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Holmes diary

Capt. Robert Holmes' Diary & Correspondence.
March - Nov. 1664.

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Captain Robert Holmes his Journall of a Voyage intended by
Gods providence for Guyny in his ma^{ties} Shipp the *Persey*
the 21st day of November 1663.

Saturday

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This morning at 7 of the clock was weigh'd Anchor in Queenburroughs
= Swale the wind at N.W. a fine gale but mistie weather, at 9 the wind
freshned at one of the clock in the afternoon was anchored in 9
fathome water & moved, being midway between the Quay of the
Ower & the Quay of the Oesedge; it being then verie thick foggie
weather, & there continued all the afternoon, at two of the clock a
Dutch & pink Sayloring clop by vs, & not striking us, was fur'd a Gun at
her & fetch'd the matter on board, the wind at W. & W.N.W. a fine
small gale.

Sunday

22

This morning by 8 of the clock was weigh'd, having a fine Gale at W.S.W.
at ten of the clock was warr a boat of the Quay at the Oes-edge, & at
12 at noone, a boat of the Quay of the Oes-edge at two in the afternoon
(being highwater) was warr in the narrow with a fine Gale, between
N.W. & the W.N.W. at 4 of the clock was anchored between Margit roads
& the north Porland in 7 fathoms & $\frac{1}{2}$ having little wind & clop weather.

Monday

23

This day at six in the morn was weigh'd with a small Gale at S.W. most
part of the forenoon at 1. & S.S.W. at one in the afternoon was taken
in 7 fathome water at the Drakehead, At 4 this afternoon was weigh'd
again & stood in to the Downes being neere about 4 miles of shore, and
anchored in ten fathome water, & moved, having little wind at W.S.W.

Tuesday

24

Last night was had much raine, but this morning it hold up with faire weather
& a fresh gale of wind at W.N.W. & revring from thence to the N. & N.E.W.
this morning was sent our long boats a shore for Gallast. This morning
three merchantmen sailed out of the Downe bound to the westward the
wind at N.N.W.

Wednesday

25

This morning was weigh'd, & stood in neere the shore, it blowing fresh last night
was struck our yards & topmasts, & this morn got them up having left
wind, & variable all night from the W. to the N.N.W. This forenoon 7 or 8
saylor of anrol-men went through the Downes

Thursday

26

All last night was had faire weather, at two of the clock was sent for a boat
of Gallast the wind at N.W. a fine small gale this forenoon was sent for a boat
load of water.

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Wednesday 9

All the Afternoone yesterday a small Gale at NW. in the Evening at W. at 6 of the clock we steerd away E. $\frac{1}{2}$ N. by, the wind variable from S. to N. we had made our way this 24 hours E. 11 Log.

Thursday 17

Little wind all night & all this Fornoone variable from NNW. to NE. we steerd by our Compass E. $\frac{1}{2}$ N. by, by our observation we find the Current has set us to the South. more than we have run by our dead Reckoning this last 48 hours 27 miles. Lat. by observation 05. 40.

Friday 18

We steerd till 12 last night NE wind at NW. a fine Gale at 3 this mornning we had no ground in 67 fath. of line at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 3 struck ground at 52 fath. oozy ground. at 4 a small gale at N. & NW. then steerd in NE & NE by E. at 8 we had 48 fath. oozy ^{ground} at 10 this morn we saw land bearing NE of us. by Estimati^{on} 8 Leagues. it made high, full of mountains in the Country, & Hummocks by the water sides. The Easternmost, is long smooth land we made it to be Cape Mountain Prado which lies in Lat. of 6. 10. Since yesterday afoore we ran East 8 Leagues.

Saturday 19

yesterday at noon we stood away E & E by S. we made the land very low with great Hummocks app in the Country, we hove the Lead & had 40 fath. muddy ground. at 7 at night we anchored in 31 fathoms at the rest of our Fleet by vs. Calme all night. at 4 in the morn we weighed, having a small Breere at NW. and steerd along the shore E & N by S. the water deepning to 32 fath. at 7 it cleared app & we saw the double land, by the water sides, is low & indifferant smooth, but Intend it full of Hummocks & mountains, to the Eastward of the high land is a Branch of Trees altogether by the water sides, they bore then of vs N. by E $\frac{1}{2}$ E. to the Eastward of them were two high Hummocks, being distant a funder by Estimati^{on} 2 Leagues, double land all along & indifferant high. To the East of the Bank of Trees 3 or 4 miles is a great opening, w^{ch} was made to be a River: distant from East 14 log. there is a high mountain over it a great way in the Country, to the Eastward of y^e mountain is smooth land not very low. At noon we saw and by mountains to the Eastward of that great mountain with by Estimati^{on} 8 miles we had 26 fath. water all the Afternoone muddy ground & soe tough that we could hardly hale out our Lead. Steering away from 26 fath. E & E by E we deepned to 31 fath. we saw several Rocks under the shores white sandy Bayes & smooth low land as farr as we could see, the wind all day at NW. & having little wind at 7 this Evening we anchored in 30 fath. water, & all the rest of our Shippes by vs. We wore then a bred of two high mountains, the Easternmost was judged to be 7 Log. dist. from East, & the westernmost by vs they bore NNE of vs. was about 3 Leagues off all along the shores.

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Sunday 20.

Came all last night at 4 in the morning with a fine Breeze at W. was weighed at 8. we saw the long Hummock of trees over Petos & 3 Shippi at Anchor in the Roads. From the 2 mountains to Petos is smooth land double all along, 4 miles to the westward of the River of Petos is a long bank of Trees, & against it a good Rock & 2 or 3 small ones, about two miles off shore. Little wind all the forenoon. The mountain to the west of Petos & Ld. bore this morn of at N 60 N at 10 it bore N. & the two Hummocks over Petos East. We saw a point of land Eastward of Petos about 3 Ld. off. between 10 & 11 of the clock, one of the Shippi boats rowed off to W. & came on board, informing us that the 3 Shippi in the Roads were the Expedition, Welcome & Sophia, & that Capt. Norsett was gone in the James to the South Coast. was kept along shore in 30 fath water dist. about 8 miles off.

Petos

Monday 21.

yesterday at noon I sent back the Welcome boat with divisons to the Surge all Shippi Command^t that they should give no Guns to salute us at our coming in, soon after with a fine Breeze at W. we steerd in E. & E N. Directly with the high Hummock over Petos, at 5 in the afternoon Anchored in Petos Roads by the other Shippi in 8¹/₂ fath off a point that cometh from the River mouth to the S^tward and Rocks above water. & Ankers off them $\frac{1}{2}$ of a mile off the River mouth bore of us when we anchored E N. & the Rocks to the W. of Petos bore N 60 N. Dist. near 4 miles. This morning all the Command^t came on board where they were was concerted our affaires concluding how to proceed from hence; meanwhile we got some water on board. At our arrival at Petos, I understood that a few daies before I came thither, a Dutch Shippi called the Headraught newly come out of ^{Holland} had touched at Cape de Good, & there in order at divers other Port or places on that Coast where the English had any Factory or trade; & endeavor'd to Engage ^{the} natives ag^t the English & their Interest, with design to turne them out of all their trade there; & more particularly by several testimonies of the King of Petos who having refused upon their instance & endeavors to expell the English, the Captain of the Dutch Shippi had seized on all of that Kings subjects as came on board him with intention to trade, putting them into Irons & carrying them away for slaves, whereof two were Captives of the Dutch King; and to draw the greater odium upon the English nation did put their Customs in like insolencies upon that whole coast; put aboard English (Gold upon his Ensigne Staff. And laying a foundation of a stool upon a Rock on the Starboard side of the River at yet 9 or 10 in, we work all hands on it as long as we could stand & left the finishing of it to the Spaniards boats. leaving them all the materials we could spare with provisions for a bushe month for all their companies. I took out of the Dutch Shippi

Wednesday 23

From the 21. till 2 this morning was rid in Petos Roads getting water on board then having a fine gale at N E. was weighed & shot off. at 6 was had 30 fath water at 11 35 fath 002 of ground, then the point that goes out of the

Match
Sunday 20.

Came all last night at 4 in the morning with a fine breeze at N. was weighed at 8. we saw the long Hummock of Frost over Estot & 3 Shippes at Anchor in the Roads. From thence mountains to Estot is smooth Land double all along. 4 miles to the westward of the River of Estot is a long bank of Frost, & against it a great Rock & 2 or 3 small ones about two miles off shore. Little wind all the forenoon. The mountain to the west of Estot is 8 to 10 fms. high. We saw a point of Estot at 10 fms. N. & the two Hummocks over Estot East. We saw a point of Estot Eastward of Estot about 3 fms. off. between 10 & 11 of the clock one of the Shippes rowed off to us. & came on board, informing us that the 3 Shippes in the Roads were the Expedition, Welcome & Sophia, & that Capt. Meredith was gone in the James, the Gould Coast. was kept along shore in 30 fath. water dist. about 3 miles off.

Estot

Monday 21.

yesterday at noon I sent back the Welcome's boat with divisions to the Dutch all Shippes, Command. that they should give us guns to salute us at our coming in. soon after with a fine breeze at W. we steered on E. & EN. Directly with the high Hummock over Estot, at 3 in the afternoon Anchored in Estot Roads by the other Shippes in 8 fms. off a point that cometh from the River's mouth to the S. E. ward and Rocks above water. & 2 or 3 fms. off them $\frac{1}{3}$ of a mile off. The River's mouth was of us when we anchored EN. & the Rocks to the W. of Estot was NW. Dist. near 4 miles. This morning all the Command. came on board who together we concerted our affairs concluding how to proceed from hence; meantime we got some water on board. At my arrival at Estot, I understood that a few days before I came thither, a Dutch Shipp called the Hendraught newly come out of ^{Holland} had touched at Cape de Noord, & stayed in order at some other Port or place on that Coast where the English had any Factory or trade; & endeavored to engage & receive ag. the English & their Interest, with design to turne them out of all their trades there; & more particularly by express testimony of the King of Estot who having refused upon their instance & endeavors. to expell the English, the Captain of the Shipp Hendraught had ordered on all of that Kings Subjects as came on board him with intention to trade, putting them into Irons & carrying them away for slaves, whereof two were Captives of the King; and to draw the greater odium upon the English Nation did (as their Custom is in like instances upon that whole Coast) put aboard English, (and upon his Ensign Staff. And laying a foundation of a trail upon a Rock on the Starboard side of the River at 40 fms. in, we worked all hands on it as long as we stood & left the finishing of it to the Companies' hands. Laying them all the materials we could spare with provisions for a bushe month for all their Companies etc. Hooked out of 7 Dutch prize.

Tuesday 22

From the 21 till 2 this morning was wind in Estot roads getting water on board then having a fine gale at A. E. was weighed & stood off. at 6 was had 30 fath. water at 11 35 fath. oozy ground, then the point that goes out of the

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Riversmouth to the Eward that the Rocks lay off bore $N\frac{1}{2}E\frac{1}{2}$ of $1\frac{1}{2}$ a long ridge of Land to the Eastward of that bore $N\frac{1}{2}E\frac{1}{2}$ it made to be by the water side double land on both sides, & all along to the Eward of it was saw a mountain app in the Country, bearing $N\frac{1}{2}E\frac{1}{2}$ by The Eastmost land was saw made of Pigeon like rocks $E\frac{1}{2}E$ of $1\frac{1}{2}$

Thursday 24

Calm weather since yesterday noon, then was saw a great white rock bearing E alike with, to the Eward of that is a high fust of Trees bearing of $1\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{3}{4}$ $N\frac{1}{2}W$ was saw sandy Bayes all along the great Rocks, off it lay several small Rocks, & the western ditto of a mile from it, was had 35 Fath water & saw double land, but to the Eward the land made Pigeon, & the Eastmost land was saw bore $E\frac{1}{2}E$ Southly.

Friday 25

In the afternoon yesterday was had a fine Gale. at $1\frac{1}{2}$ was heard away SE at 4 in the afternoon was saw a rock with a high fust on it lying from the Shore about a mile it bore of $1\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{4}$ $N\frac{1}{2}W$ & right by it on a point on the maine is a Tree higher than any of the rest with a round fust, was Judged the Rock to be ditto from before about 5 or 6 le. E , then the rock was saw yesterday at noone bore $N\frac{1}{2}E$ of $1\frac{1}{2}$ & ditto to the Eward of the other about 3 le; at $1\frac{1}{2}$ past 4 yesterday in the Even was saw a fust of trees, & the rock was bore EN it lay up in the Country, & was then in 30 Fath. water, at 5 in the afternoon was had 30 Fath. ditto from there 7 miles, & great rock to the Eward of a fust of trees about 4 miles, was heard SE along shore, at 6 was had little wind, at 7 was had but 23 fath. where by was found was had a great draught to the Shore, at $1\frac{1}{2}$ past 7 was stood off with the fine breeze, & it was faged upon the Shore so that was had but 20 Fath. water, then was anchored & found a strong current. Sitting in to the Shore & a great bay sitting here upon the Shore, being ditto from the rocks 1 mile. This morning was had a Canoe come aboard with 2 negroes in it, one of them spoke good Dutch, & told us there was a river close by, in the morning was weigh'd, the wind at NW , at 9 was saw a fust $N\frac{1}{2}W$ of $1\frac{1}{2}$, being then 32 fath. then was stood away with the Shipp's wind at NW : a fine small gale, at 10 was was got aloft of the Eastmost great rock & being a mile $\frac{1}{4}$ of a Fowker that lay off the great rock about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile was had 20 Fath. & full ground the Land seeming double, all at last little wind till noone at $N\frac{1}{2}W$.

Saturday 26

Yesterday at noone was had a fine breeze at $N\frac{1}{2}E$. at 2 our chaps being 3 leagues from us, & getting a strong upon us was tackt the wind at $N\frac{1}{2}E$ and in 20 Fath. water standing SE it deepned to 27 Fath. the rest of our Shipp's being neerer the Shore was forced to turn off, I went to them to stand along shore; then was heard SE till in a clock a fresh gale in afternoon at NW & SE much Thunder & lightning, & a small shower of rain at 12 last night

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was had no ground, was steered away S^W & S^W till 4 that more & then was steered E. a fresh gale at N^WE, at about 10 was saw our Fleet E^W of our drift. 4 Leagues, was stood with them, & they off to wt, but was could not see the Sayle was saw in the evening. This evening I sent to Captⁿ Cabitt to let him know that I intended to loon as it was dark to clapp upon a wind all night to see if I could get to the windward of the Sayle I chased, & that Captⁿ J^r you should keep a Stern of the Fleet 3 or 4 Leagues & Sayle at near the Shore as he could well venture for feare this Shipp should Slip to twixt us & the Shore & that he should keep on his Course till he got the Length of Cape Palmo And then to Anchor with the Fleet till I should come or send to him, about 8 or 10 night I brought my Shipp too, & stood off with an easie Sayle. About 11 I stuck and stood in with the Shore with an easie a Sayle, & off againe & in againe, till now of the clock, then stood off againe. This night was had a Turnado with a great deale of Raine, & the most Lightning & Thunder that ever I saw. I kept upon the Deck all night, about 2 of the clock there was a Clapp of Thunder & Lightning that I thought our Shipp had been of a light fire, I could see round about me as at Sea as if it were morne day, and did see this Shipp about a League upon my weather Quarter, standing off, as I did with her Starboard Tacks on board but they did not see me as the master of her told me severall daies after I had taken her, presently after this Turnado was over, they backt & stood in with the Shore, & I stood off till day, when was came to see cleere about 10 was could see neither the Shipp nor the Shore, when upon was bore up & made all the Sayle was could, lasking along till was made the ~~Shore~~ Land.

Sunday 27

From 12 of the clock the 26 to 12 the 27 was steered on severall Courses & made our way E^W & S^W. at noone yesterday was saw the Land from our Toppe, at 3 afternoon was stood in E^W till 5, then made the Land upon Deck bearing E. this day I had 8 men out of the Expedition, at night was had 45 Barbone, at midnight no ground, this morning was saw a round Hummock of Trees N^W of us, & about 2 miles to the westward of that small Tuft of Trees w^{ch} is to the Eastward of Grand Sevea, & distant from Cape Palmas 9 Leagues N^W & W. a little to the Eastward of the Hummock of Trees, was saw 7 or 8 great mountains lying a great way up in the Country, then distant by Estimation from the Shore 10 miles, to the Eastward of the mountains was saw two high long Ridges of Land, & a point of low Land from it bore E^W of us, the high Ridges are the Land of the Capes & the low point the East Land was could see them. This 24 hours the wind variable between N^W & South, sometimes pretty fresh. at 11 last night by observation of 7: Captⁿ was was on Deck of 19. at 10 this morn was made Cape Palmas plain, it bore E^W a fresh Gale at N^W. was had good Soundings about the Cape 25 fms off.

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Yesterday at noon 3 Canoa's came on board & told us they belonged to Quecechera which is a little to the west of the Cape. at 1/2 past 3 Cape Palmas bore NW. about 3 leagues distant then we saw 7 palm trees on top of the Cape having 32 fath. water indifferent highland on both sides near the Cape at 5 in the afternoon the Cape bore NW. of us was being distant from the shore 11 miles & steered N.E. & S.E. our water shoals to 25 fath. every ground at 11 last night we had no ground. was fired 2 Guns for the Drull to be ready to us, at 2 this morning we had a Tornadoes much Rain, Thunder and lightning, & but little wind at 4 between the showers we saw the land bearing NE. we steered N.W. & N. at noon this day we saw 7 or 8 great mountains lying up on the Country, bearing NNW of us, being distant from shore 16 miles, we had no ground with 60 fathome of Line wind at W.S.W.

Tuesday 29

At 3 of the clock yesterday in the afternoon we saw 6 or 7 mountains upon the Country bearing N.E. & E. as we were distant from the shore about 10 miles in 40 fathome water, a little to the westward of them was a bluffs head from which ran a great Bay to the Eastward, 1/2 a mile to the westward of the head was a black Rock, at 6 in the Even we Anchored in 29 fath. with all our Fleet, this evening we sent our Emptie Cark on board the Drull, the wind at N. the mountains we saw were distant by Estimation from others we saw by westward about six leagues. Last night I did order the Fleet to Anchor, & sent some of them to Anchor as near the shore as they could well come, being afraid the Shipp that was a stern of us would give us the go by in the night, as he had certainly done, if I had not lookt out verie yards for him, being upon the Quarter deck something after 11 of the clock I saw a Shipp creeping along the shore, presently I caused my pinnace to be manned & sent my Portwine on board the other Shippes to tell them that I saw the Shipp, & that they should take no notice of her, with directions to Captain Felbit to weigh and stand alongt shore with the Fleet, & ordered Capt. Lyau in the expedition to follow our Shipp, whilst our pinnace was away, we weighed our Anchor which was not long a getting up, whilst we were weighing, got men upon the yards & loosed all the Sables soe that there was nothing to doe but to let goe the Head Tackles & Buntlines, all this was done & the Anchor stowed before they spied us. They still, driving to see what he would doe, & to tell him come more to the Leeward of us, this did not last long but he had sight of us. I wondered much & asked him after I had taken him, what was the reason

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the reason he did not clapp upon a wind sooner, he told me that those Shipp
in with the Shore he took for Land, till he came verie neare, & that he did
not see me till I was under Sayle, by reason I was in the shadow of the
moone, I kept under his Lee quarter till about an houre before day, it
growing then verie dark by the moones being downe, lost sight of him
but the Saylers had him of all sides of vt, I had as good Eyes as any of them
but could not see him, I told my matter that this fellow would certainly
shift his Course, & I thought it must better for us to beare away lasking
then to keep the wind, for that our Shipp was a fast Shipp upon a wind,
and if the other should keep on, upon a wind as he did when we lost sight
of him, he could not get far to windward before we could see about vt &
in case he should tack in with the Shore, the Expedition being a Horn of
vt, & the rest of the fleet in with the Shore, would certainly take him
vpp, or putt him a shore, the matter did agree with me that it was much the
better way to beare away lasking till day, which we did, & the first thing we
saw when it was day was the Shipp under our Lee bowe, about 2 miles
from vt, I thought the Saylers would run mad for Joy, and a man off, ^{the} did
all night, about 3 of the clock we got alongst his broadside, he saluted us with a
raife of Trumpets, we answered him in some language which he did not like,
we called to them to strike, which he refused to doe, he had not much time
giben him but had a shot bestruck his Mast through his maine pile, then
he struck his Topp Sayles, I called to him to keepe out his Boate, which he
would not doe, I ordered another shot to be made at him & to hit him
w^{ch} was quickly don, & instead of one Gun, they gave him two, one between
his masts as before & the other through his quarter, then he came on
board. I sent my Lieut. with some men to onen her, the Purrier of her being
a Scotchman, when he saw my Lieut. & the men coming on board to take
possession of the Shipp run & gathered some ^{light} matches & goes downe the
Fore Hatch, & just as he stepping into the Scuttle of the Powder Room
with a resolution to blow up the Shipp, my Cookswain got hold of his
leggs, & pulled him vpp, & the Cookswain and the Saylers did sufficiently
drubb him, and threw him into the Pinnace where he lay all day, at
night bordered good store of Iron about him, & a watch upon him. He
was kept till we came into England. Had this villain succeeded we had all
ben lost, for there were 100 Barrells of Powder in her, & the Shipp
yard in 50 yard from this Shipp proved to be the Walker formerly called
the Foundry, you having 30 Guns mounted & 74 men whose of was

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Commander Jacob Johnson a Scotchman by Birth, bound for Callado-
mina, being a Ship that by my instructions I was particularly directed to
Seize together with the said Jacob Johnson for Injuries & Insolencies by him
committed in former Voyages on this Coast to the great prejudice of the Royall
Company. Was saw the Expedition all this morning N.W.W. about 3 Leagues
from us. at 10 we filled our Sails & stood with her, & by 11 came up wth her
saw some of the Dutchmen on board her, & ordered some of her men on board
the Lyon. At noon we saw the rest of our Fleet under the Command of her
was steered right with them, & came up with them by 12 in the Evening, at 9
we Anchored in 30 Fath: with all our Fleet & the Lidd all night.

Wednesday
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This morning finding that I was forced to putt a great many of my men on
board the severall Dutch Shippes I had Seized, I got some men out of the
Welcome & Sophia. & out of the Governments which I returned againe.

Thursday 31

Little wind all last night, at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 3 this morn^g was weighed the wind at N.W.W.
a small Gale was kept along all this Forenoon in 26 Fath: & steered away E.N.E.
being distant from the Shore about 2 Le. at 2 in the morning was saw the high
trees w^{ch} is 3 Leagues w. w. of the River Andrea, the trees made long with a broad
round topp. To the w^{estward} of the trees about 3 Leag: is high double land & full of
mountaines, Hummocks & points by the water side, & when yo^r bring them a
Stem they make like Islands, the trees stand on high smooth land & the the E. wood
of it are other high Scragged trees. Yesterday wee had a strong current setting to
w^{estward}. wind fresh at W.S.W.

April 1st
Friday 1.

In the evening yesterday was Anchored in 25 Fath: water 1000 y^{ards} ground, Calm all
all night till 3 this morn^g, then weighed, & at day light saw the high trees appear
above, making high with a round topp, to the Eastward of it other Scragged trees
the land two leagues ^{to the} w^{estward} of the trees very smooth, all day was kept
along in 24 Fath: water.

Saturday 2

A little After noon yesterday was a brest of the River Andrea, the w^{est} head
of the Bay made very blaffe & high. the Bay from the head is deep, & lowland
round by the water side, but upp in the Country the land make very high
the East head is highland, & to the Eastward of it are 8 or 9 redd Cypres. distant
3 Leagues from the blaffe head, & from Andrea about 7 Le. the wind at 10 W.S.W.
S.W.S. fresh gale. was steered all the afternoon. The Liddly in 22 & 23
Fath: water. & too continued all night. This morning was over the
lowland: it made low at farst as was could see, & double land up in the
Country. but not much higher than the rest, at noon was over a brest of
Coasteras where the Trees stand, the land is low to the water side for a
Cables length, & 2 or 3 trees standing on the low land, below it is the

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April 2 Country is double land & indifferant high; to the E ward & W. ward of this low Swamp are two Bluffheads making like an opening a Le. to the E ward of Coatora is another Towne called Sahow, & between both is a river, and double land all along, but not much higher than the rest, was kept all along in 24 fath. water wind at SW & W a fine gale.

Sunday 3 Yesterday in the afternoon was made safe Saile E. by 8 & E. N. at 6 was had 40 fath. water being near the former Dist from the Shore, was judged our selves near the deep hole. w. had about 12 or 13 Le. water of Jimmy being then about 7 miles off the shore, at 8 was had 46 fath. at 9 & 10 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ fath. at 11 at night, then was had 60 fath. very tough ground, & since 12 was had no ground in 70 fath. of Lyce, this morn was were abreast of Smooth Land & Double land on the Country, At 4 this morn was steer'd away E. N. and were diko from shore about 4 or 5 Le. The Gallid Sapling diko under the shore; at 8 was had 55 fath. & on standing E. N. by the water shoaled to 42 fath. being then about 20 miles off the shore little wind in the night.

Monday 4 At 1 of the clock yesterday 2 Canoes came by our Shipp side having some & oranges & told us they had some goods, & that they had Slaves & there being afraid, did not come on board, was judged our selves then 3 or 4 Le. short of Jimmy, a small Trade of wind at SW; at 5 the Gallid came off from under the shore, & told us they had 5 Canoes on board them yesterday. At 6 in the evening it being wind black in the Easter board was anchored in 37 fath. & had a small Tornado. the wind from W. to E. all night; at 1 this morn was weigh'd, at 10 was anchored again in 23 fath. the wind at E. and one of our Shipp 3 Le. to the W. ward of it, all the rest of our Shipp anchored there.

Tuesday 5 Yesterday at 1 past 1 was weigh'd with a fine gale, at SW & W steered E. S. by all the afternoon; at 5 was steer'd E. S. at 1 past 10 was anchored in 22 fath. calm all night till 3 this morn, then the wind at NW. so. & weigh'd, at 10 this forenoon was saw double land, it made on a Ridge being opp. in the Country full of Hammocks bearing N. by W. of us, & a Bree to the E ward bearing N. of us, 2 of the 4, being higher than the rest, with great round Topps, w. was all we could see upon the land. To the E ward of them was another high double land & indifferant smooth bearing N. E. by being then in 23 fath. water. The 1 trees stand midway betwixt a Jimmy & Monay & diko. to the W. ward of Cape Apobay about 9 Leages was steer'd E. S. Southly having a small Gale at SW.

April 6th
Wednesday

Yesterday in the Afternoon we had a small breeze at S.W. was held in to 20 fath water & stood away E.S.E. at 5 in the Afternoon the Sophia put aboard her 60th upon which I sent my Boats on board to know the reason & understanding that they had been a gale bearing W.N.W. whereupon was barked & stood aboard sending the Expedition to 1/2 off of Cape Trespointas to way lay that gale; at 9 was lay by, at 10 was lay a light & bore all just fine, at 11 was came up with her, which proved to be the helixe a ship belonging to the Royall Company Capt. Dwert Command. who came on board & told me he had bin but six weeks out of England, & brought me word from Mr. William Coventry, at 12 at night was made Sable & stood E.S.E. at S.E.E. having a fine small Gale at S.W. This morning was was a breck of Cape Apology bearing of at N.E. about 30 miles at which time was was in 25 fath water. The land from the Cape a league to the westward is high double land & triple land in some places but very low by the waterside & ragged & full of Scraggie Trees. To the Eastward of the Cape is lower land but smooth & double land. At 8 this morning was saw the Expedition 3 le. a head of us & saw another gale to the Eastward of her, at 11 was came up with them the other proving to be the James Capt. Mervet Command. who told us that the Neptune wherein the Dutchmen had bin to goe for Holland was gone for Callidemia, & that at that place there was 3 gales more at 1 past 11 was was in sight of Michen Castle & Capetrespointas at 1 past one was made Sable wind at S.W. & S. at 6 afternoon being not able to weather the Cape bearing E.S.E. but the ship that came into our company last night anchored close by the Cape to fill water. wind at S.S.W.

Cape tres
pointas

Thursday 7th

At 3 of the clock this morn three blacks came off from Michen & pretended they would deliver the fable to us whereupon I called all the Command on board to consult them in the matter.

whereupon I resolved to leave the Expedition & the James in the Roeder with order to continue there till next morn to attend the progress of the blacks, & with the rest about 7 of the clock weighed having a small breeze off the shore till then a fine S.W. breeze.

Friday 8th

Yesterday in the afternoon we stood away to the E. ward, then the helix was at Anchor under the Cape getting water on board, at 6 of the clock was anchored off Cape trespointas in 22 fath water Corey ground, the wind easterly, at 7 the rest of our Fleet anchored by us, at 2 this morn the wind at N.W. was w right & stood away E.S.E. at 4 it was calm & soe continued till 7 then a fine Gale sprung up at N.E. being 28 fath water we stood out again

Saturday 9th

Yesterday at noon was had a fine fresh Gale at S.W. was bore in to the shore, also was bore along the shore N.E. & kept in 25 & 30 fath water all night till 5 this morn, then was held in N. at day light we saw Saguerora at Michen Castle N.W. of us dist. about 4 le. at 9 was had a fine gale at S.W. & stood in with the rest close along by the Ardecker to the Eastward of them, they

An order to Cap^t. Dyne to continue before
At Keen

Whereas some Blacks inhabiting near the Castle of At Keen
made an offer to put the said Castle into our hands as soon as
possibly they can, & for that we conceive it unfit for all the Fleet
to attend here upon that business, (These are therefore to authorize
you to continue with his Majesties fleet under your
Command, & the James Brig^t. before the said Castle out of their Guns
the encouragement you can to the Blacks for the delivery of the
said Castle: for case you get the same, you are to put six or eight
of yo^r men & the James's into possession thereof. To provisions
and to observe Anta for the first place of Rendezvous, where
if you miss of me, you are to sail for Comendo, & there yo^r
shall find me, or further orders: For so doing this shall be
yo^r warrant. Dated on board his Majesties ship Beavry 7th of April 1669

To Cap^t. Valentine Dyne, Command^r of
his Majesties flag^{gt}. the Expedition

Robt Holmes

April 9th
Anta

they lie about a League off, between 10 & 11 this morn was anchored in 9 fathome water sandy ground the Castle bearing NNW of us & the Outermost Breaker W by S. by about a mile from us. about noon seeing a great Canoe come off was fired at her wherupon she came on board bringing the English Factors as to reside at Anta, who informed me that the Dutchmen belonging to the Castle sent to him to bid in the Royal Companies flag or they would shoot it down. wherupon I called all the Commanders on board to consult with them, wher it was resolved that we should use all Endeavours to take or destroy that Castle, for the security of the Royal Companies trade in those parts, & more especially to get into my hands one Capt. Broome who was Governour there being one that had done the R. Comp. great injuries whom I was directed by my instructions particularly to seize wher ever I should find him pursuant to that resolution. I sent the Gallies in neerer shore & sent my Pinnace to sound betwixt the Castle & found no less than 4 fathoms close home to the shore. I sent Capt. Traubwait Governour of the Governour out on shore with 30 men to endevor the gaining of the natives & to view & observe the place.

January 10th

This morn the Expedition of James which was left before Aticken (where they had no success) coming in to us, I ordered the Expedition of Williams to go & anchor close by the Castle & fire at it, which they accordingly did & I weighed & got in neerer the shore & anchored in 7 fath. water the Castle bearing W by N & the Outer Breaker SW. about a mile distant and having ordered Capt. Mutchamp a shore with 40 men to Injure Capt. Traubwait & 35 men he had with him a shore & to storm the Castle (after I understood it might possibly be done) being from my Ships that most of the Expedition of Williams shot hit in the Cliff or went quite over the Castle; I got into my Pinnace going on board the Expedition to endevor to remedy their ill firing, the Castle fired severall shot at my Boats, & was rowing on board some of them came very neerer, but did me no more hurt than beating the water in our faces, when I got on board I found they were too near in under the Cliff that they could not see the Castle only the tops of their flagstaff, wherupon I caused to drift firing, & to weigh & to Anchor further off soon after night came on they could do more, then I found a shore to the landing place to give directions to those that was a shore, for which purpose I sent for the Officers to come to me, after I had given them their instructions how to proceed, I rowed towards the Ships, the Castle firing at me, whilst I was within reach of their Guns. The Officers on shore took their time to pursue the directions I gave them. So that cutting down the Outer Part they stormed the Castle & gained it by 12 at night with the loss of one man & 2 or 3 wounded.

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Capt. Holmes to Capt. Brathwayt on shore at Anta

^{S^r}
I strange very much that since yo^d being ashore you would not
let me hear from you, & it makes me doubt that yo^d rather follow
some private interest of yo^d owne than that you were sent
about. send off immediatly an Acc^t of what you have done &
whether or no the Blab^{er} will undertake what is depend^d of
them I am
yo^d affec^d friend

Jearry 10th April 1664

R: H

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Monday 11.

This morning the Royall Company's Blagg was upp at Anba Palle. & then the Castle saluted our Shipp with 5 Guns. Soone after I went a shore with the rest of the Comandrs to view the place. & settle it, & had Carpent^r on shore to re-paire the Gates, I appointed one Parkeram to Comand & left men with him & provisions of all sorts for five months bringing Capt^m Broome the Dutch Govern^r. on board & dismissing the rest of his Company.

Tuesday 12.

About 8 of the clock this morn^e the wind at WSW. I had the Expedition before me to see what Dutch Shipp might be at Thuma, at 9 was weighed with the rest of the Fleet & with an easie gale stood away for Thuma about 12 was wth a brood of it neere Comendo, at past 3 was Anchored off Comendo in 9th Pat. where we could see Castle de omnia & the Castle on the hill ag^t it, at 4 past 4 was saw a shallop to the westward. of us saying to the Eastward I saw 3 or 4 Boates to be man^d & armd & sent them to give her chase. as soon as the Boates came neere her they ran a shore against Comendo, & sunk upon the Rocks, the men running away, our Boates getting on board her found her to be laden with wood up to the Statches. our people cut her Saylor & divided them amongst the Boates (I saw) there came 3 or 4 Canoes off from Comendo & one from Comantine with Salt. At Thuma on this coast I was informed by 2 Natives frequently that the Govern^r for the Dutch wth India Comp^y at Castle de omnia, had offered a Shood of Soud a peece for soe many heads of Eight men as should be brought him by any means what soever & a much more considerable price for my own head & proportionably for the rest of the Officers with me.

Comendo

Wednesday 13.

This morning early we weighed before Comendo & stood along the shore at noon was wth the stwart of Castle de omnia & saw 4 people clop under the shore. at Anchor, next them (being a slyboal) had a blagg at the main topmast head, at past 1 was came to anchor in 11 Pat. with all our Fleet the slyboal bearing SW of us about 2 miles dist. The Officers of the Fleet being all on board, it was agreed on that Capt^m Cabot should write to the Govern^r. of the Castle de omnia, expostulating his jurisdiction to our Trade by the Dutch on that coast, & desiring to come to a better understanding with them. This letter was sent in my yacht, but the Shipp that rid under the Castle would not suffer the Boates to go on shore, soe the letter was delivered into a Canoe to be carried a shore. At 8 at night I sent the Gallies & 4 or 5 Boates well man^d & armd to lay between us & the shore all night a fresh land breeze. Here I wanted 2 shipp or a shipp to make one to burne these shipp there being a union of warr amongst them which lay on the outside of the red weed man^d. I could not well venture the burning of them with my Boates.

Castle de omnia

Thursday 14.

At 8 of the clock this morning all the Officers came on board at the same time came aboard to Capt^m Cabot from the Govern^r. of de omnia in answer to what was writ to him yesterday the substance of which was that he had received from

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from his masters to that purpose, & therefore could not comply with his Overtures, whereupon at 10 of the clock we weighed first sending ashore the Supra-cargo of the Souldan-son, & a factor that had been at Anta, leaving the Wilem, Governour & the Habesim before Castle Donina, with a fresh head-wind we sailed with the rest of the fleet at 4 of the clock anchored before Cape Coast in 8 fathoms water, dist. about a mile & $\frac{1}{2}$ about 12 at night we had a small Tornado.

Friday 15
At 4 this morning we had a Tornado at 7 the Sophia & Kithope weighed and went for Formosino & Souldan's pinnace for M. Selwyn the Chief Factor to advise with him. This day a great Canoe came from Castle Donina by whom I sent ashore all the Dutchmen that were on board my ship & the Expedition with their chests & clothes along with them. An officer came on board from the Dutch vessel whom I sent ashore in my pinnace, when my boats got near the shore the Dutch in Cape Coast Castle fired a Gun at her without any provocation.

Saturday 16
This morning M. Selwyn the Agent at Formosino came on board with John Califfe a black & great friend to the English, & an eminent man amongst the blacks, a fresh gale of wind at S.W. all this afternoon.

Sunday 17
A fresh Gale of wind all this day at S.W. & S.W. & a great sea, some blacks came on board from the Isle of Proton, offering to surprise the Castle of Cape Coast in case we should be ready to send them.

Monday 18
This morning the Agent of Formosino went ashore to the Dutch Castle, when his Canoe was come near the shore, the Dutch in Cape Coast Castle fired 3 Guns at her. This day a Canoe came from Anta with 100⁰ which brought a wounded Filbin who was Souldan's shore at Marva, this morning M. Booi end of the Factor at Formosino came on board, all complaining of the violence of the Dutch every where upon the Coast, in the afternoon from the Gallied to sound in near the shore at 7 the Agent of Cape Coast came on board.

Tuesday 19
This morning having up our stream Anchor was broke the cable & the rope. This forenoon the Gallied standing near Cape Coast Castle they fired at her 6 or 7 Guns, & she at them again when one of the shots from the Castle went through her ⁰⁵ lower. I looked upon as a great affront to me or a declaring of pellicue Enmity; & induced me considering the many complaints I had of the violence of the Dutch on that Coast to reduce them to better acquaintance if possible without war. I should not be able to observe any intention which led me to protect & assist the Royal Company's interest on that Coast, whereupon it was resolved in a Council of officers & Factors that I should endeavour to take up all points, leaving the blacks offered their assistance & let down their friends ships. At 7 in the evening Capt. Merveth John Califfe & the broad officer or Factor of the Dutch Castle came on board.

Wednesday 20
At 4 of the clock this morning we weighed & the Expedition with us, & stood to the Westward at 4 we anchored in 12 fathoms between Cape Coast Castle & Castle Donina, a clear day, our ships wind at N.W. at 7 past 9 the Wilem Governour & the Habesim weighed from

Capt. Holmes to Capt. Lubitt before Demina

Searchy before Cape Coast 18 Apr 1664

3^{rs} Last night by advice from Anta I understand that there were seven ships seen upon the coast to windward of Atcheene I desire you to be very careful of yo^r self & the rest of yo^r ships, lest those poor Hottentots I cannot give yo^r any assurance as yet of what may be done here by the Natives, this night or to morrow morn I expect their resolution when it comes to my hands you shall be sure to have it. I intend to send the Expedition to relieve you, for it is very necessary yo^r should be here, that you may know what passes between me & the Natives for yo^r better Supportment after my Departure. I doe wonder much the Comand^r of the Governem^t dares refuse the order that yo^r sent him concerning the R^l Compt^r Interest: it is strang to me that you would suffer such impertinency to the great prejudice of the R^l C. had I not thought yo^r orders sufficient to him I would have sent mine, w^{ch} might have given me better satisfaction than I have at present I shall expect to hear from yo^r concerning it I am
yo^r R^l H.

Capt. Holmes to m^r Browning at Anta

3^{rs} I last night rec^d yo^r letter & can give you no answer nor satisfy yo^r demand untill we have done something here, w^{ch} we expect every day to doe, in the mean time yo^r must endeavour to doe as well as yo^r can w^{ch} what hath bin left yo^r. I hear by the Blabbe that brought me yo^r letter that there are 7 saile of ships upon the coast to windward of Atcheene if there be any such I wonder yo^r would not let me know it by yo^r letter. I pray be sure to looke out well, & if you hear of any ships to windward be sure to give me notice thereof as well to me in this place, as to the ships riding before the Myne. I am yo^r R^l H.

Capt. Holmes to Capt. Lubitt before Demina

Searchy before Cape Coast 19 Apr 1664

3^{rs} We are come to an Agreement wth the Natives here & I hope we shall manage o^r business so as to get this place into o^r hands, and by request that all or the most of o^r force should be here, and especially yo^r self, because you may have the greater Experience of these people after my Departure, therefore I desire that you & the rest of the ships w^{ch} you doe come downe hither wth the first opportunity: upon yo^r arrivall here yo^r shall know further in the interim I am
yo^r R^l H.

April 20
 As mine as I ordered them, at 10 was and the Expedition weighed & stood with the
 rest of the Shipp in to the shore till we were a broil of Cape Castle in a position to take
 water, the water being the headmost find the first broadside at the Castle, was made then
 the Governor. The Harbour & lastly the Expedition, then was tackel & made 3 or 4 board
 plying our Guns at the Castle till 4 in the afternoon then was bore away & anchor'd in
 3 fath water within shot of the Castle & all the rest of the Shipp to the westward of it

Thursday 21
 This morning was had much Thunder & lightning, I called a Council of Officers & Sailors
 & having information from the Chiefest of the Mina of a Designe the Dutch had for
 surprizing of Acla & of their setting out 3 Shipp to that intent I ordered Capt. Lyne
 the Expedition to weigh & make what speed he could for the preventing of that Designe
 which he effected by taking one of the 3 Shipp called the Armes of Ironingon, upon
 which sent the other two distant from their Enterprise & quitted the Coast. This day
 had a canoe fitted to carry Guns a shore to batter the Castle. She carried one, & sunk with
 an other close by the shore upon which there was a buoy, I also sent some on a shore
 being resolved to use all Endeavours to take the Castle off Cape.

Friday 22
 This day I sent Capt. Murchamp a Schoole toward the main Isoul yesterday, with Armes &
 Ammunition a week for themselves as the Dutch had promised to assist, having written
 to our Sir by large presents & gained the Dutch friendship whereby we could land
 our men & materials under their Castle, I sent some of the Shipp to ride between
 Cape and the Castle & Mina to prevent any Correspondence by their Canoes possible
 and sent the Water further to windward to see if they could meet with any of the
 Shipp I understood that sailed from the Mina.

Saturday 23
 This morning we saw 3 Sails to windward of us, I immediately weighed & stood to wind
 at 3 in the afternoon we were midway between the Cape & Castle & Mina in 10
 fath water. 2 of the Shipp came up with us which way the Expedition & her prize
 being a small fly boater one of the three that sailed from Castle & Mina, they being
 that the other Sails was seen in the offing, was the Water, who after she spoke
 with the Expedition stood for Acla then was bore up & at 5 of the Clock anchored in
 8 fath water before Cape Castle, at 8 was had a Tornado & in it a fresh Breeze of wind
 & much Rain.

Sunday 24
 This forenoon the Sophia came from Cormentine I ordered one Gun out of the
 Lion & another out of the Quill & sent them a shore in a Schoole to be placed on their
 Batteries at the Castle & sent Orders to the respective Commanders of the Shipp to send
 a number of their men as was agreed on in Council, armed with Armes and
 Ammunition & sent provisions on board the James in order to be sent a shore to carry
 on the siege of the Castle being in all near 100.

Monday 25
 This morn was had a shower of Rain, about 11 of the Clock a small Shipp called
 Dorothy came up from Cormentine. This day I sent the Quill on shore to pacify the
 Dutch Governor who was somewhat displeas'd with some of our people.

An Ord^r to the Master of the Brill to goe for Water

As you are in the first opportunity to weigh & goe before Jonathan where
you are to Anchor, & have a speciall care that you keep a very strict
watch so that you be not surprized, & to keep yo^r Boat constantly
boringing of Water on board you, after it is filld ashore, & to take
care that it be not Embarked by the Blacks, nor any other whereof
yo^r will. And for doing the Land on board the 19th of April 1664
To Robert Lortene. Master
of the Brill. R: H

Capt: Holmes to Capt Pyne

The number of men agreed upon yesterday of yo^r Ships Company
to be sent ashore you are to get in a readyness so that they be and
appeare on board the James Brig^t to morrow morning by break of day
awounded wth Arms Ammunition & eight dayes Provision, when they
shall receive further ord^r. And for so doing the Land on board the
before Cape Coast the 24th of April 1664 R: H

The like ord^r to Capt: Borathwayt, Capt Fern & Capt Brown
for 25 men, To Capt: Talbott for 8 men & the Brill for 4 men

April 26. This morning we saw a sloop to the westward of us in this forenoon I had a
 shore 2 Guns in the Castle long boat, w^{ch} I had taken out of the Expeditions prize
 at the Whilom came from Sata & anchored to the westward. After by the Agreement
 made with the Jones this Evening some Guns were fired from their Boat into Cape
 Coast Castle, understanding this day that some Canoes were in readiness at Dominica
 to be sent with Supplies to Cape Coast, I ordered some Boats to keep near the Shore
 in the night to intercept them, & the Sabbath to ride as near the Shore as I
 conveniently she could, to be a Retreat for our Goods if there should be occasion. I also
 sent a Shore some Barrels of Powder, 20 spikes & some Spikes.

Monday 27. At 8 this morning our people began ^{to fire} from their Batteries at the Castle, & our men who
 were lodged in the Town to fire their small shot, & we continued all day, the Dutch fired
 nothing but small shot all day, This afternoon they kept firing from their one Battery
 at the Castle, this day we had 3 men wounded. Our men fired divers Guns in the night
 & I sent out men of war (Canoe, & Boat) to watch about the Castle.

Tuesday 28. At 2 this morning the Dutchly evacuated & fled for Fort Matine. This morning our people
 played 4 Guns from 3 Batteries & one from the Jones Hill, w^{ch} I observing in a great
 execution, sent a shore to the Agent to advise him to make one good Battery near the
 Castle & ply their Guns at one place that we may have an opportunity of
 storming the Castle, finding all the execution they did was but battering the apper-
 =works, The Dutch fired some Guns this day, but they put no shot out, we were
 daily & hourly supplying our people on shore with Ammunition & several materials.

Friday 29. This day I had the Command^{er} & Back^s (at first some misst of them) advising about carrying
 on of the Siege of Cape Coast Castle, & to receive ord^r for sending of Ammunition
 provision & materials on shore to carry on the works, I seeing the Dutch in the
 Castle made no great use of their Guns, I writt to the Agent & officers on shore
 to raise a Battery near the Castle than where they first placed their Guns
 & plant there 2 or 3 12 pound^s & that when that Battery should be finished
 I would go in with the Shipp to fire at the Castle, & give the Dutch some diversion on
 our side, accordingly I ordered the Sophia this afternoon in, near the Castle, & kept
 plying her Gun till midnight, & then came off, having had one man wounded with a
 Splinter. This day our people on shore pulled up the Royal Camp^{er} & flagg on one
 of their Batteries, the Dutch showed no shot.

Saturday 30. At 7 this morning I was with a Resolution to go in & batter the Castle upon w^{ch} all
 the officers & back^s came on board & I persuaded me from it until the Dutch on
 shore should be in better condition, whereupon I departed until I should hear from
 our people on shore, who still kept firing their great & small shot, however got
 my Shipp cleave; and ordered the Expedition to be ready to follow me, when I
 should say so.

An order to Capt Fenn to ride near the shore &c

Whereas I am certainly informed that the Dutch at Castle de Mina have severall Canoas in readyness to send to Cape Coast Castle wth men & other Supplies for that place, w^{ch} may prove obstructive to our Designe, if not prevented, These are therfore to require you to weigh, & come to Anchor between the Sophia & the shore as close in, as you can safely ride wth your ship, to be a Retreat to the Canoas & Boats w^{ch} we intend to employ in the night to frustrate the Flemings Designe, And for so doing &c Dated on board &c before Cape Coast 26th Apr 1664 R: H.

to Capt Fenn Command of
the Katherine.

Capt: Holmes to m^d Belwyn

Jeary 26 Apr 1664

I have by this Canoa sent ashore 3 Bar^{rels} of Powder one Bon^{net} of 8 pikes, & 26 Sparrs, & towards high water will send wth a Flemish Boat 2 six pounders having no more 12 pound^s to send. you may please to tell the Lane that when this business is done I will give him a 12 pound^s: & what other Guns he pleases, he shall have for his money. Doubting not of your care & Diligence in all this business I am
y^{rs} R: H.

Another to him

Jeary 20 Apr 1664

I have sent to Capt Bowen for some Coaley but find there is none to be had nearer than Cormentine, there being none in the ships but few in one of the Flyboat prizes, & that proved wth so many studds that it is impossible to come at them. I have observed some shotts made out of the last Gun planted, & when one is plaid 1000 six goe over: unless can be taken to make better shotts, we shall want both Powder & shott to supply y^e. I have sent by this Canoa some powder taken out of the Dove merchant. I desire you will send back wth the Canoa that she may carry ashore some provisions & Leguons that are here ready for you. I am
y^{rs} R: H.

Capt Holmes to Capt Cubitt

Jeary before Cape Coast 28 Apr 1664

They will want 12⁰⁰ shott very much ashore for those Guns & if you doe not furnish them I know not how they can be supplied for having already sent ashore all the 12⁰⁰ shott that was in the Golden Lyon, there is no more such shott in the fleet but what you have, therefore I desire you to spare as many as you can of y^or selfe all that we have done will be to no purpose I am
y^{rs} R: H.

May 1
Sunday 1.

2 p.m. Capt. & John

This day the Capt. & John were on board about 11 of the clock Capt. Mervill and John (Christa) came off, & told me we had two men killed on shore & one wounded. & that the Dutch being the chief man in that part amongst the Blacks, was very earnest to drive us away, & that he was highly concerned for our Interest, upon which I sent Capt. Bowen with a message to him, this morning our people removed some of their tents near the castle one whereof to the English house & another with the flag & expedition and ran close in under the castle with a Soldier to play upon the Gallies where I ordered the Dutch men to be killed & fortified themselves as was wont to be done. I saw a white flag on the castle & another waving by the Bay, & had notice by a letter from the shore that they were upon a treaty with the Dutch for surrendering the castle and desiring me to still prolong until they should know the issue of their party, as they would let me know by a flag that if they succeeded well they would fire a gun from the shore eastward, if otherwise; two Juns at the Cape were anchored in 5 fath. water, & ordered the Gun fired to the seaward which upon I concluded that they had agreed, which was confirmed unto me by 12 of the Galleys at night by Capt. Bowen & M. Brevit & John (Christa) who told me we were to have the castle, they in it to have all their own goods & conveyed to Africa & Mina.

Monday 2

This morning I called all the Commanders & Factors on board to advise, I call Capt. Mervill, Capt. Bowen & Capt. Jallot on shore to take possession of the castle, & to treat with the Blacks & order matters on shore as should be requisite, the Blacks had half the Blacks of the castle, & the other that were at the taking the other side I ordered 50 men to be put into the castle with Capt. Mervill and M. Clark the rest of our men to keep without the castle to guard the Dutchmen to the water side under Capt. Jallot & Capt. Bowen, this morning we saw 2 Shippes under way off of Freshway, I ordered the Expedition to sail towards them, & after having spoken with them, in case they were friends that he should come to Anchor off of Cape, which he accordingly did the wind at S.W.

Tuesday 3

This morn about 4 of the clock we had a land storm, was worried & got into our former berth, from 4 to 10 we had several showers of rain, thunder and lightning, & the Antain anchored by us Capt. Mervill's Commanders, soon after the Dutch ships being the two galleys that was sent yesterday. At 11 of the clock the Dutch came out of the Cape with their arms & were agreeable to the English Capitulations, & our people took possession, the Dutch were shipped off on board the Whillem Sophia & Jallot which ordered to carry them to a distance some 100 miles, & 30 Blacks at noon the Royal Company's flag was up on the castle, at which time three Juns were fired from the castle the 2 Juns East & the Shippes Monseigneur Bonifant the Governor, & the Dutch came on board of us with Capt. Curik, with whom they went about 4 of the clock on board the Whillem Sophia & conveyed to Idemina at 7 of the clock this night we had a fresh Gale with much thunder lightning and rain all the first part of the night and a fresh easterly wind all night.

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Capt. Holmes to Capt. Rubitt Command of the Walcom

1^o May 1664
There must be care taken to send ashore some powder those
Barrells sent yesterday have done little service, some of the barrels
not above half full, & those that were full, was with stuff
as not fit to be used: I cannot imagine that the R.^l C. would
send such powder out of England, it makes me conclude
that it is a Cheat in those that sent it ashore; I desire
that you make enquiry, & endeavor to find out when the
fault lies, otherwise I will do it, in the interim pray
let them on shore be supplied. I am &c yo^r R. H.

Whereas I am credibly informed that some men on shore (by the
instigation of some will affected persons) are grown to that disorder
& intolency, that they will not obey the officers appointed to command
them, it may inevitably ruin our present transactions if not
speedily suppressed, (these are therefore to will require all & every
person & persons of what degree or quality power belonging to any
of the ships of this Fleet, or is or are at present or hereafter to be
employed in the service of his Majesty or the R.^l C. on this Coast
or elsewhere, upon pain of Death to render themselves submissive
& respectfull in all things to the said officers, & to observe & obey
all orders & commands given by them from time to time, when
he or they to offending may deserve present Death without mercy
the 2^o of May 1664
R. H.

To Capt. Merritt Command of the James Trigg^t
you are wth the first opportunity to weigh & sayle for Morrae Amho
as near the Cape as conveniently you may, & to keep a strict Watch
on board yo^r ship, and in case you see any Canoes going in or
coming off, you are to fire at them, & seize as many as yo^r
can wth you are to secure until further orders from me. What
Drivons you have on board yo^r ship, you are to send on board
the Walcom. During yo^r being before Morra, yo^r are not to sell
or suffer any of yo^r ships Com^o to sell any Armes Powder or
other Ammunition or Provisions to the Natives, for doing where
of the said yo^r being before Cape Coast 4^o May 1664
R. H.

The like to Capt. Fern Command of the Kethwin, except what
relates to Drivons he having none on board
R. H.

- May
Wednesday 4. This morning was had 2 or 3 small Showers of Rain, fair weather all day after. The welcome Sophia & Pallid sailed with the Dutchmen for de Mina. M^r Lewis came from Cape Coast, & went for Cormantine. M^r & Blown was on shore looking of the Factory &c.
- Thursday 5. This day the Welcome & Sophia returned from de Mina where they landed some of the Dutchmen, who being admitted by the Governor. there to be abused & plundered by the Blacks he terrified the rest that they refused to go ashore - but came back again, so far as the ships could come.
- Friday 6. This day the Welcome & Sophia came & anchored by us, Monsieur Perrin de la Tourne of Cape Coast Castle & his French Officer of the same, came in a Canoe from de Mina & carried back the rest of their People that were afraid to land yesterday because of the ill usage the rest had wth a shore mob with.
- Saturday 7. This forenoon we had a Tornado in it much Rain and wind at ENE & NE. a Canoe came from Cormantine with 7 Soldiers to be sent to Cape Coast. all the Commanders & Sailes were on board consulting about the repairing & adorning of Cape Coast & putting provisions into it, & that Captⁿ (Came in the Brittain should be dispatched for England with Lt. to give an^t of our proceedings, & considering the affront & abuse given the M^r for neg^t & men passing by, by the Dutch there who fired at them as they passed by, & find their continuing there would be very obstructive to the correspondence that should be kept between the Companies at Cormantine (Cape Coast & Inshang, it was concluded very reasonable to remove that place.
- Sunday 8. This day I ordered the Sophia, Commodore. & Katherine to go & ride before Aga, the weather fair. This morning M^r Dyer & M^r Daniel two of the Royal Companies Sailes came from Morae, where they were Hostages for performance of the Capitulation made at the taking of Cape Coast Castle.
- Monday 9. This morning I ordered the goods that were on board the Brittain to be put into the Pallid to be carried on shore. I was at with the Sailes to Cape Coast to direct all mat^r there & give the unnecessary ord^r fair weather and a fresh breeze at Sea. the Sailes brought us some water from Inshang.
- Tuesday 10. This day the Command^r & Sailes were on board of one, getting charred? & edible to be sent for England. in the evening I gave Captⁿ (Came in the Brittain my dispatches & ordered him & the Relief for de Mina, from thence the Brittain to go to England & the Relief for de Mina, having ordered all the goods in the Brittain remaining to be taken out & put on shore. I ordered the Welcome for Aga.
- Wednesday 11. At 4 of the clock this morn the Brittain and Relief weighed anchor & fresh land breezes stood upon a wind. at 9 they were set off from us about 3 miles. the Welcome weighed anchor & sailed for Aga. I sent the Sailes to get water on board at Inshang. the Sailes at 11 M^r Dyer went for Cormantine a fresh breeze this afternoon at 11.
- Thursday 12. This day the Pallid returned a shore at Cape Coast. the goods that were put on board her, out of the Brittain in the afternoon were hoisted out by pulleys fired a Gun & sent for our own that were on shore.

May 13^o At 11 of the clock this day was weighed with the Expedition & her prize having a fresh Sea Breeze, leaving the Sams before Cape East, at 4 in the afternoon was Anchored between Age & Anamabo in 5^o fath. water, the rest of the Shipp without us. At 5 I call'd for all the Command^o on board at above what Paul & were in the Fleet. was had a fresh Sea Breeze and several Showers of Rain last night

Saturday 14^o Was had a land Breeze all this morning & fair weather, at a great Sea out of the S.W. the Expeditions prize I order'd to weigh & Anchor within musquet shot of Age little, After I had Order'd some Guns to be put on board of her, she Anchored in 3 fath. water resolving to make her a Gallie against the little of Age.

Sunday 15^o This day I order'd the prize that is the Expeditions prize to be unrigg'd & to have her Toppmasts lower'd upon deck was had a Sea Breeze & a very great Sea out of the S.W. all day & night, the prize drove into the Waps of the Ship. (the Sea running so very high) that they were forced to cut their cable, and sayle with their low stables till they came to Anchor by us.

Monday 16^o This day the Sea was so high that the boats at the beSIDE Temple at Imithang could get no water off. The Agent sent to the King of Fontenee to let him know that there was a necessity of redeeming Age & to desire him to be neutral betwixt us & them which he refused, pretending that he would have two sorts of white men to trade in his Country was had a great Sea running very hollow all day and night.

Tuesday 17^o This day our Shipp, the Expedition & the Foulis upon weighed and run a little - both of them most easterly, then Anchored in 7^o fath. water before Commentins. The Agent sent again by my direction to the King of Fontenee offering him five pound of Foulds Hand Powder betwixt us & the Dutch promising that having Age & Anamabo was would bring the Dutch to live in the later Sea that he may have two sorts of white men which he refused being hired by the Dutch to take their part against the English.

Wednesday 18^o Mr. Schuyt Agent to the Royall Company at Commentins having been accus'd to the Company by one Mr. Davies one of their Factors of some misdemeanors in this Service and being by my instructions directed to call both parties with their evidence before me. Capt^o Payne & other officers to examine the matter accordingly appeared this day together agreeable to the warrant I had given them, and after a full hearing of all the matter, & strict Examination of the witnesses, found the accusation false and maliciously grounded, soe that all the officers appointed to examine the matter, were of opinion that he was wrong'd & soe cleared him. This weather all this morning till the wind at N.N.E.

Thursday 19^o This day fair weather till evening then some Rain, in the afternoon a fresh Sea Breeze, the wind was at East being in gale of S.W. water sent

Friday 20^o From the 19^o this day was was in and again between Commentins & Cape East our Boats and the little getting of what water they could, during this time the several Command^o and Paul & were on board daily consulting how to reduce Age & our

8^rCapt. Holmes to m^d SelwynSearcy before Comen^t 17 May 17

Whereas I am impowred by his R: H the Duke of York
to examine you upon some accusations exhibited against you
by m^d Thomas Davis & for that I have but a short time to con-
tinue on this Coast, by vertue of my authority aforesaid I desire
that you come on board this ship to morrow morn by ten
of the Clock being the 18th inst. bringing wth you your Journall
Ledger & Cash booke: As also that you bring wth you m^d Gilbert
Beavis & m^d Betts, that I may proceede according as I am
authorised, herein I shall expect your Compliance. I am
y^r R: H.

Another

Lady Die before Comen^t3^r

I doe very much wonder that since my arrivall here I
could hear nothing of your proceedings a shore & doe admire
that the R: C: servants doe endeavour to make the Natives
their Enemy, unless they have a designe to ruin their Masters
Interest, w^{ch} I fear is their intent as I observe by their pro-
ceedings, for I find that the Natives were very much inclin'd
to the English Interest untill the R: C: servants by their behavior
have incurred their Enmity. I am very suddenly to depart
this Coast, in case you have any good to send home, I desire
you will bring it on board, that I may transport it as I
am desired. I am
y^r R: H.

Let care be taken for bringing off money
for satisfaction of the seamen for the & fund
of Cape Coast Castle.

May 29^e instruments at work on shore to gett the Blacks to our side. Every dayes had our Boats and Canoes employd carrying provisions on shore to the severall Factories this being but major part Birth & Assistance of all the Shippes and (able to be made) it with firing of Gunnes.

Monday 30th This day I sent my pinnae with my pinnae on shore to bring off the Dixe of Foutou & the Generall to dine with me with divers others whom I feared and very well provided to secure their friend shipp to the English, which they promised me should be very constant & affectionate and having but little prospect of looking upon the King of Trancon & settled all their matters & reconciled the facts. I had thoughts of turning to windward therefore ordered the Expedition & the Gallid to go to do Mina & there deliver all the Dutchmen that were taken on the Expedition prisoners. This being lawfully condemned was sold to Captn. Pieter Command. of the Methurin.

Tuesday 31st This day the Expedition of Gallid sailed to do Mina with the Dutchmen aforesd, whom the Dutch Command. there refused to take, allowing the Blacks to rifle plunder & absp. all the whites that should be landed, where upon towards night they returned to us to Cape Coast.

Having by the Factor that was on board the Joubon you sent to the Generall of do Mina a message signifying my having taken in the 3 Shippes I desired all provisions and liquors that were sent him out of Holland, which was to serve him for a whole year; and that though we were now in hostility through their own operations, yet considering it might be very hard with him through that disappointment and having provision enough to serve, if he would send of 3 or 4 Boates or 5 Canoes I would send him provision & liquors enough for his Table. After requesting to receive his Countermans, he sent me 3 Canoes for provision with a civill letter. I must confess when I sent him the message I did really intend to supply him accordingly, but having above 100 Indians on board our Shippes w^{ch} I knew not how to dispose of & unwilling to turn them a shore amongst the Blacks to have their throats cut, I took this opportunity to send them away in these Canoes which the Generall of do Mina perceiving drew his men out of his Castle to oppose their landing firing at them with great and small shot, where upon they returning back, I ordered some Boats to be manned & armed to keep them from coming nearer, upon their firing at them with their small shot, & seeing the 3 Boats collide in their heads they forced their way ashore, where being landed the Generall for a cutting & slaying of them & ordered divers of them into the danger of the sea that came of in the Canoes if they would come off next day I would send them with provisions (w^{ch} I did really intend to do) but the Generall would not be so mercifull seeing himselfe be overruled.

June 1st Wednesday This morn at 4 of the clock was weighed with the Joubon Expedition Gallid you sent James & the Gallid, at 5 Joubon a letter signifying that the King of Trancon was

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June 1

Deposited by his people; & another Ship that professed himself a good friend to y^e English
whom upon I called for all Commands on board & resolved to saile for Comandments Improve this
opportunity to get Aja and Anemabo into our hands, in the Evening we Anchored before Aja
in 8 fathoms, a Captⁿ (Cobbitt and the Ajaul came on board me to assure me of the
Aja King & his Subjects fidelity and friendship to our Interest, upon which I was
resolved to send what men could be spared out of the Fleet ashore in order to the
taking of Aja.

Thursday 2

This morning pursuant to the Ord^r. I gave all the Shippes sent their men well armed
a shore to Comandments at past 3 in the afternoon they began to fire at Aja & also
Stormed and took it, After which the Dutchmen being taken into mercy inviting our
people into their wardships with assurance of great quantities of treasure & riches
they most treacherously with pieces of powder (laid to the end) blowⁿ above four
score Whites and Blacks, which we repeated the Blacks, that notwithstanding all
our Endeavours to protect them (as our people did for us with apparent danger of
their own lives) the Blacks in just revenge of the Dutchmens treachery, fell upon
them and cut off the heads of soe many of them as they could avoild out of the
hands of the English, one of our men having in a Dutch habit & countenance earnestly
for the rest of the Dutch, was mistaken for a Dutchman & soe suffered the same misfortune

Friday 3

This day we had some small showers of rain, after the R^g Company Ship was
putt up on Aja & finding the Reg^t of the Blacks irreconcilable wth the Dutch, in
Christian compassion to what remained of them in the wthour hood, I caused a drum
to be sent to their Fort at Anemabo under appointment, giving them advice of what
had past at Aja, & of the Indignation conceived by the Blacks against their whole
action for it, and desiring to prevent any further Effusion of Christian blood I offered
(if they thought fit) to receive them into my protection, but they instead of a right
sense of their own charitable humenities, contrary even to the practice of war it self
& open hostilities caused several of their people to issue out, & fall upon the poor
Drum: under their walls, & having most barbarously cut & mangled him, they stript
him and left him for dead upon the place, which was all the answer I had for my
kind offer. being thus every where unjustly returned for my kindness & humenities
to those people, I called together a Council of all the officers & Traders where it was
unanimously resolved, that as well in just revenge of the inhuman & unchristian
murder of the said Drummer & to free our Nation & Trade from the oppressions of soe barbarous
a Reg^t that we should forthwith attempt to reduce that place, pursuant therunto
I ordered some men on shore out of the respective Shippes in order to attack that
place where Bonifield (Sole Govern^r of Cape Coast) commended

Saturday 4

This day we weighed from before Aja & sailed up to Anemabo where we anchored
in 7 fathoms water with the Expedition in our Company.

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June
Sunday 5

This morning the Blacks began to fire small shot against Anamabo at 4 past 4 our people plyed a great fire against Anamabo Castle, at about three small shot, some of the Ormande and Pallo came on board and pretended that without any assistance they would be able of themselves to take Anamabo and desired to have assistance of it water upon I sent a Boats for my own & the Expedition men willing to comply with the Company servants, in the afternoon I had my boats supplyed with loof & hal'd home our boats, and sent the Galliot to bring off my own & the Expedition men on board. our people on shore were very still all night.

Monday 6

This day was wright & stood off to the westward about a mile at 4 & anchored in 9 fathoms water the wind at W. W. and fair weather. The Expedition was gone to Cape Coast and the Galliot to Juitang to bring home water.

Tuesday 7

This morning little wind off the shore was wright and run off into 11 fathoms water in the afternoon a fresh Sea began W & W S W, the Company servants plyed their great and small shot as fast as they could in the evening against Anamabo, the wind this night at S. W.

Wednesday 8

This day the Galliot Bligh came on board me to seek himself & the rest of the Company were 4 in pretending they could take Anamabo without any assistance, & to begg it now for them, but that they found the place too strong for them, because I know it a fort for the Company I granted him all that he desired, & changed my resolution of going to take in water at Anta and sent for the Expedition from Cape Coast & the Galliot from Juitang, the Expedition and Gouldenyon I ordered from Winimba to take in water, & there to expect me in few days when Anamabo should be reduced.

Thursday 9

This day the Dutch of Anamabo understanding that I was resolved not to depart the fort till the place was taken, & fresh supplies going a third capitulated and surrounded the place at noon I wright & stood to the westward at 4 in the afternoon Anchored in 10 fathoms water, little wind all night & foggy weather.

Friday 10

This day at noon was wright and went away for Juitang where was Anchored at 4 in the afternoon and got off two Boats loads of wood & one of water the night midway between Nova & Cape Coast a little westward of Gormons the four great high mountains up in the country and would send to the Eastward of them fair weather all night.

Saturday 11

This day fair weather was got all our wood & water on board.

Sunday 12

At 4 this morning was got on Anchor on board, at 7 wright and stood away for Gormons at 9 was Anchored in 9 fathoms water little wind all the forenoon, at 2 was wright and stood off & on, while the Galliot & Boats came on board, having killed all small with them and accommodated them with all that I could for their Turnips and Peas and directed them to keep in, very fair with the weather they desired, at 7 having but little wind I fired a Gun and anchored in 9 fathoms water.

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June
Monday 13

This morning at break of day was weighed with the *Trojan* *Arcturion* and *Jallid* a little wind till 10 past 10, then a fine small gale at S.W. The *Argon* *Arcturion*: *Liter* & *M. Dabon* all *Barb.* for the *Co.* went from me after directing them to find a cove. *Liter* & after me to *Wimimba* to take the *Jallid*, which *J.* resolved to leave with them for the *Companys* service, after she should help to bring us water at *Wimimba* was stood along the shore: at 2 was with abreast of a point that made very black the shore but along from *Carmentine* to it *S.E.* a little easterly, & from it to *Wimimba* norward *E.N.E.* was with about 12 le. to the westward of the point at 11 *Barb.* water was saw a good hill w^d by the water side ditto. to the westward of *Wimimba* about 2 ls. called the *Drivell* hill. at 4 *afternoon* was saw the *Expedition* at *Argon*. a fresh Gale at S.W. At 7 past 8 this evening was anchored by them in *Wimimba* Roads in 17 *Barb.* water. The land by the water side is low & even to the water but the inland is high.

Tuesday 14

This *Johnson* that was *Commander* of the *Touadon* *Argon* told me that he was once staying under this *Drivell* hill and have his lead with *Galow* on it & the first cast brought up some lead upon the *Jallid* he heard the second time & brought up more, the third time a much greater quantity, and that he had taken short marks & long marks with the best notice he could now to find that place again, & made all the people he could to make the *Touadon* of *Castle* *Arcturion* acquainted with it and that the *Touadon* did find another Shipp along with him with all necessaries to get up the *Point*, but when he came there could never hit upon the same place again, let those believe what they will that have a mind to it, for I gave but little credit to him.

Wednesday 15

This morning was sent our long boats a shore for water, but the sea being very high could get off none though she stayed till noon, all the afternoon a fresh gale at S.W. at night a little wind at W.

Thursday 16

At break of day this morn went our long boats all *primae* a shore for our water *Barb.* got the *Jallid* cleared of all our men & some *Filminis* that were on her, & run her cloys to shore & moved her leaving one of my men in her with all that belongs to her, in the evening having got all our things off from the shore was hooped our *Touadon* *Argon*, but proving calm was with still all night.

Friday 17

At 7 this morn was weighed together with the *Expedition* *Touadon* *Argon* and the *Arcturion*, leaving the *Jallid* behind, to the receiving of w. cove. *Liter* came this morning from *Carmentine* and took possession of her, we had again small Gale, all the *Touadon* at 11 was in the lee of 5. 5. then the *Drivell* hill bore N.W. & N. ditto about 3/4 leagues the wind at S.W. & S.

Saturday 18

From yesterday morn till 12 of the clock this day was made our way by *Dead* *Arcturion* *E.N.E.* & S. ditto 10 le. wind at S.W. a moderate Gale but a great sea out of S. weather bound at 6 past night the *Drivell* hill bore N.W. by *Estimate* 9 leagues.

Sunday 19

Since yesterday noon we made our way by observation *E.N.E.* & S. 20 le. a fine small Gale at S.W. & S.W. by our compass was bore S.E. & E. good Gale 1/2 5/3.

Monday 20

Yesterday at noon fair weather & see all night till 11 past 11 then it looked very black all round fair weather all the forenoon this 24 hours was storm S.W. & easterly, but made our way S.E. 16 le. wind at S.W. & S.W. The past 24 hours we made our way S.E. & S. 20 le. a fresh Gale from S.W. to S.W. in the afternoon yesterday we had 2 or 3 small showers by observation this day was with in 4. 9.

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- June
Tuesday 21. The last night we had clef cloudy weather almost part of this morn we stood the 24 hours S.W.S. but made good our way S.E. $\frac{1}{2}$ S. by 19 le. Wind S.W. & S.W.S. Lat. 3. 12.
- Wednesday 22. Clef weather in the afternoon, but fair all the night & this forenoon, we stood S.S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ E. S. by 21 le. we found a strong current setting to the W.S.W. Lat. by observation or. 54.
- Thursday 23. From yesterday noone fair weather but clef the wind from S.W. to S.W. a fresh Gale, by our compass was stood S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ S. by but have made our way S.E. $\frac{1}{2}$ S. by 20 le. Lat. 2. 24
- Friday 24. yesterday in the afternoon fair weather wind from S.W.S. to S.E. was stood by our compass S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ S. by but made our way good the 24 hours S.E. 13 le. Lat. or. 59.
- Saturday 25. At last night & this forenoon a fresh Gale at S.W. S.S.W. & S.W.S. stood by compass S.S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ E. by made good our way S.E. $\frac{1}{2}$ S. by 19 le. At noon thick cloudy weather.
- Sunday 26. yesterday afternoon thick cloudy weather & some small showers of rain at 4 in afternoon yesterday we founded with our boat, had no ground with 130 fath. of line, at 12 at night no ground with 60 fath. at 4 this morning was had 25 fath. Ooze ground, then fresh a Gale and backt off wind at S.E. at day light was saw the land, it made to be an Island we lay in the lower mouth of a river a little to the Sward of Cape St. John it bore S.E. of us with by the mark 5 le. we made our way since yesterday at noon to the Sward of the land in the morn S.E. 12 le.
- Monday 27. yesterday in the forenoon it clearing up between the showers we saw the land plain, the Island made long, midship out high, a mouth to the W.S.W. of the Island was saw another head-land midship out high & somewhat scragged it made to be Cape St. John, was stood off all the forenoon yesterday, wind from S.E. to S.W. a fresh Gale clef and rainy weather all the afternoon, after we had at noon backt to the Sward, at 4 past 6 we fell in a long mouth land which was judged to be the Sward head of the River Sagor, & the other head by the Sward of it to be the north head of the River Sagor, then was anchored in 16 fath. sandy ground wind S.W. clef weather all night with some rain the wind shifting to the south this morning at S.E. then we weighed & stood off the Sward point bearing S.W.S. at the Sward point S.E. at noon was backt in a gain Lat. then by observation or. 26.
- Tuesday 28. In the afternoon yesterday was had the wind at S.W.S. at 5 was anchored in 16 fath. with the north head of land we saw yesterday morning bore N.E. of us. but saw no land to the Sward of it, between that & the Sward head we bore S.E. lay many red & white cliffs by the water side, & sandy Rocks all along, the land is midship out high & about 2 le. in length, between both heads. From the Sward head runs in a great Bay, & in it some high land but broken to the Sward of that was an opening w. was made to be the River Sagor. to the Sward of the opening the land was midship out high at bore S. of us, was anchored in muddy ground of Cape (last wind at S.W. S.W. all night till 4 this morn. then we weighed the wind at S.E. a fresh Gale & misty drizzling weather.
- Wednesday 29. yesterday at 2 in the afternoon we backt in to the shore wind at S.W. fine fresh Gale & clear weather we founded 40 fath. water muddy sandy ground, & so much as we could see the land in the morning at 10 last night was anchored in 20 fath. muddy ground wind at S. this morn was weighed wind at S.E. at 10 of all this forenoon

June
Friday 30
yesterday noon when we stood off the S. Land of the River Saboon bore a E. 7th Dist. at
alt past 1 was tackt to the shore wind S.W. we then had 45 fath. sand & stony ground
at 4 31 fath. small muddy sand. at 6.27 fath. Cozy ground. at 10 at night was saw a faye
a head of us standing off. was fired some Guns at her, she held up her Sayle, we came
up with her at 1/2 past 10. she proved to be the Pormentine Pinnace belonging to the
R. Comp^a. come from Bourvim & bound for Formentine, At 11 was Anchored in 16 fath.
Cozy ground the wind at 10th all night. This morn we saw the land plain, it made
high double land about 5th Le. in length, was judg^d this land to be to windw^d. of Saboon
about 10 Le. At 7 this morn was weighd the wind from S.E. to S.W. at 8 was tackt
in to the shore, & run into y^e fath. water dist. 4 miles from the shore. at noon was
tackt again to the Sward wind at S.W. & W. at 4 was Anchored in 10 fath. Cozy ground
having got this day about 1st Le. to windw^d. left at noon 00. of 1st the Pormentine
Pinnace bore away for Saboon.

July
Friday 1
This land was followd with yesterday being the windward part of the double land, on it there
was 2 Hummocks a good distance one from the other, to the Sward of that the land
was lower, This land was Anchored against was double & triple and ragged by the water, this
was west about 4 miles off, wind at 10th till 3 this morning then was weighd the wind
at S.E. & S.W. a fine fresh Gale, being 42 fath. gross sandie ground was tackt, the wind
at S.W. fath. by observation 00. 23.

Saturday 2
yesterday at noon stood in was had sandy ground till was came into 15 fath. then muddy ground
and the water deepnd to 18 fath. at 6 was Anchored in 14 fath. muddy ground the wind
at S.W. all night. At break of day this morn a fine fresh Gale, at 11 E. was weighd
and stood off, at one was tackt, wind at S.W. & W. as was stood in was had hard
ground the faye Cape bore S.W. & a River S.E. of us.

Sunday 3rd
At 5 of the Lock yesterday was Anchored in 8 fath. muddy & hard ground, then the faye
Cape bore S.W. 5 or 6 Le. off a River to leeward about 4 Le. from the Cape
bore S.E. which made a great opening, a little to the S.E. of the River was a little
spot of double land wind at S.W. but all along to the Cape was smooth land
wind at S.W. all night, this morn at 6 was weighd wind S.E. & S.W. in evening
S.W. & S.W. was shoald our water to 6th fath. hard ground, & then it deepnd to
8 & 10 fath. sandy ground, at noon the wind at S.W. & W. S.W. was tackt & stood
to the shore & Anchored in 6 fath. at 1/2 water 3 or 4 Le. off shore the faye Cape
bearing S.E. & W. was saw land W. by. from us. which was judg^d to be (Cape) St
Gonzalves

Monday 4th
The wind was last night at S.W. & S.W. At 5 this morn the wind being at S.E. was
weighd, then the wind bered to the S. S.W. at 10 was saw (Cape) Lopez bearing
S.W. & W. being in 31 fath. water, & then deepnd to 58 fath. when the Cape
bore S.W. of us was had no ground with 65 fath. by observation at noon was
was in S.W. of 00. 30. 1st then the Cape bore S.E. about 7 miles off, at 4 was
tackt the wind at S.W. having no ground with 70 fath. by, little wind all the
afternoon.

July 5
Tuesday 5
yesterday afternoon about the Cape we had a Gale, soft ground, standing in along shore the water shoald to 40 fath. then we tackt & stood with the pitch of the Cape, was tackt again & stood with the watering place. 2 Canoes came on board all was anchored in 17 fath. water.

The Cape makes a Bluff point of wood & a few sandy point goes off from it the watering place is close by the second point from the Cape over a fust of wood
This day was logg'd our Shipp & staid our Foremast

Wednesday 6
Thursday 7
Friday 8
Saturday 9
These 4 daies the wind was variable from S.W. to the S.S.E. in this time we keeld our Shipp tallowed two Strakes & 1/2 unrigg'd our main mast & Topmast having 2 Showts put on the Shipp, fild our mainyard, Riggd our mainmast & Topmast scarp'd & tarr'd our Shipp & daily bringing wood & water on board before Capet Lopez Tonjales.

Sunday 10
This morn at 4 of the clock was riggd the wind at S. a fresh Gale, at 6 was under a broad the Cape wind at S.S.W. at 8 the wind was at S.W. a fresh Gale, & a very strong Current setting to the S. ward, then we tackt & stood in 2 fath. to S.W. ward of the Cape about 4 miles at noon was anchored in 23 fath. about 4 or 5 cables length off the shore, & 2 canyquet stott within the Cape, all this afternoon wind from S.W. to S.S.W.

Monday 11
yesterday in the afternoon I sent a Boate without the Cape & found the Current S.W. 4 miles a watch. This morn I sent my long Boole a shore for wood & the pinnace to be kind. At noon fired a Gun & loopp'd our best stoppells the wind at S. but veering about again to the S.W. & S.W.S. wec ridd still. This afternoon Capt'n Pyne & I went a shore.

Tuesday 12
Little wind all night at W. & S.W. this morn was sent our Boate to try the Current & found it to set to windward, also was riggd wind at S.S.W. a fresh Gale, & all was under a broad the Cape was under clop within a stons cast of the shore.

Wednesday 13
At 4 in the After noon yesterday Capet Lopez bore E. about 7 le. off we had a wind all night at S.W. a fresh Gale, at 8 this morn we steerd W.N.W. from yesterday 4 a clock to 12 this day by our Compass W. 22 le. clop here weather.

Thursday 14
At 4 yesterday afternoon was lay by for the Isle that was 3 le. astern was hain'd our Sayles & lay under a main sayle & Mizzen, a fresh Gale at S.W. the weather clop & cloudie. At 4 this morn was made sayle & steerd W.N.W. & W.W.W. at 7 of the clock was saw the Island of St. Thomas bearing W.N.W. & W. about 7 le. off was borne & drove since yesterday noon to 7 this morn 11 le. N.W.W. at 9 of the clock was under clop by the Howles an Island that lies off the South of St. Thomas then was bore away & drove leeward of the Howles by 6 or 7 great black Rocks high above water, A little to the S. ward of them is a point of high land with two round Topps & in the land from that is a high round sharp Rock, & Joe high was continued for the topp of it, it standt up like a sugarloafe or Pyramid. To the S. ward of the Rocks is a small Island called St. Ann, a little distant off the shore. About 4 or 5 le. to windward of the Isle when was under a broad of it, was saw a low point, & about a le. to leeward of that on another

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low point was saw the Castle, & to leeward of it the (Baroness) w^{ch} by about 3 miles to leeward of the Road to Island, the land as it makes very low, about 1 mile to windward of the Cattle was had 12 Batheme water about 20 musket shot off shore, at 3 the afternoon was Anchored in 5 Pals, the Cattle bearing of say S.W. & the Island called (Baroness) N.W. Dist. 2 miles - as it is a low point by the water side, & over it is a high hill with a great house on it, we found a dutchman in the Roads that come from Holland & 3 portugueses, one a new shipp without water, The Roads bet about 10 le. to leeward of Howles, & the Island of St Ann 6 or 7 le. to leeward of Howles, & about 4 le. to windward of the Roads, About 3 le. to leeward of Howles bet 6 or 7 great black Rocks high above water, & about 2 miles of shore, about 5 le to leew. of the Rocks off a point wee saw an Island bearing N.W. or S. called St Ann it is distant from the maine Island about a mile, having 3 or 4 Palm trees on it, about 2 le. to leeward of that there is a low point, when wee were a part of the low wee saw the Cattle, about 2 le. to leew. lowland from the point to the Cattle, they had one from another N.W. & N.E.

Friday 15

All this day & last night a strong sur. set to windward, The Govern^r. of the Cattle had me a present of 7 Cows some sheep, Pokes, Hogs, herbs and fruit.

The great day I had him double, or treble the value of his present, the best sort of Provenc^r. expecting always to be soe dealt withall, w^{ch} caused gr. sat. kindness & good understanding between us at all the time I stayd there, & nothing he could get more. I had but he sent me. This Island has great quantity of provision as Cows, sheep, Pokes, hogs & pultrie in abundance, good fish. All the field full of black Quails & other birds I had a mind to see the shore by the watering place, & the King of portugals house and the Cattle, the Govern^r. did not seeme to deny it, but as I understood he had no mind that I should see his poore & weak condition, how ever I was resolv'd to goe in my wile day (for I had got an Ague) w^{ch} Paper to see Tomatoes) The next wile day in the morning I had him word that I intended to come a shore, but desired him to take notice of one, but he did, & put himself in the best posture he could, & received me with the best countenance he could shew, but before I came away he begged a Barrell or two of powder of me, supposing that I had a good quantity on board, I had him 2 Barrells of powder, & at my going away he did to me, to let me know that he was in some apprehension that the Dutch had a designe to take the Island from the Portugueses and desired me to let him have 3 or 4 Barrells more otherwise he would not be in a condition to keep the Cattle or receive the Royall Companies shipp, when they should come there, I had him 4 Barrells more, when he found me soe free, he was every day begging something or other.

That which I took most notice of on this unfortunate shore, was, that all ye women were in Armes formed into Companies with Captains, Lieutenants & Sergeants in good order, & ye Companies of them, the reason of this is, that the males doe not live long upon this Island, but the females doe, and they have 10 Females for one Male.

July
Sunday 31

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From the 15th to this day being the 31. was very busy in getting all our empty casks a shore, & a great quantity we had bound up on staves which was had fitted up a shore by our Cooper which I ordered a shore for the work, clearing our Shipp & daily bringing off water when was calm, as the Cooper fitted & made up the casks & the weather permitted, having ^{promised} the Royall Companies Serv^{ts} to leave store of provisions for their Shipp at St. Thomas when they should come that way, accordingly I caused a great store of all sorts to be landed & laid up there for them, At the request of the Governor I landed 15 Dulbman to serve in the Portuguese Shipp, the wind for the most part between the SE & SW. only this day it was a little at NW. the Curt. blowing most backward.

August
Monday 1.

This day a portuguese Brigitt that was out of the Road 4 days since bound with slaves for Bravile being very leakie came in again, the wind this day from the SE to the NW. evening toward the Curt. began to set to windward, all our Longboats were bringing of Ballast for the Brigg that was very light.

Tuesday 2.

A fresh Gale this day at SE. and a strong windward Curt. the Boats were bringing Ballast to the Brigg.

Wednesday 3.

Our Boats were still Employed in bringing Ballast, in the afternoon we saw a Shipp coming about the windward point. she soon as she saw us ^{would} set off to Sea againe the wind SE. & a windward Curt. all day & night.

Thursday 4.

A strong windward Curt. all night and this day, at noon a small Dulbman came into the Road and saluted the Castle.

Friday 5.

The Plein that came in yesterday came from Bonin belonging to the W. Ind^{ies} Company of Holland bound for Castle Dominica, this day she was in sight to the shore, which I believe was for fear we should surprize her. This day I sent my master to goe and land the Brank without the Road who brought me the following acc^t.

That he found no less than 3 fath. water, but if you stand out to the Eastward & bring the Castle NW. & keeping so until ye^{er} bring St. Ann Island open of the point a Shipp length, ye^{er} will have no less than 4 fath. in running off, but when ye^{er} have the Island open ye^{er} will have 10 12 & 14 fath. without the bank or slip ye^{er} may keep the Cattle, the small round white hill in ones steering off to ye^{er} will have no less than 4 fath. for 5 or 6 Cattle, & then 5 or 6 fath. againe, but if ye^{er} goe out of the North Channel bring the Castle SE. & steer out North ye^{er} will have no less than 4 or 5 fath. the Island is steep too, ye^{er} will have 3 fath. water within 2 Shipp length of it. our Boats were bringing water off for the Brigg this day.

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Saturday 6
Sunday 7
Monday 8
Tuesday 9
Wednesday 10

Theses daies our Boat was Employed to bring off water for the Drill a strong Seaward Current, the wind for the most part at S. S.W. & W.S.W.

Thursday 11

This morning we had our Foretop sail (having got all our People wood & water on board) the wind from the S.E. to the S.W. at 9 was weighed and stood off S.W. & E.S. & had no less than 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ Fath. water, at noon we layed in all our Boats and stood to the S.E. ward

Friday 12

At 6 yesterday in the Evening the Island called Faberous bore W. 6 N. Dist. about 4 Le. off it lies in Lat. 0° 13. we had rain all the Evening and first part of the night, & a fresh Gale at S.W. all night. This morning we had a Shower of Rain when it cleared up seeing the Point of Sen near 2 Le. a Storm, was lay by until 10 came up without, was had clear weather all but forenoon, & since yesterday Evening at 6. 15 Le. Steering S.W. but our observation & deciphering our Compass made good our way 15 Le. E. Lat. by observation 0° 14. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$

Saturday 13

yesterday in the afternoon & last night was stood S.E. wind at S.W. & S.W. a fine Gale. at 10 this morn was saw Capeloper bearing S.W. dist. by Estimation 7 Le. since yesterday noon till 10 this day was made our way S.W. 18 Le. by observation at noon 0° 33. S. the Cape about 3 Le. off bearing S.W.

Sunday 14

At 2 of the clock yesterday was seen a ball of Capeloper within a mile off shore where we found a strong Current setting to the S.W. as was plied to windward the northward of the Cape at 6 bore N.E. for about 7 Le. off shore this morning we had 33 fath. water about 7 Le. off shore, at 9 was saw a point land bearing N.E. dist. from us about 6 Le. and from the Cape about 9 Le. to the Sward of it. At 10 was backt off wind at S.W. & a fine gale but thick weather the land to the Sward of the Cape is low, but a bold head of one only stand into 5 Fath. water, Lat. this day 0° 26. S. the land to the Sward off Cape bearing 0° about 3 leagues off.

Monday 15

All the afternoon yesterday & last night fair weather only some small drizzling showers in the Evening. These last 24 hours was made our way 10° 25 Le. by observation in Lat. of 0° 26. S. the wind variable from S.W. & S.

Tuesday 16

From 12 yesterday to 12 this day was had the wind from S.E. to S. made our way by our Logg 28 Le. W.S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ S. Lat. by observation 0° 02. S.

Wednesday 17

Little wind & fair weather all the afternoon & last night the wind from S.W. to S.W. was made our way this last 24 hours W.S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ S. 18 Le. Lat. 0° 14. S. little wind at noon S.W.

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- August
Thursday 18^o yesterday in the afternoon it was fair weather & little wind at SW by 8^o wind WSW. when upon we tackt & stood off to the seaward about one of y^e clock this morn the powder you fired a Gun & shew'd 2 lights. Upon w^{ch} we bore away with her, they told us their foreyard was down the feet being broken at 6 w^{ch} tackt to the W^{ward} the wind at SW the last 24 hours we made our way good SW $\frac{1}{2}$ S by 10 leagues Lat: or. 38^o.
- Friday 19^o The last 24 hours we made our way W by S 21 le. little wind all night at S & S E. clef weather all this morning a small Gale WSW Lat: or. 51. S^o
- Saturday 20^o At one of the clock yesterday in the afternoon we tackt to the seaward little wind at WSW driving Rain at 4 w^{ch} tackt again to the W^{ward} at 8 to the S E wind at SW by W & WSW at 12 w^{ch} tackt to the W^{ward} wind at S W a fine Gale. since yesterday at noon we made our way good WSW $\frac{1}{2}$ S by 17 le. Lat: or. 15. we found a strong current setting to the seaward over hme we stood off from shore wind S W.
- Sunday 21^o A fine small Gale all night, but this forenoon little wind the 24 hours we made our way good W $\frac{1}{2}$ N^o 21 leagues Latitude or. 12. S^o
- Monday 22^o Since yesterday a fine weather and little wind at SSW & SSE was storm W by N but made our way WNW $\frac{1}{2}$ N by 16 le. by w^{ch} we found the current set inward. Lat: observed or. 51.
- Tuesday 23^o yesterday in the afternoon little wind at SE we steerd W by S till 4 this morn WSW. we made our way the 24 hours W $\frac{1}{2}$ S^o 18 le. Lat: at noon or. 54. S^o
- Wednesday 24^o A fine Gale yesterday afternoon at S E & out of the seaward board a great sea, a black cloudie this all last night wind variable from SW by S to S E we steerd away WSW. and made our way good 20 le. W. $\frac{3}{4}$ S by Lat: 3. 3. S^o
- Thursday 25^o yesterday in the afternoon clef weather wind at S^o all night & this forenoon, at noon S E. we made our way the last 24 hours W $\frac{1}{2}$ N by 33 le. by observation we were in Lat: or. 53. S^o
- Friday 26^o This last 24 hours the wind was variable, S E, S W & SSW our way was 20. a little S by Dist: 28 le. Lat: or. 59. S^o
- Saturday 27^o At 2 of the clock yesterday the wind S E a fresh Gale, we stood away N W by W. intending to look out for St Matthews Island. our way the 24 hours was N W $\frac{1}{2}$ W by 31 le. Lat: or. 66. S^o
- Sunday 28^o The command^{er} of the other ships being on board here yesterday, at 3 they went away having given them order to spread at 2 le. Dist: one from another viz. the Jersey to keep her Gunpow. the other so far to the seaward

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- August 23^o n^o. ward as to discern our Lights in the night, the Doubt was you to the Eastward of the Brit, and the Expedition to the West of the Sun was to discern one anothers lights, a fresh Gale all night and this forenoon from E. to S.E. we made our way W 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ N 31 Le. Lat. oi. 40
- Monday 29^o yesterday in the afternoon I made a Signe to our Shippi to spring their Anker at one was blown away N.W. with the wind at S.E. at 6 we steerd W $\frac{1}{2}$ S by and W.S. the rest of the Shippi clost by us, cleare weather the wind from S.W. to E. all night, we made our way W $\frac{1}{2}$ S by 30 Le. Lat. oi. 48 $\frac{1}{2}$ S^o
- Tuesday 30th Since yesterday noon we had a fresh Gale from S.W. to E.S.E. & made our way W $\frac{1}{2}$ S by 36 Leagues Lat. oi. 59 $\frac{1}{2}$ S^o
- Wednesday 31^o Since yesterday noon a fresh Gale from S.E. to the S.E. we made our way W $\frac{1}{2}$ N by 36 Leagues Latitude oi. 54
- September Thursday 1^o From 12 of the clock the last of Aug^r. to 12 this day was made our way W. 7. N by 40 Leagues a fine fresh Gale at E.S.E. Lat. oi. 58 $\frac{1}{2}$ S^o
- Friday 2^o The last 24 hours was steerd W.S. the wind from the E.S.E. to S.E.E. but was made our way W $\frac{1}{2}$ S by 37 Le. Latitude observed oi. 54 S^o
- Saturday 3^o A fresh Gale since yesterday noon at S.E. & E.S.E. we made our way W $\frac{1}{2}$ N 44 Le. Lat. oi. 54 S^o
- Sunday 4^o Since yesterday noon a fresh Gale from E.S.E. to S.E. was made our way W $\frac{1}{2}$ N by 46 Le. Latitude oi. 47
- Monday 5^o The wind at 4 in the afternoon yesterday we steerd N.W. & made our way N.W. & W. 36 Leagues by Observation we were in Lat. oi. 35 S^o
- Tuesday 6^o Since yesterday noon the wind at S.E. a very fresh Gale we made our way N.W. & W. 28 Leagues Latitude Observed oi. 30 N^o
- Wednesday 7^o Fair weather since yesterday noon a fresh Gale at S.E. we made our way N.W. & W. by 32 Leagues Latitude by Observation oi. 44
- Thursday 8^o From 12 of the clock the 7th. to 12 this day was had faire weather the wind at S.E. & S.E. we made our way N.W. 28 Le. Lat. oi. 43 N^o
- Friday 9^o The last 24 hours was had the wind from S.E. to S.W. with some Showers of Rain. we made our way N.W. & W. 33 Le. Lat. oi. 47 N^o

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September
Saturday 10^o Some showers of Rain yesterday & last night wind variable from S to SE and SW we made our way since yesterday at some 40 leagues - 36 le. Lat: 05. 54. n^o.

Sunday 11^o The wind fresh at SW. fair weather we made our way N^oW 1/2 N^o 36 le. Lat: 07. 26. n^o.

Monday 12^o This morn we had some showers of Rain wind from WNW to SSW fresh gales we made our way since yesterday some 40 leagues - 36 le. Lat: 08. 32.

Tuesday 13^o Since yesterday noon we had but little wind some showers & Calms we made our way N^oW 15 leagues Lat: 09. 13.

Wednesday 14^o Fair weather and little wind from SE to W we made our way the 24 hours 46 leagues Lat: 09. 48. n^o.

Thursday 15^o Little wind from NE to NW fair weather we made our way W 6/4 N 14 le. Lat. observed 09. 56.

Friday 16^o Little wind at SE & WNW we made our way since yesterday some 40 leagues - 46 le. Lat: 10. 26. n^o.

Saturday 17^o Fair weather since yesterday some wind from SW to W we made our way 20 le. Lat: 11. 26.

Sunday 18^o In the afternoon yesterday we saw a Spout about 2 miles from us. at 6 the wind was ESE. a fine fresh gale at 8 the wind was SSW & the vessel to W. little wind all night & this forenoon we made our way the 24 hours 46 leagues Lat: by observation 11. 46.

Monday 19^o Very little wind since yesterday noon our way was 20 le 2 miles lat. observed 11. 56.

Tuesday 20^o A small Gale yesterday afternoon at 4 P.M. all night this morn a little wind from NE to NE a great swelling sea out of the SW the 3 days and many great Drippings we made our way N^oW 1/2 W. 4 le. Latitude by observation 12. 07.

Wednesday 21^o While at last night we had the wind at NE a small breeze then from the NW & we made our way N^oW 1/2 W. 16 leagues Latitude 12. 30.

Thursday 22^o At 2 in the afternoon yesterday the wind being N^oW & NW we tack to SE & sail'd at even then to the NW wind N^oW & NE variable all night & this morn we made our way good W 1/2 N 12 le. Latitude 12. 37

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September
Friday 23. Little wind since yesterday noon we stood W by N. but made our way W by S.
1/2 of 9 Leagues Latitude by Observation 12. 29. little wind N by W.

The Command^r of the rest of the Ships were on board with me & complaining that their water grew short considering the long run was had to goe proposed to stand for Barbadoes as the nearest place for our accommodation when upon I told them very severely, for not making better provision when we were at St. Thomas, where they told me they had furnished themselves. I called for their Journalls, as alsoe all the Journalls of the Officers that kept any on board of all the Ships, & finding them all too much to the westward. I told them I thought they were all mistaken; for that observing my pendulack I had on board, which I constantly attended, either they could not be true, or if there were any Credit to be given to them, wee must be much more to the Eastward then they reckoned by their Journalls, for that by my reckoning Pogo was off Cape de Verd Islands bore of me N by N 36 Le. & since they dealt no better by me, nor the Kings Service in not getting water enough as I directed them. I was resolved (presuming upon my pendulack) to lay 48 hours in bearing for Pogo as it bore by my own Reckoning, & that in that time I am doubted not but to make the land, & if in that time I found my pendulack in an Error it was but bearing up at last for Barbadoes, he that was nearest to me in his Reckoning was E. to the westward of me.

Saturday 24. yesterday in the afternoon we stood West W by N which the officers were on board & before I could provide them out of their rum. but afterwards proving but little wind till 3 this morning then from E by N to E by S we caught upon a wind, & this 24 hours we stood our way N by E at 13 Le. Latitude 12. 15.

Sunday 25. yesterday afternoon we stood N by N wind from S by E. made our way N by N. 25 Leagues & were this day in Latitude by observation 17. 01.

Monday 26. yesterday in the afternoon we had a great shower of Rain at 3 of the clock we saw land w. were the Islands of Pogo & Arava being 2 of the Cape de Verd Islands, Pogo bore N by N & Arava N by E. dist. by the same 11 Le. we sailed from Arava 3 afternoon N by N 4 Le. wind E by N.

Pogo is a high Island but Arava a low one, we had a fresh gale all night this morn Arava bore E by E about 4 or 5 Leagues dist. a fine Gale.

Tuesday 27. All the afternoon yesterday & this night it was calm, at this morn the wind came up at W by N & W. a fine Gale till 6 then it proved calm, there is a little Island betwixt the north end of Arava & N by N 4 Le. dist.

September

27^o

The Islands of Arava & Pogo bore from one another $ENE\frac{1}{4}$ north by $W\frac{1}{2}S$ $\frac{1}{4}$ S. by almost noon was weary observation in Lat. 15. 34 then the bodie of Pogo bore $E\frac{1}{2}E$ S. by and the southernmost point bore $S\frac{1}{2}E$ S. by & the Body of the Island of Arava bore $S\frac{1}{2}E$ S. by dist: about 8 Le. & Pogo about 10 Le. off calme.

At this Island there is no watering boe that I ordered my Master to endeavour to get *S. Vincent* which had good water & woods, but no Inhabitants upon it.

Wednesday 28^o

It was calmy yesterday afternoon till 6 in the Even, then a fine Gale at $W\frac{1}{2}S$ & W . till 2 this morn, altho this morn wind at S & SW . a fine Gale & a small shower of Rain. At noon our Lat by observation was 15. 53. then the bodie of Arava bore $E\frac{1}{2}E$ dist: about 16 Le. & the n. w. end of Pogo bore $S\frac{1}{2}E$ S. dist: about 10 Le. and n. w. end of *S. Jago* bore $E\frac{1}{2}E$. was steerd away on a fine gale all this afternoon at W & WSW . wee saw abundance off fish about our Shipp.

Thursday 29^o

Little wind all last night, at noon a fine gale was more in Lat. 15. 55. wind at $E\frac{1}{2}E$. the bodie of Pogo bore $S\frac{1}{2}E$. and this morn wee saw part of *S. Nicholas* Island bearing $NE\frac{1}{2}N$ of us, it made with *Hermocks* & round high hills and ragged distant by *Hermocks* 16 Le.

Friday 30^o

yesterday afternoon little wind, in the Even on a shower of Rain was had the wind at NE & NW a small gale then was tackt to the Eward, altho the wind bore again to E & $E\frac{1}{2}E$ then wee fired a Gun & tackt to the Northward. Heerby NE & a fine gale all night. At break of day wee saw the n. w. end of *S. Nicholas* off of us. point lies a small Island, & to the NW of that wee saw a small Island made with a long high Ridge & ragged & to the NW of that wee saw *Sancta Lucia*, it made like 3 small Islands when it bore NE about 9 Le. off & the NW point of *S. Nicholas* NE . the Southern end of *Lucea* is very narrow, it is about a League long by NW of that lies *S. Vincent* it makes an indifferant large Island, very Scragged & full of high piked Rocks, the Southern end is very high and full of Scragged mountains wee steered along shore NW & saw *S. Anthony* which is a very high land and smooth on the E side, & is distant from *S. Vincents* 5 Le. at 4 this afternoon wee bore in about the seaward end of *S. Vincents* wind all day from NE to $E\frac{1}{2}E$. when wee came in under the Island wee were becalmed, altho wee saw a Shipp in the Bay, wee stood in with our Boates till 10 at night & anchored in 44 fath. a small round Island lying in the middle of the Bay bearing $E\frac{1}{2}E$. and the South point of the Bay $E\frac{1}{2}E$. wee were distant from *S. Vincent* about 4 miles. the north point of *S. Anthony* bore NE .

October

Saturday 1^o

It was calme all last night. This morn altho of the clock with a small gale at NE & NE . wee weighed & stood into the Roads, At 11 wee anchored in 12 fath. the 2^d point of *S. Anthony* bearing $NE\frac{1}{2}E$. & the point $W\frac{1}{2}N$. the 1^o end makes with a sleeping point & smooth land & the n. ward point the

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the like about $\frac{1}{3}$ of the length of the Island from the So point is a great fall in the land. The Island lies in length near NNE & SSW. the little Island is distant without about a mile 40° lies in the Bay in 5 Fath water, was had between the little Island & the point that is to Leeward of it 34 Fath coming we found a Frenchman of about 150 furs in the Bay who had rid there two months & turning & Salting of Furlets being bound for St^h Christopher in the W^h India he informed me that during his riding here, there came in a great Swedish Shipp and a small Englishmen at severall times both bound for the South Coast we immediately sent our Boates a shore to fetch water as did the rest of our Shipp

Tuesday 2

Monday 3

Tuesday 4

These 3 daies we have plyed our Boates in fetching water, meane time we have heeld our Shipp, was by & scragged her between wind & water, the wind for 3 daies NE & NNE. our men turned divers furlets on shore & brought them off, which was a great refreshment to them.

Wednesday 5^o

This morn at 3 of the clock with the wind at NE. we weighed & stood over by a wind to St. Antons, we found a strong current setting to the W. then we bore away to Leeward the gate or opening between both the Island being NNE & W. St. Vincents is very high scragged mountainous land, but St. Antons though very high, yet indifferent smooth & low on the East by the water side at 6 this Evening the NW end of St. Antons bore NE $\frac{1}{2}$ E. & the body of the Island distant 5 Leagues off, wind at NE a fresh Gale Latitude 17. 00.

Thursday 6^o

Yesterday afternoon we Reefed our Toppails the wind blowing very fresh all night NE & N. & we continued all this forenoon, since a clock last night we made our way NNW $\frac{1}{2}$ W 23 Leagues Latitude by observation 48. 01.

Friday 7^o

These last 24 hours we had a fresh Gale of wind at EN & NE at 4 this morning the Drift called to us & told us they had sprung a leak & immediately sent our Carpenter on board her who returned by 10 of the clock having stopp'd the Leak. we steerd by our Compass NNE $\frac{1}{2}$ W & made good our way NNE 24 leagues we were by observation in Latitude 19. 01

Saturday 8^o

From yesterday 12 a clock to 12 this day a very fresh gale from NE by EN we steerd NNW & made our way NNW $\frac{1}{2}$ W 26 le. Lat. 20. 03

Sunday 9^o

A fresh Gale at NNE & NE since yesterday noon, & faire weather, we steerd NNE $\frac{1}{2}$ W & made our way NNE $\frac{3}{4}$ W 26 le. lat. observed 21. 09

Monday 10^o

We steerd this last 24 hours NNW a fresh Gale at NNE & NE faire weather, a great swelling Sea out of the NE we made our way NNW $\frac{1}{4}$ W 22 le. lat. 22. 08

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Tuesday 11

A small Gale of wind yesterday afternoon & last night from NNE to NNE
at break of day this morn we saw 2 Sailed N.W. from wt we gave them
Chaps hill name they Steering NW. then perceiving they had a
them I stood for them, & ordered the Expedition to pursue they Chaps
made our way since yesterday noon N.W. 22° 22. Latitude 22 59.

Wednesday 12.

Yesterday at 2 in the afternoon the Lion & Gull being pretty near, we made
Seyles follow our Chaps; the Expedition keeping neere them, at 5 we saw 2
Guns fired by the Expedition, at 6 one of the other Shipp fired 4 Guns, at 8 we
saw false fires WNW of us which were answered with the like, & stood with them
at 12 we saw her light, little wind all this morn, at break of day the Expedition
Boats came on board & told me the 2 Shipp were Chaps were Spaniards bound
for the W. Indies, the smaller got away, but the other lay by the Expedition, she
was a Dutch built Shipp of 25 Guns bound for Porto Rico with a new Governour
don Francisco de lafo who with the Captain of the Shipp & others came on board
me & dined with me and complementing much for want of water I spread 7^m
two kites. all this forenoon it was calm. This Gentleman was very much
afraid that I would make a prize of him, I might very well answer to doe it
being on the other side of the Tropick & firing at the Kings Shipp, and hit
me. Since his happy restoration having made a peace with the Spaniards
amongst some others that came along with this Gentleman there was a Dominican
Priour who spoke good English & lived many years upon the Island of St. Domingo
Rico. I asked him whether he was on that Island about that time that prince Rupert
was in the W. Indies, he told me he was, I asked him whether he did not hear of any
prisoners Englishmen that were brought thither about that time, he told me that
he heard of none, but withall that there were severall of the best officers of
that Island & other Gentleman that lived upon the same 30 or 40 years on
board their Shipp, which were able to give me the best acct. of anything of
I had a mind to know, I desired him to write their names w^{ch} he did at 3 of 7^m
I desired him to speak to don Francisco de lafo to send for them, which
he did grant & they accordingly came like a Troop to the Ship not knowing
but that they were all to be prisoners when they came aboard they found it
otherwise then they began to recover themselves of their Sould, then I got
this Gentleman to tell them the storie how we had prize. M^{rs}ances in a
Hurricane about that Island, & some people did say that the prince did save
his life, but was kept prisoner in a Dungeon at St. John port Rico, they
afford me there was no such thing as any prisoners there, nor any men saved
but about that very time I spoke of that upon the further side of S. Island
they found a Shipp cast away & severall pieces of the wreck came ashore and
amongst the rest a Golden Gun w. some of them saw a great quantity of

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October 12^o

pipestaves marked M.P. as all prince Maurice his cash were this confirmed me that he was lost thereabouts.

This side of the Island is nothing but Rocks under water or above water for 3 or 4 Le. to seaward, I desired Don Francisco to make some Enquiries on his Arrivall at his Governour w^{ch} he promised me to doe & give an an^r if he could learn any thing of the matter worth Knowledge I made much staye & supplied them with water & what other things they wanted & let them goe freely away to their great Satisfaction & content. They gave me alle^y Quits they could give which I answered, they heard their counsells & stood on view was made our way N.W. & W. 11 Le. Lat. 23. 7

Thursday 13^o

Calm weather yesterday afternoon till 12 at night then sprung up a fine Gale at W. & fresh till 4 this morn then it veerd to N.W. & N.E. a great swelling Sea came out of the N.W. the 3 or 4 days. the 3 last 24 hours was made our way N.E. 11 Le. Lat. 23. 20

Friday 14^o

A fresh gale all yesterday afternoon at N.E. & N.W. at 8 at night was back to the seaward wind N.E. & N.W.E. last night we had divers showers of Rain. the wind this forenoon was variable from S.E. to N.E. the N.W. Sea continued, our way since yesterday noon was N.W. 9 Le. Lat. 29. 45.

Saturday 15^o

Fair weather all the afternoon yesterday & last night as also this forenoon was made our way N.N.W. 27 Le. Latitude 25. or. wind N.E. & S.N.E.

Sunday 16^o

Was made our way the 3 last 24 hours N.E. 19 Le. wind from E. to N.E. a fine pale cleare weather Latitude 26. 4

Monday 17^o

our way since yesterday noon was N.N.E. 10 Le. calm in the afternoon but this morn a fine fresh gale at S. with some showers of Rain, at 8 it veerd to N.E. like wind & cleare weather, a great Sea from the N.W. Latitude 26. 25.

Tuesday 18^o

From 11 of the clock the 17th to 12 the 18th was made our way N.E. 43 Le. a fine fresh gale from W.S.W. to W.N.W. with some small showers of Rain Lat 28. 00.

Wednesday 19^o

yesterday in the afternoon having a fresh gale at W.S.W. we Reified our 2 Top sails, at 6 it veerd to N.W. a fresh Gale all night, soe that also at night our fresh pale split. Our way was N.E. 45 Le. the Sea continued high from N.W. Lat. 29. 31.

Thursday 20^o

Our way since yesterday noon was N.E. 35 Le. a fine gale variable from S.W. to N.W. & N.W. cleare weather 30. 45.

Friday 21^o

since yesterday noon our way was N.E. 47 Le. a fresh gale at N.W. this morn as we were a firing our main pile to keep company with those 11 of our Fleet one of our men fell of the yard & had his Prains dashed out. we had last night bred lightning Lat 32. 21.

Saturday 22^o

The 3 last 24 hours the wind fresh at W.S.W. & W.S. our way was N.E. 39 Leagues. Latitude 33. 45.

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October
Sunday 23. yesterday afternoon & last night little wind & that variable from NW to SE. This forenoon pretty fresh at SE. we made our way thro' the last 24 hours of SE. 2 leagues Lat. 34. 04. The Captains of the Expedition & you were on board with me.

Monday 24. Since yesterday noon we made our way NE. Ely 40 Le. wind fresh but variable from SE to SW. close weather this day no observation by our reckoning was made in Lat. 35. 24

Tuesday 25. This morning that we had much outrun our Fleet was handed our main sails. At 10 we haul'd up our fore sails, & spinn'd away with all our jags & furlis, at noon we brought a new maine (course) & Mizzen to the yard the wind very fresh at NW with some showers of Rain our way was NE. E. 48 Le. Latitude 36. 38.

Wednesday 26. yesterday in the afternoon we had a storm of wind & Rain at WNW & SW. in the Even' left wind at NE. & clear weather all night, this morn' little wind from the NE to WNW. we made our way NE. E. Ely 28 leagues Latitude 37. 42.

Thursday 27. we have made our way since yesterday at noon NE. E. 30 Le. wind all the afternoon yesterday & last night from WSW to WNW. in the morn' little wind at NE. cloudy close weather Latitude 38. 06.

Friday 28. yesterday afternoon we had divers showers of Rain. wind from ESE. to WSW our way was NE. E. Easterly 20 leagues Latitude 38. 39.

Saturday 29. In the afternoon yesterday was heard the Brill till 4 the Brill till 2 this morn' then 2! with a fresh gale of wind at WNW & SW. close weather with some Rain. this morn' we handed our top sails to stay for the other Shipp's wind hard at WNW & we made our way E. N. E. Latitude by reckoning 38. 52.

Sunday 30. yesterday at noon we made sail & stood on, at 5 afternoon much wind & Rain was heard & handed our top sails at 7 being a storm of wind we haul'd up our fore sails & lay by under a maine course & mizzen till 12 at night, then the wind veer'd WSW and cleared up we fired a Gun & lay'd our Shipp's head to SEward till 1 this morn' not seeing the Brill we stood to the Wward. in half an hour we saw the Brill having a great storm of wind at NNE. & NE. with much rain & thick weather then we haul'd up our fore sails & stood down the yard, this forenoon we saw a Sagle standing to the SEward. our way by a dead reckoning since yesterday noon was NE. E. 12 Le. at noon much Thunder & lightning Lat. 39. 22. we could not see the Expedition all this day.

Monday 31. Toward evening yesterday it clearing up we saw the Brill about 4 miles to leeward. & another Shipp in our Wake w^{ch} we made to be the Godson you waley by all night under a maine course; this morn' the you was close by us, but the Brill about 5 Le. to leeward. we saw another Sagle in our Wake but we could not on a ke what she steer'd w^{ch} kept upon the wind, then we bore away to leeward. the Brill wind all night at NE. & NE. E. this morn' at E. a fine Gale & clear weather since yesterday noon we drove & lay'd WNW. 16 Le. a very good sea out off: NE. E. Lat. by observation 39. 40.

November
Tuesday 1. From 12 o'f: clock the 31 of 8. till this day we made our way N. E. Ely 16 Le. wind variable from NE. to SE. middling clear weather 13. 1/2 spare courses on board; Brill had her sails should give way (Capt. Pellet came on board this day.

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November
Wednesday 2. Little wind since yesterday noon & variable from SSE to SW. we stood the 24 hours 66 1/2 le but made our way NE 6 1/2 le. This forenoon we fitted the Starboard Arm of our mainyard being cracked in the late storm, at noon we saw 3 Sailes SW of us, but could not see the Expedition: Lat: 40. 34.

Thursday 3. Little wind since yesterday noon from WNW to SW. at 4 of the clock yesterday the Shipps were seen SW of us, our way was SE. a little by 6 le. Lat: 40. 07.

Friday 4. Fair weather since yesterday noon wind from NNE to ENE. a small gale was observed by our Compass SE & made our way SE 13 le. Lat by observation 39. 54.

Saturday 5. A fine gale yesterday afternoon & last night at NE. This morn at 6 was saw the Rock of Lisbon or Cape Sacant bearing SSE about 7 le. off the Rock it lay making a long high ridge but ragged, to the Nward of it about 2 le. is a high mountain & between it & the Rock is low land full of Scraggie Hemocks, & to the Nward of the Mountain is low land & smooth, it is double land between the Rocky Hemock to the Nward of it. Our way from yesterday noon till 6 this morn was SSE 17 le. Lat: at noon 39. 0.

Sunday 6. yesterday afternoon it was calm till 4 of the clock then with a fine small Gale at NW we made a Syle being distant from the Rock about 2 le. at 9 in the Even was anchored in 19 Fath water about a mile from Shore: a light tower 2 miles to the W. of Cape. At night a fresh gale at NE. at 8 this morn we weighed, at 10 came a drift of Ice bound for Dartmouth was & she departed by which I was writing on 24th to find for England at noon we made a Syle & plied on to Cape Road where we anchored at 3 in the afternoon in 17 Fath water. This forenoon the Expedition came into our Company again a small Gale at NE.

Monday 7. This morn we weighed & stood to the N at 8 of the clock with a fine Gale at ENE. & keeping the Town of Cape on the Starboard of the Rock was had no less than 5 fath water & then deepned again to 17 Fath then we tackt & standing in had no less than 7 Fath. at 1 was with Cape of St. Julian (the W. was 3 fath W. 7 Fath between 2 & 3 was anchored in 21 Fath water a little above the Bay of Waves the Expedition & Brill clop by us, but proving calm the French Ship could not get in.

Lisbon

Tuesday 8. A fresh gale yesterday Even at NW this morn we weighed, at 9 sailed St. Anne's with 7 Junts. At noon we anchored a little below St. Pauls Church in 20 Fath water. a fresh gale all this forenoon at WNW. all the afternoon every fresh Gale at WNW.

Wednesday 9. This day a great many private Shippi came in, also the Providence Frigate Capt. Foxwell Comand. who had been Convoe to the Newfoundland Fleet wind NNE & NW.

Thursday 17. Having been here at Lisbon since the 8th to see if I could get any more of the 100000 & put on here purposely in hopes of being furnished, being unwilling to adventure into the Channel this time of the year with weak masts & not knowing whether we would be out with the Holland. or not, About noon this day weighed & fell down to Belem with intention to stay there to get off our men that were on shore at Lisbon, just as we were coming to anchor Belem (the 100000) 2 Junts toward us

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Meeting on Sunday last off Lisbon Port in a Dartmouth vessel
bound home, I writt by her to you to let you know of my
arrivall here after a long & tedious passage occasioned by
contrary winds, Calms & foule weather, & lest my letter
should miscarry I took the opportunity of writing to you
by this ship; My Main Mast, Broagprit & main yard
being defective I was forced in here to be supplied & to
refit the other ships wth me, not able to keep the sea: As
soon as I have finished, I will make the best of my way
for England. Since my Letters from Cape Coast were
taken in Aya & Anamaboa, the form by storm, and
after promising Quarter to the Flemmy, & taken possession
treachrously blew up the Powder & wth all 80 or 90 white
& Black, wth the Black rewarded by cutting off all their
heads; At my Departure from the Coast all things were
in a good posture & well settled. I have wth me here the
Golden Lyon, the Crown & Brill w^{ch} I hope to man here &
carry them for Engd. I know not how my Affairs
upon the Coast of Guiny are reported at Court, nor how
my Condition stands: I shall desire you to doe me the favor
to write a letter for me to Capt Gallois to the Isle of Wight
when I intend to stopp at my coming into the Channel
& give me adv^{se} of my affairs, & how my behavior
on the Coast is reported. My service to all friends I am
28 yrs R. H.

- November 17 one without shot & the other with shot w^{ch} dropt just a head of our shipps, at which I was strangely surpris'd, & had not our stopport ben just let goe, & our staker in the water, I would not have stoppt for all the Jewes in their Castle.
- Monday 21. This day having got all our men on board & what other English Swemen we could meet with in the King of Portugalls Service, or in any other foreigner understanding by the Captⁿ of the Ship, one of our shottsake. Donigatts lately come out of England, that a warr with Holland was not to be avoidd we weigh'd above Bellite Castle the wind at NW, and seeing one of the King of Portugalls frigatts coming on, commended at Standers hood by a knight of Malta, on board of w^{ch}. I was inform'd were great among English Swemen. Donigatts demand'd before my Licence to demand them, which he refus'd to deliver just under Bellite Castle. I left my wind with intention to be aboard him, which he observing being to windw. of one kept close upon a wind that I could not possibly board him, but came so near as to call to him & threaten him that if he did not send me the Subjects of the King of England that were on board his Shipps, which he protested should be don, but as soon as he came to Anchor betwixt Bellite & Lisbon, he turn'd them all ashore, giving them money to provide for themselves up in the Country, & till we should be gone we anchored in the Bay of Ware in 7 fathoms water, & sent my boate back to the Mellackingill, but all the men were gone ashore as afores^d.
- Tuesday 22. This morn we fired a Gun & loof'd our foretop sail & got our Anchor aboard & staid for my Boate that I sent again to see for the English Swemen gone on shore from the Portugall Shipps untill 3 in the afternoon then we weigh'd and stand out the wind at NW a fine fresh Gale at 8 this Even we were cleere without all in 18 fathoms water then it proved Calm.
- Wednesday 23. At 11 last night we had a fine Gale at E. At 12 this morn at N we heard off NW. at noon the Rock of Lisbon bore E. N. E. 10 de. off wind at N. N. E. Lat. 39. 16.
- Thursday 24. Since yesterday morn the wind was variable from NW to S. E. a fresh Gale & some small showers of rain, we made our way the 24 hours NW at the 4 by 28. Lat. Lat. 40. 32.
- Friday 25. The wind from noon yesterday till 11 at night from S. E. to S. W. some small Showers at 2 this morn wind NW at 10 NW. at break of day we saw 2 Sailes at 8 come up with one of them being on English Ketch came out of Oporto, who told us the other was his Consort. at 9 we tackt to the W. ward the wind NW our way since yesterday morn was at 26 leagues Latitude 41. 52.
- Saturday 26. yesterday afternoon I took 2 men out of the Ketch, being request'd to pick up what men I could for the Fleet, all night we had indifferent fair weather wind at W. S. W. we tackt of at 9 of the clock & stood to the W. ward at 2 in the morn we had much wind, Rain Thunder & lightning that we had our foretop sail, at day light we saw the Ketch of w^{ch} we were with her tackt our head to the W. ward since yesterday morn we made our way with 29 miles wind NW at noon we tackt to the W. Lat. 42. 48.

md Coventry to Capt Holmes

Novemth 21: 1663

November Sunday 27. Last night we had much lightning & several Showers of small Rain at past 9 having very much wind we held up our Fore sail, at 9 this morn we set back to the w. ward wind at 11 we made our way thro' 24 hours EBN 7. 45 S. by 11 1/2 Le. Latitude observed 41. 59.

Monday 28. The wind very fresh at NNE. was stood to the so. ward cloudy weather all the afternoon little wind all night till 2 this morn then at WSW & W very much wind all the morning, w. forced us to hand our Top sails our way was at noon NNW a little by 13 2/3 Le. Latitude 42. 26.

Tuesday 29. All the afternoon yesterday the wind was WSW & W. in the Even it veer'd to SW a small gale & some Showers of Rain, this morning a fresh gale at SE & SE rain and drizzle weather all the forenoon our way was NNE 2. 00 w. 25 1/2 Le. late 43 40 then veer'd NNE.

Wednesday 30. yesterday afternoon a fresh gale & to be continued at SEB. with some Rain till 12 at night then the wind veer'd to SW. a fine fresh gale & much rain but for some clear weather, since yesterday noon we made our way NNE 9. 00 by 57 Le. Latitude by observation 44 57.

December Thursday 1. yesterday afternoon & last night fair weather wind veering from SW to NNE with some Showers of small rain & drizzling rain but for some, we saw a Gale NW of us but could not speak with her, we made our way since yesterday noon NNE. a little by 27 Le. Late 46. 11.

Friday 2. yesterday noon little wind NNE was at 4 we set back wind at NE a small Gale came into our Company; the most part of the night the wind at E this morn we saw a Gale NE of us at 11 we came up with her, w. was a Frenchmen came from the Bank of Newfoundland, then we saw another Shipp NW of us we gave her chase our way thro' 24 hours NNE 5. 00 by 15 Le. Late 46. 53.

Saturday 3. At 1 yesterday afternoon we came up with our Chaps. proved to be a Dutch laden with Barley bound for Lybon, they told us that our Frig. took all the Holland. they met with in the Channel, we had fine weather since yesterday noon wind from SEB. to ESE very smooth water was oned our way NE 25 Le. Late 47. 46.

Sunday 4. At 4 in the afternoon yesterday was founded a had 120 Fath water a small brown Sand mist with small Stones, at 12 at night we had 90 Fath brown Sand greater than the former, this morn we had 65 Fath. brown Sand & fine with Shells mist together. At noon about 60 Fath. a gross brown Sand mist with small Shells, this morning we might be London Bay, was came up with two French Bankers wind at SE. we made our way NE. 28 2/3 Le. Latitude 49. 03.

Monday 5. yesterday afternoon we had 55 Fath. water at 8 in the Even we set back to the so. ward wind to a meer Storm, & we had then 4 Fath. water in Hold our sounding was 58 Fath. water Sand & Shells broken of a brown color. This morn at 6 we had 58 Fath. water a gross

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November 3^o a grasse sand mixed with broken shells & the imbr of small y^e shells at 10 -
 we had 53 bat. pieces of glittering shells white & yellow mixed with some sand
 browne & white, then with the wind at S.E. - was layd our head to the E.ward, at 11
 we had left wind but thick mist & rainy weather at noon we set our topsails
 a fine gale but rainy was made our way $\frac{1}{3}$ le north Latitude 49.25

Tuesday 6^o We stood on yesterday all the afternoon wind at S.E. at a we had but 46 bat.
 water, the ground a course browne sand mixed with broken glittering shells browne
 white at 4 we had but 37 fath. grasse sand & small stones, then wee backt to
 the S.W. ward was made our way in but at 10 P.M. at 11 the wind was
 at S.W. then was backt to the E.ward & stood on E.P. till we came into 50
 fath. water, then was steerd away E.N.E. & E.N. having very good soundings
 browne sand & great stones w^{ch} brake like rotten ston. at 1 was we were then off
 the Lizard. This morning we had 56 bat. but steering away N.N.E. we had
 but 45 fath. good soundings being grasse sand with some broken shells & brown
 sand was steered E.N.E. till day, then was saw the deadmen bearing N.W. about
 7 le. off - was made our way since yesterday noon till 8 this morn N.N.E. to
 then wee steerd N.N.E. & N.E. in for plimouth the wind at S.E. at 1 was
 were within the Lamhead & saw the Gouden Lyon goe in before us. Our
 Shipp being Leake was run up into Hammers water where was anchored
 at 3 of the clock, about an hour after we came on the providence. thick
 dops weather all this day.

Wednesday 7^o very much wind & rain all last night wind from S.E. to S.W. all this day fair
 weather wind S.W.

Friday 16^o This morning we fired a Gun & loofed our Foretop sails, at 10 was wrighted wind
 at N. but veering to the E.ward of y^e. N. & our anchor being full of another
 Shipp (the we were forced to move again.

Saturday 17^o This morning we had a fine Gale at N.W. we fired a Gun & wrighted but proving
 calmer was anchored again & moved.

Sunday 18^o This morn wee loofed our Foretop sails at 9 wrighted with a fine Gale at S.W.
 and bore out ag^t the Tyde, at noon was went off from plimouth with the
 Lyon providence & 6 shipp more bound for the E.ward. at 2 was were a brot
 of the Newstone.

Monday 19^o At 8 last night the star bore N.W. about 5 le. off was steerd E.N. & E.N. all night
 This morn at day light portland bore N.W. of us dist^{ce} about 5 le. was then sawe shipp
 E. of us, at 10 we came up with her being the (Chester brigat. at 11 the
 providence parted us her Longbooke, & she made sayle for the Needles
 wind all night from N.W. to S.W. fair weather at 3 this afternoon was sawe Dunnope
 & stood in sight with it at 12 at night was anchored off S. Helow in 8 fath. water wind fresh
 at N.W.

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Mr Coventry to Capt Holmes

Second the 10th 1664

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I have rec^d y^r of the 5th last night by y^r Brother, & was over
glad to hear of y^r safe arrivall at Plymouth, y^r Brother
tells me you have some supernumerary men w^{ch} y^e took
at Lisbon, & that you desire to know how you shall dispose
of them, I wish for one that you had 100 & therefore may
discharge none but send them if you please to Portm^o
when they are much wanted, & for so doing there will
an excell^t opportunity, by the prizes taken by the Hampt^{on}
laden wth Seales &c it is ordered to be sent to Portm^o. in
w^{ch} may give y^r assistance to put in a carefull honest
man to carry her about thither, & put on board her
what supernumerary seamen you can to be disposed
of, then by the Earle of Sandavich's ord^r

As to y^r own ship, the Expedition & y^r prizes his Rth
would have you if weather permit to bring them into
the River, for that there will be better opportunity for their
rejoyce there than at Portm^o. whether y^e desire Capt
Fernitt to go, & to carry wth him what supernumerary
he can for the Fleet w^{ch} wants them there.

I suppose having begun to severly already, y^e need
no encouragement to seize & bring w^{ch} you what catch
you can, it is now the generall order, & therefore if y^e
doe it you shall not want paper for it when you
come, if I cannot have it sent now w^{ch} I shall
endeavour.

Since writing this I have got ord^r signed w^{ch} shall
goe miled, the Crown & Ball is arrivd in the Cowes,
I am this night to have her come to Woolgr, & shall
advertise Sr Henry Bennett as you desire about his
horses.

Wee hear dayly of good stor of prizes brought in I
hope you will meet wth some also, but that w^{ch} I most
desire to hear is y^r safe arrivall in the River w^{ch} y^e
ship & the Expedition w^{ch} I hope may be safe notwithstanding
you seem to fear for her I am

y^r W. C.

1664

- December 14
Tuesday 20. This morning was weighed, & stood into Sanctum Bay, it being little wind was Anchored in 9 fath water, at 2 P.M. Aschely Revd Admirall of the Red Squadron came on board vs. at 3 was weighed & stood into St Helens & Anchored in 7 fath water wind at W SW.
- Wednesday 21. This forenoon was weighed wind at ESE & SSE a small Gale & stood into Stokes Bay where Mr. B. Sandwich with most of the Fleet Ridd. was Anchored in 17 fath water.
- Thursday 24. This morn the wind at NNW & NW was weighed & stood out. at 10 was word off. Helles then the wind veered to NNE. so we turned in again & Anchored at Spithead in 12 fath water. in turning to it again was had but 3 1/2 fath water upon Nomanland & the Gilkicker was upon a great Tuff of Trees to the Eward of the wood.
- Friday 25. This forenoon was got an Anchor on board & at noon weighed the wind at NW. a fine fresh Gale was steered off E. till was had 17 fath water, then East.
- Saturday 26. This morn was were a burst of brachic little wind from N. to NW. & all this afternoon at 2 was were a burst of the Reg. Aschely & Fairweather 2. of we had 22 fath muddy ground. At 7 this Even was Anchored in 17 fath water very little wind about. about 3 1/2 off shore Eward of Dungeness.
- Sunday 27. At 12 bellmild was weighed wind at WNW a fresh Gale, at 5 this morn was at the Golden Lion anchored in the Downes in 7 1/2 fath water wind at W. at 9 was & then you weighed, then the Mary with 5 Sagle more weighed out of the downes & went out of the ground head being bound to Cruise to the NW. at 7 this Even was anchored in the Force in 8 fath water wind variable from NNW to W.
- Monday 28. Wind all last night variable from NW to NNE. this forenoon was had the wind at WSW a fresh Gale all day.
- Tuesday 29. This day the wind very fresh and all last night from NNE to NW.
- Wednesday 30. was had very much wind last night & some showers of Rain snow wind variable from ENE to NW this morn was had light wind. was spared a cable to the Golden Lion.
- Thursday 31. was had fair weather all day, this Even the Provosts Brig^t. ran upon the Woolpack - Land the wind at NNW. a fresh Gale.
- January 1
Sunday 1. was had a fresh Gale of wind at NNW all night & some snow. this morn the Provosts made Sagle & running to the Eward ran on ground again, then was sent our boat & put on board her, at 10 she fired some Guns, whereupon I sent to Margell for some matches to come off to her.
- Monday 2. yesterday in the Even ^{our} minnae came on board from the Provosts hold & that day had carried an Anchor out into 6 fath water, but that this morn she ridd in 5 fath till 9 of the clock, then a Margell they got on board of her & ven her cleers off the Land. & then Anchored the Hyde being spent.
- Tuesday 3. was had very much wind yesterday all the afternoon. at 3 of the clock was lowered our yards very much wind at ENE & now this morn weighed our best Bower, & left ship our small Bower a moderate Gale at ENE. was made & ran over the Flatts at 3 this afternoon was Anchored at Sheeps within Quimbrough.

James Duke of York & Albany Earle of Palgrave
 Lord High Admirall of England & Ireland &c
 Constable of the Castle of Dover Lord Warden
 of the Cinque Ports Governour of London &c.

You are with his Ma^{ties} Shipp *Tejby* vnder your Command to make the Coast of your way to the River *Sambria* on the coast of America without making any other stay by the way then what shall be necessary for watering, or taking in other necessary refreshment for your men (the place for doing whereof is left to your discretion & choice) unless it be to annoy the Shipp *Katherin* belonging to the Royall Company, if yo^{rs} shall see fit to do, as to find her in the Downs or meet with her on your way thither.

When you shall be arrived at *Sambria*, you are to informe your self in general of the affairs of the Royall Company in that, & the neighbouring places, but most particularly (if she goe out in Company with yo^{rs}) yo^{rs} are to Enquire for the Shipp *Katherin* on which Captain *Ladd* is, & if she shall not be already arrived there, you are to stay for her 14 daies, and when she shall be arrived, yo^{rs} shall assist the said Captain *Ladd* (who is intrusted by the Company in the direction of their Affairs in those parts) for the protecting & promoting the Interests of the R^{oyall} Comp^{any} which is the sole end of your present voyage.

When the said Captain *Ladd* shall have dispatched his affairs in that River (unless he judge yo^{rs} may be more advantageously Employed otherwise) yo^{rs} shall convey him to *Soreleon* touching at any other places by the way as occasion shall require, and may be done with respect to his Ma^{ties} Shipp, during his stay at *Soreleon* or after (if the said Captain *Ladd* shall conceive it for the good of the Service of the said Company) yo^{rs} shall give Convey to any other Shipp of the Company trading betwixt *Soreleon* & *Cape Palmes*, which having done yo^{rs} shall Saile to *Esso*, where his Ma^{ties} Shipp Expedition, & some Shipp of Force in the Service of the R^{oyall} Company shall meet yo^{rs} & (the Command of his Ma^{ties} Shipp Expedition being hereby required to obey yo^{rs} Ord^{ers}) yo^{rs} shall from time to time during yo^{rs} Victualling (to the Expedition whereof you are to have such regard as alwaies to reserve enough for your returne home) give Convey either by the *Tejby* or Expedition or both if occasion shall require to as many of the Companies Shipp as yo^{rs} case, and shall be required by the Factors of the said Company, taking their advice as to the Importance of the

of the one more than another, when any doubt shall be, especially at Conventure, who shall be the
Chief residue of ye rest of the Part in the Companies Service.

When ye^o shall have given Conveyance far, & continued out as long as your provision of
virtualls may reasonably permit, if you doe not find your self too much to Labour for it, you
shall turne up to the Part Conventure, and there receive on board such Goods and Elephants
as shall be put on board ye^o on the Companies acc^t. with
w^{ch} ye^o are to make the best of your way home, and ye^o shall order the Expedition to doe the
like; soe far as her virtualls will permit, & the Part^o of the said Company shall
Judge it fit, for the Advancement of the Companies affaires.

During this Voyage you are generally to protect as much as in ye^o lieth the
Agents Goods Shippes Ports and Factories (built or to be built) belonging to the Royall
Companies against the Injuries of any Persons whatsoever, and you are to endeavour to
procure to them a freedome of trade with all the Natives of those Countreys, in which it
any shall endeavour to hinder or molest them under any pretence whatsoever if (upon
consultation with such Command^{rs} as are then present) you judge your self strong enough to main-
-taine the Right of his Ma^{ties} Subjects by force, you are to doe it, and to kill take, bind, and
destroy such as shall oppose ye^o and to send home such Shippes as ye^o shall see to be.

If any Command^{rs} Part^o or other in the Service of the Royall Company aforesaid
shall begin to assault or offer any violence to any Europeans in those parts, ye^o shall assist
with them to assist them in such attempt, but in all cases where the Kings Subjects in the
Service of the said Company shall be attacked or any way endangered ye^o shall endeavour
to defend them, And if any Europeans who shall be attacked by any Employed by the said
Company shall complaine to ye^o ye^o shall advise them to complaine in England to his
Ma^{ties} from whom ye^o may assure them, they will receive all just Satisfaction, But ye^o are
to tell them, that ye^o have no Jurisdiction over the Company, or their Agents, but are
Employed only to protect them in their Trade.

Whereas it is affirmed that some of his Ma^{ties} Subjects who would not enter into the
Joynt stock of the Royall Company doe trade into those parts in Foreigners Shippes
it is probable the Agents of the R^{oyall} Comp^{any} will endeavour to find out, to the end such
Irregularities may be punished, ye^o are to be aiding & assisting to them in finding out
the same.

If any Quarrells shall arise between the natives and those in the Service of the
Royall Company, ye^o may assist them either in offence or defence as the opportunity
shall invite ye^o.

Whereas many Injuries have been done unto the Shippes belonging to the Royall Company
by a certain Shipp called the South Sea Lion of Plymouthe whereof Coraithes god was

sometimes

Sometimes Command. & at other times one James Johnson a Scotsman (by birth) but employed by the Dutch W^{est} India Company in those parts, and likewise by a Shipp called the *Suppense* or *Carthina* in the same Service, in case ye^{rs} shall meet either of the said Shippes or either of the said Command^{ts}. ye^{rs} shall endeavor to Seize them, & to send them on safe Custodie into England, and ye^{rs} are to doe the like with any other Shipp whom ye^{rs} shall be credibly informed to have done the like Injuries to the Companies Shippes.

ye^{rs} are at often as opportunities shall offer to give one an acc^{ts} of your proceedings. Given under my hand at Whitehall the 24th day of November 1663

James

To Captain Robert Holmes Command^{er}
of his Ma^{ties} Shipp *Dorset*

By Command of his R^{oyal} Highnesse
W^m Coventry

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of the Royall Company to Captⁿ Holmes
London this 14th of November 1663

Captⁿ Holmes

Sir
We are very glad that it was not convenient for you to come
ye^{re} before your departure, w^{ch} we had a great inclination to have done, but ye^{re}
know the reason & will excuse it, when you returne ye^{re} home: we will make
ye^{re} amend. We will hope that ye^{re} will find the Harbour & Captⁿ From
sett downe & take her along with ye^{re} to Sambla, or if she be gone before ye^{re} ye^{re}
will not be long behind her, This is to be desired to Captⁿ Lead & Captⁿ From is to give
them some instructions in conformity of the order which his Royall Highness
has given ye^{re} & commanded to be imparted to you, and was intended ye^{re}
if ye^{re} farther from the downe in Captⁿ Froms Comp^y you will direct him as soon
as ye^{re} are gotten out of the Channel, or else if he be gone before ye^{re} let him
have it as soon as ye^{re} find him. We will not be much distrust ye^{re} private
conduct, or your affection to the interest of the Hon^{ble} Comp^y as both
it is necessary to intrust your care for either, you would know ye^{re} to do
to serve the best of Master, & may in that regard oblige a Comp^y to concur
to serve your respects, of w^{ch} we pray ye^{re} to be assured by us who are

We have ordered Captⁿ Lead to
furnish ye^{re} with Rice or any other victuals
that Sambla, or that Captⁿ Froms River
as ye^{re} goe or come, w^{ch} ye^{re} may make use
of if ye^{re} please, & give him your thanks for
it upon the receipt of the same

Your very affectionate friend
Richard Bodd Deputy Govern^r
William Rider
George Cook
John Truckner & C^o

The Hon^{ble} Comp^y to Captⁿ Lead & Captⁿ From
London this 14th of November 1663

Captⁿ Lead & Captⁿ From

This goes by his Ma^{ties} ship the Torrey Captⁿ Holmes Comander
who is Commissioned by his Ma^{ties} to take directly after ye^{re} to Sambla, & to
attend or provide ye^{re} in the Harbour of the Comp^y affairs in that River, and
promission to come along with your ship to all the ports & places below
that & if so w^{ch} company we hope ye^{re} will doe improve, as by the reports
thereof not only to obtaine the better Bottom: on advantageous conditions
with the natives, but also to be preventing any encroachment or affront
that may be attempted agst ye^{re} by any other European Nation whatsoever &
that our express order is

First that if any ship shall enter the River & pass by the Ports without
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paying that due respect w^{ch} belongs to our English Privileges, yo^{rs} must
require Satisfaction of them, & that they submit themselves to be visited
by yo^{rs} which if they refuse & resist, yo^{rs} must with st^{re}ngth by force and by the
protection of his Ma^{ties} Ships, & having made your selves Masters of
her, let her Cargo be inventoried, & mutually signed by yo^{rs} and the
former Comand^{er}: taking both Shipp & goods into your possession & deliver all over
into the possession of Capt^{ain} Hobbes, who hath ord^{er} for her disposal.

If yo^{rs} meet any Holland Shipp on the Coast of Africa at Sea, or in Port
or bound to, or from it, w^{ch} yo^{rs} find your selves able to command, either alone, or
under the protection of your Convoy, you are to visit her thoroughly, & not
to satisfy your selves with less then the sight of all their dispatches of the
Customhouse, Factors, & Officers of Ladings, Sell^{ing}: & Consigns, and if yo^{rs}
shall discover that Mr. Edward Mann of Amsterd^{am}, or any other
Englishman whatsoever, is either directly or indirectly any way concerned
in the Shipp, or her Ladings, yo^{rs} are to deliver on her as above & deliver
her into the charge of Capt^{ain} Hobbes, & though you shall not find any Evidence
of any Englishmans concern in her, yet if it shall appear unto yo^{rs} either
by their papers, or by the Confession of any Englishman, whom you may
probably find on board her (whom you must take out & strictly examine to
that purpose) or that they are in a designe to proceed in their old practice
of disturbing our Trade, yo^{rs} must then first acquaint the Comand^{er}
that the Comp^{any} have ordered yo^{rs} as they doe hereby Comand^{ed} yo^{rs} to require
of him that he deliver over the Shipp so far into your possession as that yo^{rs}
may be thereby secured ag^{ainst} any damages or hindrance that may be done,
Comp^{any} by them, & if they refuse & resist having protested ag^{ainst} them for all
murtherances that may followe it, yo^{rs} must then use your best Skill
& force to get the possession of her, & desire Capt^{ain} Hobbes to conduct her
along with yo^{rs} & dispose of her according to the ord^{er}: he shall make all
in the hand of the Comand^{er} in chiefe of the Companys Fleet who is
to Rendezvous there

But take notice that it is your express ord^{er}: that as Blunders or
Embroider^{ing} be committed upon any thing appertaining to the Shipp or her
Ladings, nor any Violence or Injurie offered to the owners, after they
are in your power, but that they be treated with all humanity & that
have the free use of their own person^{all} accommodations & that just Injurie
= nie be taken of all things that appertain either to the Shipp or Cargo
& duplicates of it, seized both by yo^{rs} & the former Comand^{er} & Officers of the Shipp

and one part of it delivered over to Captⁿ Holmes, & a Copy thereof signed
and acknowledged by him, sent at home.

Captⁿ Holmes hath Commission to protect & defend yo^u ag^t the Negroes,
of any Nation whatsoever & to assist yo^u on all cases of danger, & if yo^u shall
have cause to attempt any thing upon the natives of Africa, he will be
your request that yo^u on board under his Command. We recommend it most
earnestly to yo^u that yo^u detain him as little as possible yo^u may at Fambia
or elsewhere in yo^u passage to Senegal, that as soon as yo^u are set down
there in any good appearance of Safety, he may proceed to the Rendezvous
that the rest of the Ships may and stay there for him.

If Captⁿ Holmes or any other of the Command^{rs} of the Kings Ships shall
any Pieces, or other Articles of yo^u & yo^u can procure it for them on reasonable
terms at Fambia Senegal or elsewhere on that Coast yo^u must furnish
them & take their Bills for it upon the Treasurer of his Ma^{ty} Navie, and
send them home by the first Convoyance.

It is unlikely but that the Kings Ships may call upon all the Factors
under your direction on their returne; & therefore you must give Ord^r: if they
that these Factors doe have upon them what wares & goods they have for the
Comp^{ts} and any other goods, that yo^u can spare the Captⁿ to take in. We re-

your friends the Govern^r. S^r. Govern^r.
Esp. Govern^r. & Court of Assistants of
Comp^{ts} of S^r. Adventur^{rs} of England
in Africa

Richard Bodd, Publick Govern^r.

William Rider

George Cook

John Buckworth

M^r. Coventry to Captⁿ Holmes
November the 21. 1663

Captⁿ Holmes

I am earnestly desired by a friend of mine M^r. Markham to
recommend to your care a son of his to goe with yo^u in your Voyage to Guinea
he is a person may have many better recommendations then mine, but having
choson mine I would not refuse it to him, and therefore doe desire yo^u would
receive him, & afford him not only accomodation & protection, but that yo^u would
give him such advice as he shall need. Thats if any ad be unfit for yo^u to practice
the Father's part in Education being doe perfect at yo^u are in the rest, for
where when yo^u have brought home the fashion mountaine the common
congregation of the rich (manned) will strive yo^u besides my self yo^u will have

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the intercession of your friend (Ed. Peabridge for this young Gentleman and
therefore I will add no more But that I am

For Captⁿ Rob^t Holmes Comand^r your affectionate friend & Serv^t.
of his Ma^{ty}. Shipp^t Henrietta W^m. Coventry

M^r. Hedges to Captⁿ Holmes

the 18. of X. 1663

I know not of your going till yo^r was gone, & yet I would have endeavor'd
to have kiss'd yo^r hand before your departure from hence, & to have wish'd yo^r success
on. Mr. Williams in Wild Street who commands me to give yo^r his respects, and
to tell yo^r that he hopes yo^r will bring him a little Negro, or Negro-Boylest
I forget whether he spoke of. But he bids me bid yo^r farewell, & put him on
repetition of that fare. from yo^r. I pray you. my friend Mr. Dabbs Letter
all commends me with your acquaintance, and sends good words to yo^r of
the poor Mr. Hemmitt gift yo^r have a suspicion of great concern to the
R^e. Comp^a in your hands. I imagine the officers of the hull of the R^e. Comp^a
w^{ch} have been order'd by Mr. Dabbs. D^r Letter is sent by the Company
to remind himself of as much as I have to yo^r: as he can be of yo^r hands as a
good title to the beginning of this affair, & to dare to let Mr. & Mr. R. Highness
& ours it falls to your share to contribute much to the Bottom. of it, as well
in serving them as this @ward becomes I imagine the Interruptⁿ of our
trade, as ag^t the infidelity of these they had, in case any such there be. Either
of w^{ch} ruins that Structure yo^r helped to be much to give extension to yo^r:
have the hearty wishes of all good Friends to yo^r. I would be long of him
that is

Your most affⁿ friend & humble Serv^t.

Thomas Hedges

To my dearly lov^d Friends
Captⁿ Rob^t Holmes Comand^r
of the Shipp^t Henrietta

The R^e. Comp^a to Captⁿ Holmes

the 17. of X. 1663

Captⁿ Holmes

I would hope he will find yo^r at Paribia in safe health ready to depart
thence, the a over windt having been detained long on the River, by contrary
winds & being to stop at Anadra we have order'd her to Sailer directly from
Anadra to Toralca, & have sent the Shipp^t the Brittain direct to advise yo^r.
not to attend the other, the Brittain being to be stopp'd at Toralca, and
yo^r. my pleas^r to take her under your convoy thither, & from thence to
the Expedition & all the rest of your Fleet will be ready to Sailer in 3 or 4 weeks
(God willing) & we hope will meet yo^r at (what soe'er yo^r shall order to attend
there

therefor them I would take it for a very good ground of hope of the success
of our present and taking that his Ma^{ty} & his R^{ty} Highness have put their
Trust under the protection of your Courage & Conduct, and think it needful
to recommend our concern to yo^r care, for we are assured of your good opinion
to us & our work, that we are upon, in w^{ch} we hope yo^r will find your own
advantage on those that would suffer by us. But howsoever yo^r fare on that
yo^r will find the Comp^y ready to put a due value on yo^r orders & thankfulness
to someone

your friends the Govern^r & the Govern^r
Assistants of the R^{ty} Comp^y of Adventur^r
of Engl^d trading into Africa
George Carbert J. Govern^r
R^{ty} Bord Deputie Govern^r
William Rider
Jas. Buckworth

To our very good friend Captⁿ
Robert Holmes Comander of
his Ma^{ty} Shipp the Jersey at
Gambia, or somewhere.

The Report for Cape de Verd

the 11th of January 1663

This morning came into this River Manuel Alvis a dweller in this River
who came from So Aldea & acquaints us that there came on the day last an
express from Cape de Verd who brought word to the Viceroy for the Dutch at Soke
that there was arrived at the said Cape, a Dutch Shipp of burthen six pieces
of ordnance & one hundred & sixtie men w^{ch} caused us to consult what course
was to be taken to prevent the prejudice that may by the sd Shipp be done
the hand of the English nation, & the trade of the R^{ty} Comp^y on the y^e part.

The first thing to be considered is that Major Holmes having taken a Shipp called
the Drill being bound for the said Cape where in was diverse materials for
building, as he the said Major Holmes hath here landed, & although the notice
thereof probably may not yet be at the Cape, yet can it not be long kept from
thence, when it is, nothing more probable then that the sd Shipp will come
into this River, after the departure of the Jersey & the Hatherin away
with much care take both the Fort & the goods that is left on them, and
supply them with the same materials & keep them as a great store to the
great charge of the Comp^y & loss of the Trade in this place, is a very
considerable.

It is resolved that the only way to secure both the Fort good & the Shipp
Hatherin likely to be left behind the Jersey at Treason, is to goe with all force
of the Shipp here present with all the expedition that may be up to the Cape
there either take him burn or drive away to theward before us, and that
is our absolute opinion & best of our Judgment. We doe testify by the Sentencing
our names the day above sd

Rob. Holmes, Rob. Bonn
Charles Talbot, W^m De Postell.

John Ladd
Morgan Fair
Sep: vtrich
Wm: fishing

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M^r. Selwyn to the Lrd. Compaⁿe

16th Jan. 1663
Cormorline faith 20. Jan. 1663

May it please yo^r. hon^{rs}.

Had it pleas'd God in the Providence of some who on this yo^r. had
have breathed their last, to have call'd me. I had had the comfort from yo^r. and
of my performance & diligence in yo^r. Service, to have died with assurance
my actions would have procured diffident of what I find by yo^r. Letter
18. Aug. 47. I had left some friends here, who would have vindicated my
reputation to the reproach of those who have so unkindly & blam'd it.
But since such is my fortune, I have only to hope that I may live to leave
your hon^{rs}. better satisfied, that the shame cast on me may reverberate
tho' it had rais'd it, I am not so unhappy that my large debt should
(wherein I thought to have succeeded then been wanting) should be unjustly
imposed on the 15. 7. not one of my debt I should have the honor to arrive on yo^r.
hands, by some discovery I have lately made I am to believe my Casket may
have been detained, if so by this time it will be manifested, and I humbly
appeale to yo^r. Justice, whether that good opinion my friends inform me
yo^r. was pleas'd to entertaine I have justly forfeited, I was so far from
neglecting (as I am tax'd) I convers'd writing only yo^r. that I did offer
my arrivall I advis'd yo^r. how what I knew by the Hope Capto Harris
via Barbadoes was. I sent to Mr. Modford & (John de of orders by the
Charles Capto (nowford) Command by whom I had his highest & copan-
d presumed to consign it to Mr. P. Raven both w^{ch} debt were directed to
S^r. Ellis Leighton, at w^{ch} time yours came I signed by him also, no had yo^r.
pleas'd to appoint other dividers, I could not have believ'd Mr. Thomas Davis
cui operet est oremionem, & for which I have admir'd him that he should
forget to have seen this debt. Since I protest & will maintain with my
blood to have read them both unto him, & ask'd his opinion on all other
contained as what they concern'd yo^r. affairs while I had the benefit of
his Compaⁿe; as from the argum^{ts}. I shall say whenever I meet him &
I doubt not under his own hand to procure it attested, I was Nathans
vineyard cost him his life, & it is as odd a way Mr. I am tax'd to be so spent
w^{ch} he declared at his departure hence he endeavor'd to pay posse, to which
and in a letter I have of this by chance encountered now on my Post from he
reprov'd to bespatter me, by other individual names he attempted his privo-
lence to your prejudice, that Mr. Allen & my self altho' in doing he said of
and thence grew the rancor of his unjust, private injuries (which concern
at my life) I call God to witness I have heartily forgiven. But this is
at

at what is far more precious, Good names, rendering me odious both at Court & Country
where, were the things true as are informed ag^t me (I have not a forehead over
appear) would move the humbled resolutions & provoke him to pursue that
had forsworn revenge, I presume your heart will easily pardon me that I do
not lay Mr. Davis, since of what at his departure was to be Imparted, he
might be supposed an Improper one for so, the rather that going by a Dutch
Shipp, it ran a double Risk of miscarriage ag^t yo^r. business, of being publick
for he tells me he purposed to send some pt^l of the Dutch Letters, for w^{ch}. reason
I writ by Mr. Green, who mistak the said Passage was but for a Cover to yo^r.
April 1660. Nov. remitted on the C. A. Comp^a and to advise yo^r. Jurors callarge by
Harris & Crawford, & should enlarge by Captⁿ. Borm w^{ch}. I do grant both our
sides, as I share the other two, but least all should have miscarried Justice
transcribed, find copies herewth. It is not amicable to be partial in our
own cases, but to be condemned before tried or severely censured ere heard to
speak, & that from an Informer at best to be suspected, to one conscious of
his own Innocencie, may give occasion to complaints, if not of injustice alle
of hard-fortune, & had reports sooner raised then layd, & such unluckie
accidents as have Injured me may Impress a be liefe & prejudice there; where
his Credit fortune & all these precious doth depend ag^t the pureth^t & most
Immaculate innocencie, beyond the force of truth to be removed, except
w^{ch}. there wanted an Example: Surely in vain was my Education so many
years where some duties in the week required more lett^r of my writing
then twice those our had hours, amongst a people who doe familiarly
at the frequent affairs of thys^e parts require, & so lett^r to gain one said to
be ignorant or wanting now in soe materiall a ground a part of correspond
as it punctually in that particular of giving due advice, especially to thos^e
that now employ me, the loss^e of whos^e employm^t. I pre first to all
considerations in which ell I can doe is but my duty, performing wherof^{con}
but give content, to what I am ab^l. to thank; but if ever was any concern
our own good actions, tis then when their just defence & other unjust undertakings
doth require it, I can boldly say it, & may I can Justifie it, I have laboured more
in your service, & of that little hath been performed, I am more than all
alleged I am out, & that^{ut} has not had more upon me then my head
hands & shoul^d. to all over the heaviest offices, which some unable or unwilling
to have to me, or to be waded; by sea & land have I in all weather & seasons
ventured when the least appearance of your service have seem'd to invite
me

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ms; through hazards none but I would adventure, I speak without offence
to the wonder of many who have belied it, in this Anticipation of the ¹⁰ 10th -
ye^w now grant for contending, & being ambitious to excel in honest & industrious
Improving ye^w

For what a Pique this Castle was deliver'd on the 25th of March when ye^w shall
have heard it will appere how much I am wrong'd, & what a carriage hath
disobliged the King of this Country, who, nor any other great ones have had
no occasion to complaine of one, Save that I desire to be satisfied in what
they deserve, before I give the Gift they covet, in w^{ch} I studie good husbandrie
to your advantage, & I hope James pretend to know when tis proper to
be liberal, especially of what I am to give w^{ch} for Prizes of silver
Staves, & long cloths I have raised w^{ch} I am daily desir'd to let fall again,
but I refer that to all s^{ts} to your Councell, & had I should the redents make
these people slaves, as I am inform'd twas reported, it is far from my
thoughts as the word was, or from my offering, that I should distract
with a storm! what shall I say, I have heard Mr. Davies disclose
that before his time for the E. I. Comp^y should expire he would lay Jo^hns
his hands level with the ground, & ship him for Barbadoes, who is the
most considerable. Pshaw for your Service since ever had, if he were
must be posted to my w^{ch} patience, as hardly false it is, that I should
call Mr. Martin Deol Partner, to both w^{ch} positions I shall explain, as a
person of him, I know once did on a false report bounding himself, but
if the Author were a Gentleman he had, if otherwise he would have been
and I have an arm & resolution to perform either, I do not also ^{sup} mention
acknowledge the expressions this Subject drives me to, are unequal, if not
unbecominy in the humble stile of a Serv^t to his Masters, especially
such as I have, yet I hope in another soe much, Imposing my reputation
as I have printed in my Masters James presumes to let them know of one
they have no claim to their Serv^t. I must vindicate Mr. Martin Deol
who with soe much affection was the absolute origin of my imprisonment
to the end of your employ^{mt} (of w^{ch} for his sake I was once so glad) & most
that he ever expressed to me any end of this kind, save that his good opinion
of me persuaded him he should do the Comp^y Service in entertaining me
& doe me good also, in putting me on soe faire & hopefull a way of gaining
Credit, w^{ch} private ends or Trade were never thought of, Ie I was re-
moved huzel w^{ch} I have writ Mr. Martin since my arrival w^{ch} way to
least part of w^{ch} I have him, but never mention'd any word of Trade, only
accompanied with my opinion how therein I apprehended ye^w had I might be
benefitted, in this I differ w^{ch} blame performing but only due

then without good cause suffer me to be Injured, & it will all be farre aspersions
 me of this particular favor & protection; the benefit whereof I shall with
 patience attend, & with labor and industrie desire if I be understande in
 not succeeding to regaine your Opinion I shall only lay onistrum 2 fustis fustis
 & stand with standing Sir.

The Request of the Factors & Agents at Sambra

A Consultation held by vs underwritten Factors & Officers 26th of January 1663rd Comp^{rs}
 of Adventur^{rs} of England trading into Africa. Upon the Receipt of a Letter
 from Major Holmes date the 23rd with from Forte directed to John Laid wherein
 he acquaints him as alsoe depreyeth him the Request to come thither with all
 expedition that may be wth to bring him as many men as possibly could be spared
 for the manning & keeping possession of the said Island. We here fore upon due
 consideration of the Comp^{rs} affaires in the said parts w^{ch} we find it expedient if possible
 w^{ch} can keep possession of the said place will w^{ch} I shall know the Pleasure of our
 masters for reasons following.

Comp^{rs}

It being a strong fortified place, & that hath the opinion of it may easily annoy
 & disturb the Trade of all the north parts of Guyney, it being a place wher
 may so easily ride in half a mth of the South part of the said water.

2^{ly}

That that place having been the Chief Port for the Dutch for all the north
 parts of Guyney hath managed the Trade with small vessels with much less
 charge then otherwise could be done by having always a considerable quantity
 of Goods lying there, could with their small vessels send Supplies to all parts
 & Rivers, where any goods were vendible, & so that never having much Store
 in a place had never any great store of the Negroes, and by their quick
 returns to the goods wholy gave sudden dispatch to their great Shippes out of
 Holland to the great Damage of the W^{ch} Comp^{rs}.

3^{ly}

If it shall please the W^{ch} Comp^{rs} (whose pleasure therein is only expected) to
 keep the possession of the said Island may confidently be desired to be
 secured, that no nation whatsoever have any Trade to reap any advantage
 thereby (themselves only excepted) in any of the said parts.

4^{ly}

The said Island lies so conveniently for all Shipping coming out of England
 bound for the South parts of Guyney that it is and shal be a safe place
 for their way to touch there to give or receive Intelligence as alsoe water
 w^{ch} & refreshing as occasion shall require.

In fine whatsoever can be found convenient that we can imagine for the
 carrying on of the W^{ch} Comp^{rs} affaires, either in these parts or the South parts of Guyney
 is here to be found. And therefore we are resolved hoping thereby to doe our
 masters acceptable Service to doe our utmost Endeavor to preserve the said
 for their interest herein, whereof that this is the Testimony of our Judgment we
 herewith set our hands & Seals as above.

Capt^{ns} Smith
 Capt^{ns} Gray
 Capt^{ns} ...

John Laid, Thomas Dancy
 Wm Hamble, Edward Jones
 Patrick Robertson

M^r. Coventry to Captain Hobbes

Captⁿ Hobbes

January the 23th. 1663

This comes to yo^r by the Relief a Shipp freighted by the Comp^y.
the whole buisness of it is this to del^{iv}er yo^r. Know that we were verie well
informed that there is a Shipp gon from Ireland called the Waldron in
some Shipp which was formerly called the Southern gon which is now taken
down out of the Stern to disguise her The Comander is called Jaech Johnson
w^{ch} is the same with James Johnson, Soe that I conceive it is the same
mentioned in ^{your} Instructions. I wish good success & a happie return. I am

your or.

Captⁿ Laid to Major Hobbes

W.C.

Honn^d. Sr

James Island the 13. of Febr. 1663

I hope this will find yo^r. with all your Compane in good health. The
littel time of my absence hath brought my buisness into such a labyrinth that I
am much troubled to find the right end of it, whel with the unability and
carelesse of our Storekeeper & the many things I had ord^{er}d. w^{ch} I found
w^{ch} on, which caus'd me to Begg and that earnestly that yo^r. will have patience
with me for one day longer wherein I will ad^{vis}e yo^r. (if advising) faile to come
to yo^r. we have no news of any Shipp from England. Soe that yo^r. need not
doubt of their waiting for yo^r. at London. I have don what I can for to get
some more, but as yet have but one, w^{ch} I herewith send yo^r. & am promis'd
has more to morrow with Corne which I will bring with me Once more I begg
you will pardon

Y^r your or.
J.L.

By this com^{er} & purveyor
be pleased to accept from

A Certificate of the Dutch at Cape de Bord

Wee the undersigned persons late Govern^{or}. & Bailie employed by the
West India Comp^y of Holland on Jorica Island neare Cape de Bord
herely Certifie that after the taking of the said Island by Major Hobbes
wee & the rest of the Dutch & Soldiers on the Island were admitted to
bring off all our Chests and other Goods whatever that wee could claime or
pretend to be our owne, and ever since have bin used with all civillie
and respect, and at our departure had the libertie of bringing away
all our Goods and Chests without any molestation or障碍 made by
the said Major Hobbes or any other person whatsoever as with the said
hand the day & yeare above.

W^{il} Lonsweerts. Martin Dilgert
Pet^r. Van Apperen. Bra. Van Struggen
Dyck Hoger. Julius Albarins.

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Capt. Nojars receipt for 30 Pieces of Gold
to be carried to the King of Foulou

29. April 1663

I am written doe hereby acknowledge to have received of Francis =
Schwyn Agent for the Royall Comp. the Sum of thirtie Pieces of Gold
the which I doe promise to carry to Foulou, & there pay the Same to the
King, & the other parts there to whom it doth belong the said Pieces
of Gold. Said Schwyn did on the 24th inst. Traingaine with the Pruffs &
other officers of Foulou to pay for the Castle or Fort of this place lately
possest by one Leg. A. was, for which said Sum he did on my name & diverse
other persons presence Solemnly buy the said Fort & gave earnest about
2 marks of Gold, & the said Traingaine was confirmed by the Call of J. C. Said
Pruffs according to the custome of this Country, & that it should next day be
delivered into the hands of the said Schwyn. Now I doe by these presents oblige my
self in good faith with all vaults one belonging that if after payment of J. C. Said
money within 3 daies the said Fort & Castle be not delivered into the hands of Schwyn,
notwith to repay unto him the said Sum of 30 Pieces of Gold whereof I doe
hereunto subscribe my name

Capt. Nojars

Scaled & deliv. in the presence of,
Tho. Allen Gilbert Harris. J. C. Conn

At a Council of War held by us the undersigned
on Board his Ma^{ty} Shipp the Casper riding before
Anla

9. of April 1664

Having taken into Consideration the insolencies of J. C. Dutch upon this Coast, & the
unbearable abuses they have given, and the many ways they have taken to destroy
his Ma^{ty} Subjects & to prejudice & annoy the R. Companies affairs on this
Coast, Especially in their Devices and Designs of destroying this Harbour
at Anla. we conceive it our duty and ought to prevent their said designs, but
also to endeavor the preserving of the R. Comp. for the future, which we find
cannot be effected without attempting on the Castle at Anla now in the possession
of the Dutch, & the same either to take or destroy if possible. It is therefore our
absolute Resolt that Capt. Peter Borethwaite be sent on Shore to treat with
the Dutch & endeavor to gain them to our side ag^t the Dutch, and to find
out what way may be best for us to proceed and therewith give us an^o. In case
the said Capt. Borethwaite with 30 men sent with him a Shore cannot with
the help of the Dutch, or otherwise surprise the said Castle, we are resolved
to take all the means we can possibly devise either to take the same from
the Dutch, or otherwise destroy it. This being our resolution we have, & sent
P. Borethwaite the day & yeare aforesaid
Rob. Holmes. Joseph Abbott. Char. Talbot. Peter. Rowen. Sol. Borethwaite
Rob. Penn. John Ewers. John Holmes. Sam. Burrows.

Mr. Selwyn to Captⁿ Holmes

Comentine Castle 10th Apr. 1664

Honrd Sir

By the differant affaires of my fortunes, having ben many years
 a stranger in my Native Country England; I have ben able to enjoye a stoomy^{er}
 hand. of your acquaintance, further then what fame bel^{ts} on^{ds} our comm^{on}tion. by
 her reports of your worth. in^{to} she hath ben our Org^ged. I the more gloud in the
 approaching opportunity; the rather that from the advice of some friends I
 understanding the examination of a matter much Imp^orting my reputation is
 committed to your hand. I assure my self of Justice & an un^{re}vicination
 the intended behavior. For Mr. Davies covetous of my Em^{pl}oy bel^{ts} on^{ds} and
 yo^{ur} this trouble, who's practices yo^{ur} will detest to his owne Reproch. He
 managed with that Artifice on the e^{sp}ance of my Let^{tr} from the Comp^{ny}. Since
 arrived that an Abingdon instance fallen to my share. And that just principle
 H. prevented for us hope particular Satisfaction, I was com^{mand}ed to write yo^{ur} Comp^{ny}
 my defence. And I begg your pardon for giving yo^{ur} the trouble of an indy^{ed}
 copie. I had a letter for yo^{ur} if I mistake not from that noble Cavalier Mr.
 Licherny, w^{ch}. I dare not hazard the Ris^e of this Letter, but purpose to
 keep it till you shall please to summon the attendance of

your self

Mr. Selwyn & Mr. Winder to Captⁿ F. S. Holmes

Honrd Sir

Comentine Castle 10th Apr. 1664

your welcome Let^{tr}. I do yesterday just now come to hand, prevents a
 Copy of our Let^{tr} to Captⁿ Moritt, the 10th. another of the Parly^{ment} was yo^{ur} had rec^{ed} this
 morn^g was designed forward to have on yo^{ur}. The prejudice susteined by the Holland^{ers}
 scarce a shipps papers & trades for the Comp^{ny}. bel^{ts} on^{ds} a Command^{er} will com^{mand}
 apperant, at lately Captⁿ Lovell at Com^{mand} where a Merrow offe^r Dulit
 stabbed one of his own in his own Boole & Captⁿ Foralwarke whom they drove
 from place to place w^{ch} hit Boole & detained her severall days Anchored
 almost on board him in our own Port before the Castle at Fairhang and there
 hindered all Commerce

your Gallantry & val^{our} is now the Subject of this whole (Casts) of your
 and your more as formidable as elsewhere hath ben our Chiefest Worthies yo^{ur}
 reasonable caution with all humilitie w^{ch} embrace & diligently observe. we
 have too long known this weight. by desire to give them any advantage
 w^{ch} have recoverd our black Soldiers of whose valour & fidelity they have
 lately made most eminent proof in defence of this Fort w^{ch} 3000 men tried
 by the abigneur Sole Mina whom wee shamefully routed, & brought them to our
 own termes, & this Country in great quiet & obedience. The present the low Cr^o
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to attempt any thing & was but your Command on his Ma^{ties} Service.

From W^{ch} knowing we suppose yo^{rs} have heard how we have
sared all Cape Coast & from the inclosed (Before the Originals provided) yo^{rs}
will see our Title, was no former leave of your Approvals but dispatched
M^r. Caleb Duer well attended to Foulow who was very welcome as soon
arrived then sent for a Bless w^{ch}. they promised to raise on a stone house
formerly John Caser all Cape Coast & give him in possession, he is still there to
what purpose you will find by the inclosed from him was but for 2^o reason
the Dutch are guilty of for Provisions w^{ch}. they expect by the Johnson & Jon-
the Robson lately arrived will increase their want & less on their store
Capt^{ns} Stockes & Capt^{ns} Carterel had ord^r to go to come together to confer
then sail to Cape Coast, by w^{ch}. they lost the time. Interim the Dutch
provided & removed those advantages, as did the Capt^{ns} passed by lay open
and they might have taken. That whole affair is here recorded receive
at your Command for your profit, this is the reason we should what your
hand find on that to Cap^{tn} Moritt we have on readiness 60 stout
slaves, & hope in few days shall have 100 more but are miserably
streightened for room, we must beg the favor of some ready pilch-
tars oakum & if possible a Carpenter or two from yo^{rs} to put our
Canoes that are come on readiness at your Command on w^{ch} ready
in a 3 handed since by night they may pass to sea.

At Commodore or Mrabee are concerned of our Ma^{ties} for which
we have sent the our sails is dead & doubtless returned nothing
others till your Arrival we have suspended, a Part there were
necessary if any of your Shipp's wants corn let them take it in 250
Chefts that have layne ready there sometime past for w^{ch}. the Dutch
have prevented Lading, and are in custodie of them the Capt^{ns}. your
further Command was attend. Interim pray for your Shipp's rest

M^r. Selwyn to the Commandant in Chief of his Ma^{ties}
Shipp's riding before Cape Coast

For
your answer to mine of the 10th I have now before me from Major Holmes
and w^{ch}. ditto M^r. Caleb Duer taken violently at Foulow with a Plea
returned & arrived here yesterday, is now in good hopes of Recovery
& one of our men from the dize & King came with him, who request another
Englishman may return with them. I suspend reply till I hear from
yo^{rs}. in the interim they remain here well treated. These people are
affection

Commodore (at the 14th Apr. 1664

perfidious, nor are their promises to be regarded as you will shortly
find, fair & correspondance notwithstanding will doe well, But
no delay on their instigation for it & must win both them and
what else was pretend to. Aga fortific & Engage all Blacks
about them by large Gifts and promises, in so much that many
under any command have requested Licence to goe & seeke them
fair and gaine by it which is worth laughing at. Since appeared
abundance came flocking from them hither and more will follow
Commission is only wanting to gratifie these forward People
who had ore they mastered and I shou'd be that Castle
and Brave. Cabeza who commands them all, wrangles with one
for detaining him, delays in great affairs are dangerous as is
precipitant I covet a medium and to be guided by that authority
may Justifie the proceedings of

Yours dr.
J. R.

Tomorrow I purpose to master
my Black Souldiers who will be
neare 300

Capt. Cubitt to Major Hobbes

Before de Mina aboyd Welcome
the 19. Apr. 1664

Hon^d Major
yours of the 18th came last night so hand for the 7 sailes
of shippes therein enclosed, I shall look after them, the shippes at
de Mina upon your departure got all their sailes to the yard and
on Sunday last heled a little further off, one came especially halfe
a mile further then the rest, and the negroes report she is to goe
for Holland as soon as furnished with wood and water, others
say

Say they will all come out to see what they may doe to us, when the
expedition doe come up, shall waite upon you.

Capt. Brabner desires to be excused in putting out his goods
being bound by the C^omp^{as} ord^r & his own obligation by charter particu-
l^r deliver them himself & desires not to hear of that which may be his
ruine, as it hath been the ruine of others, himself and shipps shall
I doe but to p^r with good where he is obliged to the contrary he contend
not.

I^r
I have at this instant received yours of the 19th and so you have
agreed with the natives, and of your desire of our coming to you our
men are now busy fitting up the shrowd^r to morrow (God willing) I
shall not fail to come and fire what Guns I may into the (at the
but if the Boat rowe with you, as they doe with us, we shall doe but
little good, and possibly may receive damage. I remaine

your^s J. P.

M^r. Schuyler to Major Holmes

26. Apr. 1664

S^r. I received yours this night by the James Punt & have found the
Spikes this now 4 of the clock and am just returned from our work
where I have ben all night the Platforms are made and Planked and one
of the greatest Guns are mounted, a C^o powder shall be placed by it and at
Munet Post another wood wand 100th Shot and Cartridges 160 of the same
Size 100th Shot & Cartridges for them 2 large C^o Shovels of Iron, one Wormer
C^o powder horn & 4 hand sawes & 5 aprons, which wood earnestly you may be
further sent on shore, our men & peevish have more mind to fight, than to
work, and was all night to be in action, I am quite tired and can hold up to be
you. That I am

Y^r. yours. J. S.

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M^r. Johnson to Major Holmes

17th of April 1664

This morning I dispatched a canoe to goe, and in a letter I understand an acct. of what passed last night the Gallies will bring 17 Ckts of water, another had made 18 had it will be received in bringing of these have more cash but not so serviceable w^{ch} want hoops I hope the army marine men are not will be sold by any canoe w^{ch} want them. The marine hath promised by Bruce. M^r. what goods he took from the French I shall not break him till I have them in possession. if any thing be amiss & pardonit begett by

yo^r. O. F.

Captⁿ Holmes to M^r. Selwyn

25th of April 1664

I have about 40 Indians that are prisoners and I know not what to doe with them. my provision grows short & I must of necessity dispose of those fellows since the Governour of the Mine will take notice of them notwithstanding that I have sent to him, I intend to send them a share amongst the Blacks and let them make the best of them they can, either give them their passage to the Mine or elsewhere, or dispose of them as they please. I shall desire you to sound the Negroes & see if they be willing I should send them & if they will any way secure or dispose of them, & of your proceedings herein to advise

your^s. R. H.

Captain Holmes to Captⁿ Cubitt

25th of April 1664

By the inclosed you shall understand what things are wanting a share I have already furnished them out of my owne stock and any prices that I cannot possibly spare more, therefore I shall desire you to take care they be supplied out of the ^{at} Comp. Shippes I am

your^s. R. H.

Captⁿ Holmes to Dator Lister

25th of Apr. 1664

You are as soone as you get 6 or 7 days water on board to come up either w^{ch} she doeth by that she may be Employed for the R^{oy}. Comp. w^{ch} in some intended expedition and for soe doinge. Friends. Jersey before Cape Coast

R. H.

Captⁿ Holmes to M^r. Selwyn & Captⁿ. M^r. M^r. M^r.

28th April 1664

The extraordinary rapine of Shittard have been already ad Double

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will render us unable to hold out long, and especially whilst our Guns are
Sperald and doe great a distance from the Castle, I cannot imagine
what good the Battering of the Upperworks will produce, for it will
never make way for us to attempt storming, I conceive if our Guns were
all together and planted neerer the Castle, by pointing of them all at one
place they would quickly give us encouragement to storm the Castle, and make some
execution in one day then they can in 6 daies being as they are now I shall
therefore desire you will pitch upon some place near the Castle where you may
make a Platform for all your Guns, and although it should require 2 or 3
daies time to doe it, I suppose it will be the surest way to get the place
and the best to husband our Ammunition Sperr, & also murther all other
not for us I shall furnish you with Tern
Y^r yours R. H.

Order to Captⁿ Borlhouse.

You are as early as you can to morrow anorn to send ye. Carpenters & others
to the Danes Castle with Tools for the making of Ladders, whereof you
may not fail. And for soe doing this shall be your warrant. Take on board his
Maj^{ties} Shipp Jersey the 29th of Apr. 1664
R. H.

To Captⁿ Peter Borlhouse
Command^{er} of the Dover ordet

This like to Captⁿ Rob^t Fourn Command^{er} of the Taborin
Captⁿ Holmes to Mr Tolwyn & Captⁿ Mufchamps

Sir
28th of April 1664
I desire the Blomins doe not intend to fire any Guns soe that with
safety I believe you may make a Platform for your Guns as neere
as you please which I desire may be done as soone as you can, and
thereon to plant 2 or 3 12. which will doe more execution in a day
then we have done hitherto, when you have made your Batteries. I
intend to goe in with the shippes and better and ad before long. in due
time I will send one shipp to fire at Castle. If you want any thing more give
notice thereof
Y^r yours R. H.

Captⁿ Holmes to Captⁿ Culbert

Sir
30th of Apr. 1664
I desire there is a receipte of some shippes going to Batter the Castle &
Boring

Seeing you have spared soe much Shott. I thinke it better that I with Captⁿ
Pyne & Sophia doe goe on with the Sea Breeze and you to spare 100 Shott
more for the Guns a Shore where they will doe more execution, then on board
Shipp, in soe doing y^e. will Comply with

Y^r. your R^t.

I desire y^e. will let the Sophia have
12 men more, because Captⁿ Pyne &
I must get our men out.

Captⁿ Holmes to Captⁿ Pyne.

Cape Coast 30th Apr 1664.

You are to weigh and make your Shipp ready to get on with the Sea Breeze
to Batter the Castle of Cape Coast and to observe where I shall Anchor, and to
come to Anchor to the Eastward of me (the Sophia being at Anchor to y^e. Edward
of you) for soe &c. Given &c.

R^t.

The like to Captⁿ Peter Bowen Command. of the Sophia &c.

Captⁿ Holmes to M^r. Coventry

On board the Ship before Peace Island the 10th of Nov^r. 1663

The 25th of December we got the Land and sight of Cape de Verde proving
little wind was lay of the Cape untill the 27th. That morn was met with
a Flemish Shipp called the Crowne & Brill bound for the Flemish
Islands with goods & Provisions having opened some of his Sells. I
found an express order to the Govern^r. of the Ist Island for to settle
bills at Fambia and the River mouth this yeare, I thought it very necessarie
to detain the Ist Shipp untill such time as I had spoke with the Frailes &
other People at Fambia, the 30th. I arrived there & having understood
by the officers & souldiers Portugueses and the natives there the many ways
that the Duke of Cape de Verde hath used to destroy that poore number
of his ana^{lie} Subjects that were left there, and not knowing what they
would doe after my departure, if this Shipp of Goods and provisions had
come to their hands, I thought it fitt to keepe her by me untill further
order. Captⁿ Ledd I suppose will give the R^{el} Com^r. an exact acc^t. of
the malicious offences the Duke useth against this poore People, the
11th of January there came into the River a Portugueses full of men &
Portugueses that brought us word of a Flemish Shipp that was come to
Cape de

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Cape de Verd with 36 pieces of Ordnance, I went presently for Capt. Sade and the rest of the Board to know what was best to be done & having consulted some time, it was resolved by us all that we should make what haste we could up to Cape de Verd, and endeavor to destroy that Shipp by some means or other, for the better Security of Gambia & Senegal, after my departure the 14th I weighed from Jamoi Island & turned down so low as Bayona Point the Katherin came out to me on the 14th the 15th was St. Saylor towards the Cape in the morning we had sight of the Blenish Islands, at the same time we espied a Shipp between us and the Island. I gave her Chace but proving little wind she got into the Blenish Rode, before I could get up with her, this Shipp was the same we had Intelligence of, the Coast of that Shore formerly mentioned, this was the Prizell I gave chase to from the Bay before my departure out of England, who is bound along the coast to give Intelligence of our coming into the Bay. This night I looked into the Rode where I saw 6 Saylor & of them 5 were Portugues that came from Camelle to trade, I might get on my Rode that night but the Katherin and the Fly Boate being soe far to Seaward as we could well discern from our Topmast here soe that I did not think it convenient to Anchor but to beare up with them for their better Security was plied to windward all that night the next morning I got within Cannon shot of the Shore & having viewed the Shipp, I found she Prizell that we had chased the day before, Just as we were ready to come to an Anchor, we espied a Shipp coming about the Cape when I came up with her she proved to be one that I spoke with all in the Fremadle bound for this Island & Castle de Mina with Provisions, that night I anchored within 2 miles of the Island, the next morning I weighed and turned into the Rode and Anchored within half a Cannon shot of the Lower Point presuming more upon the disposition and want of victuals than any other Cape I was to take soe strong a place with one Shipp. I sent a Shert to demand the place, whilst my messenger was a Shere I warped in close wth in suspect shot or less of the Boat. Resolving in case they would not deliver it to exchange some shot, for to see what could be done that way.

way, having received a slight wound as they might very well have given, w^{ch}
considering both our conditions, w^{ch} began to fire at one & the other w^{ch} continued
almost 6 hours being soe long as w^{ch} could see to shoot my mast & Riggings
being much shattered, I was forced to hale off out of shot for to repair them, at
the same time I sent my boats to bring off, or fire the vessels that were
keled in clefts under the Port, two they brought off, & the other being much shattered
with shot was not fitt to be brought off, and the other of them that was brought
off sunk within 3 hours finding no way to Salve her by reason of soe many
shot she had betwixt wind & water, the next morning as w^{ch} were fishing
our mast, w^{ch} spied a white flag a shore, presently they sent off in one of
their Boats two of the chiefest next the Governour for to write concerning
the delivery of this Island, which was presently concluded, The copie of our
proceedings I sent you for to shew his Royall highness I am afraid I shall not
be able to performe with them, neither doe I think it any advantage to me to
alter their course, w^{ch} I intend I shall be for the w^{ch} India Plantations after
I depart from our Rendezvous, That you may have the best time at
home to resolve the officers of this their Facto^r which is very considerable
I draw the particulars, whom I find to be a very ingenious man, I have put
this place in the best posture I can, & will leave them 9 or 10 months
provisions for their men w^{ch} may be in all 114 of them I spare out of
my number they will be sufficient to keep the upper Castle, w^{ch} till yet sent
out of England, they have a good Sittern full of water w^{ch} they are not to
touch but in case of extremity, all other necessaries to keep it, it left them
the lower Fort lacketh just at the landing place to be made strong, there
is likewise two great Cisterns of water with Pricks & Gales sponges, Island
besides the remainder of what was left in the Crown, & w^{ch} I cauld to be sold
a shore here, the rest at Fambie, w^{ch} was in all 4000 Pricks, 6000 poundes, 90
hundred of Iron & Farris, 7 hundred Deal Boards, I have likewise shew'd Captⁿ
Leds 15 chefts of Orrell Amber Christall & Swade, 10 chefts of Brandy 100 Barrels
of wine w^{ch} he is bound to be answerable for, The Comp^{rs} will find great profit
by it, for that he could not sell his Cargo without it, he cannot have left then
4000 poundes of wax & teeth now by him, w^{ch} had all gon to the Flemings if I had
not taken this course with them, for they had contracted with all the Portugalls
at Lacane Fambie & the rest of the coast to bring all their goods up to the
Island, Some of them were comerp. and the rest a coming, afore they heard
of the Shippes being taken, yo^{rs} have now all the trade in your own hands

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from Cape de Vord to the Dutch coast nobody to hinder yo^o. Soe far as I
vnderstand the most considerable trade in christendom. I hope yo^o. will beke
resolution to keep it, this night I intend (God willing) to set sail towards
Svaldon from thence to the Ronderow, with what speed I can. I doe hope
the other shippes shall not stay for me, the Dutch have 8 or 9 good ships on yo^o.
go^o coast as I am certainly informed by the Filsmith, the Swedes have alsoe a
strong partie & very considerable shippes upon the coast. I suppose we shall
not get there vntill such time as they have ended the warre, and then it may be
our best time to haue to doe with the Porewore. I can give no asurance of any
thing on that coast. But am certainly informed that they are in a great stryfe
for Provisions & had it ben any fortune to haue taken that Briget w^{ch} I hinted
of, I should without any doubt get I Demijaeo goe without any difficultie. by
reason that I haue got the best part of their Provisions alreadye we may
put them hard to it, as for the other Ports I doe not much question but to
haue them, if yo^o. intend to get all the coast into your own hand yo^o. multiply
send 2 or 3 good ships that may be on the coast to keepe all Reliefe from them
after our departure, for as long as we are upon the coast they shall haue
none if I can help it, if I goe beyond my instructions I hope yo^o. do the rest of
the R. Comp^y. will mediate for me, if it please God that I may be doe happy as
to come into England, & to throw my selfe at his most excellent ^{help} feet for London.
I desire yo^o. for to speake wth Mr. Knyght & to let him know y^e. I apperhend
the want of Powder & shot by reason that I haue spent above the halfe of my
store upon this place & if Mr. R. H. thinketh that some small vessel be
sent to the Comarics to meet me, least the Hollanders should haue notice &
way laye homeward bound, & we were able to doe that w^{ch} we ought to doe
for want of Ammunition, I hope to continue my provisions out of those that
I haue got if occasion be for to kee for the Expedition aforesaid this coast
This day there came a Portuguesse vessel into the road, that is bound for
Lisbon, I would wish she had not come hither, for I am afraid by them the
Hollander will haue notice sooner then I could willingly they should, in
our bayes here our shipp was much battered. But now as for service
as at our first coming out, I send copie of this with the Pack & letters
least this should any carry. I am
yo^o R. H.

M^r Schuyler to Major Holmes

Cambridge 17th May 1664

Hon^d Sir
Your Sumons I have received that ifle alth, and the w^{ch} abbat
p^rmitt shall be obeyed God willing tomorrow accompanied as you command, and
since the examination I am to undergoe is grounded on some matters exhibited agst
me by Mr. Thomas Davies I hope your Justice & Justice will reach unto
me some deliberation & a privilege to consider in said question, for I am oblig'd
to resolve, the person I know and have licence cause to be put to may have confid^{ce}
with more Artifices then ones comport with my Justice & Loy^{ty}. so to prepare
to a publick, as I have asked nothing from anyone to spare the Rigour of
a severe Examination, I see have no cause to doubt your favour, as far as
Justice may dispence, that will oblige me to comply the al^l your Justice
y^r. Obed^t

W^m. Dogson to Major Holmes

your Obed^t J. D.

Hon^d Sir

Amst^rham 17th May 1664

This come by Mr. Archer who will give you word a full
relation concerning what wee have had from Anamibo. the Blacks will be
yon & seeing the chief Princes of Santaine will not adhere to their request
w^{ch} they or stand acquiescent. if Agwa were reduced the other cannot hold
the Princes desire no better then to have them keep what they have whereby
to be a continuall vexation to Comonwealthe experience hath taught us
I dare not prescribe any way but wish that one of the Dutch Part w^{ch} is
furnished with the Princes. our Chirurgion wants some what for our accomodation
in helping the poor men, as well as for some prisoners for our sustenance
the Sea has been soe high that not any water could be taken off 25 Cakes
are in readiness for the first opportunity I know not more al^l but I am
I am

your Obed^t J. D.

M^r Schuyler to Major Holmes

17th May 1664

Hon^d Sir

W^{ch} I did not expect to be resolved by all and due to Comonwealthe are
Impossible any being I have been concerned in since I had last the hon^d. which
your hands could have procured your opinion as respects of this day just now
come to my hands, or other matters have happened, since that time I care not
Capeka & Mr. Davis have executed me with y^r hon^d. I must begg your Char^{ty}
to believe I am soe far from neglecting any opportunity of punctualitie

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in this Important Conjunction either of ascending matters with informing
yo^r or informing yo^r when either one or the other are acted relating to these
publick affaires, that I am vexed at being prevented paying the Testimonies
of my particular devotion to yo^r Self.

It was Friday at 6 of the clock or any Subject at Loupang on Board Capt.
Cubitt, Borden and the overboard in Search for materials mentioned in Cap^t.
Muschamps list for Cape Coast that I showed your leave - permitted my arrivell
here, when tired with travel and went of rest. I borrowd from my
Subjects for a little sleep that hour yo^r anchored before Aga, I had your
welcome (Soe far as my shipps power could have expressed) been claimed
with due solemnities. Saturday I was taken up from morning till night
with the numerous visits and Congratulations of the Inhabitants whom
John Calissa & my self purposed to have waited on yo^r. had the King
soe permitted. Sunday was both attended all day a Stalk to putt off, but
the weather grew worse & worse in so much that a Canoe of misapparelly
with People from Cap^t. Cubitt overtole coming on shore & of putt before our
faces, nor all that day could see much as one two handed Canoe pass to
advise yo^r the Lunch of a Onstage. I sent a pound of Souds & an Anker of
Brandie to the King of Frankine as a present. I heard he desired & requested
his assistance or permission on his own terms for recovery of our little
at Aga the Souds he returned with Reprice for 50 Bondis before hand
we might take our course with Anamabo, but Aga would stand out here
I have dealt with the Chiefs Accanians to whom I proposed their own
demands to be dealt wth but I did give 2 pound of Soud was awarded
for whom the work completed. This morning they returned answer
that the King not have his Country so one while men Soud, and that he will
not hazard his Son now a Lawne & Le Mima on any Consideration
I have this evening returned them with answer that they assure me will
suffice, the benefits at any time enjoyed by himself or Peoples shall
be continued & enlarged. Satisfactory. Pretuthee after we shall have possession
& to give the donee Anamabo, whose company is more desired by these
people then the other. to this I expect return tomorrow.

Sunday I wrote yo^r at large what till then occurred but that day
yesterday our till this morning was it possible for a Canoe to get out
the Soud with yo^r Soud are bad, but they are here but as I have not been
I admire my Letter misse yo^r and am troubled at it in regard there was
something on it I wish had not any fear of it. I kept no copie
the Canoe man that brought me yours is of Cape Coast who tells me as

he putt off thence, & he obley of Cap^l Bond alsoe arriv'd in order for thore with yo^r -
come safe Mr. Rowers & I and my self are all shut up by this weather I have
had great swellings in my face that now abateth yett I hope to be very I have
taken to Physick, & so morrow purpose yo^r willing to write on yo^r. If I shall
let me begg your word passing to where I am hindered by the danger of yo^r. But
when I give yo^r. answer shall acquaint what further arriv'd from
yo^r. P. L.

Mr. Rowers to Cap^l Holmes

19th of May 1664

Hon^{ble} Sr.

The eye of Boubou is this morning arriv'd who reports yo^r. his
Service and is extreamly well satisfied at your promise of sending him here
our present want is Swords & Bandoliers that the Soldiers may appear
nobly before him there are two caps of Swords on board the Welcome there
was yo^r. will enjoy it, pray oblige me in giving some ord^r. as for that other
Bandoliers on board that you all other materials Cap^l Boubou may bring
along with him (if your hon^{ble} ord^r. it) pray let out 2 or 3 Bales of Madras out
of the Governour's store before you humbly signing your hands I remaine &c.

Your Obed^t

I left order with my men at Formative
to send yo^r. the Perleupine set some as caught
the Arrivants here will in a short time be ready
for trade I humbly request your hon^{ble} confidence
for the Supplies in this Castle with commodities
I suppose they will not be long for want of vent

7th die Junij Anno 1664 Anno Regni Regis Ang^l 22th III^o

Stephen Astick late Commodore of James Island in the River of Gambia of the age
of 27 years or thereabouts Swore & examined deposes & says that upon his
oath that on the 4th or 5th day of December 1663 Morgan Day then Command^r of
Charles Island in the Sen^r River gave orders to Francis Grayson de Sluypen
Command^r of the Ship Black Eagle belonging to the W^l Comp^y of Amsterdam
to trade in the River of Gambia in which there were two Boats from Cap^l Bond
the chief called Leticus Sallegue, the other John Vanderwoort coming to
Anchor before James Island after they had been sometime at Sen^r Island
where they stayed & then arrived at Charles Island with the Ship Morgan Day
the respective Boats came ashore on James Island, where this Deposition then
command^r.

then Comand, & after along discourses they told him, they were come to trade with
him about a business w^{ch} concerned him very much & all that rest that
belonged to him, at last they told him it was about the delivery of James Island
into their possession, for w^{ch} they would give him 1000 pieces of Right in hand and
whatsoever fine Goods he would choose out of their Cargo to the value of
500 pieces of Right more and that they would give him goods or provisions for
his men for 6 months. And they told that Depon^t plainly & plainly what he began
the Chief that he had 30 Soldiers w^{ch} he brought from Cape de verd
on purpose to settle on James Island and that he had some assurance from
one who had a greater command than this Depon^t had, which startled him
very much, And this Depon^t thereupon replied though another had a
greater command than he, yet he should never command him to betray his
trust, & wished them to leave of their discourses, for he served both
their money & trust, & as long as he had Powder & shot they should
never effect their desire, upon w^{ch} they were assured they would away
for a place called Tombo to trade. Toone after came Captⁿ Quick
Comander of the Shippe & Patrick Robertson Factors for the
Dutch Part^s and spake to this Depon^t on their behalfe telling him it
was better to let them have the Id^l Island for so much Goods, & to
keep it, considering in what a low condition he & his men were: & that shipp
goods should keep them at Charles Island along time and they would
sure if ever any shipp arrived on the river of Gambia from the
R^l Comp^a that James Is^l should be freighted, and many other
persuading words then used w^{ch} this Depon^t wholly refused to consider
unto. On the 25th day of January 1662 the French Comand^r Factors they
came again with their shipp before James Island and adding at Anker
both the Part^s come presently on shore to this Depon^t & talking
to their former discourse about the said Island telling him that now
they hoped his mind was altered, & that he would give his consent to
deliver them present possession of the said Island, & they would immediately
perform what they had promised him, telling him with all it was impossible
for him to keep the said Island, considering the war the English was
with the Negroes, and that by betraying they would surely cut them off
for said they the natives are so full of treachery that upon the least
Suspition they have of your wants they will attack you, or your Boats.
Likewise telling this Depon^t that the R^l Comp^a were now no more a

a Compaine but were parties, that he must seepeo no more Shippes from
 England, but howover they woud give him a Shipp so carry him & his men
 away with Provisions and all other necessaries I but this Depont. being
 from doe varred about his present detiverie of the said Island to them
 commanded them forthwith from thence to depart, & with Little Indivally
 or else he woud proceed ag^t them as Enemies, upon w^{ch} answer they
 soone after set saile & woud come before Charles Island where they
 stayed 2 daies. On the 19th day of June 1662 the King of Barra sent
 word to this Depont. that there were two Dutch Shippes come in over ye
 Barr, that knewe for a full they were Rogues, and he heard they meant
 no good to the English, wherefore he wished them lookt to them selves
 on the 21st day of October about 7 of the clock in the morning, the fore said
 Shippes came in sight of the English who made ready to fight, but they
 expected no other, they came before the wind with a very fresh Gale
 as soone as they arrived within shot of the Port this Depont. fired one
 Gun a head of them with a shot to bring them to Anchor, but they woud
 not come to Anchor, soe he fired againe at them, then they stred their
 Top sailes & made as if they would, but drove up still, & did not Anchor
 w^{ch} this Depont. being fired a shot into one of them, & they presently
 answered it with another, w^{ch} went just over the Kings Plagg & withall
 hoysed their Top sailes & made what saile they could to pass by the said
 Island, then this Depont. fired at them again severall times, and they
 at the English, still aiming at the Plagg, severall shotts fell wⁱⁿ
 the Port, but the wind being strong they passed by, after this Depont
 had shot above 20 Guns at them, & they about 15 or 16 at the Plagg
 flying, then they went to a place called Dintan, where they declared to
 Capt^o Manuell Vas de Franca Command^o in chief for the King of
 Portugall in the River of Fambria & Manuell Alves de Brito, two of
 the chief Portugall merchants in this River that though that young fellow
 at James Island was soe quick at their coming on, they were rebulded to
 have the said Port on they went out & did hope to code his courage for
 they had now about 100 men on both Shippes with whom they hoped to
 doe their business, whereof the sd. merchants did speedily give advice.

The fore said Dutch
 Shippes was alsoe
 the 2 Shippes

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To this Depo^t. On the 2. day of July they came by again about 12 of
the clock at night, w^{ch} this Depo^t: Spying fired at the biggest Ship
and shot away her Topmast but they drove by in the night, so that
he could doe no more execution upon them, on December 1661 Justobaque
was with the King of Barva and gave him severall presents of Brandy
and Sydes to warr with the English & endeavor to cut them off by
Land, for he was come on purpose with this Ship to rout them out of
the River, & for that intent requested his aid by Land, w^{ch} was granted
and once they attaqued Charles Island but were repulsed thence wth
Losses, And it was declared to this Depo^t: by the Negroes, after that
peace was made with them, that the said Dutch Factor was the
principall cause that moved them to warr with the English and that
they promised them great things

By J^{am}
Eze^l Wodmish Sec^y Gen^l.
London as Surd. in plen. (w^{ch} Em)
Major of. Wels:

Doctor Letter to the R^{oy} Comp^y.

May it please your hon^{or}:

Wicamba June 26 1664

My last was by Captⁿ Comber since w^{ch} your Sum^{er} full br^o
have taken on the Castle of Aga & Animabo, & among others M^r. Poluyn
hath ben verie forward & serviceable. Major Holmes hath presented
severall prizes to be by me adjudged and they are condemned, some of
the Skipper pleaded for the Indempnite of the Shipp, they being the
goods of private Owners, & not of the Netherland West India Company.
But I was certaintie informed that the Shipp Frederick (Captaine
Samuel Stanton Command^r. the Shipp Francis of John Captaine
Laurence Aruemy Command^r. the Shipp Lathien (Cap^{tn} Antman
Command^r) were taken by the Dutch Fleet at Pantam December the
5th (57) and were condemned Shipp and Goods at Salavoon East
India, though the Shipp were the goods of private Owners, & some
of the English East India Comp^y. and if they blame me for writing
after their copie, they condemne themselves, not me of Injustice
on the 28th May M^r. Poluyn was examined before the Major, & the

thier

the other officers, and acquitted the Depositions of M^r. Gilbert Davis
and M^r. John Bell, late Factors for the honorable East India Company
writte by the Major presented unto yo^r as will alsoe the whole State
of your affaires better then by any pen, I can only condole your great
misshap that you have not been to defend so many Forts as the Majors
repute & courage would presently put on to your hand M^r. N. Duil
who was sent over as Register to the Court of Admirallie is dead, and
M^r. Wynd very dangerously Sick, I could wish your hon^r would be pleased
to recruite us with those who have ben better acquainted with such
proceedings. My former petitions to your hon^r I continue, & in all
things refer my self to yo^r as becometh your^s

Doctor Litter to M^r. Holder

June the 16. 1664

My last to you was by Capt. Comber. This is by your hon^r friend and
mine Major Holmes to whose kindness I stand greatly indebted, and
desire you will in my behalfe give him thanks. Those great services he
hath don upon the Coast for the Royall Emp^r. will merit greater
acknowledgm^t. then it fits for me to prescribe to any Masters, Especially
now when these affaires are managed by Gentlemen to whom I am
utterly, and therefore I rather desire to doe it to your mouth, who I
hope will better trust me. I am sure will be better trusted by them
upon my credit and bountie & courage, have both ben soe eminent that
it would puzzle a wiseman to say, which Exceeded, & by them he hath
made soe perfect a conquest of this whole Coast, that nothing but
want of men hindert our entire possession. If I should studie 12 months
how to advance any Masters interest in any one particular I am
confident this would be the result, That this noble Gentleman might be soe
rewarded for his past Services that he may presently embrace a fresh
Employment for finishing of that which nothing in himself hath left
Imperfect. Those worthy Gentlemen who were of the Com^{tee}. at
the time of my intertainment promised to allow me the benefit of buying
Cassa toeward & selling them to my advantage, my fellow servants
desire the allowing of it, because it is ad vantage to the Com^{tees} hands

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I desire you will be pleased to speak to them for the Confirmation of
it, since I have but little hopes to benefit my self any other way. I
desire to present my Service to all with you: and that you will believe
I reckon my self

Your Obedt

Ed.

His R^{ty} Highness his Order to deliver Goods &c.

James Duke of York & Albany Earle of Ulster
Lord High Admirall of England & Ireland Constable
of Dover Castle Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports
and Governour of Lowesm^{re} &c.

In pursuance of his Ma^{ty} Order dat. the 7th of January 1664
These are to will & require you forthwith to deliver unto such persons
as Thomas Frey, Henry Brunker Esq^r & Mr Martin Noell shall or
direct the Goods which you brought home from Guyony, and likewise all
such Goods as are on Board the Gooden upon which for w^{ch} this
shall be your Ouar^{ty}. Given under my hand at Whitehall this 13th of
January 1664

James

To Captain Robert Holmes Captain
of his Ma^{ty} Shipp Jersey.

M^{rs} Gray's their receipt of Gold &c.

London 25th Jan. 1664

Received of Major Robert Holmes seven
hundred ninety nine ounces & two penny
weight of Gold dust in pursuance of his Ma^{ty} } our. pon.
& his R^{ty} Highness's orders in a say ret. } 799 - 2.

Thomas Frey
H. Brunker
Martin Noell

M^r Freyer to deliver such wax as
to S^r Martin Noell.

Major Holmes

You are in pursuance of his majesties & his Royall Highnes
order hereby desired to deliver unto S^r Martin Noell (or such as he
shall appoint) all such wax Bees tallow and other goods as you have
aboard the Joyoy for his ma^{ties} use. Dat. at the African house this 26th
of January 1664^A/₅

Thomas Freyer

Esquire

S^r Martin Noell assignem. to Capt^{ns} safe

28 January 1664

S^r Intreate you will please to deliver unto Captⁿ safe the Goodwin
mentioned, and take his receipt for what he shall receive, & at your
returne to London you shall have the receipt of M^r Gray M^r Bruncker
and
yours
Martin Noell.

The ^{NO} Condemnacons of severall Shippes
taken by Captain Robert Holmes Com-
mander of his Ma^{ties} Shipp the Jearcey
on the Coast of Guyny in the Yeares 1663
and 1664 and there adjudged by Richard
Lister Docto^r at Lawes Judge of his Ma^{ties}
Court of Admiralty established at Comentine
and the Ports adjacent /

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And appointed in his Ma^{ties} Royall Charter granted to the said
Company he was doo likewise hereby order doo & adjudge the Possession
of the said Shipp & all the Goods & Ladings therein in her to be forth with
given & delivered to his said Ma^{ty} & his Assignes, and was doo further
provaunte & adjudge his said Ma^{ty} to be the true rightfull possessor
within these of all intents constructions & purposes by his our finale
doos and contents definitive here was doo provaunte given & publike
by these presents the 23rd of May 1664 /

Rich^d Lister

In the Name of God Amen Wm. Wood Esq. Rigeard Juffor Judge of the
 of Dominality of our Sovereign Lord Charles the Second by the Grant
 of God King of England Scotland France & Ireland Defender of the
 faith & established at Court in & to be adjourned being lawfully
 authorized & having heard from witnesses well weighed and distributed all
 & singular the proceedings in writ & Circumstances of a certain Raube
 & Medd of the Royal judicially entered & prosecuted in the said Court by
 and in the behalfs of our said Sovereign Lord the King depending in
 Judgement before us against a certain Ship now called the Walther
 (lately the Golden Lyon) of Middleburge of about 300 Tunns burthen
 whereof Jarob Joeyson was Master & his tackle & furniture & what so ever
 goodd wares & Merchandizes on board the said taken & seized by Major
 Robert Holmes Commander of the Jersey frigate in service of the Com-
 pany of Royall Adventurers of England trading into Affrica by vertue of
 a Commission duly and lawfully to him granted in that behalfs and
 against Jarob Joeyson Master taken in the said Ship & against the Water-
 lands West India Company and against all manner of persons having
 claiming or pretending to have any right title or interest in the said Ship
 or Goods against all whom we have severally Sumoned Citations & Decrees
 emitted & sent forth under the Seals of the said Court requiring them to appear
 at certain lawfull times in y^e behalfs assigned & prosecuted to show cause why
 the said Ship & wares of Middleburge & her lading should not be adjudged
 & condemned for good & lawfull Prize and the purtor of his Ma^{ty} appearing
 before us requiring to be proved to doo Justice for his party & the said Jarob
 Joeyson appearing personally in the said Court and not gaining saying & all
 other things contentiously abouting themselves w^{ch} the said Wm. Rigeard
 Juffor Judge of the said Court having fully & maturely considered the whole
 words & nature & merits of the Cause & of the Exhibits allegations &
 proofs & Confessions therein made by us we are fully & clearly of opinion of
 the party of our said Sovereign Lord the King to be conformant to Law &
 have therefore devised & doo by these presents devise to proceed & give our
 final Sentence definitive in the said Cause accordingly & having talked upon
 Gods enable us to give right & true Judgement, we doo pronounce, devise, Sen-
 tence & adjudge the said Ship the Walther & her tackle & Chapparell and
 furniture & what so ever wares Goods & Merchandizes aboard the said to have
 been the Ships Goodd & Merchandizes of the Waterlands West India Company
 we have obstructed & impeded the Trade of the Company of Royall Adventurers
 of England trading into Affrica at the time of the Seizure & surprisall hereof
 & that the said wares were lawfully seized & surprisid by force & vertue of the said
 Commission of the Royal & according to the true intent & meaning thereof, and that
 the said ought to be devised & adjudged ad forfeited to his said Ma^{ty} & we
 doe Sentence & adjudge the said Ship the Walther & all the Goodd & lading in the said
 & the full & absolute propriety therein unto his said Ma^{ty} & his Assignes to be
 & disposed of as he shall see cause for the use of his said Ma^{ty} & the said Company as is ordered

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23^o May 1664 (Stilo Anglia) on board the Jortoy Frigate in the
fine Road before Don Riquard, Esq. Judge of the Court of Admiralty of our
Sovereign Lord Charles the Second by the Grace of God King of England, Scotland
France & Ireland, Defender of the Faith &c. in presence of us Henry Wynn
Notary Publick & Register of the said Court /

Cornelius Cornelison victor of Horns master of the Ship the Crown
Britt aged 42 years Sworn & Examined Saith & Confesse

That he well knoweth the Ship the Crown Britt now in Question and was
master of the said Ship the Crown Britt of Horns being of the Burden of
about 360 Tunn. and that Burgamaster Reoder Oden Jarolffson of the
Horns, was and now of the Netherlands West India Company and owner of the
said Ship /

That the said Ship is laden with Iron & other Goods & Provision part of which
belongeth to the Netherlands West India Company & was part of the
to Adrianus Romanus at Cap de word the other part to West India

That Abraham Drago freighted the Ship at Amsterdam & that the Ship
sailed from Amsterdam the 24th November now still that the 27th of December
James Pitt, he hath on Shore some Passengers & a Crew in the Canaries

That when he had landed his Goods at Cap de word he was to proceed to West
India and he had delivered his Stores and materials for building the
of the West India Company /

Cornelius Cornelison victor

Sworn and repeated before Don Riquard
Esq. Judge of the Court of Admiralty of the day
above said in the presence of us /

Henry Wynn publick notary

Clav. Remmetsen of Horns aged 44 years Steersman of the Ship
called the Crown Britt Sworn and Examined Saith & Confesse

That he well knoweth the Ship the Crown Britt now in Question and was
Steersman aboard the said Ship /

That he having heard the Contents of the Examination of Cornelius Cornelison
victor fully & clearly read unto him the said Contents & knoweth the said
true /

Clav. Remmetsen

Sworn and repeated before Don Riquard
Esq. Judge of the Court of Admiralty of the day
above said in the presence of us /

Henry Wynn publick notary

May the 24th 1664 (Stile Augth) on board the Ma^{ist} Ship the Jersey before Doctor
Rycaert, Justice Judge of the Court of Admiralty of our Sovereign Lord Charles the second
by the Grace of God, King of England, Scotland, France & Ireland, Defender of the Faith
& in presence of me Henry Wynd, Notary Publick & Register of the said Court

John Peterson of Groening Master of the Ship called Groeningar was born
aged 56 years and sworne & examined saith & saith that he knoweth the Ship
Groeningar was born being of the Burden of 260 Tuns and was Master of the said Ship
& heath himselfe & Henrik Turte with others of Groening are owners of the said
Ship

That the said Ship was freighted at Groening by the Chamber of Groening with
Linnen, Corall, Amber, Gnyssall & other Commodities mentioned in the Invoice & that
they were sent on Shoars at Castle Solamina

That John Hubbard aboard the said Ship had the trust & Charge of the said Goods
& more advanced for selling & disposing thereof for the said Negroes, wear & charges and
from hence to returns

That the said Ship set sail from Delft Soel the 19th January (Old stile) & was met with at Sea
near Castle Solamina the 22nd of April by Captain Adolbus Pyno Commander of the
Expedition frigate in service of the Company of Royall Adventurers of England
and by him taken by vertue of a Commission from his Royall Highness the Duke
of York & brought before Comanture

John Peterson

sworne & examined before Doctor Rycaert
Justice Judge of the Court of Admiralty the
day above said in the presence of me

Henry Wynd Notary Publick

In the name of God amen 1664
 Richard Lyster Judge of the Court
 of Admiralty of our Sovereign Lord Charles the Second by the Graces of God King
 of England, Scotland, France & Ireland Defender of the Faith &c established at Germanias
 & Ports adjacent being lawfully authorized, & having heard, seen, considered, well weighed, &c
 distressed and singular the proceedings, merits, & circumstances of the said matter
 of the said John Dicksen Master of the said ship in the behalf of our
 said Sovereign Lord the King depending in due order before us against a certain
 raddes the Groenegar warren of Groening of about 260 hund burden or more of John
 Dicksen was Master of the said ship & furniture & great store goods wares, merchandise
 on board the said taken & seized by Capt Valentin Pin Commandr of the Expedition
 friggatt in the service of the Company of Royal Adventurers of England Trading into
 Africa by virtue of a Commission duly & lawfully to him granted in that behalf and
 against John Dicksen Master taken in the said & against the Netherlands & West India
 of the Chamber of Groening & against all manner of persons having claiming or
 pretending to have any right title or interest in the said ship or goods against all whom
 we having viewed the humbly Petition & desires submitted & sent forth under the seals
 of the said Court requiring them to appear at certain lawfull times in that behalf
 assigned & provided to show cause why the said ship the Groenegar warren of
 Groening & her loading should not be adjudged sold & divided for goods lawfull
 prise the Proctor of the said Ma^r appearing before us & requiring us to provide to do
 Justice for his party the said John Dicksen appearing personally in the said Court
 did not gaind saying & all other words contained lawfully absolving himself was the said
 Richard Lyster Judge of the said Court having fully & maturely considered of the
 merits & nature of the cause & of the respective Allegations Proofs & Confessions
 herein made by us we find clearly the petition of the said of our said Sovereign
 Lord the King to be consonant to Law & have therefor desired & do by these presents
 desire to proceed to give our final sentence definitive in the said cause accordingly
 & having called upon God to enable us to give right & true Judgment we do ordain
 direct sentence & do judge the said ship the Groenegar warren & her tackle fur-
 niture & apparel and great store goods wares & merchandise aboard the said to
 have been the said goods & merchandise of the Netherlands West India Company of the
 Chamber of Groening who have obtained & imported the trade of the Company of
 Royal Adventurers of England Trading into Africa at the time of the seizure and
 removal hereof & that the said were lawfully seized & surprised by force & virtue
 of the said Commission of the said & according to the true intent & meaning hereof &
 that the said ought to be seized & adjudged as forfeited to his said Ma^r we do
 sentence & do judge the said ship Groenegar warren all her goods & loading in the said
 and her full & absolute property herein into his said Ma^r his Assignes to be sold &
 disposed of to & for the use of his said Ma^r the said Company and we do likewise appoint
 in his said Ma^r Royall Charter granted to the said Company and we do likewise hereby
 Order direct & adjudge the possession of the said ship and all her goods & loading
 in her to be forthwith given & delivered to his said Ma^r his Assignes and we do further
 pronounce & do judge his said Ma^r to be the true & right full possessor & owner hereof to all
 intents Constitutions & purposes by law our final sentence definitive we do
 do pronounce give & publish by these presents the 25th of May 1664

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Rich Lyster

Francis Selwin elgent for the Royall Company
of English Adventurers into Africa by Authority
of his most Excellent Ma^{ty} the King of Great Brittain
France & Ireland

To

The worthyppfull John Walkerburgh Director generall
over the affaires of the United Neatherlands their west =
India Company upon the Coast of Guiny!

Had beyond Admiraton what mad fury could ever invade your Countrey
from so insufferably false an Argument as you profum'd to use touching the
propriety of the Coast of Affrica, to introduce so quation'd an injurious and
Blum'd to the interest, Honor, & Possession of his said Ma^{ty} my Sovereigns, under
whose Royall Protection the English Nation have maintained with Honour, and
Success an unmovable Right to the severall parts of Affrica mentioned in
the severall Patents his Ma^{ty} have been pleas'd lately to grant to his Royal Highness
the Duke of York and others of the Royall Company for the improvement and
Regulation of the wools Trades of Affrica with the positive Summe (I say when
disturb'd in time of war by such like Enemies or adjoynt day in time of Peace by
theaters & violence of prohibited, & unnd) for almost some Hundred of Years
not to mention time too far before the Duke or in minority or infancy or your (now
high & mighty States particularly in the years 1653: 54: 55: 56: 57 to be
in the Reigne of Susan Elizabeth 1558 & forward to 62: 66: in all wch years
(if continu'd) would have infer the names of the severall Kings & Commanders
in the Journalls Voyages, & shew'd for the Coast even to the year 1585
upon some profitable Designs for the said parts were directed to procure of the
Charity in the favour of the said (last diffused) State at what time your Sovereign
be seated (to the acquainted with the History of those times) it will know
the efforts of wch Summe of the said if a mediation of the said King James and
Charles the first of the said Memory George I forbear to mention, yet cannot be admir'd
at the monstrous iniquity of the said, since wch of late have been arted, you
know the (Civill) unnd full of all Obligations, League, & Amity with
the Crowns of England to the right & just possession of wch is sooner wch Ma^{ty}
our Sovereigns the wch for the said wch of oldenly God's service but
by violence & Rapine have the said parts, wch by the wch & force they could over
come, belonging to his Ma^{ty} subject upon the Coast of Guiny together with the good
& Ladings besides the Injustice & Injury done them by the said hindring their wch
on their at one of his Ma^{ty} parts of the said wch to be leagued at them wch do
from the said wch do not they would, since his Ma^{ty} directing a
Company under the special protection of his Royall Authority, & your self shortly
after arriving, wch in the said support to have inquired into the wch do
abused, & wch just Abuse as your wisdoms should discover, that all Injustices
wch a friendly & reasonable satisfaction, wch might unanimously have main-
tain'd peace & amity. But (Non quia dicitur) for you have not only Justified
the violence, Rapine, Hostility, & Robbery of others your wch and
Countrymen upon the said wch subject together with the good & Ladings
our Sovereigns his Ma^{ty} but by your own wch authority the wch injuries
(not to say insupportable) beyond the worst Barbarism not satisfied with employing
the said & your own Nation in the breach of Peace with you, you have directed his

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Ma^{ties} own Subject to the breach of their Allegiance & open Rebellion
 upon you will maintain therein, not with standing the contrary
 my self & others to the contrary, and beaten your out might against the most
 courageous, you have promised and to a principal command in a Capitalling
 of the Company the Golden Lyon, who do in Dignity have surpassed, willfully
 some of these set on to beat your self (with) to afford & offer dignities to the things
 of the Royal Company; the Golden Lyon to the sword of the West India house
 of the Honorable have continually hindered (was in your way) the said Royal
 Company the shipping from commerce & traffic according to their Commission from
 the Royal Company not only in word, pleased to write the said shipping have right & Order
 to trade, but also very Port, that they do & Ground, ad Inta & Commodo to hire
 for above 30 years have belonged to the English, & Inhabitant of the said
 have appeared for without to sure person ad the Ma^{ties} have been variously
 to submit with the said, long before your obtaining possession of the said you
 that would never rest from your possession, you have prattled by
 and at every more abominable, on the 4 of March you saw a Soldier belonging
 to the Garrison with the sword of the Commandant set on by your self
 found in the said you to murder a servant of the Company with your Order
 with all Devilish fury & profaning the said Soldier, attempting the life
 of the said & a matter about your general nature ad the frequent display
 of your to our Nation of the said have made Manifest & evident, that the
 you & others over the Inhabitant under the force you command have brought
 to the said order, that not one single Christian they dare commit, especially if
 injurious, but most especially to white men without your licence or consent
 Now M^r Benjamin Broun an English man upon the 15 of April last at Mors
 firing a Cannon with fire work belonging to the said (the he the rated those
 to do for the above reason supposing himself safe in the hands of any belon-
 ging into you) was by them Robbed, beaten, wounded, & almost drowned, of the
 I having often complained unto your self & others under your command in the
 place was I understood the said was, without any redress or Justice, is
 indispensible by your owning it, the act is your own: Moreover to the shame
 & scandal of Christianity the Marvellous to hear the display of the Nation and
 King of the Country torturing your large Crated & Messaged for assaulting and
 betraying the said & your promise of assistance to take it from us, the said
 Oula, on the 30 of March & thus torturing the English house there, by the murder
 & treachery you have paralleled your accidental with the said drawing
 the said with English blood, nor have you her terminated, but ad if all the said
 but killed, you did by the like stratagem on or about the 3 of May last sur-
 tiously got that you have a possession of, a Castle belonging to the said my
 vernal, situated at Cape Coast, not only built on his own Ground but also
 paid for to the very value, a thing of more indisputable right than any thing you
 possess on the west coast of Guiny, omitting many other things of just
 I could enlarge to a Volume I shall at present only add that nothing is more
 universally known on the said coast to all people acquainted with the affairs thereof,
 than the bounds or rather King of England by his Subjects sent letters for the
 purpose, first purchased the place on the 10th the said stand the Ground there
 unto belonging to himself the said & since for ever, with what Invidious
 before after your Majesty did build or your self still maintain the said

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or house on the same Ground, at the said day at Elga & Anamaboa is a Matter
 of Astonishment & wonder: Now many persons killed in the above Tragedie being
 within the said Territories of the said Ma^{ties} our Governor's Sovereignty, & consequently
 to be responsible for all such Tragedies according to the Lawes of England, I doo earnestly
 advise & admonish you to desist further violating the same, least they being once
 established the Country inwards, & least your residing in the former mentioned Injurious
 might any ways occasion the said disorders, in the Harmony of the said Countries, for the
 sake of the said Kingdom of England, & your State of the sweetest use of wine have more
 delighted us than our Rhetorick presumed to Express. Most affectionately I request &
 warn you hereunto to desist molesting or disturbing any of the said Ma^{ties} Subjects or things
 in the service of the Royal Company on the Coast of Affrica from Cape Blanco to Cape
 de Buena Esperanza: Murdering, beating, robbing or otherwise abusing or rauling
 to be Murdered, beaten, Robbed or abused either by Sea or Land, any in their service,
 writing any way or way for ever person or persons to the disturbing the quiet or peace
 of any of the said Ma^{ties} Subjects, to behead or make war upon any of the said Ma^{ties} Subjects
 or further intruding on the said vnder penalty of sure Damages as shall hereafter
 in any such Case be intended, & for the better avoiding all further disorders I doo
 by these presents further request you forthwith to withdraw all & every person or
 persons belonging to your Nation from the said mentioned the said Ma^{ties} Coast & Ground
 of Saguarara, Cape Coast Anamamboe, Elga; in the said parts for the said Men-
 tioned violent & the Damaged persons in the said Ma^{ties} Subjects of the said
 in service of the Royal Company. Doo hereby protest against your State's Land West-
 India Company your own person & all in their Employment on the Coast of Affrica
 & particularly on the Coast of Guiny & especially against the said Ma^{ties} the said Golden-
 Lyon, Amsterdam, Christina, West India House & Hondraugel in the sum of 5000
 weight of Gold, as also for your writing to the said Ma^{ties} Native Subjects to
 him & Employing him in the said parts as well by Sea as Land, & for the Murder of the said
 Subject the Soldier of the Garrison by name Thomas Dracey, upon the business of
 Trade & Murder I doo presume not to set any rate, but leave it to the Confidence of the
 said Ma^{ties} more highly honored, for the Robbing, beating, wounding, & otherwise abusing
 & injuring the said mentioned Ma^{ties} in the sum of two hundred weight
 of Gold, for the molesting & building forts & Castles on the said Ma^{ties} Territories at
 Saguarara, Cape Coast, Anamamboe & Elga in the sum of 500 in Gold, for Sa-
 guarara 2000 for Cape Coast 1000 for Anamamboe & 500 for Elga: as also 100 of
 Gold or more for date so long as you shall detain the above said Colared from
 the Day & date of the said Instrument of Protest. Moreover that you desist bribing or
 encouraging any persons of what sort or Quality soe ever, to the taking or buy-
 ing any of the said Ma^{ties} parts or possessions on the said Coast, or shedding any mors of the
 innocent blood of any the said Subjects vnder penalty of bringing the blood on your
 own head, or heads, but what other Mischiefes shall accrue, & the said Ma^{ties} the Royal
 Company call in their service to be served harmless & indemnified, the said In-
 strument of Protest the 14th June 1663

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The Proceedings upon the Accusation
of M^r Tho: Davis against M^r Fran:
Selwyne /

On board his Ma^{ties} Ship the Jearrey in
Corm^{me} Road the 17th May 1664

Whereas I am Impowred by his Royall Highness the Duke of York
to examine you upon some accusations & Exhibited against you by M^r Tho: Davis
and for that I have but a short time to continue at this Coast, by vertue of my
authority aforesaid I do first hear you on board his Ma^{ties} Ship the 17th of May
Morning by 10 at the Clock to the 18th Inst, and bring with you your Journall
booke, & safe booke as also M^r Gilbert Bodvio, & M^r Bodio that I may proceed
according as I am authorized, herein I shall expect your punctuall Compliance
I am

Your affec^t friend
Robert Holmes

To Francis Selwyne at
Corm^{me} Castle

At the time appointed M^r Selwyns wife the booke & person aforesaid came
on board and acquainted me, that in conformity to my summons they were his
and having my further orders were away. I having that great purpose of M^r
Charles Talbot, my serv^t Cas^o Valentinus Duns Com^{mander} of his Ma^{ties} Ship the Goodwin
and M^r Hammon his serv^t before him to the said Selwyns, according to the
of the aforesaid summons, was was to examine him: and therefore required him to
deliver unto me his Journall, booke, & safe booke, that he might for the
Com^{mander} since his being at Corm^{me} in his service, were he multurally performing,
read unto him the information against him, confirmed by the date of the said M^r Davis
and demanded his answer, who replied, that several duties of M^r Davis his affidavit
were returned with more deliberation & artifice than would, consist to his reputation and
safety, & he would not reply to for the better manifesting thereof of the more my
determining the Matter of the said Davis, he humbly requested, was obliged to answer, being
his wife, all in private, were first, and under seal, to put out, liberty
to serve & so the said affidavit was being granted, he forthwith replied,

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To the first

That Mr. Tho: Allen could never expose him in the pretended Nature, for that he never passed any unreasonable dealing from him to Mr. David, and that the protest was grounded on matters more importing the Royall Company his affairs & interest in w^{ch} he had been w^{ch}, could not be done wth safety, and his own reputation being wth Mr. Allen advised ad stands signed y^e under his own hand in the Register yet & sent, the proof of date w^{ch} is similar to be manifested by persons still surviving: neither could he acquaint him of any such letter sent to him nor wrote such ad & exposed, never intended or intended, was on it raised by fear directly or indirectly for Mr. Ellona!

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In the Article the malice of the Gentleman was most w^{ch}, who in March last with many arguments & endeavours, to inform him ad a great benefit (as he protested to him it was) for from his different way of employment he had not the least notion of the or the like designs, the great advantage might be made by a Ship to meet at S^t Thomas with the Est India Company Ship, to buy goods w^{ch} were for the place & return: & that, that year because of the government said to signify, & him self was concerned, now having understood that the said Deloyne was acquainted with S^r Martin Hook, asked him if he would engage in the said designs, & invite S^r Martin or any other friends, to w^{ch} he replied S^r Martin would abominate the Motion, & other friends, his duty bound him from returning, but if the Company sent Shipp, and left them to his direction to be employed, were he sure to prosper ad the S^r Gray of Wilton Govern^r of Boloigne for King Henry the VIII and 546 touting demolishing Mr. Chabillon Govern^r of Mount-Renon his Bastion, in the very mouth of the River, it might be worth w^{ch} for the account from how hate he had against his foe, & how completely forgot, story

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That the Article is abominably false and that David to his face in publick or private durst not affirm it

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That he never bought the value of one Sol of Mr. Benjamin Browns, but the Article charging the Article is true, Mr. Browns arrived here on the Castle's frigate in March last 1662, & he desired him the said Deloyne to give him a Bill on some friends in London for a parcel of Gold, he would deliver him, the sum he remembered not nor how Mr. Browns came by the money; but he having no occasion to draw, & remembering to have understood the Est India Company's factors had, had order by ditto Shipp to dispatch w^{ch} money they had, or would, w^{ch} by & arranging on both masters part - 3^{ly} 10 the owner, he closed with ditto Brown at 3^{ly} 6^{ly} & gave him Mr. David Bill on the said Company to w^{ch} he delivered the Gold at 3^{ly} 10^{ly} Sol payable to ditto Browns or order by the said Company ad he remembered it was gained, w^{ch} at 3^{ly} 6^{ly} 4 ounces were the sum he remembered, was an honest profit, & consistent with the negotiation of Cambie to be soon many years since he, especially in Italy w^{ch} he came but few weeks before he was entertained in the Royall Company's Service!

Vertue of my Commission from Capt Hoade, by the Company's order was distrained, not knowing we are ordered to observe the contrary after that order to all Extravagant you & M^r M^r was daily forwarded, the Company's order in some hands mismanages, at five a rate ad west & sundry after, & accordingly sent, twice I fear the contrary of some former order, in said chartrey I endeavoured the best I could to procure but for all things, & have been only able to support affairs in the worst way you find feasible, humbly desiring your pleasur to examine ad rectify the same as all other articles in the Royal Company's service, that ad will be of interest may be improved, ad the way I have myself made apparent in the great an act of Justice God will best you and I shall ever pray for!

I then sent to the Judge of the Admiralty & requested his orders to admit an order, to Mr Gilbert Board, & Mr John Betts, to answer what to the several Interrogatories mentioned in my Commission, which accordingly was done, the said Board, & Betts replied as follows!

M^r Beavis sworn

To the first Article he saith that of any Barter betwixt M^r Sbloyn & M^r David or any other person he is utterly and wholly ignorant, but for the 5000 barre of Iron he saith he delivered the like number by the appointment of Capt Nuttall to the Order of Vandermooden!

To the second Article he saith from 1690 to 1700 lately raised from England, he hath heard, that Complaints have been made, by M^r David, but that there over hath been any sure designe prosecuted or intended, by M^r Sbloyn he knoweth not!

M^r John Betts sworn

Saith that to the first Article he doth not know of any sure Goods bought by M^r Sbloyn of M^r David or any other person ad as witness in that behalf!

To the second he doth declare himself ignorant and saith he never heard of any sure designe!

After serious Consideration of the Premises it did appear unto us that the said M^r Francis Sbloyn was innocent of the Crimes aforesaid & accusations of the said M^r Thomas David, we are upon according to our aforesaid Commission from the Royall Highness, in the presence of Doctor Nicolls, Master Judge of the Admiralty M^r Gilbert Board, M^r John Betts, Capt Hafford, Capt Peter Bolton Command of the sloop, Capt Peter Bantelwall Commander of the sloop Morvant, Capt Robert Lane Command of the sloop, was discharged & pronounced not guilty & restored the aforesaid Goods & encouraged him to the free Execution of his Trust

Robt Holmes
Wald Lyne
Char: Talbot
Wm Hammond
Child Ewers

On board his Majesty's Ship
The Yearsey 18th May 1664

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