any o man to buy them, it
m^t be worth / while o Gt Britain to do it. And if it was
/ interest o Gt Britain to refuse / Co / liberty o sellg, it must
be f / interest o this naⁿ to purchase them.

Mr Wills, counsel on / same side, then enlarged upon what
Mr Attorney had offered, & submitted to / Board wh Mr Snow's evidence
had not fully proved ~~that~~ t forts & settlements were absolutely necessary
f protectg / trade upon / coast o Africa. As to / proposal o/ private
traders, to send ships o war to protect this trade, Mr Wills observed to
the Lordships, t / private traders hadg already represented, t ships cd
not come near / coast; t they cd be o no service but agst pirates at
sea; whereas it is necessary to h some settlements to protect / traders
agst / insults o/ natives.

Mr Wills likewise acquainted / Board, t / African Co wd not insist upon / whole extent o the Charter, provided they mt enjoy / trade exclusive o all pts, at Gambia, Sierra Leone, Sherborough, & fm Cape Palmas to Cape Formosa, wh is abt 250 leagues [750 miles], & where / chief o the settlements are; & t they wd leav / rest o / coast free to / private traders. T in consequence the wd be a grt number o slaves exported, as this proposal wd create an imular betw / Co & / separate traders. T / Co wd be wllg to oblige themselves to maintain the settlements upon t part o / coast wh they derive, f wren, or durg a term o years, & to lay before / Board annual acct o the whole proceedgs, provided they mt enjoy this exclusive trade as before proposed. T / only reason why / separate traders wd not allow / forts & settlements to be necessary was, bec as it is highly reasonable t those, who reap / benefit, shd share / charge, they were apprehensive o this additional expense. As to / African Co's property & right thereto, Mr Wills observed t a quiet & uninterrupted possessⁿ f upwards o 50 years was a ~~of~~ sufficient demonstrⁿ. As to / Cape Coast Castle, / property o wh / separate traders hd insisted was in / Crown, by reason o its havg bn taken fm / Dutch, Mr Wills sd / Crown hd given up t property, by grantg / Charter. And as to / Co's beg a subsistg corporaⁿ, he sd t sev Act's o Parliamt hd taken notice o them as such.

Trade.
Africa.
Papers considered.

May 25. Present:— Earl o Westmorland, Mr Dominique, Mr Bladen, Mr Ashe, Mr Plummer.

The Lordships took agn into the considerⁿ / sev papers relatg to / African Trade, mentioned in / Minutes since / 23rd o February last, & made a progress therein.

agn considered

May 26. Present:— ... [ut supra] ...
— [a similar minute] ...

27] 1726
C.C. 238-242.
Trade.
Africa.
Papers agⁿ considered.

June 9. Present:— Earl o Westmorland, Mr Chetwynd, Mr Bladen, Mr Ashe, Mr Plummer, Sir John Hobart

— [a similar minute to may 25] —

Sev papers read & considered

June 14. Present:— Mr Pelham, Mr Bladen, Mr Ashe, Mr Plummer, Sir John Hobart.
The Lordships took agn into considerⁿ / sev papers in relⁿ to / African Trade, mentioned in / Minutes since / 23rd o February last, & read / followg papers, received at sev times since, viz:

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C.C. 242-246.

An acct o ships belongg to / Port o London, t are employed in / trade to / coast o Africa, toge w an acct o / names o / commanders, owners & number, o vessels each ship is designed to carry to / Plantns & Colonies o America. March 30th, 1726.

A list o / Royal African Co's ships employed in 1720, 1721, 1722, 1723, 1724
Proc^t o ships sent out by / Royal African Co o England, w the cargoes, for / followg years, viz:— 1720, 1721, 1722, 1723, 1724 & 1725.

Copy o / petition o Samuel & Joseph Travers o London. — [re French]
Copy o a petition o sev Merchants — [ship Employe^d w^{ch} by / French].

An acct o quineas coined out o gold imported fm Africa by / Royal African Co o England, fm 1645 to 1725.

Draught o representⁿ

The Lordships then gave some directⁿ f preparg / draught o a representⁿ thereon.

June 15 }
June 14 } — Draught o representⁿ for considered —

301] 1726. December 19. } - [Gambia, French] -
cc. 361-365
302] 1726. December 21. }

304]. Journal o/ proceedgs ... for 3rd January. 1726-27
to 21st December. 1727.

D.D.

307]. 1726-27. January 24. - [Gambia, Count de Broglie].
D.D. 12-17.

Trade.
African Cos
papers

January 26. Present: - Earl o Westmorland, Mr Chebwynd,
Mr Doeminique, Mr Pladen, Mr Plummer.
Their Lordships, taking agn into consideran / papers for /
African Co, mentioned in / Minutes o / 24th inst [Gambia] ...

308] 1726-27 February 1. - [Gambia] ...
D.D. 17-21.

309] DD. 21-26 February 8 - [Gambia] ...

311] DD. 30-35 February 17. - [Gambia Count de Broglie] ...

315] 1726-27. March 3. Present: - Earl o Westmorland, Mr Chebwynd,
D.D. 48-52. Mr Doeminique, Mr Pelham, Mr Plummer.

Trade.
African Co
during / Boards'
report on the
petition.

Mr Parsons, Mr Hayes, & some o' Directors o / African
Co (Jour. C.C. fo. 244) (fo. 63) attendg, presented to /
Board an

*Extract o two letters, wh they had received from the
chief merchants at Cape Coast Castle, relatg to /
designs o / Dutch upon Seccunder, one o / sd
Cos forts, wh was read.*

and / Directors desired the Lordships wd please to make the report
upon / Royal African Cos petition (mentioned in / Minutes o /
23rd February 1725-26) (Jour. C.C. fo 34) in relan to / hardships
they lye under a to / decay o the Trade.

318] 1726-27. March 16. Post meridum

D.D. 61-65.

Trade.
Representan
African Trade.

Present: - Earl o Westmorland, Mr Chebwynd,
Mr Doeminique, Mr Pelham, Mr Plummer,
Sir John Hobart.

The Lordships taking agn into consideran / draught o
a representan (fo. 50.64) ordered to be prepared /
14th o June. 1726 (Jour. C.C. fo. 243) upon / state o /
African Trade, / same was agreed & ordered to be transcribed

Trade.

Representan
signed.

March 17. Present: - Earl o Westmorland, Mr Chebwynd,
Mr Doeminique, Mr Pelham, Mr Ashe, Mr Plummer.

*The draught o a representan (fo. 63) upon / state o /
African Trade, agreed justy, was signed: as also a
letter b enclousg / same to / Duke o Newcastle.*

[vide CO. 389/28, fo. 305.]

346] 1727. August 12. Present: - Earl o Westmorland,
D.D. 180-184. Sir Orlando Bridgman, Mr Cary.

Miscellanies
New Comers
to / Board.

Sir O Bridgman
o Mr Cary in

/ place o
Mr Plummer o
Sir John Hobart.
Mr Popple
appointed Secretary.

His Majesty's Commission dd 18th inst. whereby
(besides / gr officers o State as in / Cash Commission b the
Board) / Right Honble. / Earl o Westmorland, John
Chebwynd, Paul Doeminique, Thomas Pelham, Martin
Pladen, & Edward Ashe, Esquires, Sir Orlando Bridgman
Bart & Walter Cary Esq. are appointed Commissioners b
promoty / Trade o this Kingdom, o improvng the Majesty's
Plantations in America was opened & read; & the
Lordships took the pleas a' / Board accordingly.
- Mr Popple admitted as the Lordships Secretary

E. E.

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E.E. 161-165

Miscellaneous
New Commission
of this BoardSir Thomas Frankland

in / room o

Mr Chetwind.June 4. Present: - Earl o Westmorland,
Mr Doernique, Mr Pladen
Sir O Bridgman, Mr Cary.His Majesty's Commission, dd / 1st instant
whereby (besides / 9th officers o State as in / last
Commission of this Board) / Right Honble /Earl o Westmorland, Paul Doernique,
Thomas Pelham, Marquis Pladen & Edward Ache,
Esqs. Sir Orlando Bridgeman, Bart,
Saller Cary, Esq. & Sir Thomas Frankland, Bart.are appointed Commissioners of Promotg / Trade o this Kingdom,
o Improvng his Majesty's Plantations in America, was opened &
read; & the Lordships took the seats places at / Board accordingly.[End o / Volume]

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Journal
o/
Commissioners of Trade
& Plantations
fm
January 1728-9 to December 1734.
preserved in
The Public Record Office
1728.

1. Journal o/ proceedgs ... fm 2^d January, 1728-29
to 31st December, 1729.

F. F.

85. Journal o/ proceedgs ... fm 1st January, 1729/30
to 31st December, 1730.

G. G.

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G. G. 49-52.

Trade.
Africa
Order o/ House
o Commons.
Papers

March 6. Present:— Mr Docminique, Mr Bladen, Sir O.
Bridgeman, Sir T. Frankland.

An Order fm / House o Commons, dd. yest^d requiring
copies o this Board's reports abt / African trade,
dated / 15th March, 1711-12. & / 17th March 1716-17
was read: & / Secretary lays before / Board copies o / sd
reports. Colonel Bladen was desired to present them to
/ House accordingly.

March 10. Present: Mr Pelham, Mr Ashe, Mr Cary,
Sir T. Frankland.

Trade.
Africa.
Order o/
House o Commons
Papers.

An Order fm / House o Commons, dd. / 7th inst, requiring
a copy o / Board's report relaty to / African trade
dated / 3rd February 1709, was read, & a copy
ordered to be made accordingly.

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1729-30.

G. G. 56-59.

Trade.
Africa.
Inconveniences in
/ Trade.
Persons
Summoned.

March 13. Present: Mr H Walpole, Mr Docminique,
Mr Pelham, Mr Bladen, Mr Ashe, Sir O.
Bridgeman, Mr Cary, Sir T. Frankland.

An Order o / Committee o Council, dd. / 12th inst,
referyg to / Board / copy o a letter directed to / Lord
Townsend, relaty to some inconveniences our Trade to
Africa at present labours under, was read; where-
upon ordered t Mr Tinkler be desired to attend /
Board upon this subject on Tues m^g, & Mr
Morie, Mr Hayes & Capt. Bonham on Wednes next.

Trade,
Africa.
Mr Tinker attends

March 17. Present: - Earl of Westmorland, Mr Docminique,
Mr Pelham, Mr Bladen, Mr Ashe, Sir O. Bridgeman,
Mr Cary, Sir T. Frankland.

Mr Tinker attending, as he had been desired, the Lordships took
again into consideration / Order of Committee of Council, referring to / Board / letter to /
Lord Townsend, relating to / African Trade, read at / last meeting, & during Mr Tinker
was informed / Board what goods were commonly exported to / Coast of Africa, & from
whence they were bot; he acquainted / Board, that most ships trading to Africa, took
in great part of their loadings at Holland: that all / woollen manufactures carried to
Africa were exported from hence, as were likewise guns, but the gunpowder,
Knives & lignum vitae handles, black hussar Knives, almost all / India goods,
heads, tobacco pipes, old sheet & blue paper, Silesia, spirits, & cowries were
1729-30. taken in, in Holland: that indeed these sorts of loading were
G.G. 59-63. hazardous, because he had known several English ships seized by / Dutch
Governors on / coast of Africa as Dutch interlopers for having these
Dutch commodities on board.

The Lordships, after some further discourse with Mr Tinker upon this subject, desired him
to let / Board be a further account of this matter on Tuesday next, which he promised accordingly.

March 18. Present: - ... [ut supra, ut Pelham & Ashe] ...

Trade.
Africa.
Persons attend

Mr Morice, Capt Bonham & Mr Stages attending,
as they had been desired, the Lordships took again into consideration
the Order of Committee of Council, relating to / inconvenience / trade to
Africa labours under, mentioned in yesterday's minutes, & desired these gentlemen would
inform / Board what they did not take part in part of their loadings from Holland, & if
so, what was / reason, why these goods taken in, in Holland, might not be had in
this Kingdom; to which Mr Morice said, that except gunpowder & spirits, they did not
go to Holland for any part of their loadings; that duty of 4/8 per cwt on salt petre &
5/4 on brimstone, was / occasion of gunpowder being about one third dearer in this
Kingdom than in Holland: that price of gunpowder in Holland is about
£2.2.0, but here it is sold for about £3.15.0 per cwt: that East India Co
being obliged to furnish / the Govt with 300 tun of salt petre each year, if
demanded, they were obliged to keep that quantity ready, & consequently raised /
price thereof, as it occasioned a scarcity. As to spirits, he said, / reason of their
being cheaper in Holland than in this Kingdom, was / bounty given upon /
exportation of corn, which he said, paid / freight to Holland, & / excise paid here,
which was 8/- or 10/- per gallon; being asked partly as to / following goods
used in / African Trade, he said, that blue paper, Silesia, or German
linen being exported from Hamburgh, it was cheaper here than in Holland,
/ Dutch having it by land carriage: that old sheets were cheaper in Holland:
that iron & beads were cheaper in Holland, & that cowries were cheaper here.

Mr Morice further said that, in a ship of 7 or £8000 value they did not take
107] 1729-30 from Holland in their manufactures above £1000, & that only
G.G. 63-66 such as were cheaper there than here; being asked what any foreigners
were concerned in / African Trade from this Kingdom, he said, that every
ship was obliged to be registered, & to take out a Mediterranean
pass, upon which on occasions an oath is required & taken, that no foreigner is nor ever
concerned in this said ship. The Lordships then asked Mr Morice, whether / Dutch
factories upon / coast of Africa had not sometimes seized English vessels for having
Dutch goods on board, to which he answered, that so far from it, our vessels, taking part
of their loadings in Holland, always received passes from / Dutch West India Co.
These gentlemen being withdrawn, the Lordships resolved to consider further of this
matter on Tuesday next.

113] 1730.
G.C. 124-128.
Miscellaneous
New Commisⁿ

May 20. Present: - Earl o Westmorland, Mr
Dorminique, Mr Bladen, Sir O.
Bridgeman, Mr Brudenell, Sir
Archer Croft, Bt.

A new commission under / gr seal o Gr Britain,
bearing date / 14th inst, appointing James Brudenell, Esq.
a Sir Archer Croft, Bart, to be o this Board, in / room o Walter Cary Esq.
a Sir T. Frankland Bart, was read, & they took the places at / Board
accordingly.

June 4. Present: - Mr Dorminique Mr Bladen,
Mr Pelham, Sir O. Bridgeman

125]. 1730.
G.C. 148-151.
Trade.
Africa.
Prizes goods.

The Secretary then laid before / Board / copy o

An acct o / prices o sev^l sorts o goods proper f /
African trade wh are bot cheaper in Holland
than in England, wh he had received fm Mr Tomlinson;
a / same beg read, ordered t / draught o a report
be prepared upon / Order o / Committee o Council, relaty to some
inconveniences, wh / Trade to Africa at present labours under,
read / 13th March last.

125] 1730.
G.C. 156-160
Trade.
Africa.

June 19. Present: - Mr Pelham, Sir O. Bridgeman,
Mr Brudenell.

The report to / Committee o Council in relaty to /
African Trade ... was signed

142]. Journal o / proceedgs ... fm / 5th January, 1730-31
to / 23rd December, 1731.

H. H.

221]. 1731.
H. H. 190-194.

July 22. Present: - Mr Pelham, Mr Bladen
Mr Brudenell.

Trade.
Letter fm
Mr Burchet w
papers abt ports
in Africa.

A letter fm Mr Burchet, dd. / 3rd inst, relaty to /
ports & settlements on / coast o Africa, was read, &
/ followg papers upon this subject, the w^{ch} transmitted
were laid before / Board, viz: -

- Copy o a letter fm Mr Peake.
- Copy o a letter fm Mr Crookshanks.
- Extract o a letter fm Lieut. Ogilvie.
- Copy o a letter fm Mr Rogers & Mr Stubbs
- Copy o two letters fm Mr Brachtwaite.

Gambia & S^t.

219]. July 20

Present: - Mr Pelham Mr Bladen, Mr Brudenell.

Jamaica.
Merchants petⁿ
aggrⁿ Act layg
duties on negroes.

Three Orders o / Committee o Council, all dd yet^r inst
referyg to this Board / petitions o merchants o Bristol,
Liverpool, & the King^d to Jamaica, aggrⁿ an Act lately passed the
whereby a duty is laid on all negroes imported & exported, were read.

- August 11. Mr Alderman Perry, Mr Richard Harris, Mr Bradley, Mr
Gerrish, Mr Scope m.P. f Bristol ... heard on the petitions

230] 1731
H.C. 219-226

August 25. Present: Mr Dorminique, Mr Bladen Mr Brudenell.

a report ... to / Lords o / Committee o Council
in answer to / three sev^l orders o / 4th o last
month - upon / above petitions - was signed.

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Journal o/ proceedgs ... fm 4th January, 1731-32
to 28th December, 1732.

J. J.

267].

Journal o/ proceedgs ... fm 9th January 1732-33.
to 31st December, 1733.

K. K.

269].

Journal o/ proceedgs ... fm 8th January, 1733-34.
to 31st December 1734.

L. L.

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fm
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Journal o/ proceedgs ... fm 19th January 1734-35
to 18th December 1735

3] 1734-5.

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fo. 9-12.

Jamaica.

Impost on negroes

Thurs. January 9th. Present: - Mr Doornicke, Mr Pelham
Mr Bladen Mr Audemell.

The representation upon / Act o Jamaica, layg an impost on negroes
agreed at / last meetg was signed. (fo. 8. 65).

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1735.

Vol 44.

fo. 64-68.

Miscellaneous.

Genl Commisⁿ

Earl o Fitzwallier

& Mr Plummer

Commissioners.

Fri. May 23rd. Present: - Earl o Fitzwallier, Mr Pelham, Mr Bladen,
Mr Abbe, Sir O Bridgeman, Mr Braddock
Sir A Croft, Mr Plummer.

A new commission under / Sr Seal o Sr Brittain being date / 14th inst
appoints / Right Hon. / Earl o Fitzwallier & Richard Plummer, Esq
to be o this Board, in / room o / Right Hon. / Earl o Westmorland,
who has resigned, & o Paul Doornicke Esq, deceased, was read,
& they took the places at / Board accordingly.

Jamaica.

Impost on

negroes.

An order o / Committee o Council upon a report o this Board, abt
layg an impost on negroes in Jamaica, directg an instrumⁿ
to be prepared thereupon, was read, &
a draught o an instrumⁿ was accordingly ordered to be prepared.

197. 1735
Vol 44.
fo. 72-75.
Jamaica
& Duty on
negroes

Thurs. June 5th. Present: - Earl o Fitzwaller,
Mr Pelham, Mr Bladen,
Mr Ashe, Sir O. Bridgeman,
Mr Plummer.

The draught o an instruce, ordered to be prepared /
29th o last month, abt payg an unimpst on negroes in
t island, beg agreed to,
a report, in closg / same, to / lords o Committee o Council
was signed

67] 1735.
Vol 44.
fo. 225-227.
Jamaica
Four orders
in Council abt laws.

Tues. October 14th. Present: - ... [ab supra, wth Ashe
& W. Bradenell] ...

Then was read ...
Copies o four Orders in Council o June 11th,
July, 9th & 30th, 1735, relatg to Jamaica,
vizt: -
2^d d. allowg / Govr to pass an Act payg a duty
on negroes imported. (fo. 42).

89]. Journal o / proceedgs o His Majesty's Commissioners of
Trade & Plantations f / year 1736. [Vol 45].

146] 1736
Trade.
Africa

Weds. Nov 24.

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1736/7

Thurs Dec 2
Fri Dec 10.
Tues Jan 11
Wed Jan 12

} French Senegal Co's claim
to exclusive right to /
Gum Coast

156] Journal o / proceedgs... fm 11th January 1736-37
to 14th December 1737.
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181] 1737.
Vol 46
fo 85-88.

Thurs. May 19. Present: - Earl o Fitz-Waller. Mr Pelham,
Mr Bradenell, Mr Plummer Mr Ashe, Mr Croft.

South Carolina
Georgia.

Mr Strange opened / complaints o South Carolina agst
/ persons in / Gov o Georgia by represent^s ...

I no Act, passed by Georgia Trustees, can take away /
right o His Majesty's subjects in South Carolina, o hadg w any man
o Indians, in friendship & allied to / English; t / Crown cannot grant
an exclusive trade; he instanced / African Co, whose Charter was
f t reason taken away, & added t / exclusive trade enjoyed by /
East India Co was granted to them by Act o Parliamt.

205] 1737.
Vol 46
fo. 141-143.

Wednes. June 29. Present: - Lord Monson, Mr Pelham
Mr Plummer.

Miscellaneous.

A new Commission under 1st Seal, dd. 1 27th inst, appointg
John, Lord Monson, & Robert Herbert, Esq. Commissioners o this
Board, in / room o Earl Fitz. Waller & Sir Orlando Bridgeman, &
containing Mr Pelham, Col. Bladen, Mr Ashe, Mr Bradenell, Sir Arthur Croft,
& Mr Robt Plummer, in / same Commission, was read, & Lord Monson took
his place at / Board accordingly.

205] 1794.

Fri. July 8. Present: - Lord Mansour, Mr Pelham, Mr Plummer.

Vol 46.

fo. 147-151.

Trade.
Africa.

Letter fm / Duke o Newcastle, in clos a
Memoriae fm / African Co, relatg to a
proposal f supplyg / Brazils w Negroes,

was read, & / Board resolv'd to consider for thereof at an^d opp^y.

Trade.
Africa.
negroes.

Wednes. July 13. Present: - Lord Mansour, Mr Pelham & Mr Plummer,
Mr Brudenell.

Mr Hayes, one o / African Co, attendg. / Board ~~was~~ take agn
into consideran / Letter fm / Duke o Newcastle, w / African Co's memorial, relatg
to a proposal f supplyg / Brazils w Negroes, read / 8th inst & Mr Hayes
acquainted / Board t at present / Portuguese settlements in / Brazils are supplied
w Negroes by ships, who come fm thence w gold dust, to purchase Negroes on /
coast o Africa, fm / Dutch & F^r French, / black kings & some few fm / English; but t
/ King o Portugal, hasg bn de used by / Dutch on / coast, he offer'd / abare
proposals, f be g supplied entirely w Negroes fm / African Co at a limited price;
t they wd take abt 10,000 Negroes a year; t they now give abt £30 a head;
t / Portuguese do not buy upon / coast, abare one part in ten, fm / English, but t
they chiefly deal as abare. The Board agreed to consider fm^t o this affair.

206] Trade.
Africa

Wednes. July 20. Present: - Lord Mansour, Mr Pelham, Mr Plummer.

The Board, taking agn into consideran / Letter fm
/ Duke o Newcastle, mentioned in / minutes o 13th inst, relatg to a
proposal f supplyg / Brazils w Negroes etc, gave directns, t some o /
separate traders to / coast o Africa, be desired to attend / Board, on this
subject, on this day sennight.

207] 1794.

Wednes. July 27. Present: - Lord Mansour, Mr Pelham,
Mr Brudenell, Mr Plummer.

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fo. 154-158.

Trade.
Africa.
Mr Ferrish.
Mr Wragg.

Mr Ferrish, & Mr Wragg, merchants tradg to Africa,
attendg, as they had bn desired, / Board take agn into
consideran / Letter fm / Duke o Newcastle, read / 8th inst,
w / Memorial fm / African Co, relatg to / supplyg / Brazils
w Negroes, & ask'g these gentlemen, how / Brazils are
supplied w Negroes; they sd / Portuguese purchase Negroes,
on / coast, fm / Dutch & English; t they buy a gt many Negroes
annually; t upon / coast o Angola, where they h a factory, they buy
some o / black Princes.

These gentlemen beg withdrawn, / Board agreed t / followg

Queries shd be sent^d them, viz: -

How are / Portuguese now supplied w Negroes f / Brazils?

How many do they annually buy, at what prices, & how are
they paid f?

What effect wd / Portuguese beg wholly supplied w Negroes
by any ~~sch~~ sch ~~con~~ con ~~with~~ with ~~foreign~~ foreign ~~or~~ or ~~the~~ the ~~part~~ part ~~of~~ of ~~men,~~
either foreign or English, h upon / Trade o this Kingdom?

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209]

Wed Aug 9 } French Gum Trade
Thurs " 4 }

209] 1737.
Vol 46.
fo. 162-165
Trade.
Africa.

Wednes. August 10. Present:- Lord Monson, Mr Pelham,
Mr Plummer.

a letter fm Messrs Wragg & Ferrish, &
and fm Captain Bonham, in answer to / questions
sent them / 24th ult. relatg to / manner in wh / Brazils
are supplied w Negroes, were read.

Ordered t / draught o a representⁿ be prepared upon /
African Cos memorial mentioned in / minutes o 24th ult.
relatg to / supplyg / Brazils w Negroes.

210] 1737.
fo. 165-169.
Trade.
Africa.

Thurs. August 11. Present:- Lord Monson, Mr Pelham
Mr Plummer.

The draught o a letter to / Duke o Newcastle upon /
African Cos memorial ... was agreed to

Wednes. August 17. Present:- ... [ut supra] ...

The letter to / Duke o Newcastle upon / African Cos
memorial, in relⁿ to / supplyg / Brazils w Negroes,
agreed to at / last meetg, was signed.

Trade
Africa.

221] Journal o / proceedgs... f / year 1737-8. [Vol 47].

254] 1738.
[Vol 47]
fo 91-94.
Trade.

Fri. October 12. Present:- Col. Bladen, Sir A. Croft,
Mr Plummer.

Read a letter fm Mr Parker, dd January 16th 1737/38.
fm Comenda Comenda Fort on / Gold Coast, enclosg
a scheme w some proposals f / advantage o / Trade thr,
+ / Board referred / considerⁿ o / same fo en^r opp^y. [no for record].

[note. This letter is printed in Historical MSS Commisⁿ
Report on / Records o / City o Exeter. 1916. (Cd 4640)
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Journal f / year 1741. [Vol 49].

382]. 1741.
[Vol. 49]
fo. 47-50.
Miscellanies

Thurs. May 14. Present:- Colonel Bladen, Mr Brudenell,
Mr Keene, Mr Pelham.

A new Commisⁿ under / G^t Seal o G^t Britain, bearing
date 15th o this instanc^r May, 1741, containing John
Lord Monson, Martin Bladen, Edward Ashe, James
Prudenell, Richard Plummer, & Robert Herbert^r, Esq, Commissioners f
promotg / Trade o this Kingdom, & appointg Benjamin Keene &
Thomas Pelham, Junior, Esquires, in / room o Thomas Pelham, Esq.
& Sir Arthur Croft, Baronet, who resigned; / sd Commisⁿ was
read, Mr Keene & Mr Pelham this day took the oaths at / Board
accordgly.

402] 1741.
fo. 100-102.
Trade.
Africa.

Tues. October 6. Present: Colonel Bladen, Mr Plummer.

Read also two letters from Mr Corbett, Secretary to / Lords o/
Admiralty, dd / 18th & 23rd December [sic] inclosg
Extracts o two o^{rs} from Captain Strange o his Majesty's
Ship / Chatham giving an acct o / state o / fortifications o

Trade o / Royal African Co on / Coast o Guinea; & ordered t a letter be writ
to / Secretary o t co, signifyg / desire o this Board to h some discourse on
Wednes. m^g. / 14th inst: w any gentlemen o / Court o Assistants o / sd Co
upon / subject o / sd letters.

403] 1741.
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f 103-105
Trade.
Africa.

Wednes. October 14 Present: - Mr Plummer, Mr Kiene

Charles Hayes Esq. Deputy Governor
o / African Co, attendg. Toqr w Mr Benjamin Perrin
& Mr Francis Boteler, directors o same, / two letters from
Mr Corbett, toqr w / extracts from Captain Strange's letters
(mentioned in / minutes o / 6th inst; [sic] / Board
had some discourse w them on / subject o / sd letters, others
/ gentlemen desired they m^t h copies o / sd extracts, in
order f the consideration, wh was accordingly granted.

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... [Nothing about / Gold Coast] ...

Journal of Year 1744.

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fo. 68-70

Trade.
Africa.

Wednesday, May 30. Present: - Lord Monson, Mr Plumer, Mr Keene,

Read a Letter fm / Duke o Newcastle, dd. May 24th 1744, enclosing
copy o an address fm / House o Commons to his Majesty, & he will
give directions to / Commissioners of Trade & Plantations & they do
inquire into / gen state o / Trade to Africa & / condition of / ports &
settlements thre, belongg to / Royal African Co, & what is /
necessary charge o maintaining / same - to be paid before / House
/ next sessn o Parliament.

Resolved to take / sd letter & referes into Consideration Thursday, June 7th,
& ordered to in / meantime, / past representan o this Board upon / Trade to Africa, &
all / papers received since, relating to / subject, & / ports & settlements o / Royal African
Co, togr w / charter granted to them by King Charles / Second, be looked ont,
& paid before / Board on / day above-mentioned.

14] 1744

fo. 75-76

Trade.
Africa.

Thursday, June 7. Present: - Lord Monson, Mr Plumer, Mr Keene,

The Board took into consideration, as was resolved by / minutes o / both
o last month, / Duke o Newcastle's letter, enclosing / copy o an address
fm / House o Commons to his Majesty, relating to / African Trade; & after

Some time spent thereon, ordered / Secretary to write a letter, to signify to / Secretary
o / Royal African Co, & the Lordships desire to h some discourse w / Deputy
Governor & any gentlemen o / Court o Assistants o / Co, upon / subject o / sd
address, on Wednesday next [Wednesday, 13th inst].

Wednesday, June 13. Present: Lord Monson, ~~Mr Plumer~~, Colonel
Bladen, Mr Plumer, Mr Keene

Trade.
Africa.

Read a Letter fm Mr Spence, Secretary to / Royal African Co,
dd. June 11th, signifying to / Deputy Governor & some o / gentlemen
o / Court o Assistants o / Co, will wait upon / Board at / time appointed.

Accordingly, Charles Hays, Esquire, Deputy Governor, Benjamin Percam &
Francis Bollier, Esquires, attended, / Letter fm / Duke o Newcastle & address
enclosed (mentioned in / minutes o / 7th inst) were read; & then / gentlemen,
after some discourse had w them, desired / Board wd communicate a copy o / sd
papers to them, & they mt lay / same before / Court o Assistants. To wch /
Board agreed, & / Secretary was directed to send a copy o / sd papers to them.

115] 1744.

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fo. 76-79

Trade.
Africa.

Thursday, June 14. Present: Lord Monson, Colonel Bladen, Mr
Plumer, Mr Keene.

The Board took again into consideration / state o Trade to Africa, mentioned
in / minutes o / yeard, & ordered to a letter be writ to Mr Wood, Secretary to /
Commissioners o / Customs, for an "Account of Luggage o / seal ships cleared fm
St Britain to Africa fm / year 1730, incheus, to / present time, distinguishing,
if possible, / Co's ships fm those o / private traders, togr w / value o / goods
imported to Africa fm / same time". And also letters to / Mayors o / city
o Bristol & town o Liverpool, desiring such informaⁿ fm them, & / principal
traders to Africa, in / sd city & town, as they may think necessary upon /
subject o this Trade.

118] 1744.
fo. 85-88.
Trade.
Africa.
Thursday, July 5. Present: - Lord Mordaunt, Colonel Bladen,
Mr Plumer, Mr Keene.
Ordered t/ Secretary write to Charles Hayes, Esquire, Deputy Governor of
Royal African Co, & signify to him, t/ Board desire to h, as soon as possible w
the expediency, / answer o/ Court o Assistants o t/ Co, to p papers communi-
cated to /sd Mr Hayes at this Board, / 15th o last month, & o wh he desired a copy to be
laid before /sd Court.

119] 1744
Vol. 52.
fo. 88-91
Trade.
Africa.
Wednesday, July 11. Present: - Lord Mordaunt, Mr Plumer, Mr Keene.
Read a letter to / Secretary fm Mr Hayes, Deputy Governor of Royal African
Co in answer to t which to him by / Secretary, ordered in / minutes
o / 5th inst, acquaintg him t/ Board sh h/ Co's answer this
week.

120] 1744.
fo. 91-94.
Trade.
Africa.
Wednesday, July 18. Present: - Colonel Bladen, Mr Plumer, Mr Keene.
Read / answer o/ Royal African Co o England to some papers communi-
cated by this Board to Mr Hayes, Deputy Governor, relating to /
gen state o/ Trade & settlements thr, belongg to /sd Co & / necessary
charge o maintaining / same, togth w two estimates thre annexed, viz
An Estimate o/ annual charges, wh may be necessary for
effectually maintaing & supportg / British forts & settlements
belongg to / Royal African Co o England on / coast o Africa,
t/ / protect' o/ Trade o all his Majesty's subjects thr.
An estimate o what sum will be necessary to enable / Royal
African Co o England forthwith to repair & put the forts
& settlements into a defensible condn.

Ordered t/ copies o /sd answer & estimates be made, & / fur consideraⁿ
thereof be referred to /s^t motion.

121] 1744.
Vol 52
fo 94-91
Trade.
Africa.
Thursday, July 19. Present: - Lord Mordaunt, Colonel Bladen,
Mr Plumer, Mr Keene.
Ordered t/ Secretary write to / Secretary o/ Lords o/ Admir-
alty, to desire he wd acquaint the Lordsships t it is / desire
o this Board, t if they h received any informants, relating to /
gen state o/ Trade to Africa, & / cond'n o/ forts & settlements thr,
belongg to / Royal African Co o England, & what is / necessary charge o maintaining
/ same, fm / Captains o his Majesty's ships stationed on t coast, the Lordsships wd
please to communicate such parts thereof as they sh judge proper, t / informan o this Board.

Wednesday, July 28. Present: - Lord Mordaunt, Colonel Bladen, Mr
Brudenell, Mr Plumer.

Read a letter fm Mr Spence, Secretary to / Royal African Co
dd. ~~July 22nd 1744~~ July 19th, 1744, enclosing extracts o two
dd. / 10th & 18th o April last, received fm Cape Coast Castle,
relating to / behaviour o/ French.

The Board then resumed / consideration o/ state o/ Trade to Africa, &c.,
referred to them by his Grace / Duke o Newcastle's letter o/ 24th o May last,
as mentioned in / minutes o/ 30th o/ same month, & ordered / Secretary
to write a letter to Messrs Lapelles & Hall, Traders to Africa, desiring their
attendance on this day Sennight (Wednesday, August 1st).

22] 1744.
fo 97-100
Trade.
Africa

Wednesday, August 1. Present: - Lord Mansour, Colonel Bladen, Mr Plumer,
Messrs Jacobelles & Hall attendg, as desired by / minutes o Wednesday
last, / Board had some discourse wth them on / subject o / Trade to Africa &c,
after wh^{ch} was read a letter fm Mr Corbet, Secretary to / Admiralty
dd July 25th 1744, transmitting copies o inform^{ation} th^{at} his Lordship h^{ad} received
fm / Captains o his Majesty's ships stationed on / Coast o Africa, relaty to / Condition
o / forts & settlements th^{ere}, belongg to / Royal African Co o England, wh^{ich} inform^{ation}
were likewise read.

Extract o a letter fm Captain Gregory, Commander o his Majesty's bomb
vessel, / Comst, to Mr Corbet, dd at Spithead, / 11th o June, 1743.

Copy o two letters, one fm Thomas Buchanan, dd at Tantium,
/ o^r fm Isaac Gregory, dd at Whydah, in September, 1742, to Captain
Gregory, Commander o his Majesty's ship, / Notwich.

Copy o a letter fm Captain Frogmore, Commander o his Majesty's
Ship / Ruby, dd. at Longreach, / 22nd August, 1743, to Mr
Corbet, enclosg a state o / Royal African Co's forts, settlements &
factories, on / Coast o Africa, toget^{her} wth / copy o one to Captain
Frogmore, fm Mr Birchall, an English merchant at / Banama Islands.

Extract o a letter fm Captain Boys, Commander o his Majesty's ship /
Greyhound, to Mr Corbett, dd. / 14th o April, 1744

Extract o a letter fm / Chiefs at Cape Coast to / sd Captain Boys,
Commander o his Majesty's ship / Greyhound, dd, / 9th o April, 1744

Ordered t^{hat} / Secretary write to Mr Wood, / Secretary o Customs, to inform
him t^{hat} / Board desires he wd make a return to / letter writt^{en} him by th^{is} order,
/ 16th o June last, relaty to / Tonnage o Vessels cleared fm St Britains to Africa,
fm / Year 1730.

123] 1744.
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fo. 100-103
124] fo 103-107
Trade.
Africa.

Wednesday, August 8. Present: - Lord Mansour, Colonel Bladen,
Mr Brudenell, Mr Plumer, Mr Keene,

The Secretary laid before / Board / copy o a report upon / Petin
o / Royal African Co, read 19th March 1743-4, received
fm / Clerks o Parliaments Office.

127] 1744.
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fo. 113-115
Trade.
Africa.

Thursday, September, 27. Present: - Colonel Bladen, Mr Keene,

Read a letter to / Board fm Mr Corbett, Secretary to / Admiralty, dd
21st August, 1744, enclos / copy o a letter to him fm Captain Herbert o /
Woodwich, stationed on / Coast o Africa last year, wth an
account o / Condition o / forts & settlements th^{ere}, belongg to / Royal African
Co o England.

Read likewise a letter fm Mr Hensill, Master o / Incorporated Society
o Merchants at Bristol, dd, at Merchants Hall th^{ere}, /
14th o September, 1744, in answer to one fm / Secretary o this Board
to / Mayor o Bristol, in June last, desirg some inform^{ation} fm / principal
Factors to Africa in / sd city concerng / gen state o Trade, / forts &
settlements &c.

130] 1744.
fo. 122-125
Trade.
Africa.

Wednesday, October 17. Present: - Mr Plumer, Mr Keene

The Board, begg informed t^{hat} / Secretary had received no answer to /
letter writt^{en} by th^{is} direct^{ion} / 15th o June last to / Mayor o Liverpool,
on / subject o African Trade, ordered / Secretary to write a second
letter to him on / same subject.

- 19] 1744.
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Africa.
- Wednesday, October 24. Present: - Colonel Bladen, Mr Plumer, Mr Keene.
- The Board resumed / considerⁿ o / state o / trade to Africa & referred to this by his Grace / Duke o Newcastle's letter o / 24th o May last, enclosing copy o an address o / House o Commons to his Majesty, read / 30th o / same month, & made some progress therein.
- 32] 1744.
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Africa.
- Wednesday, November 7. Present: - Colonel Bladen, Mr Plumer, Mr Keene, Sir Charles Gilman.
- Read a letter fm Mr Hardman, in behalf o / merchants o Liverpool, dd. October 30th, 1744, acknowledg^g / receipt o two letters, written by order o / Board, to / Gov^r & present may^r o Liverpool, on / subject o / African trade, & promising a speedy answer.
- Read also a second letter fm Mr Hardman, dd November 7th, 1744 w^a state o / trade to Africa fm t^e place (in answer to / two letters written by order o / Board, as mentioned above), & transmitt^g :-
- An account o ships belong^g to / port o Liverpool, employed in / African trade in / year, 1743-4, wth / number o negroes they go f^r. & / places they carry the negroes fm, as also, a state o / Gambia River & James Fort last year.
- 36] 1744.
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Africa.
- Thursday, November 22. Present: - Mr Ash, Mr Plumer, Mr Keene, Sir Charles Gilman.
- The Board took into considerⁿ / state o / African trade, & directed / Secretary to write to Messrs Jansellies & Hall, to know who those gentlemen, whom they mentioned to / Board sometime since, as speedy to return fm Africa, are yet arriv'd, & where they may be sent to
- Tuesday, November 24. Present: - Lord Mordaunt, Colonel Bladen, Mr Ash, Mr Plumer, Mr Keene.
- Read a letter fm Mr Corbett, Secretary to / Lords o / Admiralty, dd 24th o November, 1744, transmitt^g copies o / informⁿ the Lordships h^e received fm Captain Boys, Command^r o his Majesty's ship / Greyhound, arriv'd fm / Coast o Africa, concern^g / Condition o / ports & settlements there, belong^g to / Royal African Co o England
- No 1. ... [Gambia] ...
- State & condition o all / castles & factories belong^g to / Royal African Co o England, on / Gold Coast o Africa, July, 1744.
- ... [Sierra Leone] ...
- letter fm / Co's officers at Cape Coast Castle, to Captain Boys, o his Majesty's ship / Greyhound, 9th April, 1744.
- Request o sev^l masters o ships, to Captain Boys o his Majesty's ship / Greyhound to fire into / town at Anamaboe, 12th April, 1744.
- ... [Liberia] ...
- ... [Sierra Leone] ...
- ... [Sierra Leone] ...
- letter fm Mr Crichton at Anamaboe, to Captain Boys o his Majesty's ship / Greyhound, 12th April, 1744.
- letter fm Mr Woodhead, at Secunda Fort, to Captain Boys o his Majesty's ship / Greyhound, 1st April, 1744.
- letter fm Mr Botelez, at Commenda Fort, to Captain Boys o his Majesty's ship / Greyhound, 2nd April, 1744.
- ... [Boracoe] ...
- Copy o two letters fm Mr Daves, at Dixcove Fort, to Captain Boys, o his Majesty's ship / Greyhound, 29th & 30th March, 1744.
- An Account o / state & condition o / Dutch forts & settlements, & the trade on / Gold Coast o Africa, July, 1744.

- 139] 1744
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Thursday, November 29. Present: - Lord Mansour, Mr Ashe, Mr Plumer, Mr Keene, Sir Charles Gilmour.
Trade. Africa. Ordered t / Secretary write agn to Mr Wood, Secretary o / Customs, to acquaint him t / Board is surpris'd t he has made no answer to / two letters o / 14th o June, & 4th o August last, wote him by order o / Board, & t they hope t will send them such informan as he is able, wot fur delay.
The Secretary said before / Board two letters, received fm Messrs Hall & Loables (in answer to his letter to them o 4th's date), & an acct t Captain Hamilton & Captain Dunning, Publicy arriv'd fm / Coast o Africa, are now at / Board, & they believe will shortly be in town.
- 139] 1744.
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Trade. Africa.
Tuesday, December 4. Present: - Lord Mansour, Colonel Bladen, Mr Ashe, Mr Plumer, Sir Charles Gilmour.
Read a letter fm Mr Wood, Secretary to / Customs, dd. / 1st instant (in answer to one wote him by / Secretary o this Board) transmittg / two followg accts fm / Custom House, viz: -
An Acct o / Value o / goods exported fm England to Africa, fm Christmas, 1729, to Christmas, 1742. distingwshg each year.
An acct o / tonnage o / seal ships cleared fm Gt Britain to Africa, fm Christmas, 1729, to Christmas 1743. distingwshg each year.
- 140] 1744
to 152-155.
Trade. Africa.
Friday, December 7. Present: - Lord Mansour, Colonel Bladen, Mr Plumer, Mr Keene, Sir Charles Gilmour.
The Board hasg took agn into consideran / state o / trade to Africa, &c, mentioned in / minutes o / 24th o October last, & made a fur progress therein.
- Trade. Africa.
Tuesday, December 11. Present: - ... [ut supra] ...
The Board resumed / consideran o / state o / trade to Africa, &c, mentioned in / precedg minutes, & made a fur progress therein.
Ordered t / Secretary acquaint Mr Hayes, Deputy Governor o / Royal African Co. t / Board desires his attende on Tuesday next (Tuesday 18th instant), & t he wot beg o him such o gentlemen o / Court o Assistants, as he sh judge proper, in order to h some fur discourse w them on / subject o / sd trade.
- 141] 1744.
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Trade. Africa.
Thursday, December 13. Present: - ... [ut supra] ...
The Board hd agn under consideran / state o / trade to Africa, & make a fur progress therein.
Friday, December 14. Present: - ... [ut supra] ...
Read a letter fm Mr Spence, Secretary to / Royal African Co. dd / 13th inst. acknowledg / receipt o one fm / Secretary o this Board to Mr Hayes, / Deputy Governor wh he communicated to / Court o Assistants, & signify'd t / Deputy Governor & some members o / sd Court wot attend / Board on Tuesday next, as required by / sd letter; also enclos'd copies o seal papers t / Board's informan, as to / state o / trade & forts in Africa.
Tuesday, December 18. Present: - ... [ut supra] ...
Trade. Africa. Mr Hayes, Deputy Governor o / Royal African Co. attendg, as desired, w Sir At one date, Mr Plesam, & Mr Boteler o / Court o Assistants, by w Mr Spence, the acct o / Board, (after some discourse hd w them concerng / state o / trade to Africa, & / condn o / forts ther, took / sd affair into consideran & made a fur progress therein. The followg queries were deliver'd to / sd Mr Spence, to wh he was desired to send an answer t / informan o / Board, viz: -
What number o white men & black ther are in / sd's pay as soldiers in / respective forts in Africa?
What number o recruits h bn sent thither? when sent, & in what ships. fr 1730 to 1743?
What quantities o stores & ammunicn h bn sent thither t / use o / sd garrisons? Specifyg when sent, & in what vessels, t / same time?
What quit rents are paid to / princes o Africa & t / what forts?
How many ships, & what burthen, h bn sent out t / same time?
- Trade. Africa. Wednesday, December 19. Present: - Colonel Bladen, Mr Plumer, Mr Keene, Sir Charles Gilmour
The Board took into consideran / plan o a report upon / state o / African trade, &c, intended to be laid before / Honorable / House o Commons, & made some fur progress therein.
- 142] 1744.
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Thursday, December 20. Present: - Lord Mansour, ... [ut supra] ...
The Board took into consideran seal papers relaty to / African trade, &c, & made a fur progress in / plan o a report upon / state thereof.

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Tuesday, January 8, Present: - Lord Mounson, Colonel Bladen, Mr Plumer.

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relative to / Trade to Africa &c.

Read a Letter from Mr Clay, Deputy Governor of Royal African Co of England, to / Secretary of this Board, dd December 21st 1744, containing his observations on / several queries proposed to him by this / Board, when he attended them last.

Read also a Letter to / Secretary of this Board from Mr Spence, Secretary to / Royal African Co. dd January 19th 1744-5, inclosg
Answers drawn up by the Acct^{ts}, to queries from this Board to / Directors of / sd Co.

Trade.
Africa.

Thursday, January 10, Present: - Lord Mounson, Colonel Bladen, Mr Plumer, Mr Brudenell.

The Board had under consideration / draught of a report on / state of / Trade to Africa, &c, & made a fair progress therein.

Ordered t^e / Secretary write to / Secretary of Admiralty, to know what this Board may be lead to annex to the report to / House of Commons / such papers transmitted hither from / Board of Admiralty, relatg to / forts & settlements on / coast of Africa.

Trade.
Africa.

Friday, January 11, Present: - Lord Mounson, Colonel Bladen, Mr Plumer

The Board made a fair progress in / draught of a report upon / state of trade to Africa &c.

Tuesday, January 15, Present: - Lord Mounson, Colonel Bladen, Mr Plumer, Sir John Philips, Mr Pitt.

Miscellaneous

The Secretary presented to / Board a new Commission under / Great Seal of Great Britain, bearing date 15th of January 1744-5, containing John, Lord Mounson, Colonel Bladen, Edward Ashe, James Brudenell, Richard Plumer & Robert Clarke, Esquires, Commissioners & promoters / Trade of this Kingdom, & appointg Sir John Philips, baronet, or John Pitt, Esquire, in / room of Benjamin Keene, Esquire or Sir Charles Gilmour; & / sd Commission hadg for read, Sir John Philips & John Pitt, Esquire, took the place at / Board accordingly.

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Africa.

Read a Letter from Mr Corbett, Secretary to / Lords of Admiralty, dd / 11th instant, in answer to one of 10th from / Secretary of this Board, signifyg t^e / Lords of Admiralty h^{ad} no objection to this Board's annexg copies of / papers, lately transmitted from the office, to / report now preparg to be laid before / House of Commons upon / state of / Trade to Africa.

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Ordered t^e / Secretary write to / members of Bristol & Liverpool, & acquaint them t^e / Board, hadg under the consideration a report concerning / Trade to Africa & / state of / forts & settlements the, desire / favour of the co on Tuesday next, / 22nd instant, in order to h^{ave} some discourse w^{ith} them upon t^e subject.

Edward Southwell
John Hoblyn, Esquire,
Thomas Barrett
Richard Sildart
Esquire.

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Africa.

Tuesday, January 22, Present: - ... [ut supra] ...
Mr Sildart, member of Liverpool, attendg, as desired by / minutes of 15th instant, / Board had some discourse w^{ith} him on / subject of / Trade to Africa; / 1st gentlemen, t^{hat} were wrote to at / same time, did not attend.

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Africa.

Friday, January 25, Present: - ... [ut supra] ...
The Board reconsidered / draught of a report to / Honourable House of Commons upon / subject of / Trade to Africa &c; & hadg agreed thereto, / same way ordered to be transcribed

Trade. Thursday, January 31. Present: - Lord Monson, Colonel Bladen, Mr Plummer,
Africa. Sir John Philips, Mrs Pitt.

The draught of a report, to / Honourable House o Commons, hadg bn
transcribed, as was ordered by / minutes o / 25th instant, was laid before /
Board & signed; & Colonel Bladen was desired to present / sd report;
toqr w / papers referred to therein, to / House o Commons.

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Read two Orders o / House o Commons, dd. February 8th 1744-5,
directg this Board to lay before t House two papers, viz: -

Copy o a letter fm Charles Hayer, Esquire, Deputy Governor o / Royal
African Co o England, to Thomas Hill, Esquire, Secretary to / Board
dd. December 31st. 1744, containing his observations on / nature o / Trade
to Africa; as also,

Copy o a letter fm Mr Spence, Secretary to / sd Co, to Thomas Hill,
Esquire, Secretary to / Board o Trade, dd. January 15th, 1744-5,
inclosg answers drawn up by / Accountants to / Royal African
Co, to queries fm / Board o Trade to / Directors o / sd Co.

And copies thereof hadg bn prepared, & laid before / Board, Mr Plummer
was desired to present / same to / House.

... ..

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Tuesday, February 26. Present: - Lord Monson, Mr Plummer,
Sir John Philips.

Read a letter fm Mr Wood, Secretary to / Commissioners
o / Customs, dd / 21st instant, in answer to one fm /
Secretary o this Board, transmitting / followg acct. viz: -

An Acc^t o / Value o woollen manufactures exported fm
England, fm Christmas, 1740, to Christmas, 1743,
distinguishing each year, & how much fm London, & how
much fm Lon^d ports.

An Acc^t o / Value o imports fm Africa, fm Christmas, 1743,
distinguishing each year, & how much to / port o London, &
how much to / our ports.

... ..

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Thursday, January 22. Present: - Lord Monson, Mr Plummer, Mr
Lewson Gades, Lord Dupplin.

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Ordered t / Secretary write to / Secretary o / Admiralty, to desire him
to move / Lords Commissioners o t Board, t if they h received any
informaⁿ relaty to / state o Trade to Africa, & / condⁿ o / ports & settlements
th^r, since those transmitted hither by th^r Lordships' order in November, 1744,
t they will be pleased to communicate to them such parts thereof, as they
sh^d judge proper o th^r informaⁿ.

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Africa.

Tuesday, May 19. Present: - Lord Monson, Mr Plumer, Mr Luteson Gader,
Lord Dupplin, Mr Fame.

Read a letter fm Mr Corbett, Secretary o/ Admiralty, dd. May 13^d 1747,
transmitting some fur acct^s received by / Lords o/ Admiralty fm / Captains o his
Majesty's ships stationed on / Coast o Africa, relatg to / state o Trade to t coast,
o / condition o / ports & settlemts th^r, viz: -

An Acct^r o / state & condition o / Royal African Co's ports & settlemts, as
found by Captain George Pocock, in / year 1745.

Extract o three letters fm Captain Pocock, Commander o his Majesty's
ship Sutherland, to Mr Corbett, dd in Cape Coast Road, /
4th o August, 1745.

Extract o a letter fm Captain Pocock, Commander o his Majesty's ship
Sutherland to / Royal African Co's Agents at Cape Coast Castle,
dd. in Cape Coast Road. / 26th o November, 1745.

Extract o a letter fm / Chiefs o Cape Coast Castle to Captain Pocock,
Commander o his Majesty's ship Sutherland, dd at Cape Coast
Castle, November 27th 1745.

... [Goree & Senegal] ...

Extract o a letter fm Captain Pocock o his Majesty's ship Sutherland,
to Mr Corbett, dd. Antigua, February 9th. 1745.

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Tuesday, December 8. Present: - Lord Monson, Mr Plumer, Mr
Grenville, Lord Dupplin.

Read a letter fm Mr Corbett, Secretary o / Lords Commissioners o/
Admiralty, dd / 1st o December, 1747. inclos 3

Extract o one to him fm Captain Swanton, Commander o
his Majesty's ship / Mary Galley, dd. at Antigua, /
5th o July last, givg an acct o his proceedings, in relatⁿ to
Royal African Co's settlemts, while he was on / coast o Africa, f / informacⁿ o this Board.

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Friday, February 26. Present: - Lord Monson, Mr Plumer, Mr
Luteson Gader, Lord Dupplin, Mr Fame.

Read two letters fm Mr Wood, Secretary to / Commissioner o his
Majesty's Customs, dd / 13^d & 16th instant, in answer to one fm /
Secretary o this Board dd / 29th o last month, inclos / four acct^s, viz: -

An Acct^r o / Tonnage o Ships tradg fm St Britain to Africa, fm Christmas,
1743, to Christmas, 1746, distinguishg each year, & what fm London,
or what fm / out ports

An Acct^r o / quantity o sugar imported into England fm any o / British
sugar colonies

An Acct^r o / value o goods imported & exported fm & to Africa,
fm Christmas, 1743, to Christmas, 1746, distinguishg each
year; as likewise an acct^r o / qu^{ty} thow much thereof fm
London, & how much fm / out ports.

Wednesday, October 26. Present: - Mr Leschen Gorder, Mr Grenville, Lord Dupplin, Mr Fane.

Letter from Mr Cleveland, Secretary to / Lords Commissioners o / Admiralty, dd / 12th September, 1748, transmitting the following copies o seal papers received from Captain Ormond Tomson, Commander o his Majesty's ship / Pool, giving an acct o / condition o / forts & settlements on / coast o Africa, belonging to / Royal African Co o England.

Copy o a letter from Captain Howe, Commander o his Majesty's ship / Rippon to Captain Tomson Commander o his Majesty's ship / Pool. Dd. 26th October 1747.

Copy o a letter from Captain Howe, Commander o his Majesty's ship / Rippon, to / President & Council o Cape Coast Castle, dd in Cape Coast Road 17th October, 1747.

Copy o a letter from / Council at Cape Coast Castle, dd. October 16th, 1747, to Captain Howe, Commander o his Majesty's ship / Rippon.

Copy o a letter from / President & Council at Cape Coast Castle to Captain Howe Commander o his Majesty's ship / Rippon, dd. 17th October, 1747.

Extract o a letter from Captain Tomson, Commander o his Majesty's ship / Pool, to Mr Corbett, dd in Carlisle Bay, Barbadoes, 28th January 1747.

State & Condiⁿ o / British forts, settlements & garrisons belonging to / Royal African Co o England on / Gold Coast, etc. o Africa, 1747.

Mr Spence, Secretary to / Royal African Co o England, attending, presented to / Board a memorial o / sd Co to / Right Honourable / Lords Commissioners o his Majesty's Treasury, dd / 30th o June last; praying t^h the lordships wd order / payment o a sum,

not exceeding ten thousand pounds, for support o the forts & garrisons upon / Coast o Africa, pursuant to an address o / Honourable House o Commons, o / 26th o Aprill, 1745, as also a copy o minutes o / Lords o / Treasury, o / 20th o July last, advising / sd Co to apply to this Board, & upon the report, t^h / sd Co has given security to the satisfaction t^h whatt shall be issued sh be applied bona fide to / purposes mentioned in / sd address, they will consider fur^t thereof; whereupon the lordships acquainted Mr Spence t^h his Majesty had signed a warrant appointg a new commission^r of this Board, they cd not consider o this affair until / sd Commission^r had passed / Gt Seal, o wh he shd be timely notice; & heg withdrawn, the lordships agreed to postpone / consideration o all business now before / Board until / sd new commission^r had passed / Gt Seal.

Friday, November 11. Present: - Earl o Halifax, Mr Pitt, Mr Leschen Gorder, Mr Grenville, Lord Dupplin, Mr Fane.

Miscellanies. A new Commission under / Gt Seal, bearing date / 5th day o November, 1748, appointg George Dunk, Earl o Halifax, in / room o John, Lord Mordaunt, deceased, Richard Plumer, Robert Kerker, John Pitt, Baptist Leschen Gorder, James Grenville, Esquire, Thomas Hay, Esquire, commonly called Lord Dupplin, Viscount Dupplin, & Francis Fane, Esquire, Commissioners of promotion / Trade o this Kingdom, & of inspectg & improvg his Majesty's plantat^{ns} in America & elsewhere, was opened & read.

Wednesday, November 16. Present: - Earl o Halifax, Mr Pitt, Mr Leschen Gorder, Mr Grenville, Lord Dupplin, Mr Fane.

The lordships took into consideration / memorial o / African Co to / Lords Commissioners o / Treasury, dd. / 30th o June last, relating to / payment o £10,000 for / use o the forts, mentioned in / minutes o / 26th o last month, & directed / Secretary to write to Mr Spence, Secretary to / sd Co, to desire his attendance at / Board

to-morrow m^g, at eleven o'clock.

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Tuesday, May 19. Present:— Lord Monson, Mr Plumer, Mr Lutson Foster, Lord Dupplin, Mr Fane.

Read a letter fm Mr Corbett, Secretary o/ Admiralty, dd. May 13^d 1747, transmitting some fur acts received by / Lords o/ Admiralty fm / Captains o his Majesty's ships stationed on / coast o Africa, relatz to / state o / Trade to t coast, o / condin o / hats o settlements ther. viz:—

An Acct o / state o / condin o / Royal African Co's forts & settlements, as found by Captain George Pocock, in / year 1745.

Extract o three letters fm Captain Pocock, Commander o his Majesty's ship Sutherland, to Mr Corbett, dd in Cape Coast Road, / 4th o August, 1745.

Extract o a letter fm Captain Pocock, Commander o his Majesty's ship Sutherland to / Royal African Co's Agents at Cape Coast Castle, dd in Cape Coast Road. / 26th o November, 1745.

Extract o a letter fm / chiefs o Cape Coast Castle to Captain Pocock, Commander o his Majesty's ship Sutherland, dd at Cape Coast Castle, November 27th 1745.

... [Goree & Senegal] ...

Extract o a letter fm Captain Pocock o his Majesty's ship Sutherland, to Mr Corbett, dd. Antigua, February 9th, 1745.

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Tuesday, December 8. Present:— Lord Monson, Mr Plumer, Mr Grenville, Lord Dupplin.

Read a letter fm Mr Corbett, Secretary o / Lords Commissioners o / Admiralty, dd / 15th o December, 1747. inclos^g

Extract o one to him fm Captain Swanton, Commander o his Majesty's ship / Mary Galley, dd. at Antigua, / 5th o July last, giv^g an acct o his proceedings, in ulan to / Royal African Co's settlements, while he was on / coast o Africa, f / informac^o o this Board.

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Friday, February 26. Present:— Lord Monson, Mr Plumer, Mr Lutson Foster, Lord Dupplin, Mr Fane.

Read two letters fm Mr Wood, Secretary to / Commission^{rs} o his Majesty's Customs, dd / 13^d & 16th instant, in answer to one fm / Secretary o this Board, dd / 29th o last month, inclos^g / follow^g acts, viz:—

An Acct o / tonnage o Ships trad^g fm St Britain to Africa, fm Christmas 1743, to Christmas, 1746, distinguish^g each year, & what fm London & what fm / out ports

An Acct o / quantity o sugar imported into England fm any o / British sugar Colonies

An Acct o / value o goods imported & exported fm & to Africa, fm Christmas, 1743, to Christmas, 1746, distinguish^g each year; as likewise an acct o / qu^{ty} thereof fm London, & how much fm / out ports.

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Wednesday, October 26. Present: - Mrs Weston, Mrs Gurneille, and
Duplein, Mrs Faine.

Letter from Mrs Weston, Secretary to Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, dated
12th September, 1748, transmitting the following copies of several papers received
from Captain Ormond Tomson, Commandant of His Majesty's ship / Porée.

gives an account of / Porée & settlements on / coast of Africa, being 3
is / Royal African Co of England.

Copy of a letter from Captain Horse, Commandant of His Majesty's ship / Porée,
dated 26th October 1747.

Copy of a letter from Captain Horse, Commandant of His Majesty's ship /
Hippon, to / President & Council of Cape Coast Castle, dated in

Cape Coast Road 17th October 1747.

Copy of a letter from / Council of Cape Coast Castle, dated October 16th 1747,
to Captain Horse, Commandant of His Majesty's ship / Hippon.

Copy of a letter from / President & Council of Cape Coast Castle to
Captain Horse, Commandant of His Majesty's ship / Hippon,
dated 17th October 1747.

Extract of a letter from Captain Tomson, Commandant of His Majesty's ship
/ Porée, to Mrs Corbett, dated in Caribbe Bay, Barbadoes, 28th January 1747.

State & Condition of Dutch Posts, settlements & garrisons belonging to / Royal
African Co of England on / Gold Coast, &c. of Africa, 1747.

Mrs Spence, Secretary to / Royal African Co of England, attended to / Board a
numerous memorial, mentioning / sd Co to / Right Honorable Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's

Treasury, dated 17th June 1745, as also a copy of minutes of Lords of
Treasury, dated 17th June 1745, and also a copy of minutes of Lords of

Board, upon the report, & / sd Co has given security to the said
Board & wharf shall be bound to be applied bond for /

Reports mentioned in / sd address, they will consider the nature of the security, and
Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, and also a copy of minutes of Lords of
Treasury, dated 17th June 1745, as also a copy of minutes of Lords of

Board, upon the report, & / sd Co has given security to the said
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Treasury, dated 17th June 1745, as also a copy of minutes of Lords of

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Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, and also a copy of minutes of Lords of
Treasury, dated 17th June 1745, as also a copy of minutes of Lords of

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Treasury, dated 17th June 1745, as also a copy of minutes of Lords of

Board, upon the report, & / sd Co has given security to the said
Board & wharf shall be bound to be applied bond for /

Reports mentioned in / sd address, they will consider the nature of the security, and
Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, and also a copy of minutes of Lords of
Treasury, dated 17th June 1745, as also a copy of minutes of Lords of

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Wednesday, November 16. Present: - Mrs Weston, Mrs Gurneille, Mrs Pitt, Mrs Weston
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Friday, November 11. Present: - Lord O'Hallifax, Mrs Pitt, Mrs Weston, Mrs
Gurneille, Lord Dupplin, Mrs Faine.
A new Commission under / gr Seal, bearing date / 5th day of November 1748,
bearing George Dunk, Earl of Halifax, in / Queen's House, London, James
deceased, Richard Faine, Robert Faine, John Pitt, Baptist de la Roche, James
Gurneille, Thomas Faine, Esquire, commonly called Lord Dupplin, Viscount
Dupplin, & Francis Faine, Esquire, Commissioners for promoting / Trade of this Kingdom
& of Barbadoes & improving His Majesty's Plantations in America & elsewhere, was
opened & read.

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Thursday, November 17. Present: - Earl of Halifax, Mr Pitt, Mr Ledson
Gardner, Mr Guenouille, Lord Dupplin, Mr Fane.

Sol. 56
No. 281-285

Trade.
Africa.

Mr Spruce, Secretary to / Royal African Co, attendg, as desired, upon / subject o / memorial o / sd Co to / Lords o / Treasury, mentioned in / precedg days minute, & beg called in, the Lordships acquainted him t as he had only laid before them / copy o / minute o / Lords o / Treasury w / sd memorial, they thought it improper to take this affair into consideration w / a regular reference to / Treasury; whereupon Mr Spruce desired leave to withdraw / sd memorial, as also / copy o / minute thereunto annexed, & acquainted the Lordships t he wd apply to / Lords o / Treasury in order to / obtaining such a reference as they shd think proper.

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Thursday, November 24. Present: - Earl of Halifax, Mr Pitt, Mr Ledson Gardner, Mr Guenouille, Lord Dupplin, Mr Fane.

No. 285-288.

Trade.
Africa.

Read a letter from Mr West, Secretary to / Lords o / Treasury, dtd / 22nd o November 1748, referring to this Board, a petition o / African Co for / payment o / £10,000, wh / House o Commons addressed to His Majesty in 1745, to issue to / sd Co for / use o the forts; as also a petition o David Crichton, praying t several sums expended by him in the service may be paid out o / sd £10,000, wh papers / Lords o / Treasury desire / Board wd favour them w / their opinion upon.

Read likewise / humble petition o / above David Crichton to this Board, relating to / money disbursed by him for / African Co, as set forth in his above mentioned petition to / Lords o / Treasury, referred to this Board.

Ordered t / Secretary to write to / African Co, as also to Mr Crichton, to desire the attendance at / Board on Wednesday next, / 30th instant, at 10 o'clock in / am, upon / subject o / above reference.

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Wednesday, November 30. Present: - ... [ut supra] ...

Sol. 56.
No. 288-292.

Trade.
Africa.

Read a memorial o a Committee o / creditors o / Royal African Co to / Board, setting forth t / sd creditors had, upon / application o t Co to / Lords o / Treasury for / payment o / £10,000 formerly addressed for, recommended to the Lordships t effectual care mt be

taken to h / it laid out in / service o / forts, t understanding t / Co had since obtained a reference o the petition to this Board, they hoped, as / Parliament was now sitting, the Lordships wd be o opinion t / payment o / sd money shd be suspended until / pleasure o Parliament was known; & / sd Committee attendg were called in, & the Lordships informed them t as they had appointed this day for / African Co to attend upon the sd petition, they were at liberty to be present, & to offer what they thought proper upon this affair.

And Mr Hayer & several o / Court o Assistants o / Royal African Co, as also Mr Crichton, late agent for / sd Co on / coast o Africa, attendg, as desired, were called in, & the Lordships proceeded to take into the consideration / petition o / sd Co, & o Mr Crichton, referred to them by / Lords o / Treasury, as mentioned in / minutes o / 24th instant, & / sd reference & petition having been read, Mr Hayer was asked what he had to offer w respect to a proper security to be given by / sd Co t / £10,000 petitioned for by them shd be applied solely towards / use & service o the forts; whereupon he acquainted the Lordships t in / payment o money voted in Parliament it had been usual for / Co to apply to / King for his order to / Lords o / Treasury to issue / same, who thereupon issued a warrant to / Treasury directing / payment o money to / Co, or the attorney, properly authorized by them; t / accountant, attended by / Deputy Governor, usually received / money & lodged it in / Bank for / use o / Co, & it was from time to time drawn out by the orders; but t if this money, now petitioned for, was issued as usual in / sd manner, as there were several accounts & judgments due agst them, it wd appear defective & defective; t he was sensible no time was to be lost in readying the necessaries for / service o / Co, who were in a strait condition, & therefore if it was thought proper to name any merchant for this purpose

1 Co will appoint him the attorney; & 1 Co had appointed two persons to go out but they were not gone, & if they were approved o, to see / due applicⁿ o / money, they mt go under directⁿ from Treasury; but if not approved o, / order o / Treasury mt appoint o^r a 1 Co wd elect them & send them out, & w^olde the orders to / o^r.

T / settlements are in extreme danger, & / French are filling out seal ships & w^olde settle Annamaboe, & unless 1 gov sends out two men o war, will ruin / settlements; & Mr Hayes beg asked if he was authorized by / Co to make these proposals, he sd he apprehended he was, but there was no regular minute o / c^onc^o concerning it; he likewise sd t if / sd £10,000 was granted, the o^r to be a reward o so much as had bn disbursed by Mr Crichton, & o what was necessary f / redemⁿ o two sons o / Cabacer brot over by Mr Crichton, w^o set forth in his petiⁿ.

Mr Solomon Ashly, one o / Captⁿ o Assistants o / sd Co, sd t / two persons appointed by / Co, whose names were Stockwell & Hubbards, had bn long in / service o / Co, & had behaved w^ogt honesty, & were proper persons f this trust; & t if o^r were appointed, it wd take a gt deal o money from / Co; he likewise informed / Board t / Co had appointed right factors & a surgeon, who were preparg to set out.

1748, Sol 56. to 175-179. Trade. Africa. Mr Crichton beg asked what he had to offer upon / subject o his petiⁿ, sd t / facts were fully set forth in / sd petiⁿ, & t he drew a Bill upon / Co on / 15th o May 1745 f / money disbursed f / service & support o the servants, & t forward in December followg he received advic o its leg protectⁿ, & promises, how^o w^or, t it shd be paid out o / next money; T he acted as chief agent f / Co, & t his accts are entered in the books; & Mr Hayes beg asked, how / servants o / Co came to be in such necessity, when / Parliamt had granted / Co £20,000 in 1744, he sd t / ships sent out to Africa upon t occaⁿ pay for September, 1744 till March, 1745; & Mr Crichton beg asked when he received / same, & how much, he sd he received £13,000 at Cape Coast in August, 1745; & Mr Hayes beg asked how Mr Crichton came not to be paid out o / £10,000 granted in 1746, he sd / Co did not know wh^o / Bill mt not be bn paid upon / Coast, or beg asked wh^o all / £10,000 granted in 1746, was sent out, he sd t in / year 1744 & 1746, / Co had sent out £30,000, but t only £5,000 was sent out in 1746, the remainder beg applied to / paym^t o debts contracted in 1744, & Mr Crichton beg asked if he received any money in 1746, sd, t in September, 1744, he received £3,000.

Mr Hayes beg asked if there were any creditors o / Co under / same circumstances w^o Mr Crichton, he sd he did not know o any, & believed there were not.

Mr King, one o / Committee on behalf o / creditors, sd t Mr Crichton's case was not left for t o / w^or o / creditors, as it cd not be advanced on / faith o / address, wh^o was subsequent to / disburse^{m^t}, & t / debts o the creditors are equally on / faith o / publick, & f / service o / forts; & there were many debts contracted in 1744 to a v^ol^ol^o sum, wh^o remains unpaid, & if the Lordships wd give them an opp^d, they wd call togr / creditors & lay before / Board an acct thereof; to wh^o Mr Crichton sd, t he was likewise a creditor o / Co, under / like circumstances w^o those gentlemen, but t this debt stood in a diff^o light, as / money was advanced upon an emergency, or to prevent / ruin o / settlements.

The Lordships then acquainted Mr Hayes & / w^or o / Captⁿ o Assistants present, & before they cd make a report upon this affair, it was necessary t / African Co shd lay before them the proposals in writ^g, duly authenticated in such manner as they shd think proper, they likewise acquainted / Committee f / creditors o / sd Co, & they shd be ready to receive anythg ~~for~~ they shd think proper to offer, relatg to this affair; & all parties beg directed to withdraw, the Lordships agreed for to consider thereof, as soon as / African Co shd lay before them the proposals in writ^g.

Wednesday, December 14. Present: - Earl of Halifax, Mr Pitt, Mr Leveson Gower,
Mr Stanville, Lord Dupplin.

359] 1748.
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fo. 317-321
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Africa.

Read a Memorial of Royal African Co to Board, dd. 8th December, 1748
relatg to a security of / due applicⁿ of money petitioned for by them, & w^{ch}
/ House of Commons addressed to his Majesty to issue to them in 1745
& inclosg: -

Letter from Messrs Richard Stockwell & William Husbands to /
Court of Assistants of Royal African Co, relatg to /
faithful discharge of their respective trusts as agents of the Co
upon / Coast of Africa. Dated / 8th instant.

Ordered the Secretary do write to / Deputy Governor & Court of Assistants of Royal
African Co to desire their attendance on / subject of / sd above memorial, on Tuesday next
& to desire them to give notice to Messrs Stockwell & Husbands to attend on / same day.

Ordered the Secretary do likewise write to Mr Paterson, agent of / creditors of sd Co,
& to Mr Crichton, whose petition is under / consideration of Board, to acquaint them wth
above memorial, & the / sd Co are to attend thereupon on Tuesday next; & if / creditors have
anything to offer thereupon, they may have opportunity of attending at / same time.

362] 1748.
fo. 328-331.
Trade.
Africa.

Tuesday, December 20. Present: - Earl of Halifax, Mr Pitt, Mr Leveson
Gower, Lord Dupplin, Mr Fane.

The Lordships took into consideration a letter from Messrs Stockwell &
Husbands to / Royal African Co, laid before / Board by / sd Co, & men-
tioned in / minutes of / 14th instant; setting forth that they were informed the
Board were not well satisfied wth the way appointed at / head of / Co's affairs in
Africa, & containing a vindicaⁿ of their character, w^{ch} proposals of security of / faithful
discharge of their trusts; & / sd gentlemen attending, as had been desired, were called in;
& the Lordships acquainted them, that they were misinformed as to / parts set forth in /
above letter, & that as / matter before this Board was only to consider of what security /
African Co should proper to give of / due applicⁿ of money petitioned for by them, they
did not apprehend the / sd Messrs Stockwell & Husbands were at all concerned, nor

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were their characters ever called in question, neither was it before this Board to
consider what security they might think proper to give to / sd Co; whereupon /
sd Stockwell & Husbands, having acquainted the Lordships that they were
well satisfied thereunto, were ordered to withdraw.

Mr Stayer, / Deputy Governor, & seal of / Royal African Co, attending, as had
been desired, as also Mr Crichton & a committee of creditors of sd Co, /
memorial of sd Co, relatg to / security they propose of / due applicⁿ of money
petitioned for by them, mentioned in / minutes of / 14th instant, was read; & the Co being
asked if it was / only proposal they had to make, Mr Stayer acquainted / Board that
/ Co could give no other security than was mentioned in / sd memorial; whereupon
the Lordships acquainted them that they understood for what had been offered when they
attended / Board before, the / Co proposed giving some security to / publick, whereas
giving a security under the Seal by an applicⁿ of payment of money granted, & the
taking security of their agents, as proposed in / memorial, appeared to be no more
than / private security usually heretofore given by / sd Co, & / sd Co, having acquainted /
Board, that this was / only security they could give, all parties withdrew, & the Lordships
agreed to consider / same to-morrow m^o.

Wednesday, December 21. Present: - ... [ut supra] ...

Trade.
Africa.

The Lordships, pursuant to / preceding days minutes, took into consideration
/ reference from / Treasury of memorial of Royal African Co for payment of
£10,000, w^{ch} / House of Commons addressed his Majesty to issue to / sd Co in 1745,
as also / petition of Mr David Crichton, praying that several sums of money advanced by
him for / service of sd Co may be paid out of / sd £10,000, & ordered / draught
of a report thereupon to / Lords Commissioners of Treasury to be prepared

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Tuesday, January 10. Present: - The Earl of Halifax, Mr Pitt, Mr Grenville, Lord Dupplin, Mr Fane.

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A new Commission under / Great Seal, bearing date / 30th December last, appointing George Dromk, Earl of Halifax, Robert Ker, John Pitt, Baptist de Sion Power, James Grenville, Esquire, Thomas May Esquire, commonly called Lord Viscount Dupplin, & Francis Fane Esquire, together with Sir Thomas Robinson, Knight of Bath, (in / room of Richard Plumer, Esquire, who has resigned) Commissioners for promoting / Trade of this Kingdom & for inspecting & improving his Majesty's Plantations in America & elsewhere, was opened & read.

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Africa.

The draught of a Report to / Right Honourable / Lords Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury, upon / petition of Royal African Co of England for / payment of ten thousand pounds which / Honourable House of Commons addressed his Majesty to issue to / sd Co in 1745, as also upon / petition of Mr David Crichton, praying to be reimbursed several sums expended by him for / service of / African Co upon / coast of Africa out of / sd ten thousand pounds, having been prepared, pursuant to / minutes of 21st of December last, was laid before / Board, agreed to & ordered to be transcribed.

366] 1748-9
fo. 4-5
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Africa.

Friday, January 13. Present: - Earl of Halifax, Mr Grenville, Lord Dupplin.

The draught of a report to / Right Honourable Lords Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury upon / petition of Royal African Co & of Mr David Crichton, relating to / ten thousand pounds, which / Honourable Commons addressed his Majesty to issue to / sd Co in 1745, having been transcribed, pursuant to / minutes of 10th instant, was laid before / Board & signed

429] 1749.
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fo. 187-190
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Wednesday, June 28. Present: - Earl of Halifax, Mr Pitt, Mr Grenville, Mr Fane, Sir Thomas Robinson.

A new Commission under / Great Seal, bearing date / 23rd instant, appointing --- [but supra including Robinson except Power] together with Charles Townshend Esquire (in / room of Baptist de Sion Power Esquire who has resigned), Commissioners --- [but supra].

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Africa.

Thursday, July 6. Present: - Earl of Halifax, Mr Pitt, Mr Fane, Sir Thomas Robinson.

Read a letter from / Duke of Bedford, dd / 30th June 1749 signifying his Majesty's pleasure that this Board do prepare a Scheme for / better improving & extending / Trade to Africa, & lay / same before both Houses of Parliament, at / beginning of next session, pursuant to an address of / House of Lords to his Majesty of 8th of June, 1749, & unless a copy of / sd address

Ordered that / Secretary do write a circular letter to / principal merchants in / Ports of London, Bristol & Liverpool, trading to Africa, & also to / gentlemen trading to & interested in / colonies, & to / African Co, desiring their opinion, w^{ch} consent dispatch, & in as full & explicit a manner as possible, what will be / best method of security, retarding & improving / Trade.

447] 1749
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fo. 243-246
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Africa.

Tuesday, August 1. Present: - Mr Pitt, Mr Grenville, Lord Dupplin, Sir Thomas Robinson, Mr Townshend.

Read a letter from Mr Alderman Bethel to Mr Hill, dd 1st August 1749, acquainting him with his having communicated his letter of 18th of last month to / several merchants of London interested in / Trade to Africa, who had agreed upon a meeting on / 9th of August, hoping in / meantime that a sufficient supply of money would be sent out for / preservation of / ports upon / coast of Africa, which they were informed were in great distress.

Ordered that / Secretary do acquaint Mr Alderman Bethel that the Lordships are concerned for / distress of / ports in Africa, but that / disposal of / money granted by Parliament entirely depends upon / Lords of Treasury.

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448] 1749.
fo. 246-249.
Trade.
Africa.
Wednesday, August 2. Present: - Earl o Halifax, Mr Pitt, Mr Grenville,
Lord Dupplin, Sir Thomas Robinson.
Mr Douglas & seal of merchants o London & Bristol, attendg, were called
in, & presented to / Board a Memorial o / Master, Wardens, Assistants
& Commonalty o / Society o Merchant Adventurers within / City o Bristol,
prayg under the Common Seal, prayg t / sum o £10,000, voted / last
sessⁿ o Parliamt, may be issued f / security & protectⁿ o / forts & settlemts
upon / coast o Africa.
Whereupon the Lordships informed acquainted them t / issue & disposal o / sd £10,000
was entirely under / directⁿ o / Lords Commissioners o his Majesty's Treasury.

455] 1749
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fo. 266-269
Trade.
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Wednesday, November 1. Present: - Lord Dupplin, Mr Fane, Mr Townshend.
Read a Letter for Mr Spence, Secretary to / Royal African Co, dd /
13th o October, 1749, transmitting: -
The representation & proposals o / Royal African Co o England
relatg to / extendg & improvg t trade.
Read a letter for Mr Alderman Bethel to Mr Hill, dd. 1749,
transmittg / Scheme o / merchants o London f / extendg &
improvg / trade to Africa.
Ordered t a letter be wrote to Mr Alderman Bethel returng / sd scheme, & desireg
t it may be signed, as usual in such cases.

Read a letter for Mr Hardman o Liverpool dd / 24th o October, 1749.
(in answer to one fm / Secretary o this Board, dd / 17th o July (last)
transmitting: -
The humble representⁿ o / merchants o Liverpool, relatg to /
extendg & enlargg / trade to Africa.
Wednesday, November 8. Present: - Earl o Halifax, Lord Dupplin, Mr Fane,
Sir Thomas Robinson, Mr Townshend.

458] 1749.
fo. 276-279.
Trade.
Africa.
Read a letter for Mr Cleveland, Secretary to / Lords o / Admiralty, dd
7th November 1749, inclosg: -
Acc^t o / state & condin o / British forts & settlemts on / coast o
Africa, & belongg to / Royal African Co o England, taken
by Captain O'Brien Dudley, Commander o / Chesterfield
man-o-war, dd / 28th January, 1747-8.

Friday, December 8. Present: - Earl o Halifax, Mr Grenville, Lord Dupplin,
Mr Fane.
Read a letter for Mr Alderman Bethel, dd / 7th inst^{mt} returng / plan
f / better regulatg & carryg on / trade on / coast o Africa, signed
by seal merchants o London concern'd in t trade.
Resolved t / seal proposals, wh h bn laid before / Board f / better securg,
improvg & extendg / trade to Africa, be taken into considerⁿ on Monday / 8th January
& t / Secretary do give notice thereof to / merchants o London, Bristol & Liverpool relatg
to Africa, / gentlemen interest'd in & tradg to his Majesty's Colonies in America, & also /
Deputy Govern^r & Court o Assistants o / Royal African Co, & desire the attendance at /
Board on t day.

Thursday December 14. Present: - Earl o Halifax, Mr Fane,
Sir Thomas Robinson, Mr Townshend.
69] 1749
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fo. 311-314.
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Africa.
Read a letter for / merchants o Bristol dd / 13th November, 1749.
inclosg
a Scheme f extendg & improvg / trade to Africa.

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Monday, March 19th. Present: - Earl of Hillsborough, Mr Jenyns, Mr Elliot, Mr Bacon, Mr Rice, Lord Ormsell.

Trade
Africa.

Read a letter from Philip Stephens, esquire, Secretary to Lords of Admiralty, to Secretary, dd. March 17th, 1764, transmitt 3 papers received from Captain Babinan, relative to facts & accidents on coast of Africa.

... [Gambia] ...

... [Bance Island] ...

State & Condition of Dixcove Fort, 12th July, 1763

Ditto: of Secundee Fort, 23rd July, 1763.

State & Condition of Commenda Fort, 1st August, 1763

State & Condition of Cape Coast Castle, 22nd August, 1763

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Tuesday, April 17. Present: - Earl of Hillsborough, Mr Jenyns, Mr Elliot, Lord Ormsell, Mr Sasseigne.

Africa.

Read following papers received from Secretary to Co of Merchants Trade to Africa, viz.,

Copys of two letters from Governor & Council of Cape Coast Castle to African Committee, dd. 15th, & 27th August, 1763; also of an

Act of Council etc, 15th August, 1763

~~letter~~ Copys of two letters from African Committee to Governor & Council of Cape Coast Castle, dd. December 31st, 1763 & 11th January, 1764

letter from Samuel Poirier, esquire, Secretary to African Committee, dd. 2nd April, 1764, inclosed,

Copy of a letter from African Committee to Governor & Council of Cape Coast Castle, dd. 31st March 1764.

... [Gambia] ...

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Thursday, June 9th. Present: - Earl of Hillsborough, Mr Jenyns, Mr Elliot, Mr Bacon, Mr Rice, Lord Ormsell, Mr Sasseigne, Mr Dyson.

The Lordships took into consideration / State of African Trade, & it was desired to / Secretary shd write to / Committee of Co of Merchants Trade to Africa, by a comparative acct of number & tonnage of ships fitted out for / several parts of St Britain to / Coast of Africa, since / present parliamentary establishmt took place, distinguishing each year; as also / like acct of number of negroes shipped off / coast of same time, & average price of such negroes, in each year, & to desire / Committee wd give the opinion, when they think it advantageous to / public interests & benefit of / Trade, to the officers upon / coast shd be allowed to trade for slaves, & if they do think it advantageous, to they wd state fully the reasons to / opinion.

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101] 1764
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fo. 397

Wednesday, July 13th Present: - Earl o Hillsborough, Mr Fox, Mr Boscawen, Mr Dyson.

The Lordships took into consideration / state o affairs respecting his Majesty's dominions & possessions in Africa & the following papers were read & considered vizt -
Letter from Samuel Poirer, esquire, Secretary to / African Committee dd. June 30th 1764, inclosg: -

Report o / African Committee in answer to / Secretary's letter o 11, June, 1764, on / questn, wher it be f / publick advantage & benefit o / Trade, t / officers upon / Coast o Africa shd be allow'd to trade f slaves.

Copy o a letter from Mr Gordon, Chief o William's Fort, whydah, to / African Committee, November 26th, 1763.

Copy o a ~~letter~~ letter from William Mutter, esquire, Governor o Cape Coast Castle, to / African Committee, dd. 10th January, 1764
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Letter from Mr Poirer to Mr Pownall dd. July 11th, 1764, inclosg
List o papers inclosed to Mr Pownall for / African Committee.
... [Gambia] ...

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Africa,
fo. 430.

Monday November 19th. Present: - Earl o Hillsborough, Mr Jenyns, Lord Onslow, Mr Dyson.

The following letters & papers received from / Committee o / Co o Merchants Trade to Africa, since / Board's access, were laid before the Lordships, & read & considered, vizt: -

Letter from Samuel Poirer, esquire, Secretary to / African Committee, to Mr Pownall, dd. August 2nd, 1764 inclosg.

Copy o a letter from William Mutter, esquire, Governor o Cape Coast Castle, to / African Committee, dd. February 10th, 1764

Copy o a letter from William Mutter, esquire, Governor o Cape Coast Castle, to / African Committee, dd. February 27th, 1764

Letter from Samuel Poirer, esquire, Secretary to / African Committee, to Mr Pownall, dd. August 9th, 1764, inclosg.

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A List o / Committee o / Co o Merchants Trade to Africa f / year 1764, as dec'd on July 3rd, 1764.
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Africa.

The Act o / Committee o / Co o Merchants Trade to Africa, distinguishing w^{ch} article o expensie under its proper title.

... [Senegal] ...
... [Gambia] ...
Letter from Samuel Poirer, esquire, to Mr Pownall, Secretary, dd. October 22nd, 1764, inclosg.

Copy o a letter from William Mutter, esquire, Governor o Cape Coast Castle, to / African Committee, dd 27th May, 1764.

A Plan o a fort f Cape Appollonia

Copy o an estimate f building a fort at Cape Appollonia.

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Letter from Philip Stedens, esquire, Secretary to / Lords o / Admiralty, to Mr Pownall, dd September 8th, 1764, inclosg

Extract o a letter from Captain Cleveland to Mr Stephens, dd August 13th, 1764, givg an acct o his proceedgs on / Coast o Africa

An acct o / State & Condition o / forts, &c. on / Coast o Africa.

fo. 434.

... [Senegal] ...

Ordered, t such o / sd papers as relate to / establishment at Senegal, / im-
provements o / French in / Upper Gambia, & / Expediency o building a fort
at Cape Appollonia, be taken into f^ur consideration on Thursday next, at notice
be given to / African Committee to attend.

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Saturday, February 4th, Present:— Earl o' Hillsborough,

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Mr Eliot, Mr Bacon, Mr Rice,
... [Senegal] ...

Read a letter fm Mr Poirier to / Secretary, dd 21st December, 1763,
in answer to his letter o' / 6th, contain^g / sentiment^s o' / African

Committee on / expediency o' an establish^{mt} at or near Cape Apollonia, &
on a petition fm / merchants o' Lancaster complain^g o' contract^s made wth /
French to sell & deliver them slaves on / Coast o' Africa, inclos^g

Copy o' a letter fm Mr Francis Gildart to / Secretary o' African
Committee, dd Liverpool, 22nd November, 1763.

Copy o' a letter fm / Master o' Merchants' Hall Bristol, also
o' / resolv^{ns} o' / African Merchants etc, relative to
Cape Apollonia, & / contract^s wth / French b^o negroes,
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Copy o' a letter fm Narwan Senior (late Governor o' Cape
Coast Castle) to / African Committee, November 7th, 1763

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Copy o' a letter fm / Committee o' / Co o' Merchants trad^g to
Africa to / Governor & Council o' Cape Coast Castle,
dd. 15th December, 1763

Read a letter fm Mr Poirier, Secretary to / African
Committee, dd 7th January, 1764, inclos^g,

Copy o' a letter fm Charles Bell, Esquire, Governor o'
Cape Coast Castle, to / African Committee, dd.
7th August, 1763.

111) 1764. Thursday, November 22nd. Present: - Earl of Hillsborough, Mr Jenyns, Mr Rice, Lord Onslow, Mr Dyson.
Trade. Africa.
The Lordships took into consideration / seal papers mentioned in / minutes of Monday last, in so far as they relate to / state of / establishments at Senegal; / proceedings of French in / River Gambia, & / expediency of building a fort at Cape Appolonia; & / gentlemen of Committee of Co of Merchants trade to Africa attendg, the Lordships had some discourse wth them upon / seal points above-mentioned

112) 1764. Friday November 23rd. Present: - ... [ut supra] ...
Trade. Africa.
The Lordships took into full consideration / diff^r establishments upon / Coast of Africa, more especially in respect to / present state of Senegal; / proceedings of French in / River Gambia, & / expediency of building a fort at Cape Appolonia; & Messrs Butler, Dixon & Bishop, who had resided some time in / Dept. of Senegal attendg ... the Lordships had some discourse wth them ...

The gentlemen being withdrawn, the Lordships, after consideration of what had appeared relative to / state of / national interests in t^{he} part of / World in gen^{er}, ordered / draught of a representation to his Majesty thereupon to be prepared

113) 1764. Monday, November 26th. Present: - Earl of Hillsborough, Mr Jenyns, Mr Rice, Mr Pascoyne, Mr Dyson
Trade. Africa.
The Lordships took into full consideration / state of / seal establishments upon / Coast of Africa, & / Secretary was ordered to give notice to Mr Pirrie, Secretary to / Committee of Co of Merchants trade to Africa to attend to morrow m^{orn}g, wth / acts received from / chiefs of / seal forts & / factories upon / coast, of / parts applican of / supplies sent out by / Committee, w^{ch} applican is not specified in the gen^{er} acc^t.

114) 1764. Tuesday, November 27th. Present: - Mr Jenyns, Mr Rice, Mr Pascoyne, Mr Dyson.
Trade. Africa.
The Secretary acquainted / Board, & he had received a verbal message from / Secretary to / Committee of Co of Merchants trade to Africa, signifying to him t^{hat} / letter, w^{ch} he had written to him yesterday, to desire his attendance at / Board this m^{orn}g, w^{as} to be laid before a Committee w^{as} way to meet tomorrow.

115) 1764. Thursday, November 29th. Present: - Earl of Hillsborough, Mr Jenyns, Mr Rice, Mr Pascoyne, Mr Dyson.
Trade. Africa.
Read a letter from Mr Pirrie, Secretary to / African Committee, to / Secretary ad 28 November, 1764, informing him, t^{hat} he & some of gentlemen of Committee w^{as} de wait upon / Board on Friday next on / subject of his letter of 26th instant.
to. 458. Ordered t^{hat} notice be given to / Committee to attend / Board on Monday next at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, & in the meantime, to transmit / accounts mentioned in Mr Pownalls letter of 26th.

The Lordships took into full consideration / papers relative to / state of our commerce & establishments on / Coast of Africa, mentioned in / minutes of 19th instant, & / letters from / Governor & Council of James Fort in / River Gambia of 26th May & 20th July last; relative to / artfull & dangerous proceedings of French in / River Gambia, having been agreed, as also / memorial of traders therein referred to, & / state of / establishments at

to. 459. Paris, / so letters & papers were ordered to be copied, to be laid before his Majesty, & a letter to / Earl of Halifax thereon, & upon / expediency of some possession had taken at Arguin & Portendic, was signed

117] 1764
Feb. 21.
fo. 466
Trade.
Africa.
Monday, December 3rd. Present: - Earl o Hillsborough, Mr Sengus,
Mr Bacon, Mr Rice, Mr Sarscayne, Mr Dyson
The Secretary laid before / Board several books o acct^s. received from
the Committee o / Co o Merchants trading to Africa, containing / part^{rs}
o / applican & distribⁿ. upon / Coast o Africa, o / goods sent out
by / Committee f / support o / sevl establish^{ts}, & sevl o / Committee
attended, & the assistant secretary, to explain / sd acct^s.

120] 1764.
Thursday, December 6th Present: - ... [ut supra] ...
Trade.
Africa.
fo. 475
The lordships entered into a consideran o / state o / forts, factories &
establish^{ts} upon / Coast o Africa, & / managem^t o / African Committee
in respect thereto, in order to / form an opinion o what measure it
may be proper to take w respect to a matter o so gr national imp^t.
... [Minutes w right to Sanguin, Portendic, Smally & Parodally] ...
& proposⁿ to be taken.

121] 1764.
Monday, December 24th. Present: - Earl o Hillsborough, Mr Sengus,
Mr Bacon, Mr Dyson.
fo. 515
Trade.
Africa.
fo. 516.
The Secretary laid before / Board the follow^g paper received from / Com-
mittee o / Co o Merchants trading to Africa, viz,
Copy o a letter from William Muller, sevrice, Govern^r o Cape Coast Castle,
to / African Committee. dd July, 1764.
The lordships then took into fur consideran / state o / forts, factories
& establish^{ts} upon / Coast o Africa, more especially in Senegal & d^r
part^{rs} o / Gunn Coast, & in / River Gambia; & fur direct^s were given, in respect
to / draught o a representⁿ upon this subject, ordered to be prepared by / minutes o /
23rd o November last vide Journal 1765, p. 39.

122] Journal f / Year 1765. [Vol. 72]

123] 1765.
Monday, January 28th. Present: - Earl o Hillsborough, Mr Sengus,
Mr Bacon, Mr Rice, Lord Orbell, Mr Sarscayne, Mr Dyson.
fo. 39.
Trade.
Africa.
fo. 40
The lordships also took into consideran / state o / establish^{ts} on /
Coast o Africa, more especially in respect to / Districts o Senegal &
Gambia, & / draught o a representⁿ to his Majesty thereupon was
read & considered.

124] 1765
Monday February 10th Present: - ... [ut supra, except Sarscayne] ...
fo. 42
Trade.
Africa.
The lordships took into fur consideran / draught o a representⁿ to
his Majesty, upon / state o / sevl forts & establish^{ts} upon / Coast o
Africa, more especially o those at Senegal & Gambia, mentioned in
/ minutes o / 28th ult; & / sd draught, having been agreed to, was ordered
to be transcribed.

125] 1765
Thursday February 21st Present: - ... [as on Jan 28] ...
fo. 68
Trade.
Africa.
The draught o a representⁿ to his Majesty upon / state o / sevl forts &
establish^{ts} upon / Coast o Africa, more especially o those at Senegal & Gambia
having been considered pursuant to order, was signed.
Ordered, E / Secretary do give notice to / Committee o / Co o Merchants trading to Africa
to attend / Board tomorrow m^g at 11 o'clock.

126] 1765
Friday, February 22nd. Present: - ... [as on Feb 18] ...
fo. 69.
Trade.
Africa.
The Committee o / Co o Merchants trading to Africa attend as directed, the
lordships communicated to them / result o the consideran^s o / state o /
sevl establish^{ts} upon / Coast o Africa, more especially those o Senegal
& Gambia.

153] 1965: Thursday, February 28th, President - Lord Osofsky, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Bacon, Mr. Rice, Lord Osofsky, Mr. Dwyer.

Read an Order of King of King in Council, dd. February 22nd, 1965, approving Board's report in relation to duties, duties, & Senegal & Cambodia into a Province, & duties of the Board to take proper measures in

Parliament to make his Majesty to carry into effect / plan proposed by / set up under:

1965: Monday, September 2nd, President: - Lord Osofsky, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Bacon, Mr. Rice, Lord Osofsky, Mr. Dwyer.

Read a letter from Mr. Patten G. Secretary, dd. July 22nd, 1965, in which a letter of / was African Committee

The Act of Committee of Co merchants hady to Africa, as -
engaged very early & capture of / year 1964.

1965: [Senegal & Gambia] ...
Read a copy of a letter from / Committee of Co merchants hady to Africa to / Governor & Council of Cape Coast, containing the orders & instructions in respect to / Port of Black House prepared to be created at Cape Appollonia.

Members Biscoe, Smith & Crampden, that of / Committee, attend, were called in, & the Lordships had some discussion of them upon / subject matter of / at letter, in which they represented to the Lordships & had, since / date of / at letter, considered of /

imped & they represented, & / danger it was to be apprehended from / interests & obligations of / duty, it was / sense of / Committee & orders shall be sent on / carrying / measures for /

Committee letter above-mentioned, says, I they were / order induced to this step by /

request such a plan to / proposed for & expense of / expense as appeared to them reasonable & proper to be set up.

The government then produced a plan, accompanied as a report of / engineer who drew it, during / Board's dissent & opinion in this case; whereupon the Lordships acquainted them, & they set shortly into the matter into committee, & give them such advice & opinion as / nature of / case shall appear to require.

1965: Tuesday, September 8th, President: - Lord Osofsky, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Bacon, Mr. Rice, Lord Osofsky, Mr. Dwyer.

The Lordships took into consideration / plan for a Port of Black House at Cape Appollonia, & also / engineers report thereupon, & a copy of / Committee of Co merchants attend, the Lordships informed them & they were of opinion, & / Committee were satisfied / plan of a Port of Black House intended, & that in / nature of / case there is no necessity on / grant of / Parliament, if it be consistent with / grounds on which / grant was made, to take / necessary steps for carrying it into immediate execution.

203] 1965: Friday, September 8th, President: - Lord Osofsky, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Bacon, Mr. Rice, Lord Osofsky, Mr. Dwyer.

The Lordships took into consideration / plan for a Port of Black House at Cape Appollonia, & also / engineers report thereupon, & a copy of / Committee of Co merchants attend, the Lordships informed them & they were of opinion, & / Committee were satisfied / plan of a Port of Black House intended, & that in / nature of / case there is no necessity on / grant of / Parliament, if it be consistent with / grounds on which / grant was made, to take / necessary steps for carrying it into immediate execution.

204] 1965: Monday, August 20th, President: - Lord Osofsky, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Bacon, Mr. Rice, Lord Osofsky, Mr. Dwyer.

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1965: Monday, August 20th, President: - Lord Osofsky, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Bacon, Mr. Rice, Lord Osofsky, Mr. Dwyer.

228] 1765. Friday, November 29th. Present: - Earl o Dartmouth, Mr Jonyes, ~~Mr~~
Mr Roberts, Mr Fitzherbert.

fo. 349.
Trade.
Africa.

Read / fullms letters & papers received from / Committee o / Co o
merchants trading to Africa, vizt,

letter from Mr Parier to / Secretary, dd. November 14th 1765
transmitting.

Copy o a letter from William Muller, esquire, Governor o Cape Coast
Castle, to / African Committee, dd. July 20th 1765.

Copy o an Act o Council held at Cape Coast Castle, July 10th, 1765,
containing resolutions relating to a war then carryd on
betwixt / Fantees & Ashantees.

Copy o a letter from Messrs. Hippiisley, Petrie & Gessole, to /
African Committee, July 5th, 1765.

Copy o a letter from / African Committee to / Governor & Council o
Cape Coast Castle, October 29th, 1765.

... [whydah] ...

Copy o a letter from William Muller, esquire, Governor o Cape Coast
Castle, to / African Committee, January 21st, 1765.

Copy o a letter from / African Committee to William Muller, esquire
dd. 8th February, 1765.

Copy o a letter from William Muller, esquire Governor o Cape Coast
Castle, to / African Committee, February 10th, 1765.

Copy o a letter from William Muller, esquire to / African Committee,
April 25th, 1765.

Copy o a letter from / captain o a French Snow signed Painseau
to Mr John Cockburn, Chief o Tantum quarry.

letter from Captain Duboys, master o a French Snow,
to Mr John Cockburn, Chief o Tantum quarry.

letter from Mr John Cockburn to Captain Duboys, master
o a French Snow.

letter from Captain Duboys to Mr Cockburn.

letter from Mr Cockburn to William Muller, esquire,
Governor o Cape Coast Castle.

Ordered, t / above mentioned letter from William Muller, esquire,
dd. July 20th 1765, in wh he gives an acct o / state o hostilities in wh /
Gold Coast is at present involved by / war betwixt / Ashantees & Fantees,
be taken into fur consideration on Thursday next, & t notice be given to
/ Committee to attend on t day.

230] 1765 Thursday, December 5th. Present: - Earl o Dartmouth,
fo. 355. Mr Jonyes, Mr Roberts, Mr Fitzherbert.

Trade.
Africa

The Lordsships took into consideration / copy o a letter to / Committee o /
Co o merchants trading to Africa from / Governor o Council o Cape Coast
Castle, dd. July 20th 1765, relative to / state o t coast in respect to /

fo. 354
Ashantee war, & also a copy o an Act o Council o / 10th o t month,
containing the opinion & resolution thereon; & several o / Committee attendg, they were called in,
& after some discourse o them on this business, they were ordered to withdraw, &
the Lordsships came to / following resolutions, vizt,

T / affair o / Ashantee War as represented in / letter from / Governor & Council o Cape Coast Castle, dd. / 20th July, & in the resol^{ns} o / 10th o E month, appears o a v^y serious & unimp^r nature, as well w respect to / security o / national pot^{er}, as to / effect it may h upon / Trade.

Co. 358

T / measures recommended by / Governor & Council in the resol^{ns} o / 10th o July, were prudent & necessary, & they o^t to be supported in / execution o them, as far as / grant o Parliam^t & / service o Coast in gen will allow.

T / most speedy & effectual measures shd be taken to put all / ports t may be affected by this w^{ar} into a proper state o defence, more especially Cape Coast Castle, wh the lordships is concern otherwise, for / resol^{ns} o / Governor & Council, is in a v^y weak state in respect to its garrison.

The Committee were ag^s called in agn & / forego^s resol^{ns} basg on read, they desired a copy thereof, wh / Secretary is or ordered to transmit to them.

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Commission dated 31 Jan 1766 appointed / same Comm^s [as on P 42 page] & added o Henry, David Viscount Palmerston o Kingdom o Ireland.

240] 1766.
Trade.
Africa
Co. 144.

Friday, May 9th. Present Earl o Dartmouth, Mr Jenyns, Mr Rice, Mr Dyson, Lord Palmerston.

The follow^g letters & papers received from / Committee o / Co o Merchants tradg to Africa were read & considered, Vizt.

Copy o a letter from William Muller, esquire, Governor o Cape Coast Castle to / African Committee, dd October 25th, 1765.
acc^t o brandy sent to whydah.

Letter from Captain George Mellic to Mr William Muller.
Copies o letters betwⁿ Messrs Brew & Webster, Mr Muller & Mr Huydecoper, from 16th August to October 1st, 1765.

... [whydah] ...

Copy o a letter from William Muller, esquire, Governor o Cape Coast Castle, to Mr Thomas Tucker, on his go^g to build a block house at Cape Appolonia, dd. November 22nd, 1765.

Copy o a letter from William Muller, esquire, to / African Committee, dd 14th December, 1765.

Ordered, t an extract be made o so much o Mr Muller's letter o / 14th o December last, as relates to / measures taken by / Dutch Governor o Elmina to stir up / nat^l's agst / Cabocers o Appolonia, to be laid before his Majesty; & / sd extract hasg bn accordingly made, a letter to Mr Secretary Conway, includg it, was signed.

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1766

Wednesday, August 24th. Present: - Earl o Hillsborough, Mr Elliot, Mr Dyson, Mr Fitzherbert.

A Commission under / Gr Seal o Gr Britain bear^g date 118th instant, constitut^g / gr Officers o State, togr w / Earl o Hillsborough, Soame Jenyns, Edward Elliot, George Rice, John Roberts, Jeremiah Dyson & William Fitzherbert, esquires, & Henry, Viscount Palmerston, Commissioners & unimp^r & unprov^d / Colonies Commerce & Colonies o this kingdom were opened & read.

934. 1766
 363. Tuesday, September 2nd. Present: - Earl o' Hillsborough, Mr Eliot
 Mr Dyson, Mr Fitzherbert.
- 335] 1766
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 Africa. The Secretary laid before / Board / follows papers received fr / Com-
 mittee o' Co o' Merchants tradg to Africa, & communicated fr / Admiralty,
 relative to / state o' affairs on t' coast, vizt.,
 ... [Senegal] ...
 ... E "] ...
 ... E "] ...
- Trade,
 Africa. Letter fr Mr Poirier, dd July. 24th, 1766 wa list o' African Committee
 fr 1766.
- Letter fr Mr Poirier, Secretary to / African Committee dd. 26th July. 1766
 transmitting seal letters & papers relative to / state o' affairs on /
 Coast o' Africa
60. 364. Letter fr Philip Stephens, esquire, Secretary to / lords o' Admiralty,
 to Mr Pownall, dd. February 19th, 1766, inclosg. fr dr lord-
 ships' informan reports off / state o' / forts & fortifica^{ns}
 on / Coast o' Africa
- 50] 1766
 miscellanies
 80. 429 Tuesday, December 23rd, Present: - Lord Viscount Clare, Mr Jenyns,
 Mr Roberts, Mr Dyson, Mr Fitzherbert, Mr Robinson
 A Commission under / Gr Seal, bearing date / 18th instant, constitutg
 & appointg / gr Officers o' State, togr w / Right Honourable Robert
 Nugent (was Viscount Clare o' Kingdom o' Ireland) Soame,
 Jenyns, Edward Eliot, George Rice, John Roberts, Jeremiah Dyson, William Fitz-
 herbert & Thomas Robinson, esquires, Commissioners fr inspectg & improvg /
 Commerce & Colonies o' Gr Britain, was open'd & read, & Lord Clare took his seat
 at / Board.
 The lordships agreed to meet fr / dispatch o' business on Tuesdays, Thurs-
 days & Fridays, at 11 o'clock in / forenoon.
- 352] 1764. Journal fr / Year 1764. [Vol. 74.]
- 359] 1764
 [Vol. 74]
 Trade,
 Africa. Tuesday, January 24th, Present: - Lord Clare, Mr Jenyns,
 Mr Dyson, Mr Fitzherbert, Mr Robinson
 Read a letter to / Secretary fr Philip Stephens, esquire,
 Secretary to / lords Commissioners o' Admiralty, dd.
 January 20th 1764, inclosg / returns, made by /
 Captain o' his Majesty's ship Phoenix, o' / state &
 condⁿ o' / seal forts on / Coast o' Africa.
- Ordered, t' / Secretary do write to / Committee o' Co o' Merchants
 tradg to Africa, fr such acct's o' / state & progress o' / fort buildg at
Cape Appollonia, as h^e has received since those communicated to
 / Board in July last. [supra.]
- 361] 1764.
 Vol. 74.
 60. 33
 Trade,
 Africa. Friday, February 3rd. Present: - Lord Clare, Mr Jenyns,
 Mr Roberts, Mr Dyson, Mr Fitzherbert, Mr Robinson
 Read a letter to Mr Pownall fr Mr Poirier, Secretary to / Committee
 o' Co o' Merchants tradg to Africa, dd. January 31st 1764
 acquaintg him, fr / informan o' Board, o' / state o' / fort
 buildg at Cape Appollonia & / preparans made here
 & in Africa fr carryg on t' work.

Read

Read a letter fm / Earl o Shelburne to / Board, dd. February 2nd. 1767, inclosg seal papers relative to a claim o / Dutch West India Co to an exclusive possessn o Cape Appollonia & Country dependent thereupon.

Read a letter to Mr Parnall fm Mr Poirer, Secretary to / Committee o / Co o Merchants tradg to Africa dd January 28th, 1767, inclosg

60.39.

copies o seal letters to / Committee fm / Chief o Cape Coast Castle, relative to / state o affairs on t coast, or to / ruinous condition o seal o / forts; also inclosg copies o two letters fm / Committee to / sd Chief o Cape Coast Castle.

Read a letter fm / Earl o Shelburne to / Board, dd. February 2nd, 1767 inclosg seal papers relative to a claim o / Dutch West India Co to an exclusive possessn o Cape Appollonia & / Country dependent thereupon, & signifyd his Majesty's commands t / Board shd consider / same & report thr opinion thereupon.

362] 1767
Trade
Africa

60.40.

Ordered, t all / abovementioned papers be taken into consideration Thursday next, & t / Secretary do give notice to / Committee o / Co o Merchants tradg to Africa, to attend / Board on t day.

Thursday, February 5th. Present: - Lord Clare, Mr Jenyns, Mr Roberts, Mr Dyson, Mr Fitzherbert, Mr Robinson.

Trade.
Africa.

The Lordships took into fur consideration / papers relative to Africa, mentioned in / minutes o Tuesday [5th] last, & / Committee o / Co o Merchants tradg to Africa attendg, pursuant to notice, they were called in, & beg asked & wher they hd any fur or o' accts o / ruinous state o / forts at Secondee & Cape Coast, than what w^{as} contained in Mr Hippisley's letter o July last, or wher they cd form any estimate o / expence o puttg Cape Coast Castle into a state o repair, they sd they hd no o' accts, & were not able to form such estimate at present, but hoped shortly to be able to do it, as they hourly expected indentys fm thr officers on / coast, fm wh they shd be able to make it out.

The Lordships then proceeded to / considerⁿ o / claim o / Dutch West India Co to an exclusive possessn o Cape Appollonia, & Mr Mutter, late Chief o Cape Coast Castle, who attended w / Committee, beg called in, thr Lordships informed them o / state o / pretensⁿ o / Dutch West India Co, & some quesⁿs were asked o Mr Bell & Mr Mutter touchg thr correspondⁿ w / Governour o / Dutch fort at Elmina on this subject, as referred to in / representanⁿ o / directors o / Dutch West India Co; after wh it was resolvd & orderd, t / sd representanⁿ & pap^r representanⁿ & papers thereunto annexed, shd be referd to / Committee to thr answer thereto in a report to / Board, in / mat^rs o wh they were desired to use all convenient dispatch

60.43. Ordered t Mr Hippisley's letter o July last, relative to / ruinous state o seal o / forts, & partly o Cape Coast Castle, be copied, to be transmitted to / Earl o Shelburne, & t a letter to his Lordship thereupon be prepared.

363] 1767
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Africa.

Friday, February 6th. Present: - Lord Clare, Mr Jenyns, Mr Roberts, Mr Dyson, Mr Fitzherbert, Mr Robinson

The draught o a letter to / Earl o Shelburne w a copy o Mr Hippisley's letter o July last, relative to / ruinous state & condition o some o / forts on / Coast o Africa, hasg bn prepared pursuant to order, was agreed to, transcribed & signed.

276] 1767
to 102.
Trade Africa
bo. 105
Tuesday, March 24th. Present: - Lord Clare, Mr Jennings, Mr Rice,
Mr Roberts, Mr Dyson, Mr Fitzherbert.
Ordered, t/ Secretary do write to / Committee o/ Co o Merchants Trade to
Africa, reminding them o/ ~~reference~~ reference o/ representation o/ Dutch West India
Co. relative to Cape Appollonia, & desiring them to make the report thereon w
all convenient dispatch.

Thursday, March 26th. Present: - ... [ut supra o Mr Adkinson] ...
Trade Africa
bo. 106.
Read a letter to / Secretary from Mr Parier, Secretary to / Committee o/ Co o
Merchants Trade to Africa, acquainting him. b/ informant o/ Board, t/
Committee will make the report on / reference concerning Cape Appollonia, as soon as
they sh^d h^d received answers to some queries sent to Bristol & Liverpool.

278] 1767
to 110
Trade Africa
Tuesday, March 30th. Present: - Lord Clare, Mr Jennings, Mr Rice,
Mr Dyson, Mr Fitzherbert, Mr Adkinson.
The Secretary laid before / Board several papers received from /
Committee o/ Co o Merchants Trade to Africa, / titles o/ w^{ch} are as follows, viz.
Copy o a letter from / African Committee to / Governor & Council at
Cape Coast Castle. dd. March 4th, 1767
Copy o a letter from Gilbert Petrie, Esqre, Governor o Cape Coast Castle
to / African Committee dd. September 19th, 1766
Copy o two letters from Thomas Trinder, Esquire, Chief o Fort
Appollonia, to / Governor o Cape Coast Castle. dd. /
3rd June & 26th August, 1766.

409] 1767
Sol 44.
bo. 239.
Wednesday, July 15th. Present: - Lord Clare, Mr Dyson, Mr Fitzherbert,
Mr Adkinson.
The Lordships took into consideration several papers referred to them
relative to a claim o/ Dutch West India Co to an exclusive possession o Cape
Appollonia, mentioned in / minutes o/ 3rd o February last; & / following papers
from / Committee o/ Co o Merchants Trade to Africa relative thereto were read.
bo. 240.
Letter from Mr Parier, Secretary to / African Committee, to / Secretary o this
Board, dd. May 19th 1767 wth several papers annexed respecting / Dutch West
India Co's claim to Cape Appollonia, & also remarks o/ African
Committee, in answer to / sd Co's Memorial.

Copies o letters from / Governor o Cape Coast Castle, & o one from / Chief o
Appollonia to / Committee, also o a
protest o/ Dutch Director Gen & Council agst/ proceedings o/ English at
Cape Appollonia, & / Governor o Cape Coast's answer thereto.
Upon full consideration o these papers, it was ordered, t/ draught o a
bo. 241 representation to his Majesty on / memorial o/ Dutch West India Co sh^d be prepared.

16] 1767
Trade Appollonia.
bo 240.
Thursday, July 29th. Present: - Lord Clare, Mr Roberts,
Mr Fitzherbert, Mr Adkinson.
The draught o a representation to his Majesty on / claim o/ Dutch
West India Co to an exclusive possession o Cape Appollonia, has
been transcribed pursuant to order, was signed; & it was also a letter to
/ Earl o Shelburne enclosing it & desiring him to lay it before his Majesty
Monday October 5th. Present: - Lord Clare, Mr Fitzherbert
Mr Adkinson.

17] 1767
Trade Africa.
bo. 241.
The Secretary laid before / Board several letters & papers received since
the Lordships last meetg viz.
Letter from Samuel Parier Esqre, Secretary to / African Committee,
to / Secretary o this Board, dd. September 7th, 1767. Transmittg
a copy o the acct b/ year 1766, & a list o/ Committee b/
ensuing year.

424] 1764.
Vol 44.
p. 290
Trade.
Africa.

Tuesday, October 13th. Present:— Lord Clare, Mr Dyson, Mr Fitzherbert, Mr Robinson.
Said orders o referre fm / Lords o / Committee o Council were read, & 1 Bill o wh are as follows, vizt.
Order o / Lords o Council, dd October 9th, 1764. referring to / Board, & the report, / the petition o / Committee o / Co o Merchants trading to Africa, praying / King's Licence f exports thirty hundred weight o wheat flour to Cape Coast Castle on / Coast o Africa, f / support & maintenance o / said forts & garrisons on t coast

425] Trade
Africa

Ordered, t / referre o / petition o / Committee o / Co o Merchants trading to Africa, be taken into consideration tomorrow morning, & t / Committee h notice to attend

426] 1764
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Trade.

(Wednesday, October 14th Present:— [set supra] ...
The Committee o / Co o Merchants Trading to Africa not attending, / consideration o the petition f leave to export provisions to / Coast o Africa, f / use o / forts, was postponed.

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Friday, October 23rd. Present:— Lord Clare, Mr Roberts, Mr Dyson, Mr Fitzherbert, Mr Robinson.

428 1764.
Trade
Africa.
p. 317.

Read a letter fm Mr Porrier, Secretary to / Committee o / Co o Merchants trading to Africa, to Mr Parnell, dd / 22nd instant, containing / apology o / Committee f not waiting on / Board last week.
Sent o / Committee attend, & upon dis course w them touching / subject matter o the petition to his Majesty to export grain to / Coast o Africa, it was ordered t / draught o a report shd be prepared.

429] 1764
Vol 44.
p. 320.
Trade.
Africa.

Tuesday, October 27th. Present:— Lord Clare Mr Dyson, Mr Fitzherbert.
The draught o a report upon / petition o / Committee o / Co o Merchants trading to Africa, praying leave to export grain & pulse to / Coast o Africa, f / use o / forts, has been prepared pursuant to order, was approved, transcribed & signed.

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to 1.

Friday January 21st Present: - Lord Clare, Mr Jennings,
Mr Dyson, Mr Fitzherbert, Mr Robinson

27 1768
to 15.
to 10.

Read a letter from Philip Stephens, Esquire, Secretary to Lords of Admiralty, to Secretary to this Board, dd January 20th, 1768
inclos 3 copies of
Acts of State & Condition of Forts & Settlements on Coast of Africa.

57 1768
to 15
to 19.
Trade
Africa.

Tuesday, April 12th, Present: ... [ut supra except Dyson] ...
Said letters & papers received since Board's adjournment, were
laid before Board & read, vizt.,
Letter from Mr Poirer to Secretary, dd February 10th, 1768, transmitting,
Copy of a letter from Mr Thomas Trinder, Chief of Fort
Appollonia to African Committee, dd July 14th, 1767.
Copy of a letter from Gilbert Pelrie, Esquire, Governor of Cape
Coast Castle to African Committee, dd August 4th 1767.
Copies of said letters to & from African Committee, to
Gilbert Pelrie Esquire, Governor & Council at Cape
Coast Castle, & Mr Trinder, Chief of Fort Appollonia.

107 1768
to 15
to 16
Trade
Africa.
to 61.

257 1768
to 15.
Trade
Africa.

Tuesday April 26. Present: - ... [as on Jan 21] ...
The Secretary laid before Board said papers received from
Committee of 60 of merchants trading to Africa, vizt.,

247 to 91.

N.B. The original papers, / titles of which shd h been entered
here, were sent to Lord of Shelburne, who not having
time to copy them made copies.

Said committee attended, & after discourse had w them on / subject of
such of above mentioned papers as relate to / danger to be apprehended from / War,
likely to break out betw / Ashanties & Fantees, it was ordered, t / sd papers
shd be copied & transmitted to Lord of Shelburne's secretary, f his
lordships informan.

307 1768
Mrs Killarney
to 141.

Thursday July 14th. Present: - Lord Hillsborough, Mr Eliot,
Mr Fitzherbert, Mr Roberts, Mr Robinson.
Read his Majesty's Commission under / Great Seal, bearing date /
12th instant, constituting & appointing / Great Officers of State, to w
George Jennings, Edward Eliot, George Rice, John Roberts, Jeremiah Dyson,
William Fitzherbert, & Thomas Robinson, Esquires, to be Commissioners
of promoting Trade, & inspecting & improving / Plantations in America & elsewhere,
& containing in / clause, which dispenses w / attendance of / Great Officers, an
except in respect to Lord of Hillsborough, one of his Majesty's principal
Secretaries of State.

44] 1768 Thursday, August 4. Present: - Earl o Hillsborough, Mr Roberts,
fo. 168 Mr Fitzherbert, Mr Robinson.

45] 1768 The Secretary laid before / Board / following papers, received fm /
Sol. 75. Committee o / Co o Merchants trade to Africa, viz,
fo. 169.

Letter fm Samuel Poirer, Esquire, Secretary to / African Committee, to /
Secretary to this Board dd July 22nd 1768, transmittg.

Copy o a Letter fm Gilbert Petrie, Esquire, Governour o Cape Coast Castle
to / African Committee, dd March 15th 1768.

Mr Orsbridge's Plan o a new bastion to be created at Cape Coast Castle

Mr John Frosles plan

List o / African Committee, elected July 4th, 1768

The 3d papers have b'n read, it was agreed to take them into full con-
sideration on Saturday m^o, & E / Committee shd h notice to attend.

46] 1768 Saturday August 6. Present: - [ut supra].

fo. 176 The Lordships took into full consideration / papers received fm /
Trade. Secretary to / Committee o / Co o Merchants trade to Africa, men-
Africa. tioned in / minutes o / 4th instant, & set o / sd committee attendg

pursuant to order, they were heard in what they had to offer upon /
gen state o E trade, & signified to the Lordships, / necessity th wd be o the
applyg to Parliamt^t f an augmentⁿ to / grant f / repairs o / forts on E coast,
wh were represented by them to be in a decayed & ruinous state

47] 1768 Various orders were made by / Board upon / seal points contained
Sol. 75. in Mr Petrie's letter, in part^r w respect to / quality o / goods exported
fo. 177. fm G^t Britain to / coast o Africa.

61] Tuesday December 20. Present: - Earl o Hillsborough, Mr
Fitzherbert, Mr Robinson.

62] 1768 Read a letter fm Philip Stephens, Esquire, Secretary to / Lords o
Trade. / Admiralty, to / Secretary to this Board, dd. December 15th
Africa. 1768, transmittg
fo. 227.

Copies o acct^s o / state & condⁿ o / forts & settle^{mts} on /
coast o Africa

64] 1769 Journal. f / Year 1769. [Sol. 76.]

fo. 1. Tuesday, January 10. Present: - Earl o Hillsborough, Mr
Miscellanies Jernyns, Mr Fitzherbert, Mr Roberts, Mr Robinson

A Commission under / G^t Seal o G^t Britain, dd / 30th o December 1768,
constituting & appointg / G^t Officers o State, togt w Soame Jernyns, Edward
Glist, George Rice, John Roberts, William Fitzherbert, Thomas Robinson,
& Wilmot, Lord Listburne, to be Commissioners f promotg / commerce,
& inspectg & improvg / Colonies o G^t Britain, & containg in / clause, wh
dispenses w / attend^{ce} o / G^t Officers, an exceptⁿ in respect to / Earl o
Hillsborough, one o his Majesty's principal Secretaries o State, was opened
& read.

Trade
Africa.

66] 1769.
Trade.
Africa

The Secretary laid before / Board seal papers received from / Committee
of Co o merchants tradg to Africa, vizt,
Copy o a letter from Gilbert Petrie, Esquire, Governor o Cape Coast Castle
to / African Committee, dd. May 15th, 1768.
Copy o a letter from / African Committee to Gilbert Petrie, Esquire,
November 10th, 1768
Copy o a letter from / African Committee to Mr Thomas Trinder,
chief o Fort Appolonia, November 10th, 1768.

79] 1769.
Vol. 46.
Trade.
Africa.
fo. 55.

Tuesday, March 14. Present:— Mr Jennings, Mr Rice, Mr
Robinson, Mr Fitzherbert, Mr Roberts, Lord Lisburne.

The Committee o / Co o merchants tradg to Africa attend,
o communicate to / Board two papers, as videt o the hadg
join notice to the officers upon / coast o Africa o / Act o
Parliamt, by wh / sd officers are required to acct upon oath
f / expenditure o / publick money, & also as videt o the hadg directed
an enquiry & report to be made o / state o / forts.

The sd papers are intitled as follows, vizt,

Extract o a letter from / Committee o / Co o merchants tradg to
Africa to Mr William Muttier, Governor, & / Council o
Cape Coast Castle dd. August 15th, 1765, inclosg / Acts o
Parliamt, passed last session, relative to / acct to be given
o stores; also
also Extract o a letter from / same to Gilbert Petrie, Esquire, Governr,
& / Council at Cape Coast Castle, November 17th, 1764, respectg /
accts to be sworn to.

fo. 56

Copy o a letter from / African Committee, to Gilbert Petrie, Governr,
& / Council at Cape Coast Castle, November 10th, 1768,
requirg an acct o / state & condin o / forts on t coast, &
likewise an estimate o / expence necessary f the repair.

It has bn observed to / Committee & they ot to h made applicⁿ f / appoint^{mt}
o such a person to administer / oath to the officers, as is pointed out by / Act, they
acknowledged the neglect therein, & promised to deliver in a memorial to / Board on t subject.
The Committee were then questioned as to / conduct o the officers in employg / slaves,
servants & craft o / publick, & also / goods sent out f / payment o / expenses o /
forts, in the own private trade, upon wh heads / committee acknowledged complaints
had bn made, & it was recommended to them to consider o proper instr^{ns} to the
officers upon these points.

81] 1769
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fo. 60.
Trade
fo. 61.
Africa.

Tuesday, March 21. Present:— Earl o Hillsborough, Mr Rice, Mr Fitz-
herbert, Mr Roberts, Mr Robinson, Lord Lisburne.

Read a memorial o / Committee o / Co o merchants tradg to Africa, to
his Board, prayg t a proper person may be appointed by his
majesty to administer / oath required by an Act o Parliamt passed
in / 5th year o his majesty's reign f / better regulatg / Trade to Africa

82] 1769.
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fo. 82
Trade
Africa.

Tuesday, April 10. Present:— Earl o Hillsborough, Mr Jennings, Mr
Roberts, Mr Robinson, Mr Rice, Mr Fitzherbert, Lord Lisburne.

The Lordships took into consideratⁿ / memorial o / Committee o / Co o
merchants tradg to Africa, mentioned in / minutes o / 21st ultimo, orderd
/ draught o a representatⁿ thereupon to his majesty in Council to be prepared.

83] 1769.
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fo. 84.
Trade
Africa.

Tuesday May 2. Present:— ... [at inj^{ns} except Rice]...

The draughts o / representatⁿs to his majesty ... upon / memorial o /
Committee o / Co o merchants tradg to Africa ... were signed

Thursday, May 11. Payment: - sent a letter brought, Mr. Denys, Mr. Rice, Mr. Fishburne, Mr. Elliot, Mr. Roberts, Lord Albemarle.

97] 1769. Oct 10.

The Secretary laid before / Board six papers received from / Committee of / Co Merchants ready to Africa, entitled as follows, vizt.

Trade Africa.

Letter from Samuel Poyner, Esquire, Secretary to / African Committee, to / Secretary. May 4th, 1769, inclosed.

Copy of a letter from Robert Pelne, Esquire, Governor of Cape Coast Castle to / Committee of Merchants ready to Africa, August 21st, 1768.

Ditto: from / same, October 21st, 1768.

Friday, June 2. Payment: - ... [at supra, is Robinson] ...

96] 1769.

Read / copy of a letter to / Committee of / Co Merchants ready to Africa from / Chief Officer upon / Coast of Africa, dd December 30th 1768. relating to / obstructions given by / Dutch to Portuguese vessels selling tobacco to British subjects etc.

Trade Africa.

Ordered, that this letter be taken into full consideration on Tuesday next, and some of / Committee of / African to be desired to attend.

Tuesday, June 6. Payment: - ... [as on June 2] ...

Trade Africa.

Sent of / Committee of / Co Merchants ready to Africa attended upon / subject of Mr Pelne's letter to / sd Committee, mentioned in / minutes of Friday last, & the resolutions for some directions as therein directed upon.

Friday, July 25. Payment: - sent a letter brought, Mr. Fishburne, Mr. Pelne, Mr. Poyner to / the Board, dd July 14th, 1769, transmittng

Trade Africa.

Copy of a letter from Robert Pelne, Esquire to / Committee of / Co Merchants ready to Africa, dd Cape Coast Castle, March 10th, 1769.

Trade Africa.

Thursday, July 27 [Aug 2?]. Payment: - sent a letter brought, Mr. Elliot, Mr. Fishburne, Mr. Poyner, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Denys, Mr. Fishburne, Mr. Elliot, Mr. Robinson, Lord Albemarle.

116] 1769.

Wednesday, Decemr 6. Payment: - from Denys, Mr. Fishburne, Mr. Elliot, Mr. Robinson, Lord Albemarle.

116] 1769.

The Secretary laid before / Board / following letters & papers, vizt,

Trade Africa.

Letter from Samuel Poyner, Esquire, Secretary to / African Committee, to / the Secretary, dd August 1st, 1769, transmittng, List of / Committee of / Co Merchants ready to Africa, 6 / year 1769.

Trade Africa.

Copy of a letter from John Fawcett, Esquire, Governor of Cape Coast Castle, to / Committee of / Co Merchants ready to Africa, dd June 24th, 1769.

Trade Africa.

Copy of a letter from John Fawcett, Esquire, Governor of Cape Coast Castle, to / Committee of / Co Merchants ready to Africa, dd June 24th, 1769.

Trade Africa.

Copy of a letter from Robert Pelne, Esquire, Governor of Cape Coast Castle, to / Committee of / Co Merchants ready to Africa, dd June 24th, 1769.

Trade Africa.

Copy of a letter from Robert Pelne, Esquire, Governor of Cape Coast Castle, to / Committee of / Co Merchants ready to Africa, dd June 24th, 1769.

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Trade Africa.

Copy of a letter from Robert Pelne, Esquire, Governor of Cape Coast Castle, to / Committee of / Co Merchants ready to Africa, dd June 24th, 1769.

Trade Africa.

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169] 1770. Thursday, February 15. Present:— Mr Jenyns, Mr Fitzherbert, Mr Rice, Lord Lisburne.

170] Trade Africa. Seve papers received fm / Admiralty & fm / Committee o / Co o Merchants Trade to Africa, were laid before / Board & read, / titles o wh are, as follows vizt.:

letter fm Philip Stephens, Esquire, Secretary to / Lords o / Admiralty, to / Secretary o this Board, dd, February 13th, 1770, transmitting

Copies o acts o / state & condin o / Forts & Settlements on / coast o Africa

Copy o a letter fm Thomas Trinder, Esquire, Governor o Cape Appolonia, to / African Committee, dd March 30th 1769

Do: fm John Grossle, Esquire, Governor o Cape Coast Castle to / African Committee, July 24th 1769

Do: fm Thomas Trinder, Esquire, Governor o Tantumquery Fort, to / African Committee, August 13th, 1769.

Copy o an estimate o materials, w / prices thereof, requisite f repairing Tantumquery Fort.

Copy o a letter fm John Grossle, Esquire, Governor o Cape Coast Castle, to / African Committee, dd, September 9th, 1769.

An estimate o materials wanted f repairing & complet^g Annamaboe Fort, dd, September 4th, 1769.

Copy o a letter fm Thomas Trinder, Esquire, Governor o Tantumquery Fort, to / African Committee, dd August 9th, 1769.

Copy o a letter fm / masters o ships in Annamaboe Road to Mr Grossle & / Gentlemen o / Council at Cape Coast Castle, complain^g o / number o factories.

Copies o four letters fm Mr Camplin, by order o / African Committee, to / Governor & Council o Cape Coast Castle, dd, 30th November; 6th & 20th December 1769, & 4th February, 1770.

170] 1770. Thursday, March 1. Present:— Mr Jenyns, Mr Roberts, Mr Rice, Mr Fitzherbert,

Trade Africa. The Earl o Hillsborough, one o his Majesty's principal Secretaries o State, beg present, the Lordships read a letter fm / merchants o

diserpool concerned in / Trade o Africa, addressed to his Lordship & / Board, signify^g the state fact in / system on wh / Trade is now established by Act o Parliament, & in / annex^g given them by / Committee o / African Co, & some abuses complained o sh be redressed.

The Secretary also read to the Lordships a letter fm / Master o Merchants' Hall, Bristol to Lord Clare, wh his Lordship desired mt be communicated to / Board, signify^g, & / merchants o E City concerned in / Trade to Africa desire to h / sd trade continue on its present foot^g.

180] 1770 Monday, March 26. Present:— Mr Jenyns, Mr Fitzherbert, Mr Rice Lord Lisburne.

Trade Africa. The Earl o Hillsborough beg present... The Secretary laid before / Board two papers received fm / Committee o / Co o Merchants Trade to Africa, wh were read & are entitled,

Extract o a letter fm John Grossle, Esquire, Governor o Cape Coast Castle, dd .26th October, 1769.

Copy o a letter fm / African Committee to / Governor & Council o Cape Coast Castle, dd March 9th, 1770.

184] 1770. Thursday, March 29. Present: - Mr Jenyns, Mr Fitzherbert, Mr Rice, Lord Lisburne.
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fo. 48
Trade Africa.
The Earl of Hillsborough has present, / Committee of Co^o Merchants Trade to Africa, who attended, were called in, & presented to / Board a paper entitled "an examination of late Conduct of Dutch upon / Gold Coast of Africa in respect to / Portuguese Shipping, etc." -

Object of wh paper, as explained by / Committee, was to express the sentiments & re-establishment of agreements heretofore made between / Royal African Co^o England & / Dutch West India Co. in respect to Portuguese vessels trading to / Coast of Africa, & / securing / performance of those agreements by a superior Naval force, w^o be / best means of preserving / imp^t Trade of Portuguese of Tobacco.

The Committee has with drawn, it was ordered, & draught of a letter to Lord Rockford, conformable to the sentiments, sh^d be prepared in answer to his of 24th of November, 1769, mentioned in / minutes of 15th of December last.

184] 1770 Wednesday, April 11. Present: - Mr Jenyns, Mr Rice, Mr Elliot, Mr Roberts, Mr Fitzherbert.
to 70
to 71
Trade Africa.
a letter to / Earl of Rockford, one of His Majesty's principal Secretaries of State on / subject of / complaints of / Committee of Co^o Merchants Trade to Africa, respecting / interruption given by / Dutch West India Co to Portuguese vessels selling Brazil Tobacco to His Majesty's subjects, has been prepared pursuant to order, was approved & signed.

200] 1770. Wednesday, July 18. Present: -

Monday, April 30. Present: - Mr Jenyns, Mr Roberts, Lord Gough, Mr Elliot, Mr Fitzherbert, Mr Norchey

185] 1770. The Earl of Hillsborough has present, a Commission under 19th Seal of 4th Britain, constituting / gr^o officers of State, toge^t wth Joane Jenyns, Edward Elliot, John Roberts, William Fitzherbert, Inquiries, Robert Spencer, commonly called Lord Robert Spencer, George Gressville, commonly called Lord Gressville, & William Norchey, Esquire, to be His Majesty's Commissioners for promoting / Trade of this Kingdom, & inspecting & improving His Majesty's Plantations in America & elsewhere, was read, & Lord Gressville & Mr Norchey took the seats at / Board.

200] 1770 Wednesday, July 18. Present: - Mr Elliot, Lord Robert Spencer, Mr Fitzherbert, Lord Gressville.

Trade Africa. The Secretary laid before / Board a paper, received from / Committee of Co^o Merchants Trade to Africa, entitled Copy of a Memorial of / Committee of Co^o Merchants Trade to Africa, relative to / state of / facts upon / Coast of Africa, presented to Lord Weymouth on / 12th of June, 1770.

205] 1770 Wednesday, November 7. Present: - Mr Fitzherbert, Lord Robert Spencer, Lord Gressville. The Earl of Hillsborough present.

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Trade Africa. The Secretary laid before / Board several papers received from / Committee of Co^o Merchants Trade to Africa since the Lordships' adjournment, / Copies of wh^o are as follows, vizt: ... [Lohydah] ... Relat^o to / Bar^o Council of C-C-C. dd. February 18th. 1770.
Copy of a letter from John Gressville, Esquire, Treasurer of Cape Coast Castle, to / African Committee, dd. April 16th. 1770.
Copy of a letter from Thomas Druet, Esquire, to / Committee of Co^o Merchants Trade to Africa, dd. Cape Coast Castle, / 24th of May, 1770.

218] 1770. Wednesday, December 12. Present: - Mr Senyngs, Lord Guesille,
 to. 226 Mr Fitzherbert, Mr Northey.
 The Earl o Hillsborough beg present . . .
 to 227 The Secretary laid before / Board two papers received fm / Committee
 Trade. of Co o merchants tradg to Africa, intitled as follows, viz:;
 Africa. Copy o a letter fm / African Committee to / Governor & Council o
 Cape Coast Castle, dd. October 31st, 1770.
 Copy o a letter fm / African Committee to / Governor & Council o
 Cape Coast Castle. dd. November 20th, 1770.
 Ordered, - t / sd papers do lye upon / table.

222] 1771. Journal o / Year 1771. [Vol. 78.]

226] 1771. Wednesday, February 6th. Present: - Mr Senyngs, Lord
 to. 19. Guesille, Mr Fitzherbert, Mr Whately.
 Miscellaneous. The Earl o Hillsborough, one o his majesty's principal Secretaries
 o State attends.
 A Commisⁿ under / Gr Seal o Gr Britain, consisting / gr officers o State
 a gr, togr w Soame Senyngs, Edward Eliot, John Roberts, William Fitzherbert,
 Esquires, Richard Spenser, commonly called Lord Robert Spenser, George Guesille,
 commonly called Lord Guesille, togr w Thomas Whately, Esquire, in / room o
 to. 20. Mr Northey, deceased, to be his majesty's Commissioners o promotg / Trade
 o this Kingdom, & o inspectg & improvg his majesty's Plantations in
 America, & elsewhere, was read, & Mr Whately took his seat at / Board
 Trade. Secl o / Committee o / Co o Merchants tradg to Africa attended
 Africa. & laid before / Board
 a copy o thr petiⁿ to / House o Commons. o a fur grant
o / service o / forts on / coast o Africa, & prayed thr
 lordships' support thereof in Parliament.
 to 21. They also laid before / Board
 a copy o / acct o / expenditure o / money granted o / service
in / year 1769.

233] 1771. Friday, February 22nd. Present: - Mr Senyngs, Lord Guesille,
 Vol. 78. Mr Fitzherbert, Mr Whately.
 to. 48. Read a letter fm Philip Stephens, Esquire, Secretary to / lords o /
 Trade. Admiralty, to / Secretary o this Board, dd. February 19th, 1771,
 Africa. transmittg
 copies o acct o / state & condⁿ o / forts & settlements on /
coast o Africa.

245] 1771. Friday May 10th. Present: - Mr Senyngs, Mr Roberts, Lord Guesille,
 Vol 78. Mr Eliot, Mr Fitzherbert, Mr Whately.
 Trade. The Earl o Hillsborough, one o this majesty's principal Secretaries o State,
 Africa. attends. . . .
 Several papers received fm / Committee o / Co o Merchants tradg to Africa,
 were laid before / Board, & read, viz:;
 Copy o a letter fm Charles Bell, Esquire, to / African Committee,
 dd. Cape Coast Castle, June 20th, 1770.
 Copy o a letter fm David Mill, Esquire, to / African Committee,
 dd. Cape Coast Castle, 25th August, 1770
 Copy o a letter fm David Mill, Esquire, to / African Committee,
 dd. Cape Coast Castle, 9th October, 1770.

249] 1771. Wednesday, May 15th. Present: - Mr Jennings, Mr Roberts, Lord
Gunselle, Mr Elliot, Mr Fitzherbert, Mr Whately.
The Earl of Hillsborough, one of His Majesty's principal Secretaries of
State, attends.
Trade
Africa.

Q933 The Secretary laid before / Board three papers received from /
Committee of Co of Merchants trading to Africa, entitled as follows, viz: -
Extract of a letter from David Mill, Esquire, dd. Cape Coast Castle,
19th November, 1770, relative to / conduct of / officers belonging to /
Dutch West India Co on / coast of Africa.
bo. 114. Q934 Governor Wootman's protest, dd. St George à la Mina, November 6th, 1770.
Q935 Governor Mills' answer to Governor Wootman's protest & a
Counter protest, dd. Cape Coast Castle, 8th November, 1770

It appears by / sd papers, t / officers of / Dutch West India Co on / coast of
Africa still continued to assert & support the claim to preserve Portuguese
vessels for trading w his Majesty's subjects, it was ordered, t copies shd be made of
1 sd papers to be communicated to / Earl of Halifax, & t / draught of a letter to his
Lordship thereupon shd be prepared

250] 1771. Wednesday, May 22nd. Present: - Mr Elliot, Mr Fitzherbert,
Trade Mr Roberts, Mr Whately.
Africa The draught of a letter to / Earl of Halifax, inclosg copies of papers on /
bo. 120. subject of pretence set up by / officers of / Dutch West India Co on / coast of
Africa to preserve Portuguese vessels trading w his Majesty's subjects, had
been prepared pursuant to order, was signed; ...

258] 1771. Thursday, June 13th. Present: - Mr Jennings, Mr Roberts, Mr Fitzherbert.
Trade The Earl of Hillsborough ... attends.
Africa Read a letter to Mr Pownall, from / Secretary to / Committee of Co of
bo. 159. Q936 Merchants trading to Africa, requestg / Board's directns what
instructions they shd give to the officers on / coast of Africa, respecting / dispute
w / officers of / Dutch West India Co touchg / Liberty of Portuguese vessels trading at /
British ports.

260] 1771. Wednesday, June 19th. Present: - Mr Elliot, Mr Roberts, Mr Fitzherbert.
bo. 166. The Earl of Hillsborough, one of His Majesty's principal Secretaries of
Trade State, attended.
Africa Read a letter from / Earl of Suffolk, one of his Majesty's principal
bo. 167. Q937 Secretaries of State, to this Board, dd. June 14th, 1771, transmittg
two papers, relative to / misunderstanding betw / subjects of St Britain
& / States Gen on / coast of Africa, & signifyg / King's pleasure, t his Lordship shd be
immediately furnished w authentick copies of / conven^{ts} mentioned in / report of this
Board of / 11th of April 1770, in order to the beg transmitted to Sir Joseph Yorke.
Q938 Copy of a letter from Sir Joseph Yorke to / Earl of Halifax, dd
Hague, June 7th, 1771.

Q939 Minute of orders to be sent by / directors of / Dutch West India Co
to / Director Gen & Council at St George del Mina upon / coast of Africa.
bo. 168. Ordered, t copies be immediately made of / conven^{ts} referred to in Lord
Suffolk's letter, & a letter to his Lordship, w inclosg / sd copies, was signed.
The Secretary was ordered to communicate to / Committee of Co of
Merchants trading to Africa, w the informan a consideran, / minute of orders
to be sent by / Directors of / Dutch West India Co to the officers upon /
coast of Africa, & to signify to / sd Committee, t the Lordships desire the
attend^{ce} at / Board on Friday next.

262] 1471. Friday, June 21st. Present: - Mr Elliot, Mr Roberts, Mr Fitzherbert;
 fo. 176 The Earl of Hillsborough ... attends.
 Trade, Africa. Sent o/ Committee o/ Co o Merchants tradg to Africa attend pursuant
 into 99] 9940 To order, & present to / Board a paper containing the sentiments on a minute o
 orders prepared to be sent by / Directors o/ Dutch West India Co to / Director Gen
 & Council at El Mina tradg / obstructions given to Portuguese vessels tradg w
 his Majesty's subjects.
 fo. 177. The Committee beg withdrawn, it was ordered E/ draught o a letter to Lord
 Suffolk, inclosg a copy o/ paper delivered by Committee o/ Co o Merchants
tradg to Africa shd be prepared.

263] 1471. Friday, July 5th. Present: - ... [sub supra] ...
 fol. 78. The draught o a letter to / Earl o Suffolk, inclosg / paper
 fo. 182. delivered in by / Committee o/ Co o Merchants tradg to Africa,
 Trade, Africa. on / subject o/ obstructions given by officers o/ Dutch West India Co
 to / Portuguese vessels tradg w his Majesty's subjects, having ben
 transcribed pursuant to order, was signed

264] 1471. Present Thursday, December 12th. Present: - Mr Lemnes, Mr
 fol. 78. Fitzherbert
 fo. 203. The Earl o Hillsborough, one o His Majesty's principal Secretaries
 o State attends ...

270] fo. 206 Read a letter fm / Earl o Rochester to / Board, dd. July 14th, 1471, transmittg,
 Africa. b this lordships informant.
 BT6/1 A1 A2. Extract o a letter fm his Excellency Sir Joseph Yorke to / Earl o Suffolk,
 Hague, July 12th 1471, relative to / promissed order made by /
Dutch West India Co to / dissem o the servants on / coast o Africa.

271] 1471. Read a letter fm Philip Stephens, Esquire, Secretary to / Lords o Admiralty
 Africa fo. 208 dd. December 10th, 1471, transmitts copies o accounts o/ state & condit^o o/ ports
 A.3. & securities on / coast o Africa.

- The Secretary said before / Board sent papers received fm / Committee o/ Co o mer-
 chants tradg to Africa, / letters o wh are as follows, viz: -
- A 4. A list o/ Committee o/ Co o Merchants tradg to Africa, chosen 3rd July 1471, b / year ensu^g.
 - A 5. Copy o a letter fm David Mill, Esquire, to / Committee dd. Cape Coast Castle, 28th February 1471.
 - A 6. Copy o a letter fm David Mill, Esquire, dd. Cape Coast Castle, March 18th 1471, to / African Committee.
 - fo. 209] A 7. Copy o a letter fm David Mill Esquire, to / Committee, dd. Cape Coast Castle, April 15th 1471.
 - A 8. Copy o a letter fm David Mill, Esquire, to / Committee, dd. April 15th, 1471. [sic]
 - A 9. Copy o a letter fm Governor Mill to Captain Fielding, & Captain Fielding's answer.
 - A 10. Copy o a letter fm Governor Mill to Captain Fielding dd. 13th April, 1471.
 - A 11. Governor Mills certificate concerning two persons charged w piracy.
 - A 12. Copy o a letter fm Governor Mill to Captain Fielding concerning two persons
 charged w piracy, & Captain Fielding's answer.
 - A 13. Copy o / Committee's letter to / Governor & Council at Cape Coast Castle,
 dd. 19th June & 7th August, 1471.
 - fo. 210] A 14. Copy o / Committee's letter to / Governor & Council at Cape Coast Castle,
 dd. October 2nd, 1471.
 - ... [whydah] ...
 - A 16. Copy o / Committee's letter to / Governor & Council at Cape Coast Castle,
 dd. November 20th, 1471.

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fo 9.
Africa.

Saturday, February 1. Present: Mr Jenyns, Mr Roberts, Lord Gough
The Earl of Hillsborough, one of his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State,
attends.
The draught of a letter to / Earl of Suffolk, inclosg to him, of his
Majestys informan, an extract of a letter from / Governour of Cape Coast
Castle to / Committee of / Co of Merchants tradg to Africa, readg by
prepared pursuant to order, was approved, transcribed & signed.

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Thursday, February 13. Present: - ... [ut supra] ...
The Earl of Hillsborough ... attends.
A Commission under / Gr Seal of Gr Britain, bearing date / 10th instant,
constituting / Gr Officers of State, togr w/ Thomas Jenyns, Edward Eliot,
John Roberts, Barnabur Gascoyne, Esquires, Robert Spenser, commonly
called Lord Robert Spenser, George Briddle, commonly called Lord Briddle, & William
Jolliffe, Esquire, to be his Majesty's Commissioners for promoting / Trade of this Kingdome,
& for inspecting & improving his Majesty's Plantations in America & elsewhere, was read.

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Tuesday, March 14. Present: - Mr Jenyns, Mr Roberts, Lord Robert
Spenser, Mr Eliot, Mr Gascoyne, Lord Briddle, Mr Jolliffe.
The Earl of Hillsborough ... attends.
Read a **petition of merchants of London tradg to Africa**, stating sever
irregularities & abuses in / manner of electg Freemen into / Co established by /
Act of / 23rd of George / Second, charging three of / Committee men of / sd Co w/ mis-
behaviour, contrary to / true intent & meaning of / Act, & praying t' the Lords hips wd
remove them out of / sd Committee.

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Mr Jackson, one of his Majesty's Counsel at Law, attends, the Lordships
took / sd petition into consideration, togr w/ statute of / 23rd of George / Second,
for extending & improving / Trade to Africa, & it was ordered, t' a copy of / sd petition shd
be referred to Mr Jackson, to / end t' he may report to the Lordships his opinion
in writing, wch / provisions contained in / twenty first secⁿ of / sd statute, by
wh / Board is empowered to remove any of / Committee of / Co of Merchants tradg
to Africa, who sh be guilty of any misbehaviour, contrary to / true intent & meaning
of / sd Act, do apply to / case of / complaint exhibited in / sd petition agst /
Committee men therein named therein.

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Thursday, April 2. Present: - Mr Jenyns, Mr Eliot, Mr Gascoyne.
The Earl of Hillsborough ... attends
Read **Mr Jackson's report** containing his opinion upon / quesⁿ
stated to him, by order of / Board, / 14th of March, wch / provisions
contained in / twenty first secⁿ of / statute of / twenty third of George /
Second, for extending & improving / Trade to Africa, by wh this Board is empowered
to remove any of / Committee of / Co of Merchants tradg to Africa, who sh be guilty
of misbehaviour, contrary to / true intent & meaning of / sd Act, do apply to / case of
/ complaint exhibited in / petition of merchants of London tradg to Africa,
mentioned in / minutes of / 14th ult.

fo 66.

The Lordships, upon consideration of / sd report, were of opinion, t' / provisions
contained in / twenty first secⁿ of / sd Act, by wh / Board is empowered to
remove any of / Committee men, who sh be guilty of any misbehaviour, contrary
to / true intent & meaning of / sd Act, do not apply to / matter of complaint ex-
hibited in / petition of merchants of London tradg to Africa agst / Committee men
named therein; & Mr Anthony Bacon & seal of / merchants of London
tradg to Africa, attending, they were called in & acquainted w/ the
Lordships' opinion in / case to wh / sd petition refers.

316] 1772 Monday, November 2nd Present: - Mr Gascoyne, Lord Pringle, Lord ⁸⁷
 ~~Parlies.~~

bo. 146 The Earl of Dartmouth, one of his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State,
 attends.
 A new Commission under / Great Seal of Great Britain, bearing date / 24th of August
 last, constituting / Great Officers of State, together with Sr James Oglethorpe, Edward Elliot, Bamber Gascoyne,
 Ingham, Robert Spencer, commonly called Lord Robert Spencer, George Quibell, commonly
 called Lord Pringle, William Soliffe, Ingham, & John Stewart, commonly called Lord Parlies,
 to be his Majesty's Commissioners & promoters / Trade to & of this Kingdom, & to inspect &
 improve his Majesty's Plantations in America or elsewhere, was read.

318] Africa. Read a Letter from Philip Stephens, Esquire, Secretary to / Lords of Admiralty,
 A 20 to / Secretary of this Board, dd. August 17th, 1772, transmitting
 copies of accts of state & condition of forts & settlements on / Coast of Africa.

The Secretary laid before / Board seal papers received from / Committee of / Co of Merchants
 trading to Africa, 1 letter of which are as follows, vizt.
 A 21 The acct of / Committee of / Co of Merchants trading to Africa for / year 1771, dis-
 tinguishing every article of expence under its proper title.

bo. 154. A 22. Acct of / African Committee for / year 1772.
 A 23 Copy of a letter from David Mill, Esquire, to / African Committee, dd.
 Cape Coast Castle, 12th March, 1772.

A 24 Copies of Letters to & from David Mill, Esquire, Governor of Cape Coast
 Castle, & / Dutch Governor of Elmina & his Council in March 1772
 A 25 Copy of a letter from David Mill, Esquire, to / African Committee, dd.
 Cape Coast Castle, 14th March, 1772.

A 26 Ditto: dd. March 27th, 1772.
 329] 1772 Monday, December 21. Present: - Mr Senyus, Mr Soliffe, Lord Parlies,
 Oct. 79 The Earl of Dartmouth... attends.
 bo. 192. A 28 Read a Letter from / Committee of / Co of Merchants trading to
 Africa, dd. December 19th, 1772, in answer to one from /
 Deputy Secretary of 16th instant, transmitting

A 27 Seal papers received from / Earl of Suffolk, relative to /
 offer'd by / Dutch Governor of Elmina to / owners of ship John.

combination The draught of a letter to / Earl of Suffolk, transmitting /
 bo. 193. opinion of / African Committee, contained in / afore mentioned
 letter, was prepared, agreed to & signed.

331]. 1773. Journal of / Year 1773. [Vol. 80].

bo. 1. Thursday January 21. Present: - Mr Senyus, Lord Pringle,
 Mr Gascoyne, Lord Parlies.
 The Earl of Dartmouth... attends.

Africa. The Secretary laid before / Board, ^{copies of} seal papers transmitted to him from
 bo. 3. / Committee of / Co of Merchants trading to Africa, 1 letter of which papers are as
 follows, vizt.:

A 29 Copy of a letter from / Governor & Council at Cape Coast Castle, to / Committee
 of / Co of Merchants trading to Africa dd. June 22nd 1772.
 Crooks p 34 A 30 - Copy of an Act of Council dd. Cape Coast Castle, August 11th 1772, inclosed in /
 following letter
 A 31 Copy of a letter from David Mill, Esquire, Governor of Cape Coast Castle, to /
 African Committee, dd. August 12th, 1772

A 32 Copy of a letter from / African Committee to / Governor & Council at
 Cape Coast Castle, dd. November 4th, 1772.
 A 33 Do: to / Governor & Council at Cape Coast Castle, dd. December 2nd, 1772.
 A 34 Do: to / Governor & Council at Cape Coast Castle, dd. December 10th, 1772

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332] 1743.
Africa
804.

The Committee o/ Co o Merchants tradg to Africa attendg on / subject matter o/ letter from David Mill, Esquire, dd / 12th o August last, respectg / resolⁿ o/ Council o Cape Coast Castle to give assiste & protectⁿ to / Parties in / War t is likely to break out betwⁿ t war & Ashanties; they were called in, & after some discourse wth them thereupon, they were ordered to withdraw, & the Lordships came to / followg resolⁿ, vizt;

bo. 5.

Resolved, t it is / opinion o this Board, t in / case o / diff^y betwⁿ / Ashanties & Fantees, as stated in / papers laid before the Lordships by / Committee, it was / duty o / servants o / Dutch West India Co to h^e made applican to / servants o / Dutch West India Co at St. George D^e Mina to h^e concurred in such measures, as sh^d h^e bn judged most effectual f^r composg / diff^y betwⁿ / sd^s names pursuant to / agreements betwⁿ / Royal African Co o / Dutch West India Co in / years 1708, 1713, & 1728, & t any resolⁿ o / servants o / Committee to give assiste & protectⁿ to / Parties before such applican to / servants o / Dutch West India Co, & a refusal on the part to join in such medi^s, was irregular & contrary to / sd^s agreements, wh^{ch} to be strictly observed.

The Committee were agn called in, & / forego^g resolⁿ hadg bn read to them, they desired a copy thereof, wh^{ch} was granted, & they were ordered to withdraw

Monday, March 1. Present: - Mr Senyms, Lord Grenville, Mr Gascoyne, Mr Solcliffe, Lord Farley
The Earl o Dartmouth ... attends.

342] 1743
Ed. 80.
Africa

The Secretary acquainted / Board, t he was desired by / Committee o / Co o Merchants tradg to Africa to request the Lordships / permission t they m^t attend them upon / subject o a proposiⁿ, intended to be made to Parliam^t, wh^{ch} they apprehended wd subvert / present establishm^t f^r regulatg / African Trade.

bo. 45

Ordered, t / Committee h^e notice to attend / Board tomorrow m^g at 11 o'clock.

Tuesday, March 2. Present: - ... [ut supra] ...
The Earl o Dartmouth ... attends

344] 1743
bo 49.
Africa

The Committee o / Co o Merchants tradg to Africa attendg, were called in, & stated to the Lordships / intelligence they had received o an intemⁿ to make some proposiⁿ in Parliam^t respectg / African Trade, wh^{ch} they conceived was intended to subvert / present establishm^t

The Lordships approved the givⁿ notice to this Board o such intended proposiⁿ & assured them t they wd not fail to give attenⁿ to any proposiⁿ t sh^d be made in Parliam^t respectg / African Trade.

354] 1743.
Africa

Thursday, April 29. Present: - Mr Senyms, Mr Solcliffe, Mr Gascoyne
Lord Farley.

The Earl o Dartmouth, one o His Majesty's principal Secretaries o State, attends, & signifies to / Board His Majesty's commands, t they do, pursuant to an Address o / House o Commons to His Majesty on Monday last [26 April] lay before / House copies o all letters, memorials or representations presented to /

bo 86.

Board, complaing o / conduct o / Committee o / Co o Merchants tradg to Africa, on the servants; w^{ch} / proceedg^s o / sd^s Lords Commissioners upon such complaints, if any such h^e bn made, since / year 1708.

The Secretary hadg laid before / Board all such papers in this Office as come within / descripⁿ o those mentioned in / sd^s Address, it was ordered, t they sh^d be copied wth all possible dispatch

158] 1773. Thursday, May 20. Present: - Mr Jenyns, Lord Quibble,
Mr Gascoyne, Lord Garlies.

Africa. The Secretary laid before / Board several papers received from / Committee
A 35 o / Co o Merchants trading to Africa relatg. amongst o thgs, to a dispute betw
A 36 / Officers o / sd Co upon / coast & / Officers o / Dutch West India Co,
respectg / property o / Village o Mumford.
to. 103. Ordered, t these papers be taken into fut consideration on this day or n'ight,
& t notice be given to / Committee to attend.

159] 1773 Thursday, May 27. Present: - Mr Jenyns, Lord Garlies.

Vol. 90. The Earl o Duke Dartmouth ... attends
to. 105. The Committee o / Co o Merchants trading to Africa attended
to. 104 pursuant to order on / subject o / papers relative to / dispute betw
Africa. the Officers & / Officers o / Dutch West India Co respectg / property
o / Village o Mumford; & they beg asked if they had any documents
to support the claim to / property o / sd village, they sd they did not doubt
but t the books wd furnish them w such documents; they were therefore
desired to search the books, & to furnish themselves w / best proofs they
were able in support o the pretens, in case / matter shd hereafter be
brought into discuss.

160] 1773 Friday, July 16. Present: Mr Elliot, Mr Gascoyne, Lord Robert
to. 107. Spencer.

The Earl o Dartmouth ... attends ...
to. 105. The Secretary laid before / Board / follows papers received from
/ Committee o / Co o Merchants trading to Africa, viz:;
Copy o a letter from David Mill, Esquire, Governor o Cape Coast Castle,
to / Committee o / Co o Merchants trading to Africa, dd. 30th January, 1773.
Correspondence concerng / Mumford Palaver
Copy o a letter from Mr Thomas Trinder to / Governor & Council at Cape Coast Castle,
dd. Winchah Fort, 18th January, 1773.
Copy o a letter from Governor Mill to / African Committee,
dd. Cape Coast Castle, 24th February, 1773.
Copy o a letter from Governor Mill to / Commander o His Britannic
Majesty's Ships on / Coast o Africa, dd.
Cape Coast Castle, 4th February, 1773.
Correspondence betw David Mill, Esquire, Governor o Cape Coast Castle,
& / Dutch Governor & Council o Elmina.
to. 106. Correspondence betw Thomas Collingwood, Esquire, Commander o
His Majesty's Ship Rambold, & David Mill, Esquire
Governor o Cape Coast Castle
Extract o a letter from Governor Mill to / African Committee, dd.
Cape Coast Castle, 6th March, 1773.

The sd papers hadg been read & considered, a letter to Lord Suffolke w/
subject matter o them, so far as they relate to / disputes w / Dutch upon /
coast o Africa, was signed.

161] 1773 Tuesday, October, 26. Present: - Mr Gascoyne, Lord Robert
to. 109. Spencer, Mr Lolliffe.

Africa. Read a letter from / Earl o Suffolke, one o His Majesty's principal
Secretaries o State, dd. October 22nd, 1773 acquaintg / Board, t
/ States Gen hadg, in consequ o a memorial presented to them by His
Majesty's Ambassador at / Hague, named & sent over two Commissioners
to discuss & settle w such persons as / King shd appoint those disputes
wh h arisen upon / coast o Africa betw / servants o / African Co o
England & / Dutch West India Co, it was / King's pleasure, t this
Board shd confer w / sd Dutch Commissioners upon these points, &
shd represent to / King what they think proper to be finally settled
in regard thereto; 1st letter also inclosg / followg papers, viz:;

Mémoire remis par le Chevalier Yotie aux Deputés des États Généraux dans une Conférence tenue à la Haye, 21 Juin, 1773.

Mémoire présenté aux États Généraux, le 7 Septembre, 1773.

Mémoire présenté à le Comte de Suffolk par Monsieur Graafland, Octobre 22, 1773.

Copy o a Letter fm Comte Welderem to / Earl o Suffolk,
October 21st, 1773.

Copy o a Letter fm / Earl o Suffolk to Count W Elderem,
22nd October, 1773.

Copy o Messrs Graafland's + Ribant's credentials,
August 30, 1773.

The Lordships took / matters referred into consideration, & / Committee o / Co o merchants tradg to Africa attendg, the Lordships communicated to them 60.139. / subscie o Monsieur Graafland's memorial o / 22nd instant, a copy o wh was ordered to be sent to them, & they were requested to lay before / Board, w all consent dispatch, such informan as they may be able to furnish, respectg these objects o dispute wh they think of now to be discussed, accompanied w such propositions as they sh think proper to be finally insisted upon, & / vides + vouchers necessary to support / same.

The Earl o Dartmouth had acquainted / Board, & / two Dutch Commissioners, w Count Welderem, Envoy extraordinary fm / States, wd attend at his lordships apartments at White hall on Thursday at eleven o'clock, it was agreed to meet ther on t day to enter upon confere w them, pursuant to His Majesty's commands.

8/10 1773. The followg letters + papers were laid before / Board & read, vizt:

60.145.
Africa.

Letter fm Mr Jackson, Deputy Secretary to / Lords o Admiralty to / Secretary to this Board, dd. October 11th 1773, transmitted,
Copies o Accts o / state + Condition o His Majesty's forts + settlements on / coast o Africa

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Oct. 30
Africa
60.147.

Thursday, October 28. Present: - Mr Gascoyne, Lord Robert Spencer, Mr Lolliffe.

The Earl o Dartmouth attended & laid before / Board a letter to him fm / Commissioners o / West India Co o / United Provinces, inclosg a memorial settg forth / right o / sd Co to / destruct o Appollonia.

The Lordships proceeded to take / sd memorial into consideration, togr w / sd papers relative to / subject matter o / negotian directed to be entered into by Lord Suffolk's letter o / 22nd ultimo, & / Commissioners o / West India Co o / United Provinces attendg, w Count Welderem, Minister Plenipotentiary fm / States Gen, the Lordships had some discourse w them on / subject matter o discuss.

60.150 It has been observed to them, & the had been of objects o dispute & disagreement upon / coast o Africa than those wh have arisen respectg Appollonia & / trade w Portuguese vessels comg fm / Brazil's & / Portuguese Colonies, to wh points only the memorials are confined, they sd they had no instructions upon any of matters than what relate to these two points, & proposed t / negotian shd therefore be confined to these heads; to wh the Lordships agreed, & having acquainted them, t they wd consider what had been urged in the memorials, & give such ~~an~~ consider thereto as shd appear to be proper, / sd Commissioners withdrew.

The Committee o / Co o merchants tradg to Africa attendg wd were called in, & hadg been informed o what had passed in / confere, they signified the consent t / negotian shd be confined to what regards Cape Appollonia & / Portuguese trade, whereupon they were ordered to withdraw, & / Clerk o

60.151. / Reports was instructed as to / subscie o / consider to be given to / memorials o / Commissioners & was ordered to prepare accordg / draught o a memorial on t subject.

317] 1773
 60.152. Africa
 Thursday, November 25. Present: - Mr Jenyns, Mr Pascoyne, Mr Sollefte.
 The Earl o Dartmouth ... attends.
 Read a letter to / Secretary from William Eden, Esquire, under Secretary o State in Lord Suffolk's Departmt. in l^og & / informan o / Board, an extract o a letter from His Majesty's Minister at / Court o Portugal, in respect to / claims o / Dutch w regard to Portuguese vessels tradg from / Brazil to / Coast o Africa.

60.153. Africa
 The Lordships then read a considered / draught o an answer to / memorials delivered by / Commissioners o / West India Co o / United Provinces in respect to / dispute upon / Coast o Africa.

The Committee o / Co o Merchants tradg to Africa attendg, / 1st draught o an answer was read to them, & they expressed th^r intire satisfacⁿ therein.

Mr Roberts, heretofore a servant o / late Royal African Co o England, attended, & was examined touchg / pretensⁿ o / Hollanders to a right o possessⁿ o Appollonia, & he communicated such facts tendg to winic / utility o such a pretce, & to shew t / Hollanders never had any possessⁿ to Windward o River Ansohere.

[Mr. Index, "Roberts John", Commr o Trade & Plantat^{ns}...
 "Roberts John (and^r) o Royal African Co, 3/4"]

344] 1773. Tuesday, November 30. Present: - Mr Jenyns, Mr Pascoyne.
 60.160. Africa. The Earl o Dartmouth... attends.

The Lordships made a fur progress in / consideran o / draught o an answer to / memorials o / Commissioners o / West India Co o / United Provinces: To be taken into fur consideran on Thursday, & / Committee o / Co o Merchants tradg to Africa to attend.

60.162. Thursday, December 2. Present: - ... [ut supra] ...

Africa. The Earl o Dartmouth ... attends
 The draught o an answer to / memorials o / Commissioners o / West India Co o / United Provinces is fur considered, & / Committee o / Co o Merchants tradg to Africa attendg, th^r Lordships had some discourse w them touchg / meang & intensⁿ o those words in / latter part o / 4th Article o / Convenⁿ o 1708 of adjustg disputes upon / Coast o Africa wh relate to passports

The Committee not beg able to give any satisfatory elucidatⁿ o those words, they were desired to refer to, & consult / books o / old Royal African Co o England, & to attend / Board agn on Tuesday next.

345] 1773. Thursday, December 9. Present: - ... [ut supra] ...

60.163. The Earl o Dartmouth ... attends.
 The Committee o / Co o Merchants tradg to Africa attendg were examined touchg / matters proposed to them at / last meetg, & they produced / followg papers of / informan o / Board, wh were read, vizt: Copy o a letter from Gilbert Petrie, Esquire, Govern^r o Cape Coast Castle, to / Committee o / Co o Merchants tradg to Africa. dd. December 31st, 1768.

At / same time they acquainted / Board, & they ha not found anything on / books of / late African Royal African o England t explains / meang & intensⁿ o / words in / latter part o / 4th article o / Convenⁿ o 1708.

The Committee beg withdrawn, Lord Dartmouth stated to / Board some transact^{ns} betw His Majesty's Minister at Lisbon & / Minister o t Court respectg / Trade w Portuguese vessels on / Coast o Africa, in wh it is asserted by / Portuguese, t all trade betw th^r subjects & / subjects o any o^r foreign power whatⁿ upon / Coast o Africa is clandestine, & a violatⁿ o th^r right & law.

60.166. The draught o / answer to / memorials o / Commissioners o / Dutch West India Co is fur considered, & read alterans & correct^{ns} made therein.

346] 1773. Monday, December 13. Present: - Mr Jenyns, Mr Pascoyne, Lord Adam Spencer.

60.168. Africa. The Earl o Dartmouth ... attends
 Th^r Lordships took into fur consideran / memorials o / Commissioners o / United Provinces, & an answer th^ro hadg ben agreed to & signed by th^r Lordships' order by / Secretary, / Earl o Dartmouth was requested to communicate it to Count Welderem.

Monday, December 20, Present: - Mr Senyars, Mr Baylyne, Lord Robert Spencer.

to 110. Africa The Earl of Dartmouth, one of His Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, attended, & acquainted the Board, & he had, pursuant to the Lordships' request, communicated to Count Waldern the memorial, in answer to those delivered by the Commissioners of West India Co of United Provinces, on the subject of disputes which arise between the Co of English African Co, respecting Commerce & possession upon the coast of Africa; & that in consequence thereof, his Lordship had received from the Commissioners, thro' the channel of Count Waldern, a proposition in writing touching Commerce wth Portuguese Vessels, & his Lordship desired the Sentiments of the Board upon the said proposition.

to 111. The proposition was accordingly read & considered, & the Lordships being unanimously of opinion, & in the said proposition, in so far as it desiderates for reciprocal freedom of Commerce wth foreign Vessels, insisted upon by the Board, is inadmissible, Lord Dartmouth was requested to communicate the opinion to Count Waldern; & that, thro' him; it may be made known to the Commissioners of West India Co of United Provinces, & his Lordship desired that the matter in negotiation should terminate to the mutual satisfaction of both Co's, yet, & reciprocal freedom of Commerce wth foreigners upon the Gold Coast of Africa is so essential to the Honour & Interest of the Co, & it cannot be departed from; & therefore it is hoped, & the Commissioners of West India Co of United Provinces will acquiesce in what has been proposed by this Board on that head: in which case the Lordships, not drawing into question a full discussion of the right of each party to make such regulations as shall be judged proper in respect to foreign Vessels trading to the ports or factories, or putting themselves under the protection of each respectively, will recommend, & most positive instructions be given by the English African Co, & the officers & servants, that they not obstruct, nor take possession of any foreign Vessel arriving on the coast of Africa, & declaring her intention to trade at a Dutch factory, nor protect such foreign Vessel against or otherwise, or in violation of any regulation, to which such Vessel may be subject, after her arrival at any factory of the West India Co of United Provinces, or after she shall be put herself under the protection of the officers & servants; & further, that the officers & servants of the English African Co shall not molest nor disturb, in any manner whatsoever, any foreign Vessel which shall be trading at any factories of the West India Co of United Provinces, or which shall be put herself under the protection of the officers & servants; provided, at the same time, that like instructions be given by the West India Co of United Provinces to the officers & servants, in respect to foreign Vessels, declaring their intention to trade wth English, & actually trading at any of the factories of the English African Co, or having put themselves under the protection of the officers & servants.

to 112. to 113. Ordered, that the Secretary do transmit to the Committee of the Co of Merchants trading to Africa, for their information, a copy of the Board's memorial of 13th instant, in answer to the memorials of the Commissioners of West India Co of United Provinces, together wth copies of the foregoing minutes, & of the proposition made by the Dutch Commissioners therein referred to.

bo. 1. Thursday, January 13. Present: - Mr Sengens, Mr Pascoyne.
The Earl of Dartmouth, one of his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, attends.
Africa. The Secretary laid before / Board sd papers received from / Committee of Co of Merchants Trade to Africa, since the Lordships' last meeting, / titles of wh papers are as follows, viz:

Letter from Mr. Camplin to Mr Parnall, requesting he wd return / Thanks of / Committee to / Board for / communication to them of / papers relative to / negotiaⁿ w / Commissaries of West India Co of United Provinces.

Letter from / Chairman of / sd Committee, addressed jointly to Lord Dartmouth & to / Board, expressing the acknowledgm^t of / gr^t care taken of / interests of British merchants in / negotiaⁿ above mentioned
bo. 2. Copy of a Letter from / Committee to Governor & Council of Cape Coast Cabtle. dd. 10th December, 1773

Lord Dartmouth has acquainted / Board, & / Commissaries of West India Co he had taken the leave of his Majesty & were returned to Holland; it was ordered, & of draught of a representation to his Majesty of the Lordships' proceedg^s w / sd Commissioners shd be prepared.

392] 1774 Monday, January 31. Present: - Mr Sengens, Mr Pascoyne, Mr Soliffe, Mr Keene

Vol. 81. The Earl of Dartmouth ... attends
bo. B. A new Commission under / Gr^t Seal of Gr^t Britain, bearing date / Miscellaneous 26th instant, constituting / Gr^t Officers of State, togr w Sr James Sengens, Edward Elliot, Bambar Pascoyne, Esquires, Robert Spencer, commonly called Lord Robert Spencer, William Soliffe, Esquire, togr w which had Keene Keene & / Honorable Charles Freville Esquires in / room of / Earls of Warwick & Galloway, to be his Majesty's Commissioners for promoting / Trade of this Kingdom & for visiting & improving his Majesty's plantations in America & elsewhere, was read, & Mr Keene took his seat at / Board

bo. A. The draught of a representation to / King, humbly to lay before his Majesty / Boards proceedg^s w / Commissaries of West India Co of United Provinces, hadg^s been prepared pursuant to order, was approved, transcribed & signed
Africa. As was also a letter to / Earl of Suffolk, inquiring / sd representation? & desiring him to lay it before his Majesty.

393] 1774 Monday, February 14. Present: - Mr Sengens, Mr Pascoyne, Mr Keene.
Vol. 81. The Earl of Dartmouth ... attends
bo. 16.

396] bo. 17. Africa. Read a petitiⁿ of George Vaughan Heydon stating complaints ag^t / Committee of Co of Merchants Trade to Africa & the servants on / Coast, & prayd / Board wd take cognizance thereof, pursuant to / powers vested in them by / Statute of 22nd of late King, cap 21.
Ordered, & / Secretary do transmit a copy of / sd petitiⁿ to Mr Jackson, & desire his opinion, when / complaints therein stated are of such a nature & / Board either can or ot to take cognizance thereof on / grounds on which it is desired.

397] bo. 23. Thursday, March 3. Present: ... [ut supra] ...
Africa. The Earl of Dartmouth ... attends, & signifies his Majesty's commands, & they do lay before / House of Commons copies of such papers in the office respecting complaints made ag^t / Committee of Co of Merchants Trade to Africa & the officers on / Coast, as are mentioned in an address to his Majesty of / House on / 16th of last month.
The Secretary laid before / Board copies of such papers as fall within / descripⁿ en / to / sd address.
Mr Pascoyne was desired to present them to / House pursuant to his Majesty's command.

44. 309] 1744. Thursday, March 17. Present: - Mr Jennings, Mr Soliffe,
 Vol. 31 Mr Gascogne, Mr Keene.
 fo. 31. The Earl o Dartmouth... attends.
 390] Africa Read Mr Jackson's report upon / petition o George Vaughan
 Heydon, stabs complaints agst / Committee o Co o merchants
trading to Africa & the wrongs or complaining o ill treatment received from /
Committee o / Co o merchants trading to Africa, & for the wrongs or / coast o
Africa. The Lordships, upon consideration o / sd petition & report, were o opinion, t
 matter o complain^r therein stated was not properly cognizable by this Board.
 Ordered, t copies o Mr Heydon's petition, o Mr Pinnall's letter thereupon
to Mr Jackson, & o Mr Jackson's report, be communicated to / Committee o / Co
o merchants trading to Africa.

fo. 34. Monday, March 21. Present: - ... [not supra] ...
 The Earl o Dartmouth... attends.
 391] 1744 George Vaughan Heydon, whose petition is mentioned in / minutes
 Vol. 31 o / 14th o last month, attending wth, was called in & acquainted
 fo. 35 t, upon full examination o his case, it appeared to be a matter
 Africa. o civil suit, & o a nature not cognizable before this Board.

396] 1744. Thursday, May 26, Present: - Mr Jennings, Lord Robert Spencer,
 fo. 54. Mr Gascogne, Mr Quille
 The Earl o Dartmouth... attends.
 Africa. Read a Letter from / Earl o Suffolk to this Board dd. May 14th
1744, inclosing an
extract o a letter from Sir Joseph Yorke to his Lordship, giving
an account o his conversation w / Grand Pursuivants o / States Gen or /
complaints agst / wrongs o / Dutch West India Co; & signifying / King's pleasure, t /
Board take / sd extract into consideration, & report their opinion to his Majesty on /
expedients pointed out by Sir Joseph Yorke; & if they sh^d be adopted, how far they may
be considered as effectual to remove / causes o / sd complaints.
 fo. 55. The Lordships took / subject matter o Sir Joseph Yorke's letter into
 consideration, & made some progress therein.

397] fo. 58 The Secretary laid before / Board a paper received from / Committee
 Africa. o / Co o merchants trading to Africa, entitled,
Extract o a Letter from / Governor & Council o Cape Coast Castle,
to / African Committee. dd. September 12th, 1743.

398] 1744 Monday, June 20, Present: - Mr Keene, Mr Grenville.
 fo. 61. The Earl o Dartmouth... attended.
 Africa. The Lordships agreed to & signed a Letter to / Earl o Suffolk
upon / subject o Sir Joseph Yorke's letter to his Lordship,
relative to / disputes w / Dutch upon / coast o Africa.

401] 1744. Monday, November 28, Present: - Mr Jennings, Mr Gascogne,
 Vol. 31. Mr Keene, Mr Grenville.
 fo. 71. The Earl o Dartmouth... attending.
 Africa. The Secretary to / Committee o / Co o merchants trading to Africa
 attending, was called in, & presented to / Board a memorial o / sd Committee
under their common seal; also a memorial o / merchants o London trading to
Africa, & one from / masters, wardens & Commonality o / Society o Merchants
Adventurers o / City o Bristol, complaining t / legality o / Island o Jamaica had
imposed an additional duty o 40 shillings per head upon negroes imported into t Island, &
may t orders may be given, t / sd additional duty may be refunded, & t no Act o / like
nature be allowed to pass for / future, wth a clause suspending its execution until / King's
pleasure sh^d be known.
 fo. 72 The sd memorials had been read, it was agreed to take them into consideration when /
 Act referred to sh^d be reported upon by Mr Jackson, & / Secretary was ordered to write
to Mr Jackson, desiring he w^d make his report as soon as conveniently may be.

403] 1744. Monday, December 5. Present: Mrs Jennings, Mrs Keene, Lord Robert Spencer, 75.

fo. 76.

Mr Pennington.

The Earl of Dartmouth ... attends.

Africa.

Jamaica.

This lordship laid before / Board a memorial addressed to him from / merchants of Liverpool trading to Africa, containing a complaint (to / same effect as / complaint made by / merchants of London & Bristol) agst / Act passed in Jamaica laying an additional (duty) of 40 s. per head on negroes imported.

The Secretary acquainted / Board t, since / last meeting, / Act had been received from Mr. Jackson, togr w his report his report upon it; a / sd Act & report have been read, it was agreed to take / same into consideration on this day fortnight: also as also / merchants' memorials; a / Secretary was directed to give notice thereof to / sd parties concerned.

404 1744.

Monday, December 12. Present: - Mrs Jennings, Mrs Doffie, Mrs Gascoyne, Mrs Keene, Mr Pennington.

The Earl of Dartmouth ... attends

fo. 81.

Jamaica

Africa.

This day was appointed to take into consideration / memorials of / merchants of London, Bristol & Liverpool, complaining of an Act passed in Jamaica of laying an additional duty of 40 s. per head on negroes imported into t^e Island, such of / merchants attended, & were heard in what they had to say in support of / memorials.

Mr Fuller, agent for / Island, who also attended, was heard in support of / Act, after which, / parties being withdrawn, the lordships, upon consideration, ordered / draught of a representation to his Majesty on this subject to be prepared.

Thursday, December 15. Present: - ... [ut supra] ...

The Earl of Dartmouth ... attends.

fo. 83

Jamaica.

The lordships then read & considered / draught of a representation to his Majesty upon / Act of Jamaica laying an additional duty of 40 s. per head on negroes imported.

405] 1744.

Monday, December 19. Present: - ... [ut supra except Gascoyne] ...

fo. 81.

Jamaica.

fo. 85.

The Earl of Dartmouth ... attends.

The draught of a representation to his Majesty upon / memorials of / merchants of London, Bristol & Liverpool, complaining of an Act of Jamaica imposing an additional duty on negroes imported, was again read, approved & signed; ...

Trade

Africa

The Secretary laid before / Board two papers received from / Committee of / Co of Merchants trading to Africa, which were read, & are entitled as follows, vizt.

Copy of a letter from David Mill, Esquire, dd. Cape Coast Castle

29th July, 1743. [sic]

Copy of a letter from / Committee of / Co of Merchants trading to Africa to / Governor & Council at Cape Coast Castle dd.

December 5th, 1744.

408] 1745.
to. 6
Africa.

Thursday, January 26th. Present: - Mr Jenyns, Mr Keene,
Mr Lolliffe, Mr Guille.

The Earl o Dartmouth... attends.

Read a Letter from Philip Stephens Esq. Secretary to /
Lords o Admiralty, to / Secretary to this Board, dd.

December 22nd, 1744. Transmittg

Copies o acct^s o / state & condin o his majesty's forts &
settlem^ts on / coast o Africa.

409]. 1745
Vol. 82.
fo. 11.

Thursday, February 16th. Present: - Mr Jenyns, Mr Keene,
Mr Gascoyne, Mr Guille.

The Earl o Dartmouth... attends ...

410] 1745
Africa
Jamaica
fo. 12.

Read a memorial o / merchants o London tradg to Africa,

statg. & they h^{ve} reciev'd intelligence fm the correspondents in Jamaica o
fur duties & imposit^s laid upon negroes imported into t^e Island t^e 18th
last, if not intire ruin o / merchants o this Kingdom, & prayg / Board's
interpositⁿ, & the relief.

A C^o body o / merchants attendg, they were called in & h^{ve}g stated to the lordships /
part^r informⁿ they h^{ve} reciev'd fm the correspondents, & the sentiments o / numerous consue to
/ Pass o this Kingdom & w^o follow'd fm these measures o / Island o Jamaica, it was resolv'd
to take this matter into fur considerⁿ on Monday next, & t^e / agent^s f^r / Island o Jamaica sh^d h^{ve}
notice to attend.

Monday, February, 20th. Present: - Lord Robert Spenser, Mr Keene
Mr Guille.

The Earl o Dartmouth... attends ...

fo. 14.
Jamaica
Africa.

The merchants o London tradg to Africa attendg, as desired, on / subject
o the fur complaints o / duties & imposit^s laid upon / importⁿ o
negroes into / Island o Jamaica, & / agent^s f^r / Island, who also attended
pursuant to notice, beg apply'd if he cd give / Board any acct^s o / bills sd to h^{ve}
pass'd in / last sessⁿ o / assembly respectg this matter, he sd, t^e he h^{ve} no advice or
instructⁿ what^r touch'd such kind, nor did he know anythg o them but fm common
report; & he expect'd in less than a fortnight to receive advice therof fm his con-
sultants, & pray'd t^e / fur considerⁿ o this business m^o be put off to this day
fortnight.

fo. 15. The lordships beg o opinion, upon fur considerⁿ o this business, & in /
present state o it, not h^{ve}g / bills complain'd o before them, nothg more cd be
done f^r / relief o / merchants than what h^{ve} already recommend'd in the
lordships' representⁿ to his Majesty, o 19th o December last; it was agreed to
postpone any fur proceedg upon it until this day fortnight.

411] 1745
Africa,
Jamaica.

Thursday, February 23rd. Present: - Mr Jenyns, Mr Keene, Mr Gascoyne,
Mr Guille.

The Earl o Dartmouth... attends.

Read a memorial o / merchants o Liverpool tradg to Africa, whose
names are therunto subscribed, settg forth / advice they h^{ve} reciev'd o fur duties & imposit^s laid
in / Island o Jamaica upon slaves imported, statg / injuri^s they sustain'd by / merchants o
England tradg to Africa, & prayg / Board's interpositⁿ f^r the relief.

fo. 16. Ordered, t^e / sd memorial be taken into fur considerⁿ on Monday seven night, togethr
/ memorial on / same subject o / merchants o London tradg to Africa.
Jamaica. Read an order o his Majesty in Council on / 20th instant, directg an additional
instructⁿ to be prepar'd f^r / Govern^r o Jamaica, forbidg him to assent to
any laws layg additional duties on negroes imported into t^e Island.

The draughtⁿ o an additional instructⁿ, conformable to / sd order, h^{ve}g b^{en}
approved, & a representⁿ thereupon, was signed

8. 1775. Thursday, March 16th. Present: - Mr Denyngs, Lord Robert Spencer,
Mr Pascoyne, Mr Keene, Mr Presille.
The Earl o' Dartmouth ... attends.

418] fo. 39. - a Letter to / Governor o' Jamaica [Daniel Keith - 1773-1774]
Jamaica - respectg / complaints o' merchants o' this Kingdom tradg to Africa,
on / subject o' duties imposed in t' Island on negroes imported - signed
Sir William Meredith & Mrs Cruger, Members o' / Town o' Liverpool & City o'
Bristol, attendg upon / subject o' these complaints, / Board communicated to
them / contents o' above letter.

Tuesday, April 11th. Present: - Mr Denyngs, Mr Keene, Mr Pascoyne,
Mr Presille.
The Earl o' Dartmouth ... attends.

421] 1775 Read a Letter from Edward Stanley, Esquire, Secretary to / Commissioners
fo. 82. o' Customs, to / Secretary to this Board dd. March 20th 1775
fo. 49. desirg to be informed, & / reason therein stated, why
Africa. Annamaboe is a Colony, Territory or place belongg to His
Majesty.

Ordered, t' / Secretary do acquaint Mr Stanley, & / informant o' Commissioners
o' Customs, t' Annamaboe is a Town or Village upon / coast o' Africa, at wh
an exclusive trade is carried on by British subjects w' / natives, under /
protection o' a fort erected & maintained by / Committee o' Co o' merchants
tradg to Africa.

428] 1775 Monday, June 12th. Present: - Mr Denyngs, Mr Pascoyne,
Jamaica Mr Keene.
fo. 75 The Earl o' Dartmouth ... attends.
The Lordships ... took into consideration / Act o' Jamaica,
imposg additional duties on negroes imported into t' Island, together w' a
memorial o' Stephen Fuller, Esquire agent for sd Island, containing his objections thereon.
Ordered, t' / draught o' a representation to His Majesty upon / sd Act be prepared.

429] 1775 Monday, June 26th. Present: - Mr Pascoyne, Mr Keene, Mr Presille.
fo. 82. The Earl o' Dartmouth ... attends.
fo. 13. The draught o' a representation to His Majesty upon / Act o' Jamaica,
Jamaica imposg additional duties on negroes imported into t' Island hadg been
prepared pursuant to order, was approved, transcribed & signed
fo. 81. Thursday, September 4th. Present: - Mr Elliot, Mr Lolliffe, Mr Keene.

430] Plantain Gen. were read, / letters o' wh are as follows, viz: -
Trade. Order o' / Lords o' Privy Council dd. September 4th. 1775
referrg to this Board, & / the consideration & report, ten petitions o' sundry
merchants o' London & Liverpool, prayg leave to export military
stores to / Coast o' Africa & Trade, & t' use o' vessels in the respective
voyages.

fo. 83. Order o' L o' P.C. dd September 4th 1775. referrg to this Board, & / the
consideration & report, / petition o' James Hamborough, o' London,
merchant, prayg leave to export one hundred & eighteen barrels
o' gunpowder to Cadix de France, & / use o' an African ship
fully met at t' place; & also prayg leave to export to Nantes
& Bourdeaux, three hundred barrels o' gunpowder, by /
remainder o' five hundred & fifty barrels / petitioner was allowed
to export to those places, & / use o' French ships tradg to Africa,
by two orders in Council o' 30th March & 4th May last.

Order o/ Lords o/ Privy Council. dd September 4th 1745 refering to this Board, for the consideration & report, / petition o Thomas Eagle, master o/ ship Juno, now lying at / port o Liverpool, bound to Africa, prayg t/ sd ship may be permitted to proceed on her voyage to Africa, w one hundred & fifty barrels o gunpowder & wth hundred & fifty trading guns, f w^{ch} / petitioner obtained fo. 84. a licence on / 24th o June last.

431] 1745. Order o/ L o/ P.C. dd. September 4th 1745 refering to this Board, fo. 82. f the consideration & report, / petition o John Shortbread, o London, merchant, prayg t/ ship Workmans, Captain Wyatt, w three hundred & twenty nine kegs (or fifty barrels) o gunpowder on board, may, on her arrival in / Downs fm the West-Indies, be permitted to proceed on her voyage to Africa, wth part o/ slaves, w^{ch} / petitioner was allowed to export by order in Council o/ 7th January last.

The Lordships, upon mature consideration o/ above mentioned orders o/ reference, came to / following resolutions, viz:—

fo. 85. 1 no gunpowder, arms or ammunition sh^o be allowed to be exported to Africa, but upon full proof o/ burthen o/ vessel in w^{ch} they are to be exported, / place o her destination & / number o slaves she intends to trade f; & / quantity to be more or less, accordg to / order to be produced o these circumstances.

1 no licence what^{er} be given f/ export^{ion} o gunpowder, arms or ammunition to any o/ colonies in arms agst / Gov. or, f / present, to any foreign port or place in Europe.

fo. 86. 1 no gunpowder, arms or ammunition be allowed to be exported to any pt o/ colonies or Islands, except upon condit^{ion} t/ export^{er} do give security in double / value to land it at such place as sh^o be appointed, tho' to be deposited in some / barhouse, & under / custody o some person appointed by / Governor o/ sd colony or Island, or / bond not to be cancelled till such certificates are produced, attested upon oath before a magistrate, fm / store-keeper, t such gunpowder, arms or ammunition sh^o be issued & disposed o in trade, or sd ways, f / immediate use o/ inhabitants o such colony or Island only.

Mr Mather [Mississippi]...

Mr Hambrugh, and^r o/ petitioners, attending, his pet^{ition} was read, but it appearing to fall within / cases mentioned in / second o/ above resolutions, he was informed t, f / present, his request cd not be complied wth.

fo. 87. Mr Thompson, agent f Mr Fisher, and^r o/ petitioners, prayg leave to export arms & ammunition to Africa, attended, & not being able to give the Lordships any satisfactory inform^{ation} touchg / object or destination o/ voyage proposed, & o/ burthen o/ vessel to be employed, he was desired to write to his constituents f full instructions.

432] 1745 Monday, September 11. Present:— Mr Eld, Mr Mene.
Trade. Three orders o/ Lords o/ His Majesty's most Honourable Privy Council were read, / titles o w^{ch} are as follows, viz:—

fo. 88. Order o/ Lords o/ Privy Council dd. September 7th 1745, refering to this Board, f the consideration & report, / petition o William & John Camden & John Calvert o London, merchants, prayg t/ ship Juno Thomas Wilson, master, bound to Africa, but stopped in / Downs, f having sixty barrels o gunpowder & two hundred & fifty trading guns on board, may be permitted to proceed on her voyage.

R.B. — Two sd Orders o/ P.C. o same date. They were all approved & reports to / Lords o/ Council were signed.

Note Similar Orders o/ P.C. were considered & reported on to / P.C. by / Board in / Minutes o September 14. 19. 21. 29. October 2. 5. 12. 18. 23. 30. November 2. These have not been noted.
December 12.

444] 1775.

Tuesday, November 21st. Present: - Mr Jennings, Mr Gascoyne, Mr Jobb Jolliffe.

Miscellaneous

The King has appointed / Right Honble Lord George Germain to be one o his Majesty's principal Secretaries o State, & to assign to his lordship / business relative to his Majesty's Colonies & Plantations in Africa & America, his lordship attended & took his seat at / Board.

fo. 126.

The following letters & papers received since / last meeting o / Board [Nov 2] were read, viz: -

447] 1775

fol. 82.
fo. 136.
Africa

Copy o a letter fm David Miel, Esquire, to / Committee o / Co o Merchants Trade to Africa, dd Cape Coast Castle, September, 1774

Ditto: dd. Cape Coast Castle, 5th January, 1775

Ditto: dd. Cape Coast Castle, April 15th. 1775

450] fo. 145
Africa.

Acct o / African Committee f / year 1773

455] 1775.
fol. 82.
fo. 162.
Africa.

Tuesday, December 5th. Present: - Mr Jennings, Mr Keene, Mr Greville.

Lord George Germain, one o his Majesty's principal Secretaries o State, attends

Read a letter to Mr Pownall fm Mr Stephens, Secretary to / Lords o / Admiralty, inclos^g / last returns made to t office o / state & condemⁿ o / British forts upon / coast o Africa

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Another Bill, to meet wth like fate [viz. / American Paper Money Bill, wh^{ch} was dropped] was t^o For extendg & improvg / Trade to Africa". As this trade was o^f utmost consequence to / trade, plantns, & manufactures o^f England, & ad / Co was in no condⁿ to support th^e forts & settle^{ts} th^er, so early in / session as / 22nd of December¹⁷⁴⁹, / Co presented a Petⁿ to / House, settg forth a brief acct o^f th^er history & circumstances, & prayg / House, on behalf o^f themselves & th^er creditors, to take / premises into considerⁿ, & grant such best^t encouragem^t to / petitioners as might enable them to pay th^er debts, & to keep & maintain th^e sd^e forts & castles in a defensible condⁿ, & / protecⁿ o^f a free & open trade o^f all his majesty's subjects to / coast o^f Africa, or to grant / petitioners such d^e relief in / premises, as to / House sh^d seem meet. At / same time / Chancellor o^f Exchequer acquainted / House, t^h his majesty, havg b^en informed o^f contents o^f sd^e Petⁿ, recommended it to / considerⁿ o^f / House.

The Petⁿ however, was only ordered to be laid lie on / table; & January 19, [1749] / creditors o^f sd^e Co presented a Petⁿ, representg, t^h / Co's forts & settle^{ts}, wh^{ch} by parliam^t & sundry Resol^{ns} o^f / House, had b^en declared necessary f^o / protecⁿ o^f British trade to Africa, had, f^o many years last past, b^en in g^o measure supported & secured by / stores, goods, & merchandises^{costly} supplied to / sd^e Co by several o^f / petitioners; t^h repeated aids granted to / Co by / public, had prov^d an inducem^t wth most o^f / petitioners to intrust them, wh^{ch} they wd^o not divide h^o done; & t^h / subst^ece o^f sd^e Co beg reduced to / single property they had in / sd^e forts & settle^{ts}, / petitioners, whose private fortunes had b^en thus employed f^o / public good, were in danger o^f loss th^er just demands, wth / generous interposⁿ & assist^ece o^f / legislature; & therefore prayg / House, to take th^er deplorable case into considerⁿ, & grant them such relief thereon, as to / wisdom & equity o^f parliam^t sh^d seem meet.

This Petⁿ was likewise ordered to lie on / table, & no f^or notice was taken o^f / affair till 1st o^f February, when a Petⁿ was presented to / House by sev^l merchants o^f London, American planters, & d^o, interest^d in, or tradg to Africa, & / British colonies & planta^{ns} in America; settg forth, in a part^r manner, / g^ot imple o^f trade to Africa; & t^h / sd^e trade cd not be supported wth maintaing / Co's forts & settle^{ts}; & therefore prayg / House to take / premises into th^er most serious considerⁿ, & to take such methods as they sh^d judge most proper & effectual f^o / preservg, extendg, & protectg th^er most valuable branch o^f British trade & Commerce.

This Petⁿ also was ordered to lie upon / table, & no one step was taken in / affair till 1st o^f March, when it was resolved, t^h / House wd^o on / 16th, resolve th^erself into a commit^{tee} o^f whole House, to consider o^f trade to Africa. In / interim, a Petⁿ o^f merchants, & d^o interest^d in / trade to Africa f^o port o^f Liverpool, was presented, alledg^g, t^h in / opinion o^f / petitioners, / best security & protecⁿ o^f our trade to / coast o^f Africa, f^o pirates or d^e enemies, must always principally depend on his majesty's ships & war, frequently visitg, properly station^d, & timely reliev^d on t^h coast; & t^h, whereas forts & settle^{ts} on t^h coast were gen^lly esteem^d necessary, as marks & sovereignty & possessⁿ, to prevent our rivals f^o / pret^e or claims o^f any exclusive right o^f trade, by reason o^f / forts &

col 566] settlements they sh^d be, or not afterwards be possessed of, such forts & settlements, in / opinion o / petitioners, wd prove a burthen & mis^e in / hands o any joint-stock co, whose private interest has a sever^e use be found incompatible w / interest o / septs or open trader; & therefore, pray t an present forts & settlements upon / African coast mt be taken into his majesty's immediate possessⁿ, & supported by / public, for / gen^l good o / British trade; or if this cd not be obtained, t / care o them mt be committed to / merchants tradg to t coast, in such manner as to / House sh^d seem meet, not thereby to acquire any ^d advantage or right, but what sh^d be in common w all his majesty's subjects. This Petⁿ was referred to / Committee, appointed to consider o / state o / trade to Africa; & / same day a Petⁿ o / l^{ie} passport fm / master, wardens, assistants, & commonalty o / society o merchant adventurers within / city o Bristol, under the common seal, was presented to / House, & referred to / same Committee.

A 2^d material circumstance in this trade begⁿ thus contested,

/ committee Committee was put off till / 11th o April, when / House resolved itself into / sd Committee, & on / 13th Mr Alderman Bechel, / chairman, reported / Resolutions o / Committee, wh were agreed to, & were as follows:

1. " T / trade to Africa ^d always to remain free & open to all his majesty's subjects
2. T it ^d never to be taxed w any duties whatsoever, b / support & maintenance o any forts or settlements ther^e.
3. T British forts & settlements on t coast are necessary to be maintained, as marks o / possessⁿ o / Great Britain, in those parts, & may, under proper management, be rendered useful to / traders in gen^l.
4. T in order to carry on / African trade in / most beneficial manner to these Kingdoms, all his majesty's subjects whatso^r tradg to Africa, be united in an open co, w^t any joint stock or power, to trade as a corporaⁿ, under proper regulaⁿs, & t / forts & settlements upon t coast, be put under proper management & directⁿ "

Pursuant to these Resolutions, a Bill was ordered to be br^d in.

col 567] As / form^s o such a Bill was a matter o some difficulty, it was not got ready till / 4th o May, when it was read a first; & ordered to be read a second time; & next day / African Co presented a Petⁿ, rel^yg forth the right to / coast o Africa, &c, & therefore / petitioners, fully rely^g in / justice o / House, t they sh^d not be deprived o th^r property w^t an adequate consideratⁿ, prayed t they mt be heard by themselves or counsel before / sd Bill sh^d pass t House. wh Petⁿ was ordered to lie on / Table.

May 9. The creditors o / sd Co presented a Petⁿ, contain^g some complaints agst / management o / Co, & offer^g to surrender th^r right to whomso^r / wisdom o parliament sh^d judge fit; & pray^g, t th^r debts mt be enquired into, & t / equivalent to be granted b / Co's possessⁿ mt be secured & applied, in / first place, b th^r benefit, upon th^r Petⁿ, wh was ordered to lie upon / Table, / House ordered / Co to lay before it a list o th^r debts, w^t times when contract^d, to^g w a copy o th^r charter, & two remonstrances fm th^r creditors, mentioned in / sd Petⁿ.

May 12. The last mentioned Petitions were referred to a committee of whole House; & it was resolved, That House did on Tuesday evening, resolve itself into / sd committee, wh was instructed to admit / Co to be heard by the counsel upon the sd Petitions, if they shd file, after wh 1st Bill of extending & improving / trade to Africa, was read a second time, & committed to a committee of whole House of t day fortnight.

May 22. The above-mentioned papers were laid before / House by / Committee; & each day / House resolved itself into a committee upon / Co's sd Petition; as it likewise did on / 26th; & on / 30th. Mr alderman Bethell, / chairman, reported / Resolⁿ of / Committee, wh was agreed to, & was as follows:

cd 560] " That a reasonable compensation be given to / R.A.C. when they shd be directed o the Charter, lands, forts, castles, coves, & all its effects & rights belonging; & t such compensation shd be in / first place applied for & towards / payment o / bona fide creditors o / sd Co.

June 6. The Bill was read / third time, passed & sent to / lords; but in t House such weighty objections were made to / whole scope o / Bill, t it was drop^d,

& in lieu o' it the lordships resolved upon an Address to his majesty,

" That he wd be graciously pleased to direct / commissioners of trade & plantations, to prepare a scheme of / better security, improving & extending / trade to Africa, & to lay / same before both Houses o Parliament, at / beginning o / next session o parliament; & in / mean time, to give such directions of providing & securing / forts, castles & settlements upon / coast o Africa, belonging to Gr Britain, as his majesty in his royal wisdom shd judge proper; & t his majesty wd be pleased to direct / commissioners of executing / office o Lord High-Admiral o Gr Britain to appoint proper persons to inspect & to examine into / state & condition o / sd forts, castles & settlements; & also o / military stores, castles, slaves, canoes, & vessels belonging to / R.A.C., & to report w all possible dispatch, how they shd find / same."

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Tuesday, March 5, Present: - Mr Jenyns, Mr Gascoyne, Lord Robert Spencer, Mr Jolliffe, Mr Keene, Mr Greville

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Africa

The Secretary laid before / Board the following papers received from / Committee of Co Merchants trading to Africa, viz: -

Copy of a letter from / African Committee to / Governor & Council at Cape Coast Castle dd. 22nd December 1775.

Copy of / African Cos petition to Parliamt respecting / state of / British ports on / coast of Africa, & prayg for / grant of such sum, for / support & repair of / sd ports, as to / House sh seem meet

fo. 43

The Lordships read & considered / following Orders of Lords of Privy Council. vizt.

CO. 388
82.

Order of / Lords of Privy Council dd. February 28th 1776, referring to this Board / petition of James Baril, of leave to export to / Nairne de Grace sundry military stores therein specified. & / use of a French ship trading to / Gold Coast of Africa.

fo. 44

... the Lordships ... were of opinion, that / reportam prayed for shd be allowed; & drafts & reports to / Lords of Council thereupon were ordered to be prepared

14] 1776.

Tuesday, March 12th Present: - ... [ut supra except Lord R Spencer] ...

Read George Fernain, one of his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, attends

Trade.

The following reports to / Lords of Privy Council ... were signed

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Report upon / petition of James Baril ...

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Tuesday, March 19th Present: - Mr Jenyns, Mr Gascoyne, Lord Robert Spencer, Mr Jolliffe, Mr Keene, Mr Greville
Mr Eden.

Miscellaneous

Lord George Fernain ... attends

A new Commission under / Gr Seal of Gr Britain bearing date / 15th instant, constituting / Gr Officers of State, togeth w / ^{Mr} Jenyns, & Bamber Gascoyne, Esquires, Robert Spencer, commonly called Lord Robert Spencer, William Jolliffe, Whitehead Keene, / Honorable Charles Greville, Esquires, togeth w / William Eden Esquire, in / room of Edward Eliot, Esqre, to be his Majesty's Commissioners for promoting / trade of this Kingdom; & for inspecting & improving his Majesty's Plantations in America & elsewhere, was read, & Mr Eden took his seat at / Board.

22] 1776
fo 70.
Africa

Tuesday, April 23rd Present: - Mr Jenyns, Mr Gascoyne, Mr Keene, Mr Greville, Mr Eden

The following letters & papers, received from / Committee of Co of Merchants trading to Africa, were laid before / Board, vizt,

Copy of a letter from David Mill, Esquire, Governor of Cape Coast Castle, to / African Committee, dd. November 5th 1775.

List of Shipping, dd. Cape Coast Castle, November 5th, 1775

* Other of such Orders for African Trade not noted. There are many ovs, not for Africa

Monday, June 10th Present: - Mr Jenyns, Mr Gascoyne, Lord Robert Spencer, Mr Keene, Mr Grenville, Mr Eden.

Lord George Germain ... attends

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Read a Letter from / Committee o / Co o Merchants tradg to Africa.
to / Governor & Council at Cape Coast Castle, dd 15th May 1776

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Friday, July 12th. Present: - Mr Gascoyne, Mr Keene, Mr Grenville, Mr Eden
Lord George Germain ... attends.

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The Secretary laid before / Board / following Letters received from /
Committee o / Co o Merchants tradg to Africa. viz.

Copy o a Letter from David Mill, require, Governor o Cape
Coast-Castle, to / African Committee, dd 30th o December 1775

Copies o Letters wh passed betw David Mill, require,
Governor o Cape Coast Castle & / Dutch Gen Peter Woodman,
Governor o Abomea, relatg to an English vessel seized by /
inhabitants o Apsam

Copy o a Letter from / African Committee to / Governor &
Council o Cape Coast Castle, dd 19th o June 1776.

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Tuesday, November 5th. Present: - Mr Gascoyne, Lord Robert Spencer,
Mr Lolliffe, Mr Keene, Mr Grenville, Mr Eden
Lord George Germain ... attends

Mr Camplin Secretary to / Committee o / Co o Merchants tradg to
Africa attendg, was called in, & having sig respect t / sd Committee, had
some matters o consequence to communicate, upon wh they wished to receive / opinion
o this Board, the Lordships were pleased to appoint Friday next at 12 o'clock,
when they were desired to attend.

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Friday, November 8th. Present: - Mr Gascoyne, Mr Keene, Mr Grenville.
Lord George Germain ... attends

The Committee o / Co o Merchants tradg to Africa, attendg, were
called in, & set forth to / Board t certain expences haug b^e incurred f /
relief & protect^o o two tradg towns on / Coast o Africa, & effects to / amt, o
one thousand, one hundred pounds haug b^e advanced on this acct by / Cos servants,
f repaymt o wh they had taken a certain number o slaves as hostages for / sd
towns, they requested / advice o / Board, wh or not it wd be expedient f them
to reimburse the sd servants, upon / policy o presentg / probable int^{er}se o /
Dutch, in case / sd servants shd proceed to vindictify themselves, by sellg
slaves deposited in the hands; & wh the Lordships were o opinion, t / Committee
in case they discharged these monies advanced by the servants, wd be warranted
in statg it as a charge upon a future grant o Parliamt, they haug no
publick monies in hand to apply to t charge

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In answer to / above, the Lordships informed / Committee, t they
desired to be excused fatig on themselves / directg or advisg o measures, wh
were clearly not within / powers & jurisdiction o / Board, as limited & defined
by / Act o 23rd o his late Majesty; but t if / Committee chose to
communicate to / Board any papers or proceedg^s relative to / Co's
affairs, the Lordships were ready to receive / same as matters o informⁿ,
& considered such communicat^o as properly comg within / directions o / Act
above mentioned.

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Friday, November 22nd. Present: - Mr Jenyns, Mr Gascoyne, Mr Lolliffe,
Mr Keene, Mr Grenville, Mr Eden
Lord George Germain ... attends

Read a Memorial o / Committee o / Co o Merchants tradg
to Africa, layg before / Board / facts, & proceedg^s o / sd
Committee, relative to / towns o Lagos & Mumford, as
stated in / minutes o / 8th instant

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Tuesday, December 3rd. Present: - Mr Jenyns, Mr Gascoyne,
Lord Robert Spencer, Mr Eden.
Lord George Germain... attends.

Read a copy o a petiⁿ presented to Parliam^t by / Committee o/
Co Merchants tradg to Africa, dd 2nd o December 1776. con-

municated to / Board by / sd Committee, prayg a grant o such sum of / necessary support
& maintenance o / forts & settlements on / coast o Africa; & also of repayg the officers &
servants the / money advanced by them, stated in / minutes o / 18th o last month, as to
/ House Sh^l seem meet.

fo. 197. Acct o / Committee o / Co Merchants tradg to Africa, distinguishing evy
article o expence under its proper title, f / Year 1775

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o State, attends.
Tuesday, February 4th. Present: - Mr Jenyns, Mr Gascoyne, Mr
Keene, Mr Grenville, Mr Eden
Lord George Germain, one o his Majesty's principal Secretaries

fo. 34th Lord George Germain acquainted / Board, t his Majesty, in pursu^e o an
humble address fm / House o Commons, hd bn pleased to signify to him his
commands t this Board shd inquire into & prepare, in order to be laid before t
House, a report o / gen State o trade to Africa, / condin o / forts & settlements the
belongg to / African Co, & in what manner / sevl sums o money granted by Parliam^t
Parliam^t f maintaing & supportg / same, h bn applied

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Friday, February 7th. Present: - Mr Jenyns, Mr Keene, Mr Eden.

The Lordships took into consideration / report to be made to / House
o Commons o gen state o trade to Africa, / condin o / forts &
settlements the belongg to / African Co, & in what manner / sevl sums o
money granted by Parliam^t f maintaing & supportg / same, h bn applied, mentioned
in / last minutes.

Read a letter fm Mr Stephens, Secretary to / Lords o Admiralty, to Mr
Cumberland, dated December 24th 1776, transmittg copies o reports made by
Captain Cornwallis late commander o his Majesty's ship / Pallar, respectg /
state & condin o his Majesty's forts, & settlements on / coast o Africa, vizt.,

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| fo. 36. | State & condin o | Tantumquery Fort | February 28 th 1776 |
| | " | Appolonia Fort | January 1776 |
| | " | Dick's Cove Fort | January 1776 |
| | " | Commen dae Fort | February 18 th 1776 |
| | " | Secondee Fort | February 14 th 1776 |
| | " | - Banca Island - | |
| | " | Winnebah Fort | |
| | " | Eshyda - | |
| | " | James Fort, Neva | |
| | " | Annamaboe Fort | February 25 th 1776 |
| | " | Cape Coast Castle | February 10 th 1776 |

fo. 37. Ordered, t / Secretary do write to / followg persons, vizt
To / African Committee during th^r attendance, togth w th^r Secretary, at this
Board, on Tuesday next at 12 o'clock on / forenoon.

To / Secretary o / Customs f an acct o / tonnage o sevl ships, cleared
fm Gt Brittain to Africa, fm 1st o January, 1757, to 1st o January 1777, w /
names o / sd ships, disting ushg to what part o / coast / same were bound,
togth w / value o goods reported to & fm Africa in / aforesaid time

To / Mayors o Bristol & Liverpool, & also to / Master o / Merchants'
Hall at Bristol, requestg a report o gen state o trade to Africa, togth
w any o^r informⁿ & advice thereto relatg, as to them sh^l seem proper.

1777 Tuesday, February 11th. Present: - Mr Jenyns, Mr Gascoyne, Mr Guesille,
Mr Keene, Mr Eden.

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Lord George Germain ... attends

The Committee of Co^o merchants tradg to Africa, wth the Secretary, attendg pursuant to / minute of / last Board, were called in; & / ~~most~~ minute of / 4th instant, containing his Majesty's commands, t^h this Board shd prepare a report, in order to be laid before Parliament, o / gen state of trade to Africa, etc., havg bⁿ read to them, they were acquainted, t^h in proceedg upon this business, / Board must necessarily h^e recourse to seal / books & papers in the possessⁿ, & they were desired to give directions to the Secretary to furnish them wth such books & papers as the Lordships may think proper to call for, & to attend / Board when required, wh^{ch} / Committee promised to comply wth

fo 41.

Ordered, t^h / Secretary to / African Committee be desired to attend / Board on Friday next, wth an acct of seal sums o money t^h bⁿ recud by / Committee fm / Treasury by grants o Parliament fm 1754 to 1776, inclusive: like-wise wth books received fm Africa, wh^{ch} acct to / manner in wh^{ch} / sd seal sums o money h^e bⁿ expended thro^u / within / period above-mentioned; & also wth copy book o letters fm / Committee to the Governors in Africa, wth the answers thereto durg / sd period.

17] fo 48 Africa The Lordships, taking into consideration / variety o matters referred to this Board by his Majesty in / minutes of / 4th instant, directg a report to be made ~~and~~ upon / gen state of trade to Africa etc. it was desired, t^h Mr Gascoyne & / Honourable Mr Guesille wd prepare & adjust / proper informⁿ in t^h business, & those gentlemen consentg thereto, they agreed to hold separate meetg^s for t^h purpose. *

* The minutes o these meetg^s h^e bⁿ inserted at / end o / minutes of / year 1777 on page 126, et passim, as in / original minute book [Editors note: Vide p post]

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Tuesday, February 18th. Present: - Mr Jenyns, Mr Gascoyne, Mr Solffe, Mr Keene, Mr Guesille, Mr Eden
Lord George Germain ... attends

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Seal of merchants o London tradg to Africa, attended & delivered in a memorial o / sd merchants to / Board, respectg / state o t^h trade, wh^{ch} was read, & they were acquainted, t^h the Lordships hd referred / African business to a Committee of Board, who wd be ready on any day to hear what they mt h^e to offer upon / subject o the memorial.

The sd merchants hasg represented to the Lordships, t^h Captain David Dunn, who was upon his departure for Ireland, cd give v^{ry} material testimony to / facts set forth in the memorial, / Secretary was directed to write to / sd Captain Dunn, & desire his attendance on / Committee tomorrow morng, at 10 o'clock

17] 1777 Tuesday, March 11th. Present: - Mr Jenyns, Mr Gascoyne, Mr Keene, Mr Guesille, Mr Eden.

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Lord George Germain ... attends

Mr Gascoyne acquainted / Board wth / progress made in / African business, & the Lordships determined to take up / consideraⁿ o / report to be made to / House o Commons thereupon on Tuesday next.

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Tuesday, March 18th. Present: - Mrs Jennings, Mrs Gabbayne,
Lord Robert Spencer, Mrs Keene Mrs Greenville, Mrs Edon
Lord George Germain ... attends

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The Secretary read to / Board / proceedings o / Lords, who
undertook to prepare information f / report to be made to /
House o Commons upon / gen state o / trade to Africa, at
the last meetg o / 14th, 15th, 17th, 19th, 21st, 24th, &
27th o last month & 3rd instant, wh proceedings may be seen
at length in appendix to this Journal, page 126, & it was agreed to proceed
further in this business on Tuesday next.

Ordered, t / Secretary o / African Committee do lay before this Board an
acct o / number o slaves reported fm / Gold Coast o Africa in / year 1775.

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Tuesday March 25th. Present: - ... [ut supra] ...
Lord George Germain ... attends ...

Read a letter fm Henry Garnett, esquire, Master
o Merchants' Hall Bristol, to Mr Cumberland, dd
March 19th 1777 in answer to a letter fm him
o / 13th o last month, requestg his opinion o / gen
state o / trade to Africa.

Read a letter fm William How, esquire, to Mr Cumber-
land, dd Custom House, 22nd March 1777.
transmittg.

* An Acct o Shups cleared out o & belongg to /
Port o Bristol f Africa fm / year 1750 to /
year 1776, both inclusive, distinguishtg each year.

* [Ed. note] (Vide proceedings o / Board upon
this acct in appendix Journal folio 74)

A List o Vessels th sailed fm / Port o
Liverpool f Africa fm / year 1750 to /
year 1776.

The draught o a report to / House o Commons upon / gen state o /
trade to Africa &c, was read & ordered to be transcribed

Ordered f / Committee o / Co o Merchants' tradg to Africa be desired
to attend / Board on Tuesday 8th o April

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fo 90.
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Tuesday, April 8th. Present: - ... [ut supra except Greenville] ...
Lord George Germain ... attends.

The Committee o / Co o Merchants' tradg to Africa
attendg, were called in, & Lord George Germain having
stated to them / purpose o / report, wh / Board, by his
Majestys command, had prepared to be laid before Parliamt relative to /
fo 91. affairs o Africa under the managem^t, & some conversⁿ ensu^g
thereupon, they were desired to reduce the observations to writg, & transmit
them to / Board f / consideraⁿ o / Board at the next meetg.

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fo 96.

Tuesday, April 15th. Present: - ... [ut supra except Lord R Spencer] ...
Lord George Germain ... attends.

Mr Camplin, Secretary to / Committee o / Co o Merchants' tradg to
Africa, attended, & presented to / Board a
Memorial o / sd Committee, statg the observations w respect
to / number o slaves reported fm / Gold Coast o Africa,
commencg w / year 1758, debt o / Co &c; & prayg, t
they may be furnished w so much o / intended report to
/ House o Commons upon / gen state o / trade to Africa,
as sh be requisite to wince / truth or fallacy o /
complaints therein contained.

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Tuesday, April 22nd. Present: - Mr Jenyns, Mr Gascoyne, Lord Robert Spencer, Mr Keene, Mr Juselle, Mr Eden.

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Lord George Germain ... attends.

The proceedings of Lords in / African business on / 17th & 18th instant were read; as was also / draught of a report to / House of Commons upon / gen state of trade, &c. wh. was agreed to & ordered to be transcribed.

Ordered, t. a copy of / sd report be communicated to / Right Honorable Lord North.

Tuesday, April 29th. Present: - Mr Jenyns, Mr Gascoyne, Mr Keene, Mr Eden.

Lord George Germain ... attends.

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This Report is not in Cassell's 1777

The draught of a report to / House of Commons upon / gen state of trade to Africa, / Condition of forts, &c. having been transcribed pursuant to order, was signed, & Mr Gascoyne was requested to present it to / House of Commons.

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Friday, May 23rd. Present: - Mr Gascoyne, Mr Keene, Mr Juselle.

Lord George Germain, one of his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, attended & acquainted / Board, t. his Majesty, in pursuance of an humble Address from / House of Commons of 24th instant had been pleased to signify to him his Commands, t. this Board shd prepare, in order to be laid before t. House, copies of all letters, memorials or representations presented to / Board, complaining of conduct of / Committee of / Co of Merchants trading to Africa, or their servants; w. / proceedings thereupon, if any such h. been made, since / year 1753.

The Secretary having laid before / Board all such papers in / Office, as come within / description of those mentioned in / Address, it was ordered, t. / sd papers shd be copied w. all possible dispatch, excepting those wh. were laid before / House of Commons, pursuant to the said address of 26 April 1773, & 16th February, 1774.

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fo. 121.

Tuesday, May 24th. Present: - Mr Gascoyne, Mr Keene, Mr Juselle, Mr Eden.

Lord George Germain ... attends.

92. Africa

Mr Camplin, Secretary to / Committee of / Co of Merchants trading to Africa, attended, was called in, & questioned as to sundry parts of / evidence delivered into Parliamt in support of / Board's return, particularly respecting / matters therein alleged agst Messrs Schooner, Ross & Mills.

Mr Caruthers, w. sundry oth^r gentlemen, deputed by / merchants of Liverpool to wait upon / Board for / purpose of proving / allegations contained in / report sent from thence, & of declaring / sentiments of / merchants in gen upon t. subject, attended, were called in, & being questioned to seal points relating to / present state of trade to Africa, it appeared from the evidence:

fo. 125. That 8000 slaves a year are exported from / Gold Coast, some of wh. are made up of Lagos, Benin, & slaves from oth^r places imposed on unexpired traders, as true Gold Coast slaves:

Such slaves are a gr loss to those on whom they are imposed, as Gold Coast slaves;

Mr Norris sd, t. / Governor of Antigua querying was purchasing vast numbers of slaves, at / same time, t. / traders, who were there, bid it in their power to purchase w. few:

1 / Governor's kept shops to retail spirits:

Some slaves wh. were left by one master of a vessel, to pay off amo^t, he saw working on / fortifications:

1 / tobacco wh. / Governor's charge to / Co, as paid to / servants & wages, is damaged tobacco.

* Vide photostat copies of the printed "Return... to the House of Commons..."

dated 24 April 1777.

Mr Caruthers sd, t in time past, he reported more real Gold Coast slaves in one ship than he can now get in / whole; & as f gold, it was fo. 126. not to be had; he sends to Holland to buy gold; British manufacturers are lowered on / Coast one half; no Manchester goods now employed in / trade; / last ship he sent to / Coast his bill f piece goods amounted to £5000 & abt £3800 in all English commodities. o wh £800 only were woollens; t if a slave now sells f £35 in / West Indies, it is but a bare sailing voyage; & t as things now are, they cannot prosecute / trade to any advantage.

Tuesday June 3rd. Present: - Mr Jenyns, Mr Gascoyne, Lord Robert Spencer, Mr Keene, Mr Grenville, Mr Eden
Lord George Germain, &c ... attends.

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Africa fo. 133. Mr Caruthers w^d merchants o Bristol & Liverpool attended to return thanks to the Lordships. f / care & attⁿ they had shewn to / African trade & expressed the wish, t a proper person mt be appointed to receive / money granted by Parliamt f / support o / forts & settlemts on / coast o Africa, & apply it on / coast; & to survey / forts, & report the state & condⁿ: by wh a true & impartial state o / trade, & o / administration o / publick money mt be known.

101] 1777. Thursday, July 24th. Present: - Mr Gascoyne, Mr Grenville, Mr Eden, Mr de Grey
Lord George Germain ... attends.

Miscellaneous. A new Commission under / Gr Seal o Gr Britain, bearing date 1 17th June last, constitutg / Gr Officers o State, togz w Soame Jenyns & Bramber Gascoyne, Esquires, Robert Spencers, commonly called Lord Robert Spencer, William Jolliffe, / Honourable Charles Grenville, William Eden, Esquires, togz w Thomas de Grey, Esquire, in / room o Whitehead Keene, Esquire, to be his Majesty's Commissioners f promotg / trade o this Kingdom & for inspectg & improvg his Majesty's Plantations in America & elsewhere, was read, & Mr de Grey took his seat at / Board.

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The Secretary laid before / Board / Copy o a Letter fm Mr Nicholas Lomax, surveyor, dd Cape Coast Castle, January 15th 1777, to / Governor & Council o Cape Coast Castle on / coast o Africa, respectg / state & condⁿ o / seal forts at Accra, Prampram & Seccondoo

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Thursday, August 7th. Present: - Mr Gascoyne, Mr Eden, Mr de Grey
Lord George Germain ... attends

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The Secretary laid before / Board a papers received fm / Committee o Co^o Merchants tradg to Africa, containing extracts o three letters fm Richard Miles, Esquire, Governor o Cape Coast Castle, dd, January 26th, March 5th, & March 25th 1777.

Read a Letter Letters fm Mr Robinson to Mr Cumberland, dd August 7th 1777, desirg t he will move / Board to take into the considerⁿ, / grantⁿ o Parliamt f Africa & t he will acquaint / Lords o / Treasury under what restrictions it is, in / opinion o / Board, advisable / money shd be issued to / African Committee, in order more effectually to carry / directions o Parliamt into executⁿ

The Secretary laid before / Board / following papers, vizt,

Copy o a letter fm / Committee o / Co's creditors to / Royal African Co, dd London October 11th, 1749; & fm Henry Lascelles, esquire, to / Court o Assistants o / sd Co, dd. October 12th 1749.

Copy o instructions to John Roberts fm / Court o Assistants o / Royal African Co o England dd. London October 26th 1749.

Copy o instructions fm Henry Lascelles, esquire, to Mr John Roberts, appointed by / Royal African Co o England, President o / Council, one o / chief agents, & treasurer at Cape Coast Castle; & to William Husbands, also one o / chief agents & warehouse keeper, dd. London December 2nd, 1749.

Copy o a letter fm / Court o Assistants o / Royal African Co to / Council o Cape Coast Castle, dd. November 30th, 1749.

Ordered t / Secretary do write to Mr Robinson, in answer to his letter o / 4th instant, relative to / grant o Parliamt f Africa, & acquaint him, f / informⁿ o / Lords o / Treasury, w / opinion o this Board thereupon; & also transmit to Mr Robinson copies o / four Corogog papers relative to African affairs in / year 1749.

Tuesday, November 25th. Present: - Mr Jenyns, Mr Pococke, Lord Robert Spencer, Mr Grenville, Mr Eden, Mr de Grey, Lord George Germain... attends.

The Secretary laid before / Board / following letter received fm / African Committee vizt.

Copy o a letter fm Richard Miles, esquire, Governour o Cape Coast Castle, to / Committee o / Co o merchants trading to Africa, dd April 25th 1747, relative to his proceedings in t / year, & inclosg annual indent^s f / year 1748, w secondary papers.

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(Minutes of Enquiry into / Administration
of / West African Trade)

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fo. 248^a

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Friday, February 14th. Present:— Mr Gascoyne, Mr Grenville,
Mr Keene.Mr Camplin, Secretary to / African Committee, attended,
pursuant to / minutes of / 11th instant [P. 4 supra], & delivered
in to the Lordships / following books & papers, vizt.

1. 75 Journals & ledgers bound in vellum.

2. Journals or ledgers unbound.

3. Letter books bound.

4. Book intitled Expenditure in Africa,

A bundle of papers belongg to / out forts.

A likewise a paper as ordered in / minutes of / last
meetg, exhibitg / annual grants of Parliam^t of /
support & maintenance of / forts & settlements in Africa,
fm 1754 to 1776 inclusivefo. 249^a.The Lordships thereupon proceeded to inspect / seal Journals
& ledgers of / Committee, beginn^g w those of / year 1754, & hav^g
interd into an examinⁿ, what / seal balances may h be in favour or
disfavour of / Committee within / period above mentioned, / sd
balances as far as / year 1775. (Ea 1776 not beg yet come to
hand) were extracted & ordered to be transcribed.The Lordships tak^g into considerⁿ / seal investm^{ts}, of / monies
granted by Parliam^t & / expenditure of / same by / officers & servants
of Co in Africa, & requir^g what was / made of regist^r & keep^g
fo. 250. those acct^s, / Secretary, Mr Camplin, laid before the Lordships
a book intitled Expenditure in Africa, giv^g a summary view of / sd
acct^s fm / year 1769 to / year 1775, / same hav^g fm drawn up &
prepared by him since / period of his beg in office.The sd book appear^g to afford such informⁿ, & to conduce so
much to an accurate & speedy survey of these complicated acct^s, the
Lordships thot fit to direct, t it shd be carried back fm / year 1769
to / year 1754 inclusive; Mr Camplin was requested to assist in /
compilⁿ proposd.The Lordships requir^g a more specific acct of appropriatⁿ of /
fo. 251. indents by / officers & servants of Co on / Coast, desired /
Secretary to / Committee to furnish them w / Day Books of Cape Coast
Castle & / out forts of / years 1774 & 1775.127] 1477. The Lordships understand^g, t Mr Charles Miles, a factor & one of
fo. 252. / assistants in / Accountants Office at Cape Coast Castle, was
on his return to t place, orderd t he shd be desired to attend
to morrow morn^g at 10 o'clock!Saturday, February 15th Present:— ... [ubi supra].—Africa, Mr Camplin, Secretary to / African Committee, attended, when Mr
fo. 252. Charles Miles, mentioned in / minutes of / yest^r, was called in,
& the Lordships questiond him to / seal parts as follows, vizt:
Have y bn in / service of African Co?

Yes.

In what parts of Africa did y serve?

Cape Coast Castle.

H^e & was bn employed in / Accountants Office at Cape Coast Castle?

Yh.

Who was Governour th^r?

David Mills

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Was y employed in t Office in / year 1775, when / Jamaica Planter
storeship arrived at Cape Coast Castle?

I did.

fo. 253. Did y^r employment in / Accountants Office give y an oppy o beg informed
in what manner / cargo o t storeship was distributed on her arrival th^r?

I did.

In what manner was it distributed?

The outports sent in all th^r acct^s to Cape Coast Castle & / whole cargo
o / storeship was distributed to / Govern^rs o / sd Castle & th^rse o /
outports, to pay / sevl advances made by them; & such I understand
to h^{ve} b^{en} / constant proceed^g, but it fell short o / debt.

fo. 254. How were / sevl garrisons furnished f^r t year, / cargo beg so
distributed?

The Govern^r advanced / furnish^gs.

Are / goods & merchandize advanced by / sevl Govern^rs to defray
/ furnish^gs o / garrisons o an equal quality w th^rse sent out beg
in / storeship, or are they goods o an inferior quality, but o / same
nominal value?

They are goods o an inferior quality passed at / same nominal price
the whole o / cargo o / storeship beg paid to / sevl Govern^rs f^r th^r
advancements, do they not apply such cargo to / purposes o th^r own

fo. 255. private trade?
Certainly they do.

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In cases o success to / forts, who supplies / new Govern^r w
goods etc, if he is not o circumstance to supply such fort?
His friends am^g / superior officers int o th^r own private fortunes
advance them to him by way o loan.

Did y resign / Co's service when y returned to England?

fo. 256. I did, on acct o my health.

Are y reinstated in y^r employ^{mt} by / Committee?

I am.

Do y know who is Govern^r o Cape Coast Castle at this time?

My brother Richard Mills.

Do y know when Govern^r Mills resigned?

Last Christmas

Do y know if any body or who has pd Govern^r Mills what he
advanced f^r supply^g / forts before his resign^{mt}?

fo. 257. My brother.

Do y know who has advanced f^r supply^g / forts since Govern^r
Mills resigned?

My brother.

Mr Mills beg withdrawn, / forego^g quest^{ns} w his answers
thereto were transcribed, & Mr Mills beg agn called in, they were
read to him & he confirm^d / same.

Ordered, t Mr Camplin, Secretary to / African Committee, be
requested to attend th^r Lordships in Committee dur^g / continu^{ce}
o th^r present inquiries into / state o / Coast o Africa, referred
to them by Command o his Majesty.

fo. 258. Monday, February 14th. Present: - Mr Pascoyne,
Mr Grenville, Mr Keene

Africa. Mr Camplin, Secretary to / African Committee, attended,
& pursuant to / minute o / 14th instanc, delivered in to th^r
Lordships / Day Books f Cape Coast Castle & / out ports f
/ years 1774 & 1775.

Th^r Lordships proceeded to / examin^{on} o / sd books, & /
f^r consider^{on} o / matters gentl^y before them.

Ordered t Mrs Camplin be desired to furnish the Lordships w a state & condition o/ports on / Coast o Africa reported in / year 1757, as likewise o/ state & condition o/ sd ports, last received; as also / invoice books.

fo 259. Ordered t / Secretary do write to Mr Stanley, Secretary to / Commissioners of Customs, to desire, t he wd move t Board to give directions to / Collectors at Liverpool & Bristol, to furnish the Lordships w a list o such ships belongg to those ports as h cleared out in / African trade fr / year 1750 to / year 1756, both inclusive distinguishing / names o/ ships, / masters' names, where bound, & / number o slaves, distinguishing each year.

129] 1777 Wednesday, February 19th. Present: Mr Gascoyne, Mr Grenelle, Mr Keene.

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The Lordships look into consideration / send annual reports furnished by / Admiralty touchg / state & condition o/ ports on / Coast o Africa.

Mr Coghlan, one o / merchants subscribgs to / memorial presented to / Board at the meeting on / 12th instant (vide folio 55) attendg w Mrs David Puma, commander o a ship in / African trade, they were called in, when the Lordships questioned Mr Dunn to / send parties as follows, vizt

How long & to what parts o Africa h y traded?
H traded to / Gold Coast o Africa since / year 1763.
What ship did y command upon yr last voyage?
The Friendship, in / London trade.

H thr bn any & what alterations in / state o/ trade in gen since y h bn concerned in it?

fo. 261 The trade in gen has suffered gthly since y h known it, both as to / difficulty o obtaining slaves, & / price at wh they are purchased; in / year 1763 a male slave wnt he bot at abt £13 sterlg, wh now costs £23 gold, wh is become a necessary article in / purchase o a slave, is obtained by / free traders w gr difficulty. We are obliged to send Manchester & India goods up to Cape Apollonia to be bartered f gold, & to wait its return: this is a delay o sevl weeks. In my last voyage, f one hundred & twenty ounces o merchandise I got only forty ounces o gold.

fo. 262. How do y value ounces o merchandise & ounces o gold?
The ounce o merchandise I value rate at 40 s Value, & t o gold at £4 sterlg, so t all above eighty ounces o merchandise was lost up on / exchange; in / purchase o a slave we must give two ounces o gold

Was gold a necessary article in / purchase o a slave when y first knew / trade?

No, we bot them w manufactures; gold was then brot home. now we carry it out.

Do not / servants o / African Committee carry on trade at / ports?

They do.

Does this trade operate as an obstruction to t o / free merchant adventurers?

Certainly as a gr obstruction; / ports command gr advantages, wh / free traders cannot t, & / black merchants prefer to tradg w / ports, inasmuch as they incur no risk or expence w carries, wh they must do in resortg to / ships; / Governours h / advantage o lodg the goods & slaves within / sevl ports w charge, & by bartering daily w / natives, h an oppy o collectg all / gold t is to be got on / Coast.

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Does / Governor o Cape Coast Castle send home orders of indent
o goods on acct o his private trade?

He does; I carried out a cargo o goods last voyage consigned
in parcels, to / sevl forts, & / owners were Messrs Shoobred,
Hogg & Mills

fo. 264. Was not Mr Ross then o / Committee?

He was

Is not Mr Mills / brother o Mr David Mills, Governor o Cape
Coast Castle?

He is.

Did y deliver these goods at / sevl forts accordingly?

I did; & in return took up slaves, wh I carried to Saint
Vincent's.

How many slaves did y take fm / Coast?

In all three hundred & sixty one, o these I received abt
two hundred & twenty prime slaves fm / Cos' forts,
rest I hd fm / Dutch at Mowize, Cormantine &
Appam

fo. 265. What did y barter w / Dutch f the slaves?

Brandy, India goods, & gun powder; / Dutch Gen &
Governor Mills concerted this exchange, betw them-
selves; / Dutch Gen gave an order on Governor Mills
to pay me part in slaves, & he repaid Governor Mills
in gold; / rest I received at / Dutch forts was in slaves.
Are / slaves at / forts sold at a higher price than those
bot o black traders?

They are, & genly fm an ounce & a half to two ounces
advance

Our ships consigned to / forts dispatched w more expedi^{on}
than those o free adventurers?

fo. 266. A ship consigned to / Governor's will get expedited so much sooner
than a free trader, t they genly find it necessary to barter
/ best part o the assortmts w / Governor's

Does not this competition betw / sedentary trade & t o adven-
turers operate to raise / price o slaves & sink t o British
manufactures?

Certainly it does; it gives / black merchant a handle to manage
/ market f slaves, wh they do wgt policy, to / get increase
o / price o slaves, & t o / Congress, t o / manufactures o this
country; in seventeen hundred & sixty three / price o
negroes stood at abt eight ounces f men & six f
women, / ounce beg then at 36s, now / price stands
at 11½ f men, & 9½ f women, & / ounce is now at 42s;
in / mean time / manufactures o Gt Britain are much
lessened on the demand, & / East India goods at least
are doubled; / number o slaves likewise t come to
market is much reduced; this must be / consequence, when
/ same quantity o goods can be obtained f a less
number o slaves.

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fo. 267
What commodity is / slave purchased in / first market?

The slave, in / first market, is purchased in / interior part o /
country w gold.

What becomes o / gold?

The chiefs in / interior amass it, & occasionally come down
to / Coast & buy up all / goods & commodities due to be
had, so t sometimes / forts are stripped o all the
furniture & effects.

Are / Dutch forts in good condition?

They are

Are / English?

Not so good.

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fo. 269.

Friday, February 21st. Present: Mr Gascoyne, Mr Swales, Mr Keene.

Mr Coplan, mentioned in / minutes o / 19th instant, attendg w Mr Chalmers, commander o a ship in / African trade, they were called in, when the last-ships questioned Mr Chalmers to / send part^s as follows, viz,

How long & to what parts o Africa h y traded?
I h bn in / African trade eleven years; I h traded to / Gold Coast.
H y bn concerned f / Co's servants on / Coast, or f / free traders?

F / free traders

When y first went on / Coast, what was / price o slaves?

fo. 270.

In 1766 men & women slaves were sold at nine & seven owners.

H / articles o gold, slaves & wory undergone any alterans in the prices since
I h bn engaged in / African trade?

The prices o all these articles h bn gty enhanced; when I first knew / trade, there was no want o gold, it was purchased at abt £4 sterlg per ounce in / original cost o / goods; considerable quantities o it were exported fm / Coast & brot home, now it is much risen in price, & slaves cannot be bot w^a proportⁿ o gold paid in exchange f them; wory is still to be had in considerable quantities, but / servants o / Committee buy / gresh part o it; there is now a ship in / Port o London w^g quantities o wory on board on the acct; / price o this commodity, when I first resorted to / Coast, was fm eighten to twenty pence, now it sells f half a crown

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fo. 271.

To what do y impute / difetty w^{ch} / merchant adventurers find in gettg gold f / purposes o the trade on / Coast?

I impute it wholly to / interfere o trade carried on at / ports by / Committee's servants. The Governors the collect in small quantities all / gold wh / black people brg in exchange f / spirits, wh they retail to them daily in small quantities. Spirits, bot at twenty two pence per gallon, are charged at five shillgs; rum bot at 1/- is charged at 2/-; this gives / servants o / Committee g^t advantage over / free trader, in as much as they collect g^t quantities o gold in this manner, or at / some time raise g^t profits by / rum & spirits they exchange f it, whereas / free trader buys his gold at a loss, & finds g^t difetty in obtaining it at all; by these means / ports command / slave trade to / detriment & exclusⁿ o / free trader.

fo. 272

What may an ounce o gold, bartered in this manner be bot f?
An ounce o gold purchased by spirits will stand / Committee's servants in abt 50/- first cost sterlg value.

Fm what house principally h / servants o / Committee the consignments?
Chiefly fm / firm o Messrs. Shoolbred, Potts & Mills

fo. 273.

Is / price o slaves at / ports dift fm / price o slaves sold by / black traders?

Slaves are sold at / ports at an advance o abt an ounce & a half
This beg / case, what induces / merchants to trade w / ports?

The delay o carryg on a free trade amgst / black people is no much g^{tr} than t^o tradg w / ports, t^o most people make up the cargoes w / servants o / Committee, tho at a higher price; I traded intirely w / black people, & was seven months on / coast in my last voyage collectg three hundred & eighty negroes.

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fo 274.

Does not this create a competition betwⁿ / trade o / Gov^{ts} servants a t o / free merchant^s adventurer^s?

Certainly
Is / price o slaves thereby enhanced, & / number o them diminished?
The price is gre^y raised by / means o this competⁿ, & / number o slaves bro^ug^t to market is lessened by / increase o price;
9¹/₂ & 11¹/₂ women & men slaves.

Is / delay so much complained o & / reason^s by this private trade?
I conceive it is; when I first engaged in trade, / dispatch was much gre^y; this is now, as nearly as I can compute, three months differⁿ in / delay o a tradg^s ship
Are / number o tradg^s ships decreased?

fo 275.

They are; when I first resorted to / Coast, there were on / Coast twenty four sail, last year there were but fifteen

Did any o / ships carry out indents o goods to / Govern^{rs}?

Yes there were two ships came to / Coast in 1776 vizt, Captain Bowle & Captain Martin; / latter belonged entirely to Messrs Shoolbred, Ross & Mills; Captain Bowle was partⁿ on his own acct. & also took on board an indent o goods as ordered by Govern^{or} Mills, f^r wh^o he was to pay him in slaves.

Do y think / forts as now managed operate to / prejudice or advantage o / gen^l trade?

I think / forts as now managed are a gr^t disadvantage to / publick trade; they do not serv^e as any protectⁿ to / trade, or to British subjects, whom they suffer to be insulted under the guns.

fo 276

Has y seen instead o this?
I h^{ave}; I saw a captain o a ship taken into a black town & flogged; this happened last year, & / Govern^{or}, tho^{ugh} privy to it, did not interpose; Mr Brew^{ster} & his servants were seized at by / blacks, & one o his slaves killed thereby. The Govern^{or} o / forts, h^{as} so much concern in trade w^{ith} / blacks, th^{at} they will not

has / trade carried on, at / forts any & what advantages over / free adventurers trade?
Many a gr^t advantage; / Govern^{or}s f^r the goods sent out in / Committee's ship free o freight; / fort to lodge them in, the is a slave hole in each fort; / Gov^{ts} craft; & by the resideⁿ on / Coast they h^{ave} / preem^{pt}ion o slaves, & o collectgⁿ in small parcels all / gold t^{hat} they can employ in / purchase o slaves; I h^{ave} heard they employ people to go into / country to intercept / traders in / pathways, & tempt them down to / forts

fo 277

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Are / British manufactures lowered in the price?
They are much lowered in price in / proportⁿ o 30 per cent.
Do all / forts trade in slaves?
They do all trade; / seconds in command are no more than factors to / Chief o Cape Coast Castle.
What proportⁿ o / gen^l trade h^{as} / forts?
They h^{ave} at least half / whole trade o gold, slaves & w^{are}; & / free merchant^s adventurer^s must in / end be totally excluded.

fo 278.

Monday, February 24th. Present: Mr Gascoyne, Mr Seville, Mr Keene

Africa

Read a letter from Mr Henry Garnet, Master o Merchant^s Hall, Bristol, to Mr Cumberland d^{ated} February 17th, 1777.

acknowledg^d / receipt o his letter touchgⁿ / trade to Africa, & / utility o / forts & settle^{ments} on t^{he} coast, & promis^{ing} to collect / opinion o / African merchant^s thereupon as soon as possible, & lay / same before the Lordships.

fo. 279 Mr Coghlan, one o' merchants subscribing to / memorial presented to /
Board at the meetg on / 18th instant (vide folio 5^r) attendg wth Mr
Thomas Bennett, commander o' a ship in / African trade, they were called in,
when the Lords^{ships} questioned Mr Bennett to / seal parts as follows, vizt,
How long & to what parts h^e y^e traded?
I h^e bin in / African trade since / latter end o' year 1748: I h^e
traded to / Gold Coast.

How long h^e y^e bin master o' a vessel?
fo. 280 I h^e bin master o' a vessel since / year 1764
What was / price o' slaves in 1748?
From six to eight ounces per man, / price on an average abt
£10 sterlg.

What was / price o' an ounce o' gold when y^e was first on / Coast, &
what did they reckon / barter price?

There was a profit on gold in 1748; an ounce o' gold m^{ight} be
purchased by English goods for 30/- to 50/- prime cost
o' sd goods.

How many ships were upon / Coast when y^e was first there?

I h^e seem for twenty to twenty five ships at one time in
Annamaboe Road; some o' / lge ones wd carry six
hundred slaves

fo. 281. How long were y^e there in 1748 in freightg a ship?

135] 1744 I was six or seven months freightg, tradg chiefly wth natives.

fo. 284. What quantity o' wory was there?

There was plenty o' wory at Cape Lahoe & / Ivory Coast.

What quantity o' gold did y^e use, buy over, or know to be brot over?

I h^e seen Captain Keith from Rhode Island h^e eight hundred
or one thousand ounces on board.

How y^e known any diff^{erence} in / prices o' India or English
manufactures since y^e first went?

fo. 282.

The British manufactures o' cloth are lowered in price, so
likewise are India goods; duffs & long cloths used in
1764 to go f^{or} ten ackys, now they go f^{or} eight; they
were commandg articles in / trade f^{or} gold.

Was it usual at t^{he} time to purchase a slave w^{ith} any gold?

I never saw gold paid or demanded in / purchase o' a slave
at t^{he} time.

What did y^e do w^{ith} yr gold?

Bro't it home.

At t^{he} time did y^e perceive t^{hat} gold was a necessary ingredient to
purchase a slave. & t^{he} / price o' slaves rose?

fo. 283.

When I first went master in / year 1764, when / war was over,
I found it necessary to supply myself w^{ith} gold f^{or} / purchase
o' slaves.

Where did y^e purchase gold?

I purchased it all / way down / Coast.

When y^e so found gold necessary, what was / price o' slaves?

I gave from eight to ten ounces to / natives; to / forts twelve
ounces.

Why did you give more to / forts than to / blacks?

To complete my number o' slaves

what quantity o gold on / average in / what mt did you genlly give?

bo. 284.

Sic' ackys o gold to / natives; none to / forts, they did not demand gold fr. us.
To what do y impute / not having gold to bring home, / high price o slaves, or /
low price o goods?

I think it was owing in a gr measure to / Governors o forts beg allowed to
trade.

How does / Governor's trade affect y?

The Governor can always supply himself w gold fr / retail sale o rum &
Tobacco upon / Coast.

where do they get / gold fr?

The Towns people pay in gold.

What do / people o / forts do w / gold?

They give it in payment f slaves, part in gold & part in goods.

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What do / negro merchants do w / gold?

Gold is taken as a portable medium o Commerce; this makes / gold
an article in / purchase o a slave.

Do y think t thr is / same number o slaves to be purchased as formerly?

No, I do not think thr is / same number.

Is not / giving a higher price f slaves / cause o fewer slaves beg
brought f sale?

bo. 286.

The increase o price creates a scarcity o slaves; f while / black
trader has stores fr hand to require he seeks to extend his
trade, no fr; so t if he can satisfy his wants f one slave,
he will not beg two to market.

When was y last on t Coast, & who was y owner?

I sailed / latter end o 1744. Mr David Hamilton o Bristol was my
owner.

where did y go then?

To / Gold Coast.

Did y then get gold on / Coast?

Yes, I called to Windward & bot all / gold I cd.

What quantity o gold did y buy in 1744?

Abt four hundred ounces.

bo. 287

What upon an average was / prime cost o gold?

Some I bot at 5s little loss o / prime cost o my goods here; some
at considerable loss, an ounce o gold cost me abt £5.

where did y go to next, & w whom did y trade?

I then went to Annamabor, & traded w / natives.

Did / Governor receive any goods o y?

No, Mr Bell, / Governor, was then realizing, & sold no slaves;
& he was coming home.

How many slaves did y take in, & at what price?

I bot four hundred & twenty slaves, at eight ounces f women,
& ten do. f men fr o / natives.

How long did y lay?

bo. 288.

Fr new Year's Day to / 8th o March, beg a single ship. I got /
gr dispatc.

Do y recollect / number o vessels t were upon / Gold Coast in 1744?

I left twelve or fourteen sail o vessels on / Coast.

Do y think thr are as many ships now trading to / Coast as
were in 1748?

US few merchant adventurers now engage in / African Trade
where did y go w / 420 slaves?

I called at St. Vincent's & then went to Jamaica; I disposed o my
slaves at £42 per head on an average; 1 first voyage in 1748
we were hinder'd by our owners to £22, at / deeward Islands;
I cd not get a market thr & sold at Jamaica abt £28 or
£30, this was then esteem'd a good price.

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fo. 289.

Did y ever hear o any imp^t made by / Governors or Co's
servants by open^g paths, etc?
Never; it wd not be supposed / Governors wd lay out money
to open / trad^g paths, bec in t case / slaves wd become
more plentiful f / private traders, wh is what / Governors
do not wish.

H y ever seen / Governors or Councils deliver slaves on
board ships f thr own acct?

I h knowen they h done it in 1766; in consequ^e o wh I
applied to / Committee here agst Govern^r Muller f
trad^g in slaves, & he was turned out; I got bills
o lad^g; I besee / Governors continue to trade.

fo. 290.

Are / forts o any use to / free traders?

I conceive t / forts are o no manner o use to / free trader;
I never saw or hd any protecⁿ for them; if I hd any
disputes, I was always obliged to settle them myself;
I never heard o any material imp^ts made by / forts;
it wd not be to / Governors interests to open / paths,
as it wd tend to accomodate & increase / free trade,
& counteract thr monopoly; I was fined by / natives
f not hoist^g my colours, & giv^g them keef not to thr
list^g; my trade was stopp'd; I did not apply to /
fort f protecⁿ know^g they wd give me none, it not
beg thr interest to quarrel w / natives

fo. 291.

Did y trade w / Govern^r at Cape Coast Castle f gold?

I did trade w Govern^r Mills at Cape Coast Castle f gold;
I hd fifty ounces o Govern^r Mills; I gave him
India goods in exchange; so t / gold was bot at
abt £5-10s, / ounce.

Was thr any ship thr them?

One ship fm Liverpool w goods, & five or six New
England men, w rum & gold, buy^g slaves.

Was thr no o^r trade carried on by them at t time,
no gunpowder?

no; thr was no trade w New England f gunpowder;
gunpowder was much in demand at / forts; I hd
one hundred barrels, they wd h given 8 ackeys
f one third o a barrel.

fo. 292.

Do y think t it is n^og to mismanagem^t o / servants
o / Co t / trade is thus reduced w respect to /
free trader?

I look upon it t / mismanagem^t o / forts, & thr beg^g
allowed to trade, is / gr cause o / traders decay; /
Governor keeps / back trader in debt to them, &
th^o monopolizes / trade; I cd trade no where but
at Annamabor.

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Do y think if / Co is supported by more money, t / free
traders will be benefited, or on / contrary?

The more Gov money / forts h, / more it must distress
/ free trader; they give presents fm / Co's stores to buy
down / trade to them, by pay^g factors in / towns, &
giv^g presents to / Cabbocers on t / Committees indents

fo. 293.

Do y think, if / trade on / Coast was put under proper regulaⁿ,
t it cd be recovered to / public advantage?

I think / African trade m^t be made o gr^t advantage to this
Country; & / first object in my opinion towards this, wd be
to prevent / Co's servants carrying on any trade w / forts.

Do y think / Trade is now on a worse footing than when in / Royal African
Co's hands?

fo. 294. The Trade cannot be upon a worse footing; it is a double monopoly agst /
free trader in / Governors, & / black traders; in gold, slaves & ivory, /
forts h more than half / trade, g^tly more; / whole well in / and falls
into / Committees servants.

What is / average price o y^e goods upon / whole cargo?

An ounce o goods was abt 40 s. an ounce o gold £5-10s

Is there any danger o this trade falling into / hands o / French?

The French h not traded upon / Coast lately.

Is there any trade between / Governor & / Dutch forts?

fo. 295. The Governors o / forts carry on a trade w / Dutch Governors.

Did y ever see any Dutch ships on / Coast, or any English vessels
laden from / Holland?

English ships h gone to Holland b part o th^e cargo; a ship sailed
from / Africa last November belongg to Mr Dalziel, late Governor
o whydah, who took part o her cargo in Holland; The Peggy,
belongg to Shookbred, Ross & Mill, went to Holland abt autumn
twelvemonth, & on her return to / Downs, was stopd, & fifty barrels
o gunpowder taken out o her in / Downs.

fo. 296. Thurs. February 24th. Present:— Mr Gascoyne, Mr Greenville,
Mr Keene.

Africa. Mr Camplin laid before the Lordships / following papers viz:—

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A. An acct o / annual grants o Parliam^t fm / year 1750
to / year 1746 inclusive.

B. An acct o / annual balances extracted fm / books received
fm Africa fm / year 1751 to 1745 inclusive

C. An acct o / civil & military establishments b / year 1753.

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D. The same acct b / year 1743.

E. The same acct b / year 1745.

F. A list o / Co's slaves b / years 1753, 1763, 1769, 1770, 1771, 1772,
& 1773.

G. Anno 1753. An acct o / expenditure in Africa stated under
/ seal heads fm / books received fm / Coast; also a ~~book~~
Book w / same accts stated b / years 1769, 1770, 1771, 1772,
1773, 1774 & 1775.

H. A paper intitled Anno 1744, advanced by Governor Mill.

I. A paper intitled Anno 1745 paid to Governor Mill.

fo. 298. And Mr Camplin was examined touchg / papers delivered
when he sd, t he produced Paper B, to shew when / debt to / servants
first commenced, & how it gradually accumulated; t he produced / Papers
not, C, D, E & F, to shew / number o people employed in / Co's service in Africa
at diff periods; t / Paper G, were exhibited b / sake o a comparative view
o / seal articles o expenditure, stated under / seal heads, as extracted
fm / books sent fm Africa; & beg examined as to / rate o exchange,
in wh / sd accts were kept, he objected to / method as vague &

fo. 299.

in determinate, / books beg kept in three diff rates o exchange;
 & sd. t / Committee, in / year 1773. in consequence o his representaⁿ,
 ordered / mode to be altered, & say article to be reduced to one rate
 o exchange, vizt. t w^h is denominated Co's pay, w^h / servants
 hd always stated as a fixed permanent exchange o 50 per cent;
 t / books f / year 1775 were so altered; but, upon a close inspecⁿ,
 he finds / fallacy still remains, & to demonstrate w^h he
 produced / Paper f^r H. & I., whereby it clearly appears, t
 near 20 per cent. or one fifth part o / whole money annually
 sent to Africa, f / support & maintenance o / forts & settlements,
 is by one stroke o policy, transferred into / Governors own pockets.
 Beg asked if / supplies sent out by / annual storeship, are applied
 by / Governors to / uses f w^h they are sent

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He replied / books clearly shew t they are not so applied.

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Beg asked if / Committee ever sent orders to the Governors f
 regulatg / trade in Africa.

He answered, t / Committee, on almost evy letter, directed the
 Governors to preserve / trade free & open to all His Majesty's
 subjects.

Beg asked if those orders were obeyed.

He replied, t f certain reasons he feared most o / salutary orders
 made by / Committee, were either waded or disobeyed by the
 servants in Africa.

fo. 301.

Mon. March 3rd. Present: - Mr Gascayne, Mr Greville,
 Mr Keene.

Africa.

Read a letter fm Edward Stanley, Esquire, Secretary to /
 Commissioners o / Customs, to Mr Cumberland, dated
 February 24th 1777, acquaintg him, t / Registrar Gen o

Shippg has represented to / sd Commissioners / unpossibility o
 preparg fm / books in his office any satisfactory acct o such
 ships belongg to / Port o Liverpool as h cleared out fm t port
 f / Gold Coast a whidah, & transmittg.

Copy o / representan o / Registrar Gen o Shippg thereupon.

fo. 302.

Read a letter fm William Crosbie, Esquire, Mayor o Liverpool,
 dd. February 21st 1777, in answer to Mr Cumberland's

letter o / 19th instant requestg a report o / gen state o / trade to
 Africa, & signifyg t / merchants o Liverpool h appointed a Committee
 to take / matters therein contained into full consideraⁿ, who will forthwith
 make the report thereupon.

Read a letter fm William Crosbie, Esquire, Mayor o Liverpool, dated
 February 28th 1777, transmittg,

The report o a select Committee o / merchants & traders o
Liverpool to / Coast o Africa on / state o / African
trade, / condin o / forts, etc.

fo. 303.

Africa.

Wednes. March 19th. Present: - Mr Gascayne, Mr Greville
 Mr Keene.

The Secretary laid before / Board / following papers, vizt.,

K. Copy o a letter fm Governor Mill to / Committee o / Co
 o / merchants tradg to Africa dd. Cape Coast Castle,
 / 19th o October, 1776.

L. Narrative o a dispute at Accra betwixt / Dutch
& / Danes.

M. Acct o / number o slaves exported fm / Gold Coast
o Africa in / year 1775.

N. An acct o / number o slaves exported fm / Gold Coast
o Africa, to his Majesty's Plantations in America,
sinu / year 1754, distinguishg each year.

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fo. 304.
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Fri. March 21st. Present: - Mr Sascayne, Mr Preside
Mr Keene.

Mr Coghlan attendg w/ Captain Chalmers, mentioned in /
minute o/ 21st February, they were called in, & the Lordships
questioned Mr Chalmers to / set parties as follows, viz;

? think y was upon / Coast in 1775?

Yes.

At what time?

August.

Y know most o/ ships t were then on / Coast?

Some o them.

fo. 305.

Were / ships Best, Mercury, Unity, & Britannia etc?

? believe they were.

Do y remember a brig called / Doris, an American?

Yes, a New York vessel.

In what did she trade?

Rum.

Ca she part w any quantity o rum in proporⁿ to / slaves?

? cannot say.

Was / King George etc?

Yes, he carried off no negroes.

The brig Hecla?

Yes.

fo. 306.

Did / American vessels take in the slaves at / ports?

One ship did trade w / ports entirely.

Duncan, a Rhode Island vessel?

He ~~traded~~ mostly traded w / ports.

Were there vessels all supplied w slaves fm / Gold Coast?

No, some o/ slaves were fm Dagos, Taboom & Benin.

Was it ~~a~~ a custom to buy slaves fm these places?

Yes, small vessels were sent fm Annamabor to t purpose.

When brot to Annamabor. how were they pass'd as Gold Coast slaves?

fo. 307

This is no pass one slave f anoth. / slaves o/ Gold Coast are rarely distinguished

what were / price o these slaves?

Abt nine pounds a head.

If the were 100 o these slaves fm Lagos &c, wd a man give as much f them as f Gold Coast slaves?

Out o 100, perhaps I wd pick 50 t wd sell as well as Gold Coast slaves, & therefore wd take them; dagos are good slaves, Calabar not so good as Benin.

Y wd not buy these if y cd get Gold Coast slaves?

fo. 308.

Certainly not, but it is in failure o getting Gold Coast slaves, we accept these.

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Africa.

The / slaves brot fm these places to / Gold Coast called Gold Coast slaves?

They are called so.

What mt / number o/ slaves brot fm these parts be in a year?

400, 500 or more.

What articles are sent to purchase these slaves?

Chiefly Dutch goods, brass pans, &c, &c.

fm whom are these articles procured?

Fm / Dutch gunnery.

Do y remember / Smos Westman?

Yes, one Fox was master

fo. 309.

He not Captain Mill / same vessel before?

Yes, he was brother to Governor Mill.

What number o American vessels were on / Coast in 1775?
I cannot say.

Whom / American vessels come do they trade w / Governors o /
ports f / rum they buy?

Gentlly.

What is / price gen price o rum?

It goes on / Coast in exchange f slaves at 160 to 180 gallons,
a / cost in America is abt 15^d includg sack.

Are thr many Dutch goods imported by / English?

A good many.

fo. 310

How are they obtained?

Seal vessels ships clear fm London to Rotterdam + Africa;
I cleared this last year under orders fm Mr Pears; / Peggy
Markin, formerly Mill, came into / Downs w goods fm
Rotterdam in her way to Africa.

How many ships fm America, + what number o slaves did
they genlly take?

7 or 8 vessels fm New England, wh took 150 to 200
slaves each.

Do y o yr own knowledge know o any trade w / Governor
immediatly f gold or bills o exchange?

No.

Do y o yr own knowledge know £23 sterlg given f slaves?

fo. 311.

My slaves staid me in £25 sterlg prime cost o goods w
reckong charges.

Explain / matter o gift what y call 50 many ounces o gold,
+ 50 many ounces o trade f a slave?

An ounce o gold is reckoned two ounces o trade, therefore if
a slave cost 12 ounces o trade in wh an ounce o gold
must be given, then 10 ounces o trade are actually
given, for w 1 ounce o gold equal to two ounces o trade.

145] 1777.

15^d. 84.

If then / gold is 84^d. an ounce + / trade ounce is 42^d.
th can be no loss by giving gold, as 2 ounces o trade
are equal to 1 ounce o gold?

The loss is in / purchase o / gold, wh must first be bot w
goods, + to purchase an ounce o gold, goods to a giv
value than 84^d. must be given; therefore to what sum
/ goods given f an ounce o gold, amounts more than 84^d.
is a positive loss.

fo. 312.

How many ounces o gold did y purchase last voyage?

4 or 500 ounces wh cost me £6 sterlg per ounce, after
making a calculatⁿ o / goods given f / gold in barter.

Did y wh carry dollars?

No, but I h seen silver given in / purchase o a slave.

What was / exchange on silver?

I do not know.

Do they wh adulterate / gold?

Yes, + / black traders will not take all dup^r, but must h
some work gold.

fo. 313.

Thurs. April 17th. Present:— Mr Jacobyne, Mr Justice
Mr Heene.

Africa.

Thr lordships made fur progress in / African report:

Read a Letter fm John Pickett, esquire, dated Bow,
16th April, to Barnher Jacobyne, esquire

relatg to / state o / African trade fm / year 1735
to / year 1747.

Ordered t^h Mr Complin, Secretary to / African Committee be desired
to furnish the Lordships, wth the inspectⁿ, wth following books & papers, vizt,
Cape Coast Journals & ledgers fm / year 1736 to / year 1740
Cape Coast Journals & ledgers t^o 1744 to 1st July, 1745
A book containing / number o^f slaves exported annually fm / Gold
Coast o^f Africa.

fo. 914

lists o^f / number o^f slaves exported fm / Gold Coast in / years
1773 & 1774.

Read a letter fm Edward Stanley, enquire, Secretary to / Commissioners
o^f Customs, dated April 9th. 1777, to Richard Cumberland
enquire, transmitting: -

A book. containing an acct o^f / Tonnage o^f seal ships cleared
fm 9th Britain to Africa, fm 1st January 1757,
to 1st January, 1777, wth / names o^f / sd ships,
distinguishing to what part o^f / Coast / some were bound,
"as far as such distinction can be made."

An acct o^f / amt o^f / Value o^f imports into t^e part o^f 9th Britain
called England fm Africa, / 1st January 1756
to / 1st January 1776.

An acct o^f / amt o^f / Value o^f exports fm t^e part o^f 9th Britain
called England to Africa, / 1st January 1756,
to / 1st January 1776.

fo. 915.

144] 1777.
Africa.

Read a memorial o^f / merchants o^f Bristol trading to Africa,
respecting / state o^f t^e trade.

Africa.

Fri. April 18th. Present: - Mr Gascogne, Mr Presille,
Mr Keene.

Mr Coghlan & Mr George Burton, merchants o^f London, tog wth Captain
Chalmers, & Governor Roberts attendg, were called in, & the Lordships pro-
ceeded to question / sd gentlemen to / seal papers followg.

fo. 916.

Captain Chalmers.

In any o^f yr Voyages to / Coast o^f Africa did y purchase any slaves t^e were not
Gold Coast slaves, & if y did, at what prices?

Yes, I purchased at Annamabor 130 Lagos slaves at £16 fuscum & £20 f
new prime cost o^f goods.

When was this?

In October 1775.

How many slaves fm d^e parts o^f / Coast, & fm places not under / forts, etc.
do y suppose may be annually brot to / Gold Coast?

Fm Lagos, Benin, Gaboon & Calabar, abt 800; fm / Windward Coast
abt 1000; f^m / Dutch & Danish forts, abt 1500

fo. 917.

Mr George Burton, merchant o^f London.

Are y / owner o^f / ship Jamaica Planter in / West India trade?

Yes.

What number o^f slaves were exported in / sd vessel fm / Gold Coast
in / year 1775?

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n^o. The returns fm / Governors on / Coast o^f Africa mention / sd
ship to h^{ave} hd in t^e Voyage 350.

Mr Coghlan, merchant o London.

Do y know whr at any time since 1758. slaves brot fm d parts o / Coast o Africa to / Gold Coast, h bn sold thr as Gold Coast slaves?

fo. 318. Yes, it was a fraud to wh inexperienced people were liable, & within / period o enquiry 42 Gaboon slaves were sold to one o my captains in t trade as Gold Coast slaves. one o wh number / captain buried 40 before his arrival in / West Indies.

Government Reports.

Were y ever on / Coast o Africa?

Yes.

when? In / year 1744. & excepty a small interval o time, till / year 1752.

167] 1744. What settlements by y on / Gold Coast h y bn at?

fo. 84. At all; & Governmt o Dixcove.

Was thr any gold exported fm / Coast in yr time?

It quantities.

fo. 94. What quantity annually do y suppose?

In / year 1744 abt 2000 ounces per week; / gen annual export o gold was abt 100,000 ounces.

What price were slaves at, at t time?

Fm 9 to £10 per head, in ounces 6 to 8 ounces, wh ounces were then at 30s. per ounce or strabls.

What do y think was / gen number o slaves annually exported fm / Gold Coast?

Fm 10 to 12,000, t is fm / Gold Coast, 10,000, & fm Whydah, 2,000.

Mr Camplin attended & pursuant to / minutes o yestg. delivered t / Board fr dr inspectm / followg books & papers, vizt.:

A book intituled "Annual Register o Slaves exported fm / Gold Coast fm / year 1768 to / year 1771, by Governor Pelieu"

List o slaves exported fm / Gold Coast in 1770.

list o slaves reported fm / Gold Coast in 1774.

22 Journals & ledgers f. 1774 to 1774.

fo. 921. The Lordslips proceeded to examine / sd books & papers; & it appeared fm / book intituled, An Annual Register o Slaves exported fm / Gold Coast o Africa, t in / year 1768 it ha bn a practice in making / return o slaves exported fm / Gold Coast, not to include those brot fm / Windward Coast, but to deduct / number so brot fm / gross amt; but fm / paper intituled, list o Slaves reported fm / Gold Coast in 1774 and 1775, it appeared t in those years / former practice was omitted, & / slaves brot fm / Windward Coast to / Gold Coast, were included as Gold Coast slaves.

The Lordslips next proceeded to compare / sd papers intituled An Acct o Slaves reported fm / Gold Coast in 1775, as a book received fm / Custom House, intituled "A list o vessels t h sailed fm / Port o ~~London~~ Liverpool to Africa, fm / year 1750 to / year 1776" & found t / sd paper & / sd book differ in many instances respectg / number o slaves reported fm / Gold Coast, o wh / followg are some examples.

The Nancy, Carver, entered in / paper 320 slaves, & in / Liverpool return only 300.

The Spy, Stenson entered in / paper 280, in / Liverpool return only 250.

fo. 922. The Brocton, Nells, entered in / paper 465, in / Liverpool return only 450, & / like Variants respectg / number o slaves included in / Co's lists, more than were actually exported, also appeared fm / entries o Mr Coghlan, a merchant o London, who exhibited a letter fm Bristol as a proof o his accusm.

146] 1744.
Africa
60.929.

Memorandum.

On 18th of April, when African Committee attended Board, they requested, that books & papers belonging to them, which were delivered by the Secretary of the Inspector & Informant of the Lordships in forego^{ing} inquiry, should be returned, & it being ordered, agreeable to the request of the Committee, that said books & papers should be returned, they were accordingly delivered back to the Secretary on 19th April. Viz: -

75 Journals & ledgers bound in vellum. 7 Journals or ledgers unbound, 5 letter books bound.

1 book intituled Expenditure in Africa.

A bundle of papers relating to outposts.

A paper, exhibiting annual grants of Parliament from 1757 to 1776.

Day books of Cape Coast Castle & outposts for the year 1774 & 1775.

The invoice books.

And all other books & papers exhibited only by the Inspector of Board.

60.924.

And on 19th April, the following books & papers received 18th April, were delivered back to the Secretary of African Committee, viz:

A book intituled Annual Register of Slaves reported from Gold Coast from the year 1768 to the year 1771, by Governor Petue.

2 papers intituled List of Slaves reported from Gold Coast in the years 1773 & 1774.

22 Journals & ledgers from 1757 to 1774.

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Journal of the Year 1778. [Vol. 85].

At a meeting of his Majesty's Commissioners of Trade & Plantations.

Tues. January 6th. Present: - Mr Jernyns, Mr Eden, Mr Perille, Mr de Grey.

Lord George Germain, one of his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State attends.

148] 1778.
Africa
60.6.

Read a letter from Mr Robinson, Secretary to the Lords of the Treasury, to Mr Cumberland dated November 28th, 1777, acquainting him of the information of the Lords Commissioners of Trade & Plantations, that the Lords of the Treasury had taken into consideration his letter of 28th of August last, relative to the restrictions under which it will be advisable money granted by Parliament should be issued to the African Committee; & that the Lords of the Treasury, having read & considered several inclosures in the said letter, agree in opinion with the Board of Trade thereupon; but that it does not sufficiently appear to the Lords of the Treasury, that it will be agreeable to the intention of Parliament, that an agent or agents should be appointed & stationed on the Coast to superintend the application of the said contributions in which publick money may be involved.

159] 1778.
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Tues. February 10th. Present: - Mr Jenyns, Mr Gascoyne, Mr Lofeloffe,
Mr Fusille, Mr Eden, Mr de Grey.

Lord George Sermain ... attends.

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

Copy o Letters from Richard Miles, esquire, Governor o Cape Coast Castle,
dd. June 4th, July 10th, & August 15th, 1777.

Copy o a Letter from / Committee to / Gov^r & Council o Cape Coast Castle,
dd January 23rd, 1778.

Copy o a memorial o / Committee o / Co o Merchants tradg to Africa,
to / Honourable / House o Commons.

fo. 44.

Ordered, t extracts be made o such parts o / Letters from Governor
Miles, as relate to French vessels tradg on / coast o Africa, & t they
be transmitted to Lord George Sermain, to be by his Lords hip
communicated to / Lords o / Admiralty f^r their information; & t /
Secretary do require from / African Committee a copy o a letter from
Mr Westgate, mentioned in / aforesd letter from / Committee,
containing such charges agst / Governor o Cape Coast Castle.

163] 1778.

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fo 59.

Friday February 13th. Present: - Mr Jenyns, Mr Gascoyne,
Mr de Grey.

Read a Letter from Mr Stephens, Secretary to / Lords o /
Admiralty, to Mr Cumbarbund, dd February 12th 1778.

transmits copies o reports made by Captain Cotton, Commander
o his Majesty's ship Pallas, respecting / state & condicⁿ o his Majesty's
forts & settlements on / coast o Africa, viz: -

- state & condicⁿ o Tamlinguerry Fort. June 1777.
- " " Appollonia " June 1st "
- " " Ducoves " May 31st "
- " " Commenda " June 4th "
- " " Seccondie " June "
- " " Winnabah " May 31st "
- " " James Fort Accra June 4th "
- " " Namamabor Fort June 6th "
- " " Cape Coast Castle June 19th "

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fo. 84.
Africa.

Tues. March 3rd. Present ... [as on Feb 10]...

Lord George Sermain ... attends

The Secretary acquainted / Board. t pursuant to order he had
procured from / African Committee / following paper, viz:

Copy o a Letter from Mr Westgate to / sd Committee
dated (blank)

Fri. May 29th. Present: - Mr Jenyns, Mr Gascoyne, Mr de Grey
Lord George Sermain ... attends

190] 1778.

fo 141.
Africa.

The Secretary laid before / Board / following pub lishd paper, viz:

The Acct o / Committee o / Co o Merchants tradg to Africa,
distinguishing every article o expence under its proper title,
f / year 1776.

197] 1778.
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fo. 162.

Thurs. July 30th. Present: - Mr Sarscoyne, Mr Guisille, Mr de Grey.

The Secretary laid before / Board / followg papers received
fm / Committee o Merchants tradg to Africa, viz:

Copies o three letters fm Richard Miles, esquire Governour
o Cape Coast Castle, to / Committee o Merchants tradg to Africa
dd. January 15th 1778, November 20th 1777, &
January 19th 1778.

Read ...

reforg to his Board / Order o / lords o / Privy Council dd. July 29th 1778,
to Rotterdam on board / ship Elizabeth, certain iron guns therein mentioned,
f / use o / Dutch ships in / Guinea Trade.

The Lordships ... were o opinion t / exportan therein prayed f shd be
allowed; & / draught o .. report (s) to / lords o / Privy Council thereupon ... were
Signed

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Fri. August 14th. Present: - Mr Guisille, Mr de Grey.

Lord George Germain ... attends.

The followg papers received fm / Committee o / Co o Merchants
tradg to Africa were laid before / Board, viz:

Copy o a letter fm Richard Miles, esquire, Govr o Cape Coast Castle,
to / Committee o / Co o Merchants tradg to Africa, dated
January 31st 1778, inclosg copies o sevt papers
relative to a complaint made by a Captain o a
Portuguese vessel agst Captain Chalmers o / ship
Lord Germaine.

Ordered, t / draught o a letter to / Right Honorable Lord Viscount
Weymouth, one o his Majesty's principal Secretaries o State, be prepared;
a t copies o / sd letters & papers be transmitted to his Lordship, f his
Lordships informan.

The draught o / sd letter ... was ... signed.

Thurs. August 24th. Present: - Mr Guisille, Mr de Grey.
Lord George Germain ... attends.

The followg papers received fm / Committee o / Co o Merchants tradg
to Africa were laid before / Board, viz:

Copy o a letter fm Richard Miles, esquire, Governour o Cape Coast Castle,
to / Committee o / Co o Merchants tradg to Africa, dated
April 4th 1778

Copy o a letter fm / sd Committee to / Govr & Council o Cape Coast Castle,
dated London, August 21st 1778.

fo. 181.

Ordered, t / draught o a letter to / Right Honorable Lord Viscount
Weymouth, one o his Majesty's principal Secretaries o State, be prepared,
transmittg to his Lordship, f his Lordships informan an extract o so
much o / copy o / letter beforementioned fm Richard Miles, esquire, Govr
o Cape Coast Castle, as respects his fdr proceedg relative to Captain
Chalmers dispute w / Captain o a Portuguese ship; & / sd draught
... was ... signed.

Tues. January 12th. Present:— Mr Jonyas, Mr Gascoyne,
Mr Eden, Mr de Grey.
Lord George Serrmain ... attends.

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fo. 11.
Africa.

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

Copy o a Letter fm / Committee o / Co o Merchants tradg to Africa,
to / Governor & Council at Cape Coast Castle, dated
December 30th, 1778.

Copy o resolutions & orders o / Committee o / Co o Merchants tradg to Africa,
dated 25th March, & 15th, 18th, 23rd & 24th December, 1778.

Copy o / Establishm^t o officers & servants at Cape Coast Castle
& all / efforts in Africa, dated December 16th, 1778.

Copy o a Letter fm / Committee o / Co o Merchants tradg to Africa,
to / Governor & Council at Cape Coast Castle dated
30th December, 1778, respecting a black man who was
taken off / Coast.

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fo. 23.
Africa.

Tues. February 9th. Present:— Mr Jonyas, Mr Gascoyne
Mr Grenville, Mr de Grey.
Lord George Serrmain ... attends.

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

Anno 1774. An acct o / money received & expended by /
Committee o / Co o Merchants tradg to Africa. f /
Support & impt o / forts & settlements on / sd Coast

Orders & regulat^{ns} relatg to forts & settlements in Africa, & / gov^{rn}
o / officers & servants employed there in / years 1774 & 1778.

Copy o / humble petition o / Committee o / Co o Merchants tradg to
Africa to / Hon^{ble} / Commons o St. Britain
in Parliam^t assembled.

Tues. February 23rd. Present:— Mr Jonyas, Mr Gascoyne,
Mr Jolliffe, Mr Grenville, Mr Eden, Mr de Grey
Lord George Serrmain ... attends.

The Secretary laid before / Board / following paper received fm /
Committee o / Co o Merchants tradg to Africa, viz:

Copy o a resol^{tn} o / Committee o / Co o Merchants tradg to Africa,
dated February 18th, 1779, respecting / defic^y in / Valueⁿ
o goods sent out to Africa, & issued there in / years
1758 & 1774, explained by an acct, by wh^{ch} it appears
t / Publick sustained a loss o 40 per cent; by / officers
& servants in Africa hadg taken upon them to alter / prices.

Thurs. July 19th. Present:— Mr Grenville, Mr Eden, Mr de Grey.
Lord George Serrmain ... attends.

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fo. 149.

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

Three letters fm / Governor & Council at Cape Coast Castle to /
Committee o / Co o Merchants tradg to Africa, dd.
25th June, & 25th September, 1778 & 14th January 1779.

Correspondence on / Mumford business.

Further correspondence on / Mumford business.

Reply o / Governor & Council at Cape Coast Castle to /
return o / Board o Trade

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Thurs. July 15th. Present: - Mr Sewall, Mr Eden, Mr de Grey, Mr Gibbon

Lord George Germain ... attends.

Miscellaneous
fo. 151.

A new Commisⁿ man^r / St Seal o Gr Britain, bearing date / 14th inst. constitut^g 1st Officer o State, togr wth some Junyrs Enquire, Robert Spencer, commonly called Lord Robert Spencer, / Honorable Charles Foxville, William Eden, Thomas de Grey Esquires, togr wth Andrew Blesant & Edward Gibbon, Esquires, in / room o Banker Tascogne & William Joliffe, appointed, to be his Majesty's Commisⁿ f^r promot^g / trade o this Kingdom, & f^r inspect^g & improv^g His Majesty's Plant^{ns} in America & elsewhere, was read, & Mr Gibbon took his seat at / Board

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fo. 152.

Lord George Germain acquainted / Board, t^h his Majesty, in pursu^{ce} o an humble address o / House o Commons, had been pleased to signify to him his commands, t^h this Board do take into the considerⁿ / manner in wh / money granted by Parliam^t, f^r repairing, maintaining & support^g / British ports & settlements on / Coast o Africa f^r / year 1780, may be applied to / purposes only f^r wh it was granted; & t^h they do give direct^s to / Committee o / Co o Merchants trad^g to Africa accordingly.

fo. 153

Read a Memorial o / Committee o / Co o Merchants trad^g to Africa, to / Board, pray^g, t^h the Lordships will be pleased to give such direct^s as they may think proper to / Committee, respect^g / manner in wh / money granted by Parliam^t may be applied to / purposes only f^r wh it was granted, agreeable to an Address o / House o Commons to his Majesty o / 16th o last month; & in consequ^{ce} o / commands given by his Majesty to this Board in acquiesc^{ce} wth / sd Address.

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fo. 154

The Lordships having taken his Majesty's message, togr wth / memorial before-mentioned into the considerⁿ, it was resolved, t^h 1 sum o £10,000 granted by Parliam^t sh be inserted in supplie^s f^r repairing, maintaining & support^g / British ports & settlements on / Coast o Africa f^r / year 1780; & t^h / sd insertm^{ts} sh be sent out by some safe & proper convey^{ance}, so as to arrive in Africa before / beginn^g o / year 1780.

1st / sd supplie^s, on the arrival in Africa, sh be applied to pay wth charge & expens^e t^h accrue after / 1st o January 1780; & t^h a sufficient part ther^{of} sh be reserved in / warehouses to pay all / salaries to / officers & servants, & wth o^r probable disburse^{ment} f^r t^h year; & no part ther^{of} to satisfy any debt or demands incurred, or alledged to be incurred except within t^h period.

fo. 155.

1st / Committee sh take into the considerⁿ & report to / Board, after what mode, & under what orders & restrict^{ns} it will be most likely / about regular^s may be carried into executⁿ on / Coast; & as it appears by / resoluc^{ns} o / Committee, o / 18th o December last, t^h no vouchers o / ex- penditure o / supplie^s h^{ave} f^r past years been transmitted by the officers & servants on / Coast, but t^h orders f^r t^h purpose h^{ave} been (as o course may probably f^r / future be) evaded & neglected, they are further required to consider & report wh^{ether} or not it wd be advisable, t^h an agent or agents shd be specially appointed to repair to / spot to superintend & control / expens^e o / publick supplie^s, & to collect & transmit proper vouchers fm all such persons as may be entrusted therewith; & f^r such o^r necessary matters as sh be given him or them in charge.

fo. 156.

Ordered, t^h / Secretary do write to / Committee o / Co o Merchants trad^g to Africa, & transmit to them a copy o / sd resolutions before-mentioned, made in obedie^{nce} to his Majesty's commands, in consequ^{ce} o / Address o / House o Commons o / 16th o last month.

Read a Letter fm Mr Robinson to Mr Cumberland, dt July 10th, 1779 transmitt^g a Memorial o / Committee o / Co o Merchants trad^g to Africa, to / Lords o / Treasury, pray^g an issue o / sum o £10,000 to be employed in "repairing, maintaining & support^g / British ports & settlements on / Coast o Africa f^r / year 1780"; & desir^g t^h he wd move / Lords o Trade to acquaint / Lords o / Treasury wh^{ether} there is any objecⁿ to the comply^g wth / prayer o / sd memorial.

p. 157. Ordered, t / Secretary do write to Mr Robinson, transmitting to him a copy o / said resolu^{ns} o this Board in consequence o his Majesty's message mentioned in / proceedings o this day, & acquaintg him, wth / informⁿ o / Lords o / Treasury, t whom / African Committee sh^d h^{ave} made answer & report upon / sd resolu^{ns}. / Lords o / Treasury sh^d be informed o the deliberat^{ns}, & likewise o / opinion o this Board respectg / issue o / grant.

265] 1779. Friday, July 16th. Present: - Mr Sewall, Mr de Grey, Mr Gibbon

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Lord George Germain ... attends.
The Secretary acquainted the Lordships, t he hd, pursuant to order, written to / Committee o / Co o merchants tradg to Africa, transmittg a copy o / resolu^{ns} o / Board o / 15th instant respectg / measures w^{ch} it m^{ay} be necessary to be observed by them in / applicatⁿ o / grant o Parliamt^{nt} f / year 1780; & to Mr Robinson, Secretary to / Lords o / Treasury, transmittg to him also a copy o / sd resolu^{ns}; ...

264] 1779.

Friday, July 30th. Present: - ... [ut supra] ...

Lord George Germain ... attends.

Africa. Read a letter fm / Secretary o / Committee o / Co o merchants tradg to Africa, to Mr Cumberland, dated 19th July 1779, transmittg,

Copy o / resolu^{ns} o / Committee, dated July 19th, 1779,

in answer to / requisitⁿ o / Board o / 16th instant.

to 167.

The Lordships have taken / resolu^{ns} o / Committee into consider^{at}on, & resolved, t / orders & ~~resolu^{ns}~~ regulars proposed by / Committee to be sent to Africa relative to the money granted by Parliamt^{nt} f / ensuing year, are proper, & sh^d be carried into execution.

T as / orders heretofore sent out by / Committee to / Governor & Council on / Coast, h^{ave} bin disobeyd or evaded; & as / Committee f this reason advise / appointment o an agent or agents in comm^{is}ion wth some o^r person or persons already in / service in Africa, to whom to entrust / dispensg / supplies f next year, & o^r services, the Lordships are o opinion, this may be expedient; but as it seems to be / express intentⁿ o Parliamt^{nt}, t / money granted sh^d be strictly applied to / ~~express~~ specific purposes o / grant, it is required o / Committee to consider & report to / Board, f^r / informⁿ whether ther sh^d be one, or more than one new officer appointed to this Commis^{ion}?

What salary & allowance sh^d be appropriated to such officer or officers; & wher it occurs to / Committee to propose any mode or fund f defrayg / charge o / sd new Commis^{ion}, wth applyg any part o / Parliamentary grant to t purpose; likewise wher / Committee h^{ave} in view any person or persons to recommend as fit & proper to be entrusted wth t Commis^{ion}.

Ordered, t a copy o / above resolu^{ns} be sent to / Committee.

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Africa.

Thursday, August 19th. Present: - Lord Robert Spencer, Mr Sewall, Mr Eden, Mr de Grey, Mr Gibbon.

Lord George Germain ... attends

Read a report o / Committee o / Co o merchants tradg to Africa, dd. August 5th 1779 in answer to / resolu^{ns} o this Board o / 30th o July last,

communicated

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 communicated to them by order, statg t f certain reasons set forth they had suspended Richard Miles for his seat offices o Governor o Cape Coast Castle, one o / Council, President Treasurer & Warehouse Keeper; & also t they had suspended Thomas Westgate, Governor o Annamaboe, one o / Council, & Vice President, togr w Robert Collins & Marlin Watts, as two o / Council; & were o / opinion, t, two new officers shd be appointed in / Commisn to be sent to Africa; & t / first or principal Commissioner shd pro tempore be appointed Governor o Cape Coast Castle, President o / Council, Treasurer & Warehouse Keeper; t / second shd be appointed Vice President o / Council, & Governor o Annamaboe; & t two shd be taken fr / officers at present in / service in Africa, who shd likewise be appointed Councillors; t to these four / supplies f / service o / year 1780 shd be consigned, & all publick business tradg [sic] to reform / abuses, wh h brest into / establishm^t, shd be referred to them; in transactg whereof, if / votes shd happen to be equal, / President o / Council to h a castg vote; & t care shd be taken to fill up vacancies wh may happen in / Commisn, by directg those first appointed to succeed accordg to seniority, & nominatg Juniors to take thr place in Council.

fo. 186.
 The Lordships have taken this opinion & report into thr consideration, approved thereof, as to / consignm^t o / supplies f / year 1780, to two, or (if / Committee sh so think fit) to four Commissioners.

T, as / Committee h, f / reasons stated in thr report, that fit to suspend thr Governors o Cape Coast Castle & Annamaboe, it may be proper t / two principal Commissioners shd be appointed to those vacancies.

fo. 187.
 T / salaries & allowances to these Governors, wh accordg to / Committee's report amt to eight hundred pounds per annum to one, & four hundred & fifty pounds to / o^r, appear, as far as this Board can judge, to bz a sufficient compensation f / duties o / Commisn; it is therefore recommended to / Committee to prepare & report a draught o instructions to be sent out w such fit & proper persons, as / Committee sh appoint to execute t Commisn.

fo. 188.
 Ordered, t / Secretary do write to / Committee o / Co o Africa Merchants tradg to Africa, transmittg a copy o forego^s minutes & proceedg; & also to / Secretary o Treasury transmittg to him, a copy o / o^r minutes & proceedg f / informan o / debts o his Majesty's Treasury; & recommendg to thr Lordships / issue o / grant o Parliamt f / service o Africa f / year 1780.

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 Africa.
 Friday, September 17th. Present: - Mr Eden, Mr de Grey, Mr Gibbon Lord George Germain ... attends
 Read a Letter fr Mr Stephens, Secretary to / Admiralty, to Mr Cumberland, dd. August 26th 1779, transmittg copies o reports made by Capt. Robertson, late Commander, o his Majesty's sloop, Wearle respectg / state & condic o his Majesty's forts & settlements on / Coast o Africa, viz:

- fo. 202.
- state & condicⁿ o Tatumquery Fort, July 15th 1778.
 - " " " Apollonia Fort, May 30th 1778.
 - " " " Dickson's Fort, June 30th 1778.
 - " " " Commenda Fort, June, 1778.
 - " " " Sessondee Fort, June, 1778.
 - " " " Wainebah Fort, June, 1778.
 - " " " James Fort Accra, 30th June 1778.
 - " " " Annamaboe Fort, 28th June 1778.
 - " " " Cape Coast Castle, 7th July, 1778.
 - " " " Williams's Fort whydah 7th July.

Thursday, October 7th. Present: - Mr Gressile, Mr Eden, Mr de Grey, Mr Gibbon.
Lord George Germain ... attends.

280] 1779.
fo. 212.
Trade.
Read an Order o/ Lords o/ Privy Council, dd. October 15th 1779, referring a petition o/ Committee o/ Co o Merchants trading to Africa, praying leave to export sundry military stores therein mentioned to Africa, on board / Barcoyne sloopship, & / supply o/ British forts & settlements on t^e Coast.

The Lordships, upon consideration o/ sd petition, were o opinion, t^e / exportation therein prayed for, sh^d be allowed; & / draught o a report to / Lords o/ Privy Council thereon, having been prepared, was approved, transcribed & signed.

fo 213. Friday, October 22nd, Present: - Mr Eden, Mr de Grey, Mr Gibbon, Lord George Germain ... attends.

Africa. Read a letter from Mr Rutherford, Secretary to / Committee o/ Co o Merchants trading to Africa, to Mr Cumberland, dated October 20th 1779. transmitting, by direction o/ sd Committee to be laid before / Lords Commissioners of Trade & Plantations,

Copy o/ resolutions o/ Committee o/ Co o Merchants trading to Africa, dd. October 15th, 18th & 20th 1779, appointing John

fo. 214. Roberts, Esquire, First agent, Governor o Cape Coast Castle, President o/ Council, Treasurer & Warehouse Keeper; Mr Robert Stubbs, Second Agent, Governor o Annamator & Vice President o/ Council; Mr Stuart Beard, Third agent, & a member o/ Council; & Mr James Morque, Fourth agent, & a member o/ Council.

Ordered, t^e / Secretary do write to / Committee o/ Co o Merchants trading to Africa, acknowledging receipt o/ sd letter & paper.

Ordered, t^e / Secretary do write to Mr Robinson, transmitting a copy o/ resolutions o/ African Committee before mentioned, dated, October 15th, 18th & 20th, & / informⁿ o/ Lords Commissioners o his Majesty's Treasury.

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Miscellaneous
Wednesday, November 17th. Present: - The Earl o Carlisle, Mr de Grey, Mr Stuart, Mr Gibbon

A new Commission under / Great Seal o Great Britain, bearing date / 15th inst^{ant}, appointing Frederick, Earl o Carlisle, Soame Jenyns, Esquire, Robert Spencer, commonly called Lord Robert Spencer, / Honourable Charles Gressile, William Eden, Thomas de Grey, Andrew Stuart & Edward Gibbon, Esquires, to be his Majesty's Commissioners for promoting / Trade o this Kingdom, & for inspecting & improving his Majesty's Colonies in America & elsewhere, was opened & read; & / Earl o Carlisle & Mr Stuart took the seats at / Board

Thursday, December 2nd. Present: - The Earl o Carlisle, Mr Jenyns, Lord

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fo. 239.
Africa.
Robert Spencer, Mr Eden, Mr de Grey, Mr Stuart, Mr Gibbon
Read a letter from Mr Rutherford, Secretary to / Committee o/ Co o Merchants trading to Africa, to Mr Cumberland, dd. November 20th 1779, transmitting, by direction o/ sd Committee / following paper, to be laid before / Lords Commissioners of Trade & Plantations, for the Lords' ships' approbation, viz,

Orders & instructions given by / Committee o/ Co o Merchants trading to Africa, to John Roberts, Robert Stubbs, Stuart Beard & James Morque, Esquires, / Governors & Council o Cape Coast Castle, or to their successors, / Governor & Council o Cape Coast Castle, & / time be

fo. 240.
The Lordships having referred to / minute o / 15th o July last, containing his Majesty's commands for the taking into consideration / manner in which / money granted by Parliament for repairing, maintaining & supporting / British forts & settlements on / Coast o Africa for / year 1780, may be applied to / purposes only for which it was granted; & it appearing by / orders & instructions now communicated by / Committee t^e the Lordships resolve o / 15th o July last, that / proper instructions o/ grant o Parliament for / year 1780, has been complied with; & t^e / sd instructions were ready to be sent to Africa; & also t^e / agents going out under appointment o/ Committee, were by the instructions enjoined not to suffer any part o/ sd instructions to be applied to / payment o arrears o former years, but strictly to be confined to / services o/ year 1780, & surplus, if any, to go over to / year ensuing, did so far approve o/ sd instructions as beg in direct conformity to his Majesty's commands, founded upon / Address o/ House o Commons

Saturday, December 11th. Present:— The Earl o' Carlisle, Mr Jenyns, Mr Grenville, Mr Eden, Mr de Grey, Mr Stuart, Mr Gibbon.

286] 1779. Africa fo. 247. Read a Letter from Mr Rutherford, Secretary to / Committee o' Co o' Merchants trading to Africa, to Mr Cumberland, dd. December 10th 1779, transmitting / following paper, to be laid before / Lords Commissioners of Trade & Plantations, f' th' approbation, vizt,

Draught o' a letter from / Committee o' Co o' Merchants trading to Africa containing additional orders & instructions to John Roberts, Robert Slabbs, Stuart Beard & James Morque, esquires, / Governor & Council at Cape Coast Castle, or to th' successors, / Governor & Council at Cape Coast Castle f' / time beq

The Lordships, upon perusal o' these instances, observed t' they contained / following sentence, vizt. "Our orders & instructions, dated / 10th o' last month, as well as those wh' fo. 248. follow, respectg' / applican' o' grant o' Parliam^t to / services o' year 1780 only, h' bn formed under th' Lordships' direcⁿ"

As / instructions given to / agents, by / Committee, o' / 10th o' last month, & those now transmitted, do contain various matters o' local regulatⁿ & arrange^{m^t}, not referred to / direcⁿ o' Board by his Majesty's commands o' / 15th July last; & as it also appeared, t' / instructions o' / 10th o' last month had bn so settled by / Committee, t' / agents were upon / point o' th' departure, th' Lordships resolved, t' / Committee shd be desired to expunge / sentence before recited, & substitute in its place / following words, vizt,

fo. 249 "Such & so many o' our orders & instructions o' / 10th day o' last month, respectg' / applican' o' grant o' Parliam^t f' / year 1780, to / purposes only f' wh' it was granted, as likewise those wh' follow, respectg' / applican' o' / sd grant, h' bn formed as th' Lordships' approbaⁿ."

288] 1779 Tuesday Wednesday, December 15th. Present:— ... [ut supra, w^o Grenville & de Grey]...

Read a Letter from Mr Rutherford, Secretary to / Committee o' Co o' Merchants trading to Africa, to Mr Cumberland, dd. December 17th 1779, transmitting, by direcⁿ o' Committee to be laid before / Lords Commissioners of Trade & Plantations,

Copy o' a letter from / Committee o' Co o' Merchants trading to Africa, to / Governor & Council at Cape Coast Castle. dd London 16th December 1779, containing f' orders & direcⁿs respectg' / proper applican' o' grant o' Parliam^t f' / year 1780.

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1780 Thursday January 20th Present:— ... [as on Dec. 11th supra except Stuart] ... fo. 3 Africa

Read a Letter from Mr Rutherford, Secretary to / Committee o' Co o' Merchants trading to Africa, to Mr Cumberland, dd. January 15th 1780, transmitting / following paper, to be laid before / Board, vizt,

Copy o' an intended petitiⁿ o' Committee o' Co o' Merchants trading to Africa, to / Honourable / Commons o' G^t Britain in Parliam^t assembled.

Thursday March 16th. Present:— The Earl o' Carlisle, Mr Jenyns, Mr Eden, Mr Stuart.

290] 1780 Africa Read a Letter from Mr Rutherford, Secretary to / Committee o' Co o' Merchants trading to Africa, to Mr Cumberland, dd. March 13th 1780, desiring t' he will lay / followg' paper before / Board vizt:

Anno 1778: The Act o' Committee o' Co o' Merchants trading to Africa, distinguishing w^o article o' expence under its proper title.

Thursday March 23rd Present:— The Earl o' Carlisle, Mr Jenyns, Mr Grenville, Mr Eden, Mr de Grey, Mr Gibbon

291] 1780 Africa Read a Letter from Mr Rutherford, Secretary to / Committee o' Co o' Merchants trading to Africa, to Mr Cumberland, dd. March 22nd 1780, transmitting, f' / informanⁿ o' Board,

Copies o' letters from Richard Miles, esquire, Governor o' Cape Coast Castle, to / sd Committee, dd. September 23rd, October 21st, & December 8th, 1779

Resolved, t' extracts o' last mentioned letter, as relates to certain operations o' Spaniards, Portuguese & Danes, be transmitted to his Majesty's principal Secretaries o' State f' th' informanⁿ; & / draughts o' letters to / Earl o' Hillsborough, Lord Viscount Stormont, & Lord George Serrain, have bn prepared thereupon, were approved, transcribed & signed

Thursday April 6th. Present: - The Earl o Carlisle, Mr Jenyns, Mr Greenville, Mr Edom, Mr de Grey, Mr Stuart, Mr Gibbon

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Read a letter fm Mr Rushford, Secretary to / Committee o / Co o Merchants
tradg to Africa, to Mr Cumberland, dd. April 4th 1780, transmittg, by directⁿ o /
Committee, to be laid before / Lords o Trade.
Copy in duplicate o a letter fm / Governor & Council o Cape Coast Castle to /
Committee, dd. July 26th 1779.
Copy o duplicate o a letter fm Richard Miles, esquire, Governor o Cape Coast
Castle to / Committee, dd. July 26th, 1779.
Copies o nine letters to & fm / Chiefs at / Outposts on / coast o Africa,
dd. July. 11th, 12th, 14th, 15th & 18th. 1779

fo. 52.

Minutes o an engagem^t betwⁿ / British fort at Seccondie, & a French
ship o war o forty guns in May 1779.

Ordered, t^t a draught o a letter to Lord George Sermain, be prepared,
transmittg an extract o so much o / letter fm / Governor & Council o Cape Coast
Castle before mentioned, as relates to / operations o / French, on / coast o Africa, & /
state o defence o British forts on t^e coast.

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fo. 58.

Thursday April 13th Present: - The Earl o Carlisle, Mr Jenyns,
Lord Robert Spencer, Mr Edom.

The draught o a letter to Lord George Sermain transmittg an extract o a
letter fm Gen Miles, prepared pursuant to / order o / 6th instant, was
approved, transcribed & signed.

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Thursday, August 31st Present: - The Earl o Carlisle, Mr Edom
Mr de Grey.

Ordered, t^t Mr Elliott do write to / Secretary o / Committee o / Co
o Merchants tradg to Africa, & desire, t^t / sd. Committee do lay before
this Board an acct o the proceedgs since 1st o January last, respectg / acctg
o the servants upon / coast o Africa; & o / steps t^t h^{ave} been taken on the part th^{ere}in.

Saturday, September 9th. Present: - Earl o Carlisle, Mr de Grey, Mr Gibbon,
Mr Stuart.

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Read a letter fm / Secretary o / African Committee to Mr Cumberland,
dd / 6th inst, transmittg

Copy o a letter fm Gov^r & Council at Cape Coast Castle dd. 31st March 1780; also
Copy o a letter fm Richard Miles, esquire, late Gov^r, & / late Council, dd.
2nd April, 1780

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Africa.

Tuesday, September 12th Present: - The Earl o Carlisle, Mr Gibbon.

Read a letter fm Lord George Sermain to / Board, dd / 4th inst; inclosg a
Memorial to his lordship, fm Richard Camplin, esquire, late

one o / Committee o / Co o Merchants tradg to Africa, settg forth t^t in / year 1777 he had
been called upon by this Board, to clear up some matters relatg to / proceedgs o / sd Com-
mittee, to whom he was then Secretary; w^h having done g^oly to / public benefit he was
fo. 177. thereupon dismissed fm his employ^{mt}; & T. having afterwards been chosen one o /
sd Committee, he had f^r three years past labored in his endeavors to detect / frauds
committed by / servants o / sd Co o Merchants on / coast o Africa, in w^h he had so
far succeeded, t^t informants had been filed by / Attorney Gen agst sev^l o / delinquents;
& his employ^{mt} in / sd Committee had ceased since July last; & he, having suffered by his
errors f^r / public benefit, he hoped t^t his lordship, large w^{as} this Board, to whom his
services were well known, wd recommend him to Treasury, f^r such relief as he mt be
able to derive; & desirg t^t / Board wd join his lordship in recommendg him to / Lords
Commissioners o his Majesty's Treasury, f^r such relief.

Ordered, t^t a letter be prepared to Lord George Sermain, expressg / readiness o / Board,
to concur in recommendg Mr Camplin to the lordships' attⁿ.

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Saturday September 23rd Present: - The Earl o Carlisle, Mr de Grey,
Mr Sloane, Mr Gibbon, Mr L Anglob.

A new Commission under / gr Seal o Gr Britain being date / 16th inst:
Mr William appointg, Frederick, Earl o Carlisle, Robert Spencer, esquire, commonly called
Lord Robert Spencer, William Edom, Thomas de Grey, Andrew Stuart, Edward Gibbon,
Harris Sloane, & Benjamin d' Anglob, esquires, to be his Majesty's Commissioners to pro-
mote & trade o this Kingdom, & f^r im^{pr}ov^g his Majesty's Colonies in America
& elsewhere, was opened & read, & Mr Sloane & Mr d' Anglob took the seats at / Board

fo 180. Letters to Lord George Sermain ... have been prepared as directed by /
Africa minutes o / 12th instant, were approved & ordered to be transcribed

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Read a letter fm / Secretary o / Committee o Merchants trading to Africa
to Mr Elliott, transmitting, accordg to / directions o / Board

- no 1. Copy o a report o a committee appointed to examine / acc'ts o
Mr Charles Bell.
- no 2. Copy o a report o a committee appointed to examine / acc'ts o
David Moll, esquire
- no 3. Copy o a report o a committee appointed to examine / acc'ts o
Mr Thomas Trenchard.
- no 4. Copy o minutes o / Committee.
- no 5. Appendix, beg copies o papers referred to [in] / foreg'd reports.

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Read a letter fm Thomas Farr, esquire, one o / African Committee to Mr
Elliott, acquaintg him t as / Secretary o / Committee he had
proper to withhold / protest made by Mr Mansley & himself, he had enclosed
a copy o it to be laid before / Board, & enclosg

A copy o / sd protest.

The Board resolved to consider / sd acc't papers on Saturday, 130th instant.

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Saturday, September 30th. Present: - The Earl o Carlisle, Mr Gibbon,
Mr Sloane.

Read a letter fm / Secretary o / Co o Merchants trading to Africa,
to Mr Cumberland, inclosg

Copy o a letter fm / Governor & Council to / Committee, dd. April last

Read a memorial fm / Merchants o Bristol trading to Bristol (sic) to / Board,
settg forth, "t they had been informed t Mr John Shoobread, lately one o /
Committee o / Co o Merchants trading to Africa, had moved in / sd Committee, t /
proceeds upon sc'd informa^{ns}, filed agst divers persons charged w misapplicaⁿ
o / Parliamentary grants f maintaing & supportg / feats upon t coast, shd
be suspended"; to wh / sd Committee having assented, they conceived wds a
to 181. delay & subverⁿ o public justice; t / sd John Shoobread, beg
charged as a party in / sd informa^{ns} or some o them, / memorialists
apprehend he d not to be acted as one o / Committee; & charged him w
misbehaviour, pray f such redress, as the Lordships by / Act o 33 George 2nd,
were authorized to afford them.

The Board thereupon resolved, t / sd memorial be taken into consideraⁿ,
toqr w / sd papers on / same subject, at some o' early opp^y.

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Africa

Thursday October 5th. Present: - The Earl o Carlisle, Mr Sloane

The letters to Lord George Gorman ... beg pursuant to / order
o / 29th September transmitted were signed.

Read a memorial o / Merchants trading to Africa, whose names are
subscribed to / same purpose w t addressed to / Board by / Merchants
o Bristol trading to Africa at / last Board.

The Lordships resolved to consider / same, w d' matters relatg to / African
Committee.

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miscellaneous

Wednesday, December 13th. Present: - Lord Stantham, Mr de Grey
Mr Stuart, Mr Gibbon, Mr Langlois.

A new Commission under / Gr Seal o St Britain, bearing date / 12th
instant appointg Thomas Lord Stantham, Robert Spencer, commonly
called Lord Robert Spencer, William Eden, / Honorable Thomas de Grey,
Andrew Stuart, Edward Gibbon, Hans Sloane & Benjamin Langlois,
esquires, to be his Majesty's Commissioners f promotg / Trade o this
Kingdom, & f inspectg & improvg his Majesty's Colonies in America &
elsewhere, was read, & Lord Stantham took his seat at / Board

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Read three letters fm Mr Rutherford to Mr Elliott, dd November
6th, 13th, & 23rd, 1780, transmitting, by directiⁿ o / Committee o /
Co o Merchants trading to Africa, to be laid before / Lords o Trade,

Copies o four letters fm Governor Roberts to / Committee, dd Cape Coast Castle, July 11th, 16th, 20th & 23rd, 1780.

Copies o letters fm / Governor & Council at Cape Coast Castle, dated May 29th & July 17th, 1780

Copy o a letter fm Govr Miles to / Committee, dd 22nd January, 1780

Copy o Instructions to / West Chiefs.

Miscellaneous correspondence.

Copies o Acts o Council fm 25th March to 18th July, 1780

Copy o a minute o Council, dd Cape Coast Castle, 15th July 1779

Copy o a petition & remonstrance o / servants o / Committee, to / Governor & Council, June 20th, 1780.

Copy o a letter fm Mr Stubbs to / Committee dd, July 11th, 1780

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Thursday, December 14th. Present: - Lord Grantham, Mr de Grey, Mr Stuart, Mr Gibbon Mr Langlas.

It appears necessary to / Board to take into immediate consideration / memorials o / Merchants tradg to Africa, mentioned in / minutes o / 30th September & 5th October last, complaints o / conduct o Mr Shoobred one o / Committee o / Co o merchants tradg to t coast Mr Elliott, was directed some days ago, to write to / sd Mr Shoobred, requiring his attendance on this day at 12 o'clock; to sd Mr Drew, who was employed as solicitor f / sd Committee; to Messrs Mansely & Farr, two o / Committee, who had protested agst / proceedings o Mr Shoobred, wh gave rise to / fo. 214. above mentioned complaints; & to Mr Rutherford, to require a full communication o / proceedings o / Committee respecting the late & present servants on / coast.

Mr Elliott informed the Lordships, t he hd, agreeable to / sd orders, written to / seal persons 348] 1780. before mentioned under / date o / 9th & / 11th instant; & likewise to Mr Jackson, whose attendance was desired by / Board.

Mr Elliott then laid before / Board / following papers vizt.

fo. 210. letter fm Mr Rutherford to Mr Elliott, dd, 12th December 1780, transmitted, by direction o / African Committee. f / informant o / Lords o Trade

Copy o / Committee's proceedings relative to the late & present servants on / coast o Africa fm / 5th September to / 12th December 1780.

The Lordships beg informed t Mr Drew attended, he was called in; when he acquainted / Board, t he was employed by / African Committee to draw up a case f / opinion o / Attorney Gen; upon / conduct o servt o the servants on / coast, who by the acts, appeared to be indebted to / publick in 64 lge bales; t he accordingly drew up / sd case, & submitted it to / Attorney Gen, who gave his opinion thereupon under date / 19th o April last, / purport o wh opinion was fo. 221. was, t the proper method o proceedg agst / sd supposed delinquents wd be by informants filed agst them; t he was accordingly directed to file informants agst David Mill, seque, late Governor o Cape Coast Castle; Mr Charles Bell, formerly Govr o Annamaboe; Mr Thomas Westgate, late Govr o Annamaboe; & agst / executors o Mr Thomas Trinder, late Govr o Annamaboe [sic]; but t on / 19th o August last, he was ordered by / sd Committee to suspend any proceedgs upon / sd servt informants, except upon t agst / executors o / sd Mr Trinder.

Mr Drew then desired leave to lay before / Board, & did accordingly deliver in,

Copy o a case, w Mr Attorney Gen's opinion thereon, dated April 19th, 1780

fo. 222. Mr Drew beg withdrawn, Mr Shoobred, who attended pursuant to order, was called in & acquainted / Board by / Board. t complaints have been exhibited agst him, respecting his conduct as a member o / Committee o Merchants tradg to Africa, / Board had requested his attendance in order to inform him o / same, t he mt prepare himself to make such defence thro as he shd think fit; upon wh Mr Elliott was directed to read / two memorials before mentioned, containing / charges agst / sd Mr Shoobred; & / sd memorials had been read accordingly, / Board informed him, t they wished to accommodate / time they shd appoint to hear / sd complaints, to his convenience. Mr Shoobred replied t he was perfectly

fo. 223. satisfied w respect to / candido o this Board, & was wllg to meet any complaints before the Lordships, wh cd be urged agst him; but as they were o a vj serious nature, & mt affect him in his character as a merchant, as well as in t o a Committee man, he wished the Lordships to give him some time to prepare his answer to / charges, & to allow him to be heard by counsel. The Board agreed thereto, appointed / 19th day o January next, at eleven o'clock in / forenoon, to hear / proofs in support o / charges, & his defence thereto. And Mr Shoobred having suggested t in / nature o complaints alledged agst him, / conduct o some o members o / Committee was necessarily involved, it was ordered t copies

o / two memorials before mentioned shd be given to Mr Shoobred, & also sent to Mr Rutherford, f / informant o / African Committee, & t / day appointed f / sd hearing shd be notified to him

Mr Shoolbred was then desired to withdraw, & Mr Coghlan, a subscriber to one o/sd memorials, together with Mr Camplin, late a member o/ Committee, & now agent to 1 merchants o Bristol trading to Africa, who had signed one o/sd memorials, were called in, & acquainted w/day appointed for hearing/complaints agst Mr Shoolbred, who having desired to be heard by counsel, to wh/ Board agreed, Mr Coghlan & Mr Camplin were informed, t/Complainants mt also, if they shd proper, be heard by counsel, & Board agreed in support o/sd charges; & wh they assented.

fo. 225. Mr Camplin then desired leave to acquaint the Lordships o some circumstances respecting / conduct o/ Committee wh had come to his knowledge, & mt be necessary for the Lordships to be informed o. First t he understood / Committee had determined on / recall o Messrs Roberts & Stubbs, two o/ Commissioners appointed in November, 1779, in order to give an acct o the proceedings under /sd Commission. Secondly, t/ Committee had appointed a Mr Weases to / command o Cape Coast Castle, during / suspensⁿ o Mr Miles. T/sd Weases was one o / persons who stood liable to be proceeded agst by / sd Commissioners, & whose acts were not passed, or sworn to, as directed by / Act o/ 5th o his present Majesty; T/ acts o /sd Weases was also liable to / like objections, as / acts o or persons, agst whom in fo. 226. motions in / name o / Attorney Gen. were ordered to be filed; And thirdly, t it appeared by / appointment o Mr Weases, t/ ~~Commission~~ not only / Commissioners were meant to be recalled, but t/ Commission itself was intended to be virtually set aside, & / Resopse o it thereby defeated.

Mr Coghlan & Mr Camplin beg desired to withdraw, it was ordered, t Mr Elliott do write to Mr Rutherford, & acquaint him, t it appears by / minutes transmitted in his letter o / 12th December instant, t Messrs Roberts & Stubbs were recalled to give an acct o the proceedings under / Commisⁿ o 1779. the Lordships require an immediate Communicatⁿ o / copy o / proceedings under / sd Commisⁿ, & desire to be informed, wh Mr Weases is not a person whose acts are under examinⁿ.

350] 1780 Saturday, December 16th. Present. - Lord Grantham, Mr de Grey, Mr Stuart.

fo. 228. Mr Elliott acquainted the Lordships, t pursuant to order o / ... 14th instant, he had written ... On / 14th to Mr Rutherford, requiring copies o / proceedings under / Commission o 1779.

Africa. Read a letter from Mr Rutherford to Mr Elliott dd. December 15th, 1780.

fo. 230. acknowledging / receipt o his letter o / 14th instant, transmitting, by direction o / African Committee, sundry papers of the Lordships' perusal, wh, as those formerly laid before the Lordships, Mr Rutherford states to be / whole o / informⁿ received from / Board or a Council

351] 1780 in Africa. w respect to Mr Miles, / Committee beg leave to refer to / enclosed certificate, submitting / full investigⁿ to the Lordships. And after acquainting Mr Elliott, w / informⁿ o / Board, w / reasons wh h induced / Committee to recall / present Commissioners, & to appoint Mr Weases to / command at Cape Coast Castle, he concludes by observing, t / Committee cannot think / state o Mr Weases' acts any reasonable objection to his appointment, "when they recollect t one o / agents in / Commission o November 1779, tho fo. 231 "sent out to examine these acts, was exactly in / same predicam^t w Mr Weases, & t he was chosen a Commissioner under / directs, & w / approbⁿ o the Lordships"

The papers transmitted w / following [sic - foregoing?] letter are, viz.,
Copies o Mr Miles' papers.
Copy o correspondence between Mr Miles & Mr Westgate
Copy o Mr Miles' answer to Mr Westgate's charges
Copy o a certificate annexed to / gen journals for / years 1777. D & 9. signed by Messrs Roberts, Stubbs, Beard, & Field, dated 7 June 1780.

fo 232. The Lordships, upon considerⁿ o / above letter, & o what passed at / last meetg upon / subject, were o opinion it wd be proper, t / Lords o / Treasury shd be acquainted w / seal matters communicated to this Board, respecting / conduct o / African Committee, in / case o the late & present servants on / coast; & it was ordered t Mr Elliott do write to Mr Robinson, & acquaint him, w / informⁿ o / Lords o / Treasury, w / substance o / sd Communicatⁿ for / African Committee upon / subject beforementioned; & to submit it to the Lordships o / Treasury, whr it may not be expedient, t the solicitor shd proceed on those informⁿs wh were suspended by order o / Committee, agst seal o the servants, who appear to be debtors to / publick, in order t / true state o the acts may be determined.

fo. 233 Mr Elliott having prepared / sd letter to Mr Robinson, it was approved by / Board, & ordered to be transmitted.

• The name is Weases in both Claudge Vol II app. • in / Dutch Journals.

352] 1780 Tuesday, December 19th. Present: - Lord Grantham Mr de Grey, Mr Stuart,
fo. 236 Mr Gibbon, Mr Langlois.

Africa. The Lordships had resumed / considered a part o Mr Rutherfords letter to
fo. 236. Mr Elliott, mentioned in / last minute, wh states t one o / Commissioners
appointed under / Commission o November 1779, was chosen under / directors o
w / approban o this Board, Mr Elliott was directed to write to Mr Rutherford, desirg
t he will acquaint / Committee o / Co o merchants tradg to Africa, t they are mistaken
in / fact stated in Mr Rutherfords letter o / 15th December last o thr Lordships
had approved o / appointm^t o one o / agents in / Commission o November 1779, thr
Lordships not had interfered, or expressed any approban o / sd appointm^t; nor
did any person, then named by / Committee, appear before / Board as a delinquant;
o t as Mr Weavers is charged w havg acct^s to make up, to wh object^s lie,
fo. 239. thr Lordships cannot think him a proper person t be entrusted w /
necessary powers f executg / sd Commission, until / objection beforementioned sh be
removed.

Mr Elliott had prepared a letter to Mr Rutherford pursuant to / directions o
thr Lordships, it was approved & ordered to be transmitted.

[N.B. England declared war agst Holland 20. December 1780. Crooks, p47]

Thursday December 21st. Present: - Lord Grantham, Mr de Grey, Mr Stuart,
Mr Gibbon.

357] 1780. Mr Elliott acquainted thr Lordships t he had... written... On / 20th
fo. 241. instant to Mr Rutherford, inclosg copies o / two memorials containg
Africa complaints agst Mr Shoobred.

fo. 252 (2). Read a memorial o John Shoobred, esquire, o London, merchant,
Africa. to / Board, statg, t two memorials h bn presented to thr Lordships,
by or on / part o sundry merchants o Bristol & Liverpool, complaing o / conduct
o / memorialist, as a Committee man o / African Co; t Thomas Jones & James
fo. 253. Taggart o Bristol, William Gregson & James Caruthers o Liverpool, &
John Coghlan & Francis Henry Shepherd o London, subscribers to / sd memorials,
are necessary witnesses to be examined touchg / matters contained in / sd memorials;
& prayg, t / sd persons may be summoned to attend / Board on / hearg o / complaints
agst / memorialist.

Ordered, t Mr Elliott do write to / sd persons named in / forego^g memorial,
desirg thr attendance on / day appointed f hearg / complaints agst Mr Shoobred.

359] 1780. Friday December 29th. Present: - Mr Stuart, Mr Gibbon, Mr Langlois.

fo. 259. Mr Elliott laid before thr Lordships a letter he had received from Mr Rutherford, dd
before / Committee o / Co o merchants tradg to Africa; & requestg him by directors o / sd Committee, to,
inform / Lords o Trade, t havg already given thr Lordships / reasons wh induced / Committee to appoint
fo. 260. Mr Weavers Governor o Cape Coast Castle; they beg leave to add, t no charge o delinquency hath
appeared agst him before / Committee; t he had offered undeniable security f / trust to be reposed in
him; o t they think him a person qualified to be o gr utility to / public service; but if thr Lordships
continue to be o opinion, t he is not a proper person to command in chief, / Committee humbly beg
thr Lordships direct^s ~~as~~ as early as possible, as / Store wants f orders only.

Mr Elliott at / same time informed / Board, t he had, on / 23rd instant, wrote to Mr Rutherford in
fo. 261. answer to / forego^g letter, acquaintg him t / Board beg adjourned, he had transmitted his letter
to Lord Grantham; & t if it was not necessary to take fur opinion o / Board on / subject matter
thof. he wd acquaint him therewith.

Mr Elliott also laid before / Board a letter he had received from Lord Grantham, dd 9th January,
December 25th, 1780, directg him to collect / opinion o thr Lordships upon / matter beforementioned.

The Lordships thereupon proceeded to / considerⁿ o / sd letter & resolved, t Mr Elliott do write
to Mr Rutherford, & acquaint him, f / informⁿ o / Committee, t havg already bn already
fo. 262. made acquainted w thr Lordships' reasons f thinkg Mr Weavers is not at present a
proper person to command in chief, at Cape Coast, & tharby o course be instructed to carry
out into effect / Commission o November 1779, shd / intencⁿ thof. not be accomplished, before his
arrival on / coast; thr Lordships h nothg to add to thr former opinion; & t as / Committee
represents Mr Weavers as a person by whom w^d way thof. qualified to be o gr utility to / public
service, especially at this critical time, & as havg offered undeniable security f / trust to be
reposed in him, thr Lordships must leave it to / Committee to use thr own desireⁿ upon this occaⁿ,
& therefore cannot give any directions what^r w respect to / nominatⁿ.

fo. 263. Mr Elliott was directed, after he had prepared / sd letter, to communicate / same to Lord
Grantham, f his Lordships approbanⁿ, previous to its beg transmitted to Mr Rutherford.

fo. 264. Mr Elliott acquainted thr Lordships, t pursuant to order o / 21st, he had on / 23rd instant
Africa. written to / sd persons, mentioned in / memorial o Mr Shoobred, desirg thr
attendance on / 19th day o January next.

1781. Friday, January 19th. Present: - Lord Grantham, Mr de Grey, Mr Stuart, Mr Sloane, Mr Langlois.

to 4. Africa - letters fr Caruthers, & Jackson o Liverpool t day cd not attend / Board on / hears o / complaints agst Shoolbred -

to 6. The Lordships beg informed t Mr Shoolbred w his counsel, Mr Erskine, & agent f / subscribers to / two memorials. Containg / complaints agst / conduct o Mr Shoolbred as one o / members o / African Committee, w Mr Arden, counsel t / complainants, were attendg pursuant to order, they, togr w sev d gentlemen were called in; & / sd memorials, wh are mentioned in / minutes o / 30th September, & 5th October last havg bn read, Mr Arden, after beg heard in support o / charges, proceeded to examine Messrs Mameley, Farr, Drew & Rutherford, / sd gentlemen havg bn previously sworn.

See minutes in / books o / African Committee, produced by Mr Rutherford, to 7. were then read, togr w one o / informants intended to h bn filed agst some o / Committees late servants on / Coast, & des. & likewise part o / examinations o Messrs Miles, Dunn, & Chalmers, taken before this Board in / year 1777. The evide sworn havg bn cross examined by Mr Erskine, he begged permission, as beg on t o / usual course o / proceedg, to call Mr Bogle French, whose longer attndce, he stated wd be vj inconvenient to him; wh beg permitted by / Board, & assented to by Mr Arden, Mr French was sworn & examined by Mr Erskine, & cross examined

to 8. by Mr Arden. Mr Erskine was then heard on behalf o Mr Shoolbred, & was proceedg to call witnesses, but on acct o / lateness o / hour, / fur hearg, by consent o / parties, was adjourned to Wednesday next, at eleven o'clock in / forenoon, & / counsel & parties withdrew.

365] 1781 Wednesday January 24th. Present: - ... [ut supra, except Langlois] ...

Vol 88. The Lordships beg informed, t Mr Shoolbred w his counsel, Mr Bearcroft & Mr Erskine;

to 18. & Mr Arden, counsel f / complainants in / adjourned hearg agst Mr Shoolbred, attended

Africa pursuant to order o / 19th instant, they, togr w sev d gentlemen, were called in, & Mr Bearcroft was heard in / sd defce o Mr Shoolbred; after wh Mr Vaughan was sworn & examined; & Mr Arden havg bn heard in reply, / parties havg nothg fur to offer, withdrew.

Resolved, t / sev matters relative to / hearg above mentioned be taken into considerat on / 29th instant.

Monday, January 29th. Present: - ... [as on 19th, supra] ...

374] 1781. The Board then proceeded to consider / evide produced on / 19th & 24th days

to 49. o this instant, in support o / complaints agst John Shoolbred, Esquire; & also what was offered in his defce, togr w / argum^{ts} o / counsel f / respective parties; & havg spent some time therein, the Lordships came to / followg determinat^{ns} thereupon, vizt:

to 50. T / charges made agst Mr Shoolbred were comprized under / two followg heads, First, T he hd promised himself to be chosen one o / Committee o / Co o merchants tradg to Africa, he beg a person t o / not to h bn chosen to t office; or beg chosen, or not to h acted therein, he beg, previous to his electⁿ charged by / Attorney Gen as a party in a certain informant directed to be taken agst him, & Richard Miles, as a security for, & havg colluded & confederated w / sd Miles.

Secondly, T he did max f & procure a majority o / sd Committee to act w him therein, to 51. T / proceedg in / above mentioned informants as well as o^{rs} directed to be filed agst certain persons, supposed to be delinquents, shd be stopped.

T upon / first o these heads the Lordships are o opinion, t if / complainants meant to infer from / first part o the charge, t Mr Shoolbred hd exerted undue influence, or pursued corrupt measures, in order to be elected one o / Committee, no evide was offered to them in support thereof; on / contrary, it was proved, t he was solicited to offer himself, as one o / sd Committee. T as / Act o 23rd George 2nd does not disqualify persons beg security f, or in anywise connected in trade w / servants o / Co upon / coast o Africa, from beg o / Committee, Mr Shoolbred was eligible, & t beg chosen, he was o course free to act.

to 52. W respect to / second head, the Lordships are o opinion, the appeared some doubt whr Mr Shoolbred was, in fact, / first mover o / resolutⁿ, to suspend / proceedg upon / informant in quesⁿ, altho / written mo^{ns} f t purpose was drawn up by him, & wh seems to h bn done, in consequence o / opinion o / majority o / Committee, & upon a full consideratⁿ in / Committee upon / subject.

T f influence urged to be exerted by Mr Shoolbred w / sd members o / Committee who concurred in opinion w him, was not proved; & was denied by such o them who were examined. And it is the Lordships' opinion, t this quesⁿ stands upon / single ground o / propriety & expediency o / measure itself.

upon this

upon this the Lordships think / proceedgs upon / inform^{ns} mt & d to h bn carried
 fo. 53 on, not w^g / arrival o Mr Miles in England was soon expected, wh was / obvious
 reason assigned f suspndg them, as his answer cd not possibly h bn expected, or insisted upon
 durg his absc, & / d^r parties beg on / spot, mt h put in ther answers immediately. However, as
 it appears, by / face o / resoluⁿ itself, t / suspnⁿ was only temporary, & / Committee, by thr
 counsel, gave assurcs t they did not mean to present / proceedgs [m g^o] on; upon these
 considera^{ns} the Lordships do not think thr is sufficient ground f them to remove Mr
 Shoobred f his seat in / Committee.

The Lordships at / same time recommend to / Committee, to direct / sd inform^{ns} to be pro-
 ceeded upon w^o delay. This recommendⁿ the Lordships press / more earnestly, as thr
 appears to them, an absolute necessity o puttg some final end to / claims, t h bn made f some
 years past upon / public, by / servants upon / Coast, f advances alledged to h bn made by
 them, & wh has by degrees accumulated to a considerable sum; as well as to / repeated &
 acrimonious altercations t h arisen thereupon. This the Lordships conceive can only be done by
 a legal & conclusive decⁿ, wh / proceedgs in qu^o must naturally produce. And the Lordships
 ordered, t a copy o this minute be delivered to / parties; & t a copy be also transmitted to /
 Committee o / Co o Merchants tradg to Africa.

Friday February 2nd. Present: - Lord Grantham, Mr de Grey, Mr Stuart, Mr Gibbon,
 Mr Sleane, Mr Danglois.

379] 1781. Read a letter f^m Mr Rutherford to Mr Cumberland, dd January 31st, 1781, transmitting,
 vol. 88 by directⁿ o / African Committee, to be laid before / Board,
 fo. 66 Copy o an intended petiⁿ o / Committee o / Co o African Merchants tradg to Africa,
 Africa. To / House o Commons
 fo. 64. Mr Elliott acquainted / Board, t he hd, pursuant to order o 29th o last month, written
 under date o 1st instant, to / Committee o / Co o Mr tradg to Africa, transmitted a copy o / minute
 o 29th o January, relative to / complaints agst Mr Shoobred.

385] 1781. Tuesday, February 13th Present: - ... [ut supra, w^t danglois] ...
 vol. 88. Read a letter f^m Mr Rutherford, to Mr Cumberland, dd. African Office, February
 fo. 84 12th, 1781, transmitting, by directⁿ o / African Committee, to be laid before /
 Africa Board, copies o sundry letters wh / Committee h ordered to be sent to / Sold Coast
 o Africa, vizt.

Copy o a letter f^m / Committee to John Roberts, esquire, dd. January 13th 1781.

fo. 85 requiring him to deliver up / command o Cape Coast Castle to Jerome Barnard
 Weases, esquire, & to act in conformity to / Committee's order o 12th December last.

Copy o a letter f^m / Committee to Robert Stubbs, esquire, dd. January 12th 1781.

requing him to deliver up / command o Annamaboe to Mr Weases.

Copy o a letter f^m / Committee to Jerome Barnard Weases, esquire, dd. January 13th, 1781.

requing him to take his passage in / Hercules store ship, & on his arrival in Africa, to
 take upon him / command o Cape Coast Castle.

Copy o a letter f^m / Committee to / Governor & Council at Cape Coast Castle, dated

fo. 86 January 20th 1781, acquaintg them w^t / appointmt o Mr Weases; & directg,
 amngst o^r thgs, t / cargo o / Hercules store ship, amtg to £11042. 5. 5. be applied to
 / services o / year 1781, & / surplus, if any, reserved f / expenses o 1782.

Read a letter f^m Mr Rutherford, to Mr Cumberland, dd. African Office, February 12th,
 1781, transmitting, by directⁿ o / African Committee, to be laid before / Lords o Trade,
 pursuant to an Act o 23rd o George 2nd.

An acct o monies received & expended by / Committee o / Co o Merchants tradg
 to Africa f / support & improvem^t o / forts & settlements in / Coast in / period
 betwⁿ 1st o July 1779 & 2nd o July 1780.

410] 1781. Friday, March 30th. Present: - ... [as on Feb 2nd supra, w^t danglois] ...

fo. 81. Read a letter f^m Mr Rutherford to Mr Elliott, dd. African Office, March 26th,
 Africa. 1781, transmitting, by directⁿ o / African Committee, f / inform^{ns} o / Board,

Copy o a letter f^m / Governor & Council at Cape Coast Castle to / Committee, dated
 8th October, 1780.

Copy o a letter f^m / Governor & Council at Cape Coast Castle to / Committee, dated
 31st October, 1780.

Tuesday May 8th, Present: - ... [as on Feb 2nd supra, w^t danglois] ...

418] 1781. Read a letter f^m Mr Rutherford to Mr Cumberland, dd. African Office
 fo. 114 May 3rd, 1781, transmitting, by directⁿ o / African Committee,
 Africa.

Copy o a letter f^m / Governor & Council at Cape Coast Castle to / Committee, dated
 December 24th, 1780.

Tuesday, May 15th. Present: — Lord Grantham, Mr Stuart,
Mr Gibbon, Mr Sloane.

420] 1781.
fo. 212
Africa.

Read a letter from Mr Rutherford to Mr Cumberland dd. African Office
May 14th, 1781, transmitting, by direction of Committee to be laid
before Board,
Copy of a letter from African Committee to Governor & Council at Cape Coast Castle
dd. May 14th, 1781.

429] 1781.
fol. 88.
fo. 261
Africa.

Friday, July 6th. Present: — ... [ut supra] ...

Read a letter from Mr Rutherford to Secretary, dd African Office, June 21st
1781, transmitting, by direction of African Committee, f /informaⁿ o / Board,
Copy of a letter from Committee to Governor & Council at Cape Coast Castle,
dd. June 20th, 1781.

434] 1781.
fo. 281.
Africa.

Saturday, August 25th. Present: — ... [ut supra, ut Sloane] ...

Read a letter from Mr Rutherford Secretary to African Committee, to
Mr Cumberland, dd. August 9th, 1781, inclosg,

no. 1. Copy of a letter from Governor & Council at Cape Coast Castle, to African Committee,
dd. February 3rd, 1781.

no. 2. Copy of a letter from Governor & Council at Cape Coast Castle, to Committee,
dd. February 26th, 1781.

no. 3. Copy of a letter from Governor & Council at Cape Coast Castle, to African Committee,
dd. March 19th, 1781.

no. 4. Copy of a letter from Governor & Council at Cape Coast Castle, to Committee,
dd. March 31st, 1781.

Ordered, t / Secretary do communicate to Mr Knox, f /informaⁿ o Lord George
Germain, such parts o / above letters, from Governor & Council at Cape Coast Castle,
to African Committee, dd. February 26th & March 19th & 31st, as relate to /
proceedgs o / Dutch on / coast o Africa

fo. 289. Friday, October 5th. Present: — [as on August 25th supra] ...

The Secretary acquainted / Board t, pursuant to the order at / last Board,
he had wrote to Mr Knox, inclosg extracts from three letters received by / African
Committee from Governor & Council at Cape Coast Castle, relative to / proceedgs o /
Dutch, on / coast o Africa. f /informaⁿ o Lord George Germain.

Wednesday, November 28th. Present: — ... [as on May 15th, supra] ...

439] 1781.
fol. 88.
fo. 301.
Africa.

Read a letter from Mr Rutherford, Secretary to African Committee, to Mr
Cumberland, dd. August 28th, 1781, inclosg

no. 1. Copy of a letter from African Committee to Governor & Council at Cape Coast Castle,
dd. August 20th, 1781.

fo. 301. no. 2. Copy o / African Committee's order, to Mr John Fountaine, dd August 20th
1781, relative to / manner o his disposg / goods & necessaries sent out,
to victualg / King's Troops on / Gold Coast o Africa.

no. 3. Copy of a letter from Robert Skibbs, esquire, late Governor o Annamaboe Fort,
to African Committee, dd. Cape Coast Castle, March 26th, 1781.

no. 4. Copy of a letter from Robert Skibbs, esquire, late Governor o Annamaboe, to African
Committee, dd Annamaboe Road, on board / Williams, Captain
Hanby o Liverpool, January 30th, 1781.

fo. 303. Read a letter from Mr Rutherford, Secretary to African Committee, to Mr Cumberland,
dd. October 13th, 1781, inclosg,

Copy of a letter from Governor & Council at Cape Coast Castle, to Committee, dd. January 25th, 1781

Copy of a letter from Jerome Bernard Weases, esquire, Governor o Cape Coast Castle, to Committee
dd. June 20th, 1781.

Copy of a letter from Governor Weases to Committee, dd. Cape Coast Castle, June 29th, 1781.

Read a letter from Mr Rutherford to Mr Cumberland, dd. October 20th, 1781, inclosg

Copy o / African Committee's minutes, January 31st, 1781, relatg to Richard Miles, esquire,
appointed Governor o Cape Coast Castle, President o / Council &c.

fo. 304. A card from / African Committee to / Board, dd October 20th, 1781, desiring leads to attend
the lordships at such time as they sh appoint, on / subject o / foreg^o minutes.

Read a letter from Mr Rutherford to Mr Cumberland, dd. November 14th, 1781, inclosg

Copy o / African Committee's instructions to Governor Miles, dd. November 14th, 1781.

Ordered, t / Secretary do write to / Committee o / Co o merchants trading to Africa,
desiring the attendance at / Board on Tuesday next, at 3 o'clock in / afternoon.

Tuesday. December 4th. Present: - Lord Grantham, Mr Stuart,
Mr Gibbon, Mr Sloane.

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Africa.

60.312

Mr Shoobred & another member of African Committee together with the Secretary, attended Board pursuant to / minute of / preceding Board, where called in, & Mr Shoobred informed the Lordships that / Committee had entered into a bill investigating of / acc'ts of Richard Miles, Esquire, by which it appeared that a very considerable sum was due to him from / publick, & that / surcharges as stated in his acc't by a former Committee & by which a balance was set to be due from him to / publick was founded on erroneous principles. The Committee had therefore thought it incumbent upon them to restore him to / command of Cape Coast Castle & that having laid / minutes of / Committee before the Lordships, they had desired to be admitted in order to be acquainted with / observations & receive / directions of / Board thereupon; that / enquiry in question had been carried on with all possible precision & exactness, & was equal to / candour; three of / former Committee who had concurred in / surcharges above-mentioned had always been present, & their resolutions had been unanimous; that thinking it their duty to apply to Parliament for a grant, which exclusive of / usual & necessary annual expence might be sufficient to discharge / debts due from / publick to Mr Miles, & that they hoped by / sanction & concurrence of / Board therein.

60.314.

The Board thereupon informed Mr Shoobred, that notwithstanding any doubt of / precision or candour of / Committee in / statement of Mr Miles's acc't, as contained in / minutes before them, they thought it by no means proper to enter into a discussion of those acc'ts; that they had upon a former occasion given a full & decisive opinion of / steps they thought it would be proper for / Committee to pursue in order to establish a legal & uncontested right to / claims upon / publick, should they appear to be well founded, or if desired to obtain a conclusive bar to them; that / mode recommended by / Board not having been

~~been~~ adopted, & the Lordships still retaining their former opinion, they could not, therefore, give any sanction or concurrence to / application / Committee proposed to make to Parliament for a grant to discharge / debts set to be due to Mr Miles & that; & that the Lordships directing / minute of / 29th January last to be read, they required / Committee to communicate so much of / Journal of their proceedings, in consequence of / said minute as relates to their continuing / suspension of / proceedings upon / information therein contained mentioned, & also to furnish / Board with their reasons in writing for not complying with / advice, contained in / said minute of / 29th of January last & discontinuing / said proceedings.

60.316. The Committee, having signified that they would lose no time in complying with this requisition, withdrew.

448] 1781.

Friday, December 21st. Present: - ... [ut supra] ...

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60.323

Africa

Read a letter from Mr Rucker ^{of} Secretary to African Committee, to Mr Cumberland, dd. December 21st 1781, inclosed

Copy of / minutes of / Committee of / 12th & 18th, containing the reasons for not proceeding at law against certain of the officers.

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60.5.

Miscellaneous

60.6.

Friday, January 25th. Present: - Lord Grantham, Mr Stuart, Sir Adam Ferguson, Mr Skane, Mr Storer, Mr Talbot.

A new Commission under / Great Seal of Great Britain, bearing date / 2nd instant, constituting / great Officers of State with Lord Grantham, William Eden, Andrew Stuart, Edward Gibbon & Hans Sloane, Esquires, together with Sir Adam Ferguson, Anthony Storer & John Chelmsford Talbot, Esquires, in / room of Robert Spencer, commonly called Lord Robert Spencer, Lord Walsingham & Benjamin Langlois Esquire, to be his Majesty's Commissioners for promoting / trade of this Kingdom, & for inspecting & improving his Majesty's Plantations in America & elsewhere, was read, & Sir Adam Ferguson, Mr Storer & Mr Talbot took their seats at / Board accordingly.

450] 1782 Tuesday January 29th. Present: - Lord Grantham, Mr Stuart, Mr Slane, Mr Storey, Mr Sibbon, Sir A Ferguson, Mr Talbot.

Africa
60 24.

The Board resumed / consideran o / paper communicated by / African Committee, read & entered in / minutes o / 21st o December last intitled, Copy o / Minutes o / Committee o / Co o Merchants tradg to Africa, on / 12th & 18th December, 1781, containg the reasons f not proceedg at law agst certain o the Officers.

Ordered, t a Letter be written by / Secretary to Mr Robinson, transmittg f / informan^m o / Lords Commissioners o his Majesty's Treasury, / paper abov^e mentioned, togr w one o paper communicated in like manner by / African Committee, read & entered in / minutes o / 28th o November last, intitled

60 25

Copy o / African Committee's minutes, January 31st, 1781, relatg to Richard Miles, esquire, appointed Governor o Cape Coast Castle, President o Council, &c. The Secretary havg prepared & laid before / Board, / draught o a letter to / abov^e effect, / 1st draught was approv^d o & ordered to be transcribed,

466] 1782.

Tuesday February 19th. Present: - ... [ut supra] ...

60 70.
Africa

Read a letter fm Mr Ruckerford, Secretary to / African Committee, to Mr Cumberland, dd on / 16th instant, inclosg.

Copy o / sd Committee's petition to / Honorable / Commons o Gr^t Brittain, in Parliamt assembled; prayg, t / House wd grant such sums as may be necessary f / effectual support, maintenance, & defence o / forts & settlements in Africa &c. & f payment o / debt due to Richard Miles, esquire, amtg to abt £3,465 sterlg. & likewise such o^r relief as to / gr^t wisdom o / honorable House shd seem meet.

466] 1782.

Friday March 22nd. Present: - ... [ut supra. ut Sibbon & Talbot] ...

60 94.
Africa

Read a letter fm Mr Ruckerford, Secretary to / African Committee, to Mr Cumberland, dd. March 18th 1782. inclosg,

Letter fm J. B. Weavers, esquire, Governor o Cape Coast Castle, to / African Committee, dd Cape Coast Castle, October 1st, 1781.

Letter fm ditto, to / African Committee, dd July 27th 1781, requestg a prohibⁿ o Powder in tradg ships, &c. &c.

Letter fm / sd Governor to / African Committee, dd. October 26th, 1781, relatg an acct o a seizure acⁿ w / Dutch off Elmina, &c. &c.

471] 1782.

Friday April 26th, Present: - Lord Grantham, Mr Stuart, Mr Slane, Mr Sibbon, Sir A Ferguson.

Oct 89.
Africa
60 116.

Read a letter fm Mr Ruckerford, Secretary to / African Committee, to Mr Cumberland, dd April 18th, 1782, inclosg,

Copy o / Annual acct o / African Committee f / year 1780, as passd by / Cursitor Baron, distinguishg ev^{ry} article o expence under its proper title; w the orders & regulans f / same period

May 2nd, 1782.

472] 1782.

60 122.
Miscellaneous

On / second day o May, 1782. / Lords Commissioners f Trade & Plantans surlly received an official letter fm / Earl o Shelburne, one o his Majesty's principal Secretaries o State, informg them, t his Majesty had no fur useⁿ f the services as Lords o Trade. By this notificanⁿ / business o / Board o Trade was discontinued, altho it was not abolished 'till / Actⁿ o Parliamtⁿ f t purpose passd on / 11th o July followg.

Finis.