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N.D. (Feb 12) Report: WIC. to Stat. Gen. Photostat. Dingtalen photo n° 84 F.
Feb. 22. Procuration. J. Pedy. for BAC. " [Berlin samples] " 158
N.D. (1691?) Report: J de Hondt to Capt Draffer. " " " 88.

Inter Papers
(WIC + RAC)

May 2. Revolution. Ass. X WIC. Yellow Notebook (11) p. 61.

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Gold Coast [English] RAC

[PRO. 170/11]. No letters to R.A.C. from the Gold Coast have been noted for 1691.

[PRO. 170/50] "Copies of letters sent by the Royal African Co of England
To the Coast of Africa"

London 24 Sept. 1691

To Sam. Humphreys: Rice Wight: Robert Elwes.

. . . [about the goods lost at Annishan] . . .

You do well to carry a watchful eye towards the Dutch, although with civility yet trust them not but value yourselves as Englishmen to whom they ought to acknowledge all their well-being, but it is not a subject to be argued between friends. But if they are unneighbourly & abusive to our interest give us as full a relation thereof as you can, attested by some who come home, or we do not doubt but to have justice done upon complaint & if needful, matters in difference settled for the future government of our people in those parts from their W. I. C.

Some account of your making at Comenda a Fort that may be useful for the preservation of our trade there would be very acceptable or we order you not to delay doing it with what speed you can.

We hereby require you to insist upon as good terms with the Natives where we have fortifications as the Dutch make with their neighbours. We understand they are, by capitulation with the Kings of the Countries empowered to seize such Natives & their goods who trade with any other European native but they of their own Nation, that they have authority to seize & confiscate the canoes, goods & persons of such natives who they shall take going aboard or coming from any Interloper of theirs or of any other nation or seeking to trade with any but their Co's servants; as also to pay a duty or Port charge on any Portuguese who shall desire to come ashore or seek protection; but such advantage as our Factors make hitherto hath prevailed against our interest & none respects our advantage with regard to the great charge we are at.

We

We understand our Establishment with you is set with the face
to the wall where none dare turn it to read the contents . . .

[In Margin]

"Approve Mr Elwes to be one of the 3 Chief Merchants"

"Cos answer to them concerning their taking the 3 Portuguese vessels" . . .

[Note The Chief Merchants' report about the 3 Portuguese ships
was not found

The R. A. C.'s instructions to the Chief Merchants about
them were not copied in full when these letters from
the Co were ~~copied~~ being copied.

There are some Portuguese papers on the subject
which can be noted separately]

London 24 Sept. 1691.

To Humphreys, Wight & Elwes

. . . [Ordering them to restore the 3 Portuguese vessels] . . .

London. 8 Oct. 1691.

To - the same

You give us a long account of a Pirate & his handship in falling
into the Dutch hands & how they are like to use them, which as they are
Englishmen we ought to be sorry that they were pirates but not that
they should suffer for so heinous a crime. You advise us what pains
you have taken to get them out of the Dutch hands & to send
them to the West Indies without any crime you can charge against
them, which is, but to gain them their liberty that they may
return to their former evil practices

London 20 Oct. 1691

To Mr Wight, Mr Elwes, John Blome

Mr Mark Bedford Whiting, Mr Joshua Platt, (who takes his
passage in Faucunburgh) & Mr Robt Elwes are appointed our three
Chief Merchants

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Gold Coast [English]

London 20 Oct. 1691

To Mark Bedford Whiting: Joshua Platt: Robt Elwes.

We are under some apprehension that the Wars amongst your neighbouring Natives have made an ill influence on our trade & that our Rivals have been wiser & more diligent than our servants have been in carrying the trade from our factories to theirs, which is such a loss as requires a serious consideration amongst you how to retrieve it.

We do not stint you in applying by charge such remedies as shall answer the end, for our charge is great & the ends ~~are~~ are to find a suitable trade which you must seek with all diligence & gain an interest as you best can with the governing people of the country, & yet trust them no further than they have answerable advantage by being true to you. You must avoid avaricity & over high courage to them & rather win upon them by kindness than fear. You have seen how they have taken offence at your Predecessors, & must amend their errors. Good husbandry we recommend but not to starve our business, nor that thereby others take an advantage to divert our trade, under expectation that you will in a little time give us an account of the good success of your management.

London 29 Oct. 1691.

To Sam Hurnsfrays: Rice Wight: Robt Elwes.

. . . [about the restitution to be made of the 3 Portuguese ships seized by the 3 Chief Merchants]. . . . We have been informed by Edward Barber who came lately from Cabo Corso that the 3 Portuguese vessels sailed from Thome [St Thomé] in December last.

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Gold Coast [Dutch] WIC

[WIC. 124] Minutes of Council, Elmina

Jan. 19 - Ship "Stad en Lande" to be sent home on 1 March with
the gold & looks then on hand. Meantime to cruise against
Interlopers -

Mar. 29. - About a confiscated ship -

April 19 - about the capture of 2 Interlopers -

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Oct. 26. - Gysbert van Hoogvelt appointed Factor at Axem de
took the oath not to trade privately -

[The members of Council at the end of October were: -

Director-General Joel Sonits; Fiscal Johan Mottelman;

Johan Schot; Joh. Slaphorst; Jan Danckerts;

Frans Pietersz.]

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Gold Coast [Dutch] WIC

[WIC. 54] letters from Ass^x WIC, to Joel Sonits, Director General
on the Coast of Guinea.

Amsterdam
May 18 - Refer to their letter of 3 Nov. 1690 -
- About the cargoes they will send -
- The Co's servants expressly forbidden to trade or communicate with
any ships, whether Portuguese & or of other nations, & especially not
with Interlopers from the Netherlands -

Nov. 12 Amsterdam. - Their last was dated 18 May
- They have received his letters of 1 July 1690. 18 Dec. 1690.
3 Mar 1691. 30 April 1691 or 23 May 1691. [None of these
letters have been found]
- They write at length about trade & estimates of the cargoes to be
sent -

" We can well understand that the advance on credit of goods to the Natives
who are Princes & Rulers of those countries is done in the expectation of a
good success therewith in matters of peace & war, & that this having
been done for some time past has made the debt greater; but we
consider that, as the Co draws so little profit from it, it ought to be entirely
stopped as we trust has now been done, & care ought to be taken by every
means that the outstanding debts, especially as it is reported to us that it
is done for the sake of peace among the Natives & thereby to further trade.
But we have learn nothing else than that the continuous wars among the
Natives are the hindrance of trade. We therefore expect, from your good
& successful conduct, that the outstanding debts be got in "

- Further as to what they have previously written about the cultivation
of the land. They are informed that at several places the land is
suitable for the cultivation of fruits, if the Natives could be encouraged
by the profits they could make by selling them to the Co, especially
rice, sugar cane, cotton, ginger, white pepper & maize.

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Gold Coast [English & Dutch].

- Augt. 2. Resolution, States General. Yellow's notebook (10) p 49.
"Case of the Royal African Co" p. 56.
- Sept. 6. Resolution, States General p. 49.
Letter [nd]. WIC. to States General p. 50.

Pold [Munerals]

- July 3 Resolution, Ass. \bar{X} . WIC. Yellow's note book (11) p 62.

Interlopers

[WIC & RAC].

- June 11. Resolution. Ass: \bar{X} WIC. p 62.
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Gold Coast [English] RAC

[PAO. Tyo/11] Abstract of letters received by the Royal African Co of England. From the Coast of Africa as far as relates to the Committee of Correspondence.

Cabo Corsoe .11 Jan. 1691 [1692 n.s.]

From Mr White [Wight?]; Mr Elwes; Mr Blome.
Recd 18 May 1692.

Difficult to procure negroes. Have 500 marks of Gold. Send a protest against the Dutch General. The Dutch have had a supply of 5 ships. This by a Bristol Interloper.

Cabo Corsoe 28 Jan. 1691 [1692 n.s.]

From Mr Wm Crosse. Recd 24 May 1692.

The occasions of losses of the Trade on the Gold Coast by making unjust wars &c with the Feluzes & other unwarrantable actions ye.

Cabo Corso Castle . 6 April 1692

From Mr Joshua Platt; Mr Wm Roman; Mr John Gregory.
Recd 23 Dec. 1692

Few slaves present. Arcana's give greater prices. Few slaves to be expected there & the Cause. . . . Intend to settle Roman at Comenda. The Dutch threats. Want Bricklayers for Fort Royall. . . . The Hill will not contain the Draught sent. Will follow ye Compt^y Advice for Terms with the Feluzes. Amamaboe a place of charge yett must humour the Natives by reason of the supply it affords of Corn. Shall demand Port charges of ye Portuguese in hopes of a better trade. They desire ye goods as in Copie. Cannot make up the differences among the Natives. The King of Feluz ye Dutch Creature.

Cabo Corso Castle 8 April 1692

From Mr Mark Bedford Whiting; Mr Joshua Platt; & Mr Robt ~~Elwes~~ Elwes.
Recd 18 July.

Coast pestered with Interlopers. Opened a way from Fetu. Endeavouring ye like at other parts. . . . What of ye Portugally in their Possession.

From Mr Wm Roman.

Cabo Corso Castle 25 July 1692

A Discourse about Comenda, Whynaba, & Dickscoe.

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Cabo Corso Castle - August 1692.
From Mr Platt; Mr Ronan; Mr Gregory.

Fantine ye place for corn. . . . Made peace with ye Fetters. An account of the Invitation of ye Chief of Aguaflo & ye Dutch Insolence. Melross Chief at Annishan. Sent to Succondee Mr Tho Johnson Chief & Tho Edwards Second. . . . Building a Tank there & sent 4 soldiers. Are building a fort at Dicks Cove with consent of ye Natives. May prove a good place for Corn & at Wooding & Watering.

Cannot find the letter from ye morea. Contents of ye said letter. Knew of no War. The Arcanys & Cabess Tynes [Cabes Tunas = Mankesim?]

Cabo Corso Castle. 22 August 1692
From Mr Joshua Platt. Recd 10 Dec. 1692

Have made peace with the Fetters. Trade good but wants wherewith. Dutch are great opposers. Especially in that of Comenda. The Dutch fired at them from Comenda. . . . The Wars of the country have made a scarcity of provisions. A combination to run away with the Discovery, which was detected & ye conspirators secured. Most of the men in that Fort are Irish, ^{French} ~~French~~ &c. Their character.

James Fort, Accra 7 Sept 1692
From Mr Jno Blome Recd ye 10 Jan 1692 [O.S.]
. . . The Dames got ye Trade. New Broyles in ye country.

Cabo Corso Castle 23 Oct. 1692
From Mr Joshua Platt; Mr Wm Ronan; Mr Wm Melross.
Advise of the murder of Jno Gregory [and] who were in his company. The King of Fetu disowns it. Sent two of the murderers' heads, Wm Melross chosen in his place.

Cabo Corso Castle 24 Oct. 1692
From Mr John Smith the Parson at Cabo Corso Castle. Recd 13 Mar.

Poest about to vindicate himself upon the information of Mr Gregory.

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Told Coast [English]

[PRO. T40/50] "Copies of letters sent by the Royal African Co of England
to the Coast of Africa"

London 27 Sept 1692

To
Mr Mark Bedford Whiting: Mr Joshua Platt: Mr Robert Elwes.

It is well that you have sent Mr Blome to Accra a Roman to
Comenda which we desire may be settled again, & we have laid
before the Council the ill treatment you have formerly met ~~with~~ there
from the Dutch, but we expect no answer to it until the King's
return from Flanders.

London . 4 Oct 1692

To the same.

We have been at some charge with Edward Barter to have
him taught to write &c, & hoping he may be of use to our interest
on the Coast we have agreed with him according to his conditions,
as in the copy enclosed, which we order you to comply with so far
as concerneth our part.

London 13 Oct 1692

To the same

The hearer, Mr John Chiltonman, has been appointed to instruct
the children of such of the Natives as live under the Castle.

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Gold Coast [Dutch][W.C. 124] Minutes of Council, Elmina.

Jan. 7. - Resolved to send home the ships Brak & De Ruyter with 200 Marks gold & all the turks & gum [Waseh]; the De Ruyter having a return cargo of 1,000 Marks gold -

Feb. 18 - The Director-General read letters of 7, 12, & 15 Jan. from Factor Valentijn Paos at Offor in Arda reporting the very miserable state there, caused by the war, as the great Arda King Affori had levied troops to ruin or destroy the Offors as rebels against their king, & the surrounding villages had been destroyed & burnt. As the ship St Clara has arrived her destined to Arda for 500 slaves, this caused much consternation, not knowing what to do. Resolved first to send the ship Hendricka to ascertain the situation there, & if the Co's servants have fled from Offor, to establish a lodge at Popo... -

[Same date.] - The Director-General reported that he had received a letter from Jam Aynsworth, Factor at Craa, who saw a prospect of supplying the St Clara with her quota of slaves, within a short time, between Craa & Fida. Chief Factor Joh. Stephorst, in consideration of the fact that the Attise war was not to be neglected ["? - 'versuijmen' - perhaps 'vermijden' - 'avoided' is meant"] offered to do the slave trade on the St Clara. But considering that the Blacks continually come from Popo overland to Craa & that Factor Jam Aynsworth is well informed of the situation of the places between Craa & Popo & what goods are most in demand there, since Lay has been destroyed by the war, it was resolved to employ him on the St Clara to take in the slaves in the shortest time, after the St Clara has taken in water & wood at Chama. -

Mar. 25 - The Director-General again read a letter dd. 3 Nov. 1690 from the Directors Ass. & W.C. to the Dir.-Gen. & Council, expressing their displeasure & disapproval of what was done by the Council here on 9 Jan. of that year in granting his discharge to Dir.-Gen. Nicolaas Sweets -

- Lists were approved of goods, merchandise & victuals required for the maintenance of the forts, & for building the house in Fort Cruesoeur at Craa - which is 100 feet long & 22 feet wide - which were now have to be stopped until timber is brought from home, to make the flat roof ["plat"]. -
[The lists included one foot tin plates, dishes &c. for the table.]

Mar. 28. - The Dir.-Gen. asked the opinion of the members how trade could be carried on with greater profit to the Co. than at present. After consideration no means were discovered by which goods could be traded at a higher price than in the Price List ["Markt Brief"] because the Co does not alone possess the Coast & therefore has to regulate the market according to the English who, through the bank

sell their goods better than we do. Moreover the English have factories at Zaccoude, Cabo Cors, Inguisang [Amsham], Annameto, Adia, & Craa, most of which are situated near our Forts, & where the traders do business where they can get the best prices, so that no gold is received here as long as the English are provided with goods. In addition to it is the large number of English & Dutch Interlopers which continually come to the Coast & spoil the market, selling their sheets at 40 p per benda, Serges at 102, & Powder & other goods in proportion: of which the Interlopers, Danes & Brandenburgers buy up a large quantity to retail to the ~~our~~ traders to the great injury of the Co's trade. Through this the Dir. Gen. has been obliged to put the sheets at 32 p benda, Serges at 18 E the piece, & powder at 38 E t c. Under the price of goods are lowered or raised according to the demand, the English, Danes, or Brandenburgers, who have forts on the Coast will draw all the gold to themselves & the Co's merchandize lie spoiling in the warehouses, to the considerable damage of the Co. —

[They sent home 1000 marks in Jan. !]

May 31 — Upper Factor Hendrik van Uchelen appointed upper factor at Fida vic Valentyn Gros, to proceed home. Factor Jan Aynsworth to be appointed upper factor at Commanlym on his return from the voyage to leeward, subject to the directors' approval —

June 23 — Ordinance to be issued by Dir. — Gen. Joel Smith, approved by the Council: —
 [8 Clauses, imposing fines or forfeiture of pay on the garrison for sundry offences — absence from Prayers & Divine Service; brawling; gambling; interference with people bringing produce to the market &c &c. The penalty for private trading with foreign ships or interlopers was confiscation of goods, & being sent home as unfit for service with the Co.]

July 21. — As the factory at Craa is of great importance, & in order to maintain the Co's interest where the English & Danes have their factories, Lodewyk van Verstraten, Factor at Commanlym is appointed to take charge there, vic Jan Aynsworth appointed to Commanlym on 31 May. Spies transferred to from Bortry to Commanlym & an Assistant appointed Sub. factor at Bortry —

Sept. 16. — As the yacht Postillion is about to sail to the Prain Coast &, on passant, will call at Fida, the Director General proposed to send thither Chief Factor Hendrik van Uchelen — who on 31 May was appointed to that factory to take charge of the Co's slave trade — either by the yacht, or to await the ship Croon Vogel. It was considered necessary that the Chief factor with two Assistants be sent thither either at the earliest

earliest, by the yacht to learn the situation there as ~~they~~ there are only a Sub-factor & an Assistant there & it is not known whether they are dead or not, & to prevent any damage as the Co still has some effects there. As, moreover Afferry, in conjunction with the Aquamboes, is preparing to make war upon the Fidas, the Chief Factor should try to persuade the King of ~~Fidas~~ Arda to make peace or, if not successful in that, to hand over the fugitive Offerse negroes, making some payment for them, or not, as he can best arrange. But if he learns that there is no probability of such a good result & that he & the other servants of the Co would be exposed to the discretion of the victors & he did not consider them safe, then to embark all the Co's servants, slaves, merchandise &c on board the yacht Postillion & sail from there; sending information overland as quickly as possible so that the necessary measures can be taken for the welfare of the Co & the slave trade, upon the arrival of the ship Croon Vogel. —

(Sgd) Joël Smits. J Mottelman. Joan Scott. Frans Pieters,
J van Sevenhuysen.

Gold Coast [Dutch] WIC

[WIC.54]

July 4. Amsterdam. letter from Ass. WIC. to Joel Smits, Director - General Elminia

- Their last was dt 12 Nov. 1691. - They have since received his letter of 8 Feb. 1692. [not found]

- The price of Civet cats is now low, & at a guess will not fetch above of 120 - f 130. but those by the Pecke Piuter not yet arrived. -

We very much regret that our trade on the Coast is so greatly incommoded & troubled, inter alia by the continuous navigation of the Portuguese; but for reasons of necessity which we have here in Europe, we can give no other or more definite orders about it, ^{than formerly} & as we have done by our letter of Nov. 12., as we are at present in that position that of two evils we must choose the least, & we shall therefore have to be patient for some time. But if the Portuguese should undertake hostilities or commit violence, as we see, with regret, has happened at Chama, then force must be used against it, & if possible seized, brought up & confiscated according to finding. It would have been very servicable if Y.H. had had formal declarations made under oath, & had sent them to us, to use them where proper & to take the necessary steps, & we shall expect, in reply to this, to be sent to us formal declarations under oath about that occurrence at Chama & the hostilities committed by the Portuguese, in order to avoid swiches of them, & the sooner the better.

As regards the English, who also try to do us every injury in trade, & as Y.H. reports, have planted a flag at Imfuma with the intention to establish a lodge & trade there - which we find will be of bad consequence but also dangerous to oppose directly - Y. H. must take care, with prudence, that if they or other nations come to places where we have entered into agreements with the natives ~~and~~ for an exclusive trade or by whom the land has been transferred to us - to address the natives about it & to oblige them to fulfilment of the agreements. This we are competent to do without other nations being able or allowed to present. We cannot prescribe the means for carrying this out & we must therefore leave & commend it to Y.H.'s prudent conduct.

On the subject of the seizure & confiscation of ships, whether sailing with commissions from other nations or as pure interlopers, we have previously expressed ourselves in detail on the occasion of the Brandenburgers' attempts on the Coast, as Y.H. can see from our letter to your predecessor Sweerts of 16 May 1685 [not found], extract of which, about that matter, goes hereinth [not here].

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About this, upon further reflection on your report about a barquentine with Coast goods from Rotterdam, which gave itself out as an Englishman & had also obtained an English pass for that purpose, we are of a somewhat different opinion & must therefore further explain ourselves in elucidation of our former advice of 16 May, by which you will find that we found good that ships equipped &c in this country & sailing out, & calling at any harbours of other Princes & Potentates from whom they received their Commission, should not be arrested & declared prize, but that all sailing on them who were found to be inhabitants of this country should be taken off them.

In the aforesaid case of the English barquentine, it has to be considered that in the Kingdom of England is a Royal African Co & that there, too, are Interlopers which are liable to confiscation ~~both~~ by the English, as by us those, which sail direct to the Coast from this country - as is provided by the Agreement entered into with the Royal African Co in the year 1644.

In a case where a ship of a ship destined to the Coast of Guinea, which is fitted out in this country & is manned with a Dutch Skipper & crew if it called at England it would there have to receive a Commission from the Royal African Co in order to be able to come to the Coast.

But it might only receive a Sea Pass with a declaration that it wished to be held & regarded as an Englishman. In this latter case we decide that such a ship can be well & properly arrested, brought up, & confiscated as being truly a Dutch Interloper & not exempt therefrom by such a Sea Pass. Therefore Y.H. must endeavour to arrest such a ship & on being brought up, you may with good right confiscate it. But if it is provided with a Commission from the Royal African Co, it would be very inadvisable to molest it - although we consider the equippage was improperly done. It will therefore be necessary not to make any attempt against such a ship, so as not to cause us any further difficulties here in Europe.

The wars among the Natives are not the least hindrances to the trade on the Coast which we could well understand are fomented by other nations trading there. About this we will only recommend that you do your best to promote peace among them so far as possible provided it is not done at the cost of the Co because it is very easily broken again & then the expenses would be endless. We must therefore leave the discovery of the means also to Y.H.'s good conduct & direction.

- They send copies of their Resolutions of 16 & 18 June about Caragoes -

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B.A.C. [Brandenburg African Co.].

Nov. 20 Resolution. States General. Yellow Notebook (10) pp. 60 + 79.

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Fold Coast [English]

[P.R.O. T. 10/11] "Abstract of letters received by the Royal African Co of England
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Cabo Corso Castle 21 Jan. 169²/₃

From Mr Joshua Platt: Mr W^m Roman: Mr W^m Melross.

Made Mr Cooper Chief at Agga. Tho^s Smith at Ammishan.
 Wars all over. They endeavour for peace. Since Gregory's death
 the King of Fetu is afraid to come down.

Cabo Corso Castle Mar. 18 169²/₃

From - the same.

Recd 16 April 1693 [so copied]

Comenda not to be settled but by leave of the States of
Holland . . . Endeavour to make a peace among the Natives.
 Hope these new goods will bring down trade

Cabo Corso Castle. June 11 1693

From Edward Barber

Recd 27 Sept 93

By Bristol Interloper. His account of ye Natives' war & his opinion thereon.
 Who suspected to kill John Gregory. Of the hopes of having ye
 whole trade of Acra. He is taken into the counting house. Desires
 a salary of £30 p. annum

Cabo Corso Castle. "supposed 12 June 1693"

From Mr Joshua Platt: Mr W^m Roman: Mr W^m Melross

Recd 24th J^{un}

They have had the Dey & men of Fetu down, yet the wars
 continue. How they behaved themselves between the contenders.
 What they have lent & how secured. Four Interlopers that spoil
 the trade. Of transactions at Acra between ye Natives &
Dutch & Danos &c. . . . Settled Mr Buckeridge at Tantum Quarry.
 Intend to settle Winnebah. Many stones & shells there. Want
 Satter (?) guns for Disko Cove

Fort Royal. July 20 1693.

From Mr Nicholas Buckeridge

He desires preferment &c

Cabo Corso Castle Nov. 10 1693

From Mr Joshua Platt; Mr Wm Roman; Mr Wm Melross.

About the Fort at Winnebah & the Trade there. The Danes' Fort at Accra possessed by ye Natives. Have withdrawn ye Factory at Tamumquerry.

James Fort, Accra 11 Nov, 1693

From Mr John Blome.

Gives an account of the Wars about Accra & of the Blacks surprising ye Danes' Fort there.

[P.R.O. T. 70/50] "Copies of letters sent by the Royal African Co of England. To the Coast of Africa."

London. 14 Feb. 169²/₃

To Mr Joshua Platt; Mr John Gregory; Mr William Roman.

Although these Warr times, the King & Parliament are in so much concern for the public safety that it is not yet reasonable to make over-pressing importunities for the settlement of our Charter, whereby some ill-affected persons to the Co do clandestinely & by tricks get out ships for those parts & thereby inteslope upon us, yet it is in your power to prevent them from trading.

You must, as formerly ordered, endeavour to ~~settle~~ settle Comencia which will require your presence & resolution to countermine a subtle & self-interested competitor, we having of late sent a considerable number of men which will the better enable you to do it.

It is very much our interest that you keep good correspondence with the Natives, & now having made peace with the Felers, be careful for the future that you give them no just occasion for a breach, for we believe & are informed that the occasion of their disgust arose from some affront or ill-usage shewed them at the Castle.

We make no doubt but that the Dutch your neighbours will let slip no advantage to get the whole trade of those countries into their hands. You ought to be very vigilant to countermine their designs, for the Natives, no doubt, will be ready to join with you, they being sensible that it will not be for their interest to be under the Dutch regiment only, as you may gather from the Amquaffers' invitation of you to settle among them.

London 15 Augt 1693.

To the same

- Note the appointments of Wm Cooper to be Chief at Agga, Thos Smith at Ammissionan & Francis Smith, at Dickscale -
- They are to keep Capt Phillips in the Hannibal to be slender for the Gold Coast -

Gold Coast [Dutch] WIC[WIC. 124]. Minutes of Council. Elmina

Jan. 19. - The Director General put before the Councillors that the ship Croon Vogel, Skipper Daniel Pels, from the Zealand Chamber of the WIC, had arrived here on 18 Dec. last year, destined for the slave trade at Andra, whereupon the ship de Brack, on the 23^d Dec. had been sent to Fida to ascertain the situation there. The Brack had arrived at Delmina on 15th inst bringing all the Co's servants & a part of its effects, having been obliged to retire hither because of a war of Afforij against the Fidas, & consequently no slave trading can be done there at present. He asked therefore what could be done, for the best service of the Co, with the ship Croon Vogel in order to obtain her quota of slaves. It was resolved to send the ship Croon Vogel - after she had obtained water & firewood at Chama, with upper Factor Hendrick van Uchelen, down to Laij & other places situated thereabouts, to obtain slaves & if she could not obtain her full number of slaves, 500 slaves, then to dispatch her to Curaçow [Curaçao] with a less number . . . -

Jan. 28 - The frigate Posteljon to be dispatched home with a return cargo of 34,865 lb. grain; 2027 lb. turks; 448 lb. crevel; 2,892 lb. gum [was] & 160 marks gold [80 for Chamber Amsterdam, 40 for Chamber Zealand, & 40 for Chamber on the Maas]. -

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June 22. - upon the death of Joan Scott, Joan Slaphorst appointed Chief Factor Elmina, in his place. Upper Factor Hendrick van Uchelen appointed upper Factor Mauve *vic* Slaphorst. -

July 6. - Ship Hercules [chartered for 1475 caroly guldenen per month] to be sent home as soon as possible, with 300 marks gold, to the first English port there to await convoy; the voyage round behind England being unsafe in Nov & Dec, & the Channel also through French privateers - ship Rachel to be sent to Andra for slaves with Jan Hysworth as factor on board her. -

Augt 7. - Buys ship Klaas which arrived on 5th inst after doing bad trade on the Grain & Turck Coasts, to be sent to the Beight to trade the rest of her cargo -

[next entry]

Nov. 2 . . . - Sub-factor Warman de Ruyter appointed factor at Chama *vic* J...Z... departed -

Nov 24

[Twifus]

Nov. 24 - The Director General reported to the Councilors that a dispute had arisen between the Quufferse [Fufos] & the Commaries as the King of Commanry had had some Quuffer traders arrested by his people with ^{mk. oz. eng.} 10: 2: 8 in merchandise which they had traded with the English at Cabo Corso - about an offence; & those traders had also promised to trade with the Hollanders & not with the English, which promise they had not fulfilled. The Quufferse ~~were~~ had threatened to make war on the Commaries over the dispute & the King of Commanry had therefore distributed the seized goods among the neighbouring districts to ~~him~~ assist him in the war which would ~~lead to~~ lead to great injury to trade & the paths closed to the Quuffer & Dingira traders, & the costs of subsistence [Kostpenningen] would not be received & the situation would be the same as at Mouré & Commanry where only 3-4 Marks gold had been received in two months. The question therefore arose whether to advance to the King of Commanry that sum of ^{mk. oz. eng.} 10: 2: 8 which the Quuffer traders claimed, in order to avert the war, or to leave them alone, when the Co would suffer ten times more by the damage to which the ¹⁵merchandise would be subjected than what was now lent, & could be demanded in due course.

After careful consideration it was resolved for the foregoing reasons to advance that sum of ^{mk. oz. eng.} 10: 2: 8 in order to set the dispute aside; which the contending parties have confirmed by oath without keeping any matter in reserve.

(194) Joel Smits, Joan Mottelman, Joh. Staphorst, Frans Peetersz.
J v Sevenhuijsen.

[WIC. 54]

July 20. Amsterdam. Letter. Ass. F. WIC. To tri.-Gen. Joel Smits

- Their last was dt. July 4 1692. Since then they have received his letters of April 19. May 9. June 4. Augt 24. 1692 & Feb 3 1693

[None of these letters were found]

"By all those letters & annexures we well see the situation of affairs in that country, but it is not, in many respects, so profitable as we could wish, for the unhindered course of our trade, & the profits that we might reasonably expect from ~~it~~ it are the object & purpose of our deliberations. In this we find ourselves frustrated by the foreign nations who are on the Coast - English, Danes & Brandenburgers; by Interlopers coming to the Coast both from this & other countries; by the wars of the Natives among themselves; & by the Co's own servants

"Concerning the English, we find from previous advices & reports & from Y.H.'s letter of April 19. that they occupy a large part of the Gold Coast, having continued from time to time to intrude upon the Co's own places, such as their undertakings at Comanij, which Y.H. reports to us.

"It is true that the state of affairs in Europe does not allow one to embroil oneself outside Europe, but nevertheless, the Co cannot be bound, by yielding, to place itself, in course of time, entirely outside the trade on the Gold Coast

"As regards the designs of the English at Comanij, we see that in Dec. 1691 they tried to take possession there by a factor & two soldiers with a flag & flagstaff, that although they were hindered by the Natives they still wished to have possession there, that they wrote to Y.H. about it on 25 Jan. 1692. to which they received reply that if they were disposed to visit Comanij again they could do so but that if they were insulted there by the Blacks they would please not impute it to Y.H. as they had previously done as you would not concern yourself with it, ~~and~~ on one side or the other.

"About this, & all other cases of foreign nations undertaking to take possession at one place or other on the Coast, we observe, in general, that the WIC. acquired the places which it possesses on the Coast of Guinea either by right of arms or by voluntary transfer by the Natives or, also, by agreements made with them. has acquired the right to divide the trade among them, alone, & to the exclusion of all other nations. In the two first cases the Co is empowered to

conserve & maintain its places & subordinate districts thereof against each & every foreign nation, & even to oppose force with force. In the last case, the Co is entitled, by all ways & means, to hold the Natives to the fulfilment of their contracts either by deed, if the means are at hand or by a moderate expenditure or other friendly means, according to the situation of affairs on the Coast requires this & conform to the interests of the Co. This matter, generally, can be seen in more detail in an Ample Deduction, in justification of the Co's good right to the exclusive trade on the Gold Coast of Guinea, which was formulated on the occasion of the disputes arisen with the Brandenburg African Co, which, with its annexures, is sent herewith for your information. [vide photostats of the Ample Deduction].

On this subject & concerning the English designs upon Comanry there must be found among the documents & papers with Y.H. what the nature & constitution of the place Comanry is, a foreigner used that before formal notification by way of ~~written~~ notice in order, whatever the case is, to assert the right of the Co as it ought to be. Foreigners will have to be exercised about this before formal notification such of it is made with the allegation a justification of the Co's good right thereto; or then due protest made applicable to the case. To this protest Y.H. shall request their reply, & then transmit all the papers, in forma authentica, together with all the relevant reports, so that, having seen them, further resolution may be taken thereon.

What right the Co has to the place where the English have established their lodge at Imfuma we, in this country, cannot distinctly perceive. In your letter of 19 April we find Y.H.'s opinion & reports about it & we can therefore be at one with you that we should be restored & maintained in our good right against the intrusions of the Brandenburg African Co. About this we much wish that in the beginning there had been more vigilance by your predecessor Ernst Kijis.

The agreement provisionally concluded with the English African Co, we have not been able to bring to any effect. We shall have to await what will happen in due course of time.

Meantime it will be necessary that the opinions we have formed be put into practice, & upon every opportunity we shall expect not only that reports be made to us upon them but also that such authenticated papers & reports which are formulated & produced on either side, be sent to us.

What we have before remarked about the English must be understood in regard to other nations also, who have settled on the Coast, & we recommend that all vigilance be exercised in the interests of the Co.

As soon as we find any arrangement in the affairs of Europe we shall not neglect to persist with this State about the Brandenburg usurpations.

— As regards Interlopers coming to the Coast, whether from this country or from other nations, or the arrest & bringing up of the same, they refer to their previous letters of 16 May 1685 [not found] & 4 July 1692. —

"That the Portuguese have, already for a long time, both before & during the present Charter, endeavoured to carry on their trade along the Coast of Guinea we find had already been the subject of complaint by the late Director Heerman Abrahamson in his letter of 13 Jan. 1696, but that it was not decided by the Co to arrest, bring up & confiscate their ships. As yet we can give no further orders about it than those contained in our before-mentioned last letter of 4 July 1692. But in order that ~~the same~~ in course of time, we may be able to keep them from the Coast more energetically, we have found good to represent to this State what right the WIC has to the Coast of Guinea as a conquest made from the Portuguese in war & confirmed by Treaties of peace, in order to obtain that they keep away from the Coast or, if they come to it, they do so without infringing the treaties & alliances entered into with the Crown of Portugal, with the power to arrest & confiscate them. The success of this will be reported in due course.

We have also well obtained from YH's previous reports that the means to oppose Interlopers must not only be to chase them with fast sailing frigates, but also the timely importation of sufficient & current cargoes.

— As to the first, a new frigate of 26 guns is being purchased by the Amsterdam Chamber —

— As regards the cargoes required they have resolved upon two large equippages, each of a cargo of f 80,000, & two yacht equippages each of f 30,000. The two large & one yacht equippage to be done by the Amsterdam Chamber: one large as soon as possible, & the other in mid-September, & one yacht with the new Cruiser, next spring. The second yacht equippage (also with the new Cruiser) will be done by the Chamber Stad en Lande in the spring —

— In ~~addition~~ addition, a slave cargo for 500 slaves at Fida or Benaboko, to be sent to Curacao —

— [As to the assortments of the cargoes] —

— As regards hindrance to the Co's trade on the Coast through the wars of the natives there, it has already, for many years, been the complaint of the Directors on the Coast, but never been in the power of the Directors to quell those wars. Therefore the pacification of the Natives has required the good Direction & conduct of the Generals who have been successful in it more at one time than at another. This we also recommend to Y. H. also; & also to take care by every means, that the Co is paid the debt of the King of Futa.

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- They have granted him his request for his discharge & have appointed Mr Joan Scott to succeed him as Director General, & send the formula of the required oath, to be taken by him before Y.H. & the Council

June 30 Resolution. States General. Yellow Notebook (10) p. 61.

Minerals

June 25 Resolution. Ass. X W.I.C. Yellow Notebook (11) p. 63.

Interlopers

July 18 Resolution. Ass. X W.I.C. p. 63.

Aug 1-29 Diary. bri-Fen. Joel Smits. 9th copy in Dutch.

<u>Jan.</u> 9	Resolution, States General.	<u>Yellens Notebook</u> (10) p. 66.
<u>Jan.</u> 14	" "	" " "
<u>Jan.</u> 16	" "	" " p. 67
<u>Feb.</u> 1	" "	" " p. 71.
<u>Mar.</u> 23	" "	" " p. 71.
<u>Mar.</u> 27	" "	" " p. 73.
<u>April</u> 29	" "	" " p. 74.

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<u>July</u> 17.	Resolution, States General	<u>Yellens Notebook</u> (10) p. 74
<u>Sept.</u> 24	" "	" " p. 75

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Gold Coast [English]. RAL

[P.R.O. T. 70/11] "Abstract of letters received by the Royal African Co of England. From the Coast of Africa, as far as relates to the Committee of Correspondence."

Cabo Corso Castle. Feb 23 169³/₄.

From Joshua Platt: W^m Romm, W^m Melross.
Recd ye 25 June 1694.

A Battle in December among the Natives. Fetuers will not trust the English. This stops trade. The Conquerors require a down &c. Hitherto what have lent hath been a charge without profit to the Co. Have now hopes of better. Cuffay Cabb [meaning Twifu Cabbours?] have opened a Trade to Succunde &c. Little hope of Comenda. Fort Royal not built. Timber sent diverted. Can have good timber from Dickies Cove. Shall want guns for Winabali. About the Dames' effort at Acra. This by the Dutch General whose successor is worse than he. Are seldom without 5 or 8 Dutch Interlopers. . . . Send copy of Mr Blome's letter for ye affair at Acra. And from Mr Johnson of the Dutch panyarring the goods & traders at Succunde.

Cabo Corso Castle. Mar. 2. 169³/₄

From the Same.

Recd 17 July

Advanced to Great Tagges & 20 Bendys in goods, in hopes of a Trade by a peace. The King of Sabois army is come down here & say they have concluded a peace. The Fetuers are to meet them here, of which more by the Eagle.

From the Same. Recd 5 Oct. via Holland. Cabo Corso Castle. Mar. 2. 169³/₄

Peace between the Fetuers & Arconoes. Those articles prejudicial to the Cabess people. Nimpha pursues the King of Fetue upon which the settlement of the Trade depends. The King of Fetue a friend of the Dutch. But the Dey to the English. . . . Several of Shirley's & Phillip's goods damaged

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Cabo Corso Castle. April 25 1694

From Joshua Platt: Wm Ronan. Wm Melross.

Recd 5 Oct. 1694.

Arcanios & Cabess people not agreed. The General of the Mine's Behaviour in relation to Succondee. He endeavours to settle the old King of Fetus. Are forced to continue lending Nimpha money.

Cabo Corso Castle. June 2 1694

From the same

Recd 5 Oct 1694.

Fetus have settled their Government & are our friends ... Hope the trade will be better if the Dutch hinder not. The Dutch encourage the natives to seize English goods. Two Danes Comp^{as} ships on the Coast. Have done nothing for regaining their Fort at Accra. Like to be fresh wars.

James Fort Accra 8 June 1694

From Mr John Bloome

Recd 30 May 1695.

Gives account of affairs in those parts. Two Danes arrived & have redeemed their Fort. Damage done Fort by rains. Dutch Fort damaged. Co's Fort ill-built.

Cabo Corso Castle Aug 2. 1694

From Joshua Platt: Wm Ronan: Wm Melross.

The mischief done the Co. at Succondee. The English kept prisoners by ye Dutch Copeman. Copies of the account comes herewith with a protest against the Feñt of Delmeria, occasioned by the rashness of Mr Johnson &c. Advised the out-factors had to behave themselves, particularly to Dickys Cove which is threatened; which they strengthen, being the only place the Co. have inward. The Articles with the natives there. Are endeavouring to take Anta Ashrasy. The Cufraas intend war against Aquaftu, which will stop all trade, though it may be of use to recover Commenda. King of Fetus there. A private on that Coast with English colours, what depredations he made on ye Coast, which they believe went to Whida, Mr John Pink Chief at Annisham. Goods stolen from there. Danes ships at Accra, who have their Fort again.

Cabo Corso Castle Nov. 24 1694

From the same

Recd 24 May.

Of the natives transactions & money lent them. To Nimpha 31 Bendys. Adoms & Bendys. A difference between the Dutch & Aquaftu may put the Co in possession of Commenda.

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Gold Coast [English]

[P.A.O. T40/50] "Copies of letters sent by the Royal African Co of
England. To the Coast of Africa."

London. 16 Oct. 1694

To Joshua Platt: W^m Roman: W^m Melbross.

What you advise in relation to the natives, hoping to receive by those
the former ships than advantage which your services to them
the peace you advise (which we wish may continue), does reasonably
afford us the prospect & expectation

- Will not allow ships to trade in the River

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Gold Coast [Dutch] WIC

[WIC. 124] Minutes of Council. Elmivia

Jan. 26 - Instructions received from the Assembly X WIC that in future the cost to the Co of the burial of a Director-General was not to exceed the sum of $\text{fl } 4500$ -

Jan 27 - Resolved to send home the small ship Haas with a cargo of 49,681 lb grain. -

- The prices of goods against tusks. The competition of Interlopers in the Right & Calbarij.

Jan 29. - Jaal Smits having obtained his discharge from the Assembly X, a his successor (John Scott) appointed by the X having died on 19 January, Joan Staphorst was appointed to take over the

Direction on Smits' departure; & took the oath of office -

- Hendrik van Uchelen appointed Upper-Fa Chief, Factor Elmivia; Joan Arjuswrith Upper Factor Moore; Joan Mattelman as Fiscal, Upper Factor Cornantijn subject to directors' approval; Puriterans acting Fiscal.

[next entry]

June 4 - Yacht Jager to be sent home with cargo of tusks & coral &c.

Arnoldus Moldijk appointed Factor at Graa vice Coeyus, going home -

June 12 - On death of Jan Arjuswrith, Joan Mattelman appointed to Moore; Bookkeeper Joan van Sassenhuyzen Upper Factor Cornantijn; Abel Breyjn appointed provisional Bookkeeper at $\text{fl } 30$ per month.

(Sgd) Joan Staphorst, H v Uchelen, Joan Mattelman, Frans Pietersz.

[The above is the last entry for 1694]

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Gold Coast [Dutch]

[WIC. 54]

Sept. 4 Amsterdam. Letter, Ass. WIC to Johan Staphorst, Director-General on the Coast of Africa.

- They have received a circumstantial report on the situation of affairs on the Coast from the letters of the late Director-General, Mr Joël Smits, & now lately from his verbal & written report, upon his safe arrival by the ship Winné Rondt on 28 June this year -

[letters & written reports were not found]

- They have found good to appoint him Director-General on the Coast of Africa with such instructions & Commission, & also a Commission from the States-General as one sent him herewith [not found]. In the Commission he will find his appointment is for one year only. For the continuation of his Commission he must apply annually. -

"We request to see that the long-enduring wars among the Natives of the Country have ceased, & still cause daily, considerable injury, to our trade. We have indeed some hope that they will cease, but as yet little assurance of it. Therefore we are anxious for better news from the Coast which we still expect with the arrival of the yacht. In the meantime we seriously recommend Y.H. to make the most energetic efforts to persuade the minds of the Natives to peace as being the only means to make trade flourish again."

"Above all we have to recommend Y.H. to try to stand in good harmony & friendship with those Natives from whom the Co. in case of attack by European enemies, has to expect most hindrance & injury, as the greatest misfortune could be caused by them in case they should be badly treated or irritated. Wherefore it is absolutely necessary that Y.H. takes good care that the Co's servants every where on the Coast treat them well & gently so that the Co may ^{thus} attain its object."

"In that hope & expectation of good success in trade, we have resolved again to make one large & two Yachts' equippages; the Amsterdam Chamber to do the two latter of f. 30,000 each; & the Zeeland Chamber the one of f. 80,000."

- The "Articles Brief" & Placades against private trading by the Co's servants are to be strictly enforced. -

- They regret to learn the death of the Preacher, Domine Samuel Ampsingh, & are looking out for another.
Ampsingh

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Gold Coast [English].

[PRO. Tyo/11] "Abstract of letters received by the Royal African Co of England. From the Coast of Africa so far as relates to the Committee of Correspondence"

Cabo Corso Castle. 23 Jan. 1694 [1695. n.s.]

From Mr Wm Ronan: Mr Wm Melbros: Mr Rich^d Buckridge
Recd 20 Aug^r. 1695.

About Commenda & the Dutch Attempts. The Natives seized on some Dutch. Have planted guns there, but want Workmen & Materials. What sent on about that Fort. . . Nimpha the General of the Arzamas dead. Doubt the issue. The Comp^y must be at further charge if the War continues

Cabo Corso Castle 1 Feb. 1694/5

From the Same.

Recd 20 Aug^r 1695

The Wars like to continue

Cabo Corso Castle. 14 May 1695

From the Same.

Recd & read 20 Aug^r.

Why they sent home the Guiney Galley. Affairs much altered since Zelbetto's departure. Dutch, envying their trade, brought down an army of the Cufferers on Aguaffa who desired the assistance of the English, whereby a powerful army was raised & Battle fought 20th April, wherein the Cabess & Cufferers were beaten. Those that favoured the Dutch being most slain. Propos of an open Trade. Are on good terms with the Natives. Comenda settled & hope to regain Success.

Cabo Corso Castle. 8 October 1695

From the Same.

Recd 26 May '96.

Dutch endeavours to renew the War. The King of Aguaffa promiseth to repay what he borrowed. Trade open but want goods. The Dutch endeavour to make a breach among ye Confederates by Bribes, which the Factors endeavour to

circumvent.

circumvent. A design to murder the King of Aguafte, Dutch
designed to have murdered John Cabess. An account of
the soldiers & seizing a Portuguese, & how they were served.
A Frenchman at Dickies Cove boasts of an English ship
taken at Gambia. . . . Page, a gunner, deserted to Mourree
& there ~~was~~ detained contrary to agreement, & entertained at the
Mina. Therefore the Comp^a have entertained their Deserters
especially Mr Loma (?), a good writer, who informs what the
General informs about the war at Commenda & about Mr
Ronan going to Fantem. What was the true cause
of his going thither. Sends a letter to the Dutch.
Recovered the great canoe & from the Natives, which the
General set on. King of Quambo demands rent which
Mr Bloom charged, as paid formerly. To the Comp^a's wrong
5 Benches. Like to be a war between the ACKIMS
& that King. The Cause... But they will endeavour to
prevent it.

[PRO. Tyo/50] "Copies of letters sent by the Royal African Co of
England. To the Coast of Africa"

London. 3 Sept: 1695

To Mr Wm Ronan: Mr Wm Melross: Mr Rich^o Buckeridge.

Commenda we hope will now prove a secure Settlement &
afford a good trade.

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Old Coast [Dutch]

Nov. 14 Revolution States General. Yellow note book (10) p. 45.

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Gold Coast [Dutch] WIC

[WIC. 124] Minutes of Council. Elmina

Jan. 4. The Director-General Joan Staphorst put before us, the undersigned, that notwithstanding all his efforts for the settlement of the Commami dispute — yes, even by the expenditure of the considerable sum of $\text{M}^k. 02. \text{ing. gold.}$ besides also that, as desired, he had surrendered 24: 3: 4 the Fish Toll which had always been received from olden time at Small Commamy — in order that the King of Great Commamy [i.e. Aguoffo] & his adherents should keep quiet & remain with the Netherlands W.I.C. as formerly. But His Honour (even proceeding in person to Commamy) had not been able to bring the matter further than that 15 Marks gold of the above sum had been repaid with promises that the remaining $\text{M}^k. q. 302: 4 \text{ing.}$ would be paid by the native Jan Cabes. Moreover that the General has been able to trace, not obscurely, that those Natives, in all their dealings were falsely "reversing" some rascality against the Co, to which they had been put up by the English with extraordinary expenditures, as if one was at open war with that Nation.

That upon what has been related His Honour had considered it advisable to send a secret mission to the Cabes Terrage to persuade that nation to come to our assistance & security, with the promise to assist them in return on other occasions. To this reply had been received that so far as they are concerned they are resolved to assist the Netherlands W.I.C. with all their force & that they were not sufficient to restrain the Great Commamies unless one sought to get the Quuffers [Twifles] on the Co's side, in order thus to attack together to attack the Great Commamies & their adherents & in that way to bring them to reason. His Honour added that he had sent a messenger to Quuffer for that purpose; which messenger, on his arrival there, had found some servants of the English Agents at Cabo Corso there a sum of 200 Bendas gold, & also an envoy from the Great Commamy King, AbE TEKKI, with 100 Bendas gold, solely in order to persuade them, the Quuffers to join the said King & overthrow, in favour of the English, rather to deprive us of all our Forts, except this Castle d'Elmina, if possible; or at least to close all the paths to & around the Co's place, & let no traders come down.

But

But on the arrival of our messenger the Quuffers, considering that, because of a certain convention concluded with Mr Sweets, they were under the obligation to assist the Netherlands Co. with their force, in case of insult, were not willing to accept the aforementioned 300 Bendas but showed themselves towards the Holland Nation only, at once sent hither a messenger from the Cousin of the principal Caboccer Amakon, with the offer that if one could likewise resolve to send thither 300 Bendas or at least 260 in gold, 8 in powder & 1 in muskets, that they would then not only bring Great Commany & the rascals living at Small Commany to obedience to the Co. but, more also, would put it out of the power of the King of Sabou, by whom Mouree was being threatened with a surprise attack & who also has a good understanding with the English, to undertake any rascality against the Co.'s domains. The General accordingly put it to the consideration of us, the undersigned, in the absence of the other members, whether it would not be to the utmost service & interest of the Co. that what was desired should be accorded to the Quuffers, in order not only to preserve the Co.'s property from further calamities, but also so that trade - which at present is very bad might again take its former course.

Whereupon, after deliberation & careful consideration, it was resolved that the above-mentioned sum of 260 Bendas in gold, 8 Bendas in powder & 1 Benda in muskets shall be sent to the Quuffer Caboccers, provided that the before-mentioned Cousin of the Caboccer Amakon shall swear on oath according to the custom of the country that they will use the whole of the aforesaid considerable capital sum in assisting the Co. & carry out that which was promised without any exception.

(sgd.) Joh. Staphorst. J. v. Sevenhuysem. Jan Hendrik Veltcamp.
Georg Christoffel Veitch.

[The next Minute of Council on record is dated 25 April 1694]

Gold Coast [Dutch]

[WIC. 54].

Nov. 25 Amsterdam. Letter. Ass 25 WIC to Director General Johan Staphorst.

"After the Assembly of the St had separated on 4 Sept 1694, we have since received your letters of 10 May & 20 June 1694 & of 31 May of this year." [None of these letters were found]

"By your last letter we see to our great regret the bad situation of the Coast through the wars of the Natives not only amongst themselves but also against the Co & instigated even against our forts & lodges; & consequently what considerable & excessive charges we have borne, not only by the stoppage of trade but also through the excessive expenditure that has been so fruitlessly incurred thereon. And all this without in such weighty matters, taking the advice & approval of the Council thereon, but on your own authority, directly contrary to Art. 2 of Y.H.'s Instructions which specially prescribes that in matters of policy & war the Dir. - Gen. is bound to convene the Council from time to time.

"Afterwards we heard the report of the Deputies of the Amsterdam Chamber on the subject of exploring for minerals on the Coast & the sending out of miners for that purpose & the instructions they were given to carry out their work with foresight; & what had been written & recommended to Y.H. & especially to direct everything with all secrecy, & to report thereon only to those Deputies who had given Y.H. those orders on our behalf. We have therefore seen with extreme surprise that without the least deference to them, you have done everything openly, & even, in destruction of that object, directly & ^{openly} sending no reply to those Deputies. All matters of extreme & dangerous consequences imaginable, to the injury of the Co"

- For all this they have decided to dismiss him from the service & to appoint Joan van Sesehuysen as Director General & they send their Commission & Instructions, & the Commission from the States General for Van Sesehuysen to whom he is to hand over everything properly & then to come home & give an account of his Direction

[This] Nov. 25. Amsterdam. Letter. Ass 25 WIC. to Joan van Sesehuysen. Chief factor at Elmina, Director General - designate on the Coast
[The original of this letter is in Archive "Kust van Guinea 4025"]

- They appoint him to be Director General vice Joan Staphorst who is dismissed & is to return to Holland after properly handing over to him

- On looking through the papers received since the departure of the late Director General Joel Smith & during the Directorate of John Staphorst they are surprised to find that only three meetings of Council have been held, viz on 7 & 12 June 1694 & on 4 January this year.

- They cannot conceive that no matters of importance, about which the Dir.-Gen. ought to have consulted the Council, have occurred. Indeed they see from the latest letters the deplorable state of the Co's trade, caused by the wars among the Natives, not only between themselves, but also against the Co, instigated even against our forts & lodges. They can quite understand that no one can convene the Council except the Dir.-Gen. so it cannot be imputed to the Council that this was not done, but so that they may obtain more information about it they instruct him to report circumstantially how Staphorst really acted about the Council, so that they can provide accordingly -

" We also observe that considerable sums are outstanding among the Natives, the recovery of which has already been recommended to several of Y. H's predecessors at the time; such as, inter alia an old debt of 9^l. 12. 4. 2 from the Accountants due to the old Co, of which there is no contra entry. Also a debt of the Figtree generally of 9^l. 46. 5. 6¹/₂, & of the King of Commanary of 9^l. 9. 6. 8. & whatever more there may. About this Y. H. must, at the beginning of your Direction, draw up a statement & report to us exactly all the gold which is still due to the Co from the Natives, specifying under whose direction & when such sums were advanced, & by what resolutions there appear to have been made with the knowledge of the Council; And moreover in what state those Natives are to pay them to the Co, & what means can best be adopted to recover such considerable sums, & we strongly recommend Y. H. to take care that these monies are brought into the Co's chest.

" We can quite conceive that the wars among the Natives will make such an effort very difficult & that there is more hope of it in times of peace. It will therefore have to be your chief care to devise all possible ways & means for the pacification of the Natives among themselves as the good or bad course of the Co's trade ~~both~~ on the Coast depends upon it, & without it it will not be possible to bear such charges as occur there annually. It must be Y. H's great object to come to a good understanding with the Natives & to bring about peace amongst them. This we must highly recommend & commend to Y. H."

- They refer to Dir. Gen. Joel Smith's letter of 10 Mar 1694. -

- They have approved 2 large equippages of £80,000 cargoes each & one yacht equippage of £30,000. One large, & the yacht by the Amsterdam Chamber; one large by the Zealand Chamber -

- The Co's servants to be strictly forbidden to have any communication with Interlopers -

- Appointments consequent upon Staphorst's dismissal & his appointment as Dir.-Gen. - Stephen Steken Wollens Chief Factor Elimina; Schour to Maoree; Radmacher Fiscal, Kermanuel de Ruyler to Arem, Pieter Nuyts to be Sub-factor.

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Die ontdekking van de West-Indische Ouden Landen, in Duffel door den Ingenieur
in Engelen, 1794, in de Ouden Landen, 1695
Aanhangsel van de Ouden Landen, 1695
Amsterdam, in de Ouden Landen, 1695
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Le capitaine Montauban a cru pendant plus de vingt années les côtes de
la Nouvelle-Espagne, de Castille, du Mexique, de la Floride, de la Nouvelle-York,
des Indes Occidentales et du Cap Vert.
de campagne qu'il fit en 1691 fut interrompue par le ravage des côtes de Sumatra
il entra dans la rivière de Sumatra, et ayant pris la fortresse avec vingt-
quatre pièces de canon qui la défendaient, il la fit sauter, de crainte que les
Anglois ne vinssent s'y établir.
En 1694, on le vit sur la côte de Caracas,
196] Comme il emmenoit cette prise en France, Ensuite continuant sa

route il arriva le 3 septembre 1694 à Bordeaux.
Son premier soin fut d'assurer assez de jumeaux pour le pays [France].
Pour remplir le nombre des pièces de canon qui se devoient perdre, et ayant re-
-vissé son vaisseau qui n'avoit que trente-quatre pièces de canon, il
partit au mois de février 1695 pour aller chercher sur la côte de Sumatra.
Sa traversée ne se fit pas sans incidents, et donna la charge à deux vaisseaux
20] Anglois, vers le détroit du Cap Vert, et à deux armées de cette nation à l'île de Fuego
ou île de Feu. Enfin, pour subsister sa route, il alla attendre au cap de trois jours, où il
rencontra la grande garde-côte. C'étoit une frégate hollandoise de trente-quatre
pièces de canon, qui venoit au large. Lorsqu'elle vint à l'abordage, et
aborda plusieurs hollandoises, mais quand il se trouva à portée, il fit mettre pavillon
hollandois français, le combat dura toute la journée, sans que Montauban put
rien faire d'autre pour son ennemi par le service avantageusement de ses forces
bonnes, on put s'empêcher de se mettre à couvert sous la conduite de trois-vingt

ne il y avoit deux autres vaisseaux hollandois armés en guerre.
Il attendit donc au lendemain, dans l'espérance que ces trois vaisseaux, joints
ensemble, viendroient l'attaquer; mais la frégate se trouva trop maltraitée pour

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tenté un second combat, enfin, voyant que ses ennemis ennemis ne s'abais-
saient point se battre, il fit route pour les îles de Saint-Thomé, et allant reconnaître
le cap de Saint-Jean, qui est dans la terre ferme de Guinée, il prit un
vaisseau anglais de vingt pièces de canon chargé de dents d'éléphant, de
craie et de trois cent cinquante nègres.

De là, se trouvant à la vue de l'île du Prince, il prit un capre de
Brandebourg, qui croisait dans cette hauteur et qui enlevait les petites
barques sans distinction de nation ni de pavillon. Avant que de s'engager
201] plus loin il envoya sa prise anglaise à Saint-Domingue mais elle lui fut
enlevée au Petit-Port.

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[PRO. 170/11] "Abstract of letters received by the Royal African Co of England. From the Coast of Africa, so far as relates to the Committee of Correspondence."

Cabo Corso Castle 6 Jan. 1695/6

From W^m Roman: W^m Melross: Rich^o Buckeridge.
Recd 8 June 1696.

A narrative of Wars & Transactions thereon. Hope by the means to be paid the money sent to the King of Aquaffo. Dutch endeavour to prevent a peace by several attempts. . . . Caber Abon, a great trader, gone from del Minia to dwell at Cabo Corso. hath not yet paid the money lent him. Courted by the Dutch to return to the Mina. The Dutch seized deur. Keek who, upon seizing their Second at Cormantime, was released & an accomodation agreed on.

Cabo Corso Castle. 18 Feb. 1695/6

From the Same

Recd 8 June.

. . . Fauconbergh arrived there 2 Feb, seasonably to the relief of Commenda. They seized 2 of the Co's canoes. The Dutch, by bribing Taggee & other of the confederates, have disturbed the peace. Armies lie ready to engage. The want of goods a great prejudice to ye Peace-making. Hope to have 400 Markts ready for the Fauconbergh. Want of small vessels the reason that Commenda is not fortified.

Cabo Corso Castle. 11 May 1696

From the Same.

Recd 3 Oct

. . . Unquietness of the Dutch. Their party defeated. Shall not trust the Mina, though have fair promises. Their tricks to evade promises when their designs will bear. . . . Could not present the great charge in procuring peace. . . . Reconciled the Cabess People. Aquaffo dissatisfied that Commenda is neglected, which cannot be done without supplies & they must be great. Especially sea coals & timber. . . . Will promote the Agreement with the Tradesmen. . . . Have entered Cabb^r Abon in the Co's pay. And the King of Sabo.

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From Wm Roman: Wm Melross: Nicho Buckridge

Cabo Corso Castle 19 June 1696

General of Mina sent home. His successor made overtures to Aguaffo. Want vessels to fetch oyster shells to finish Comenda &c...

From the Same

Cabo Corso Castle Sept. 19 1696
rec'd 29 Feb.

Country in peace but cannot foresee what effect the want of goods may have. The Danes do not look after their Fort Accra. Govt to prevent any other nation possessing it

Cabo Corso Castle Oct. 1. 1696

From the Same.

rec'd 29 Feb.

Dutch tampering with ye King of Aguaffo. He presently ye hastening ye finishing of Comenda. Have received Portuguese presents from ye Anta people for ye security of Dickies Cove. Making Comenda of good defence. Will cause the Dutch to cease their practices

From the Same

rec'd 27 June.

Cabo Corso Castle. 16 Dec. 1696

The Dutch threaten them if they shall go on with their building at Comenda calling it their country. Shot at but not into the Fort. Destroyed several canoes. Refer to the Co to get redress against them. The Dutch General a hot-headed fellow. If the Co's rights cannot be defended at home, they are too weak to do it. They do not value a flag but shoot at it. Will answer their insolent letter with a Protest. Made another attempt on Comenda. The Mina people exasperated at their being disappointed in another design to destroy the King of Aguaffo who is a friend of the English. Hope to make Comenda defensible by Christmas. Why Pepperess went to Accra for shells & not Amerisa [Amissa]. To carry bricks to Winnebah where the Dutch are likewise setting designs on foot. Do not give Succondae as irrecoverable. Dickies Cove a seat of war & fatal to ye Factors. Mr Rortsey at Comenda. Have settled the Portuguese demands for the seizure of four (?) vessels. French on the Coast with an English vessel they had taken off Cutchoc.

London

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Gold Coast [English].

[PRO. T40/50] "Copies of letters sent by the Royal African Co of England, To the Coast of Africa"

London, 8 Sept 1696

To W^m Bonam: W^m Melrose: Nich^o Buckridge

The greatest import of your letters being about the transactions of the Natives in their usages & the secret practices of the Del Mivia people, we can give little direction concerning the same because of the sudden & various changes, but must leave it to your prudent care diligently to observe & countermine the designs of the Dutch, that they may be prevented in making use of the Natives to supplant us, by keeping a good understanding with the Kings about you, & for effecting whereof we find that you have advanced several sums of money upon loan to those who make show of being for our interest; but we hope that you take care to be secured the repayment thereof, & not to rely too much ^{upon} their promises

Mr Bloome was much to blame if he paid the King of Quamba & left not his discharge with you, about which we shall enquire of him when he is next in Town.

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Conditions & stipulations which shall be put before [Dorgeroegen] the King & chiefs of the Kingdom of Agwafte in the making of a mutual good peace.

1. again

Firstly, the King shall restore the Company's slaves robbed during the war to the number of exactly one, both men & women, immediately after the signing of the verbond: or pay two ounces for each head.

2.

The King shall likewise be bound to hand over to our order ... pieces of cannon, namely three [large?] & three small metal which he has ... in the battle with Tekki Ankan, or in their place 50 [bundes?].

3.

The King shall have (to pay?) to us a quantity of 150 marks for satisfaction of such ... as our home time to time must contribute in gold ... God & ourselves in support of unjust ~~our~~ congeant war without Bot (one) shall further speak of whether [?]

year 1696

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1699, both Chamber,

our trade on the ... by all pacified among ... in our East; through the much more & the fruits of

To the Co. — Chamber Chamber. Aug^h. April, Sept^r. July.

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Agreement made between de Hon our Lord
Joel Smith Director General over the North
a South Coasts of Africa in the Name & on
behalf of the High mighty Lords States General of
the U. N. their General Charles W. G. of the
one part & Anpetia King of Saboe
of the other part.

The Six Articles of this Agreement are, *mutatis mutandis*, identical
with the Agreement made between Smeyerts & Enpeltie King of Saboe
on 14 February 1688. [Vide post supra p 20].

Thus done in Fort Nassau on the 12 April 1690 in Guinea
By order of de Hon our Lord
Dir. Gen. Joel Smith
H. (? J. C.) v. Wichelau
This is the mark X of Anpetia
King of Saboe

We the undersigned attest that the above standing hand exchange is
of Anpetia King of Saboe that the contents of the said Agreement
was well & carefully interpreted to him & that he himself has confirmed
the same with oath on the Holy Bible

J. Luyck
Gillis Thyssen.

anything ... for the inhuman murder of six whites,
together also for the considerable loss caused both trade on
that account.

4.

The King shall also, immediately or within after the signing of
the Treaty, have to pay to us the half of the aforementioned 250 marks
gold when the army of the Accanists shall be dismissed
& sent away to their country. The other half he, the King, will also
have to pay within three months after date.

5.

The King & his chiefs of the Kingdon shall have solemnly to swear
for themselves & their successors that never at any time, for whatever
reason, it may be, to allow such loss to help by force
of arms. Not any other nation besides that of the Hollanders
takes possession, makes forts or bridges between the two rivers
of Chama named Dobsonpra or spot of Umuia named Barya
as belonging entirely in ownership to the Hollanders, being
not only conquered by them with the sword but also ceded
ceded bitan (opdragen) in proper form by our forefathers.

6.

The King & chiefs (Prins) shall be bound to keep the ways
to the Castle of Umuia & our fort of Swoll continually
clean & safe for the Dinkirase, Ejiffers, & other traders:

year 1696.

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so that they do not experience any evil (lost) on the way.
7.

The King shall neither himself nor suffer that any of his subjects plunder or oppress dwelling under our forts because of (a) reason of debt or otherwise. But that such Company creditor shall address himself to the King, or other of Belgiam to do things, in order to have justice done to every one according to the binding van 30ken.

8.

The King of Commaney remains bound to be reconciled with his brother (Tepiti) Mukhan and to receive him as toward in the Kingdom without attempting anything hostile against him.

9.

The King & chiefs (governors) are bound, upon the summons of the Privie Council to arm themselves with their entire force & to march up against such peoples as shall at any time wish to act hostilely against the Hollanders: like as the Hollanders, on their part, shall render him all possible assistance against his; provided that it shall not conduce to the interest of the Company

with our own, the King will have to swear to seize, as of old, all the Castles or other military goods which used should wish to pass through his Kingdom, without remaining in default herein, upon such punishment as we shall find advisable (the code)

11.

Shall also not be spoken of all that which further has passed, & of which we mention is made herein whether committed by the King or his subjects, but it may be well peacefully & quietly after the signing of the Treaty, they shall be silence thereon: likewise also the King ^{and} the Company shall themselves have to behave with regard to the Minare & other negroes living under our forts.

Which above standing Articles the aforementioned (sic) Factor Jung has caused to be signed with the following addition

We do manifestly promise & swear to observe & keep the foresaid conditions & stipulations sacredly & unalterably and as certificate of the same have signed this

Actum die 24 Julii 1696 in Guinea

[over]

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This is the handwriting of

X the King of Cochin named

Abe Tekk Tekki

X the Cochin Ahimasan

X the Cochin Anim

X the Cochin Amo Tekki

X the Cochin Aqua Wissoram

In my presence

(sgd) J. Juyt.

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There are no Minutes of Council, Elmina, for the year 1696.

[WIC. 54]

31 Dec. Amsterdam, letter, Ass. X WIC, to Joan v Selenhuisen,
Dir.-Gen. on the Coast of Guinea at Elmina.

- They acknowledge his letter of 2 July in reply to their's of
25 Nov 1695, in which letter they find a circumstantial report on the
state of affairs in that country, & in particular that he had taken over
the Direction of the Co's affairs from his predecessor.

[Note. All the letters from Elmina, prior to 1699, both
to the Ass. X & to the Amsterdam Chamber,
are missing.]

"That the wars among the Natives are the ruin of our trade on the
the Coast, & that therefore the same ought to be removed by all
the most energetic means & persuasions, & the Natives pacified among
themselves, we desired & recommended to the utmost in our last;
but, to our regret, we have entirely missed our object through the
wrong conduct of your predecessor. . . . We have much more
confidence in your Direction, & hope for better reports, & the fruits of
it in your subsequent advice."

- They again urge the collection of the old debts due to the Co. —

- Order of rotation of the equippages for the year 1694: —

f 80,000 cargo (& slave trade to India) Amsterdam Chamber
f 80,000 cargo Northern Quarter Chamber. Augt.

3 Yacht equippages of f 30,000 each. [Amsterdam Chamber. April, Sept.
Chamber on the Maas. July.]

"The point about the trade of the Portuguese on the Gold Coast & its
increase has already for a long time now very much in commoded
us; not because we do not consider that we sufficient force
on the Coast actually to prevent it, but because we, here in
Europe find ourselves too much embarrassed with the interests of
the Co with regard to the Crown of Portugal, to proceed
resolutely about it. The Co is now beginning receiving the salt
tolls at St Ubes [C Verde Islands?] & we are very easily
exposed [gett ge exponcent] to the disposition of that Crown
to disturb us in that receipt & to retain those liquid monies
against claims that arise. wherefore

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wherefore we have judged it best to act somewhat more gently than we should otherwise have done. But the affairs of Portugal now taking another course [literally: - "falling into another disposition"] we shall now have an opportunity to oppose that navigation & trade of the Portuguese by negotiations here in Europe, & as far as possible to effect the long awaited change, which, up till now restrains us, so far, from being able to give our final & positive orders about it further, or otherwise, than we have hitherto done, namely, that their arrival & trade, both with the Natives of the country & with our servants, be presented as much as possible, & this we commend to Y. His prudent conduct."

Nov 10 Resolution Ass. Σ W.C.

Yellow notebook (11) p. 67.

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[PRO. 170/11] "Abstract of letters received by the Royal African Co of England. From the Coast of Africa so far as relates to the Committee of Correspondence"

Cabo Corso Castle. Jan 13 1694

From W^m Ronan: W^m Melross; Nicho Buckeridge
Recd 24 June.

The Buckeridge sent to Agga for a further trial, & intend him for Dickies Cove. The Natives of that country, called Antab, the Co's enemy, have been defeated by the Adoomes

Cabo Corso Castle. 5 Feb. 1694

From the Same.

Recd 24 June

The Dutch mind nothing but imbraking the country. Hindes the building at Commenda.

Cabo Corso Castle. Feb. 25 1694

From the Same.

recd Sept.

Dutch attempting to make a new war. Before they can do it hope to secure Comenda. About Dickies Cove. Three Dutch Co's ships arrived there.

Cabo Corso Castle April 6 1694.

From the Same

recd Sept.

Dutch have not prevailed to raise a new war. Hope in short time to make Comenda out of danger. Arcamys' proposals which they intend to accept as advantageous to the Co. Sent a messenger messengers & a present to ye Demkarees. Hope for an open trade, if goods. Trade stoppt at Accra.

Cabo Corso Castle July 30 1694.

From W^m Ronan: Nicho Buckeridge; W^m Cooper:

Fernard Fore placed in John Postsey's [dead] place at Comenda. Condition of that Fort. Dutch still continue their obstructions which caused loss of y^e hand canoe. Pufflet (?) being sent Chief to Agga, was forced to return by reason of trouble. Edward Barker's house given him by ye Compy. If they order, it shall be demolished. Made made him Butler & linguist. Little Taggee presented by Great Taggee. But succours the Dutch.

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Cabo Corso Castle. Sept 9. 1694

From Wm Ronan: Nicho Buckeridge: Wm Cooper.

Are informed of the orders the Dutch have to expel them from Commenda &c. Have corrupted some of the Natives. Are at expences to counter mine them

Cabo Corso Castle. Sept 27. 1694

From the Same

Account of their good success against the design of Del Mina people. The benefit hoped for by said Treaty. Arcanaes intercede for Nimpha's Body. The Dutch are settling a Fort at Alampo. . . . Messengers to treat for the corps of Nimpha &c

Cabo Corso Castle. 18 Dec. 1694

From Nicho Buckeridge: Wm Cooper: John Browns.

Recd 4 April

Give an account of the Arcanaes holding off from the peace. . . . Commenda defensible to disputes for ye landing with the Dutch. What places the Dutch are settling. . . . Daners Fort to be delivered up to a new Co

"Reflections upon the Constitution & Management of the Trade to Africa"

By C Davenant, (1709)

Part II. Chap. III [letters... since... 1694]

P 19. From Messrs William Ronan, William Melrose & Nicholas Buckeridge.

I. [N. D.] By a deserter from the Mine we are informed that the Dutch Co has sent over positive orders to spare no costs to carry on the war & drive us out of Commenda. And for that end the General, with a large sum of money, hath corrupted the Bratto of Fanteen & Captain of Quaman, to assist dille Tagge, to whom we had lately given several Dashes to encourage them to be true to the English, for which they had taken Felishes (or Oalls) to stop that current

We are necessitated to be at considerable expence to ye Hon^{rs} to assist the Captain of Abra, the King of Agguoffo, Felus, & Saboe ~~and~~ who, with us are jointly resolved to depose the Bratto of Fanteen & Captain of Quaman & make the Captain of Abra Bratto in his stead; which with the Danchees [Demkeras?] assistance (who side with the King of Agguoffo &c & are coming down to dispute the Differences with the AzKannes) doubt not but shall frustrate all the Dutch Designs, & in a little time to have the way so opened as to have a considerable Trade. We hope, Y^e Hon^{rs} will consider & use such measures at home, that these their Designs may be frustrated; otherwise it will prove very expensive to keep Y^e Hon^{rs}' Interest at Commenda or anywhere else, for if they should ever get the better there, they would endeavour the Destruction of all Y^e Honours' Factories on the Coast.

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Gold Coast [English]II. From Mr William Cooper, dd. Cabo Corso Castle, 18 Dec. 1694

We have the Welcome News of Peace by two Dutch Interlopers which, if true, I hope may be a means to promote yr Honours' Interest in the management of this Trade, which I think is very unjust that others should be suffered to reap the benefit of those great Expences yr Honours are daily at, to maintain it against our unchristian Neighbours, who would gladly spend all they have here to wrest out yr Honours' Possession on this Coast.

[PRO. T 70/50] "Copies of letters sent by the Royal African Co of England.
To the Coast of Africa.

London. 18 Feb. 1696/4

To Wm Ronan: Wm Melross: Nich^o Buckeridge.

— They are to satisfy ye Portuguese for their ships taken by their Predecessors.

The continual efforts of our Competitors to drive on their design ought to put you on the guard & caution you to use all prudent means to counter-mine their attempts. We therefore approve of your entertaining Cabb. ~~Abbon~~ Abbon at 8^a p. mensem in respect of the good service he hath done & his capacity of doing more, by bringing down Traders. And likewise for what you have done to the King of Saboe for his fidelity to you during the late broils. We hear that Edward Parter hath taken a house & set up for himself, which we rather believe because you do not name him in the list of our servants.

London. 5 March 1696/4

To the Same.

— Acknowledge their letter of 15th Oct. . . . about the arrival of the Swallow, the latter being then employed to secure Dickies Cove which Thomas Buckeridge by his presumptuous & rash action had endangered the loss of. You have done well in removing him, being unfit to be entrusted by himself.

London 28 Oct. 1694

To Wm Ronan. Nich^o Buckeridge. Wm Cooper.

— Mr Wm Melross is not yet arrived here from Denmark —

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nos. 5 } Resolutions Chamber Amsterdam. Yellens Notebook (11) p. 40.
nos. 19 }

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Fold Copy [Dutch] WIC

[WIC. 124] Minutes of Council. Elmina

April 25 - Appointment of Skippers -

Aug. 7. - Upon the death of Factor Frans Pieterz at Accra & taking into consideration the urgent request of messengers from Accra for the Bontuy factor Andrieus Koen from whose kindly treatment they had great expectations of being able to live in peace & quiet, it was resolved to appoint Koen accordingly, the vacancy at Bontuy to be filled by the See Sacondra sub-factor Pieter Nuyts -

Nov 1 - Instructions for the Skipper sailing to Angola -

Nov 23 - Yesterday, upon the information laid by the Fiscal Johann Rademacher, 7 deserters having been declared outlaw, it was resolved, in order to prevent further desertions, to have the following Placade affixed: - Penalty of outlawry for deserters who cause the defence of forts to be placed in peril, by which all Whites & Blacks to be allowed to shoot them down at what ever place they meet them, & a reward of 4 oz. gold to be paid for each deserter to anyone white or Black who comes & reports that he has done so. Further ~~in~~ in order that no good & dutiful servant, by proceeding too far from his garrison, might meet with any disaster from the Negroes, therefore all & everyone, without exception, are expressly warned, & forbidden to go further than a cannon shot beyond their respective garrisons -

(sgd) J. V. Swemhuijzen. J. Rademacher. S. Wolters.

Willem Bosman. Michiel Jolyen. A. Wyns.

Nov 23 (contd). - Jacobus Rohart Factor at Chama appointed to the vacant Factory at Axum, & Pieter Nuyts, Factor at Bontuy, appointed to Chama. But as Rohart has for so long dealt with the affairs of the Adom war, which could not be so well done by his successor, as being strange to those affairs, it was therefore decided that each should stay & administer his present factory for some time yet until it is seen what turn the Adom affairs shall take, when further disposition about the Bontuy factory will be made

[Original]

1699.

[WIC: 122]

Record a Contract made between the
Hou der Zoon van Sassenbuijzen Director General
over the North & South Coasts of Africa in the
name or on behalf of de Heer Knight Lands
Stadts General of the united Netherlands &
their General Chamber WIC. of the one part and
Aproeybe Aqua, Broffo of Tantya & his
"Ked" Cabocers namely Domine, Bansi
and Bondi together with the general War
Force of the said district of the other part.

Firstly the Broffo together with his Cabocers, bind themselves
& swear by de seting (mittegen) of "fettiche" to ^{copy them} ~~copy them~~ themselves
and their entire war force, with the Accanisten and Cabo Terra
peoples as soon as the aforesaid peoples shall be ready, to order this
together to march up against the King of Great Comany, to
the following (aanhang) & in every respect mutually to attack &
pursue, without in any manner take looking therein, nor also
of the aforesaid therefore until they have one another helped
or within the leuven captive to us the same King & following:
when they afterwards shall have to installe & bestigen
Tecci Brukan again as King in his place.

Secondly that if the Accanisten & Cabo Terra peoples will not

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le of the "party", that they, Fautyus, then undertake as
 above and swear that they will march up with their
 own men for the carrying out of the above standing Article.

Thirdly, if & when the King of Saboe, or any one else
 should wish to prevent ~~that~~ ^{any} undertaking, they will not
 sich outgien first ^{in verwach} to opt byt vallen ~~in verwach~~ de
 same, on haer also hear te out sloan van alle
 tegenstrewens enlykt den Saboe King, and
 then with the . . . (utmost ?) speed to pursue & bring
 to an end their undertaking against Abbe Tekky

Fourthly, in order to pursue the matter with the most
 speed they, the Fautyus, shall from now onwards ^{make themselves ready} prepare
 themselves for the optlyt so that there shall be no
 waiting for them: and in order also to press forward
 the Procurents & Cabes Terras also, they shall be
 bound to defute someone from among them in order
 to go with Dikki to the above named places in order
 to persuade them to a speedy optlyt. At least they shall
 have to take care to be all together in the field within
 the time of $\frac{1}{2}$ & weeks & then to begin the optlyt.

Fifthly, in order to have assurance of all the

of a word, de fructus sicut sunt in hoc loco
 On dicit de de poffo, qui sunt uocabuntur cabbas : on dicit
 of de domine, qui sunt uocabuntur Amation : of de cabbas
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 hanc de cabbas : de cabbas de dicit de cabbas
 uocabuntur, of de uocabuntur qui dicit in hoc loco.

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 Compteur de cabbas

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William Bonham
11/11/1691

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[The following is in Roman's hand writing].

- Dominé x plenipotentiary of the whole Frantje
- ... (etc) x chief servant of the Breffo
- Mia x Commander (opposite) of the Annama: soldiers
- Kwoujannie x do of the Abberas
- Jauw x Capⁿ of the Archers of Frantje
- Oque x Capⁿ of Abbera.
- Kwakoe x Capⁿ of the Dominé Village
- Iukui x Cobocur of Annamabo
- Enteffe x Cousin of Bansi
- Kobbena } ~~Envoys from the "Head" Cobocur~~
- Kwassie } ~~Koesoekum alias Boudi.~~

(no marks)



Agreement and Accord between the Director General JAN van SEVENHUYSEN, in the name and on behalf of The High and Mighty States General of the United Netherlands, together with their General Chartered West India Company, of the one part, and the Caboceers, Chiefs (Hoofdlieden) and principal men (Opperste) inhabiting the river COBRE, and particularly of the countries there situated, named PINGA, 1st Headman (Hoofdman) and Administrator (Gezaghebber) of ANCOBER : COM(AUKI), 2nd Headman : ASSJANNY ; MOKEY ; ANCOBER Caboseros. ASHEMY (Assanny) : APPERY : BOHE ; Chiefs (Hoofdlieden) of ABBOCROU. King EDDUNFFA : CODJA : and Chiefs in IGWIRA, of the other part.

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1.

Firstly the Caboceers jointly declare that they, in the year 1642, when the Fort St Anthony at AXEM was occupied and captured by the Netherlanders, at that time betook themselves entirely under the sovereign power and authority of the same, in order to rule over us in like manner (insgelyker voegen) as the Spanish and Portuguese, whose vassals we formerly were. But as, through the deception and corruption of other Nations, we have on divers occasions withdrawn such - whereby we have also fallen into hatred and wars with our neighbours, without any other Nation having maintained us - so is it that, having by our special embassy placed our entreaty and request concerning it before the aforementioned Director General at ELMINA, we hereby again betake ourselves anew under the old vassalage of their High Mightinesses and West India Company aforementioned, with the voluntary transfer (overgifte) and cession (opdragte) of our respective countries, none excepted, now and for ever, in order to exercise, in the same, such power and authority as their High Mightinesses are empowered to do in any of their European countries, without retaining or reserving the least right for ourselves over the same (op dezelve), much less the power to admit anyone, whoever they may be, into our handed-over (overgegeven) countries, besides the Netherlanders.

2.

Those of the aforementioned Company shall, as soon as possible and when materials and workmen are at hand, fortify and make capable at least one place on the river aforesaid, so that it shall be sufficient to free from all dangers of war, and afford good protection to us, as vassals and subjects of their High Mightinesses (to whose rule we have from this day submitted ourselves absolutely in the manner aforesaid).

3.

The Caboceers shall be bound, when the building of a Fort or other stronghold on the river COBRE aforesaid is proceeded with, to procure that a sufficient quantity of shells is collected, and firewood cut to burn lime, and to contribute everything else both by carrying stone and transport of timber, as may be in any manner required for that purpose.

4.

The Caboceers shall give orders, and make all necessary provision that the passage for traders from IGWIRA and the surrounding countries, wishing to come to our Fort, shall always be kept free, unimpeded and open, without anyone being allowed to show them the way to other Nations, or going to sea with their gold to the Interlopers, on confiscation (op gebeurte) of those goods purchased from other Nations or Interlopers, together with the payment of a double fine of the gold so spent for (bij) those who shall have arranged (verrigt) it.

5.

For the better fulfillment of the foregoing Article, no-one shall be allowed to keep any canoes, either large or small, on the aforesaid river, but if anyone shall wish to support himself by fishing, he shall bring the same to AXEM, and settle there, but for the convenience and the crossing of the river, a canoe shall be kept by the servants on behalf of the Company, for which such toll shall be paid herein, as has been customary from of old.

6.

attempt / If anyone, whether Europeans or people of this country, shall ~~presume~~ attempt to dislodge the Company from there, the Caboceers promise that they will assist with the utmost force that they shall be able to assemble, and, as faithful subjects, protect and defend it against all and everyone, while the enemies of their High Mightinesses and of the Company, shall be held to be our own (siez).

7.

All matters of dispute occurring amongst them, shall always be brought before the Company's Chief who is to reside there, who shall settle the same with the Caboceers jointly, as they think right (na gemoede) and according to the customs of the country, especially the customs of AXEM, to which the ANCOBERS have always been subject (onderworpen)

8.

Everyone, finding that justice has not been done him in accordance with the foregoing Article, shall be at liberty to go and appeal to the Director General for the time being at ELMINA, so that each and everyone may be maintained in justice (rechtmatigheid)

For the fulfilment of this Agreement, and so that the Director General can be assured of our upright intentions, we promise him, on his order, to place in his hands three of our principal children or nephews (seven) from the three first countries situate on the river COBER, from each District one, over and above that, we will also specially bind our persons and goods and all that is dependant upon us for an indemnity therefrom, at pleasure, for all that we shall be found to have done or attempted, which may be contrary to this Agreement and inconsistent with the duty of good and faithful vassals. All which we have, in the presence of the AXEM Chiefs and Caboceers as witnesses, ratified by oath in the manner of the country, and also signed with our hands.

THUS DONE and passed, in the presence of Hermanns Boom and Jan Benoorden on the 22 AUGUST 1697, in the village of AXEM.

In our presence,
(sd) Harm Boom.
" Jan Benoorden.

This is the mark X of PINGA
first Headman (Hoofdman) of
ANCOBER.

This X is the mark of
ASHENNY, Caboceer at
ABBOCROU.

This is the ~~mark~~ X mark of
COM AUZI 2nd Headman of
ANCOBER.

This is the mark of
APPERY, Headman X at
ABBOCROU.

This is the X mark of ASSJANNY
Caboceer at ANCOBER.

This is the mark of
BOHE X Caboceer of
ABBOCROU.

This is the X mark of MAKEY
Caboceer at ANCOBER.

This is X mark of KINY
(Jkiny) Caboceer or Captain
of IGWIRY.

X This is mark of the Caboceer
EDUUFFA, of IGWIRY

This is the mark of X CODJA
Headman of IGWIRY.

We the undersigned, all Caboceers and Chiefs (Hoofdlieden) of AXEM, declare it to be the upright truth, that the above-named transfer (overgifte) of the countries along the river COBRE, was done by the Chiefs (Opperste) of the same countries voluntarily and without any "personatie", and that they signed the above-named Articles in our presence, after the same had been properly interpreted by an Interpreter, and swore to the same according to the custom of the country, as we are likewise ready to affirm this our declaration. Signed with our own hands.

In our presence,
(sd) Harm Boom.
" Jan Benoorden.

This is the X mark of ZETJA
Caboceer and Interpreter (Tolk)
at AXEM in the Lower Village.

This is X the mark of BASTIAAN
(Bastion) Caboceer of the Low-
er Village of AXEM.

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This is mark X of COFFY,
Caboceer of the Lower village
of AXEM.

This is the X mark of ADJ^EABBO
Caboceer at AXEM of the Upper
Village.

This is X the mark of AFFOE
Caboceer of AXEM at the Upper
Village.

This is the X mark of BROM^{IA} *Broemia*
(~~Boodina?~~) Caboceer of AXEM in
the Upper Village.

This is the X mark of TOEVE
(Toere) Caboceer in the Upper
Village of AXEM.

This is the X mark of JAINOA
(Yonwa) Caboceer and Crier
(Omroeper) in the Upper Village.

(Translated from the Original in WIC.122.
and a copy in WIC.116. Pol.776.)

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Gold Coast [Dutch].

Dutch

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Acct o Profit & loss [Batien en hartien] on / Coast
o Guinea apart from / Slave trade at Fida.
f / year 1697.

[inc ② to Dr Dr 1st Sadenhuysen
to x. 15 Apr. 1700, w.l.c. 97, 6th 163]

	Cargoes remaining from / year 1696.		f. 206,808:9:-
1.	And the same up to 30 Nov 1697 in cargoes or provisions w / costs as per home invoices Chr Amst:		
2.	pr <u>Beschermer</u> Costs	f. 28,743:9:8 1770:12:-	f. 30,514:1:8
	pr <u>Rachel</u> Costs	47,293:18:0 5629:4:8	82,923:5:8
3.	<u>Zeeland</u>		113,437:7:-
3.	pr <u>Beek</u> Costs	f. 12,627:19:- 521:1:-	f. 13,150:-:-
	pr <u>Paule Fort</u> Costs	30,689:11:- 682:9:-	31,372:-:-
	pr <u>Pideon</u> Costs	5,000:-:- 100	5,700:-:-
4.	<u>maaze</u>		51,222:-:-
	pr <u>Schraeff</u> Costs	f. 81,299:14:8 2,980:6:-	84,280:-8
5.	<u>Stad & Londen</u>		
	pr <u>Postillon</u> Costs	f. 5872:6:- 463:16:-	6,336:2:-

wh cargoes must be first charged w / following costs, Viz:
 1. Charter o ships, but w respect to those destined first
 to / slave coast, only f / time t they are at Elmina to
 unload / Coast cargoes; / remaining costs to be bro't to
 / slave trade, as it must necessarily come on to it when /
 slave ships do not touch at Elmina but sail direct
 to Fida.
 2. Monthly wages to / crews on them, & victuals
 3. Materials f / Coast, but there must also be reckoned
 over previous years, / works accruing at / time
 4. Provision f / biz - Gen
 N.B. The above items & first costs o Equipage
 o our ships & yachts will h to be calculated
 at home.

6. Carried forward f 462,083:18:8

	Prot forward	f 462,083:18:8
7.		
8	Add. One Year's pay to / respise servants on / Coast, as per annexed acct	f 46,804:--
9.	Subsistence money to / same, & slaves.	44,490:12:8
10.	One Yr's pay to / crews on / ships	6,900:--
11.	Victuals to / same as per annexed acct	8,181:6:12
12.	Sundry House & Table necessaries incl: (fresh provisions, as specified in / Books)	1,864:7:8
13	Refreshments to / Nagtegaal when in / Bight	200
14	Sundry presents to / Grandees of / Country, partly to oblige person at Apam. New Year gifts to / King of Sabou as in / Bks Ships gifts pd to / Family's extra repair of Accra Advanced towards / Commari War	1,280:-- 551:10:-- 1,330:-- 20,186:17:8
15.	Sundry rifles; recovery of slaves; canoe; flag &c	540:--
16.	1800 lb powder consumed or advanced	450:--
17	Pd to / 2 canoes	832:10:--
18	Canoe hire (very poor) transport of goods	4,895:--
19.		f 138,806:4:4
	Deduct:	
	Ann. grain palm oil &c to slaves at least.	f 2400
	2 ¹ / ₂ canoe men to Fida to work in / slave trade	1080
20	for 4 canoes &c	320
	f. 3800:--	135,006:4:4 ²¹
	21. Total	f. 597,090:2:12.

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M / year 1697 was bartered
on / Gold Coast o Guinea

1698 in acct 1699 not noted

Mt 991: 2: 13 ¹ / ₄ ing. Gold @ f. 320 pr mark.	256051: 5: -	f. 317,233: 2: -
329 Slaves traded on / Gold Coast, & before also must be reckoned as a Return, & bec it is a mortal good, it is put only at f. 150	81,475: -: -	34,350: -: -
8243 lb. Kistee @ 8 stuns	927: 4: -	3,297: 4: -
27,512 ² " Tusks @ 16 stuns	8199: 4: -	22,810: -: -
558 " Wax @ f. 40 pr cwt	1700: -: -	222: -: -
50,430 " Grain @ 4 s	6267: -: -	5,643: -: -
20 am Palm Oil worth f. 40 each	1560: -: -	800: -: -
44 " Lime Juice @ f. 20 each	900: -: -	1,320
	<u>357,159: 13: -</u>	<u>f. 384,875: 6: -</u>
^{amt} The hull o / Captured ship <u>Stadhouder</u> o <u>Friesland</u> also worth more, is estimated only at	f. 27,794: 7: 12	
The loss gra part in / confiscation o / yr 1697, } wh is lost in here as part amt to	6,655: 12: 8	
Mt. 20: 6: 6 ¹ / ₄ ing. Gold		
The debt o Richd van Hoboken, wh / time the was no social	320: -: -	31,770: -: 4
<u>Add</u> / remaindg unbartered cargoes } on Mar 30 1697	481,451: 13: - 452,525: 1: -	f. 416,645: 6: 4
<u>Deduct</u> / amt o / acct above, o / <u>Stun</u> o	933,976: 14: - <u>804,153: -: 8</u>	f. 732,666: 15: 4
Out o wh must be found, all such expenses as are not deducted above	<u>99,793: 13: 8</u>	f. 597,090: 2: 12
The above is apart fm / <u>India</u> or <u>Andra</u> slave trade	<u>Balce</u>	<u>f. 135,576: 12: 8</u>

Prout Acct o/ pay or monthly wages
charged to / W^{ts} in / year 1694 acctg
to / Muster Roll dd Mar 31.

1. Director - General	... @ f 300	-	f 3600: - : -
1 President	... 100	-	1200: - : -
1 Fiscal	... 50	-	600: - : -
3 Upper Factors	... @ f 100 + f 80	-	3060: - : -
1 Bookkeeper Gen.	... 70	-	840
1 Sub db	... 40	-	480: - : -
5 Factors	... 36	-	2,160: - : -
9 Sub do + Bookkpr o salaries	... 24	-	2592: - : -
1 Auditor	... 20	-	240: - : -
18 Assts. & Magazines Master	... 16	-	3,456: - : -
1 Prout Equipage Master	... 50	-	600: - : -
2 Upper Surgeons	... 30	-	720: - : -
5 Sub do	... 20	-	1200: - : -
11 Countables Gunners, one w andr.	... 16	-	2112: - : -
10 Train workmen do	... 15	-	1800: - : -
1 Ensign	... 40	-	480: - : -
1 Sergt Commandr	... 20	-	240: - : -
6 Sergeants	... 16	-	1152: - : -
8 Corporals	... 12	-	1152: - : -
25 Adibanslem & Drummers	... 10	-	3000: - : -
140 Soldiers	... f 8	- 9	15120.
251 [504 in 1698	... f 90, 840]		f 46,804
53 [3 skippers on yachts @ f 55 per 3 mates @ f 30 gunners, boatmen, 1 Capt, 2 Cooks, 1 Surgeon butlers & coopers 29 Sailors @ f 12. 2 boys @ 64.]			9,350
304 Persons whose pay in 12 mos amts to			f 57,154: - : -

98. In / year 1694 dr were sometimes more sometimes less prout
partly on / anse o/ Beribermer & Petition. Wherefore we h calculated
1 pay o / above prouts f a whole year

Prout Acct o Victuals consumed 1 Dec 1696 - 30 Nov 1697.

1698 + 1699

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- notes Profit & Loss acct.
corresponding w t f 1699
on p 1 supra]

	1698.	1699.
1	f. 316.021: 9:-	f 497. 285: 2:-
2	21. 846: 16: 8	130. 238: 6: 12
3	112. 988: 16:-	2,550: -:-
4	29. 933: 6:-	13. 641: 10:-
5	75. 191: 14: 8	34. 405: 2:-
	92. 865. 4: 8	26. 902: 10:-
6	Carried forward. <u>658. 847: 6: 8</u>	<u>705. 352: 10: 12</u>
7		
8	57. 852: -:-	89. 214: -:-
9	56. 686: 10:-	54. 666: 5:-
10	28. 988: -:-	14. 385: 17: 4
11	17. 886: 14:-	
12	145: 15:-	800: -:-
13	160: -:-	
14.	Bundry presents to / Grandees, head fr gifts re } extra uses buildg Apam fort } Commany war } Conclusion o peace w / Commanies	Ships gifts & Keppg 1 ways to Famlyen clean. }
	1. 137: 10:-	477: 10:-
	1. 970: -:-	687: 10:-
	7. 930: -:-	
	355: -:-	
15.	891: 5:-	820: -:-
16	[2000lb] 500: -:-	450: -:-
17	255: -:-	105: -:-
18	<u>4,560: -:-</u>	Snaggs, 4 880: 3:-
19		Goods parcelled 674/2 375: 2:-
20.	180. 415: 14:-	107. 862: -:-
	5080: -:-	3 300: -:-
21	<u>135,006: 4: 4</u>	<u>167 562: 3: 4.</u>
22	Total. <u>f 894. 183: -:- 8</u>	<u>842. 914: 14:-</u>

[WIC, 54]

Oct. 5. Middelburgh. Letter Ass^x WIC to Johan van Sevenshuyzen, Dir. - Gen. on the Coast of Sumia
 [The original letter is in Archive Kust v Sumia. No 25]

- They send copy of the States-Generals' Proclamation of the long-desired ~~peace~~ peace between the King of France & the States-Generals, concluded on 20 Sept^r last -
- Their last letter was dated 21 Dec 1696. Since then they have received his letters of 21 & 22 July & 23 Dec 1696. & 31 Mar. & 20 April 1697 -

[All these letters from v. Sevenshuyzen are missing]

- Staphorst arrived by the Seendracht & as he asserted in the Assembly that he had been forced to sign the "Acte Obligatoire" they were now to be obliged to take legal proceedings against him over it.

"By your letter of 31 March we see your very circumstantial report of the conduct & very damaging administration of the affairs of the English Nation on the Coast, to the ruin of this Co's trade there. This being a matter of the utmost importance, we have therefore found good to request a commission the Directors of the Amsterdam & Maze Chambers carefully to inspect & re-examine Y.H's report thereon & the relevant papers & to remonstrate, about the wrong done to the Co, at the proper place & where it can be fruitfull, so that the same may be redressed & the Co. be left in peace & quiet in its possessions & common trade. The result of this we shall advise you as soon as possible. Meanwhile we find good that Y.H. shall in fact present the English Nation where they wish to intrude into places belonging to the W.I.C. & also, as far as possible, ^{oppose} ~~prevent~~ the bribery & corruption of the Natives in order, like wise to prevent the English taking any posts in the countries which are subject to the Co. we

likewise, having further seen the designs & attempts of the Danes & the intrigues of the Brandenburgers, so shall Y.H. likewise - just as with the English - where they seek actually to attempt anything against the possessions or acquired rights of this Co, also actually & in de facto present the same; for we have found from the experience of many years that employing the means of protest against a wrong that is done, & can clearly be proved, without any other forcible consequence has only too much encouraged those Nations stoutly to carry out their designs.

"In giving these orders to Y.H. who, we trust is fully acquainted

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with the rights & interests of the Co, we expect you to be able to carry them out; & that, in such cases, you will provide us with such reports as, upon them, we shall be able to support our contentions

"As regards the Natives, we see further from Y.H.'s report that, like as they have already done for many years, so they still continue not only to favour the before-mentioned nations, but all other Interlopers also with whom they know how to trade at every opportunity, & so they are able to obtain their return cargoes. On this subject we have already long ago given our orders, but have not succeeded to our satisfaction because we were so often told in reply that "unfortunately, our cargoes were not on the Coast at the appointed time." - This was due to the late war when ships were delayed by having to sail in company -
- Further as to hindering the Interlopers with the frigate &c &c -

"On the subject of the navigation & trade of the Portuguese on the Coast of Guinea about which has already been written many times to your predecessors, you will have seen the orders given about it & the reasons why we have not been able to prevent by more efficacious & direct means & indeed why we could not approve of them being arrested, brought up & confiscated, because the situation in Europe during the war did not allow us to become estranged with the Crown of Portugal & when we could easily have been placed in the wrong. This would have been then been more injurious to our claims against that Crown to the Salt Tolls at St. Huber. By the conclusion of peace we have overcome the first consideration; but there now remains the negotiation for the liquidation of the money claims that the Co has against that Crown, which must be brought to a conclusion without fresh interruptions. We must therefore, although very unwillingly hold to our previous order that Portuguese ships are not to be arrested, brought up & confiscated, but their trade is to be prevented by prohibiting the Co's servants having any communication with them, or other Interlopers, & no trade in tobacco or spirits is to be done with them."

"You are seriously recommended to continue the work on the mole & the rain-water tank as being highly necessary for the service of the Co, & the sooner the better."

"About establishing forts & lodges at various places, namely, in the Benin at the request of the Natives; at Archa at the request of the King; on the river Amcober at the urgent request of the inhabitants on that river; & at Apam, likewise at the request of the Natives. We have given due consideration to your opinions thereon expressed in your letter of 16th March & have come to the following conclusions: -

Att
We

Gold Coast [Dutch]

"We consider it inadvisable ^{in the} at Benin because of the unhealthiness of the ruler & the complications that would ensue in trying to keep other nations out of the ruler with a fort & guns when the country & people are not subject to this State.

"As to a Lodge at Ardra we long ago had injurious experiences of that. It were therefore best to continue that trade on its present footing.

"The building of a fort on the Amcober river we also, for the reasons stated by Y.H. cannot approve. ~~We would not~~ As to your views about what the Brandenburgers might undertake to the injury of the Co, we will only add, that what has been previously put forward, namely that if the Brandenburgers should in fact undertake at the river within the territory of Axem, they must be actually presented & not allowed to come & settle there.

"Your opinion about placing a fort at Apam, situated in the Province of Acro um we find well founded & we are entirely of the opinion that the work ought to be proceeded with & meantime great vigilance exercised that other nations do not come to deprive us of that advantage. The materials for a fort or strong hold will be sent to Y.H. for that purpose. We recommend you to make a beginning with trade there in the best practical manner so that the Natives can see that we are in earnest & also that we may receive the profits of that trade, for which (the means being at hand, Y.H. shall try to profit from all the advantages related about that country. Of the result & success thereof we shall hope to learn from your next."

— Cargoes of goods required for the Coast, Benin, Right & Tusk Coast, for 1698. There will be 4 large & 4 Yacht equippages: —

1 large by Presidial Chamber Zeeland Dec. 1697. 1 large by Chamber Glad in Lande. ~~1 large by Chamber~~ April 1698. 2 large by Chamber Amsterdam Aug^t & Oct 1698.

4 Yacht equippages, Chamber Northern Quarter April 1698. Presidial Chamber Zeeland April 1698. Chamber Glad in Lande Aug^t 1698. Chamber Amsterdam Oct 1698. ~~1 large~~ In addition Equippages for Slave Trade at Ardra to Curacao & Suriname

— The following appointments made: Wm Bosman Chief Factor Mouze:
~~1 large~~ Poll Chief Factor Cornanlyjn: Hermanus Bosom Factor Axem:
Jacobus Rohart Factor Chama: Pruyly Factor Saconde

AH
1698.
R.A.C.

170/101. Minutes of Pen Court RAC

10 Jan 1698

Present Sr John Fleck SQ. Urban Hall D9. 13⁰⁰Present H^{on} Gov. SQ + D9 *supra*SQ. stated t^o at a Pen Cr held 7 Oct 1697 / stock was said to be £159,692 - 13 - 2since wh / follg addition had b^e made

£ 28,164 - 10 was pd in may

8494 - 10 to be pd 4 April / next

5863 ditto 4 Oct

42,822

14,274 bridged in Bonds &c

£ 57,096

Appd o / Paper (now read) to be presented to / Lord Chancellors, /
 Contents wh^o of follw: - [N.B. the copy in T 70/170 has at / end: -
 "Delivered / d^o Chancellors / 13 Jan 1698"]

[Aspir^o f^r 170/170].Reasons f^r select^o
1 Co.

The RAC. do humbly propose t^o / regain & preserv^o
 of Trade to Africa as followeth:

- 1 / North parts o Guiney f^r Cape Blanco to
 Cape Mount be reserved entirely to themselves
 & those / work in istem, wh can no wages prejudice / Plantas^o
 1. Bec t Trade consists chiefly in Slaves, Wax Teeth & Redwood & but few
 Negroes & those / work in istem, wh can no wages prejudice / Plantas^o
 2. The Co h sustained 27 g^t losses by / French in / late wars, who took f^r
 them Gambia, a g^t factory & fortification abt o 90 Guns tog^o wth the whole
 magazines o Stores & Merchandize; & to rebuild / sd fort, as also t^o Serelion,
 & to resettl^o t^o Trade so destroyed will cost a g^t sum o moy.

The Gold Coast trade & / chief & best trade f^r Negroes
 f^r Cape Mount to / Cape o Good Hope, / Co are
 tolls shd be free to all H^{ms} Subjects, they contribute
 towards / Co's charge, viz^t Fall the Goods & merchand-
 izes exported f^r those parts f^r England or / Plantas^o
 15% on / real Value o all such Goods & merchandizes
 so exported, & 15^s per Head on all Negroes imported
 into any o H^{ms} Plantas^o or elsewhere.

For that the Co have

1. Ft / Co h laid out g^t sums o moy in / purchase & buildg Forts & Castles in
 Africa & are embly at a g^t considerable charge in defendg & maintaing / sevl
 Forts & factories, wth w^{ch} this unimp^t trade cannot be cd on or preserved to
 / her^o, as hath b^e already voted in Parliam^t.

[170/170 contd] Minutes of Gen Court (contd)

2. The Nations in Guiney upon / Coast o Africa are under / Command o many Princes, whose Territories are v^y small, & are at continual war w^o one ano^r, they are a people so headstrong & barbarous t^o no Treaties o Peace will oblige them, & they watch all oppo^s to kill & steal, & were it not f^r Forts & Castles in these parts, t^his Subjects' lives, as well as the Goods, w^old be in continual hazard; & also these Forts & Castles are constant Markets w^here t^his Nations resort & supply them selves w^o such Commodities as they want
3. The Forts & Castles w^h / present Co h^o in Guiney, keep / Trade w^o /^o European Nations upon an equal Dole; f^r if this Co had not Forts Castles & settled factories /^o Europeans w^old quickly engross / whole Trade by kindling / Nations to Trade w^o any ships who come upon / Coast, where any such Forts & Castles are, & t^hat whose strength is g^rat^r the (wh^o can only be in Forts & fortified factories) will always carry / Trade.
4. T^hese ~~are~~ the past / sd Forts & Castles h^o been repaired, & maintained w^o / stock o this present Co, who h^o not divided w^o since they were incorporated / w^o the Pool, but on / contrary severall times h^o added to the orig. stock, by advancing new & p^ro^per sums to support & preserve / Trade to this traⁿ, w^o / Plantations, & all this time enjoyed v^y g^rat^r benefits thereby.
- T^hat all t^his Subjects be restrained trad^g to Guiney for any foreign Port.
1. F^r t^hat is / advantage o this traⁿ t^h Trade be supplied for this Kingdom only.
2. The true Valueⁿ o all goods laden for foreign Ports w^old be concealed.

Fortes in Africa maintained by / R. A. C. viz^t

The Forts names	no ^o of soldiers	Prinities	no ^o of guns
York Island			
Cabo Corvoe	150.	100.	55
Fort Royal at Fredericksburg Fort ^h wh ^o cost / ^o above £4000 o / Barres, to make / the Coast trade more secure & safe	14	26	20
Succoondee	4.	16.	7.
Annamabo	11	17	14
Accra	25	25	25
Dickies Cove & Wumebah	19.	—	6
Vessels attend ^g	60.	—	24
James Fort at Sambia to be rebuilt	—	—	—

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12 Jan 1697/8.

Present Sr John Fleet S^r. & 14^{ors}

Resolution of 24th Ants f/ yr to be

Ordered That each of Cr o Asses as were now sworn do wait upon /rd Chamellor tomorrow in / afternoon w/ Co's Proposals & Reasons relating to Trade to Gueney.

8 Feb 1697 [8]

Present ~~Sr John~~ S^r & D^r ^{at supra} & 24^{ors} ^{seal} ^{or} ^{seal} ^{ors}.

- Res proposed by / S^r that as a prospect to something not be done of securing / Trade to Gueney to this Co if they had power from / Gen^{ty}.

Ordered That it be left to / Cr o Asses to use such methods as by Par^{l^{mt}} or otherwise to / Trade may be appropriated to / Co, or that they shd bear the perform^o Charge.

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~~Ar / Cr of Kensington~~

~~24th Feb 1697 [8]~~

Present The Kings most Excellent Majesty in Council.

[Gambia.]

Note The Act to Settle / Trade to Africa act. 5 July 1698 is published Verbation in Donnan. I. 421.

19 July. 1698.

Present Sr John Fleet S^r. in name of D^r. 46th names & seal ^{ors}.
S^r declar^d to / Cr that as much pains & delige of / persons employed therein they had obtained an Act of Parli^{mt} of settling / Trade to Africa in favour of / Co which he described not but w^old be much to / Co's advantage
Resolved that / Gen^{ty} do give their hearty thanks to / Gen^{ty} to managed the Affairs of the g^t care & pains in effecting it.

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The Justices of / Commons Agents or Factors of / African Co
in Africa by the behaviour to such Traders as are not o / Co
but the privilege o Trade to Africa by / late Act made
at Westm^r on / 9th & 10th J^{rs} o / H^{ms} reign, are 1st
t / words o / Act w^{ch} say -

1 all persons natural born Subjects o / England trade to / Coast o Africa, pay^g /
duties by / sd Act imposed, sh. h. / same protecⁿ, security & defence of the persons ships
& goods by / fm, & in all / sd Ports & Castles, & / like freedom & security of the
negotia^s & trade to all intents & purposes whatsoever as / sd Co, the Agents,
Factors & Assigns, & their ships & goods have, may, or sh. h.

You must not insist too nicely on / words "natural born," if they be Subjects o
England, & come from Engl. or our Planta^s in America, of the in / before recited
Clause / words are "natural born Subjects" &c. y^{et} talk^g / or party o / Act, &
considering / whole togr, 'tis / Subjects o / Crown o Engl. trad^g from th^{er} or /
Plantas, are intended to h / privilege o septe trade.

1 / benefit intended / Subjects o Engl. not o / Co, by these words are or is
conceded to in case o any war betwⁿ / Europeans & Indians, or amst / Europeans,
or Natives only, or any commotion or or Calamity unforeseen, wh^{ch} sh. or may
happen, wh^{ch} / Traders not o / Co may be distressed, so as to want see^d
or preservation of the persons or effects, y^e must see, defend, & protect them, as
if they were o & did belong to / Co

You are also to give them no molestatiⁿ in respect o the be^g septe traders,
but 'tis conceiv^d to it is not / mean^g o / Clause o / Act t / Co's Ports &
Castles are to be / common habitatiⁿ o or Warehouses of / septe traders, except
in / cases of w^{ar}, or such like, wh^{er}in we must leave much to yr discreⁿ always
desir^g y^e, if y^e see cause, to deny what may be asked o y^e in behalf o / sd
septe Traders, to do it in / mildest & gentlest manner y^e can, & constantly
advise us what has been asked o y^e in pursue o this Act & what y^e have granted,
what promised, & reasons o yr denials, w^{ch} / arguments on both sides, to we
may for thence take such measures for / future, so as to prevent any, or at
least just complaints, & give y^e full satisfaction of yr future care therein, than by
reason o / infancy o this d^{aw} we can at present resolve on

The full part o / sd Clause is - and t all & every person & persons
trading to Africa & pay^g / duties as afo^r, may & are hereby empowered
at their own charge to build factories on any part o Africa within /
limits afo^r, as they sh. judge necessary & convenient for / carrying on the
Trade, w^{ch} any let hindrance or molestatiⁿ from / sd Co, the Agents, Factors
or Assigns; & t all persons not members o / sd Co, so trading & pay^g
/ sd duties as afo^r, sh. togr wth ships & goods, be free from all molestatiⁿ,
hindrances,

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hindres, restreints, arrests, seizures, penalties, or or impose whatso^{er}, for the sd
Co, the Agents, Factors or Assigns, for or by reason o the sd trade, and
Charter, usage, or Custom to / contrary in any wise acting, We take
this Clause to be so plain t / words well inform f, as well as we can
o / intenn^o o / have in this Case. It, in short, beg / intenn^o o / Parliamt t
our Charter shd be so far superseded o these words restreint, in reason o /
Daily imposed on them towards / expense o such Forts + Castles as we h, or sh
h, in Africa

[end o 1698]

That English money be sent by which means being
The manner the Dutch had a way to make a piece
who refused them o / and will do nothing with the Dutch
by their approval . . . The trading about Succowato
Jan Caboto being very solicitous o Commodore
him 1000. per month . . . King of Fataha dead.
will get me to succeed but will follow the Co. . . For
accident in Agueffoo Camp likely to make business o
not presented, which will cost money of which they will be
sparring less the Dutch dead them from the Co
interest . . . About the landing place o Commodore
Cabo loose Cabot 20 May 1698
said 24 Sept.

The Dutch have destroyed the Assam, being greatly
interested. They did not interfere in the business
reference they have been at they hope a free trade will compensate
what is the design of the conquerors. They endeavored to prevent
a further war. The Dutch practice in this affair. For Shelton's
wished not altering the affairs of the country at Amamabon. So
business going rather plentiful mind of the matter has
Loppon. The accident in Agueffoo Camp made o
o / the . . . That being what the intent of o / them
o / possession of Succowato. So o / the
India and supplies. . . Removed Shelton from
Amamabon. But that Shelton does
Fresh advice of the Dutch designs

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Gold Coast [English] RAC

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[PRO. 170/11] "Abstract of letters received by the Royal African Co of England. From the Coast of Africa, so far as relates to the Committee of Correspondence."

Cabo Corso Castle. 29th April 1698

From Rich^d Buckeridge: Wm Cooper: John Browne.

rec'd 11 July
The Dutch consent to the English right of the Landing at Comenda. Agreed that Deserters on both sides be returned. New broyles among the Natives, by which means trading is dead. Are advised the Dutch have orders to make a peace with Aguaaffo, who advised them of it, and will do nothing with the Dutch but by their approval. . . . Are treating about Succondee . . . Jam Cabess being very servicable at Comenda, have advanced him 1 oz. per month . . . King of Fatus dead. Will get one to succeed that will favour the Co. . . . An accident in Aguaaffo's Camp likely to create troubles if not prevented, which will cost money, of which they will be sparing lest the Dutch draw them from the Co's interest . . . About the Landing place at Comenda.

Cabo Corso Castle 28 May 1698

From the Same.

rec'd 24 Sept.

The DENKERSSES have destroyed the ARCANAES, being justly rewarded. They did not interpose in the business. What expenses they have been at they hope a free trade will compensate, which is the design of the conquerors. They endeavoured to prevent a further war. The Dutch practice in this affair. Mr Sheldon's neglect not advising the affairs of the country at Anamabos. Mr Buckeridge going thither presented much mischief that might have happened. The accident in Aguaaffoes Camp made up. 40 Bendies lent him. That King met the General of D'Minia. Got possession of Succondee. Sent Mr Tabbs thither with supplies. . . . Removed Sheldon from Anamabos. Put Chas Salmon there. Fresh advices of the Dutch designs

Cabo

Cabo Corso Castle July 26 1698

From Rich^o Buckeridge: W^m Cooper: John Browne
recd 4 Dec.

. . . Advise of the Whitemen being driven from Succondee
by means of the Dutch. The Adooms repent the injury done.

Cabo Corso Castle Sept. 1. 1698

From the Same

recd 13 Jan.

. . . Dankert resolves that nothing shall stop trade,
which they will encourage.

Cabo Corso Castle 1 Mar. 1698.

From the Same.

recd 18 March.

. . . Want materials to finish Dickies Cole.
The Dutch have settled Apom, as they must if will secure
the canoes . . . An English vessel made prize by the
Dutch. The Dutch Genll's reply about her

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forewarned him before any mischief was done, to prevent it, & not suffer, nor send his Blacks to molest our Settlement, & to cut off / kill o our white Men in service o yr Honors etc.

V Part o a Lr fm Mrs Buckridge, Crofters & Brown dd C-C-C. 29 May 1698. to Mr John Van Swenhuizen, Gen of / Mina

We were in hopes, by our late Contract, we shd h liv'd in Amity, wh truly is our desire; but the persv's yr mind is to have both, tho y wd not send yr People for / Mina by land, or yr Ships by Sea, to take our Fort at Succumdee; & what reason we know not: We are sure by no Protestan fm us, or / People to take our friends. We do not desire to molest yr Fort; & y must expect, if our People be cut off, the sh'vs will be acquired at yr hands.

Our Sloop, by distress o weather, at Succumdee-Road, loss both Anchors, / Mast's sent on board yr Ship, during / land o one; but / Messengers were answered by yr Mate: his crew was h enough; but do y think we will spare any to y; do y not see we are sent to take yr Fort, & can y expect our help? to wh our Men answered, we must then perish; to wh yr Mate slightly replied, why then perish, & / send h Mercy upon yr Souls.

21] VI In Same to Same dd C-C-C. 4 June 1698

Yrs o / yr Honors: N.B. h need, wh'ain y seem to be disgusted at / Precaution we take y o / mischief we not only suspected, but was informed o, by yr own People, was intended agst ours at Succumdee; we wish this had bin as little Truth in it as y pretend, but we find to / contrary; our white Men beg murdered, & yr Black Serivs; our Slaves seized, Houses burnt, / B-B-C's lawful Persons insulted by Force & Violence fm us; & not only this, but / cursing Men stript, & miserably abused by them. Y advised to h sent them w a sham Pretence o recy belts: We are not sensible o any belt due fm our Co to yr; if we were, y mt assure yrself o such favor upon demand, & not put y to / trouble & charge o levy'g an Army. The Ocean now o trouble y is, to know wh' y will act'ne these thgs to h bin done by yr Order; if so, we sh leave it to yr Letters; But hope to find it o yr's, & t y delv up these bloody Villains / Authors, to see if punishment suitable to / desert o Murder, &c. wh in Justice y cannot deny: Altho

Gold Coast [English]

Asks' Alphas' of me, by slight Evasions such Excuses, I cannot reasonably think, but to be satisfied will be required.

You are pleased to say I sent yr Ship to look after Intelligers, wh. we admire of shd pretend; when, I whole Country knows to the contrary; she has never arriv'd farther than Betteroe & Succowdee; at wh. places of well known she was not likely to meet us any. Had she been wholly clear of this Acⁿ, the Cape men durst not have suffered / Plundered & been bro't into his Fort, as was done, before all our White Men's faces; & so barbarously to abuse them, & so inhumanly to turn them abroad almost naked, & w^{ch} / Capt to ridicule the misfortunes. Our Turcs cannot be carried off by / Blacks; & many of thgs are the best Capt, wh. we expect of to enquire after, he is acted by Persons commissioned by y.

We return of Thanks, for yr generous Proffer of assist^g us in / recovery of any Debts to shd be due to our Co from any Persons under yr Protection; There are now none at / Minia, who were chief Actors in this Aff^r, considerably indebted to our Co, / wh. we long since advis'd of of. We sh. not but enlarge at present; hopg, as I have always profess'd for self a strict Observer of Amity & Union of both Nations, I will now shew it by an exemplary piece of Justice, in deliver'd up / Actors of this bloody Tragedy, as well of the Debts, as this the Sr Will any, w^{ch} due Respects, is all at present from &c.

22.] VII. From Dittos to Dittos

Sir

C-C-C. 16 July 1698

When our White Men, who were arriv'd at Succowdee, were recovered, we sh. take the Depositions concerning what we wrote y. in our last, & give / needful Answer to y^r. This, in / meantime while, serves to inform, we are advis'd by a Chief at Winnibah, & one of our Cob Slaves, named Coffee, travell'g upon / Road betw^{ch} Mumford, to buy Corn, was set upon betw^{ch} t^o & the Factory at Apom, by one of yr Black Servts, & two of yr Cob Slaves etc, who killed him, w^{ch} more than twenty-hair 9166 in his Body, cutt^g his neck round to / Bone. Our sd Factor sent to y^r at Apom, to demand Satisfaction for / Murder, wh. is denied, & is / reason we address ourselves to y. & if y. is not oppos'd to what they committed, I will now shew it by an exemplary Justice done upon / Murderers, w^{ch} w^{ch} our joint Respects is what offers at present from &c.

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Gold Coast [English]

[P.A.O. T 40/50] "Copies of letters sent by the Royal African Co of England
To the Coast of Africa"

London. 15 March 1698.

To W^m Ronan: Rich^d Buckeridge: W^m Cooper.

. . . Now that God hath sent us a peace we are prepared to carry on the Trade more effectually (we hope) than hitherto hath been done.

. . . Dickies Cove & Comenda being of so great a concern we admire that ye finishing those Forts is not perfected with more diligence, every letter giving us hopes that the next should advise that you have completed it.

We hope that Mr Tho^s Buckeridge gave you some proof of his amendment that you trusted him again to Agga, after that notorious breach of his Covenants at Dickies Cove.

We heartily wish that the Peace you praise yourselves may take the desired effects which you imagine, but we fear the Disbanding ye forces of our Confederates may give our watchful adversaries an opportunity to bring about their clandestine designs for their own advantage, unless they be brought into the same Articles. We wait for further confirmation of its success.

[P.A.O. T 40/51] "Copies of letters sent . . . [ut supra]

London 9 June 1698

To Rich^d Buckeridge: W^m Cooper: John Brown.

— Express regret at the death of Mr W^m Ronan on the Coast — . . .

We see that our doubts in copie (sic) of the composition of all differences among the Natives was too ominous, for by your last advices the ARCANAES shall hold off. We wish that they may be reduced to a peace for the good of all traders.

We observe that the Dutch are settling new Factories & that the Natives of those places offer you the same privileges. We are fearful of running too deep into expenses of that kind unless necessity for securing our Trade compels us to it.

London

London. 7 July 1698

To Micho Buckenidge: Wm Cooper: John Browne.

. . . and our now to advise you that after a very long & great application to the Parliament we have obtained an Act of Settlement of the Trade to Africa in the present Co. with a liberty to all H. M.'s subjects of England & the Plantations to trade, paying 10% on exportations only from Cape Mount to the Cape of Good Hope, & more on returns 10% from between Cape Blanco & Cape Mount, except on Red Wood 5%. All Traders (though not free of the Co.) being to have protection from our Castles, but all their Houses, Warehouses, & all other conveniences of their trade, either for themselves or Factors, are to be at their own expenses. We herewith send you the Act for your government & in pursuance thereof, it is our desire that they be protected & treated civilly, but we positively expect that you should not assist them in buying or selling goods, or permit it to be done by any under you at that Castle or any other of our Factories on the Coast, as we understand has been done by some of them formerly, contrary to their duty as Factors to us & no one else; & we shall interpret any such underacting for the future as betraying of trust & accordingly resent it, it being the undoubted duty of our Factors to serve us only & to promote our interest. We likewise expect you to be very careful to give us the speediest & best advices possible of all English ships which shall arrive on any part of the Coast of Africa, so far as you ^{can} possibly obtain knowledge, or of any other ships wherein English are concerned, after the receipt hereof, with the names, the name of the Master, the lading, & the persons concerned. And since by this settlement of trade we shall be enabled to pursue it hereafter to the utmost extent, we must depend on an extraordinary measure of diligence & care in you to give us encouragement.

— Likewise from 24 June 1698 to keep a separate book of account of expenses for repairs, pay, provisions, army, & every other sort of charge relating to support & maintenance of the Forts & Castles, & to send a statement home every Michaelmas, as the Co has to give a yearly account of all these charges, as will be seen in the Act.

London.

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Told Coast [English]

London 14 July 1698

To Nicho Buckenidge: Wm Cooper: John Browne.

Since the De Mina men & you have agreed for the mutual accomodation of the Landing place at Comenda it will require your prudence to have close care that your neighbours do not circumvent & deprive you of the privileges & other conveniences thereof, & that you take the opportunity of the Peace firmly to secure yourselves from any attempts which may be made in time of war, & to preserve & increase your alliances in the country for the benefit of the trade.

[P.R.O. 140/145] Gold Coast [English]

~~Extract from copy Correspondence / 1798 ending on 1/10/1798~~
~~[There are also 1/10th ending in the copies of money.]~~

and book.

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"Paragraphs" of ~~well~~ letters from Cape Coast Castle & Places on / Gold Coast,
beg proofs of ye ~~inconvenience~~ ^{inconvenience} being from / Private Traders
[1693]

CCC from Messrs Mich Burcheridge, Wm Cooper & John Browne dated Cape Coast
Castle 26th May 1698

Your Petition what Damage Interlopers do as well on this Coast as at
whidah ~~losses~~ / Prices of all European Goods & ~~advertising~~ / Price of Slaves,
if some speedy ~~remedy~~ ^{remedy} be not applied, might be forced to draw our Goods
or our Traders well come. The truth is all ready toward the Perpetual ~~loss~~ ^{loss} to ye
State of taking off another Angle, but as there are inferior to ours, we keep more to
10 ac. at wh. Prices of Interlopers be kept off doubt not but to vend considerable
Quantities. This is not a Negro, nor upon Coast will vend a slave for 5 or
seven Pces a head as formerly, t we have forced to advance ano^r Pces

a piece
20 shill

[1699]

~~For Messrs Nicholas Burcheridge, Hansley Linnan & Samuel Wallis
at Cape Coast Castle 6th April 1699.~~

~~CCC To be feared Cape Drags will make a long stay upon this Coast before
he sends his Carque Trade but it's dull & many ships at these parts who
rather give the Trade away than sell, dejected & illated Properties of our Angles.~~

~~1700~~

~~For Messrs Nicholas Burcheridge, Hansley Linnan & Samuel Wallis
at Cape Coast Castle 2nd June 1700~~

~~168~~ ~~Submissio~~ to ~~for~~ ~~how~~ ~~it~~ ~~is~~ ~~no~~ ~~business~~ ~~the~~ ~~10~~ ~~p~~ ~~Cent~~ ~~more~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~
Voyages when at / same time we have little or no business wh. it is customary
on all parts of / world where Shipp's resort to unless the Goods are Consigned
to some ffactor, or as ashore, f / Natives & Inhabitants will never come to
a ffactory or shop to buy out the money when they can buy goods 30 p. Cent
or more cheaper than can be afforded in either o them. The term P Cent
more f / most Part sold Perpetual at 6. ac each, & so proportionally /
with the merchandize.

CCC
From Mrs Nicholas Buerkhardt, William Caplan & John Browne dated
Cape Cross Castle 29 May 1698
Let it be agreed that Henry Peters & Secundus should not
be liable & perform to keep it against / unless a our Maldivians
Neighbors, who we are sure will make what opposition they can, let it be
that Mrs Gabb [Zanger] writes, who writes let it be in favor of conflict in his
imply, a believe in that will use his utmost endeavours.

CCC
From Mrs Nicholas Buerkhardt, William Caplan & John Browne
dated Cape Cross Castle 26th July 1698
Your begs for Henry / said letters a our letters are beag beaten off
in government papers at Surinam, we were designed to be resisted
as per our last advice, & hoping when Henry's last was come a
concern on by Dutch Bachelors passing sent for / some some in the same
step a canoe & / sent by hand, we have had before hand secret intelligence
in sent a last person Henry's sent to Surinam. Henry's letter is come a /
29th May last, who owned to be sent from as per his / the first of 25
but covered the design they went on under picture a go to Surinam a
Dear, as he had sent them, but for what they had written was evident be
government and Dutch Comanders, but for not so pressed for as in
Continental and first with most, and has sent Henry's arrived him before
any exchange was done, to prevent it a not suffer more sent his Bachelors
to meet our settlement, or to cutt off / last a our with them in Surinam.

CCC
Have a letter from Mrs's Buerkhardt & Caplan & Browne dated
Cape Cross Castle 29 May 1698 to our John Peters van Surinam son
Henry / them.
We were in paper by our last contract, we had a bond in company
with Henry's our share, but we perceive it made a yet 5 days by sea, to take our share
and for people for / share by hand & yet 5 days by sea, to take our share
at Surinam. (I know not we are true by no previous firm
us or / people of one our (friends). We do not desire to make for Henry's
I must expect of our people be we cutt off the letters we be required at
our sleep by letters a Buerkhardt & Secundus from looking both
Americans, / those sent on board of a Ship desired / sent a one last
/ writings were answered by it made, by our we a strength, and
I think we will spare any thing to it, and if not see we are sent
to take the floor a room of respect our judge, to our own answered
we must from papers, to which made slightly replied, why don't power, a
/ send it away upon your bonds

CCC
[1698]

Copy of a Letter from Messrs Buchenidge, Cooper & Browne to
John Vansevenhuysen dd. Cape Coast Castle 7th June 1698.

Yours / of 9th Inst [notive] N. S. h. read. whereof I seem to be
disgusted at / precaution we gave of / mischief we not only suspected,
but ~~Apprehension~~ was informed of by your People was intended agst ours
at Suicondie, we wish it had bin as little touch in it as of pretence, but
we find to / Contrary, our white men beg murdered & our black servants,
our slaves seized, horses burned, / Royal Comps. lawfull Possessions
wrested by force & violence from us & not only this, but / several men slight
& miserably abused by them of acknowledged to have sent us a sham
pretence of receiving Debts. We are not sensible of any Debt due from our Co to
yours, if you, I may assure yourselves of Satisfaction upon demand, &
wish put y to / Trouble & Charge of logging an Army. The occasion now of
troubling y is what y will acknowledge it to have bin by your Order, if so,
we sh leave it to your better, but hope to find it course, & t of deliver
up those bloody Villains, / Authors, to receive y's punishment suitable
to desert a murder recd, who on Justice of cannot reasonably think but
to deny altho of may by slight Excuses seek excuses for cannot
reasonably think but of Satisfaction will be required.

If you please to say y sent yr ship to look after Interlopers, who we
admire of shd pretend, when / whole Country knows of Contrary, she
beg never designed further than Butteroe a ~~Secret~~ Succession, at such places
y well know she was not likely to meet us any. Had y bin wholly clear, a this
Action for Copeman durst not have suffered / pleasure to have bin brought into his Office
as was done, before all our whitemens faces, & so barbarously to abuse them
a so unhumanly to turn them aboard almost naked & w / Capt to ridicule
this misfortune. Our Goods cannot be carried off by / Blacks, & many
of things with are the lost, wh we expect of to inquire after be acted by
Persons Committed by y.

We return y thanks for your generous offer of assisting us in /
Recovery of any Debts t shd be due to our Co from any Persons under yr Protecⁿ.
They are sett now at / Mine who were chiefly Actors in this Action consider
considerably indebted to our Compa, / wh we long since adressed y
of, we sh not far enlarge at present. hope as y always profess y
self a strict Observer of Unity & Union of both Nations, y will now
show it by an exemplary piece of Justice in delivering up / Authors of this
bloody Tragedy as well of the Debts as this or Villains, wh, w
due respects, is all at present from

[1698]

From Ditto Messrs Buckenidge, Cooper, & Brown to Dr Ho Vanseusenhusen
at Cape Coast Castle 16th July 1698.

It when our whitemen who were wounded at Succoonie are recovered,
sh take the Depositions concerning what wrote of in our last ac^a & give t^e needful
answer to you. This in / meanwhile serves to inform we are advised by our
Chief at Winnebah t^e one o our Co's Slaves named Coffee, that illg
upon / Road towards Mumford to buy Corn, was sett upon Action t^e 4 or
ffactory at Appam by one o your black servants or two o your Co's Slaves thr,
who killed him w more than twenty five stabbs in his body, cutt^g his
neck round to / bone. Our sd ffactor sent to you at Appam to demand
Satis fact^o f / murder, wh is denyed, & w / reason we address ourselves
to y. t^e if y do not approve o what Comitted of will now show it by
an exemplary Justice done upon / Murderers, wh w are t^e Joynt

~~From Messrs Nicholas Buckenidge, Howes by ffreeman & Samuella
Wallis del at Cabo Corso Castle 5 March 1699. [1700 ns]~~

~~We sh observe you Orders relating to Dutch Privateers & not permit any into
this Road, but we cannot w safety to your Hon^rs Interest suffer / Dutch Co's
ships to come in or lye here under / nom o intercept^g them, f by t^e means
we shd never be clear o the shipp^s & there loaded wth wth w Goods to
Probbus o our Trade. The Dutch West India Co may make you Hon^rs abundance
o specious prettes o amity & friendship - friendly Correspondence in point o settle^g
/ Commerce & o Affairs o the Country but we are satis fied t^e impossible
f them or the Agents here to keep any Contract o t^e bond inviolable especially
wh / least prospect o advantage appears on the side, as your Hon^rs may be
satis fied by a Copy o Mr Gornard's letter enclosed, wherein you'll
perceive the sole endeavours are as apply presents to supplement &
undermine your Hon^rs Interest & Trade in this Coast as much as when they due /
East India Comp^y wth Amboyna & (if t^e wth wth power) p. / like
Barbarous Methods.~~

~~Copy o Gornard's letter del Com^o / 16th Feb^r 1699~~

Copy of letter to the Hon^rs

T 10/51 Copies o letters sent by / Sloops R.A.C. o England to / Coast o Africa
no 4.
From April 5th 1698 to Aug 31st 1703

Colone Croase

Mr Nath^o Bueckridge
Mr Wm Cooper
Mr John Browne

London 9th June 1698

- Actine ther be o 3 vess last arrivg / death o Mr Wm Nonan in whose room we take notice t^t he taken Mr John Browne, who we hope will answer / Trust staly factors on him but we do not apprehend / reason why / Chiefs o Africa chouse all o^r ffactors shd decline such prefermt

- Have read thro^e o 18th Dec^r for Sallee Rose wh^{ch} woud safely at meiss wth 200 negroes We see t^t our doubts in copie p^{er} o / wth measure o all differ any / Natives was too numerous f^r by yeasi^e Advice^s f^r / Africans still hold off We wish t^t they may be reduced to a peace f^r / good o all traders

We are preparg some Sloops f^r each parts o / Coast as sh^{al} want best^t sent f^r some small vessels w^{ch} what f^r the purchased sufficient we conceive f^r present supply, but f^r we understand t^t if w^{ch} he few^r need we may send one o^r thore a buildg.

We observe t^t / Dutch are dotly new ffactors & t^t / Natives o those places offer f^r / same knowledge. We are fearful o^r wading too deep into expenses o^r t^t kind unless necessity f^r seeing our trade compels us to do

This is intended by / mining & mining, Gally Capt Samel Kelly, on whom we h^{ave} taken a cargo consigned Capt Kelly f^r / W^{est}ward Trade to / Colne o £1206-8-2 whom / owners are consigned f^r / taken it sh^{al} please God to send her well to / f^r / take an acctⁿ f^r / Capt o / disposal o^r 3rd W^{est}ward Cargo, & rece^{ive} f^r him / present produce therof & give him a acctⁿ f^r it to be sent hither f^r / joyn^t acctⁿ o^r / interested, / Advantage to be borne in proportion; & by / first good conveyce send it directly home; but if none o^r our vessels designed directly f^r hence be upon / Coast send it by / 1st good conveyce to Barbadoes, this sh^{al} be destined designer f^r Jamaica

We sent by / Prince o Orange a retrench o^r ffactors Artificers & squatters, w^{ch} we believe will (as what are come over to f^r f^r Dames Fort) be suffic^{ient} till we send more who we intend by / ffauconberg wh^{ch} we are fitting out wth all speed We rest &c

Urban Hall Esq^r Secy^r Gov^r & 14 o^r Signe

Caboe Corse

Mrs Nicholas Buckridge
Mrs William Cooper &
Mrs John Browne

London 23rd June 1698.

4] — Enclose copy o this o qth use [in]rat per Mary & Marg^r Gally
This is intended by / ship offen working - Capt John Little on whom we h count
to be laden ~~offen~~ ~~work~~ ~~according~~ a vy lge & well sorted cargo o goods to
value o £460-19-2 according to / embored invoices & bills o lading. We order
her to discharge her negroes at Barbados wh we hope & desire may be put aboard
at / Gold Coast w^{ch} carry her fut^r... & what gold o h^r & can get ready o our
own goldish she stays on / Coast let also be shipped on her & consigned to / sell
[at] factors [at Barbados.]

— Sent seal Soldiers & Artificers, & on the recommendⁿ h selected Mr Jervis
Jackson as factor

Urban Haller John Fleet, Sec^y Gov^r
Urban Haller Sec^y Gov^r
13th or 14th

5] Caboe Corse
Mrs Nicholas Buckridge
Mrs Wm Cooper
Mrs John Browne

London 7th July 1698.

We h already wrote y^e by this conveyance & we now to advise y^e t after
o vy long & qth application to / Parliament we h obtained an Act ~~relating~~ f
Settlem^t o / trade to Africa in / present Co w^{ch} liberty f all y^e m^o subjects
o England & / Plantains to trade payg 10% on Exports ~~only~~ fm Cape
Mount to / Cape o Good Hope & more on returns ~~for~~ 10% fm Cape return
Cape Blanco & Cape Mount ~~except~~ oⁿ ~~return~~ 5% All Traders (tho
not free o / Co) to be beg to h protectⁿ fm our Castles, but all the Houses
Warehouses & all o^r conveniences o its trade are to be at thei^r own expence.

We h written send y^e / Act f^r Gov^r ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~purpose~~ ~~there~~ & on purpose
thost it is our desire t^h they be protected & treated curly, but we
positively expect f sh^d not assist them in buyg or sellg goods,
or permit it to be done by any under f at t^e Castle or any o^r o^r our
Factories on / Coast as we understand has bin done by some o them

either of
themselves
a factors

formerly contrary to thei^r duty as factors to us & none else & we sh
interpret any such under acty f / future as a betrayl o trust &
accordingly resent it; it beg / unvariable duty o our factors to serve as
only & promote our wth. We likewise expect f to be vy careful to
give us / speediest & best advices possible o all English ships wh sh
arrive on any part o / Coast o Africa, as far as f can possibly obtain
knowledge o o any o^r ships wh in English are concerned, after rec^t
know^l wth the names, name o / master, / lady & / persons concerned. And since
by this Settlem^t o trade we sh be able ~~to~~ to pursue it heath^r to / w^{ch} most
sudden we must depend on an ~~very~~ xtry measure o diligence & care in y^e
to give us encouragement

Jane Alderson

I am likewise from & after this 24th day of June 1698 to order a distinct Book to be kept concerning all sorts of expences relating to / sev^l Forts & Castles under yr Care; viz all repairs pay, provⁿ ammuniⁿ arms & by & sort of Charge relating to / support & maintenance of / sev^l Forts as likewise all presents, ground rents &c wh^{ch} sh^l be paid to any of / neighbouring Princes or to all s^layed Carnots, &c while they sh^l be maintained or employed for / reparatiⁿ of / sev^l Forts. we beg to tender a full acct of all / sev^l Charge as y^e will see by / A^{ct} / M^o / his o^r these expences or / whole Coast y^e must send us so as to arrive (if possible) before Michaelmas say y^e in wh^{ch} part we desire you to be very careful & exact. If / full implacⁿ of yr Duties hereon y^e must acct one of / Chiefs at Cabo Corsoe as a Gov^r or Command^r of a Garrison, or so of / Chief of say one factory as Gov^r o^r place or Garrison, & as such his salary & Detⁿ in / Fort where he is placed to be charged wth / full salary as paid o^r (wh^{ch} some part be reserved to be reserved to) of Officers, Parson (if any), Chyrurgeon (Wh^{ch} Officers, Soldiers, Seamen or slaves, & what is a charge upon / Co of / support defence & maintenance of / sev^l Forts to so / full charge of say part Fort may appear, / Charge to be made annually, to be sent so as to be here before Michaelmas Day to be gon^e / sev^l 24th day of June and for one y^r at next summer say 4. 10^s rest - &c

John Fleet Sub Govern^r
Urban Hall Lefty Gov^r
14th of July.

1] C Corsoe
Mr Mich^l Buckridge
Mr W^m Cooper
Mr John Burone

- in reply to the l^r o^r 2nd & 6th April -

London 14 July 1698

Since / De Mina men & y^e h^l agreed for / mutual accomodaⁿ of each o^r in / use of sandy Place at Commenda, it will require y^e prudence to be t^e care - t^e yr neighbours do not circumvent & deprive y^e of / privileges & yr Conveⁿiences thro^{gh} & t^e y^e take / opp^o of / peace firmly to secure yourselves from any attempts wh^{ch} may be made in time o^r war, & to preserve & increase yr alliances in / Country for y^e benefit of / trade. We rest - &c -
Urban Hall Lefty Gov^r.

11th of July

4. a) Cahoe Corsoe Castle
Mr Mich^o Buckridge
Mr Wm Cooper &
Mr John Barrowe

London 6th September 1798

- The last were per ffawson being 23 June & 14 July -
- This goes per / Page's frigate Capt Thos Williams Comdr
upon her shipment of cargo of £2600 - 11 - 1 consigned to G. B. Lee
/ Castle but on a d. we h. ordered Capt Williams to buy & procure what
gold Malagetta Malagetta & elephants teeth he can to windward where
he is ordered to spend 20 & not exceed 30 days. hope in t. time he will be
able to purchase a good quantity of Malagetta besides Gold & teeth, when it sh.
please get t. he arrives well at / Castle see o. him an. acc. o. what goods
he sh. sold or bartered to windward or o. our goods w. he remains o. / sd
Cargo. wh. act send us by him w. fr. remembrance upon them.

Send us ten good healthy & young Negroes o. these Countries by this
ship & give Master charge to take care o. them
Upon this ship embarked Mr Morris Matthews an able Divine
whom we h. chosen for Minister & believe (by / recommendation &
character we h. o. him) will give a credit to his profession, as well
by his good behaviour & example as by sound instructions amon our people
towards wh. if will be neccy. t. he h. due respect & encouragement for
- what our Factors & Soldiers go on this ship appears in / enclosed list.

We rest - &c -
John Fleet Secy Gov
Urban Hall Secy Gov
16th Sept

Sept 10 1798

Received of the Secretary of the Treasury
the sum of £2600 - 11 - 1
in full of the balance due to the
Treasury of the East India Company
at the date of the above receipt
This receipt is to be retained
in the office of the Secretary
of the Treasury until the
balance is paid in full
Sept 10 1798

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27] Sir

London; 6th Septem^r 1698

This accompanies Cap^t Joseph Baggs Comander o our
Ship Amity who is sent to all our Forts & Factories to see / Clate &
conditⁿ o them, t we may be satisfied thm & know how to order our
affairs upon / Coast. I are to veil him w all respect, & give him what
assistance he sh^d h^e occaⁿ f, togr w a full ~~affair~~ ^{power} ~~of~~ / state o those
parts, advis^s w him what may be best f / Co's advantage in / future
carry on o / trade. The Prints inclosed wree inform^d of our desire
o making improvement o what^r may be found out o advantage upon / Coast,
by / encouragement thm promised w^h we respect. of well ~~not~~ well weigh &
consider & let us hear fm y by all oppies. W^e rest

John Fleet Sub Gov^r
Urban Hall Secy Gov^r
16th Sept.

The above letter sent ~~to~~ -

To Edward Search or who else is chief at Negrey
To Thos Buckenidge or who is chief at Wimbah
To Richd Skeldon or who is Chief at Anamaboe

Fort Royal - to / Chief thm
To ye chief Merchts at C Corsee
To Gerard Gore or who is chief & Comander
To / Chief at Succoonde
To John Vincent or who is chief at D: Cove

20] Cabo Corsee Castle
Mr Rich^d Buckenidge
Mr Wm Cooper &
Mr John Browne
Sirs

London 24th November 1698.

— send copies o the lrs o 6th & 16th Sept — This is intended by our ship
/ Sommers frigate, Cap^t Wm Piles — w goods stores & provins amtg to £5972 = 13 = 10 —
We h formerly given y an acct o this Co's being settled by Act o Parliam^t & sent
y a full o / sd Acts w full instructions how to manage / prietees both in y^r behaviour towards /
Free traders & f / stagg & y^r daily send^g y^r acct^s f our better comply^s w / sd Act w^h we
agn remind y o, respect^s & requir^s y^r care in / performance ther^o & send^g us due time / sd acct^s
on this ship will be able to carry 5 or 600 negroes wh^o we hope y w^{ill} be able to furnish
fm / Gold Coast. W^e rest — &c —

John Fleet Sub Gov^r
16th Sept

PS. I are to supply Cap^t Piles w as many Carries as y sh think fit he may h occasⁿ
f to complete his cargo o 550 negroes he deliver^s y^r as much in value o his present cargo

Cap^t Piles proposes our settl^{mt} o a factory at the Pompran [Prampran] & o^r
places. It is our desire t^o f consult him thm & act w his assist^{ce} & advice as y sh
find most to our advantage. We desire y w^{ill} likewise take y^r care t our factory at
Wimbah & all o^r places be obliged to apply themselves w^{ill}ly to our service & not barter
our wits to strangers.

Urban Hall Secy Gov^r
Saml Dashiwood
John Nicholson
Thos Hope goods

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[The same as Art 11 ^{idem} ~~part~~ with the following addition
at the end]:- And when order of peace is uprightly
observed the shall the King receive his ordinary customs
as of old, & also order signing bonds, shall his Cousin
Syason be released

8.

He shall also be bound to have Takky Aucktan in his choice
whom he shall love without, in such case, understanding his people
and our old matters: & if he desires to go outside of Commanie
shall admit him there as second of the Kingdom.

We the undersigned promise & swear solemnly & in brotherly
unity & human love of a cordial & affectionate, &
certification of the same have signed this. Actum die
in the Verge" ruler of Deluvia his 25th April 1698

J. J. J.

presence
V. Stroten

X This is the mark of the King
of the Comany Abe Takky

We the undersigned his Son & Councils hereby certify for the
King of Commanie, Abe Tekki Abe Tekki has signed
above standing articles with his own hand, after he had been
specially examined and asked if he was not persuaded
rightly to observe & maintain the same, & to which having

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accounted for, & has shown such a laying of the
upon the Bible: showing a variety of knowledge, which
has ~~at the same~~ seen a better present of all the
whenever we are words, such being necessary, to inform
the same of each. Return done also given.

J van Levenhuyzen

S Walters
Kiddos Pole
L v Staten Stroll



[WIC.124] Minutes of Council, Elmina

March 26. - On death of Factor Andrus Koon at Accra factory, Factor Jacobus Rohart appointed there. In his place the newly arrived Chief Factor Johannes van der Elsten appointed to Aximi at his request Conrad Schaap appointed to Roubry via Peter Nuyts appointed to Chama on 23 Nov last. Jan Dupere subfactor at Aximi appointed to Saconder.

(sgd) J v Sevenhuyzen. S Wolters. Wm Bosman. ~~Meesters~~
Nicolaas Polk., L v Straten. Michiel Jolyon. A. Wyns.

- Wm Bosman appointed to take charge of the slave trade at Adra & to proceed thither by ship "Carolina"
- Dominie Ludolphus Huyzinga Preacher granted his discharge on grounds of ill-health.

May 16 - re Slave trade at Adra for Suriname.



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Gold Coast [Dutch]

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Note. The Resolutions of the States-General have not been noted from 1698 to 1700. Vide note on p 78 of Yellow Note book (10)

[WIC. 54]

Sept. 16 Middelburg. Letter Ass^g WIC. to Joan v. Swenhuysen, Director on the Coast of Guinea.

- Their last was on 5 Oct. last year -
 - They have since received his letters of 8 & 27 April ^{1698 &} 28 Aug & 29 Sept. 1699 & in them seen the situation of affairs on the Coast, but particularly the continuing wars, & thereby the very great decay in trade there.
- [Note. All the above letters from v Swenhuysen are missing]

"We hope that Y.H. by your good guidance will cause the Natives to come to complete peace among themselves, although we regret to see that those dissensions were fomented [? - "foer" "geforceert"] by the English on the Coast, which they undoubtedly bring about by a large expenditure, as we learn was likewise done on our side but also that it has been fruitless. It therefore appears not unreasonable that if the Natives are able, to draw from either side they will stiffened to stay in continual alarms, & not to be in earnest in negotiations for peace. Y.H. will therefore economise in incurring such expenditure, in the expectation that the Natives will the sooner become tired of such work.

"We said just now that we much regretted to see the action of the English in fomenting [? "foereren"] of disturbances, & we further see their very injurious conduct of affairs in both the enlargement & extension of their possessions, particularly at Commamy, & affording protection to Interlopers; & that in the latter case, the Brandenburgers do likewise."

- As to hindering Interlopers -

"But as, at the beginning of next year, application will have to be made to their High Mightinesses the Lords States General for a prolongation of the Charter, which expires on 1st Dec. 1700, it will be our principal task that the Co is maintained in its Charter, in those parts also, & that ~~the~~ better disposition may be made

both in regard to the continuous disputes with the English nation & the
embarrassment caused to the Co., also by the Brandenburgers, ~~with~~
by the protection of the Interlopers from this country. Meantime we
hope that, peace being restored among the Natives, the Co will
thereby be placed in a position to offset the damage suffered with
better profits in trade."

"As regards the orders that we have previously given Y.H. about hindering
the Portuguese in their trade on the Coast, we observe that you are
carrying them out as far as possible. The reasons why, for a considerable
time, we have not had the Portuguese ships arrested, brought up & confiscated
are still the same. We are still in negotiation to liquidate the outstanding
claims against the Crown of Portugal & to find means to obtain the
amounts in arrears, & in order not to cause any fresh difficulty in those
negotiations we have found it desirable to leave the Portuguese on their
forming. But in order to take the matter somewhat further, Y.H. will,
on the arrival of Portuguese ships on the Coast bring them up to
St Mria, & take out of them all their Coast cargoes, & the
return cargoes which they have traded on the Coast, & after
formal declaration of their confiscation for the behoof of the Co,
draw up a separate account thereof which we can make use
of at any time, if necessary. Y.H. shall positively inform
the Portuguese not only that their ships & vessels will have
to keep away from the Coast; but also that if they continue
their illegitimate navigation their ships & cargoes & everything
will be taken & confiscated, & we hope before long to be able
to send you positive orders about this."

"The orders of the Co about Interlopers which come to the
Coast with letters from foreign Potentates, are clearly set
out in Art. 35 of Y.Hs' Instructions, relative to their High
Mightinesses Resolutions of 16 Nov. 1661 & 10 Jan 1662.
And especially as regards Brandenburg the ships of
the Brandenburgers, since they began their enterprises
on the Coast, which are ~~stranger & supported~~ prompted
& supported by inhabitants of this state you will find
the orders written on on 28 Nov. 1661, 16 May 1685,
14 May 1686, & the Deduction based upon the
Brandenburg disputes; to which we refer you.

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Fold Coast [Dutch]

- With reference to their letter of 5 Oct 1694 in which they advised that it was necessary to reduce the charges now, in time of peace to this he replied by asking for 50 recruits annually to replace time-expired & deceased men, & sent a Muster Roll showing where they were stationed. upon consideration of which & an account of Profit & loss of the Coast it is found that the Co is getting more behind hand than formerly, in proof of which they refer to the year 1694. Therefore - It is therefore

unavoidably necessary to consider means of redress the first of which is reduction of charges on the Coast. They will consider other means after receipt of further information.

- About economising & the reduction of charges they consider that the Co has a great many posts of occupation & consequently a large number of servants. As regards the posts of Forts & dodgers they are not sufficiently informed of the necessity to keep or to abandon them. But they observe that the English & Brandenburgers but at a much less charge than the Co. - He must report for their information what places the English & what places the Brandenburgers actually possess at present & how strong they are in servants & men at each post -

"As regards the large number of Co's servants we find in the Muster Roll of ulto. May this year that there are 44 writers besides J. H., Preacher, Fiscal & Chief Factor at the Castle, & 240 artillery [Train] & military persons; thus 320 persons drawing pay. Whether all these are necessary, or some can be spared, Y. H. does not express himself sufficiently clearly, as required by our letter of 5. Oct. We therefore await a definite report hereon"

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Gold Coast [Danish].

Note

From Rigsarkivet Copenhagen Vestindisk - Guineiske Komp.
Europæiske Dokumenter. 1682-1704. is a Danish report
about Fort Christiansborg & "what happened there
from 1659 to 1698". This report is not dated & is
signed "H. Meyer". This report has not been
translated as all the events recorded in it, & more
besides, are fully related in Kay Larsens book,
"De Danske i Guinea" [copy sent to University
College]

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R. A. C.

Minutes of the General Court

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Minutes of Gen Ct.

11 Jan 1698/9.

Present to Urban Hall D9. → 28th [including Dalby Thomas, & Mr Simon & Alphonso
Rodrigues, Sr Jacob Texeira de Mattos & Mr Mendes de Costa] & sealth.
The B^y declared / state o / Stock; t it has improved this yr £193⁶³ accy to / following
part^s.

The Balance last yr	£153,692-13-2
£12 a share paid in since	57,096
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Advanced this yr	210,788-13-2
The Balce this Year	19,363-12-4
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11010 ½ shares at £21 pr share is	£231,210-10-0
The Cos' effects at home & abroad	321,429-10-7
Deduct owing on Bonds & Warrants	91,577-5-11
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Deduct f bad debts	230,152-5-6
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	40,000
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	190,152-5-6

Owing at Int^r Dec. 1696 £107,975-17-8Owing now at Int^r 76,276-14-3

Bonds pd off 31,699-3-5

The Act o Parliam^t & / Advantages o this yr ont sett.The D^r Elected by Vote: H^{on}. Govr. Urban Hall 59. John Evans D^r.13 Jan 1698/924 Ass^ts chosen f / yr [including Dalby Thomas].26 Jan

Officers chosen. was altered
By laws 16th relating to / summoning o a Gen Ct on demand by 12 members
o / Co, ~~was~~

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at a cōe f / RAC.

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30 March 1699

Agreed to lay / followg proposals before / dts Commrs of Trade as a speedy method to suppress / Pirates upon / Coast o Guiney & / W.I.

1 more 5th rate Frigate be applied to cruise in / Cape Verde Idls

1 more 5th rate Frigate be applied as soon as possible to sail along / Coast fm C. (Vere to Cape Coast Castle or touch thro f Intelligence fm / Cos Agents, thence along / Coast to / Island o Princess, or to cruise in / t Island f 5 or 6 months.

1 small Frigate be applied to cruise in / island

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March 31 225. Journal o Council o Trade & Plantations. Cap^t Nicholson, Mr Roberts & ano^r members o / RAC. presented some proposals f suppressg pirates on / Coast o Guiney & / W.I.

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at / Court at Kensington

p8.

27 April 1699.

Present The Kings most excellent majty.

Upon reading this day at / Board a Representation from / dts Commrs o Trade & Plantations dd / 25th o this month, upon an Informⁿ sent to / RAC. concerng said Pirates who h appeared on / Coast o Africa. H^m in Council is pleased to order t part o / sd Representation a copy wh^{ch} is hereto annexed relaty to / severall Statins proposed f some o H^ms ships o war to cruise in, be referred to / dts Commrs o Admiralty who are to consider / same & report to H^m at dts Board th^{er} opinion upon / whole w^{ch}. John Povey.

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To / Kings most excellent majty

may it please Y^r M^{ty}. In obedience to Y^r M^{ty}s commands signified by / Mr Hon^{or} Mr Secy Vernon upon an informⁿ sent to / RAC concerng said Pirates who h appeared on / Coast o Africa, t we sh^d advise w^{ch} / merch^{ants} & shipp^{ers} report to Y^r M^{ty} our opinion - Accordingly lay before Y^r M^{ty} / enclosed copy o what / RAC h prepared to us upon our advy w^{ch} them abt t matter o upon / whole we humbly report

And t upon dts desire o ano^r 5th rate Frigate to cruise along / Southern Coast o Guiney as far as / Island o Princess f 5 or 6 months, we are also of opinion t if such an one wd be likewise well spaced for 2 Services, it wd be o f use f / security o Trade in / suppressg o Pirates & preventg / mischief t may be committed by them.

All w^{ch} w^{ch} is most humbly submitted J Bridgewater / Tankerville / Ph
Newcomb / Wm Powell w^{ch} / John Pollexfen / Mr Hild.

W^{ch} / Hild

April 25th 99.

Minutes of Gen Court

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Sub. Part 1 Augr 1699. Daily Thomas

Present Urban Hall St. = 1600 (includg St. J.) + 31 + scalds of Gent^r.
 It is advised & it was opinion of Ch^ro Ass^ts & a sum o m^y sh^d be raised f^r better carrying on o^f trade.
 - Request t^h £3 a share be advanced by way of Adventure in proportⁿ to his stock on or before 28 Sept next upon / encouragement o an addⁿ o 15% on each share, to be come due on / end of ... 12 ships named, wth the capt^s ... or any one o them to h^o / Cos Bond f^r repayment o / sum advanced wth premium on 25 March 1701 wth int^r say 6 mos. Any member not inclined wth say may assign it to any member t^h will.

21 Nov 1699

Dep. Part / Present Urban Hall St. John Evans St. J. + 1600 (incl DT) + 40 scalds of Gent^r

- Upon ~~some~~ proposals offered by 8 members: -
- Ordered 159. 89. & wth to h^o 50 shares in / Cos Stock, in the way wth
 - 1 5 Members (wth £5000 stock each) to be elected a Ctee to inspect Books & Proceeds of each C^o Ass^ts & C^oes
 - 1 / sd Ctee o 5 to be chosen after elecⁿ o 89. 89 wth wth
 - 1 / elecⁿ o / Ctee o 5 to be annually on same day as / State of Stock is declar^d
 - To Gen C^o be held wthin 1 mo o / elecⁿ o / 5. f^r them to make th^r report.
 - 1 o / Ctee o 5. 3 to be a quorum
 - 1 £ 750 p^a to be dividid wth / Ctee; & not dividid as formerly

Sub. Part of the

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The St. J. of R. A. C. have rec^d a breve at Whitehall 9 Nov 1699

p 12. sqd by Lion Popples by order o / His Commons of Trade & Plantations wthin the Kings desire to know wth / sd Co are at present possess^d o any Part or Tract o land upon / Coast o Africa where they h^o a right to include any foreign Man for Trade,

They humbly answer & say.
 King Char. 2^d by Letters Patent o / 24th Sep in / 24th J^r o his reign did grant to / R. A. C. a Singl. all & singular / Regions, Countries, Dominions, Territory & Continents, Coasts & places byg & to be byg wthin / limits & bounds, h^o wth ment. & to say, beginning at / Port o Salley in South Barbary inclusive, & extending f^r thence to Cape de Bona Esperanza inclusive wth all Islands adjacent ther^e Ports & Comprehended wthin / limits afo^r & all & singular, Ports Harbours Creeks Islands dikes & places in / parts o Africa belong^g or beg^g under / obedience o any King State or Potentate o any Region Dominion or Country wthin / limits afo^r f^r 1000 years.

By Act o Parliamt in / 9th Year o his present Majesty, / Co, f^r & towards the maintaining & supporting, forts & Castles (beg^g found

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ney f / carry on / sd trade) is allowed a duty on all goods exported
fm Engl. & His Plantations to Africa, betw Cape Blanco & Cape o Good
Hope, & all His subjects are forbid, under a forfeiture o the ship &
goods, to trade to / Coast o Guiney afst, & use them to rfm England
& His Colonies in America, & make embues & payd duties, as by / sd
Act may more at lge. appears

The sd Co are Sole Proprietors o these following Ports vizt:-

The Castle o Gambia ---

The Castle o Serelion on Bence Island ---

The Castle & Ports o Sherbrow on York Island ---

Castle o Dickies Cove

The Castle o Comenda

The Castle o Cabot Consol

Fort Royal

The Castle o Annamaboe

The Castle o Winnebah

The Castle o Accra

The Port at Widah

Besides sever ~~of~~ Our Factories f trade dependg on sever o / Ports &
Castles afst

They always hold themselves to be sole masters o / Rivers Gambia
Serelion & Sherbrow

And ^{of the} / Dominions & Territories where the Ports & Castles &c
are situated

End o Min Gen Cr 1699

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Gold Coast [English]

letters sent by R.A.C.

170/51. "Copies o^l Brg sent by / P^r C. o England to / Coast o Africa
no 4th fm April 5th 1698 to Aug 31 1703."

22] Cabot Corso Coast
Mr Nicholas Buckridge
Mr Wm Cooper &
Mr John Browne.

London 5 January 1698 [99] [1699 ns.]

26 July, 1 Sept, & 21 Oct. bring us / good news o / w^l o / Prince o Orange,
Franconberg, & Mary & Marg^r Gallay, ... We take v^y part notice o y^r resolutions to
promote our int^r intirely & punctually to follow our instructions & o y^r advice concerning /
trade fm w^{ch} we hope y^e w^l not deviate, & t^y y^e w^l be oblig^d all t^y are under y^e care /
to / some fidelity, & / b^e / breach o y^r trust in some part^s may be o irreparable
damage to this Co. wherefore we do ag^r put y^e in mind o y^r oblig^d & our orders,
& / repeated resolutions o this Court o Assistants, t^y y^e nor any under y^e or any employed
in this Co^s service do directly ~~sell~~ or indirectly sell or dispose o any o Co^s effects
/ returns o Africa to any p^{er}son or p^{er}sons w^hether, a sell or barter, or assist in / sell^s or
barter any commodities imported thither by other Traders. I w^h we give y^e s^{er}vice ag^r in ch^g
to observe.

We are sorry to find t^y y^e Neighbour^s, ~~excepted~~, [/ Dutch w^{ar} note] still
p^{er}sist in the w^onderfull practis ag^t us & our trade, & / more o y^e success
go much to our detriment by our loss o Succumtee. In all such cases y^e do well to sett
ford y^e grievances, & as we h^{av}e testimonies & oppy we may seek y^e redress. We are now
o opinion t^y y^e int^r w^l daily increase, & t^y a flourish^d trade w^l strengthen y^e allyances
& t^y by y^e honest & ungenerous manage^{mt}. none o our Competitors in this trade sh^l be able
to impose any hardships upon us.

We approve v^y well o / method y^e take in / dispatch o our ships & sett^l / factories
by w^{ch} means we hope y^e w^l be able to make us l^ge returns, & dispose o our goods at / best
prices, & t^y w^l be redoubt^d to y^e praise & our satisfac^o.

This does accompany our ship / Littleton Gally, Anthony Roope Master w^h brgs y^e a
small charge accordg to / w^l advice to / L^o am^t to £950-2-9 goods sorted accordg to y^e
advice so hope they w^l sell at good profit.

We desire t^y this ship may be despatched back to us w^l 150 mt^o o Gold or
upwards not exceeds 200 mt^o as soon as y^e can procure t^y. In t^y time she can may
make such trips to / factories as y^e sh^l find needfull. We p^{ro}pose y^e benefit by /
Paget & this ship by employ^g them constantly to send y^e immediate supplies y^e may be
want^d above our Gen^l Cargoes & f^r / more quick returns o our gold. Pray observe
to advise us, by w^h convey^{ce} o all ships bound upon / Coast: / ship & Master's name;
her burthen, & (as near as y^e can) her cargo, & / number o slaves & returns she carries
off, & give this in charge also to all / Out-factories; f^r by this method we may
come to find out such ships as do not make a due entry accordg to Act o Parl.

Pray send us an Act in some good method o our charge accordg to former
direct^s, completed by w^h three months commencing fm / 24th day o June.

By this ship

By this ship we send two Mills of 96^e Quick silver to be employed by ye design of Mr Peck Thomas Peck, for wh we hope to see considerable advantage

Twice this Master what ventures if can abt / Mellagella & Windward trade t in case we find encouragement we may bear order his touch to Windward on t acct

By / Sommers Frigate we send two men skilled in digging digg^g in Mines
We desire t^e if get liberty to sett them to work in such places as a probable to produce any sorts o Oar, & where if cannot judge o its goodness, send samples thro' to us
[Lindah] ...

This ship is victualled for 12 months, or if may always, f such o our ships as ye dispatch home, examine the stores o all sorts & allow them suffic^t of the security & passage home, if of the occasion, may see / surplus good / left sell for them - - -
We wish - - -
John Evans Secy^r Gov^r
if 2^d sigs (includes Dobby Thomas)

24] Coloe Corsoe Castle
Mr Mich^o Buckridge
Mr John Newnes

London 2 May 1699

- send copy o this last - since which we h recd frs o 15th November p / Pounce o Orange

We approve v^y well o ye putting our fortifications in good repair & making them more defensible, & building ^{ing} & settling ffactories in such places, as well be o use to us & well consider / change. We h sent ye some supplies o stores, Materials & men - - -
If of h any material objections to / settlement o / tables or unassaydable inconveniencs give us / parles & ye that's how they can be may be best remedged & we sh endeavour to put it in such method as may be most easy & to / satisfaction o all parties
We take notice o / objection of make it in common o / new acct fr charge will be increased, We say if we under a g^over^o, if by t^e of design to put us to any charge upon acct o separate traders, & is what we are not obliged to pay / them. They h by it freedom o trade & protect^o for / efforts, but we are o opinion it is ag^t our int^t o of protect any Interlopers o ye Mans, but rather advise / Dutch Agents (if any) upon / Coast, t they may be prevented bad^{ly} as much as possible f / less trade & / higher prices / Dutch put on the Commodities, we sh find it an advantage in / sale o our oars.

We h recd acct o our ship Coaster, t she was surprized & taken by a Pirate not far from her port. This some disappointment in our affairs. May give notice o it to all places where if h oppy to prevent / like misfortune, & t if she can be found in any Port she may be recovered & restored to us. We h not recd / copie o / Brigantines condemnation wh of write of. This was not inclosed in yr letter.

To prevent any surprize from Pirates or o's under prett^e o friendship, it is requisite t t be a standy Order t all persons at the first entry into a Garrison, deliv^r the Armes to / Sentry to be secured in such place as if, app^t of them until the ^{day} out wh is / same as is customary here in England & 2^d places.

This is to accompany / Ephraim Fugate - Capt Stretell... she has a cargo assigned to / Capt of 600 slaves & a sortable cargo of / Casite assigned to J.

We calculate to send of gon supplies twice a year; 1 first to be in Aug^r in Aug^r, / last in December... we desire of it for of / quantities & parts of goods proper to send, & / seasons. We hope to be able to use of quantities of gold & live sh. not only send parcels by our ships to come directly but also 2 or 3 or more per way of ship to per charter party to us is to touch at Barbadoes, & upon custom of well readily grant to quick & lge returns is / it's life & trade.

There is power both in charterparty & B/E relating to / slave trade cargo to go of our ships where / ships sh. proceed to slave, may dispose of any part of sd cargo, or properly aboard / value thereof on negroes, & to prevent too tedious delays to complete / full comple^{mt} / Capt is to consent wth of, or of our Chiefs where he is, what is best to be done for benefit of voyage, sh. pray observed.

F / better promote of int^l in / Country & consequently our advantage by promoting a full trade, we recommend to of (tho at some small expense) to settle some certain times & place, at least 4 times a year, constantly to meet such Kings & Gen^l traders as of can best engage on purpose to consider / likeliest methods of to strengthen of allegiance & to create a flourishing trade.

Since writing / above is come to hand for of 3^d January & we of much condole / loss of Mr Cooper.

We take notice of will shortly dispatch / ffauconberg for w^{ch} give of thanks, but admire / Country sh. still be at wars, only hope to now of will be an advantage to procure such a peace as will tend to a firm & constant trade much to our advantage in our favour.

... [error in / Copies]... Com Gabb complaining to be is not preferred accordy to his merit, of may take it into cons^{on} & answer his desires or discharge him, as of sh. think fit.

We recommend it as most safe & proper to in for Councils of take of for assistance for Minister Mr Morris Matthews. We use - &c -

W^{ch} is Hall Secy Gov
John Wans Deputy Gov
& 11 0^r Legats includy Dalby Tho^s

27] Cabre Casite
Mr Nicho Buckeridge
Mr John Browne

London 5th May 1699

The forego^g is Copy of ours p / Ephraim Fugate... these are to accompany / Warrington, John Lawley, Master A very good ship, she carries a cargo of / Casite assigned to of as p^r vide ladv & notice inclosed & also a slave cargo of 400 negroes We recommend / sale of those goods & / ships dispatch to the care & deliv^{ry} thereof not be long ere we dispatch of. We are some what discouraged from sending so lge supplies as designed by reason of disturbances of w^{ch} of, & wait on hopes to the next will be of better Tidesings

- The desires as to selling w^{ch} of - we remain - &c
at supra
& 10 sign^s includy D.T.

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93] Cape Coast Castle
Mr. Nicho. Blackledge
Mr. John Pownall
Mrs.

London 6th July 1699.

the whole of at eye by Liberty & Downington to work after use & since
 the 1/23rd January past by (Hudsons) length in it of one of your other
 to what of intended to write p / paper, but when I do not see it will account
 to our satisfaction as in to write fully & partly by way of our own conveyances. The
 paper does not appear yet, but send you some other long story has been exceeds
 much to / our lists. We advise I if it will be so much as in the management to
 suffice any more purpose to happen on so following a trade as was stated under /
 since a change was made in / year, & otherwise all the time to development in / returns
 taken for the change & also not to give us / but reason of / after some experiment
 in / country a few & when I repeat they will be settled.
 Truly I am ever your most obedient servant
 I do expect to be knowing & understanding what to / utmost of the expedients. We
 must be / for some returns so is taken of our commodities, & when transported by /
 for supply, & benefit both in weights & measures in sales & returns where the
 is any office or / country, we please take notice of it with in what
 is part of our work as well as to all officers be managed to the utmost
 advantage. We shall be unwilling to send in plenty appearing to us / for pass
 advantages, & then nature will advance I upon / already a few copies of our new
 commodity, intended to / close a number to succeed from. They make no such false
 steps & future! But I if may be / better matters to all our intentions by drawing in
 more of the way & sending I upon sundry matters it will be much of promoting
 / have a good & long experience in the order I am of / these things at my years
 undertake of England by one of our ships I comes directly home & I supply by
 yet has selling of continue as if he would certainly abroad, & I supply by
 place of I cannot take / with best accomplishments, fitness in service, & to present any
 after I sh. happen upon / first I sh. come home, the order I in case of do
 not agree upon it, & therefore I / for in Commission come first home by / for
 first ship I comes home directly, & upon an return / second, & more / first. By way
 means we hope so good an understanding will be secured I case parties will be made
 service of / our matters to improve this trade. As / first I comes home by are
 acceptable acts & orders & answers at eye to my paragraph in our late letters. Such as
 refuse to they also marked, & one order I to sh. be considered both for my officers selling
 & / with in some to supply his place, likewise upon / some penalty we order I all
 persons employed in / the service on any manner whatsoever. I can not give you an
 account according to / mutual, & so much more. I take in hand to / on / for bonds
 one was given & several from us in duplicates p / for steps, & as otherwise
 the own bonds of / note, & to order affect no sending as to my
 but such as at least give the own obligans to some them remaining

We are of opinion t Masters o Ships h too great insight into / trade by
 making them Super Cargoes & consigning Goods to them. therefore wee judge it best
 t y put a ffactor on board each Ship thats freighted by / Co & t those ffactors
 o ours t y put on board & those on shoon where / ship goes to trade, may, by
 consulting toge give / ships more quick dispatch & procure negroes at cheaper rates. In
 this method we may oblige / ships to remain four months t yr slavy o them, wh, if y
 take care t h thr corn provided we imagine is time suffice f y t purchase negroes
 to prevent / mortality o negroes we recommend t y t keep or engage some
 negroes t are skilled in remedies fitt f thr comon distempers, & divert them w some
 sorts music & play.

endeavour by all fair means possible to gain ffriendship w / natives
 especially / Kings & most especially w those ~~where~~ where / best trade is expected
 & most plenty o Gold & Negroes & frequently to study f best ways to procure a
 send / Co fge returns; & t give us or ships / quick dispatch possible
 & give / masters instructions to write t / Co fr / just & all ports he comes at.
 Read / Co's letters to all / ffactors in / Castle & such Paragraphs as
 relate t / Offffactors send to them, if y apprehend / Co t be want'g in
 any matters t relate t thr benefitt to advise thruff t it may not longer be
 necessary to advise always what / Ships in / Cos service brgs on private acts o
 what returns is made by them. If y are desirous to make any returns in Gold
 on yo' own-acts we give liberty t it on / Co's ships freight free, provided
 consigned t / Co, / produce wherof we will make good t yr orders & allow
 you like wise reasonable adventures on wards if y desire it, beg willing to
 give encouragement t all persons in our service to remove all manner o p'tences to
 complets.

Pray send us samples o Roots leaves or Bark o trees o all sorts t /
 natives use f Rhizick painting or dye? Endeavour / findg some Quanties o Silver,
 Copper &c & send samples o / Ore.

This does accompany a ship t we h taken on f 550 slaves to clay at
 Widdah or else where y direct / Namkoro Capt Nichol Plumley. He has a Negroe
 Cargoe wh is at yr dison if y can procure him / Negroes. She brgs also a Cargoe f
 / Castle consigned t y amtg as p Invoice to £3149-15-6 ... She touches
 at Sherbrow to deba a cargoe o necessities etc. We hope she will find t /
 country is well settled & a good trade t she may h a quick dispatch f Barbadoes
 wth plenty o Returns f want wherof we h not sent y near so g'd a Supply as designed,
 but hope we long to hear fr y by / Page & thny be encouraged to send
 more by / ffauconberg who, thro' his te God, is softly crid in / wth w we
 sh be dispatching a bir t y as soon as we can. I must be v' careful o / courses
 wth t expend more than is o necessity to put off o goods & them about v' high
 rates f we cannot tell when we sh get our supply thr are none here & but
 few in Holland, so what ships we send after thr thr fr hence this year must
 take thr courses o y.

are informed thr is Redwood in CC ... And yobex o nutmegs w nutmeg how
 to plant them. Pray this goes Mr John Tubbs to be our factor - to be instructed f one
 year wth Salary & then t be given such Post as he may merit. We remain &c
 Urban Hall 26 Nov
 10th Kings (west St)

[10/5]

Robert Corbet Conde
John Thorne's Backstage
John Thorne's Backstage

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Robert Corbet Conde
John Thorne's Backstage
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London 11th July 1699

John Corbett Esq
11 of Kings (London D 1)

My dear Sir we have had a letter from you of the 27th inst. in relation to the
 matter of the 10th of June last. We have since that time been
 considering the matter very much and have been of opinion that
 the best way to manage it is by a bill of exchange drawn on
 the Bank of England for the sum of £1000000. This bill
 shall be drawn on the 1st of August next and shall be
 payable to the order of the Bank of England. We have
 also agreed that the Bank of England shall be authorized
 to issue such bills as may be necessary for the service
 of the public. We have also agreed that the Bank of
 England shall be authorized to receive such bills as may
 be presented to them for payment. We have also agreed
 that the Bank of England shall be authorized to discount
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 shall be authorized to discount such bills as may be
 presented to them for discount.

London 11th July 1699

Since I forego [13 July 1699] as you have to hand the p / Paper
 was offered by so long detouring by the way of a tedious passage, but what is still
 undoubtedly a more profitable way than any other way, and in all
 our our difficulties we still on so long time we see no good, when of / same time
 / 10% men make the voyage to sea. There are many governments are a mis-
 chief and consequence a variety, and the best consists in a more change of
 be removed to / business, and to use all possible methods of / cut with
 Some of us have been done of the profit in these operations this management
 You will not find in our of / are established a price on steel
 any a our part, what we expect from it a return of / a price on steel
 a house in / dispose a our goods + make returns of / returns parts of
 can possibly procure in our part always have regard to our interest + / great
 care trade of profit and to advance our prices in goods we want + / great
 bene

continue
 bare o'r traders wh by fr consultation ^{peculiarly} of may easily manage
 to our intt in opposen to all o'ts. And we positively forbid & prohibit Dutch
 Interlopers, but to send to / Mone a if they come to take them to suffer them so to do & in
 all things to act what of legally can to / promote / just o' / this Co
 - complain o' / long action o' / somers frigate in / Board - They urge /
 quickest dispatch possible o' all ships. We res^{ist} - re - Urban Hall. Sub Gov - 7 of our List DT.]

95] Cape Corsoe.
 Mr Nuchon Bunkeridge
 Mr Hensley Freeman &
 Mr Samuel Wallis.

London 29th August 1699.

- send copy o' the last - They will observe the directions of better prosecuting / trade
 o' on due time supply small vessels to be at the discretion - but regard must be had
 to make all / returns of possibly can, & to give quick dispatches to all ships & vessels
 when we are concerned. . . . when we h such vessels as are proper & we employ
 them in / Borne trade we sh allow of an Adventure in t Comodity; & bec / prospect o'
 fr trade is so discourag, & th (inty hopes o' something better to be hadward we h put
 aboard this ship a cargo to be disposed o' by / Capt (if to be done before comes
 nigh any o' / factories) - what is not sold of may sell o' him th has power
 also (if he find a quicker market) to sell any part o' / goods ordered f / Castle.
 Howe of may be assured a full supply as soon as we are advised of have a
 trade to send them. . . .

of make of complaints abt / Table & chiefly t our allowance is not
 sufficient to entertain strangers, to wh we answer t we lye under no obligat^{ion}
 to be at / charge o' persons who come to oppose us in our trade & intt, & what of
 th placed already on t act we sh not allow. How can of imagine t encourage of
 protecty Dutch Interlopers or Portuguese or feasty & entertaining tom p Com men
 can assist us / intt o' this Co wh of say of will so assuredly promote? And
 of / scarcity o' provisions & disappointment by of weather it was a misfortune wh God prevent
 / like of / future; but of of send a party best o' such provisions as of desire
 we sh always take care to supply of
 Wee h fr list o' / 10 pint ships past by. Continue to do it & be as
 paste as of can in the kurchen & . . .

Wee take notice o' buildy of design, in all wh h regard to do it at
 / best o' season, & t it may answer / charge, & be as frugal as possible. . . .
 of employ what slaves of h by of in Fort Royal our Negroes, but the Salary
 to / expense o' building. . . . say of employ what slaves of h by of in
 / Fort Royal but do not mention / numbers; pray be not guilty o' such
 foolish omissions, but upon my advice let us know as near as of can from
 all our efforts & factories / whole state o' our affairs both o' goods sold &
 returns in / warehouse & what more of expect & on what time.

- they will encourage faithful servants - more shd be continued
 in / service but such as are honest.
 of seem to slight our expectations for any improvements. Wee are
 confident / Country is not w^{ithout} / richest mines, & if Capt Bagge has taken

too publick a method of discover^d any o them, wee judge t^y hee constantly on /
place may continue some better; & by contract^s wth Kings & Cabbarbers of a
40] proporⁿ, h^e liberty to make byalls on well / most likely places; & t^y if after
all attempts, / Miners prove useless, they may be discharged & sent home except they
will remain at a salary answerable to / source they do

Wee h^e pursued / acct^s of sent us relat^s to / troubles in / Country, & a gr^t part
o / occasions & reasons for it of h^e concealed, & upon / whole if did not take those
prudent courses y^e or to h^e done of / prevent^g this war, & by what we understand
/ g^t occaⁿ was part^r into & wrongs o y^e our o^r p^rsons concerned in private
trade wth h^e surely y^e must be concerned of this miscarriage, if y^e will consider
what g^t loss we h^e sustained today, such as tis impossible if can ever repair. tis v^y
unfortunate, t^y we must be at such Charges to make up y^e unaccountable miscarriages.
Pray advise t^y we do not allow any P^rson amongst y^e to be arbitrary, but in
all m^os consult them fairly & put in practice what / majority agrees to be most of / Co^s
wth wee h^e given of suffer can^t ag^t private trade, & ordered to none be employed as our
servic^e t^y will not mind our business intirely, or we sh^d take a v^y strict acct^s those aduers
a correct them wth g^t severity t^y tis in our power, Pray fail not to send y^e Bonds ... copie
we send y^e inclosed. Pray give us an acct^s o / Kings ^{debt}, which it is t^y on what parts
& what time stands on^t

Pray send W^m Bartons bond wth / rest, & bec^{use} he is a ppall man, let his be of
£1,000 sterl: Wee expect t^y he will make it his business to recover / debt upon / Kings ^o
o y^e / well sums of advance of them

Its strange t^y ad not take gold on all / ffactories to defray / Charges,
but t^y made use o / gold belong^s to / owners o / Mary & Margaret Galley.

Believe an instance o this nature is not to be met wth in all / times o / Co^s trade,
In this y^e are unprovoked. What can / Co imagine but t^y of h^e consented / trade
to y^e own private ends, or t^y of h^e not / capacity o a Comon Master o a ship; for those o
them, tis strangers to / trade but has given a more satisfy^g acct^s to the ppall^{ty} them of h^e.

Gov^{ts}, wee are willing to hope (& desire wee try y^e for^t) t^y for this extravagant charge & after
so many false steps y^e may h^e respect some expens^e & be sensible what tis Co deserves from
y^e & t^y we sh^d not fund y^e most acct^s intirely of / food o this Joynt Stock in w^{ch} parts whatso^e
& to take care o all p^rsons under y^e direction to do / same.

This goes p. / ffraconberg Capt Duke P^r whom we h^e shipped a small quantity o /
ppall sortiments o goods wh^{ch} wee judge most vendible am^t p^r Invoice to £4895-15-2
Bth goes to inclosed ... & list o Passeng^{rs}, ... She carries no stow cargo, so we
depend on y^e of her dispatch, & by / assisteⁿce o Capt. to save her wth all expens^e in
of Antegoe & Montserrat, like design half / negroes of each place to be sold
by lett, so y^e may consign them accord^sly.

- Re acct^s - ... And fail not to send t^y Acc^t Charges calculated of w^{ch}
three months by w^{ch} Convey^{er}

Gov^{ts} wee cannot conclude wth innumerable some do, for willfull neglects
in wh^{ch} y^e stand liable to make us satisfact^{ion}, which is y^e pay^g

little Tagge & his negroes, after he had del^d them to y^e on acct^s o his Debt, & y^e amity to send us / needfull Certes or Protests relaty to our debts at Succoedee as y^e promised in y^e o / 26th July 1698. In short by y^e secret Combinations y^e notoriously acted saythg contrary to our Intt. Pray take / deint^s Bond to us in £1000 to do his duty, & not to be concerned in private Trade. And t^h we may rest fully satisfied o y^e fidelity & honest proceedinge f^r time to come, let / conditious o y^e obligation be y^e full & authentick & take effectuall care t^h / things Debt be recovered, & we suffer y^e selves to be imposed on, or y^e endeavour to impose upon us, & then y^e may rest assured p all needfull encouragement for us.

Upon / ffraunceburg^s dispatch for / Coast there be no ship o ours as if comg home directly, then put on board o her, & consign to us all what good, mettals, mallagetta & Elephants teeth &c y^e h^{er} by y^e.

- To advise o such sorts as do not deserve d^r Gallaries - [marginal note]
- To be careful o y^e Cash - "
- To be punctuall in / dispatch o ships - "
- But negs. send some f^r buyed at / deint^s ffraunceburg, & expect deint^s th^r -
- They are comg / Deint^s Gallary f^r \$50 slaves, in a monthes time, all tailones to secure whole slaves they com -

It has bn. Customary to mark / Co's negroes wth the marks, Deceive I can be no inconvenience to some t^h method

Some Pawson & his good service & honest practices wth h^{is} choice o / next & best Factory

Wee find Mr Jackson no sooner in his place, but correspond wth a furnishg / 10% men & Interpos, wth conceals &c. Surely Gentn^s y^e must not h^{er} / each sports o / multitude in y^e t^h wee will not consider / benefits y^e enjoy by this Co's saynt stock & t^h they h^{er} ^{not only, & taking} so many losses, frequently caused y^e Summs to carry on this trade, by wh^{ch} those they employ h^{er} as y^e h^{er} / whole advantage, / Co's f^r many years past havg not bn able to make / least Dividend. Wee are daily upbraided (not only by persons concerned in / Stock, but even 10% men also) o / ill conduct by w^{ch} our affairs are managed abroad, wh^{ch} is in y^e power to prevent; & wth affl o y^e make / Co's case y^e own, & do as y^e wth be done wth, th^r wth be no wth o these misforts. Wee must take notice t^h / Co is y^e much imposed on in Carol hire wh^{ch} y^e must rectifye as well in / Out factories, as at / Coast & charge no more in any parts than what each o y^e are really in dist^rance on t^h or any y^e acct.

- To displace [Vendall] Nation & put in deint^s house - [m. note]

P.S. Pray take notice wee buy / best o goods & most o / 10% men bec they wee h^{er} cheap goods on purpose to undersell us at / Market, buy trash goods, & such as are refused by us especially Perpetts & wth wth wth goods, wh^{ch} by y^e taking notice o t^h / natives wee soon be discovered y^e predecessors h^{er} shipped 4 to 600 t^h / Gold p each ship. Y^e must certainly think it a y^e disadvantage to us t^h find y^e performances so vastly diff^r, & no purpose to be at this charge o Garrison's affectores, except we can h^{er} / benefit by them to h^{er} lge & quick returns, wh^{ch} pray use y^e utmost endeavour to perfect. We rest - &c.

Urban Hall Subs - Gov
[13th de sept^r 1698 D T]

[T. 4/27 contd.]

The Co. out with h expected to in all this time. Mr Buckridge has bin in the Service. he wd h gained more experience & not suffer so many thgs to be ^{recalled} contrary to / Co's intt

The Co. des about y & all our ffactors & parts in our Service to send home the effects in our ships, & assign them to / Co. / with p^{ro}ceeds wherof / Co. wd make good to this order. & not stop it upon preferences & differis by reason o the beg in the Service, & also allow them reasonable adventurings, & all possible encouragement may be given them to serve / Co. entirely & faithfully.

Mr ~~These~~ send home Mr Pinnas' estate - This des accompaning / Del a full Galley Capt Richd Minson. P Charter party . . . we are to despatch her for Coast w 450 Negroes in four months

- send enclosed parties o / stores by this ship & / Pinnas & Orange wh we be despatched in a month.
- the bond / Griffin wh is to take in part o her cargo at / Castle for 350 ^{Negroes} ~~stores~~ w the remain - or - broken Hall Sub. Par & 10 agis last DTJ.

54] Cape Coast Castle
Mr Rich^d Buckridge
Mr Howsley Freeman
Mr Saml Wallis

London y^e November 1699.

... .. Because y do not inform y^e selves o / misdemeanours o our ffactors, & regulate them accordingly, wee give y to understand t our business is neglected by Mr Gerrard Jackson, y^e Traders' intt promoted by him contrary to our express orders therefore on receipt ~~of~~ send Mr Gerard Gutter Fore to take charge o t Garrison & ffactory [o Wimbah - mang note] & send him home by / y^e next ship in our Service to depart / Coast & send Saml Salted to take his post

[o Wimbah - mang note] Wee find in some parts ths is a good trade especially at Wimbah wherof we expect y wee plentifully supply with pieces w goods t wee may purchase what is to be got & not let the Traders take off all returns to y^e of shame & our discredit - Pray forbear all arbitrary proceedings, & we will not suffer it o a friendly care o all persons in our Service & cause t / Burgons supply / sick persons out o our stores wt ready money for them.

We prohibit y^e practice any Interlopers o / Dutch Men, but quietly to suffer / ships o the Co to seize them & ths effects, & wee sh^d prosecute such as sh^d be guilty o / breach o this order to / utmost extremity

... [o Wimbah] ... Here are about 10 % men going on, ths y^e success last year has encouraged them. Wee doubt not but y h a super quantity o goods to supply / market - & desire t y do not betray but to y^e utmost power to promote our intt, as

concent^d / what / Wee desire y wee consent matters so w / Dutch Gen^l t y^e ffactors may be settled in / inland towns / all wison / trade on / sea side by connes t^e. This is y^e discourag^t & un- accountable t amice / peace we h not had one ounce o gold for y. & new / Dutch Co's ship Interloper; on 10 % man but has lost y^e quantities; so wee are fairly p^{ro}ved noted for unfortunate & continually upbraided, & wee are extravagantly imposed on by our managers abroad. What reliefon this must be y wee easily judge

We h not constant advices from our Outfactories as we h ordered, at least evry six months. Pray write to them & wee sh acct / omission of / future to yr instructions the best. send copies of our ltrs to all / factories: & abstract / orders out of them all wee write of & read them frequently for yr better remembrance

Wee expect an impartial acct of our Quicksilver work. . . . Wee desire to instead of sending Capt Hoopie to dispose of goods, if did not one of go abroad, & buy names of yr h consulted w / Kings & Cabots heirs in order to h put an end to / them, & also h promoted / disposall of our goods at / best prices to be got for ready returns. Pray where can yr ltr be to sell so unseasoned, so many months & know our gr charge of yr salaries, & garisons & ~~but~~ each wee ~~expanding~~ reasonably expect for yr to yr shd understandingly bestir yr selves, to we not h from some part of a trade to diminish it; & to if / upland Tobacco cannot be ~~but~~ ~~bring~~

61] ~~broth~~ security to trade at Cape Coast Castle & well consult w the Kings to settle / trade thro some of Countries, where wee h a gr friendship & can secure them by our Allies near our de Castles, w to withstand or prevent. Such methods as there are of most likely to br / refractory Natives to comply a will shew yr prudence & zeal of yr Principals, & yr best thus advice will redound to yr honours & true int; but yr Negatives can only bring dishonour & loss, both to yr selves & all t are concerned. And if yr will consider / diffe betw oblig & disoblig such a numerous body as yr are concerned of, yr must conclude & highly reasonable if shd make the intt frs. a to act of them as well as tis possible if yr to do were / whole concern yr own.

— wholly neg acct consulting — [among note]

— inspired on by / Natives —

— Expect Complia to all our orders upon yr Penalty of yr Salaries Salaries &c [ma]

we remain - &c -

Urban Hall Sub-Govr

John Evans Deputy Govr

210 signs [includes Dudley Thomas]

62] Mr Nicho Buckridge
Mr Hansley Freeman

London 5th December 1699.

Mr Samuel Wallis.

The forgos is wry of our last to wh refer. We h on long reports / return of our ship / Hitteton Gally, & by her a good parcel of gold, but as yet she does not appear, wh we much admire. Such tedious dispatches of our ships are of discouraging & concern of fresh / remembrance of gr loss & disappointment wee h met w from this war upon / Coast brot upon us by yr mismanagement, & its yet more vexatious if we find not when it is like to be ended.

We are afraid of neglect also / dispatch of our slave ships, for we have heard nothing of / Somers offgalt. Surely after all / best cautions we h given if nothing shd occasion the stay, but t yr will so contrive t they may never want Coon, wood, or water & t / regues & all necessaries may be put aboard, so as may be no detriment to / Voyage by / ships turning to Windward to complete collect the complement. Wee suppose yr can as well send aboard what regues

[17c/5].

of the way of the ship's dispatch, & it sh may be dispatched from / decess
of factors w more convenience & less hazard than turning up to windward w / gles
part o his negroes. Wee think to yr experience must needs be made of masters o what is
most proper in w^y respect of / God's will, & it can only be fr negligence & mistakes of so
unconcerned a act so contrary.

of know w^y the powers as to / Sales o our goods . . .

- Send home Capt Kendall Hudson & Mr Gerard Jackson -
- Goods sent to Barbadoes. Remit what effects of fund o his -
- Send him home & place w^m Heister in his place & like to send f- 1000 of his fidelity -
- His son taken to be chief, but by appoint for us, upon any vacancy send Pearson

} many
notes

We hope to reap good advantage by our Quick silver work & t Mr Peck is in some
good post to promote our w^o & to keep it constantly at work. Y had done well but
of supplied Capt Buggs w^t work & / Miners to h^o in w^h him to try his experiments
But it seems of not only resolved to do us good of his present but to prevent
(as much as in of law) all t designed or undertaken now to promote our
advantage, such proceed^s are w^y strong. It behooves of to do somewhat to
x try to done f such miscarriages w^h we are now expecting for of

- Prize o Orange. to carry 600 negroes to Jamaica. Part o his Slave Cargo on
board, at ye direction o Mr Pearson. Large supply o Stores. Confide in this Capt
[Josiah Daniel] to be in Council w^o of during his stay - [m m]
- To give quick dispatch to all our ships - [m m]
- Send / needfull orders to all of factors save he is to touch to forward his dispatch
Consult also of him / best methods to clear / whole Coast o Dutch Antilles, w^h w^h
at / Dutch Gov o / Mine be fully satisfied.
- Consult also / best methods of keeping things our allies w^o / natives & promot^g
o trade, & what else may be of good o this Co.

- The ship Warrington freighted & w^o to of w^o a considerable cargo o t 6000
blown up near / the Island o Madras by her powder taking fire. Ship cargo & all
to q^uen perished -

Mr Tho^s Cooper a Divine & w^y worthy person proceed^g on his ship to reside w^o of
to be Minister to our Garrison. Some of good friends to this Co prevailed upon him
to enter into this service wherefore we order of to of give him all imaginable respect
& order / needfull provisions for him And bee he is a p^oson o of w^o worth & learning &
w^h whose fidelity wee h^o of confidence, wee order to be ~~become~~ be one of Council
of of. by w^h w^o a gen united w^o wee hope to overcome / w^o difficulties wee at
present seem to be under by foreigners strangers & detestable disappoint^g us
of / benefit o our trade

Wee hope to of took / needfull care to preserve / Books / to sent by
P. Page along w^h our materials that none o them are diminished, but t those
such as we sh^o at any time send be always placed & remain in some convenient
appart^{mt} of / use o / Minister & publick benefit o / factors. Wee remain -

Urban Hall Sec^y Gov
John Evans Sec^y Gov
15th of Ag^o [includes D-T]

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C Corso Castle
Mr Nicho Buckridge
Mr Howley Breumans.
Mr Saml Wallis

London / 12th December 1699.

Wee write of R / 5th inst wh comes to of by this conveyance & to wh area
refer of f / more needfull, this beg only to acquaint of, & wee beg desirous to get
a title o / Queen o Wonnebath to / hill called / Devils Hill near our Castle
o Wonnebath if to be had on moderate terms.

By oves o / y^r Hon^r laste past sent p / Griffin, Capt Anthony
Phillips, wee directed of to appoint Mr Ferrard Gore to take
charge o / sd Persuasion & ffactory, not doubting o / yr ready compliance thereto.
Wee h write to / sd Gore fully on this affair & direct of & say of of to
give him / best o / yr advice & assiste how to obtain it & to make it a sure
title to us.

You are ~~to~~ to send Mr Pecks w / Quick silver work to Commander as
soon as heave can be had to work on make tital upon / hill called / Monney
Hill, we have write to Mr Pawson on t affair, in wh give him also
yr utmost assistance.

Mr Thomas Cooper is to R 70 pound salary besides Diet money ...
- send parties accs abt pay o / Salaries - [m n]
- stur of yr first dispatch causes yr advance o / price o / Negroes - [m n]

Wee inst - oc - upon Hill Sub Gov
John Evans Deputy Gov
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66]. Wonnebath

London 12th December 1699

Mr Ferrard Gore

The Co have entire confidence in yr fidelity & that fit to order of to be Chief
at Wonnebath, & do now communicate to of that they are desirous to h / sole int^r
in L place called / Devils Mount in / Queen o / Pinguinay Country, & to t end order
t so soon as of are settled ther t of contract a perfect ffrenship w / sd Queen
& ffather Grandee & each o^r Capasheers as h any influence or power in t Country, &
have so done, obtain o / them / best Grants of can of what priviledges they will allow,
especially to h / right or ppty to t hill, & liberty to build a ffort at / ffoot
throff to Wonnebath, near ffather Grandee's Croome & elsewhere, to make /
Settlement safe & sure, & to erect publicly our fflagg upon or near / top of
hill, so as it appears to all persons adycomer or sailing by, wh will be
also a g^t advantage to / Queen & her subjects by having such a Commerce & trade
as wee design etc.

This is to be implemented & performed accordg to / usage & custom o
the Country & also by writg signed or sealed by / Queen & persons
concerned in / Agreement, accordg to / methods used here in England, wh is
left to of to draw up, pursuant to / Agreement of make, wh do on /
best terms of can, wh by some small presents, or 2 round sent, or what of
judge best of / Co's int^r. All wh must be done in / name, & for / use
o, / R. A. C. - o England & the Success. Copie o / Articles & all

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proceeds, send us duplicates of us p / first officers Wee h wrote to our three
 Chiefs at Cape Coast to give of all / assistance they can in this affair, but never as of
 follow this Order who they assist of or not, / neglect thereof wee be laid to yr charge. You
 may try first to get liberty to fix / fflag stuff on / three or at / fflag fcy, & fix a
 Tent near it, & after proceed to procure a former Settlements a ppty by o^r Oblig^o no
 Slaves made such Contracts as before directed, send us a turn or two o / Earth o t
 fill packt up in Sacks or Chests so as to secure it from loss or theft, & let it
 be taken up at divers places & on / beaches o / hills, & some o it as deep as y^e
 well can procure it, & send in p. / first o our Ships to depart / Coast, w^{ch} come
 home directly or by way o Barbadoes or decatur Islands.

Wee now find t^o W^hinhab^o is / best part on / Coast for trade & wee
 order t^o if do not neglect it but procure all / returns of possibly can on /
 best terms of can, & so often as y^e want Goods send f^r them to C. Coast Castle
 & when / Country is not over supplied wth Goods or shipping then raise / price o w^{ch}
 accordg to / want o them. Wee remain - &c -

"Signed as / last forego^s the 6 / 3 Chief Merch^t

65] Comenda
 by Samuel Pauson

London 12th December 1699

Wee by this a former Com^oer^o wrote at lge to our three Chiefs at
 C.C. in all our relating to our affairs, wh we hope is communicated to y^e, especially
 so much t^o as relates to y^e factory, viz^t
 1 / So as w^{ch} desiring t^o a firm peace may be agreed on wth / Natives, t^o
 Trade may flourish wth out obstruction from them, & t^o our w^{ch} may be strengthened
 by a mutuall & fair Correspondence wth / Native things & Capas Revis & all Chief
 Traders.

1 / Int^rpersers o / Dutch Tr^o may be discouraged & botis gain to /
 Dutch Co's ships, t^o they may seize & confiscate them, wth any opposition from
 ships or factories.

Tall our factories & depots be situated in our w^{ch} & secure only, w^{ch}
 as will not conform ther^o, be discharged

Our Goods be not kept up to higher prices than y^e Traders keep them,
 but on all occasions of procure all / returns possible on / best terms of can, be^g
 mindfull to advance our Goods as there is scarcity or want o shipping. These
 things we hope are already in y^e w^{ch}, we have sent them to C. Coast long ago.

Wee h^o g^o confidence in y^e fidelity & h^o ordered t^o upon / 1st vacancy
 of be preferred to be one o / Chiefs at C.C. & wee hope t^o wee sh^o find y^e
 act in w^{ch} respect accordg to our expectations & t^o y^e will use y^e w^{ch} utmost
 diligence to promote / Co's w^{ch}.

Wee h^o made buyall of a barrell o Earth brot over by Capt Bagges
 taken out o / hill near our Castle o Comenda. Wee find some gold in it & are
 o Opinion t^o taking only / most likely part o t^o Earth, w^{ch} w^{ch} answer / charge
 o working by / Quick Silver Mill t^o was sent to C. Coast by / Settlement Pally. Mr
 Peck undertaketh / w^{ch} it, & there are also Miners at C.C. to assist y^e to
 break any part o / hill. The Earth must be pounded & sifted in w^{ch}
 Mr Peck will direct. Wee h^o given orders to C.C. to assist y^e in w^{ch}
 so t^o y^e will w^{ch} h^o only to contract wth those who h^o / propriety t^o y^e may h^o a

grant o it for our use, & as if fund incourage me to continue / work, we desire if
 make a thorough tryal, & if upon a farther search into / bill of fund it to be
 of such, endeavour some way to secure it to us, & if cannot work ^{of the w}
 security, may, if worth while be imported hither as ballast, or before t. send
 a ton or two o / best of a tryal. And in meantime make / best experiment
 you can We remain - &c -
 "begaed as / foregoth to your forward care"

69] To / Queen o Anguria.

London 15th December 1699

May it please / Queen

The inexpressible kind favours & obligations I h recd from you make
 me take all oppies o making my ackmts
 In my last voyage, finding you uneasy under your father's managem^t
 hath occasioned / Co to withdraw / him & place ano^r in / command o t Castle
 who will be more acceptable to you. The Co beg resolv'd to h an equally regard to
 you & your subjects with w the own, to t end h empowered the Chief etc
 to acquaint you w the desires wh they do beg of to comply w, it beg highly of
 your advantage.

I wish to come w there but am something indisposed at present, but
 when I h recover'd my health, sh think long to pay my utmost respects
 & service to you, one o / best o women.

I h sent by / Bearer some small presents wh beg your acceptance
 my service to / Capashers as of thine frid. In obligg / Co of will so highly
 oblige me as to constrain me to be ever thinking o a just remuneration of so gr a
 favour. At present I h not farther, but through ^{my} ~~my~~ ^{act} they sh always
~~be~~ myself like your constant friend & gr admirer
 Joseph Bayly.

Copie o Capt Buggs has sent you / Prince o Orange to be sold
 by our Fore. Chief o Wombobah

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Mr Samuel Pawson
Wombing friend

London 15th December 1699

I take this oppy to this your hand wishing you all
 health & prosperity, & to acquaint you t t Co hows made some tryall
 of your wee took from / Hill. h found such incourage me as to endeavour
 a farther tryall upon / place. To ~~the~~ end will send you our Peck, one o
 our ffactors, a person skilled in t affair, who w will & quick silver
 will soon come to a result o / goodness o t earth, wh I doubt not will
 prove much better than some mens opinion o it. I know well /
~~the~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{the} John Cabers & myself, & his willingness to be concerned
 in t affair. The Co hath accordingly wrote to you, & doubt not o you

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pride to manage it. In / faithful pursuit o the virt, y will find yr g^lest
 happiness; It's already sensible o the merit, they ~~resort~~ resort to such persons in
 w^{ch} no due encouragement, & will shew the resentment to such as do illude or
 disobey the orders. Pray give my service to those officers under o my acquaintance
 & also to my old acquaintance John Cabot, the assured — x —

From Capt Bagge
 R. / Prince o Orange

J. B.

Winnibah

Sir Gerrard Gore

London 15 November 1699

I am obliged in all gratitude to return y my utmost respects b /
 favours recd when w^{ch} y, & to acquaint y o / gr^{ce} confide / Co put in y in
 place y in this post, & sum^{ing} y^r predecessor, wh will require y^r utmost
 diligence to requite. The l^{tr} will acquaint y w what they w^{ch} done ~~concerning~~ /
 Devils' hill. I have writte to / Queen (my gr^{ce} acquaintance) & w^{ch} shall be sent
 her a present w^{ch} I desire y to del^r to her w / be, w^{ch} pray cause to be
 interpreted to her before y. My service to / Cap^{ts} sheers o the Town.
 In this gr^{ce} affairs y utmost care & industry will be requisite, w^{ch} I know
 will not be want^{ing}. The Co's eye o favour is already upon y & in /
 pursuit o the virt y will find yr own, as des who do prevaricate w /
 Co & illude the Just Commands will find a just resentment from them
 w^{ch} gr^{ce} respect I am — x — J. B.

From Capt Bagge

R. / Prince o Orange

P.S. The Present sent to / Queen is in a small Trunk, sealed up & directed
 to y b / Queen o Anguina wh when recd, send to her to come to y;
 interpret to her / letter w^{ch} open / Trunk before her, & del^r / Presents therein,
 & / Trunk also. The parties are on a note w^{ch} in / Trunk.

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Gold Coast [English]

[PRO. T40/11] "Abstract of letters received by the Royal African Co of England. From the Coast of Africa, so far as relates to the Committee of Correspondence"

Cabo Corso Castle. 3 Jan. 1698 [1699. n.s.]

From Mich^o Buckeridge: John Browne.

rec^d 25 April.

Country in wars & no trade, but hope will be over in a month or two.

[End of T40/11. & end of Abstract of letters received in the 17th century]

"Paragraphs of

[PRO. T40/145] "Paragraphs of several letters from Cape Coast Castle & Places on the Gold Coast, being proofs of y^e Inconveniencies arising from the Private Traders."

2nd Book

From Messrs Nicholas Buckeridge, Humely Freeman, & Sam^l Wallis. Cape Coast Castle. 6 April 1699.

'Tis to be feared Capt Baggs will make a long stay upon this Coast before he vends his Cargo. Trade being very dull & many ships in these parts who rather give their Goods away than sell; disposing Tillsted Perpetto. for six Angles.

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Gold Coast [Dutch]

Letters from W.I.C.

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Gold Coast [Dutch]

[Kust v Guinea. 25].

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Dec. 6 (postscript)

} Original letter. Ass^s W.I.C. Amsterdam to
Joan van Sevenhuijzen Director General on the
Coast of Guinea.

- Their last was 16 Sept 1698 -
- They have since received his letters of 8 June, 21 July, 20 Oct. 12 Nov 1698 [all missing] & 1 March & 8 Nov 1699 [vide translations] in reply to their letter of 16 Sept. 1698
- They express displeasure at the tone of his letters as if they were to blame for the bad trade -
- Religious services & discipline to be maintained to prevent misconduct among the servants, who are to be kept to their duty -
- The upright administration of justice on the Coast is necessary -

"It is of the utmost importance that the W.I.C. be considered a commercial body whose foundation & object is the driving of trade in expectation of profits. The trade to & at the Coast we consider the principle attachment of the Co, from which considerable profits must be obtained, because such heavy charges are borne on that account"

- His excuses for not making the report asked for in their last letter are

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We shall on this point observe what has been said is
 also applicable to the 2^d & 3^d points, that it is an
 old custom already introduced at the time of the old
 Coy. that the servants who do trade at the respective
 factories, receive their emoluments there at, this, not only
 that this should chiefly be encouraged ^{encouraged} ~~encouraged~~ to
 be zealous & diligent, but also to find ^{throughout} the
 expenses that they must ^{to receive the natives well} ~~not be~~ ~~without~~
~~rel to~~ ~~allow~~ ~~with~~ the same, to draw them to themselves
 by small presents; which this law always ^{prevalled} ~~prevalled~~
 represented in the trade: but the present servants,
 so it appears, now only ^{devote themselves} ~~are~~ ~~content~~ to keeping
 weighing in themselves without employing anything
 thereof for the ^{promotion} ~~promotion~~ of the trade, so can it
 be with otherwise but that the gold is diverted by
 others ^{escapes} ~~escapes~~ & the Comp. ^{which therefore} ~~are~~ ~~drawn~~
 the more remains sitting under the hands
 perishing breeders.

It has ^{stated} ~~stated~~ ~~been~~ ~~long~~ ~~agone~~ ~~that~~
 the working of expenditure among the natives
 at the charge of the Coy would be a suitable
 means for making the ^{ways} ~~ways~~ to cease
 & thereby the security of trade. We also see
 that it was done by your predecessors: but the

don't, what our relation should be towards the world & F. E. F.

in the latter part of the 13th century, when we applied to it the term 'Littera', which is Latin for 'letter' or 'writing'. It is the same as the 'Littera' which is the Latin word for 'letter' or 'writing'.

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Hence must we say to y^e that we ^{decide} ~~cannot~~
 that ^{you} was ~~as~~ ^{is} w^oke as more expeditious about
 the matters to be charge of the Co^y unless such
 was born the extreme or unavoidable necessity
 other w^old were due to a moderate ^{moderate} sum;
 advising us in such case of the reasons which you
 had for doing so

Regarding the 2^d namely the number of
 persons of foreign nations their trade on the Coast
 matters, it is likewise a very well known
 matter that the English, Danes, & Blazgers
 have already for many years had their portions
 on the Coast, & consequently do drive their
 trade there. & which, however, in former
 times has not prevented the Co^y's trade being
^{pursued} prosecuted with energy: & in places ~~that~~ where
 it appears to y^e that we are ^{put} ~~set~~ out of the
 trade by them, we think, with without reason,
 that such is caused by our servants themselves
 for if they did their duty properly they
 would be able to maintain the trade in the
 places entrusted to them ^{where} ~~where~~ ^{was} ~~was~~ ⁱⁿ the
 contrary the foreign nations ^{findings} ~~findings~~
 their ^{stark} ~~stark~~ ^{on} ~~on~~ ^{awakening} ~~awakening~~ ^{examples} ~~examples~~ of it

so ^{creep in} without ^{where} ~~you~~ ^{can} place to place ^{where} ~~can~~ establish
trade, & deprive us of the same.

Y^e advise us that you cannot say offensively
whether other nations trade with less charges, we
think, on the contrary, that the foreign nations having
such ^{settled} ~~the same~~ ^{as} ~~many~~ ^{places,} ~~as~~ ^{we} ~~do~~
in that proportion ~~as~~ ^{have as many charges} ~~as~~ ^{we} ~~do~~
hobbes: like as Y^e yourself reports that our
the servants of the English draw high ^{salaries} ~~prices~~ &
that at Sevil ~~there~~ ^{there} have been ~~times~~ ^{times} when
at one time, which all ^{shows} ~~are~~ ^{that} ~~the~~ ^{they}
must stand much better with their trade than we,
that they can bear their charges & ~~enjoy~~ ^{enjoy} profit
by their trade: for how is it ^{comprehensible} ~~that~~ ^{that} they
should have the cause to increase their charges
with the extension of their persons at those places
where they have us justly to expect: so that it appears
with ^{allowance} ~~to~~ ^{us} ~~that~~ ^{our} ~~servants~~ ^{let}
~~be~~ ^{idle & empty-handed} ~~as~~ ^{being} ~~as~~ ^{the} ~~state~~ ^{of} ~~other~~ ^{nations}
are active & zealous men.

As this subject we find in Y^e last letter of
Y^e ^{company} ~~we~~ ^{recommend us} ~~to~~ ^{as}
Y^e ^{to take possession} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~two~~ ^{of} ~~places:~~ ^{that} ~~the~~ ^{first}
would be ~~rather~~ ^{at} ~~the~~ ^{mouth} ~~of~~ ^{the}

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Another river by the flowing a part there: ^[Dutch] Livonia
 one of the village Poumi ^{situated about 7 miles}
 below Acra, but with ^{unless} ~~the~~ it were
 more profitably with de Coz on de Coast. The comers
 which of the gains for de ^{acquaintance} ~~improvement~~ of these possessions
 we find - as regards de Another River - that de
 activities there ^{pretend} ~~improvement~~ that they will allow
 persons that looks first notice that offers itself,
 that Acra would ^{be undone} ~~be undone~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~the~~
 fears that such would be long le wantoken by
 the French and, as affairs ^{it is reported to}
 of the ^{that} ~~the~~ ^{they} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~the~~
Assue ^{possibly} ~~possibly~~ ^{used} ~~used~~ ^{also} ~~also~~ ^{to} ~~to~~ ^{Yocoray}.

And as regards de village Poumi that of the
 having directly ^{carried on} ~~carried on~~ ^{de} ~~de~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~the~~
 for a year or a half ^{with} ~~with~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~the~~
 gold ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~the~~
 be his ^{held} ~~held~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~the~~
 there because de English, ^{building a fort} ~~building a fort~~ ^{being built upon it,} ~~being built upon it,
 will be placed in possession of that place by de
King.~~

In so far as regards of the of comers so are we
 at one with them that in the case of the de the trade
 of de Coz and on de Coast could be driven

was favorably & will more profit, it would be a useful
thing to extend & increase it, but as yet himself says
that it is ^{regrettable} ~~regrettable~~ that it is not the least ~~gains~~
so unprofitably ^{situated} ~~gains~~ in the ~~Coys~~, besides it also ~~is~~
no means ^{convenient} ~~convenient~~ to ^{acquire} ~~acquire~~ ^{chargeable} ~~chargeable~~
batteries ^{except for the reason} ~~without~~ ^{more} ~~it can more~~ ~~be~~ ~~more~~ ~~useful~~

that other actions should be to take portion there
if we were subject to the disposition of the ^{gates} ~~gates~~
for so our door of ^{refuge} ~~refuge ^{is} ~~is~~ ^{open} ~~open ^{to} ~~to ^{us} ~~us~~ ^{we} ~~we~~ ^{might} ~~might ^{find} ~~find ^{we} ~~we~~ ^{had} ~~had~~ ^{to} ~~to ^{build} ~~build~~ ^{possibly} ~~possibly~~
dispute of the ^{lottery} ~~lottery~~ ^{stands} ~~stands~~, be bound to build
possibly four times as many forts than we at present
have which ^{would} ~~would~~ ^{increase} ~~increase~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{charges} ~~charges~~, whereas we~~~~~~~~~~~~

have found good not only that no forts should be placed
in the open places. It also, moreover, that at the
places where there is very little or no trade ^{of} ~~of~~ ^{removed} ~~removed~~
the Coys has portion, the men should be ^{kept} ~~kept &
portion shall be held with only one or two men.~~

Of the carries that of the last lot is of the Hennings
the Carry establishing a Guinea Coys & that already a
ship, ^{had} ~~had~~ ^{sailed} ~~sailed ^{one} ~~one~~ ^{from} ~~from~~ ^{England} ~~England, was ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{on} ~~on~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{Coast} ~~Coast,
with yet ^{apparent} ~~apparent~~ ^{to} ~~to~~ ^{us} ~~us~~ ^{to} ~~to ^{be} ~~be~~ ^{seen} ~~seen, but if such
should be undertaken they should try to land on
the ^{Coast} ~~Coast~~ ^{of} ~~of~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{islands} ~~islands~~ ^{to} ~~to~~ ^{take} ~~take~~ ^{possession} ~~possession ^{of} ~~of~~ ^{these} ~~these
as where it can be prevented by this Coys
to show of the office it will use all possible means &~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

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hold them off from it.
 next to ~~offender~~ ~~the same~~ ~~transfer~~. With regard
 to the ships which, sailing out of Ostend, with to
 the sea the Coast. It has our person's name how
 to act with regard to the capture of other nations,
 several kinds with the same as much as possible;
 to which we refer. again.

With which, proceeding to the third point,
 namely, Jt's complaints about the many detainers,
 both for his other countries, locking the Coast,
 so much we gain say to Jt, ^{by} ~~that~~ ^{that} has
 been retracting ~~our~~ ^{by} ~~Jt's~~ ^{proceeding} ~~that~~
 we have successively sent ^{an} ~~an~~ ^{reply} ~~an~~ ^{order} ~~order~~ ^{about} ~~it~~ ^{it}
~~as to direct~~ ~~at~~ ~~our~~ ~~conclusion~~ ~~and~~ ~~ours~~
~~in~~ ~~consequence~~ ~~of~~ ~~your~~ ~~order~~.

18th 1693 1694
 - On subject of detainers, and who ~~are~~ ^{are} ~~schools~~ ^{schools} for
 the letters of 20 July 1693 & 4 Sept 1694.
 (9th 1.) - prohibiting for servants being any concomitant
 of any transactions with detainers on pain of
deportation — which orders by respect - of law -
 - as to capture of detainers detention must
 be used between those who voluntarily surrender themselves &
 those which exist.

The case of the French ships on the Coast
 not found of them by Jt are land general
 we find related in your letter of 15th March 1694

the fear that it had been six capital ships, but
that of the had not been able to get to them
the that remain were that they had sought to obtain

portion at Torres Tocoy or Comunay: that if the
warred well have ^{incurred} persecution their coming on shore unless
other, according to the traty of peace & instructions
of their traty must be ^{received} outlook or friends. It is quite

sure that the traty of amity the subjects on air side
a state of ^{intercourse} amity & commerce, but that has not
the best relation: to the place where this State has
right of portion & jurisdiction trade outside Europe.

the same way this State is at complete peace with the
king of Spain, but it is with free for the interests of
this state to have to do peace in his last W.L.:

so that if there was badly understood it is sure so
and must appear very suspicious to the int. regard to
his assessis. At the time of four Procurador Superior

we find that don caspe de caspe has also been in the form
the at that time is ^{it was} habitable ^{disapproved} guerrero & he was

written with letter of 9 Oct 1688 but to intention
is definite both in time of peace & war, & it will fall
out to the great injury of the camp; which we were arriving
Command & ambassador to the..

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3226 - has changed greatly in form or in fact according
to the report by him and according to the letter referred -

Enclaves E. & F. Copy letters in batch : } vide
RAC W.C. 13 Jan 1699 } Supra.
W.C. must W.P. AC 23 Sept 1698. } [was to
be for Chr
Nov 6-12'98)

Original Letter from Chr. August to van Swinbrouck 169 [925].
on C.d. 9. Amst 5 Aug 1699

- Very nice note deal with the matter referred to in his replies
to his letters as they has been done in the letter of Chr of F. -
On 30th January this year we have made an agreement
with the Royal Portuguese W.C. as to the trade connection bet
Spanish America and the introduction of the negro slaves
in the Indies, taking ~~some~~ these slaves by our ships
from the Coast of Africa direct to the Harbour of Amst
Amst. Copy of which enclosed.

The copy of the agreement, referred to above, enclosed.

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declared
to the
date 20 January 1699.
Indian Public House & rights of Pat WTC rights
of WTC. ~~£100~~ (£813).

1. Operation 2 years to equip each year, this for 500
slaves returning to the coast of Africa right
to Carthage
3. 6 cases of shipwrecks another to be equipped in place
- 5-6 Slaves to be bought in the market
7. 2/3 of men & 1/2 women & 1/3 young & 1/4 women

[925]

Letter from Charles Auzer to Sir Gen J Va Leveque in Guinea
Auzer 6 December 1699

- Your last was 5th Augt Post -

As your letters sent ^{over} here have time to time we
have seen of the complaints about the conduct of
the English ^{on the coast of Guinea} ~~of the coast of Guinea~~. It appears to us
that the Royal of the King of England is more getting
than the best trade of their factories. ^{and} ~~where~~
the same has found good ^{13 July} ~~on 13 July~~ the year
to write to us on the subject. ^{rather} ~~to~~ report

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purview
presently & bringing up of Colonies without giving
the same, then protestant colonies, giving an accidental
report of these negotiations & of the belief that shall be
held for the said and that to do so Agents only of it.
so that we should be really informed, for our info, in
the first correspondence with the said R. O. C.

Deco to solve
No 2. (April)

London the 13th July 1699.

My dear Sir,

Upon perusal of frequent copies here are
Reports on the Coast of Africa We find the
principal obstructions to a flourishing Trade
in these parts, is continual diffies & wars
amongst the Natives: And considering that
the preventing of such disorders would
tend very much to our joynt interests, We therefore
think it is requisite that our resources should
be used in an united Interest as far as possible we
can to prevent all ^{inconveniences} of that or any
other Nature whatsoever or accidently to command
the settling of these diffies to General Intelligence of
you & our Chiefs to use their Joynt Endeavours

that a period may be set apart for the same; we shall write to our Agents to that effect under your Cover & in such manner as for us to do the like under ours, and promote as much as is possible the Quaker Good. So waiting for answer we remain

Your loving friends
The Court. Sup Court. Sep Court
& Assistants of the R. A. of England

Urban Hall Sep Court / John Evans Sep Court / Cha Waller /
Thomas Pindar / Tra Hugel / Hopegood / John Nicholas /
Dalby Thomas / Wm Solife / John Horne / Benj Milner /
W.D. Karokom / G Roberts / John Caplan / John Fleet /
John Perry / James Beutt.

Ans 3. such translation of above.

Ans 4 (Transcribed in British).

Amber Lins

The names of signatories of the Petition to the

Amber: have communicated to us, in our general assembly, of the
very acceptable of the 13th July 1788 & which of 1788 report
was for the ^{views on} ~~the~~ ~~subject~~ of the petition of the dissenting
of the Trade in the C. of S. by ^{advertising} ~~the~~ ~~means~~ of the hindrance
caused by the wars among the nations of that country

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~~P. Pedersen~~ / P. Pedersen / In Verpanten / J. de Weij /
A. B. v. v. v. / C. Schayl.

To the Royal African Coy of England, in London.

Handwritten signature

No 5 (Sept.)

Honorable & Worthy / Sir.

We are favoured with your acceptable letter of the 23th Septemb^r wherein you are pleased to intimate that you will readily concur with us in all needfull undertakings for advancing the Trade on the Coast of Africa: And in compliance to what you propose, in our chart^r, we have sent our orders to our Chiefs at Cape Coast that they shall not protect any Interlopers of your Nation: nor hinder your ships (to follow & attack them) by any molestations from our ships or fortifications

We further desire that you would direct some persons who shall procure true information of all Goods sold in Holland, on board of English ships departing from thence to any part of Guinea Guinea & that they advise us thereof.

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that according to the power by Act of Parliament we may
cause them to be seized & confiscated

Also that you would despatch orders to your Chief
of the Nine that a good correspondence & unity be always
kept & promoted betwixt him & our Chiefs, & that they
frequently consult & put in practice all such
measures as they can legally do, for the mutual
advantage of each Country Company, & prevent as
much as possible all insolencies & disturbances
whosoever amongst the Indians; for we are of opinion
that our united endeavours will prevail upon
the Princes & oblige them to continue in peace
& quietness and not to give any disturbance
to the inland Indians who come down to trade.

This we have always recommended to our
Chiefs & shall again repeat de same; and we are
assured for that to our utmost power we will
with willing joy with you in what you shall
further propose for the improvement of the
Trade.

This good understanding & Union (instantly
kept & ~~promoted~~ promoted (by Gods blessing) was in
all Windsor advance this Trade accordingly, and our
joyful benefits shall daily increase; which on our

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parts (you may not satisfie) satisfied shall
always be with punctually should
we remain

Harvard St

Law loving friends

London ye 27th Octob 1699

to Pow, Sub Secus, Sep Pow &
Assistants of the R A C of England.

Urban(?) Hall	John Rice	Wm Pindar
John Copton	Oliver ^{Milner} Nichol	R. Huntington
J. Pidge	Thos Parokley	Thos
Pindar	<u>Dalby</u>	Thos as / Cha Rolle
Sam Stamer	Wm Soliffe	Jo Longe

No 6. Dutch translation of above.

[S 25]

for book of Arust to van Linderburg

Month: 22 Decr 1699 (short & incomplete)

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Gold Coast [Dutch]

[WIC. 124]

Minutes of Council. Elmina

Feb. 4 - "Fluyt" Witte Ster in company with the "galjoen"
Hagtegaal. to be sent home as soon as possible -

- lease granted to Abram Wyns, Book-keeper-General, to proceed home.
- Sub-factor Abram van Liebergen appointed factor at Bortny -
- Sub-factor Jacobus Houtierkens appointed Factor at Chama vice
Pieter Nuyts transferred to Axim -

(sgd) J. v. Sevenhuysen. J. Rademaker. Willem Bosman.
Michiel John. Pieter Nuyts.

[The above is the only minute in 1699].

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Gold Coast [Dutch]

letters from the Gold Coast

1699.

Dutch.

[The 15th of series
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the names, ones
are missing this vol
is not 67]

march 1. da. ben Jern Joam van Selsenhuyson to / Ass o / E.

[decr 24 June 99. at E 16 Sep '99]
W.C. 94.

na.
Aguato.

thought

By my last I said h / English had murdered / King o
 Commany in an unheard o manner & t they were working
 zealously to entice Tekkki Amkan also to C. Corso
 & also of what reasons we had hindered / same, bec we
 as /, Commanis h come to do homage to him here, as the
 King; & so we had hope also to keep / English out o those
 affairs & we shd have rejoiced at the inclination. But it
 seems already to h changed into a action. but we are heartily
 sorry, t what arrangements we make from time to time for
 welfare o / Co, they almost as many times pursue / contrary,
 just as it is again in this matter, for not wst t, as already stated
 Commany h here sworn w oaths made in public, to
 Tekkki Amkan t they wld accept him as the King; for
 we were soon informed to / contrary, t one Amo Tekkki
 who has had / authority in t King dom next to / murdred
 King, & also after t murder has taken up / sword (wh he
 also still bears) to wreak vengeance on / English, for t deed;
 wh we also heartily desired, partly bec o the audacious exultance,
 & partly from / hostilities w wh they h so long oppressed us in
 trade, t they also might. have trials & expressions of. But this
 Amo Tekkki not intends t only, but chiefly to secure
 t throne for him self, but sees no chance of it
 being both o / meanest people) thro Tekkki Amkan,
 he thot o a means whereby to effect his intenn to send
 thither Commany envoys (who we are told knew nothing o /
 design, thinking t Tekkki Amkan wd h bn simple
 enough, (as in truth he has not much intelligence) to proceed w
 dem. at meet. & take part in o t grandeur, when Amo
 Tekkki wd h had him massacred so as to leave / way
 clear for / fulfillment o his ambⁿ. But as Amkan
 before proceed^d thither, demanded hostages & they not making
 the appear^s, suspicions were aroused & / design also
 leaked out. However one dissembled abt knowing it partly
 bec for this side one was not in a state wst considerable
 assistance to bring him to reason & to begin anything w a
 force wd h placed Amo Tekkki in / posⁿ to close over
 the paths to / traders wh we, so far, had open. therefore he
 h not desired t any hostilities shd be undertaken from this side
 but, on / contrary, one has, so far as possible caressed him so
 as to make him stay in / good idea o keepg / paths open.

wh. as already stated has happened, while those o / English both at C C & at Commanry remain entirely closed. This has caused such chagrin to t nation t they h hd to discuss w / King o Sabour & w persuade / King o Sabour & w to fight. Amro. Tekki, & as ye know this w / well we h all / more restrained hostilities from this side & Tekki Amkan also agreed w us in this & w'd rather let some one else carry out such a rash affair than hazard himself in such a doubtful fight, & by keepg quiet / more to attach / disposic o / Commanis to him, whokay, rather than t they cd be considerably weakened by a battle w / Sabour, he chot better to come into / lawful possion o his Kingdom.

Some time elapsed, in these ideas, w / Sabour's undertakg anythg, as he'd bn expected, whokay Tekki Amkan, bearing impatience, he asked us t he mt send / force he hd w him all a during party of / Commanis in order to give them courage thky a to restrain them to see him as King. This we cd not allow him as by / strength o his party matters wd be o a longer delay, dng wh we shd h sar w trade as / certain result was, as already stated, t / paths wd thky be closed. It was decided then, (altho w dis-pleasure on / part o Tekki Amkan) to let matters take thr course in order to see what efforts wd be made by / English abt / King o Sabour as they, wishg to h thr paths open were more concerned than we, in a speedy settlement o affairs. Meantime they took a lot o trouble both w Tekki Amkan & w us to make him come to Cabo Corso, wh was for time to time excused, more so bec a t Juffen Cabaceen had hd us warned in confidence t it had bn decided to massacre him if he lent an ear to t request. Meantime Tekki Amkan came agn to report to us t / King o Sabour had sworn w an oath t as soon as he Amkan but began any hostilities agst / Commanis, he also wd fall upon them, whokay he again pressed us to h permission thto, but as / King o Sabour is recognized as a rascal by w / one or / English were also w / jealous t our paths still remained open, we therefore chot t they hd only invented this in order to place us in / some embarrassmt, as t nation is also suffletly trained, & apt in such ideas. We therefore declined it, & 2nd time pointg out t those people were not so honest as they wd like it to be believed, while he must consider t / English hd not forgotten / ill t they hd recd from him at Commanry & Saconde, & as regarded / King o Sabour, o wh he hd shameful proofs, who as a rogue hd warn him int w promise o grantg him help agst / murdered King, and altho Tekki Amkan h'd o t o f given "ingress" to these argumts, yet he continued to press of his request to be accorded representg t he hd never yet hd such g't assurances as at present, as / King o Sabour wd doubtless keep his promise, so finally, after consultg Mr fiscal Radermacher & upper factor Bodman

is common upon / traders & negroes who want to come to our
port - as can be seen fm / letters fm / factor Theyburg
inserted in / Diary on 20 & 22 Jan. [1702] This,
as nothing is to be done w^t nation we cannot prevent: & also
it will not fulfill ^{the} expectaⁿ, but embitter / negroes
still more agst^t them.

What will come this new war will have, time must teach
us, but as we are not hurt by it. I therefore do not desire
a speedy result, as then / trade wd again get divided
betwⁿ us & / English

Meanwhile Tekki Ankan, notw^tg t^h he is at
C. Cors. has had strong assurances given to us t^h his
inclinaⁿ will always be f^r our n^a o^u wh^o I can only
say t^h we wd hope it will be so.

Rec^d / In last times, ^{at} infra, speak o^f / opening ports
beg open YHT will how^{ev} please not think t^h trade is
again considerable. On / contrary, I must say t^h it is
still remains quite insignificant over / whole Coast. Rec^d a
/ Dunkira & Assinthe disputes, to wh^o I referred in my
part o^f 12 Nov^r [1698] are not yet settled.

Ashanti - Binkaa
War.

AKum v Aquamboe

Sold Trade

foreign competition

Also / AKums has already f^r abt 4 months fruitless
pains in / field agst^t / Aquamboes abt wh^o I gave YHT
some report under date 8 June 1698. Both these affairs, it
is said, stand on a good footing o^f compromise. This I much
desire f^r w^t t^h we see no prospect o^f any change in trade, &
/ little Gold t^h still comes out o^f / Country finds so many
claimants t^h it cannot possibly come into one hand: f^r
besides our neighbors, / English, Dames, & Burgers, /
French take no small part in / game. But it is chiefly
/ English 10% men [recognize Vaanders] who last year
were here in a very large number, as also more still come
daily, so t^h they almost alone, w^t countg / Portuguese &
Indians (who come as usual) carry off half / gold;
then our neighbors, who have persons, also have some, &
little remains over f^r us, especially, as my requisitions
are complied w^t w^t such bad merchandise - abt wh^o I
will say no more as / Chr^o o^f Amst^r has sent me a copy
o^f YHT's resolutⁿ o^f 12 Sept^r / 1698 abt sendg better goods -

French.

- Abt / French I may first tell YHT, t^h betwⁿ y Oct
& 24 Dec last 6 capital ships, o^f t^h n^a has sailed
past to Fida after day he burnt it last a month &
some o^f them turn, visitg / Gold Coast & callg at ^{the} place
But wh^o this was w^t any o^f object than to advance the
trade we have not been able rightly to ascertain: & as we had
heard various rumors t^h day he set to obtain ports
at Taccoray, or on / Commani beach, this, altho' uncertain,
caused us ^{some} umbrage.

Two o them passed by her to C Corso, but 4 arnd here. They
 were Le Solal d'Afrique commanded by ^{annd} Compere
de Mignone Fuchamberg
de Sans Pareil Chetabir d'Amon
de Saucou (in command o/d's also)
 Mons Guarin

as is to be seen in / diary o Nov 16. 29 & 30 & Dec 24 1698.
 These Captives b all bn on shore, as they represented, to offer the services
 wh. they cd h spared themselves in my regard & I wd well h bn
 excused, but t we hd to secure those gentlemen accordg to Treaty
 Peace & directns of H^{ty} o the Ho^{ty} Mo. but Y^{tht} can be assured t we h bn as
 circumst^{ed} wth regard to them as was possible.

French at
Commanry.

Had t nation was used by / English at Commanry &
 what disputes arose, as regard to it, between our factor str. & /
 English one, can be seen in / Diary o Oct 7 & Nov 15, & places.

Slave Trade
Coast Trade.

The foreigners h not only injured us in / gold trade but also
 especially regardg slaves, so t we cd not obtain any to send
 per / yacht Glad & Lande to Curacao. wherefore in order not
 to let her be empty on / Y^{am} we sent her w a current
 cargo to / Bight o Guain & West Coasts, whence we hope she
 wd bring good returns

Pirates

- The ship Rachel sent to Tida by slaves on 6 Feb. The skipper
 was warned to be on his guard ag^t Pirates -

Per my last I reported to Y^{tht} t we hd them got back
 fm / Adoms Mk 14, 402 wh they hd drawn fm us by / mark
was o [Van] / murdered King o Commanry. And
 t we hd got a promise fm / Stenderas by / reparment o Mk 25.
 Since then we h not recd any more fm / Adoms but it
 is said this will be done shortly.

The latter brot me M 20. 202 on 5 Feb last w a
 promise to pay / rest in a short time.

We therefore hope t when this comes in / long
 waged war, partly by my dir^{on}, will not come
 to cost Y^{tht} much.

May 8. de J. van Seshuysen to / X

[WIC. 94 (ol 54)]
[decr 24 June '99. at X. 16 Sep '99]

- Tho' last yr was 1st march [supra]
- On 23 Mar / ship Fouder Amst and. sailed for Tetel 1 Feb. bungs / Zealand Intolopos Wachende Kraam captured off C. Apd. on 25 Mar and / yacht Witte Valk on 3 April yacht de Jaeger. By these ships recd / X's dr o 18 Sept 1698. to wh, / followg, in reply
- As long as he has had / dir'n he has not neglected to work to trying to / disantg. o our neighbours' wil designs, & to stopp / wars any / natives. But / latter not beg effectual by benevolence it has bn ney to work to force & also consequently to expenditure unless we wd h / English entirely / master. Oware it is not my humour to incur uncessary expense but only to care b / unth o / Co & to send our good returns; & altho things h not gone accordg to wish yet I think YHH are not lackg in profp o my zeal.

From my report dd 15 April 1698 will be seen / appears o peace & for t o June 1699 but / same was concluded w /

Company.

King o Commanoy; besides that, the nearly / whole Coast was at war. we had still not obtained any advantage, likewise by t o 21 July, what dispute / King o Commanoy [Abba Tekki] had had at C. Corso; & by t o 20 Oct. & in part t o 12 Nov. had / English had had t King murdered, & thus / affair presented itself to us then.. as also / continuation o it in / ofnd letter o 1 Mar last; & also, t in stead o spendg more we had spend back a part o / expenditure; & had I h acted in all these unthinkable occurrences And as dr has not yet bn any changes occurred in these matters I respectfully refer to / last despatched reports

Garrisons
required
in /
Fort

- As to what men are required b / garrisons o / places on the Coast in this peace time less than in war ... I say t / Coast has never been well manned in a state o war, & even in this peace it is nely tolerable; for even if now no European force has to be feared it is ney to be able to resist / natives incited by dr.

St George

The garrison o / Chief Castle in time o peace - besides / Dir Gen,

Comraachburg

preacher, fiscal & upper factor shd consist o:

1 Btlr gen.	1 under do,	1 ast,	1 Pay Btlr & assist	=	5 persons
1 Sub factor in / Trade House,	1 Mag: Mooler	=	4 asts		6 "
1 m secretariat - 1 upper clerk	1 sub do	+ 4 asts			6 "
Military					
1 Ensign	2 Supts	2 Capts,	2 danda passalim	8 midshipmen	60 Soldiers = 75 "
1 Equipage master	2 Surgeons	3 Gunners	at Fort Comraachburg		
1 Sub ensign,	1 Supt,	1 Capt	4 midshipmen	20 Soldiers,	1 Quonier
<u>Carried forward</u>					
					126

[ie w^t DS. Preder, Fiscal & Chief Factor

Carried forward 126 men

<u>Fort Nassau, Moreak</u>		
1 Upper factor, 1 sub do, 2 Watch, 1 Surgeon, 1 Supt, 1 Capt, 4 midshipmen } [cadets?]	16 soldiers, 1 gunner	28.
<u>Fort Amboindam, Commanlyer</u>		
The same		28
<u>Fort dytzaam huyt Apam</u>		
1 factor, 1 Ass't, 1 Surgeon, 1 Capt, 10 soldiers, 1 gunner		15
<u>Fort Cuelcoer Accra</u>		
1 factor, 1 Sub do, 2 Ass'ts, 1 Surgeon, 1 Supt, 1 Capt, 4 midshipmen, } 1 Constable & bec it is far fm hand, at least 20 soldiers } 1 gunner		32
<u>Fort S. Anthony, Atchin</u>		
The same but only 16 soldiers		28.
<u>Fort Bakensluis, Bonting</u>		
1 factor, 1 Ass't, 1 Capt, 9 soldiers, 1 Surgeon, 1 gunner		13.
<u>Fort Orange, Sacconde</u>		
ut supra		13
<u>Fort S. Sebastian, Chama</u>		
1 factor, 1 Ass't, 1 Surgeon, 1 gunner, 1 Capt, 12 soldiers		17.
<u>Fort Vredenburg, Commanlyer</u>		
1 factor, 1 Sub do, 1 Ass't, 1 Surgeon, 1 gunner, 1 Capt 1 hands pass act, & bec o its extent & low walls, 10 soldiers		24 (sic)
Trijns people - who h no fixed place, & bec work is never lackg, are required		
2 house & 2 ship carpenters, 4 masons, 3 Smiths who do fine & rough work, 2 coopers, 2 brick makers, 2 stone cutters		17.
Also, 1 Auditor, 1 sick nurse (gast huys vader), 1 Reader (voor lezer)		3
	Total.	<u>344</u>
[Total 11 includg Comradesburg]		

O wh, in my opinion its ot to be no reducⁿ considerg / continual sickness wh prevails in this country, whcy sometimes in case o reducⁿ it might happen 1 one o these places not be exposed to ill natured & diabolical efer. - Yth may consider / garrison of Elmina too lge but allgore must be made, if it not beg always complete, thro sickness, explosion^t o castles thro sickness & providly undermanned ships especially on an expedⁿ ag^t Indis forces. Therefore an annual recruitment o 50 men is not too high wh I wd supplement w 20 seamen for deaths on / yachts.

The total no o / forts & places ab 11. o wh in my opinion not one can be abandoned unless we wished to see it at once taken possession o by some one else o I dont believe Yth wd appear o attacking dem over an abandoned place (protest beg a feeble means)

to furnish / negroes of bringing in more men of the protecⁿ while we abandon them, and cost more money than / upkeep o / places (where some trade still comes). Nor can any place be abandoned bec when / parties to one place are closed, / trade then goes over to another, as appeared at / beginning o / Commani war; b^t then, when none what^r war recd at / Umina, then Comantiger, Mours, Chama, Saccoda, Bonty recd so much / more, & so if one abandoned one o these places, one wd be deprived o it (/ trade) And how shameful it is t^o foreigners shd. creep in between our forts / Co has suff^rly experienced fm / B^rgurers & English, w^o yet more com^g.

It is deplorable t^o the Coast is unprofitable b^t / Co (but our neighbours cannot doubt o their gains) & if it went more prosperously, I wd recommend to / M^t. 2 more more places. The 1st wd be to place a fort at / mouth o / Amobra river, & one also at / village o / Ponnai site abt 7 miles below Accra

Abt / 15th of March on 31 March 1699 & 15 April 1699, & also t^o in order to keep them quiet we had made an agreement w / inhab^ts o / river. But now, begⁿ t^o we wd fail in our promises, they consider t^o they also are released fm the oaths, & say, quite openly, t^o they wd all grant portion to / 1st man t^o comes to ask b^t if this happens Axim is done for [t^o meet], & I am afraid this wd be undertaken by / French, before long who wd undoubtedly make a start at Assine where, accord^g to rumour 4 white men are already on shore: if they don't soon settle at Taccoray - wh place we wd not actually occupy since / dispute w / B^rgurers. And how interfering t^o man is in / world know^s suff^rly; & in case o capture they wd not neglect to become masters o / entire Coast. Hedwen grant t^o my fears may be idle.

The 2nd place, at / strong request o / Aquamboe Under King, I have already had traded of about a year & a half. it sending us v^y good slaves & gold. And it is of such consⁿ t^o / English have resorted to reg^lly, w^och / Upper King to have us dislodged fm the & to obtain t^o place for themselves whereupon / Upper King has threatened us t^o if we did not depart he wd h^o our men massacred & / merchandise plundered. But / Under King, who is / strong w^oth powerful & will succeed to / place o / ^o on his death, supports us in / hope & expectaⁿ t^o we will build a fort there. If t^o is n^t done he will undoubtedly withdraw his hand fm us & place another in possⁿ etc. Up till now I h^o bn able to stay him

French.

Assine

(Amobra
mouth.

Taccoray)

Ponnai

N.A.

Akamu

Upper King
Under King

under various pretexts, as first making a trial of it, & I had written to YH 11 abt it - as can be seen in / Diary o Aug 30. Oct 9. 12. 14. 22, 23 25, Nov 4. 19. 21. 1694: & Mar 12. 19, Apr 2, Aug 16 Sep 5. Y & Oct 5 + 18 o last year, what we wrote to / Accra factors & / Post stationed at Pomri, Sebaur Heiniaus, & / replies recd.

Slave Trade I am inclined to build at t place bec of many good slaves are obtainable thr, 30 £ / English, & Portuguese often obtain the whole load thr; & if we had a fort thr we cd for time to time attend to / trade thr, & so have in supply if not / whole at least a great part, o a loading ready agst / comg o slave ships wh wd contribute to a quick dispatch. Besides also / gold wh is recd thr & wh otherwise / foreign ships already carry off. Also when / ports to Accra are closed by / Upper King, those to Pomri remain open by / ally o / o.

Gold.

At this place a fort cd be made for fl. 10.000 at least; & at / 1st place for a much smaller sum.

Thus I think I have complied w YH's order, & shewn t no reductions in / garrisons can be made & t no advantage to / Co is to be expected by / abandonment o any ports

English Forts

The English are now in effective action o 11 forts, & if they get Saccorde agm, it will be 12. namely: - at Insima a fort: a small mile above Bontey; (Saccorde still w a garrison); a fort at Commarry; a Castle at C. Corbo; a fort behind / Cape called Dames Hill t is by far the most formidable made: a lodge at Ingerejan [Ameham], a small mile below Murre; a fort at Tommabo; a lodge at Adja; a lodge at Berkore; a fort at Wimba; a fort at Accra; & lastly a lodge at Fida.

Danish Forts

at Ozore, a little below Accra a brass fort named Christians borg, but they are now busy making a second at Labade [sic - meaning Nungo?] by t return Christians borg o Pomri

Burg Forts.

The Burgers possess 3 places viz: - The lge fort Frederiks burg: somewhat to windward a fortified stone house at a place called Tattkirma, & a fort at Accoda.

But

I cannot say has strongly such a date places are guaranteed, partly because none but very correspondence is kept w^t mⁿ. & partly if one did so quite familiarly it wd not be possible.

I know indeed t^c accordg to / statem^t o one o the former Commandts, / B^rburgers at one time at gamon-hd over 90 men at Fredericksburg alone. And / English get deliviously by w^y ship factors who draw higher salary than ours & apparently / junior servants & soldiers who not all those mans

English Trade

trade on / Coast at less charge than / Netherlands Co I dare not (w^o respect) say so positively as Y^tH. especially not w^o regard to / English. b^c they make for more costs b^c / acc^t o the market than w^e. besides w^h t^c than trades in no small quantity, but w^y considerably w^t all foreign ships b^c the maritime goods profit for w^e & not w^o w^h / English Co find a profit [retaining vnder] in the trade here on / Coast is not b^c me to understand especially w^o many newspapers report t^c / African Co's shares h^o bn worth 11 & 10% w^h is no sign t^c they are so good as Y^tHs!

But I can quite well conceiv^e also t^c / Co does not make many conquests here, but this has also not occurred under my ch^om but already some years it has been so already some yrs past as Y^tH. can, if you please, find for yr own letters. I believe t^c / chief cause is (besides / continual Wars am^g / nations) / cramp in o^r / B^rburgers & English betwⁿ / places o^r / Co. & then / numerous foreign ships trading along this coast. & if there were ed be checked Y^tH wd undoubtedly get more satisfactⁿ from these quarters. I also know o no remedy o than to request Y^tH agⁿ to send for time to time good merchandize accordg to formula so t^c we can attract / traders, & can be taken over cheapness (betwⁿ w^h & / expenses th^o is considerable diff^y) when we sh^d be able to dispose o them at better price o by there I means get / better o our neighbours ... It's true t^c / ships & yachts navigating here are a gr^o change, especially when / Cruisers captures no Interlopers. & if they do it will br^g sometimes good & then not so much profit. As regards / yachts w^h we cannot employ - & ince w^o much as possible send them home & thus hopes to much the desired.

- See w^o regret that Y^tH. h^o not yet bn able to recover / word o / English undertakgs but hopes to hear later o the success -

- He will comply w^o the fur givers given abt Port ships - to take out the cargo's time & after form of Confiscan, keep a ready acc^t o them. But he will await the g^ovt decision abt those who meet or br^g / small ships, & w^o / Fiscal clearing something for them.

- Thanks them b^c / prolongⁿ o his Commission but hopes t^c his request made by his letter o 12 Nov 1698 b^c / salary o his predecessors will be allowd

- No changes in personnel since his last, except / Fiscal Redemach^r ap^olⁿ b^c / vacant factory at Elm^ons, abt w^h he will write himself

F / next, refers to his diary, - [1698]

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Dutch

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June 10 to 19. J. van Sedenhuyzen Elmira, to, Σ [sic. 94. fol. 113]
 [last 12 Nov. 99. at Σ 7 Oct 1700].

Trade - Bechermer Brak & Stad & danden sailed ^{home} on 10 May w/ ution cargoes
 as per "Carga" enclosed [m.c.]
 Return cargoes - On 23rd May was despatched / captured Interloper Proden Apollo w/
 448 slaves to Caracao Island
 Slave - Yacht Witte Valk sent to trade on / Prain & Tuck Coats, on 26 May. on
 which 4 sailors drowned at Roaring eden land near slaves line, replaced by soldiers
 Coats - On 12 May / Spiden Arant sent to cruise on / Wimsted Coats. She
 encountered an Interloper wh mistook o / intending when removed, fired
 cannon on / Arant wh was so damaged she had to let her go. & 2 days
 spent in repairs for damage o / Arant & dropped down to Prain to await
 orders. Along to / dojica to / considerable Cruiser by a small ship
Van den Stek / Stupper was ordered to proceed up agn as far as / Prain Coats
 to try & catch w/ to recover prestige. - The release o / Interloper
 gntly to be admired

Competition by
 & English

Asks Trade

- Trade bad partly thro / heavy rains inland, & / ways unusable.
Prain / brokers coming down, & those who come down obtain muskets
 & small iron Interloper (Perpelamaas for Interloper or rather / English
 (who buy them for / Interloper / cargoes) even if he had / current goods
 he gets little share in / trade thro / competition o / Interloper, who sell
 the sheets at 40 p or more p benda. Sergees at 14-12 Eng a piece;
 dye perpelamaas at 7 Eng; ~~Small~~ Small do 10-11 p a benda;
 10 muskets or long Arbunes p benda; 30 lb powder of 14 Eng. job is
 a considerable deficit to our price list. Lots of / muskets for of wh
 he requisitioned for / 699 by / ship Prain & Rachel.

N.A.

Aguaffo

Saboa

O / Saboa he can only write what he had previously written as
 as Tekki Antkan w / King o Saboa are still in / field w/
 dog anything agst / Commanies. We are still keepg / pack via
Commanie to Dunkira re. open & are actg neutral w regard
 to both parties. Meanlinie / English h already advanced
 a considerable sum to Tekki Antkan. of / war united by them.
 whas we on / contrary, & reced for Dunkira a few Mtk 2 gold
 in addition to / before mentd Mtk 20-202, Carg only Mtk 2-602
 o / Mtk. 23. recd by him.

Akin

Aquambo

The affair o Akin & Aquambo is still undecided, but
 as / King o / Catter is dead, and hope of his success will ere
 long arrange a peace, to wh end, I h sent a mission to
 him w presents to wh I am expectg a favourable reply & t
 afterwards trade may come agn to Accra.

Pussamed.

- deaths amg / sernts incrsd (as per list) many yet so more
 deaths expected, asks for more men to include 4 gunners
 4 madons, 2 carpenters & a drummer; 5 medicines & materials
 - Refers to a let from Wm Bosman w/ for Tador o Mourre, in / Prain,
 w few report o / encounter o / Prain w / Interloper

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1699

Dutch 12.
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Aug. 25 Dr. Jan Seisenhuysen to / 8, ~~Amsterdam~~ [W.C. 97. No 135]
[Dec 29 May 99: at 8 y Oct 1700]

Intialper

- The origin agent / Intialper Jan Seisen not yet connect on / as he
as well as / Intialper Boudaun / Jacobson, is still byg under / guns
cannon o Cobo Coro.

Trade. Slave

- On god Wint / hond Chr Zealand and a after disdlog for cost cargo
proceeded to Fida b slacks on / 10th

- Yacht Jager (by wh this or goes) will go to Fida b 125-150 slacks
& then to Curacao in co w / Wint / hond wh is more profitable than
his last voyage to / Fain & Teck, Comb. also lack o land winds

generally
gold

Trade on / whole coast still in its former state; wth we or English
Boungers & Dames presdly are / it. Even / Intialpers, h^{abit} who

Want.

are now alone on / coast h^{ave} little trade, ^{not} only bec o / bad gold
need, & competⁿ, but bec, as / only reason we can give, / dispositions
in / interior are remain still, more b^e wars than trade.

N.A.
Aquafo.

Teck / Ankian to / no small amount (Creese case) o /
English, still has longing at his Common enemies from afar
Therefore hope while ago in this country are so bad, t^{hat} there will
be more profits in / slave trade here & at Fida b^y soon.

J

1900R.A.C.

Minutes of General Court & of Court of Assistants

1700.

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Minutes o / Gen Court

9 Jan 1699
1700.

Present within Hall S.G. John Adams D.G. & 22⁰⁰
S.G. auld / State o / Stock vgn.

The Co's effects at home & abroad ————— £554.469-7-8

The Co's acc at Intt £73,972-2-6
In Book Bkts 8959-16-6
On Bottomry 51,307-5-
On 15/ advance mory 4628-16-3

122.066-3
£232,403-7-5

wh sum upon 11010² shares amts to £21-2-0 pr share.

11 Jan. 1699

Present whynfra o y⁰⁰ (incl DT)
24 amts elected (incl DT)

Present J.E. D.G. & 9⁰⁰ (incl. DT) 18 Jan 1699.

— Ctee o 5 to be Ctee o Inspecon elected by ballot
officers elected

[End o Min Gen Cr f 1700]

170/86. Minutes o / Court o Assistants

"The Table of Fees. The S.G. & D.G. to be o all Ctees"

F Comptrolr. 6 (or any 3) F Buys Goods 6 (or any 3) F Accompts. 6 (or any 3)

F Shippg 6 (or any 3) [incl DT].

The Care o / Treasury committed to / 4 Chaurmen.

Court o Acts

16 Jan 1699

Present within Hall S.G. John Adams D.G. at 9⁰⁰ 14⁰⁰ (incl DT)

Ordered t / Ctee o Shippg send pmiss to C.C.C.
" t / " " send 100 new arms to C.C.C. & ord factories
& t say write to them to return / like no o old arms by / 1st
o / Cos ships t return for this to London directly f London.

22 Warrants passed — In paymt o goods & salaries

1700

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Minutes of Ct o Assis (contd)

23 Jan 1699
1700

Present 59. Dg or 1600 (inc DT)

Appd / list o provisions f 450 negroes by / Encouragement Capt Sadler, + o /
provisions to be sent to / Castle. Sundry apprais f appointments -
including one for Mich. Pile to be taken of Barnes Hall or Factor + CCC -
referred to Ctee o shipping [ors to / Ctee o accty]
if Warrants passed.

25 Jan.

1 Feb.

27 Warrants passed f gratuity sugst / Govt. [Urban Hall Esq. £264-0-10
John Evans Esq. £58 - Dathy Roman £28-7-11] etc.

6 Feb.

- re Sale o Sugar
Mr Peter Bufford chosen factor at CCC at £40 pa f 5 yrs. Bond f £1000

8 Feb

13 Feb.

Referred to / Ctee o shipping to provide t all Masters o ships bound to / Gold
Coast or any pt o Guinea be hindered from investing any part o / adventures,
allowed them by / Co, or Negroes.

Appd a dr to Nicholas Buckenridge, Howsley Freeman + Saml Wallis
Chief Merchts at CCC. dt 6 Feb 1699

20 Feb.

27 Feb

5 Mar

At the foun / batch with at / Assis read + referred to / Ctee o Conspp.

12 Mar.

19 Mar

Ordered t / Ctee o shipping f / liberty to hire a ship f 400 negroes (if not a
less no) provided she touch at Antigua, Montserrat + Nevis, then to Jamaica.

3 April

Appd o / negroes previous proposal by / Ctee o shipping f 140 negroes B /
Gambia Galey

11 April

18 April

[Sundry bus referred to / Ctee o Conspp. some from CCC]

23 April

30 April

7 May ... 16 May [Ship to be chartered f slave trade] ... 28 May ... 30 May ...

4 June ... 11 June ... 18 June ... 20 June ... 25 June ... 27 June

2 July - Cargo o £1000 f CCC appd ... 9 July ... 5 members
denied to meet at Paraway's Coffee House tomorrow at 930 am to attend /
dcs o / Madelias, + t Capt Baggs, + 2 ois go wch item

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1700
Min^o / Coun^o o^o Arts (contd.)

18 July

The Copy of Instructions from / His o / Majesty to Capt^o Moses Commd^o o / Milford to cruise upon / Coast o^o Guinea read & app^od & / Secy ordered to write upon the sd ships w^o / Thanks o / Co

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p 21.

By / Command of Execut^o / office o^o La High Admir^o o^o Engl. Incl. &c.

Whereas upon app^on to this Board from / R^o A^o C of one o^o His ships to cruise on / Coast o^o Africa to protect the trade in those parts from / Pirates, We h^o app^od / ship & Command of / sd service of are hereby... directed so soon as if sh^o h^o taken on board / provisions ordered of, wh^o is 8 months at whole allowance & t^o / ship shall be ready in all respects, to proceed to her directly to / Coast o^o Africa & make / 1st land windward o^o Cape Palma. From thence you are to sail to C. Tres Puntas where if may wood & water if sh^o sh^o be ocean, but if are not to spend more time in / dog than is absolutely neccy. And from t^o Cape if are to proceed along shore to C. C. where if are to apply yourself to / Chief Factors belonging to / Co^o of Milligie, as if are likewise to do from / Command^o o^o such ships as if sh^o happen to meet w^o t^oredg upon / Coast^o before if arrive at / Castle. And in case if sh^o be informed by them the are pirates gone to windward if are carefully to pursue & endeavour to destroy them but in case of sh^o not see any such inform^on if are then to continue yr cruise to seaw^ort as far as Windah & Bride, as if are likewise to do after yr pursuit o^o Pirates to windward, in case of h^o intelligence o^o them

Having so done if are to proceed to / Islands o^o S^o Thomas & Princes & in regard / Pirates do chiefly frequent those places if are to spend most o^o / time intended for yr cruise (wh^o is to the tail / last o^o April next) between those Islands & C. Lopez & use yr utmost diligence to take sink, burn or otherwise destroy such Pirates as sh^o be in those parts.

Having continued the cruise till / last o^o April then to return to England w^o loss o^o time callg at Spithead & remaining the for orders, for whence, to give us acct o^o yr proceedings to Capt^o Moses Commd^o o^o His Milford.

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22 July ... 30 July

1700

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Minutes of Court of Assistants (cont)

1 Aug. 1700

Ordered that Mrs Lupton be desired to report / proceedings of Ctee of 8 to / next Court.

Resolved that / Paget Frigate be sent w / man o war & is go^g to C.C.C. & that Capt Baggs & Mrs Hewite be desired to prepare themselves to go w her & to / Ctee of Goods prepare such a part o / £10,000 cargo (formerly ordered to be shipped for C.C.C. to be put aboard / Paget Frigate w all expedition in preparation o / seal goods as the ship is capable to take in.

5 Aug. ... 8 Aug. ... 9 Aug. App^d o a Com^{rs} & articles of Capt Baggs & ordered them to be engrossed & o an order to Mrs Howbley Freeman & Mrs Sarah Wallis to deliv / Carrels to Capt Baggs.

That he / the (Baggs) himself give security o £10,000, & 2 sureties £2,000 each & that he be allowed him of his table £150 pa & £100 pa for 1 entertainment o strangers.

That / Go allow Mrs Hewite (who is to be one o his Council) such o^s as they sh order to be o / Council £100 for the year each. & upon security of his Bonds o security he rece £250. That he be h liberty in his motions (w / consent o / Council) to make presents to / Kings & Cap^{ts} sh^{rs} in order to make a peace of / benefit of Eng^lish trade & party (if need) to allow of / affecting wh^o / whole or any part o Taggees debt, & pass / charge o it to / acc^t o maintaining / Ports & Castles & protect^g / trade.

Ordered that Capt Baggs be enabled to treat w / civility Capt Messes Wm Messes Com^{rs} o / H^{ms} Milford (a fifth rate Cruiser) who is to cruise upon / Coast o Guiney to suppress / Pirates & infect / Coast. ...

13 Aug ... Mr John Barrow late Chief at C.C. desired a Warrant of his Salary

15 Aug ... 16 Aug ... 20 Aug. Day to attend Sec Admiralty from order of Cap Baggs & Mrs Hewite to proceed to C.C. w / Milford & to command that he deliv Capt Baggs his articles: Com^{rs} & Instructions & / Take to Mrs Hewite. ... Sealed this: to Capt Baggs Joseph Baggs to be Chief Agent at C.C. w del 12 Aug^r 1700. Sealed a Com^{rs} to do del 20 Aug^r

24 Aug^r ... 5 Sep. 5 Sep. 10 Sep. 14 Sep. 24 Sep. 1 Oct. 8 Oct. 17 Oct. 22 Oct. 31 Oct. ... Nov 7. 12. 14. ordered that he be o comptroler held w / British Guiana Co to cultivate a good understanding betwⁿ / 2 Cos of / good o / trade. Nov 19. 26. 28. 29. Dec 3. 5. 10. 19. 31.

[End o Mins Ct Ass^{ts} 1700]

1700

Gold Coast [English] RAC

Letters from + to the Gold Coast

1700

Gold Coast [English]

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[PRO. 140/175]

2nd book. "Paragraphs of severall letters from Cape Coast Castle & Places on the Gold Coast, being proofs of ye Inconveniencies arising from the Private Traders"

C.C. From Messrs Nicholas Buckeridge, Howsley Freeman & Samuel Wallis, dd. Cabo Corso Castle 5 March 1699 [1700 n.s.]

With submission to Your Hon^{rs}, it is no wonder the 10 p. Centⁿ men make Voyages when at the same time we have little or no business which is customary in all parts of the World where shippes resort to, unless their Goods are consigned to some Factors or others ashore, for the natives & Inhabitants will never come to a Factory or shop, to pay out their money, when they can buy goods 30 p. Centⁿ or more cheaper than can be afforded in either of them. The ten p. Centⁿ men for the most part sold Porcellas at 6^{ac} each a so proportionably the rest of their Merchandizes.

[Quid] 3rd book. "Paragraphs of severall letters from the Gold Coast relating to the severall inconveniencies arising from the Dutch"

From Messrs Nicholas Buckeridge, Howsley Freeman, & Samuel Wallis dated at Cabo Corso Castle 5 March 1699 [1700 n.s.]

We shall stande for Orders relating to Dutch Interlopers & not permit any into this Coast but we cannot, with safety to Your Hon^{rs} Interest, suffer the Dutch Co's ships to come in or lye here under the notion of inter capturing them, for by that means we should never be clear of their shipping, & those loaded with Goods to rob us of our trade. The Dutch w^{ch} may make Your Hon^{rs} abundance of specious pretences of amity & friendly correspondence in point of settling the Commerce & other Affairs of this Country, but we are satisfied 't is impossible for them, or their Agents here, to keep any Contract of that kind inviolable, especially when the least prospect of advantage appears on their side, as Your Hon^{rs} may be satisfied by a Copy of Mr Torrance Foxes letter enclosed [dd. Commenda 18 Feb 1699. ~~X~~ interceptor] wherein you'll perceive their sole

endeavours are, as opportunity presents, to supplant & undermine Your Hon^{rs} Interest & Trade on this Coast as much as ever they did the East India Compa at Amboyna & (if that was in their power) p the like Barbarous methods.

·X· See next page.

8 Feb 1699
1700.

Comenda. Letter. Gerard Gore to the Chief Merchants
Cape Coast Castle.

Worthy Sir This comes acquainting yo^r Worships that de Cuffera
Traders whom, in my last of 29 Jan, I advised yo^r Worships of,
who bought some goods here, & came to treat here of other goods &
an open way to bring traders here, who was friends to Little
Taggee, named Hookcome, who is Assistant to Little Taggee
in this right; who then going a new way up into their
Country with 2 or 3 of John Cabasses Men & my Cane,
who in going up the River, that is on this side Shumah,
they were all Panjared by Adoom Cabashie named
Ocrew - who lives going up that river - & that he
said he was ordered to do the same by the Dutch & seize
all English Goods from all the Traders that had
bought them here, & also further to panjar all people &
all things that belongs or comes from John Cabasse.
These men & goods having been panjared this right
dayes, but never heard thereof before this morning,
which I thought fit to acquaint yo^r Worships of,
having sent, p. this, one of John Cabasses men &
the Canoe that brought this News, to informe
yo^r Worships of ye particulars more at large.
As the needfull at present from yo^r &c.
G. P.

1700

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84] Cape Coast Castle
for Michl Brackman
for Howley Freeman
for Saml Wallis

London / 6th February 1699 [1700]

The forego is copy o our last service ~~with~~ to wh refer wh [sic] & come to hand
for o July & August past [sic] By them we observe / had calculate [sic] of made
for us by not making sure of it to be done o ye distation Gally & thereby despatched /
Sumers freight for Nera, & rather chose to sit like drowns to wait in for Castle
unwarned & so / time by her turning up ups wasted, by wh of suffer masters o ships
in 100% service to supply / markets whilst ours are is detained upon / Coast
of are yet so foolish to complain of want o small vessels for this purpose & at / some
time make use of a what of the buy of of / conside o / distation, if not as well to
despatch Capt. Pils for Nera, as suffered her to lose so much time to turn up
for her dispatches for C. E. C.

- full visitors sent - carriers negligent or - if any poor amongst of it is
prejudicial to our boat, give information of ye innocent may not suffer - [for visitors]
We have now two small vessels upon / Stock wh may be despatched to of
in / Spring & are purposely to land upon the Garrison
[cont. lines] . . .

We hope shortly to see for some favorable acct of battle of
which wh of think is so near, so we stumble if little Tager will
remain at pledge of what is due to us, / debt may be sooner discharged, but
be sure of so manage his / ~~estate~~ to us will consequences happen thereupon.
We expect ~~through~~ allowances on ~~your~~ & part acct o what is at any time
disbursed & immediately after delay delay, & if of do not observe it, such
debts will not be allowed on yr acct, & observe we R already ordered to
of take powers & good security for what new debts of contract, / old ~~not~~
being sufficient / prefer to stand on so precarious to be recovered.

→ approve sends us Wallis to Nera - for Sakkell second at Nera qualifick
to be / ~~more~~ preferent to may happen - [on n].

We perceive to afford Royal is made by formidable Pray take care to
place no soldiers in it but such as are of honest & sober persons.

- Provide all returns possible - distance our Goods when / Coast bare o shipped -
when 2 or more ships arrive at one place dispatch of ~~the~~ ship for ~~the~~ others, in course
- ~~make~~ no agreement so to price o negroes, w 10% ~~more~~ going ~~opportunities~~ of other ships
don't stay too long w / hazard o a gte mortality of ~~the~~ ~~ships~~
to reach / market for before then.

the tedious delays in despatch o / distation Gally makes us suspicious
very much / success o / unhappy war. the g^t loss & despatch in our trade
daily, if not before t end, must engage us to retrench our expenses upon / Coast.

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especially at ye Castle & not allow £900 salaries where we can h no saving equivalent.
 Is o/money is more than can well be afforded untill such time as Trade be open
 a t were indeed, & yett t also a vry small satisfaction to us considering t/misfortune
 proceeded wholly from ourselves. Y^e h not only broke yr trust by making private
 advantages upon our concerns, & by assisting us in t trade contrary to our orders & yr
 contracts w us. But y^e h, by suffers / being to be murdered in our Castle prob-
 an ^{adum} upon all our managers, & our whole affairs ^{increased} increased /
 debt of pretended to lessen & entailed a charge wh to us has no prospect
 o an end, & by this means given all our competitors in / Trade an advantage
 over us, ^{but} all wh we are daily upbraided, so t by yr means we do not
 only undergo / misfortune o loss our Estates, destroyed by y in charges, but
 also / scandal o yr mismanagements ... [dead estates] ...
 - Ship Intendant Capt Sattler for 4500 negros [page burnt] -

- Hope / Ship will rec quite dispatch -

Will remain
 John Hall Sub Secy
 John Evans Secy

10 negros [including D T]

92] Per ye Mismanagement
 Capt Sattler

Merys Benthridge
 Herman
 Wallis

London ye 27th February 1699 [1700]

We h write of at lge by this Conveyance since wh we h recd frs dd ye 12 September
 [1699] givg / good news o Capt Stettins arrival. By him we write of vry fully relating
 to our affairs, tho y^e think fit to give / answers as barely as hitherto. We
 cannot be more plain & therefore only wait, expecting to see / ^{particulars of} all our mismanagements
 put in ^{execution}. The Dutch Intenders wh of intendant in / France Bonnadvanture
 60% man, make no complets favour o Trade. / ^{bringg} for / least 4000 mks o
 Gold & /^o despoys all her wmders & go go ab vry gr profit.

We cannot yett believe t this misfortune o ours comes wholly thro yr
 ignorance, & god h these gr advantages over us & we are w dely to hope t y
 will be sensible o yr reasonableness & yr promptg our intr. t we wh
 shortly separate yr Resolves to act for us in evy respect t / ^{whom} o yr power
 f our benefit & we can recommend y to our favour, & merit
 f continue in so profitable & creditable business, as y are employed in by us.

The Capts o our ships & those in our service declare they are never
 indebted f yr intendment to them, f they qualify f double

- The tedious despatch o ye Summers. Our 90 losses [in m]

93]. Another letter to / same of even date - of no wirt.

[Note: This part of the letter is very badly written.]

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109] Cape Coast Castle
Messrs Buckridge
Frymman
Wallis

London 5th March 1699 [1700]

We have writt of at lge by this conveyce. It only fair to add ^{that} if / better securg
A trade we order t^y contract wth so many o / Capshereers & other Traders as y^e
possibly can at a certain price f^r all / Gold, Negroes, &c t^h they can collect during
a certain time to be specified, be it a year or two, more or less, & pay them f^r /
same in merchantable Goods at Prices y^e can best agree, & by allowing them a
small advantage above o^rs. You may engage them to be faithfull to the
Contract under some valuable penalty as 500 to 1000 sterlings, & t^h if he im-
pounded they to execute / same upon them as the Estates in case they be found
trading wth / Parties contrary to y^e Contract wth them; & as the Contracts expire, &
so renew them agn. And / better to oblige ~~any~~ any trader to come under such
like Contract do not trust or give any credit, in any parts t^h will not be so oblig'd.

Give assistance to / Chiefs o / Co's seek ports & factories to take y^e same
Methods to promote Trade & secure / Returns to y^e Co.

Inclosed we send y^e copies o our negotiations wth ye Dutch W. 9th Co
by wh^{ch} y^e will find they expect to rec^e from us ~~an answer~~ an answer to us, wh^{ch} & f^r m^y
relates to y^e putting in practice what we h^{av}e promised in this affair, & bec we h^{av}e
bn so plain to y^e Direct^r & so strictly required for Compliance wth us, we
cannot doubt but we sh^{al} shortly rec^e / gr^{at} advantage t^h we propose to
t^h Co thereby, & t^h we sh^{al} be enabled by y^e answers to give / full satisfaction
in y^e parts to / Dutch Co. We remain

Urban Hall Sub Gov^r
John Evans Dep^y
10 9/12 [mch 5. 1.]

110] Copie o a letter sent from ye Dutch W. 9th Co
Translated out o / Dutch

Mr Honble
According to y^e 24th o October o ye year past, We delayed
not to send severall Orders to our Dir: Gen: on ye Coast o Guinney f^r /
advancement o our joint Int^r etc, & in parts to put a period to / disputes
& Wars wth / Natives o t^h Country, t^h Trade wth ye Inland Natives may be might
not h^{av}e its free course wth interruptions.

We perceive wth v^{er}y gr^{at} satisfaction t^h y^e intent, & h^{av}e also given / new
orders t^o / Int^rpersers t^o come & trade in these Countries upon / Coast o Guinney
t^h / y^e gr^{at} detriment o damage o both our Int^rs, may be more effectually
t^h suppressed by having no protection for those in t^h y^e Honours Service. We
h^{av}e recommended v^{er}y strictly to our Dir: Gen, & charge him duly to
come concert abt these matters wth y^e Agents or Gov^rs wth t^h they togth may
use / means wh^{ch} are proper to attain y^e proposed end, so t^h we do not in
y^e least doubt o a good success

ye Hon^{rs}

1700

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of the Hon^{rs} we may expect / executⁿ of Orders given o wh, in its time,
 y sh h notice, & we sh attend like communicⁿ for the Hon^{rs} o / advices
 touchg this subject wh will fur enable us to promote & put in practice our
 common good (I longer / better) assuring the Hon^{rs} on our part t we in all
 sincerity sh endeavour what may any wise contribute to a good understand^g,
 & persevere throⁿ f promotg both our welfare^s

difficult

Touchg the intentⁿ o dispatchg some person who may get good intelligence
 aft / goods wh in these countries are laden on board English ships go^d for
 hence to places in Guinea, & sh^d to give y informⁿ we must let the
 Hon^{rs} know t it will be o^r defect^s to make such discover^{ies}, t^h trade be^g
 o^r secretly drivⁿ. Yet, how^{ev}, we will use all possible means to get
 intellig^{ce} o such practices, t^h same may be serviceable to you
 we wish. — &c —

The directors o / established Wst Co vs / President^l
 wh^o o Amsterdam J. Schop
 S. van Wickevoort

Amsterdam 5th March 1700

To the Rt Hon^{rs} the Gov. Sub Gov. sep Gov. [Carte o Hon^{rs}]
 & assistants o the R. A. C. in London

118] Sir Nicholas Buckenidge
 Sir Rowley Freeman
 p. ye Sir Samuel Waller

London ye 11th June 1700

Dear Sirs
 We h rec^d fr sundry^s dd 13 Decemb^r & 7th March a^lth^y we come to
 fields make this concern t y seem resolv^d to suffer o^r traders to carry / trade, &
 keep our goods in Warehouse, wh may observe in expressly agst our Orders as
 also the Resolution to protect Dutch Interlopers, and also ye not taking / least
 notice o ye rest o our Inhibitions. We cannot imagine by what order o power y
 tendered in oath to any one under y. If y make our letter appear publick it will
 appear to be o ye own invenⁿ & not by any order for us. Yet were it in ye power to
 exact an oath o fidelity to us, we see no reason t any persⁿ design^s to act honestly
 shd refuse it, & most certainly it cannot be to / with or softⁿ o this Co to be
 bound by such as design^s to act otherwise. We did order obligans to be sign^d to us
 by all such as hd not already given us the personal security in England; & from
 y^o persⁿ in / higher st^{em}s, we required a l^gr security, wh we apprehend was
 reasonable for us to do, tho it seems y h reject^d / same, not wth in tend^g only
 f^r the faithful service t^h accord^g to / contract^s already enter^d fr various hands
 o seals. We hope to rec^e letter satisfacⁿ from one o y com^g home p / skeleton
 Gally accord^g to our orders

- Will send Factors - Expected more part^r writs - To send home what
 returns they can - Ye falconberg 3rd m wth y l^g y l^g 400 negroes -
 The balaval, & daval Bugainville to be slaved in 4 months they were sent
 away to seek all Adv^{nt}ures - The falcon voyage o / Sommers Bugale - [on writs]

1700

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[T 70/51.]

We are sorry for loss of Mrs. Pearson - his effects to be remitted home
We sh take care to h^{ave} if privileges of ment^{ion} abound in our Treaty w^{ith} / build
Co. if we are sure it will be much to both our Int^{erests} to prevent these Interlopers.

This does accompany our ship / Danvers Yalley Capt. Thickett Willis We haden
on her & consigned to / Capt. a Windward Congo as p^{ro}vision wished wh we hope he will
sett to good advantage & under a time out itself, & / goods he does not sell we h^{ave} ordered
to be sold to y^e. We h^{ave} also laden part of a cargo to purchase his complement of 330-350
negroes wh if y^e supply him w^{ith} for y^e factories he is to deliver to y^e. but if y^e despatch him
to proceed to purchase his negroes himself y^e must then complete his request for our Stores
or supply him w^{ith} as soon as he may not be obliged to turn up w^{ith} to windward
of his dispatch wh both b^{eing} a fatal method to our all our ships wh if h^{ave} forced
to turn up to windward to / destination of the negroes, wh^{ich} of the trade to be made
by Voyages & supplied / Markets. We h^{ave} ordered this ship of Antigua to hope
she will meet w^{ith} so quick dispatch for y^e Coast it she may arrive in time to
sell for negroes so time may be full returns of them for next crop of sugars

diligent

It is wished that y^e may prevent all or broders - Purchase our goods w^{ith} ready money -
Old East India Co advanced by y^e. Integrity of the factors, under a hundred or 10%
Advanced the stock for 40 to 130% - [m m]

We h^{ave} built 2 sloops as y^e desired one of them accompanies this ship. The
other we are dispatching to take in from to supply of on / Coast w^{ith} the
Community, t. y^e may not be in want of work w^{ith} to Community & any day to sort
of cargoes to y^e most satisf^{actory} of y^e sailors

What Capt. Mahequith offers this ship takes to windward, provided
she be dispatched for y^e Coast & to more of y^e ships in our service be ready
to go to Barbadoes, then send / sd sail w^{ith} by her, / Danvers Yalley, for we apprehend
hazard to Barbadoes or toward Islands much / same, so t^{hat} y^e may send us Gold
by way of our ships dispatch to / toward Islands as well as to Barbadoes.

In case one of y^e be not departed of England as we h^{ave} already directed
we offer to Mrs. Buckridge debt up / charge of all our concerns to y^e. / or two
Mrs. Freeman & Mrs. Wallis who are hereby empowered to use / same or ... &
to be proceed to England on / sd ship in our service departing / Coast of
England or y^e W. I. after / next of this; & t^{hat} / 2 remaining act in y^e
respect as / hitherto. & for better encouragement of sd two Mrs. Freeman
& Mrs. Wallis, to act or do any thing must for / Int^{erests}, we allow / salary of
three to be equally divided between / sd two.

Upon y^e London we h^{ave} ordered both our small vessels to proceed in co
w^{ith} this ship to be employed on / disposal of our goods & purch^{asing} good returns
a coin for our slave ships wh we design this season for 5-6000 negroes ...

John Wans by Gov
7 signs [includ^{ing} DT]

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123] Cape Coast
Mr Thomas Roke

London 13 June 1700

The above is copie of ~~our~~ / Co's Or^r & Instructions to the 3 Chief Factors wch
I am ordered to send to y^e of these reasons, her they find the Or^r
are more representy to y^e contrary to the positive orders to communicate
they wch all the Chief Factors, & by recy these copies of every judge wch the
Chief Factors comply w the orders or not & in case o any failure or neglect in
them, they expect y^e shal advise them throf.

They hope y^e to use y^e Joynt wth to secure a peace among^s / natives, such
a peace as may be lasty, & trade may flourish & / to be encouraged
[no sign]

The same sent to Mr Bernard Gore
Mr Richard Crossman
Mr Thos Cooper; Minist^r.

Mr Benn^t Curtis
Mr Sam^l Gutteridge
Dear Lowe.

Mr Thomasley Freeman

London 27 June 1700

C. Co. Mr Samuel Wallis

This does accompany / Constantinople Capt Anthony
Branwater. We h taken her to freight^r of rice find by Charles party of
530 Negroes to be purch^d on / Gold Coast w^{ch} w^{ch} w^{ch} & h of to send London part
o her slaves cargo & ordered / wch to be completed on^o her shires w^{ch} /
Compl^t ... Compl^t her cargo & dispatch her w^{ch} delay ... & to be may be /
ship at Jamaica agst / next crop o sugars. . .

- when any p^{son} discharged, give us timely advice - - - Factors & Writers sent -
W^{ch} Place Sub^r War
John Evans Sep^r
6 w^{ch} Encl^d DTJ

C. C. C.
p Somers

Agent Joseph Baggs

London 10 September 1700

This does accompany our ship / Somers freight who if she happens not to
reach y^e before y^e departure for Ply mouth we hope will arrive w^{ch} in safety at
our Castle & find y^e settled to satisf^{ac} in person o all our concerns, & if y^e
disposed o them in t method as may best give dispatches to this & all our o^r ships
w^{ch} our opinion t / only way of quick dispatches is to supply them w^{ch} corn & ab^t
w^{ch} all / Negroes to be not at all our Factors & so often as they do not want to a
suff^r number don to put on board a sortable cargo o goods, t / Master may be
w^{ch} to purch^d / wch to purch^d & if he proceed so low as w^{ch} to purch^d /
assist^r o our Factor the, & provided / ships h negro cargoes for hence hence,
don to see o / Capt such goods as are least vendible to seaward for paym^t o
Negroes put aboard for all or any o our W^{ch} Factors, t so / ship may not
probably compl^t her Compl^t w^{ch} loss o time wch will w^{ch} much discourage
to go in / Co's service . . .

By this ship we h assigned of a w^{ch} sortable cargo amts as per Invoice to
£ 8252-13-5 - Assignm^t o Gold wch to exceed 2-300 m^{ts} per each ship.

1700.

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We have ordered 2 vessels of Iron ... one buildg small ships ... Peter Doroze
applied factor, proceeds by this ship also ... some seaman &c.

We judge this ship will conveniently take in 500 negroes, she had more last
voyage but we fear / crowds rather too many into her not be / ocean on a
give mortality wh we work steady all ways possible to prevent ... We wish -
Leston Hall Sub Gov
John Green Secy
If signs [as D.T.]

95] C.C. Agent Joseph Baggs

London 3^d October 1700

Persons - Darius Gally to proceed to Nevis with a Antigua
Our Babb / Surveyor complains he is not advanced or respected accordg to his
merit. He proposes gr service if he can do by making a Dock at low water of cell
clean g our ships skilops, all wh is referred to y to encourage him accordg to his
merit. Tobens Watson writes to be found a sort o Copper Consider chd / Castle, & to the
is gr quantities thereof in / Country & to be is willing to venture on / discovery thereof.
We are o opinion by good management it will not be difficult to settle a good
companye without land, both to promote trade & discoveries & it will not be amiss
to encourage those who are willing to venture make Voyalls.

officers aboard at Falmouth - No news o Dulliton Gally or fm / Gold Coast
except from them by / ffraunberg, at wh we galy admire. We hope by yr
prudent management our affairs will be put in such a posture, as will give satisfaction
to us / managers, & to say one concerned in this joint stock wh we earnestly
recommend to y & remain - &c - Sub Gov & Secy Govt [as supra]
y signs [as D.T.]

96]

Agent Jos Baggs

London 5 Xber 1700

Royal African
Capt Holladay - This accompanies our own ship Royal African w a suitable cargo
o app £ 3000 value to purchase 600 negroes - what she will want
to complete her cargo y must make up oth o our Stores in case / negroes are not to
be had at our Coast, send her along w Coast to Lamprey & Wedah. - A quantity o
Corn to be prepared f / negro trade - The bank & ffraunberg fully out - Buildg
seal ships - Resolain & prosecute Trade vigorously - To settle her negroes at Barbadoes -
Dulliton Gally is arriv at Nevis, suffered a gr mortality by ye small pox - Buy no negroes
but are young, & delicate good, & sound - let all our ships be furnished w provisions & all oth
necessaries to prevent as much as possible ye gr mortality is we h lately suffered. -
not to detain any ship f want o any othg else but the more necessary be fait provided. -
sold to be shipped by all our ships f Barbadoes. 2-300 mths seal ship except y h any
ship o our own arriv direct to England

Herman Cooper Appointee, Buy complains o want o necessaries. - to be taken care of.
We h recd a Bt fm Mr Cooper intimdg he wants some negys f / Chapel -
wh they will send by 1st direct ship.
Put no negroes aboard any ship & are sick or with febr f sale wh increases / mortality

1700

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Since ye writing ye above came to our hands a be from Bunkeridge re old ye
 30 May last by wh we take notice how long they h detained our ships f w/out
 o com wh we hope will be remedied soon. As to Canoe hire, we must refer it
 to y^e to make it as easy to us as y^e can. We cannot suspect t^e ships t^e carry Goods
 freight free, to be delt at C.C.E. shd give us any or assiste than by the
 own boats f^r landg our goods. Pray consult wh^o it is w^o most proper f^r us
 to buy our own Canoes or use our own slaves; or wh^o is ye best method to be
 taken to bag our Goods on shore w^o ye st^r safety o^r ye least charge

As to what is sd concerning our assignments to Capt^s o^r Ships t^e are
 brought to dispose the Cargoes, / reason is bec we cannot depend upon
 our Factors to procure the complement o^r negroes in / time stipulated or we
 cannot hire ships or w^o unless we make ourselves liable to damage
 w^o in these o^r Charter parties o^r D/Ls th^o is a reserve, wh^o our Factors
 can procure / complement o^r negroes, they may demand a proportional part o^r
 our cargo. And we sh^d be v^y glad to forbear such assignments if our
 Factors can assure us they w^o complet the loadg in due time & w^o our
 runny any hazard o^r dead freight or damage. In answer t^e is material
 that ships getty more gold than our ships bec they continue longer
 upon / Coast. The same in effect is done by us hav^g Vessels to go from
 place to place & hav^g always goods in our Magazine, so t^e in this & o^r
 parts in this dr the answer is o^r fruitless.

- Intions to send home refractory soldiers in ... [widah] ...
 We take notice o^r ye engagement t^e happened so much in favour o^r our friends
 Hope y^e h taken hold o^r so favourable an advantage to settle all our
 affairs to content. t^e f^r future we may be a flourishing trade both in Gold
 & negroes.

As to ye Devils Hill we refer t^e matter to Capt^s Baggis [Agent?]
 to make such Articles as he thinks fit^o wh may as easily be made
 as here.

We hope y^e are now come to a good understandg w^o ye Gen^o o^r ye
 M^o in order t^e / peace amongst / Natives may be lastg, & ye
 Trade never more molested. But in case he shd refuse to come to reason
 send us an authentic Certificate drawn so as may be proper f^r us
 to send to ye Dutch to t^e C^o y^e by t^e means th^o may be better
 wh^o redressed

We h already given y^e our full dirions in relat^o to y^e 10 % men -
 t^e y^e do not assist them in trade we by sellg to them any o^r our goods
 as exchange w^o them f^r any o^r ours.

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As to ye Scotch they can be no pretence to Trade, or to have protectⁿ or
priviledges therein, or any benefit from ye gr^t charge / English navigⁿ is at to
maintain Ports upon / Coast. Besides / Dutch Inturlopers foreigners
likewise whom we again positively order ye not to trade wth nor protect.

- will send a Jun^r squire - or gunns
- are sorry to hear of / death o^r Mr Masters

We pray ye to consider ye settling of Trade o^r Peera in such heads o^r upon
such a port as may be most to ye Co^s advantage

- bereav^t C Mr Wallis be sent home.

God bless
... .. We remain ye^r ... Urban Hall Sub Gov^r
10 April [not D.T.]

Minutes of Council

[end o^r T40/51 for 1700].

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Gold Coast [Dutch]

Minutes of Council, Elmina

Mem Col 1700

Notes on
Minutes of Director-General Council
 commencing 1700
 with de file WTC. 124.

" Extract from de Resolution's taken by de
 Director-General & Councilors au de North &
 South Coasts of Africa i de Caselle de Penze
 d'Alumia on Tuesday 23rd February 1700"

de Sir. Pen. has it feared reported at de meeting dat, in pursuance
 de instructions & order of de Hon. Com. at Amth. circa i de
 year of 6th Decr last year, he had on 16th inst. commended
 de English Operts at Colo. Co's ^{by letter} & offered to be willing to
 confer with them in order, if possible, to remove out of de way
 de wars which had continued for so long i de's country: as
 also dat one did not doubt dat they, in pursuance of
 de orders from de Royal African Co^y of England, would
 incessantly ^{not protect any} ~~protect~~ de Interlopers from de United Netherlands
 with deir forts & ships, but would allow them to be
 hunted & taken, very well, by our ships, crews & commanders.
 dat de Operts had been pleased to reply thereto by letters of 18th
 inst. dat they had rec^d us orders for de R. A. C. for de
 purpose stated, with de addition of some ^{some} ~~de~~ ^{derisive} ~~objections~~ ^{objections}
 of some ~~derisive~~ ^{derisive} ~~objections~~ ^{objections}

[9. 25].

Wars

Interlopers

4. 17
1700 combining
about the combining of the interests of the two Regs., & whether
on this side one is bound to take notice to break the
agreements of which they complain, or affirm (restoration)
with an inverted lie dot le. Sir Gen, had taken
precautions through Colonel Escrow (who is with a dependant
of our nation) a man from Jan Kobes (who has been
provided with a staff from the English Factor at Comary),
in the Adom country; & from ordered (him) to seize all
English goods passing there.

Adom,
Colonel
Escrow.

Jan. Kobes
Also dot le. Sir Gen, before recy dot reply had been
informed by the skipper on the "Cairn" ship, "Mait" that
on the 17th inst he had chased a Zealand ketch to
Cape Lars: dot le. Sir Gen, had at once ordered the
skipper to proceed under said charter, to salute the
English Castle with 9 shots, to send his chaloup on shore
with his letter & to request the Agents that he might
be ^{allowed} to carry off dot ketches from there,
this the skipper ^{had} carried out, & at the request of the
Agents, he had himself gone on shore, & recy reply
from them that they would not permit him to carry off
the ketches, & that if he notwithstanding approached the
ketches that they had power to prevent the
same.

dot le. Sir Gen, had been deputed chief-factor

William Peterson & Jacob Roghant to get in Cabo Gas and c/ran
 Egan table Opus with an amended copy of a Latin Ban de
 Royal Opus by Antoine Van Norden, dated 27 October 1699
 (the 1st Christianus Roemer, c. 1640) to show to the
 use of Antoine of a Royal Opus by Antoine & Reuchart
 to protect of Antoine, after they had already given their
 Opus of Antoine and Antoine and: Antoine, they could
 with being able to sustain the Antoine, he, of Antoine, Antoine
 Use they would use Antoine of Antoine Antoine to
 their Antoine Antoine: Antoine Antoine of Antoine
 the Antoine of Antoine with Antoine of Antoine of Antoine
 coming into Antoine: see Antoine by, the Antoine,
 should read Antoine. But for these Antoine,
 had led to return Antoine, on the English Antoine
Antoine by Antoine Antoine Antoine. On all which
 he, for Antoine, Antoine into Antoine, on the side, we will
 would an Antoine Antoine in the Antoine of the Antoine, Antoine
 to English Antoine. Antoine, Antoine, is used to Antoine
 agent of the Antoine Antoine or Antoine of Antoine
 of Antoine Antoine to Antoine as a line under Antoine:
 Roman Antoine is the Antoine Antoine Van
 Sweden Antoine for Antoine in Cabo Gas
 & Antoine on the 20th of Antoine 1700.

disdainful
Plains & sufficiently ~~in the~~ manner, when one after greetings,
brought me to the Agents the papers given to us: & after the
letter had been ^{translated into} carried on ^{in English} ~~and put into~~ ^{consideration} ~~with the~~
Agents which on their side was ~~delivered~~ ~~and so much left~~
that it appeared rather that we were ~~of the same~~ ~~enemies~~ ~~than~~
friends of them, in which they ~~and~~ ~~abominably~~ ~~set~~ ~~on~~ ~~their~~ ~~accusation~~,
~~gotten~~ ~~their~~ ~~involvement~~ which consisted in this, that
our General had given orders for the ~~arrest~~ ~~a~~ ~~detention~~
of subject English in ports on the bringing of
English merchandise wishing to pass through the Adam
^{country} ~~country~~: & that we offered to declare on oath
that the General had seventy had with the least
knowledge of it, and less that he had given orders for
it, it did with help they understood in their ~~part~~ ^{own}
~~speaking~~ ^{in particular} referring to the words which
spoken, ~~and also~~ ~~understand~~ ~~and~~ ~~particular~~
gathered it up the words which the General had
used in his letter saying protesting like gentlemen
of this world with ^{comply with} ~~with~~ ~~our~~ ~~request~~ & of the
answers which might come from this they replied
that we might protest saying, ~~with~~ ~~to~~ ~~laugh~~ ~~at~~
all protests. The words were finally so high,
as if they wished to give reason no place, that we
found ourselves obliged in order to avoid all future
^{estrangement} ~~estrangement~~, to request from them a positive reply

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about the taking of the Interlopers which we
 obtained in this wise: that they had not
 yet recd any orders from their Kings, to give
 permission to our ships to carry off Interlopers
 from their Forts ~~they said~~ on receiving
 the said orders they would observe & obey the
 remaining for the present persisting in the
 reply they had given to our Captⁿ, adding
 that they had recd 3-4 letters from their
 masters ^{dated} after the 24th October in which with
 the least thing about that order was ^{mentioned} ~~mentioned~~,
 Herewith sending our report being at all times
 prepared to verify by an on oath that
 all the of a was abt really passed.

Actum in the Castle St George d'Almeida
 this 23 February 1700 (190) William Norman
 Jacotus Robert.

And being afterwards deliberated in ^{judged} ~~found~~ good
 that about the present disagreement by which Agents
 one will be able to labour ^{with} ~~with~~ no fruit for
 the intention of both the Kings: therefore
 found good to sit with preliminarily ~~what~~
^{inspecting} the said Gen. shall report ^{what} ~~what~~
^{has occurred} ~~dispositions~~ with the Gov^r of Amsterdam.

Assembly of the X, for the reduction of the charges, to
 reduce the regular garrisons here in this country, that
 of ~~begetting~~ ^{garrisons be removed} ~~be gett~~ out of the places where
 we have of old, or little, & that the same shall be
 kept by one or two ^{men only} ~~men~~ for the better preservation of
 the possession. Concerning the two you wished to
 know how the members whether there were any garrisons
 parts of ~~begetting~~ which one would, in this bad
 time of trade wholly abandon; And which
 one would, ^{in accordance with the} ~~in~~ ^{interest} of those parts, keep
 in person with one or two men. As regards the first
^{was unperformed} ~~is unperformed~~ the dot which the two you has
 already reported of letters of old was last year
 to the said Assembly - to demand us places: and
 which report the members also give: only dot
 the hedge of Ponni, thro' the continual wars of
 the Aquandees & Athunis, being of no concern,
 can be ^{waived} ~~gett~~ the Assistant stationed there, soldiers
 & Cozo effects be brought to Accra thereby the
 Coy relieved of the expenses which must be made
 for now either for ^{maintenance or otherwise} ~~maintenance~~ ~~retains~~.

And as regards the second, comes also into question,
 that as to trade, thro' the ^{closing} ~~closing~~ of the paths,
 which occurs or almost the best dispute among

1700.

& then place before our eyes the present want
geschehenheit, & afterwards let us gain our ideas
over the means which might ^{be} ~~be~~ ^{resorted to} ~~convenient~~
for a ~~selecting~~ ^{successful remedy} ~~remedy~~.

It is not unknown to ~~the~~ how under the direction
of our Stapler the first ^{disputes} ~~disputes~~ ^{arise} ~~arise~~ between
us & those of the Virginia Company, en vne de
principal cause thereof ^{had been} ~~was~~ ^{has already} ~~been~~ ^{people} ~~been~~ ^{less}
a long time ago clearly appeared to men ^{under} ~~under~~
^{acquainted with} ~~acquainted with~~ ^{or} ~~or~~ ^{business} ~~business~~ of the affairs of ~~the~~ ^{this} ~~this~~ ^{Company} ~~Company~~ than of ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ¹⁶⁰⁹.

Whether it is with ~~the~~ ^{least} ~~least~~ ^{very} ~~very~~ ^{to} ~~to~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{least} ~~least~~
importance of them here: ~~whether~~ ^{is} ~~is~~ ^{it} ~~it~~ ^{also} ~~also ^{sufficiently} ~~sufficiently~~
^{known} ~~known~~ ^{that} ~~that~~ ^{there} ~~there~~ ^{is} ~~is~~ ^a ~~a ^{bad} ~~bad~~ ^{direction} ~~direction~~ ^{of} ~~of~~ ^{affairs} ~~affairs~~ ^{came} ~~came~~
to such ^{an} ~~an~~ ^{estrangement} ~~estrangement~~ ^{which} ~~which~~ ^{is} ~~is~~ ^{not} ~~not ^{to} ~~to~~ ^{be} ~~be~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{same} ~~same ^{otherwise} ~~otherwise~~
by a good belief, and ~~that~~ ^{we} ~~we~~ ^{would} ~~would ^{with} ~~with ^{very} ~~very ^{little} ~~little ^{trouble} ~~trouble~~
have been smothered (~~smothered~~) of their birth.~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~

After a long, & fruitless ^{very} ~~very~~ ^{injudicious} ~~injudicious~~ ^{war} ~~war~~
~~was~~ ^{made} ~~made~~ ⁱⁿ ~~in~~ ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{year} ~~year~~ ¹⁶⁹⁶ ~~1696~~ ^{Europe} ~~Europe~~ ^{to} ~~to~~ ^{make} ~~make~~ ^a ~~a~~ ^{peace} ~~peace~~ ^{with} ~~with~~
those of Company, which was very favourable for us.

but which, thro' industry of the English, to our injury,
was of no duration, since we at last den
denied ^{were} ~~were~~ ^{permitted} ~~permitted~~ ^{to} ~~to~~ ^{enter} ~~enter~~ ^{into} ~~into ^a ~~a~~ ^{second} ~~second~~ ^{war} ~~war~~;
^{but} ~~but~~ ^[later] ~~[later] ^{with} ~~with~~ ^{as} ~~as ^{little} ~~little~~ ^{success} ~~success~~ ^{as} ~~as~~ ^{the} ~~the ^{first} ~~first~~ ^{time} ~~time~~,
at getting the English on the foot several doors,
as the English, who opposed us everywhere, neither~~~~~~~~

could not would suffer
~~and the, no, willinde suffer~~ that we should triumph triumph
Triumph over the Commanis thing. because as our
state could in no wise be improved, ^{it was so} ~~stand but ge-~~
^{shaped} ~~shaper~~ that we should thus stand ^{opposed to} ~~against~~ ^{against}
each other for long years, without either side profiting
anything, this urged us, with ^{current} without the assistance
of the English, ^{who had} ~~as having~~ their essays at the negotiations,
to make peace with the Commanis for the second time.
but with a long way, so ^{advantageous} ~~advantageous~~ as the first, but
^{incomparably} ~~unfathomably~~ better than that we had continued of ^{for the} ~~the~~
^{footing of} ~~the~~ war. This peace would, to all appearances,
still be in force (stood) if the English driven by their
wisely ^{frank} ~~policy~~ character, had with ^{presented it} ~~given~~ ~~them~~ ~~peace~~ (by
the ~~means~~ of the Commanis thing) ^{total reasons} ~~total~~ reasons
persuaded them in this manner to ^{murder} ~~help~~ their ^{champion} ~~variegated~~,
~~and~~ ~~that~~ is just well to be published, & I look
^{myself} ~~myself~~ ~~desire~~ ~~if~~
^{my} ~~my~~ ~~own~~ ~~own~~ ~~own~~ that they themselves are not capable
of being able to give sufficient reasons for it. By
this, anything again ^{lay under foot} ~~lag~~ under the ~~feet~~, for altho'
we as yet remained in peace with those of Commanis
yet it was with ^{complete} ~~vol~~ ~~comen~~ ^{mingled} ~~with~~ ~~the~~
^{extreme distrust} ~~inter~~ ~~course~~ ~~was~~ ~~between~~, it being feared by the
^{remaining} ~~over~~ ~~grown~~ ~~chiefs~~ of Commanis that it would at
some time or other go and ~~them~~ ^{by us} ~~by us~~, as it had ~~been~~

of the English; the price of passage for trade (altho' of no
importance) closed for both of us.

And it order
to cause the trade to be more dead, ^{more} ~~must~~ also be added ^{cases} also his way

by the said disputes of the Dumbaras & Suffers (from
whence the trade (altho' place must come): the first named

lying with an army in the Suffer country demanding here
the same a sum of 100 beads of gold, with which great

dispute we cannot nor may we, as yet, ^{concern ourselves} as is to be seen:

want behouden dat wy, zonder te verscheren de said
sum in de Suffers, ^{could do no useful work} daar in niet een goudse ^{zoude}

konnen ophouden: so would it also be of no ^{fruitless} ~~use~~

fruit, ^{so long} ~~zo lang~~ ^{the people of} Commaney ^{are not in a dispute} ~~niet~~ in rule
if it were therefore he of ^{no service} ~~no service~~ to touch that matter
eye, ^{we should} ~~weshouden~~ ^{dear as} ~~de~~ ^{to} ~~loosen~~ ^{gants} ~~on~~ ^{overstellig} is.

As regards the stand of the war, it is such this; ~~that~~
the Commanis ^{reinforced with} ~~gestarkt~~ ^{with} ~~de~~ Telus, Atrambos & other

peoples, leggende tegens den Coning van Zaboe, Tecci
Ankan, assistea te veld, by some Akanis & Cabes

Terra peoples: hereby can we also have no trade
of Money & Commaney seeing that the same

might come to us out of Akanney & C. Terra,
which cannot ^{be done} ~~geschieden~~ so long as the said

peoples ^{are in field} ~~te veld~~ leggen. ^{the} ~~shape~~ ^{of} ~~affairs~~

This is now the ware ^{and a} ~~gevolgen~~ ^{result} ~~of~~ the present
state. In order now to ^{end} ~~shuten~~ ^{of} ~~receduloggen~~ the same

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Together regarded
 with de English is gesteld in YHts' Council as an
 impossibility And I shall, under de advisement of YHts' ^{with YHts' leave}
 also add er weg by voegen thon de same is wtr advisabile, ^{for} also
 de following reasons
 op de volgende wijs Firstly dat dez, de English must
 first ^{determine} ^{together} ^{write} ^{by force} ^{contending}
 hand must see to ^{to} ^{those who will not agree to it. upon a reasonable}
 parties, & geen welke de theede op bellike norwande
 conditions must then be entirely abandoned & cut off
 met en amplexende, als dan gefelyk te abandonneren
 as a rotten ^{unworkable} limb
 & to cut off as a verrot lid, nergens techerstig,
 lundende het met de geene welke vreesens gezond was.
Secondly de English must promise us ^{security} ^{verzekering} dat dez wtrd wtr protect any unse
 Intelligers in de future, for if dez continue to protect
 de Intelligers at Cabo Congo & to trade with them,
 then peace could sometimes be more injurious ^[to us]
 than war, since by underselling with de goods of de
 Intelligers, dez wtrd entirely ^{spoil} ^{ruin} our Trade: &
 so we should have had de trouble, other place de
 fruit of it, wherefore I say again, under correction
 of wiser & better judgment, that in my opinion it
 is absolutely wtr advisabile ^{to} ^{join together} ^{to}
 English without having de two above matters
 wel belegt & voot gesteld: Now indisposed they
 are to it appeared how de recent mission has an

in our King Ado who sent Gold of AKimere, as a
present, 30 slaves, 40 perpetuans, & 50 small heldertiers
spirits, in order thus to cultivate their friendship to profit
him the trade which they, the Akyagers AKimere
are accustomed to do through his country (where we gold
at all times - ^{aan} voert) & at Acra. But they,
AKimere's ^{refused} verwerpen that ^{offer} conbreng, saying that
all the malice of said King Bansaaz hinn
toequam, and if they, hinn goodly, left the Akwamboes
in possession (of it), they desired such considerable
sums that it was impossible for the AKwamboeze
to produce the same, as being entirely impoverished
by the AKimere's stroom of the trade. But
Ado however offered 300 bundots gold (which he
would be obliged to borrow) if (as witness) the
offer of the AKimere would give his Conzijnste
with ^{security} verzekering ^(they would not) that no new claims would be made: which
was refused by them, AKimere. And also ^{so} that matter
(being) brought to a gantsche ^{arrangement} verwysing, whereby it
is teke sewa that these affairs will have taken
course to an end by such the reyn of the one or
the other, in which case no white nation dare ^{trouble themselves} take such
bescheyen stuwte for it would certainly tend to
its ruin in the event of the party who first was considered.

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London 18th June 1700

For Pen - purpose of resolution of 10th March last
for payment draft Ordinance [to be used in name
of Sir John Blount] & approval of Council.

The extremely verbose articles may be very shortly
summarised & follow [Query, How did they expect
illiterate soldiers or other small fry to digest
these conghenerations of verbiage - were perly
by considered sufficient].

1. Preacher to give religious instruction on Thursdays of sermons 4. per
in his lodgings. Sermons or sermons renewed. viz:-
Penalty for absence for Commandants to warts, for absence
without cause a sickness for services on Sundays & Thursdays
1 King gold each time. Absence to plainly payes 2¹/₂ per time
for soldiers & haire persons 1¹/₂ above penalties

2. Same penalties also to apply to crews of ships on shore leave.

3. ^{Infamously} ~~whomsoever~~ ~~in~~ ~~charge~~ prohibited ~~from~~ ~~being~~ ~~sent~~ ~~off~~ ~~if~~
as are "in charge of the same or any of the same" of persons
children duely to be sent to the house of the Lord. In their return:
in default pay before departing, for abandonment of such
child born before 1692 of 23 June 1692 1/2 of gold;
whenever directed 1. per pay: must remain till they
can do so.

4. To prevent drunkenness: debts claimed incurred thro
~~selling drink~~: selling drink on credit, with receivable
5. Gambling (a sold a goods prohibited, finally "arbitrable
 correctie" man, stalked or advanced for gambling, refused
6. Subjects of foreigners prohibited from issuing goods on credit
 finally "arbitrable correctie" Subjects may only give evidence
 on credit to amt of 2 cartons, other half to be paid - constant
7. Selling goods without above price list (of weighing gold with
 shall buy weight?) prohibited
8. Private trading prohibited (as the X's' Proccedes.
9. Finally (a clause from ports, ships or effects of weight, with bank,
 signature of Governor's pay for such weight.
 Above appeared orders to be published (sqd) Deventerhusen.
Radermacher-busis: Roman. Sohn.

~~Thursday~~ Tuesday 20 July 1700

- Ship "Fonder Aent" to go to Golbon like cleared on
 Callaten. - S/R/Roman/ & Knys/

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Wedz 22 Decr 1700.

- "Gouden Aent" lode met houe, wind Januaz, met
retuur cargo & 300 louts gdd -
- "Carolus Secundus" te onse ont ofter Intubopers.
- Factor ~~Margham~~ Abraham van diebingen of Reyts geantel
leant wgs houe d'is rekness -
- (sgd) Jv S. / J Rod / W D / G. Poll / Peter Kuyts / G. - Solin,

~~[cont paper]~~ :- [Minutes of Council from 1701 onwards
are with the 18th century papers
Saturday 21 May 1701. ^{noted}

- ~~Confiscated Intuboper shipje "Anna Jacobs" te stey in Ceyl
(reth te houe) lode i Reyts & louts.~~
- (so) Jv S. / J Rod / W D. / G. Poll / Peter Kuyts /
- Same date - for wolon as traawthe ship

~~[cont paper] :- [dine pap. p. 465]~~
dine 26th September 1703.

- as te shipje "Fortuy". -
- (sgd) Wm de la Palma : J Rodem Nodermocher.
- G. Poll, P. Kuyts, P. Verpoortien.
- [dine pap. p. 465] G. - Adris]

~~[cont paper] :- [dine pap. p. 465]~~

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Gold Coast [Dutch]

Letters from to the Gold Coast

Apr. 15 ^{Umina} Dr. Van der Meer J. van Sesehuysen / to / X

[SIC 97. fol 139]

[det. X. 4 Oct 1700]

- Since his last br o 25 Aug last yr. R arvd: -

Shipping outward.	3 Aug 1699.	Willemsort	for Chr Zealand	} to / slave trade to India & Cadragena
	12 Dec "	Franks	Van Laarwijk	
	12 Feb 1700	Beschuomen	for Chr Amst.	
	21 " "	Fluyt	Pymenburg	

By / 2 last has recd YHts' letter o 26 Sep 1699. fm wh he sees w regret the displeasur abt his brsch & letters. To wh he uses w satisfactorily reply.

The ample acct o / year, wh in his letters were made so as not to leave them to / biary in wh contradictory reports are recd for time to time & scattered abt / biary, also come kept out o / biary to keep them secret, & advise he shd they wd only so diffily & framed a correct idea - abt an & case t he hd not had / good fortune, like his predecessors to be able to send short reports, & much gold.

Religion

- As regards Divine Services he hd hoped they wd h bn pleased w / order he hd given f them to be held at all / factories. He has, as w for orders bet / matter into / Council & enclosed copies o the resoluti thron o Feb 23 & Mar 10 (n.c.) to wh gre Preacher has added 2 letters. w theological books f copies o brs fm him & / preacher to / factories sendg theological books

- Sends / Accts o / years 1697 & 1698. - w remarks thron. -
[note The acct f 1697. wh has bn copied in full acct, is sub anno. The notes, only, f 1698 also are sub anno]

Trade. gen
decline o

I can well understand t / profits fallg here, cannot fulfil YHts' just expectatn, such as they h bn f many years & therefore means o redress h real losses here proposed by YHts. In this regard, I see t YHts put bet before me 2 points 1st. How / trade in this country can be carried on w more profit & qd. The point o economy (menagie).

In / same YHts reply to 4 causes o / declined trade given by me.

I wd try to / best o my ability to give satisfactn upon all o them; & at / same time say t I see t YHts. on / 1st point are pleased to just forest t br has bn back o supply o sugar cargoes. I must also allow t & I beg YHts. also to consider t they were not sent in time: f / same, accordg to YHts' instrs o 25 Nov 1695 hd bn done by / ship o Chr Maze, / yacht for Zealand, & at 4 times, (& t w good cargoes) I don't believe t so many removers

was caused

wd be found here; w now they / delay o / sd & R Equipages, so also t why I asked f was not obtainable, while mean time Interlopers & o^r foreign ships comg here glutted / country & carried off / gold.

T / Sons / previously waged in this country had only for a hundrance
 to trade but had not entirely stopped, till YHH be pleased to
 be better informed; bec it appears fm / books here t in /
 period o 8 years. vizt 1668 to 1676. only abt M^{ts} 3,150 gold
 was sent fm this Coast, & the were wans only amg / natives;
 whereas / present wans are waged both betwix / Europeans &
 natives, & also among by / latter amg themselves. so t it is
 quite unaccountable t / present wans are not only hindring
 cause not only hundrance to, but a complete standstill o trade

T also / present day servants seek to keep wthky f.
 themselves wth spendg anythg o the emolumts towards / animals
 o / trade; & the / must say t such servts are unknown to me;
 but on / contrary t they must o do actually spend altho it goes
 better fm / hand o one than o ano^r. so t it does not slacken
 fm t but fm / continual troubles

Towards wth troubles, accordg to YHHs former orders. we h
 not paid out anythg. since abt 2 years; On / contrary, as also
 previously reported, we have got back abt M^{ts} 28, advanced for /
 wans, as appears in / books; but, YHH, / cause o / war was
 / murder o / King o Commany by / English.

As regards / 2nd cause, namely / numerous possions o foreign
 mans. YHH are o / opinion t they are no hundree to / Cos
 trade, but indeed / alogie & indolce o / servts, & t if they
 did the duty they wd be able to maintain / trade at /
 places entrusted to them. To the / I must say t / Cos trade
 is assuredly injured by / foreign possions & the private trade,
 & not by / laziness o / servts. Thus, wth YHHs permission, I
 claim to do as f myself to h done my duty, & to h kept
 each one placed under to the, as far as possible, as can be
 seen fm my letters entered at many places in / Diary
 And it is surprisg t now, just under my unfortunate direcⁿ,
 it shd be the / servants, & not to foreign possions. for
 it is well known to YHH, t Gen Sweets, in order to keep
 french & English, ~~comman~~ on o Commany, waged a whole
 war agst / Negroes. likewise Gen Smits, had many disputes
 w / English over t place; wh (wth respect) in my opinion is a definite
 clear proof t foreign possions are a hundrance to our trade, especially
 when t come the compelln wth the /opers' goods, & also t,
 since / servn o beverly Sweets, / English have increased
 the possions wth 3 forts & one lodge vizt at Infuma,
 Commany, Wimba, & / lodge at Ladjou.

As YHH are also pleased to affirm t / or Nations
 stand much better wth the trade than we, & t they can

909 home
 The previously sd t 89. Smits, w 3 capital ships cd only
 take w been abt Mk 530 gold. o wh only Mk 300 belonged
 to / Co [/ w / to decy' rotates] a dis in a time when / w / were
 far enough fm our forts ; therefore YHH will please consider t as
 / w / are w / aged beg w / aged not only nearly w / where in /
 interior but also round a near / forts ; this is undoubtedly a sy
 gt hindere to trade added to wh / excessive number o foreign
 a "on spije" ships wh dr h bn a still come k presented me fm
 sendg more than Mk. 440 last year. But, YHH, has bn
 lackg in / gold trade by these fatalities has bn somewhat
 compensated by / good quantity o slaves traded here on / coast,
 wh, w / respect, can also be reckoned a Return fm / Coast, wh I hope
 YHH will understand a not only reflect on / quantity o gold : for
 if YHH only regard t alone then I am unfortunate, as I can
 only remit by this ship Punenburg at most, not more than
 Mk. 500 gold a dis bec o all those ruinous wars a / continual
 and still o ships agt wh we can do nothing ; a not contribute
 much good trade / war, as YHH will see fm / copy resolutions

Gold Trade

enco:
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 are missg]

enco (11) a (12)
 I have so far answered YHH's letter I will proceed to what has
 pually occurred since my last advice

Slave Trade

On 21 July 1699. ship Bsburg sailed for Fida to Yskope w 450 slaves
 23 sept .. ships Wintmond + Jager w. 550, a 136 slaves to Curacao

Cough Trade.

by a
 Jamaica
 Pirate

Yacht Johanna Maria sent on 3 April 1699 to / Right a
 Tusk Coast, at / latter place, on 25 Augt .. was robbed o
 other traded goods - 6286 1/2 lb, a 436 lb Castall a, 1068 lb Wax.
 wh, w / cargo w wh it was purched has cost / Co fl. 4880:3:
 w / ammunition, accdg to enclosed acct. (13).

Pirates

This is not / only reason t I send YHH so little Return, but
 chiefly t pirates have bn almost continuously on / Windward
 coast, as appears at sev'l places in / Beary (no. 2). a especially
 Feb 11. This has prevented us fm doing trade dr w /
 yachts Jolly a Neptune : so on Dec 14 1699 / Valk was
 sent to / Right a on Feb 19. / Neptune to Benim. Right
 a Tusk coast. These small ships - The yachts Pickpott a
Johanna Maria are in a bad state -

Portuguese

The cruiser Agout has chased but unfortunately not captured
 any Interlopers. All she has done is to send up 3 Portuguese
 a a small Scottish ship. o wh latter must be spoken in detail.

Co o Scotland
 Maricom Merchant.

On Dec 25 1699. we got advice fm Strim. t had passed
 thr a small ship o 12 guns wh gave herself out as a
 Scotsman, but equipped in Holland a supplied w a
 gun coast cargo like an Interloper. Upon wh advice
 we despatched at once despatched / Theront (wh was here by
 chance) who encountered her abt POK KODOE. a brot her

in roads
 up here on 1 Jan 1. The Capt o it named William Bell & a Scot
 by birth sd wth sample, t his ship / "African Merchant" hd bn
 equipped, laden & b / most part manned at Veere in Zealand by
 one Robt Panlaume (Conservator o / Scottish Court etc) b /
 "Co o Scotland tradg to Africa & / Indies" That he hd sailed
 fm thr on Sept 10 1699 to sdth Port Ambovo where they arrivd on
 15 do. where they also took in some men & victuals & lay thr till
 Oct 2 & then sailed direct to sdg Coast; w / common, passport, &
 visitous, as in the enclosure no (15); accordg to wh^{ch} it was considered
 does it was considered here t we hd our right to confiscate, &
 accordingly allowed her to depart on Jan 5.

[Vide
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But previously, /
 males named Laurens Tempa & Thos Praat, both born at Vlissingen &
 provided wth acts o citizenship fm / Council at sdth Ambovo, after having renounced bn
 formerly ext wth promises & threats wher / sd ship did not a landing did not
 belong to subjects o the Ho Mo. But both declared t they hd bn
 hired by / sd Scottish Co to whom / ship & ladv belonged, & hd also
 taken / each oit / hands o / directors at Edinburgh. This we also
 learnt fm / or men sailg on her, who were born at Veere (wh^{ch} who
 did not regard themselves as subjects o / State, beg o Scottish origin.)

I hope Yth will appear what was done here, as hady endeavored
 regardng Yth's order given to my predecessor Smith on July 4 1692
 th^{at} it may well be believed t something was concealed in t.

Equipment & f / sd Robert Panlaume, who was a lge participant
 in / captured Interlopers Inter Apollo, has contrived / same.
 a if the Equipage falls out well, C^h I do not believe bec o /
 gently bad trade & / competition I think t more ships so provided
 will come, wh^{ch} will inconvenience / trade not a little for even
 if they do not be to trade before or near our ports (as I have
 strictly forbidden / Capt) they are gog to be before a under /
 English ports where we cannot prevent / negroes under us get
 tradg wth them. It is also impossible to prevent them begg^{ing}
 on shore & coastg^{ing} f^{ur} along / shand heads are many little
 bays & hidg places all o wh^{ch} cannot be occupied. How^{ev}, they
 means a spued Capt at C. Coos who came to report to me
 goods were bot fm Interlopers, where they were brot, I h^{ad}
 sdth times hd them seized by / Co's slaves at great peril,
 the smugglers not beg about shootg / sd slaves; wh^{ch} hitherto
 has only fm threats not executed, bec I let / slaves go
 fm in fear strength.

Port ships

Since my last reports o Port ships, fm Portugal, Brazil &c,
 were brot up here, m^{uch} o wh^{ch} were taken such merchandise
 & slaves as in Enc (16) [n.o.r.] & how^{ev} is wth Yth's order
 they were confiscated. I h^{ad} dem all brot to rept & detailed
 acts, wh^{ch} will be sent wth your wth books.

Port ship
 before
 Blaug Port.

Amg de some Portuguese is one named Jesus Maria
 Joseph, Capt Manuel Ferreira wh^{ch} was carried off by force
 by / Anent fm near / Blaug Port at Pothosoc. The

skipper o / Arrent had twice previously sent his chief mate to
 fetch / Port. capt'n w his commission, but each time he was
 sent back t / Portuguese Capt. smalltimeously Mate & writer,
 was on shore w / BB wagers. Therefore / mate was sent a
 third time w order to / Portuguese to raise anchors & to come by
 / Arrent. Our mate beg engaged w ordering this, a Portuguese
 sprang ont o "hoop" / one as greasy as / or, who
 countermanded / same. whereupon / mate gave him a blow in / face
 not knowing t he was / Captain. Thereupon / latter took a cooper's board
 & cut / mate down by dangerously w it. while / Arrent o / skipper had
 to fly thro danger throats. The skipper o / Arrent had report o
 this & being his sleep on board agn, threatened wished to compel him
 to come by cannon to come on board; but instead o t he wd h
 run it ashore, so t / Arrent had to slip her cable to board him
 & keep him from / shore. Over wh act / social afterwards
 took such proceedings as in enc (17) [n.o.2]. The Portuguese
 represented t he wd not h gone so far if / Portuguese Commandant
 on seeing our ship come down, had not assured him t / Arrent had not
 / power to fetch his ship, for thr, & that he wd prevent it
 / Arrent, w cannon for / Port; t he, Portuguese, relying upon t
 wd not leave his ship thinking he was lying in
 / road & under / cannon o / Port; But t when he was
 fired upon & boarded by / Arrent; & when / help from / Port
 was much needed, they certainly fired, but their shells only
 reached half way. So t it happened there sufficiently
 for our side / road. Nevertheless / Burgers h taken / liberty
 to send me such an absurd & impertinent proposⁿ abt /
 Violam o the road as is inserted in / diary on Jan 23.
 [n.o.2] to wh I beg leave to refer.

N A.
 War
 Tekki Anhan
 King o Sabon
 Commany.

I R already stated t / war in this country still
 continues. I will not say t / contending parties at last
 came in collision on Sept 19. 1699 but w such
 an misfortune o / party o / English as is entered in /
 Diary o t date [n.o.2]. The 1st English Agent
 Buckeridge, who by / murder o / Commany King
 is / cause o it, thereupon proceeded to Annam also
 to persuade / Family to come to his assistⁿ agn
 / Commanio. But altho this was accompanied
 by a promise t they shd rec^e 300 benders, they
 reject it & so he had to return to C. Congo w
 getting done. On / way he went to see / upper
 factor Bodman at Moure, to whom he complained
 abt it, & informs gave him to understand t he
 much desired t I wd join w him, & partly in / being
 being o / costs o / war; to which he recd such a

reply as is to be seen in / letter fm / 3d upper Factor inserted in / diary on Oct. 11. [no r.] afterwards he has also let it be known under hand and / request of party TEKKI Ankan his desire to us 3rd Jan us him. But this was in not then found good for YHTH's int as nothing can also be seen in my letters to / upper factor Bodman & fm him to me in / diary on Oct 13 & 18. But having since recd orders fm / Chr Amst, by / ship Berchermer, to confer w t na^m, & if it were possible, to go to decision means wh were effectual, to annihilate / so long enduring wars & by t means to cause / Trade to flourish agn, & also to pursue / their letters & to carry them off when under / English places such as / RAC, he has pleased to write to / Chr Amst by the letter o 27 Oct 1699 & also

expressed to they & already sent / my orders date to this coast. In accordance wth order I addressed myself to / Agents English Agents by letter o 16 Feb as inserted in / diary o t date: to wh I recd such an unresponsible reply as is inserted in / diary on 19 Feb copy whereof is enc. (18) By it they say outright that they & no orders, wh is incredible to me; but, in my opinion, rather appears for it the disposition to confer abt peace, bca they are informed t / contending parties wd come to a battle any day, fm which some good is purchased them; but so far nothing o t sort has occurred. Secondly they are quite silent in the reply, abt Interlopers; & not only t, but when on Feb 14 / Interloper Jan Botkorn was chased by / ship Arant under t Corso by / ship Arant / ship Arant t ship sail thither w orders to / skipper, t after he had saluted / Coalle w 9 shots he shd, request permission fm / Agents, to take / Interloper away fm the: to this they were pleased to reply t if he came to undertake anything o / sort they wd be proud a shot ready if him, w 2 reasons, as in / Skipper's letter, inserted in / diary under t date.

Whereupon I have not been wanting to be than great them, by / upper factors Bodman & Bohart fur & more energetically as appears in / diary o 20 Feb: but also wth / least effect as appears fm / report o / 3d upper factors in / diary o Feb. 23. Consequently, near I nor / Council, wth they do resolution o Feb. 23 copy enclosed (9) [no r.] he has been able to bring / objection English to comply wth the lords / Masters' order, & so YHTH continues to be frustrated by / Interlopers; & / country still in war. And so long as t man remains in such a humor t they will not obey orders. I see no chance o ever effecting anything for / good o both Cos. It will therefore be to be done at home & also repeatedly & emphatically, provided agst relating either sides, dealers, as much discord arises fm that.

Meanwhile, if / battle wh is expected daily does not proceed, one will see here wh, wth informing / English & the helpers, an alliance cannot be made w / Comm ansip, & if presently, sent to long Duitena & t Juffer, who he to pay us gold, to peace. so by Resolution o Feb 23 & Mar 10 copies herewith

(1) & (2). keep [no r.] hope it will be successful & wth abt.

RAC, & Interlopers.

Deserters.
N.A.
Wons.
Commons
Duitena
t Juffer.

PS. I had hoped, at / foot Prof, to report to YHT t t contendg parties had attacked each or a made an end to the disputes but we daily find more & more t the English can bring them as little to it as when these affairs concerned us, altho t than give out excessive sums thro' & stand daily at w open hands. But / hope remains t within 30 days, / chief battle will certainly take place wth will at last give trade so t we after endless quarrels may in peace & quiet see a balance.

inco to above.

no 9. Acct o Profit & Loss [Baten & Station] occurring on / Coast o Guinea, apart fm / slave trade at Fida, f / year 1694.

[noted sub anno]

no 15. Commission fm / Co o Scotland tradg to Africa & / Indies applyng Capt Ball to be Command o / ship African merchant 120 tons, 12 guns, 30 Seamen due under / Gov seal at Edinburgh 16 Sept 1699

Passport f / ship African merchant, same date

Sailing Orders f / ship African Co writ byg at deck, issued by Rth Hon John Marquis o Tutendale, & James Earl o Sommers & Sr Francis Salt o Thirlestane, John Holdame Baron o Genealogie, & David Robert Blackwood, merchant in Edinburgh, Secy / Ctee o / Court o Directors o / Co o Scotland tradg to Africa & / Indies . . .

[Summary].

- To make / best o yr way fm / read o Leith w / ship under your command round abt / North o Scotland towards St Kilda settg course fm thence for / Madaras, or below / Madaras & / Canaries, to Cape Verde
- Thence to direct your course for Cabo Monte, sailing along / Grain & South Coast, negotiatg as much as you can o your cargo when you come to Cape St Apollonia you are to take notice o / most convenient place or places t y can see f a fort & Settlement below / sd Cape & Cape Tres Pontes.
- Thence proceed to / Golden Coast where you are to dispose o / remain o yr cargo as you sail along / coast & inform yourself likewise o any convenient place or places f a fort & settlement wher & upon notice

notice thereof o any such place y are to commune o
 treat w / King o / place: & beg us a true acct o /
 terms & conditions on wh he will be willing to allow our Co
 to settle & build a fort or fort in his Country?]
 - To take special care to give no offence to any o /
 European settlements on those coasts, by negotiating y^r
 cargo under th^r forts, wth th^r liberty.
 - When y^r cargo disposed of to return w / produce
 thereof north o^r to / road o / leith.

Dd at Edinburgh 16 Sept 1699.

Sgd Tasedale, Francis Scott, Haldane, Ho Blackwood &
 To Capt Wm Bell
 Comdr o / Indian & African Co's Ship the African Merchant;

Safe conduct o / ship African Merchant in / name
 o King William & laden w
 60 boxes, 24 barrels, 600 small cases w merchandise
 a 1000 staves iron, on wh duty paid.
 Dd leith 22 Sept 1699.

Sgd George Kendall, w pendant seal.

no 18.

C. C. C. Feb. 8 1699. [1700 n.s.] lly.

Mr John Sevenhuzen

We are favoured w y^r o / 6/16 inst wh^{ch} you intimate t by a
 ship lately arrivd at Elmina from Europe y^r are advisd t / RAC
 o England o / Dutch WTC. h jointly agreed to promote th^r
 trade in th^{is} part o Africa. As y^e h had no acct o any such
 contract. We sh be v^y glad if our next ships shd beg a
 confirmation th^o w orders accordg, wh shall endeavor to
 observe at our discretion, b / wth int^r o our masters wth /
 doubts or doubts o any man on th^{is} coast

What influence th^{is} agreement o / 2 Co's may h in Guinea
 we much question, fearg t some peoples int^r will so much
 overrule them t they will never admit us to be partakers [?]
 o so good an understandg in th^{is} part o / world.

action
 N.B.
 Adom
 Accuz
 Comenda
 van Cabess

And as an evident wth o / impossibility o its beg kept on y^r part
 let / late bare wth o ACCUZ (an Adome Cab^{es}) - in
 panyary John Cabess men (havy our Chief o Comendas
 came b^y the protest) by an order fr^m y^e to seize all English
 goods t were carried thro^g t part o / country, where he lives - testify
 h^{is} ready y are to violate any obligan o amity, upon / Prast
 advantages ocean, we refer it to y^r self to judge

In a letter to y dd 1 Nov 1698. fr Co was very then desired
 to confer here abt sending / affairs o / country. ^{Our} not hadg
~~Edm~~ it then makes us despair o obt'g it by dis our 2nd
 request b / same, wh we are / more emboldened to offer; / visit
 beg largely made by us.

The same reason t' detains y fr comg here, we are forced to
 urge fr our not goig to / Minia (vizi indispos'n o body) o
 not one o us w^t sickness

Sup. we do assure y th is not anything sh be wantg in us
 to contribute to / promotion o so good a work as t o composing /
 quarrels betw / blacks, especially when it ends so much to
 / advantage o both fr Cos. We shd not in / least fear o
 concluding upon such methods as wd easily effect it, if you'll
 be pleased to give us a meetg at Cabo Corso to consult thereof;
 where no one sh be more welcome than yrself, w due respects -

Wm Nich^s Buckenidge
 James Lay Freeman
 Sam^l Walker

April 15 letter. D.G. J van Sedenhuysen to Pres. Chr Amsterdam

(in ship Pyntung - Jan medemblic.) [WIC. 4B4 fol 45]

Parates — The reasons why no gold is sent by t ship is 1st bec o many reports
 Tunk. need here o Turkish parates beg in / Channel & / ship has little defence
 & manned w a bad crew (among them some o / mutineers o / Arant, ~~the~~ /
 work was too gn —

R.A.C. I R seem for yr letter has far yth & come to an agreement w /
 R.A.C. fr / gold o both Cos. It were much to be desired t / English
 servts here hd b^r willing to conform w / good pleasure o the words
 & masters, when we shd at least h obtained / Interloper Bokhoom.

I R, then, as w yth's order, after / arriv o / Prescheun,
 addressed my self by letter to / English Agents such as is entered
 in / Diary on Feb 15. last [in d^r], and altho it was w^t intention
 in polite terms & t we did not doubt t they wd be ready to negotiate,
 / more so as we remembered, hd previously made a request, under hand,
 to us to involve ourselves in / state, w them, in / w^t a consequence
 also to contribute towards it. But to our surprise, we recd fr them
 / reply, sent herewith under 5 [vide / letter o 8 Feb. supra p 9], in
 wh they definitely state t they R not yet any order fr the masters
 b such agreement, & t on req^t th they will observe it, at the
 discretion o the masters, int^t: making some fair observations per each
 on a union, & beg entirely silent abt / Interlopers, f wh they
 hd reasons o it some concerned them most so far & outside
 / Royal Cos int^t

Interloper

But while I recd this reply / Arant chared / Interloper

Jam

Jam Both born on to / road o Cabo Corso, as soon as I heard o
 it I sent / Brent Miller w orders to / Capt After having
 duly saluted / fort, continuing to request permission fm / Agents
 to take / Interloper away fm str. He was indeed politely recd
 but when he spoke o / Interloper, it was all fire & flame & t
 if he dared attack / Interloper they had the best powder &
 lead by him. Upon which I did not stand idle but deputed
 / Upper factors Botman & Robert Miller w such dr dr as
 appears in / priary on Feb 20. but they returned fruitlessly
 making such report o thr experiences as appears in / Resolution
 o Feb 23, amended under no 6, this to my regret, beg all t we
 be bn able to do here. And I don't believe t if they were any more
 emphatic orders t we sh overcome it especially in / matter o carrying
 off / Interloper, but t it will be necessary fo it (as well as
 t o thr aids, deserters) to be done at home, as was / care previously
 w / draft Treaty. Moreover I see no chance, out w a decisive
 battle betw / Communists & Sabaud, o disarming a good expedient
 w / English. But how it goes, & t / English finally resolve
 to confer w us abt it, we shall not neglect, as we h always
 done, to the best o our power, to choose peace before war &
 endeavour YHTHs advantage

From such occurrences indeed appears w what disobl'g
 neighbors we h to do, & t they pay no regard to thr
 Master's orders are also capable o hindering them, us t peace
 may cd not be restored in these quarters, for altho live
 truce obtained it they as often caused us to lose it, o wh
 / last occasion was worse fo them, fo while they besides t
 we both are sitting w closed ports, they give out
 excessive sums for / continue of / war

The cause o / last war (in wh we have no part or share)
 I wrote circumstantially in my letter o Nov 12, 1898 [now]
 & o's to / Assembly o Z; wh was added to / irredicable
 no o foreign ships (partly o / English Man) wh h bn here &
 still come & are / principal causes why our returns o gold
 h bn so ~~int~~ few. For all these ships drop down / coast
 o go & lie betw / ports & drive thr trade as they please
 compet'g agst each dr a in this way we cannot obtain any
 gold. And these matters YHTH. do not stand in my
 hands to redress, & if the English is to shape continue
 thr navigation hither, it will be still less possible, as they do
 much more injury & damage than / Netherlands Interlopers,
 whom one wd much rather see h granted permission to
 come here, upon payment o duty, & to charge them faultlessly
 as / other gets / gold & / expenses are left to us. Indeed
 one sometimes advances / trade o / foreign ships, by
 cruiser, for they by anchored beside / Interlopers, take keep
 / place & / trade alone, while / Interloper flies before our
 ship.

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break agreements, wh they adduced w some falsehoods as if he
Dir Gen, had had a negro o Jan Cabes (prarded, w a
slave o / English factor at Commany) seized made prisoner
in / Adom country by / Cabocere ZCora (who is not a
dependant o our nan); & fur ordered all English goods
passg thr, to be seized

T also, before recy t reply, it had bn reported to him, bir Gen.
by / Skipper o / Cruizer Aemst, t on 17th inst, he had chased
a Zealand Interloper to / road o Cabo Cors, & t he, bir Gen.
had at once ordered / skipper to sail thither, salute / English
Larrie w 9 shots, & then send / mate on shore in / sloop
to request fm / Agents t he might carry off / Interloper fm thr.
wh was done & at / request o / Agents, go on shore himself,
he had recd reply fm them t if he approached / Interloper, they
had good powder & lead w wh to prevent him.

T / bir Gen having recd report o this that it not unadvisable
to depute Messrs Bosman & Rohart w a fur letter to / Agents
annexg ther copy o a letter fm / Royal Co to / Chamber
Amsterdam written fm London Oct 24 1699, in order clearly
to shew them t / Royal Co was by no means o / intentⁿ henceforth
to protect any Interlopers, & t they had already given /
necy orders to thr Agents to t effect & t therefore they not
beg able to persist to / contrary, he / Gen, requested t they
wd no longer protect / Interlopers, contrary to / intentⁿ o thr
Masters; where he protested t he wd be unaccount^o anychng
t m^r arise fm / refusal, & o thr not beg willy to come to
a conference; age wh they, / upper Factors were to support Verbally.
But t / upper Factors had also had to return fruitlessly as
/ English remained ~~one~~ inflexible in thr previously givem
reply

To all wh / bir Gen gave it to / assembly to consider
whr anychng fur or or ~~can~~ was possible to be done
b / profit o / Co agst / English Agents.

Therefore was 15th read / written report o / upper Factors
Bosman & Rohart o thr mess^r deputan to C Cors, wh is
here inserted verbatim.

Report made by / upper Factors Willem
Bosman & Jacobus Rohart to / Hon^r bir Gen
Joan ~~van~~ Van Zeeenhuyzen o what was
done to them at Cabo Corso on 20 Feb 1700.

We declare fur t we, in pursuice o our orders, proceeded
to / English Fort at Cabo Cors, Thera on our aryl thr
we found a soldier, lately deserted fm Mouri, standg
sentry, apparently to ~~intend~~ visit us; as also /
English in order to do us more affronts, let us stand

before / gate for a considerable time, w^{ch} beg allowed to enter.
 Harg at last obtained permission to do so we were recd
 in a very cool, unresp^d & supely contemptuous manner, when we
 handed over to / Agents / papers given to us, & after / letter had bn
 translated into English, we got into conversⁿ wth / Agents, wh^{ch} on
 the side was so impolit^e & conducted us so much wth scorn, t^h it
 looked as if we were rather in open enemy than friends, as they
 set forth the accusⁿ w^{ch} really or abuse w^{ch} consisted in this, t^h our
 Gen had given orders for / arrest & detentⁿ o^f subject English negroes
 & / seiz^e o^f English merchandise want^g to pass thro^{gh} / Adom
 district & altho^{ugh} we offered to declare upon oath t^h Gen Seisenhuysen
 had not / least knowledge o^f it, much less given orders for it, I was
 o^f no avail & they continued in the evil speak^g & laid special stress
 on / words used by / Gen in his letter protest^g t^h he wd be innocent
 o^f consequences if they did not comply wth our request; say^g t^h
of what natⁿ issue we wd protest but they wd laugh [baghen]
 at all protest^s. Words finally were so high, t^h they lost all reason,
 & we found ourselves obliged in order to avoid fur^{ther} changes
 to request a definite reply abt carry^g off / Interlopers. This
 we recd in answer for this manner:— t^h they had not yet
 recd any order from the directors to give permission to our ships
 to carry off Interlopers from under the fort, & t^h if they got
 those orders they wd obey them, but if / present they persisted
 in / reply t^h they had given to our Captⁿ; add^d fur^{ther} t^h he recd
 3 or 4 letters from the Masters dated after Oct 24 last, in
 wh^{ch} nothing what^{er} was ment^d o^f / a^{bove} order refered to. Thus end^g
 our up^{per} wh^{ch} we are prepared to perform on oath
 Dd at Castle St George d^e Ilumina 23 February 1700

sgd Willem Bogman
 Jacobus Flohart

And beg is fur^{ther} deliberated upon it is judged t^h one cannot
 be wth a free wth / present as obedient English Agents to / intemⁿ
of any kind o^f both / Cos therefore it was found good
 provisionally to sit quiet & maintain / be. Gen will report
 what has happened to / a^{bove} Chamber.

This done & resolved at / assembly o^f Gov^r - Gen & Councilors
 Ilumina, datum ut supra
 (sgd) J^{ohannes} Seisenhuysen, J^{ohannes} Radermacher, Willem Bogman
 Jacobus Flohart, Michiel Jolin.

July 31.

n^o 13. Take in here / Lr from Seisenhuysen to X dd June 21, 1700
 translated on p 23 post et seq.

July 31. Letter D.S. v Swenhuysen, Elmina to, X. [WIC. qy. bo. 273]

[Recd in X Mar 24 1701.]

DAC.

In / diary o 5th & 7th Feb 1699. [mor] sent over, the one letters
~~from~~ from both / Danish Commandr & / Factor Jacobus Rohart
 contains complt o each ths conduct & in parlar abt a piece o serge,
 seized by t factor under our Fort at Accra, wh had happened sev
 times to / Danijah / Dame to / injury o our trade wh / Dame had
 sought to sell under our fort, wh had sev times happened to
 injury o our trade. Concerning wh seizure I cd not put / factor
 in / wrong, on wh acct, in order to protect / Cos rights we replied
 to / Danish Chief [Oppenhoort] in such manner as appears in
 / Diary on Feb 6. in wh was pointed out to him how little
 right he had to drive any trade under our Forts & t he must
 refrain from dog so in / future. vs. if he acted to t contrary,
 we cd not neglect to detain & confiscate all t wares seized, at
 / same time causg / piece o serge to be restored to him as beg
 o small import.

And altho / Dame st to h bn satisfied w this a have
 refrained from sendg anything fur under our Fort yet it seems to
 h made little impression upon him, as he continued his former
 trading daily & consequently attraded / gold from our people to
 himself. Where upon our factor Mr Jan Dupre took occⁿ
 agn to seize from / Dame 14 bbls Tobacco, wh altho it was represented as
 only simply passg our ground to / English, we h had it
 held confiscated as fur appears from / report o Dupre & our reply insertd
 in / Diary on 22 April 22. not doubting but Yth will approve our acⁿ.
 The Danish Commandr, in order to compel us to release / Tobacco,
 took prisoners some o our Accra inhabitants, but had to release them
 again to his little reputⁿ. after w^{ch} / English factor, who seemingly
 was interested in / Tobacco, as is to be seen in / diary on May 12.
 kept connct at sea for robbery (but fruitlessly) in order thus
 to obtain payme by way o reprisal.

of
 Wimba

Post ships.

It appears also t / Danes are / protectors o / Portuguese as
 they - as can be seen in / Diary on May 4 - as they
 prevented / ship Arant from carryg off a Portuguese from near
 the fort; as has happened at other times also. One o the Volant
 acs I h already reported to Yth by my dr o Mar 31. 1699

The English, as is the custom, go still fur, but depose us
 o those already captured, as Yth sh learn. The ship Arant
 on June 6, set out from Appam havg chased thus far a
 Post ship N.S. de Conzeicam & S Joao Baptist. Capt Francisco
 Pereira de Youuca - mounted w 20 guns & crew in properm sailed
 from Lisbon Mar. - from / Burg fort, & havg finally over-
 hauled her, she was then sent up hither w one o our
 sailors actg as pilot, but, was delayed by contrary
 wind & current thro contrary wind & current, not beg able

to make this good, on June 9 came to anchor above C Corso when a small favourable breeze coming they shot to set sail but wishing to raise anchor / cable broke & / ship drifting on / Port. by slow before another anchor was ready. she was meantime carried by / current down under / Camoon o Cap C Corso w^{ch} beg you careful enough to show / flag. whereupon / English immediately assured themselves & made themselves master o t ship as in / Dr fm / Pilot inserted in / Diary on June 13. And altho not shew I / flag was a mistake we cd not think t they wd therefore wish to keep / ship thr we therefore hd / read written to by / Port Capt & Factor who meantime hd come here by canoe, t they shd sail hither; but got reply t / English wd not allow it. I therefore wrote to / Agents on 13th inst, as in / diary. To this we recd the "exorbitant" reply - altho not written in impolite terms - / copy o which is sent by Y.H.H.'s information as enc (1) to which for peace & quiet's sake we wd h preferred not to consider, but as they still refused to release her an / repeated urgent requests o / Portuguese Capt, we wrote them as appears in / diary on 18th do but to this we recd no reply & they kept the ship byg thr. Therefore, not knowing what to do w^{ch} / Port Capt & Factor, on 1st inst we let them depart to the ship, we beg thus compelled to comply w^{ch} / desires o / English, a whereby we are prevented, iaw Y.H.H.'s orders, to take / cargo out o her.

In my ltr o April 15 [supra] I reported to Y.H.H. what hd fm done between my self & / English abt / restraining o Neutral Interlopers, & t notice / letter. fm the Masters we hd not been able to accomplish Y.H.H.'s intent therein. I h since taken / oppy to greet / 1st Agent abt it as in / diary on May 18 & a fresh excuse t he cd not understand my letter as in / diary on 21 ditto. From all wh & what I h previously informed Y.H.H. abundantly appears how little consultation is to be had w^{ch} / English navy, partly w^{ch} / present Agents who, it is sd, burden the boats life w^{ch} "pms" (strong drink) wh is believeable thro colonial brutal encumbrances wherefore it is of desirable t Y.H.H. cd enter to an agreement w^{ch} / English Royal Co & frame a regular accordy to wh we on both sides wd h to conduct ourselves; especially also (wh I repeat) abt / deserters. If as long as t door is open to our men we scarcely dare punish any one or they go off at once, wh places Y.H.H.'s forts in gr danger before / negroes; especially at this time when so many men are sick t / night watches can hardly be set occupied & / healthy also desert bec o / extra duty they h to perform. Not least o / reasons beg also t they are charged w^{ch} deduct^{ns} at home

Deserters.

from
soldiers
pay.

from their poor monthly pay, by wh^{ch} after 3 or 4 years they h^{ave} hardly any bal^{ance} to the credit. From wh^{ich} burdens they are relieved by deserting. Moreover, & what encourages them much more is t^{hat} w^{hen} / English they get pay & subsistence togr^{ether} & / gold is calculated not higher than 2 guilden pr^{each} Eng^{lish} [Engel or English] & here they are charged by us 2 2/2 guilden pr^{each} Eng^{lish}, & still cannot get w^{hat} they want, but must let part stand f^{or} the home debt. All wh^{ich} I h^{ave} th^{ought} it nece^{ssary} to report so t^{hat} Y^{our} H^{on}or can provide f^{or} it, & in / future to send men entirely, or much less burdened, so t^{hat} they may h^{ave} somethg to / good in the acct^s & w^{ill} apparently not desert, they as stated above beg / blame f^{or} it. Also we sh^{ould} h^{ave} better & more trusty men than those who h^{ave} nothing to lose. Experience has shown t^{hat} it is / foreigners who are most burdened & are more inclined to desert than des. It w^{ould} therefore not be a bad thing if Y^{our} H^{on}or excused those foreign men & recruited inhabitants o^f our State & borderland

Accdg to / enclosed Muster Roll (2) [in c] there are in Y^{our} H^{on}or's service here on / Coast not more than 218 persons who are in / following garrisons: -

Fort.

Arim 19	Bonting 10	Sacconde 8	Choma 12
Commanij 11	Almura 62	St. Jago 14	Maure 17
Comantym 18	Papam 13	Accra 25	Fida 2.

their workmen & Total 218. A small part o^f them are sick & die daily so t^{hat} / number is already reduced, w^{hich} w^{ill} have so long as we remain at peace w^{ith} Europeans & / natives Y^{our} H^{on}or's places can be guarded as in / days o^f my predecessors. But in / contrary case they are not to be held. If we were ab^{le} to be attacked fm^{rom} Europe, Y^{our} H^{on}or w^{ould} undoubtedly get report o^f it & cd provide timely assistance; but t^{hat} Y^{our} H^{on}or cd not do if we got unexpectedl^y into collision w^{ith} / natives negroes as by / seizure o^f goods the goods bot^h fm^{rom} des (wh^{ich} specially affects them & o^{ther} daily occurrences f^{or} wh^{ich} they must not be left unpunished; to wh^{ich} must be added incitem^{ents} fm^{rom} those who wish us ill (such as / was lately in the Commanij war). And so / places w^{hich} are small garrisons, nearly almost never w^{ill} be sick, w^{ill} be exposed to much danger, specially if not open, at least concealed in the accordg to the treacherous character, & be attacked under / disguised face o^f friendship, when they cd easily over power a few men. as occurred w^{ith} / in 1692. w^{ith} / overpowering & plundering o^f / Danish Fort at Accra; / miserable experiences o^f our nan in 1660 at Aaja ^{opposite} & to such as call^{ed} attacks / negroes were already accustomed in 1699.

considered competent in 1 year 1639. w^t occasion having lacked them
 then as Y H H can see fm an extract o a letter fm / viz-
 Gen. Spent Jacobszn to Assembly o / Xth inc (3) [typed sub anno]
 1640 ^{sub anno} And has / posn ca be in case o European enemies
 can be seen fm / extract o a letter to / same Assembly fm /
 renominated Dir Gen Joan Van Valkenburg inc (4) [dd
 3 Oct 1665 - typed sub anno] Y H H beg pleased to consider t if at
 t time one hd too small garrisons w 396 men f Y places wh were
 o less extent or were only lodges; consequently, now, f 11 places
 all o gler extent & so require more men f defence, a larger no o
 men wd be needed especially & / more bec we (as Valkenburg also
 sd) cannot rely upon / faith less negroes, as well as lack o munitions
 & victuals. All wh (alho at present th is peace wth Europe)
 I h that it necessary to write, so t Y H H can make such alterations in order
 t timely posn can be made. - & beg Y to recruit a sufft no o
 military & work men to take / place o dead, repatriated & deserters
 & h regard to my petn made by letter o May 8 1699. as
 considering t 1st enc (4) sufftly shews t if Gen Valkenburg in his
 time hd hd under him so many new or enlarged forts he wd
 not h petitioned f any less smaller garrisons in time o peace.

N.A.
Equipe
TEKKI Amkan
 w
 Kings o
 Sabou & Fetic
 defeat /
Commanis
 who
 take refuge in
 islands in /
 Prakh river

Having in my last reported o / unland wars or rumors o them
 I must here add t they still continue, heaven alone knaws how they
 will end. But whereabouts it is, to all appearance, now in peace
 a quiet as TEKKI Amkan w his helpers at long last on May 9
 last attacked, & entirely defeated & scattered his Commani enemies
 or taken dem prisoners; for having first, besides / Kings o Sabou &
 Fetic, in t country outside / usual residence place, abn / river
 taken up position abt / river o Chama bec many refugee
 Commanis h retired on to 2 small islands byg in it, whom
 they claim shd be handed over to them as booty, & / lords o those
 islands wd like to keep f themselves; so t ont o this it is
 possible t when / rainy season is ended & / country side o rivers
 are dryer, and little war may arise, in case those Islamants
 meanwhile do not come to consider t such wice cause us no injury.

This Commani war wh has lasted so long & been so injurious
 to Y H H's intr beg thus so far ended, we will not doubt but t
 wh still remains o it will h a successful result; hopg & desiring
 t I sh never again live thro such a troublous time here agn, but
 like some o my predecessors see a satisfactory peace & trade
 in its highest flower & bloom. To / first, whydy in my
 posn shall be contributed towards its conservation. For / 2nd I
 have need o Y H H's help, namely, timely to provide me or my

traders can pass along them freely & unmolested. so t^{our} hope of a good trade is remarkably increased. I therefore respectfully request my request to obtain / desired merchandises, not doubting t^e I see it in good condon & t^e / returns of it will come in speedily

N.A.
Sabou
Equato
Edina

Hbe Teckii
The murdered
King

To the King o Sabou, who ha much to say w all / Afric Chiefs, & as it seemed, wd make them incline to his desires we h pd Mk. 25 gold on / acct o / Minna inhabitants most o whom are friends o relations o murdered King o Commany, Abe Teckii, who, accordg to / custom o / country are indebted to him, haug need a loan o / some amtⁿ for Abe Teckii. And as he [King o Sabou] in case o refusal, claimed all those people as his slaves, or t^o prevent / passage o trade & profits to us again, therefore we, w / fiscal o / Upper factors, h considered it extremely neccy. so t^e worse shd not befall, to make t^e advance on behalf o / Minna as they were not in / posn to produce quickly what was desired. By this means we h preserved / open paths & our inhabitants, & / Minna wll pay off / debt fm time to time. Accordingly most o / Grandees, after we hd recd^d given them a good reception, departed w^g well satisfied: & others with whom we sh try to do something of our advantage in trade are remaining here for / present.

Encs to / above: -

① [Translated fm / French]

Mr Jean van Sedenhuyzen

C.C.C.

14/4 June 1700

Sir We h recd your letter, & in reply y shd know t^e / Portuguese vessel in our road was in our road abt 14-15 leagues fm / shore by your ship Arant where / Capt o t^e ship went on board / Portuguese vessel & took fm it by force, a cask o Wine, contg abt 60 large bottles, a sugar loaf weighing abt 40 lbs & 2 hams o 20 lb. besides / abuse t^e he offered to make o / Port. vessel by giving him more than 100 blows w his cane, or afterwards sending him w / captain & supercargo o / Port. ship to Minna, which action o his, & your allowing him to do it, can only be described as Piracy. When / Capt o / Arant had done all his annoyances, he put / Port. vessel in charge o one his men to escort it to Minna, and in pass our Coast w^o showing / flag (we at t^e time haug our flag o / flags o all / or vessels in our road hoisted) anchored within range o our cannon on which he stayed until we compelled him by a cannon shot to show his flag, wh appeared to be / ensign o Portugal; whereupon we sent on board / vessel to be more satisfied, & we made / catch o / Portuguese pilots came on shore & / officers o / vessel came on shore, after wh they made, dr complaint to us o / damage t^e they had suffered by / loss o this voyage: t^e they had already lost / request anchor o / ship. t^e / pilot pilot w^o t^e cause that he had taken / ship where it was & had made it anchor in this port

under our cannon, We wish to give our protection entirely to him, The Dutch pilot sa t / Captn o / French had given him verbal order not to raise & hoist / flag o / Port. vessel at any English port: is what reason, do y think t we shd be so little generous as to return / Port. vessel to Elmina when y h bn so obliging contrary to / law o nation & knowledge o / Dutch W.C. to give orders to yr Capts not to hoist th flags when they pass by here within range o our cannon, as if y were ashamed o yr Country Moreover, you write t y are willing to allow / Port vessel to sail to Elmina, wh is to say t we are wnt under yr command to force us to do what y please In short, our resolution is this: t we sh not return / Port. vessel to any one except to Captn, supercargo & mate, all o whom y arrest by force unquiesly in yr port, / set Port vessel not beg yr prize. This is why we advise y return these three persons (whom y are detaining) at once in order t they may take care o th vessel. If you refuse to allow them to come here, we are resolved to inform yr Masters in Holland o your actions committed on this coast, wh are not lawful. We h never confined / Dutch Pilot who is free to go where he pleases, he not beg subject to satisfaction, y b / insult offered as he has sd above; we sh take satisfaction upon / first o yr vessels wh sh pass by here within / range o our guns in such a "rustic" manner to teach th / country o all yr nations wh traffic by sea. It will be in vain for y to trouble us further abt this matter as you now have our reply. On / contrary you can assure yrself t we sh never condescend to anything t is not to / honour o England & / Wnt o / A.F.C, wh we are bound to maintain & we shall do it in spite o anyone. We remain - & -
 Michx Buckeridge. Hootsley Freeman, Sam Wallis

July 31 Lr. 83 | com. Deenhuyzen Elmina to / The Amsterdam [WIC 1684 fol. 95]
 [Pr Yacht Wille Volk skip Cornelis Penne]

N.A.
Eguafu.

Trade,
 Gold,
 Slave

News by / defeat o / Commeris has y got great hope o a flourishing trade, so we think nothing than to Y.H.H. to h complete satisfaction from this coast. / long-ending war beg changed into a desired peace, than to put us in a state o having good cargoes, to attract much gold to us & accordly in due time to make lge returns; to wh beg added a speedy slave trade by ships respectively arrg ships & th quick despatch, then wd it provide Y.H.H. w / grd satisfaction. But how profitable / gold trade at present appears to us on this o / requisitioned cargoes, it is not how so situated w / slave trade at hda.

By / Rymenburgh I reported to Y.H.H. how we had feared

is / English & t we had not been able to succeed then to
 satisfaction of Sir Yth, or, even, of R. A. C. Since then I
 & again addressed / 1st Agent on this subject, as appears
 in / diary on May 18 [mor] but again with result as is
 to be seen from his reply in / diary of 21st ditto, excusing himself
 t he does not understand our letter which is a plausible excuse as
 they have never made difficulties on t acct before

RAC
 Amstelredam

Meantime I do not hear t since Master Jan Botham
 or h on any of / Interlopers at C. Corso but only Joris
Barrels who keeps say the under / cannon is a Danish
flag as if he wished to be regarded by us as a ship of t
 man, as we formerly believed at first. It sailed for the in /
 beginning of May, sailing to Zealand, sailing w it / English
 factor Edward Searle, abt whom I had matter to write
 to / Arb o S on Mar 31 1697. I or occurrences to /
 English I am writing in more detail to / Arb o S

Trade

Return
 Cargo.

This small ship Witte Valk is going home w such
 return cargo as is cont'd in enc ②.

Gen Cargo o gold, Turcks, Cressel, Wax, Lime Juice,
 as a parcel o unsaleable coral [m.c].
 per Witte Valk, Stker Cornelis Pennie, on acct a risk
 o / undermndt Chris.
 Dd July 31, 1700

Amst:	Lime Juice in Amst [1 Cam = 40 gals]	Wax	Turcks	Cressel.	Amk. o. r
Amst:		1050	666 1/2	112	50 - -
Zee:			1343 3/4		20 - -
Maas:			2880 1/2		20 - -
Hooft:			1093 1/2		20 - -
Stk Huyson.			91 3/4		20 - -
Prinningen		600	1079 1/2	52	20 - -
Gen Acct	31		1358	122	-
Total	31	1600	8543 1/2	286	150

July 31. Dr J. van Sevenhuyzen to Chr Zealand [W.C. 917]

N.A.
 S^{er}
 Equaflo.

The Commanis, o whom I have written so many times
 as w regret, especially by my last o April 15, were finally,
 on May 9 totally defeated or scattered.

June 21. Dr. B. J. v. Seelenhuysen Amnia to S. W. I. C. [W. I. C. 94 for 264]

[Det. 12 Nov 1700. at S. 24 Mar 1701]

Trade Gold. - His last was dd Apr 15 sent per Pjemburg
- Bad state o Slave Trade at Vida & Compton.
The gold trade here on / Coast, thro / numerous for. ships & thr undersellg, is not yet in / state in wh I had hoped to satisfy YHts' expectans. and this, notwithstanding / Commanis h bn defeated, as in my letter o Apr 15. And this also (besides / sd undersellg) bec we are not supplied w any muskets, whereby to my hearty regret, / traders, whom, notwithstanding all / efforts o / English I got first at this trade our / Commanis way direct, & whom I cd not accommodate w muskets, for thr gold, I hd to see them depart in order to spend in w / English at C. Corso, wh caused me no little heartbreak & sorrow; having imagined t most o calamities beg our come, & t I wuld be able to do last to send YHts some good returns, yet I fear I sh h to remain in default.

I therefore very respectfully request YHts to send / muskets ordered bec / lack o them will hinder nearly all our trade, as / Negroes in / interior already h war in thr heads, especially / Dinkiras, whose designs cannot be penetrated, a rumour sometimes circulating t they will go & fight / Atlantice, & then, agn / Fanjins, Tjiffers, Adoms, Wassas, or / inhabitants o / An Koker river. And so long as those rumours continue thr is nothing more in demand than muskets whereas on / contrary, thr is very little trade in o goods; wh little, agn, is largely supplied by Interlopers & o nans so our share must consequently be scanty and not to speak o oth, I will find a piece o English undersellg in inc (P) [nc] beg a letter from / upper factor Peter Mijts wh beg well considered, in our opinion it is to be regarded as a wonder t whas we are not allowed to regulate ourselves i. a. w. such undersellg yet we still expect to see gold.

Besides / muskets were also requested small perpetuans & Scotch small serges wh wh last requisition were put at 12 s^l long whas they sh to be 15 s^l. The half perpetuans sent by / Chr Amer are already traded & / whole ones are sellg at 3 s^l each.

- The yacht Pijpoot (was named Amnetion) sent to Curacao w 100 slaves.

- Yacht Valk returned on its right voyage on 4th inst bringg 8000 lb turks & 2000 lb wax, but no palm oil wh is in gr demand by ships & yachts, especially slaves.

- The Skipper o / Armed complains much abt / state condition o / ship - Yacht Johanna Maria being beached in / river Barque Neptune expected from Benin

Gold Coast [Dutch]

[Kust v Guinea 25].

Nov. 22. Amsterdam. letter. Ass. z W.I.C. to Dir. Gen. Joan v
Sevenshuyzen in Guinea.

- There last was 26 Sept. with P.S. of 6 Dec 1699 -
- Since then they have received his of 10 June, 26 July & 25 Aug 1699
- ✓ 1st Oct & 15 April 1700 [Vide copies & translations of all these letters], in which latter they find a reply to theirs of 26 Sept -

"We have seen from your letters that the wars there among the Natives have continued until now & thereby trade has remained in its former bad state: But as trade is highly necessary for the maintenance, & is indeed forms the very sinews of the Co. we will therefore have to be the utmost diligence & care that it is brought into a better state than hitherto, & this we have seriously recommended to Y. H. in all our letters"

- They are glad to see that their orders about Divine Service, which is a matter of the utmost importance, have been carried out -
- They send the Order of Rotation in which the several Chambers will send cargoes to Guinea -
- Their observations on the Profit & Loss accounts -
- They state their views on the advantages of the Grain & Tusk Coasts trade -
- They continue him as Director-General for one year -
- On the death of the Advocate of the Co, Joan Althuyssius, they have appointed his son, Joan Althuyssius to the post.

P.S. Amsterdam Jan 6. 1701. - Upon the expiration of the Co's Charter on 31 Dec. 1700. the States General, on 30 Nov last granted a

prolongation of the Charter for 30 years, until the end of 1730. -

- As it is uncertain whether peace in Europe will continue & it is feared that fresh disturbances will arise about the succession of the Duke of Anjou to the Kingdom of Spain, they therefore charge him to put all the Forts in a good state of defence, & especially Fort Cornaatshurg on St. Jago hill, upon which the defence & preservation of Elmina Castle depends; & they refer him to their letter to D. P. Suberts dt. 1 July 1699 -

Note. letters from the Amsterdam Chamber have not been noted as in matters of general interest they refer to those from the Assembly z.