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C.C.C. May 9th 1750

Mr Andrew Johnson.

I received yr favour 4th h not time at present
to make any Reply thereto more than t I am sorry
f / Accidentr Accaws people met w or t I
think y h acted prudently in keepg yr people
in / Fort as much as y possibly can

I h borrowed Captⁿ Wall's long Boat
to Carry Amm, powder, Guns &c up to
Succondee f / Sloops Tradg Usage & enclosed
Send y an Order f Captⁿ Wickham to Saile
f t place & desire our Senior to send you
an Invoice o what Cloth goods he has proper
f / Trade o / place / Sloop is ~~destined~~ destined
Express as if I find he has not Sufficien^t I sh
beg more up in my Canoes, & let me know
what else y want as to pres^{nt} prog f / Belly.
/ Sloop will Stay at Succondee to beg me up
as / people advice Here it will be imprudent
to gallop in a Canoe fm t place to Dixwora

135] Africa Cape Coast Castle 15th May 1750

To / Honble John Vaughan Esqre

Honble Sir

I did myself / Honour to write y / 23^d
o March p / Dolphin Since I am Honourd
w Ys Respected favours 17th Decem^r & 10th

Feb^y last by Mr Theophilous Samuel who is well
 & I begg y may be assured on yr Recommendation
 I sh take care to promote him in such Places o
 Profit as he sh Qualify himself f . . .

36 It gives me extreme pleasure to hear / Cos
 petition was to be presented to Parliam^t Verle
 And am convinced / alt^hough in / direcⁿ will
 g^{iv}e influence to success. Sir Permit me to
 Congratulate y on yr dog / Court o ~~o~~
 Assist^s / Hon^{or} to accept / Post o Sub
 Govern^r to wh I am perswaded I will do
 Hon^{or} & as / direcⁿ is filled w Gentlemen o
 Hon^{or} Probity I cannot Conjecture any ~~of~~ ^{this}
 Can Interfere / Trade o this Coast beg
 Settled upon a last^y foundamⁿ & do not
 doubt its Regain^g its former Lustre by /
 134] Court o Assistants under yr management
 mak^g a figure in Europe & / British Hon^{or}
 beg Restored in Africa

I w pleasure informd yr European Serv^{ts}
 / Hon^{or} they hd & / Satisfacⁿ they wd expect
 in yr beg at / head o / direcⁿ & did my self
 / pleasure to give them an Entertainment
 on / occaⁿ we drank yr health w / dis-
 charge o twenty one Guns + / deputy Gov^r
 & Court o Assistants w / Same Number, it
 has hd a good effect on them & also / Natives
 who are in g^ot spirits in Expectaⁿ o an

Effectual Establish^{ment} o/ Co I most Sincerely
wish it f/ Good o my Country but if delayed
farwell English Hon^{ors} & Jurisdiction in this
part o/ World & as a well wisher to / trade
self interested Views apart, I know / Consequ^{ces}
t in all probability must Attend Delays, sh
be in / great Anxiety till advised it is Completed

I thank God Enjoyed perfect health
since my Recovery fm / fear^{er} I had on my
Arrival, & h Contributed to / utmost o my Powers
& Abilitys to Promote British Commerce
& Frustrate t o^r Plans, & Flatter myself I h
given satisfac^{ion} to all / British Traders on this
part o/ Coast fm my Tal^{ent} possess^{ion} o/ Forts &
Settle^{ments}, And h Studied to form my behaviour
on principals o Justice o Hon^{ors} & humanity, well
knowing those to be such as y delight in, & t in
all my Proceedgs to h given satisfac^{ion} to y^e
European Serv^{ants} & African Subjects under my
Command, I latter say they believe / English
h an Inten^{tion} to support & defend th^{er} Right
& Prerogam^{es} & to protect them fm / Dutch
whom h & are still aiming at Universal Power
over them wh they assumed on Acct^t t our Forts
h not bn properly supplied, & / People wh h
/ direc^{ion} o / Co's affairs upon / Coast f some
years past I may w^{ith} prejudic^e but w Justice
Affirm did not pursue methods to preserve /
priviledge o th^{er} Constituents or to protect /
natives under th^{er} Command so t they are +
w Reason Backwards & Cautious how they Joyn
us as Confederates as they h bn often deceived
by / Co's Establish^{ment} o three Agents in

equal power & Command as when it was of
 one o the Interests to make up a dispute t happen'd
 betwixt / English Subjects & / dutch, they h dif-
 fer'd w one ano^r & Sacrific'd th^r own people to
 one o the Capricious humours wh has g^tly en-
 larg'd / dutch Towns & Authority upon / ^{the} coast, As
 they h a principal Officer to direct th^r Affairs,
 And on any Occasⁿ / natives h but one person to
 apply to & Confide in, if he promises to support
 them they are Satisfi'd & Readily enter into such
 Alliances he proposes Offensive or defensive wh
 cannot be Effect'd by three Companies [Agents]
 who are generally disputg ab^t command t /
 Natives do not know who is / person most to
 be depended upon, I h seen many Instances o
 such proceedgs, an Occurrence o t kind has
 happen'd since I h bn here & beg a matter o
 Consequence I begg Y^r permission to abridge it
 39] to y as when / Affairs is determin'd I sh
 send / proper papers to / Court o Assistants
 not doubting but a proper use will be made o them.

Tom / time Mrs Chalmer Remov'd me . . .

. . . not attempt to Attack^r our
 Fort agn. [Fisher. PP 64-66]

144] The Dutch Gen Seized a Canoe t was Comg to
 me w Governm^t Stores &c^a at / time / Fort was
 Besieged by a Number o Barbarians & Stop'd
 all o^r So t I c^d not receive any letters wh gave
 me greate Concern as prov^{is}ions begun to
 Run Short but fortunately a Ship fm Bristol
 Arriv'd & I purchas'd a Supply & Settled /
 Fort in Such manner as to be out o danger So
 Came my Self down here where I found a
 Correspondⁿce had bn Carried on betwⁿ my

Colleagues & / Dutch Gen the I was not upon
/ Spot. Permitt me Sir to say t^e Affairs here
Cannot be Transacted by three Agents in Equal
Commis^{ns} as one or 2^d of them will b^e private Ends
to Serve So Lay / fault on Each O^r & Often En-
deavour present Each O^rs Succeedg in an affair
t^e will Redound to one o^r their Separate Honour
& / Publick good; wh^{ch} Cannot be / Case when /
Hon^{ble} Coun^{ts} o^r Assistance Invests one wth /
Command it prevents all disputes & person is
Answerable f^r / good or bad Success o^r all trans-
actions & if they are approved by this Constitu-
ents he Benefits / Honour & on / Contrary / dis-
grace. I took / liberty to Explain to y^e in my
former letter / necessity f^r / English have
an Officer here Invested wth Title o^f Cap^{tn} Gen^l
it will be o^r no Expence to / Co more than
what is trifly & if y^e sh^d ~~favours~~ favour
me to think me Qualified f^r such Office?
445] sh^d Study to make it Appear by Convinc^g
y^e o^f Advantages & if Approved on by /
Hon^{ble} Coun^{ts} o^r Assisstants I sh^d b^e a proper
Commis^{ns} & Instrum^{ts} sent on & y^e may be
Assured t^e I sh^d make it my Study Study
to Deserve y^es favours.

The Dutch Gen & we both Agreed to
Suspensions o^f Hostilities & to Endeavour to
decide / dispute by Treaty & I sh^d set on^e
f^r Discove in a day or two to meet his
Deputys, where y^e may depend I sh^d not.

Lide to them / Minutes part of / Co's property
 wh will be a means a Convincing / natives
 t / English will maintain them in the
 Rights agst all Opponents & will engage them
 to place a Confidence in us, as appears fm
 Messengers I had come fm / Principal
 Chief Cabbascery o Cape Appollonia an
 English Captain here & by whom he sent
 a lge Quantity o Provisions to Dixcove, he is
 Brother to one o / Cabbascers t Joind me
 agst / Dutch & Rebellious Negroes, he sent
 me word he was informed / Fort had been
 attacked & t / Dutch wanted his Brothers
 life f his beg faithfull to / English, but
 as I protected him if I wanted he had men
 & Money at my Command & wd March 500
 men upon / Back o my Enemies if I de-
 sired it, I sent him word t I was Obliged
 to him & sent him a Valuable Present & to
 Inform him I wd protect his Brothers, & as /
 Dutch & our Rebellious Negroes had Suffered
 Sufficiently f this Audaciousness many beg
 killed & wounded, as I had Overtures made f
 1467 Peace I shd Accept thereto provided / natives
 made / Co Satisfacⁿ f / Insnets they had
 Comitted & to Pardon purse / Expenses t
~~be attended~~ / be attended / disputes & f
 them to come & live under / Fort as before, giving
 Security f the future Prehaviours, wh if
 they did not Comply w I shd make use o
 his Friendship. He desires I wd Build a
 Fort f / Co at Cape Appollonia, a place

/ English & Dutch h^{ve} both Attempt^d often
times to Establish but Could never Succeed.

he sent me word he Only wanted Artificers
to Instruct his people as he & his Brother had
a Sufficient Number o Labourers, & t^h if
that / Expense wd be great, he & his Brother had
Sold at my Service, I sh Send / Sloop thro
& Settle a Factory wh^{ch} is a gr^{at} Step towards a
Settlemt in so Advantageous a place for Trade
as t^h is, it is to Windward o all the Dutch Forts, I
sh Advice / Court o Assistance o / Steps I take
in Regard to Settling t^h place & as soon as / Dis-
put^s ab^o Diver^s Comes to Some Determina^{on}
I sh Send them a part^r Acct thereof properly
Attested to manifest / Villonous designs o /
Dutch & do not in / least Suspect but proper
use will be made o them to Obtain Satisfac^{on}
fm Attempt^d to Infringe British Property &
Authority, & th^{ere} is no records upon / Coast
& former Agreements & Transac^{ns} betw^{en} /
Cos or th^{ere} Agents on wh^{ich} Acct I am at a
loss how to act in many Cases so beg^g
Copies may be sent o all Conven^{ts} betw^{en} /
Cos & th^{ere} Agents as Soon as they conveniently
can till such time I sh Continue to preserve
& defend / Cos' property as I am Convinced by
Intelligence or h^{is} Reason to Believe belong to them.
The Mortality rag^d so Violently among / people
I brot me lately Distress me as I h^{ave} no people
to take Charge o / our Forts or any hands to write
in / Office, not one Scarcely Qualified to Copy a
letter, but am in gr^{at} Expecta^{on} o a Supply fm y^e
& beg^g if / Co is Established wh^{ich} I sincerely wish

I wd Augmt^l / Salaries so as to Engage peo-
 ple to come on in / Service & are Capable /
 Trust reposed in them, I mean such as are
 Appointed Factors to be Qualified to Take Charge
 of our Forts & to come to / Agency & rise to be
 principal Officers by Seniority, it wd Engage
 people to Continue in yr Service till they were
 properly Acquainted w / Customs & manners o
 / Natives & yr Affairs, & / decay of Co is
 chiefly owing to the instructing [see instrustg?] /
 management to people who were not acquainted
 w / Trade & Command proper to be Carried on
 upon / Coast or if they did they were genly
 people whom hd Spent their Fortunes & lost
 the Character before they came here & Ende-
 avoured to Retrieve / Formed tho at /
 Co's Expence & / lost a British Honour by
 often when they h^d / British Rights & Af-
 fairs Subjects to protect have like poor
 Lucrative watches Sold both to Advantage
 themselves, the Inspector I Perce^{ve} is a very
 Capable man / Forts all Sadly out o Re-
 pair owing purely to Mr Chalmers Employ^g
 / Slaves upon his Chimerical Projects, I
 sh^d do to / Uttermost o my Power, en-
 deavour w what Slaves th^{is} is to do /
 most Immediate necessary Repairs want^d
 want^d f the defence, & as / Co's Castle
 work^g Slaves & Canoemen are many o them
 Dead or Rendered by Age Incapable f
 Service, / latter a Stand^g Expence, the
 beg but few appropriated f Castle

Slaves & Carvoemen of some years past so
wholesaler has / Possession & Direction of Forts &
Settlements, who Joint Stock Cos or / Bristol
& Liverpool Merchants, if they are Determined
to Support & protect / British Subjects in
the Trade to Africa, wh / Former may, but
it is not consistant / latter can do to Pender
it is Advantage to maintain / British Honour
& Jurisdiction as it will be / Interest of a Co to
do, it will cost at least £30,000 Stg to repair
/ Forts & Supply them w a Competent

Number of Castle working Slaves & Carvoemen
/ Variety [sic] of may depend upon & may
inform any one so of Judge proper. But
then Sir if a Cos Affairs were faithfully
Transacted here such Slaves w^l w^l [?]
labours near maintain / Garrison. I hope
to be able to send y by my next a Form of an
Establishment of Officers Military & Trade,
Soldiers, Artificers Castle working Slaves &
Carvoemen & also a plan of Trade to
Support them, but at present am so
distressed of want of people in this Castle
& I and my Colleagues be so much upon
our hands betwⁿ / Transacting Affairs w /
Dutch & Natives, & Carry on / Publick
Acts, we do not know in which way to
Turn ourselves, if / Gov grants a Supply
tho' it to be sent out 20 Factors 20
Writers, one House & two Ship Carpenters
one of latter to can Caulk, one House Joiner
one Blacksmith one Armorer, Two
Coopers, one Bricklayer, one Mason.

the Turners & Fifty Soldiers, as many Trades-
 men ~~and~~ as possible and / latter & we
 shd esteem it a parts favour if there was
 a French Horn or Two among them, it is a
 gr disadvantage to be in want o people as
 in propor^{on} to / Numbers it does Emerg^{ts}
 or diminish^{ly} / power & Authority o / C^{ts}
 Servants. It may be sd o Some one or oⁿ if
 we are at such an Expence in sendg out people
 & / Parliamt grants no more than £10,000
 #ff there will not be Money sufficient left to
 Support them till / next year, in Answer to t
 Qsay, they will provided / Supply is sent out
 Regular f / Year 5) to arrive here in November
 or December as in all probability out o t
 Numbers they will not more Survive than
 will be sufficient to Transact yo Affairs
 properly & also when / most part o / Cargo
 thro^t ont is Sold it will begin to be
 unsorted when / Refuse goods must be Sold
 to disadvantage, whereas if / Supply comes
 out it will assort it, I beg leave to assure y
 t £10,000 Plannum sent out by / Gov An-
 nually w^l beg but under / Management o a
 Tradg Co w^l a Joint Stock whose Interest
 it will be to Repair / Forts & keep them in
 a good Posture o Defence to protect the
 property Authority & Jurisdiction, as if /
 Forts are not repaired in a year or two
 they will be all in so miserable a Con-
 dition as to barely Deserve / Name o Forts
 the Only f Marks o Sovereignty &

possession, if / Honorable Gentlemen who
were so zealous in / House to prove them
1501 or no or² Consequa. had bin upon / Battlements
o / Co's Fort Dixcove when it was attack'd
by, at a Moderate Computam, 3,000 Negroes, they
wd, as I presume by Conjecture, had bin a quite
a diff^t Opinion, Yr Forts must always be in
such Situan as to Command / Natives being under
a dependent Obedience, & to protect them from their
Enemies, This is at this Time above 300 people
protected in & under / Wall of t Fort whom we
Supply w provisions &c & sh continue so to do
till / dispute is ended, our Sloop attack'd in
going up by / Enemy Supported by / Dutch but
I had Arm'd her well & sh sd t She Kill'd &
Wounded Seol people, She was Attack'd by Six
Canoes & it is reported t / Chief o / Dutch
Fort was in one o them, / Truth o / Report
report I h not as yet bin able to come at,
but hope to prove he was there I am going
up to Dixcove in her my self in above 5
Days time

I h bin look'g out f two Boys & h de-
sired all / Captains o / British Traders, if
They Purchase at any Time a Boy Slave t will
be proper to send to Europe to lett me know,
I may depend I will send y as handsome
Africans as ever arriv'd in Europe, I h only
one man t Souds / French horn & he put v'y
poorly, I brot two Horns out w me but had
had y nobody to use them I gave them to /

Dutch Gen at his Request on my Arrival.

I h^o just received a Message fm /
 Rebellions Capt^s at Dixcang. t^h of Quare
 admit him he will come & live under / Fort
 as before, not w^g / Dutch offer him
 Bernardo [sic] (ic) £300 p^a y^r. 9sh p^a ann^o
 him on Conditions before Informed of
 Honble Sir &c

T. 10. 151.

Cape Coast Castle 22^d May 1750

At a Council held this day

John Richards President

William Husbands

Thomas Boteler

} Chief Agents

Whereas in consequence of an Agreement wth Dutch
 Gen John Van Voorst p^r letter of 19th Inst^o &
 present exigency of Co's Affairs respecting / War
 in / Country of Aⁿhanta it is indispensably
 necessary / President sh^d proceed to Dismiss
 in order to treat wth / Dutch Gen's Deputies etc
 to endeavour at settling & establishing / Peace
 of British Subjects in those parts

It is hereby agreed & ordered by / sd Presi-
 dent & all Authority & Command regarding / Trans-
 act^{ns} of Affairs & disbursing / Public Supplies at
 Cape Coast Castle be vested during / absence of
 sd President in William Husbands & Thomas
 Boteler Esq^s in as full & ample manner
 as if / sd President was etc himself & t /

Transactions of sd men's Husbands & Botlers
remain in full force Subject to such remarks
only as / President may judge proper to make,
but no alteration otherwise than what might be
made by / whole Council be present at /
seal transactions

Agreed t / President proceed accordingly to
Dix code soon as he conveniently can, T Cudjo
/ Co's dringibtr attend him in order to come
at / true Cause o / Disputes. And as there are
gr Reasons to believe / President or his Retinue
may be Attacked by / Aphantese on / Voyage
thither, / Dutch Gen ~~is~~ having only signified
in his letter o / 31st Cur. n S. (to wit) y may
depend upon receiving no hurt fm / Dutch
Negroes on yr Passage = = = Consider / Said
Expressⁿ as advisable (having often experienced
how little / Assurances o / Dutch Gen are to be de-
pended on) therefore hold it v^y dangerous f /
President & attendants to rely thereupon es-
pecially as a Number o / English Rebellious
natives, are in / Confederacy w / Dutch / former
o whom may attack & interrupt / President or
his attendants as they are obliged to pass Seal
Leagues o / Enemies Country, & Gen Van
Voorsht may avail himself to a Subtilty
(ie.) t Such Molestation was made by English
not Dutch Subjects.

It is therefore unanimously resolved t /
President take w him to Windward such Force
o Men, Canoes, Armes & Ammunition as he sh^d
judge proper

And we hereby fully impower him to
act solely on behalf o this Council in all
transactions durg his Absence hence respectg /
Co's Affairs - and to conclude any Treaty
compact or Agreement w / Officers o / West

India Co o Holland in order to terminate /
 Ahanta War aforesd.

For it is hereby ordered & confirmed t/
 Powers before mentioned doth extend to all
 affairs of / Forts Commenda & Succond~~e~~ t
 may in any respect relate to / Co in as full
 & extensive manner as if all / Council were
 the present & consent of ~~the~~ thereunto.

Agreed also t/ Presidents Transactions
 remain in full force Subject only to Such
 remarks as any "member o/ Council may
 judge proper to make but to no or
 Alteraⁿ what^r or than wh^t h^{as} been made to /
 whole Council b^e present & Assist^g

Provided nevertheless Such Alteraⁿ inter-
 feres not wth any engagements concluded w/
 / Officers o/ Dutch Nan or People o Ahanta

Adjourned

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Commenda
 Commenda

Commenda 21^{5^h} [sic] May 1750
 12 o'clock

Gentlemen

When I arrived here I met Mr
 Johnson he informed me they were in g^d
 want o Beef Fish & Pump at Dixons & t when
 he came to Succond~~e~~ he ordered / Canoe t
 brot him thro to return to Dixons wth Beef
 Pork & Pump & Desiried / Canoe men to be sign-
 are & let him know if they wd go or not
 (who assured him in / Affirmative) or he
 wd come down wth them to this place &

send Mr Meers' Canoe to be came down in
to Dixcove, when I told him I had met them
he was g^ly surprized, / Villains left Succond^{ly}
in / Night & by th^r Audaciousness / poor people
at Dixcove are in Danger o' Starv^g

Gentlemen I hope you will allow is
treatm^t not to be bore with & I respect on
Receipt o' this y^e wd w^l g^lest Secresy send
to / Captain o' Canoe (named named
Coffee Tree) & some o' / Canoemen on a pret^{ce}
o' ask^g them to come up here w^l my thgs as
they promised me off Elmira & put them in
Irons if they must be made an Example to / Rest.

I beg y^e wd take Care to Dispatch Cudjoe
& / Canoe w^l my thgs & ano^r in wh^l put
one Cask o' Beef one Pork & a Hoghead o' Rum
if Gods sake mind to be punctual in y^r dis^{ch}
dispatches for t^h / whole depends, I sh^d ad-
vise y^e o' ~~writing~~ w^l th^g worthy y^r notice.

Two fine Eleven hand Canoes here &
one I met, go^g down to y^e. Pray dispatch
Cudjoe w^l / Purvins & c^d I sh^d not stay
to sleep as Accaws people he waited
till they are ov^r o' patice, so pray put
some more / Purvins in / Canoe as we may
be able to defend ourselves, send 10 Anchors
Brandy as there will be a deal o' Liquor
spent in Dashes to / Atlant^{as}. I am &c

Gentlemen Commenda 22^d May 1750

I received yr always respected
 favour o' yesty's date this day at 12 O'
 Clock & immediately went to answer it.
 when I was just Concludg / Sergeant in-
 formed me he saw Coudy's a Comg who
 gthly to my Satisfaction landed safe at one
 O'Clock I began to be uneasy at his
 not appearing sooner as Mrs Saunders &
 / Gen's head boy w many Captains o
 ye Elmina soldiers are gone to Bontry
 & Sev't o' ye Pyrites are here who told me
 they were ordered to call here by / Gen
 to know if it was me & to ~~lend~~ a lend me
 up (Dutch Finesy). I thanked & Dashed
 diguots & told them I shd go as soon as
 it was saif f a Canoe to go of but
 they need not stay but shd be glad to see
 them at Dixcove, thinkg w^t in myself at
 / same time I need no Dutch gard if it
 is not saif to go in Canoe tomorrow I
 will goe by hand

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Succovada 12 o'clock 23^d May 1750

Gentlemen

I arrived here abt an hour ago &
 was gthly surprized when Mrs Mears informed me
 / Rgem he received fm / Long boat was smech
 159] downed. I cd not believe it so ordered some
 f me to taste & I actually believe Two o' Cocks

were Watered 50 or 1/2 25 p Cent on / nearest
Calcutta

I am persuaded it is not / way to make
Accaus y^e friend by sendg him such dequid

160] Boutry. Godfrey Sandra Succondee 24 May 1750. as
[Copied in hbk p 76. fm 10. 10. 1464]

161] Succondee ~~24~~ 24th May 1750

Dear Gardiner

I recd y^rs o yesty since writg
y last night. I am obliged to y f Clearg obt
/ Castle & f y^e additional parapet & cd. as to
1 or part o y^e letter I sh h / pleasure o an-
swor it Verbatim I hope / Day after tomorrow.
This is Chiefly to advise y t I shd h set on
tomorrow morning but f Cudjoe haveg sent
his Che Che to Bossua to know if his people
wd be safe to travel by land & f them to send
people to Conduct, but / Che Che way par-
yarned by Bacot who wd not let him pro-
ceed at return so t I this day write
to Sandra, who y saw go up to Boutry
to release him & wait here f his answer
& f two 11 hand Canoes coming up w
provinc f fear / Sloop will not arrive
in time & they will be a rein force. to my
little Fleet wh consists o / number o Vessels
mentioned at foot. Cudjoe nor any o / English
Blacks will hear anythg o my Comg in a
Canoe, they say t this is a plot to attack me
& t they are aggravated at / Death o
Some y^e man t ~~with~~ Died o his
wounds two days ago. I am Determined
if / Sloop does not come tomorrow to

arm well & run / Prudence o' it if they are
 Audacious enough to Attack as they sh
 meet a warm Reception if it be off Boutry
 & / French Man sees it I hope he will
 humanity enough to come or send his Boat
 to my Assistce tho I wd not be it asked as a
 favour fm him as it wd be layg me under
 an Obligation t I cannot return, I sh buy a
 Roll o Tobacco & Stock sufficient, I sh write
 to / Gen abt / Camoo, they were ~~Anterroy's~~
 Anterroy's People t cut her out & carried
 Carried her to Boutry, they attempted to
 burn / Slave Town but / Thatch was too
 thick. I am most Sincerely

Handed

17 " 11 5 } In all Seven Canoes
 13 " 7 " }
 11 " 13 " }

And o Cudjoe's Che Ches goes by this
 Canoe, let him go Bossue & give him some
 Victuals & Liquor to eat & Drink but not
 any to Carry w him to Bossue, & Tell
 Accah to tell him t y he a good Stock o
 everything in / Fort, I will be w y / Day after
 tomorrow w something Extraordinary happens
 to present it.

164] Six [ie Sandra]

Succoedee 25 May 1750

I h / Honour o / Oblig^d favour o 4
June n^s & flatter myself to h / pleasure o
Seeq^y in a little time at Discoose, where y
will find me ready to Enter into / proper
Methods to come at / Truth o / present dispute
in a friendly way in hopes to accomodate
an affair t^e has given me gr^t trouble.

I am oblig^d to y^e f^r release^d / Chee Chee
& h^e Conformable to y^e Oblig^d message by
y^e first Boy, sent some o my Linguists
/ people as y^e cannot but know Black Cabbu-
seers when they Travel to many followers
followers. I depend upon y^e care o them &
t^e y^e will give them safe Conduct to Discoose
Fort y^e / Weather permitt I will set out
in my Canoe tomorrow morn^g & on my
arrival at Discoose sh^e be ready to endeavour
to Settle / present dispute in / Athanta
Country wth y^e & Mr Volkmer on Terms t^e
may appear consisten^t wth / honor & aut^h
authority o / British & Dutch Traders, wh^o
cannot be o^r than those founded on
Justice & Equity. t^e is / sincere desire o
him. who is wth most perfect Esteem &c

175] Captain Durn, Duxone Fort, 20th May 50

You'll receive this by / hands o a messenger belong^g to Accow o Cape Apolonia, y are hereby desired to anchor in such place as ye mess^g informs y it is Acca's desire y shd, provided y judge it a place o Safety, y are to let him h any part o y^r Cargoe Such as Guns, powder, liquor, or any ~~o^r~~ Goods he desires xceptg what are proper f ye Whydah Trade, makg / best bargain y can, Such part f Gold, Such f Teeth, Slaves or o^r African Produce, y^t y judge will answer, if he pays y all or any part, or y will, if not, trust him w / Goods on Shore, & enter ye Part^{ic} o y^r Same in y^r Book o Trade, w y^r Agree^{mt} y are to take on board any Africa Provis or Live Stock, he may offer y, wh y are to pay him f & proceed directly f this Fort & anchor as near in as y can w Safety. Observe to make ye Signal I gave y in mine o 12 April, by y^r Rapide^m, if Accow or his Bro^r shd go on board y, treat him handsomely & Salute him w 99 & comnd w all ye Guns y h. If he has a mind to send any people down here will y b^{rg} them.

- In day time. to hoist / jact & fire one gun at night - Fire 2 guns & hoist 2 lights in / Shoulds

I have present a dispute wth ye Athanta
people Situated fm Azim Fort to this place,
So I must keep a v^y good look out & hold
ye Self in readiness to be able to repulse
any Attack they may make on ye Vessel,
to prevent Surprise ye are not to Suffer any
No. o Canoes to come ab^t. ye at one time or
any Boat or Canoe ye may be Suspicious o
having more than / usual Complint o people
on board her, ye are to inform ye Master o
ye Long Boat (if w^y) o it & to bring her
down w^y, but if not w^y, leave a Letter
o Advice f^r him wth Acca & arms f^r his
defense, & desire Acca to put some hands
on board her, if any English Canoe applies
to ye f^r assistance, give them all / protectⁿ
ye Law. I Expect ~~to~~ to see ye down wth all
Expedim possible, if youve any Tobacco
Keep it. I am f^r Self & Council at C.C. Castle
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176] Gentlemen Duxoria 29 May 1750

I wrote ye / 24th & 28th instant fm
Succordee Since wh none o ye favours, I arrived
here ye 29th 1/2 past 10 o'clock wth Interruption
no thanks to either / Dutch or / Negroes But /
number o Canoes I had wth me, Sandra
sent a Canoe off to me wth my Boy & a
letter in Answer to t^e I informed ye I write
him fm Succordee, he has sent me word

if he is well he will come here today, nothing done as yet in / Palaver more than Mess^{rs} from Antevoy & Bossu wth Akie O's. The Blacks seem to all agree t^h Old Dick is wrong in his palaver but are all unanimous t^h my Palaver is right. I am in no sort o^f doubt but we sh^d settle / Blacks Palaver but is impossible to settle wth / Dutch when a Dutch Flag is hoisted at Bushaw & wth assistance f^r / Cannon &c panyard, Satisfaction f^r / Insult by attack^d / Sloop. Bacot was actually in one o^f / Cannons in / sears to encourage.

I h^{ave} made a draft o^f / useless people t^h were in / Fort & sent them down to Succondee, / Number at foot, wh^{ich} will lessen / expense o^f / Prisons here

I last night despatched Accaw o^f Cape Appoloniab Messenger wth a letter to [147] Captain Durn p. Copy enclosed wh^{ich} I hope will meet y^r Approbation, if we want him His Messenger (one Tom Coffee who I knew in England) informs me "he will rise at " three days notice & come down wth 5,000 men " & drive / Phantas to / Davis, he will likewise " send two o^f his favourite sons to live wth me " to learn Trade or English & t^h at any time " I want men in any Palaver to send one o^f " them to him & he will immediately send " any people I ~~desire~~ desire." This is a man 't^h is worth while to be at some expense to Cultivate & Preserve his Friendship as he is more powerfull than Entiferous

... y may be assured this will not any^{thg}
be wanted on my side to accomodate. /
178] dispute provided English rights & Liber-
ties are Secure fm Encroachmts I am &c

Am acct o / workers lebelers people
sent fm this Fort to Succondee
belongg to Account & Old Dick Cabb^{rs}.

Accounts 41 Women & Children

1 Man

Dicks 16 Women & Children

58

7 Women & Children belongg

to Mrs Seniors Wench

1 Man, a Comp slave, sick

66

1 Woman Slave named Daddie
paid to 30 U^{ts} sent to C Coast

64

...

...

181] Duxons Fort 30 May 1750

Gentlemen

I Beg leave to refer y to my
letter o yesty, ... Mrs Sandra is here w
me & we h had a good deal o talk abt / Pallawes.
I hope we sh settle it to our Satisfacⁿ.
Excuse brevity as I am much Taken up w
talky w him but believe me &c.

...

182] Duquoin Fort 31st May 50

Gen^l I at two o'clock this day recd^d yr ltr
o 26th, it is strange it did not meet quicker
dispat^{ch}

Mr Sandra & Self had a deal o discourse
ab^t: / Palaver. I flatter my self I've in some
measure convinced him t^h yr Gen's info-
rment^s fm Bonty were falacious & with^o
foundam^t. He has this day sent me a
messenger to advise me t^h he wrote to yr Gen
I acct I gave him o/ Palaver last night. pray
dont trust to our Settling it but make it
yr Studies to furnish Supplies to present yr

183] ill Consequ^{ence} o my beg in want o ym ...

184] To Mr Johnson 31st May 50

Sandra paid me a visit yest^d. I believe he
is in some measure Satisfied t^h Volkmer &
185] Bacot's Acct^s sent^d yr Gen were false &
No reason to believe he writ to him last
night to t^h purpose, I dont in yr least
fear carry^g my Palaver, be assured I will never
conclude but upon honorable Conditions. I am

3^d Paragraph fm Instruc^{ns} to Mr Andrew
Johnson on his beg appointed Govern^r o
Whydah dated 31st May 1750

To Mr And: Johnson Dix^e. 1st June 50

I sh be glad to receive y^e Corn & desire
you to order who y^e leaves in Charge o y^e Fort
to purchase & get ready wth more he can,
& take care to enter into no palaver as I
wd willgely confine it to Dixcove alone, if
Sandra & Self don't settle it, & if I am
f^r y^e present^{ly} supplied till I get Craft to
windward I'm not in y^e least doubt to
brg it to an hon^{ble} Conclusion, f^r if Acca
o C: Apolonias people had not bin informed
Self & Sandra were come up here to settle
y^e dispute they wd h^{ve} bin down upon Bossus
people in a little time as Acca had sent three
o his Captains to Guydas^e Country f^r t^{he} purpose
& y^e Athantas had heard o it & had got all
y^e Women & Children to / Water Side Side
f^r fear o be^{ing} surprized (th^{is} Entre now)
only to Messrs Husband & Botelers who
in my hurry I forgot to advise o it

192] Six

Dixcove Fort 3 June

1450

[To Sandra - Copied of p 95]

192] Gentlemen

Dixcove Fort June 3 1750

As to what I write ab^t Palauer Permitt
me to say Gentlemen t^y entirely mistake
it. I am not pursuing Old Dick's Palauer

[Copied on p 918. post]

196] Mr^r Johnson

5 June 50

Immediately on rec^d o this Send f
Wilson Bumboy o ye Sawyers if he is in ye
Bush & ask him wh^r dur^g / Time he was
Cut^g Timber at Dixcove he Cut any
near or in Aheyankey & Tyes Crooms or
if he Says he has give him a 5 hand Canoe
& let him Come imedately hither hither f
now ye Dutch h^e no Way left to get clear
o / Palauer but to prove Aheyankey a
Dutch Subject & y^t his Croom belongs to
them.

If Wilson Knows noth^g o it, Send f
Some o ye Oldest o ye Sawyers & Ask them
& G^t Quambim o if he or they h^e not Cut
Timber th^r & often Parryard Fowls Sheep
& f myself in those Crooms, if they
Say they h^e, dispatch them hither
with^t less o time. On Second shot it will

be more prudent to send Wilson & ye
Sawyers in a 13 hand Canoe & to put
some Corn therein.

199] 9th June.

... [Lr to Sandra.] ^{+ Volkman} Copied at p 84] ...

202] Gent.ⁿ Duxons Fort 9 June 1750

Since my last of 6th of Instant [m.c.]
I've not recd any yr favours. I've had
an answer fm Mr Sandra wherein he
says / A hanta People don't chuse to come
& settle thro Palawars under / Guns o this
Fort, but desire me to meet him & them
upon a hill ont o sight & gun shot o it, wh
I fancy I will imagine an odd proposal
I've answered his letter & I think Pro-
perly, making him / follow^g Proposin Viz.

If he will come (when ever he thinks
proper) to Discover w his people, I take
upon me as President o / Council at Cape
Coast Castle & Principal Director o British
Affairs on / South coast o Africa to Warrant
& assure neither himself or a Single per-
son o his people or those o A hanta
sh sustain or receive hurt or / least
molestaⁿ in any shape what's durg / time
I present Palawars shd not be Settled

may be debated or for any 20 days afterwards. Provided / sd Palaver shd not be settled, he (/ sd Sandra &c) guarantying / like Num^r o Days on his part for my People to pass & repass.

I will also in a proper place made before / Gate o / Fort (to show how willg I am to examine into / Present Palaver) where Mr Sandra or w my self may sit & / Cabochews converse to examine / wiles on both sides, by this I will observe I give up my just right o hearing / Palaver on my Fort thro my Assivity to determine it (as above)

I deterring Vouch for the fair Safety & all my Negroes sh be kept within / Walls o / Fort, therefore if any Disturbce shd happen w^t doors it must be betw the own People as none o mine will or sh be sight or intercourse w them.

I fear permit them to be a N^o o men Armed not Exceedy 1000 to be at such a Distce off / Fort as sh be agreed upon & a Line drawn w^h line they sh not Persume to go over w Arms or Warlike weapons unless / Once sh be broke, & they be Sandra's order to pass / same.

likewise if any Offence sh be committed or Insult on either side / Offender to be given up Instantly on ye spot to be dealt w^h as / Injured Person sh think proper, I think these Propos also Extrem reasonable but Suspect it will not be Agreed to, as I

imagine since Gen^l Sandra has been at Boutry
he has Exam^d into / Palaver, & plainly sees
if it comes to a hearing it must go agst them
but they can get us to a place where they can
make us do just as they please, Bossie was
my Enemy tho' my own, Cabecheer is agst me
go^g to hear / Palaver fm ont o this Fort. I
made some Overtures to him tending to settle
his parlaver by itself, wh I can't say what
I want will be.

I am so much indisposed as not to be
strongth to enter into a detail o / Part^{rs} ~~others~~

204] it must appear odious to
204] all Eng listomen to see french Collours fly^g
in Cape Coob^s Road, when / ~~British~~
British Captains h drove them ont o
Ann am aboe at / peril o Lose^g the vessels
u . . . Inaffectionate friend &c

192] Duxovon Fort, June 3 1750
 1915th Gentleman I had this m^o / Pleasure o^r y^ou o^r

As to what y^e writes ab^out Palaver Permit
 me to say Gentleman t^hat y^e entirely mistake it. I
 am not pursu^{ing} Old Dick's Palaver. But / Royal
 African Co o^r Englands, to oblige the rebellious
 Subjects to return to the Allegie & make
 Satisfac^{ion} f^o presum^{ing} to arm the People w^{ith}
 Guns & Cutlasses, & wound^{ing} / Cos Slaves & Mes-
 sengers, who were execut^{ing} / Orders o^f Chief
 under whose Command & Protect^{ion} they were,
 & f^o the fly^{ing} to Enteroy Phanta King & rais^{ing}
 w^{ith} Provoc^{ion} a War upon / Co^o f^o at sea as
 h^e had they come into / Castle when they were sent
 f^o in a civil manner by Mr Senior & inform^{ed}
 him t^hat Old Dick's Palaver was wrong, then
 Mr Senior w^old h^e let / Prisoners out o^f Irons &
 Obliged Old Dick to make him Satisfac^{ion} f^o
 accus^{ing} his People unjustly o^f Theft & also
 Atheyantey & Tye, f^o Slandereously mak^{ing}
 use o^f the Names, h^e had such Methods b^e pursued
 it w^old not h^e b^e at Present Subsist^{ing}, but it w^old
 h^e b^e ended in a peaceable Amical a way: Mr
 Senior put / Man in Irons, t^hat Old Dick put
 in / Castle, wh^o was but what he, ot to do
 & he c^old not be a Judge wh^o Dick's Palaver was
 right^{er} or wrong till such time he heard both
 Sides & when he sent f^o / proper People f^o t^he
 Purpose they refused to Obey his Command &
 took up Arms in Contempt^o o^f Co^os Authority,
 & like guilty Delinquents fled f^o the
 Allegie; I think w^{ith} Vanity I may say t^hat I
 h^e pursued such Methods thro^o / whole

Proceedgs in this Palaver t^o / Blacks & /
Dutch was to determine if themselves they
will acknowledge my Palaver right &
they must give me Satisfaction, & if Old ~~the~~
Dick's is wrong he sh give them satisfaction
as far as will be deemed sufficient had they
come in & made the Palaver when Mr Senior
first sent for them, as all / Expences since he bin
on Ackt o the Disobedience, & if I am not
misinformed / Ahamta People, many o them,
are now convinced t^o / Ahamtaly had no
Business to put their hands in it, unless
they had a mind to entirely throw off the
Allegiance to / English, wh^o I reason to
believe Bosque will not do, I sh be Easy w
him when he comes to settle his Palaver you
may be assured I sh be as cautious as pos-
sible not to aggravate or enlarge / Palaver
as it gives me a g^o deal o trouble & Concern
to see many & necessary thgs to be done
293] retarded, but as I h Right on my side
I must indeavour to End it on / most
honourable & advantageous terms I can.

I am obliged to ~~you~~ send for my Store from
on board / Sloop, as I sh be in g^o want o them
when Mr Sandra comes to settle / Palaver, havg
no red Wine o wh he mostly drinks, I ex-
pected he wd h bin here before this, I design
to write to him tomorrow to know when he
designs to come here, for us to come to an Agreement
in some Regulars its proper to lay down in
order to begin / Palaver

Just as I had finished / forego^g Paragraph
I received a letter from Mrs Sandra & in my

Opinion a remarkable cold one, they h no way
 now left but to Claim Atchumafu fm us & to
 prove they are a Dutch Subject & to
 prove we hd no Right to oblige him to
 come into / Fort, w many o' Follities they h
 intirely given over what they strongly
 asserted [I w my Men of War's People attacked
 Bushaw & now insinuate it was Atchaw's
 People, but I h it in my own power to in-
 validate & asser^m as well as / o' Sandra
 desired [I wd Appoint a Neutral Place
 than ~~Dixcove Fort~~ [all / Cabb^{ob} mt be
 convened & / Palaser heard, & asked me what
 I thot o' Bushaw as it was a Place in Quis^m,
 wh in my Interpretⁿ cannot be called more
 a Neutral Place than Dixcove Fort, wt they give
 up the Claim to it wh I am apprehensive
 they will not readily do, any more than I sh
 owt. I wrote him f Answer "it wd cost
 me but little trouble to invalidate / Remarks
 in his Letter wh I thot it unnecessary to do,
 as I conjectured my Comg here was to confer w
 him to Endeavour to come at / Truth o' /
 Affairs w a Design to settle it amicably, &
 sent him an Invitation to come here tomorrow re^a

194] I h hd a message fm Sandra t he will
 come here tomorrow, I h got a slight Fever
 upon me wh I fear will render me incapable
 o dog much w him

203]

Dix^c. 11 June 50
 To Messrs Sandra & Volkmer at Bonthy

[Copied at p. 92.]

Genl: Agents at C.C.C.

11th June 50

I recd a ltr fr this morn^g fr Sandra who agrees to my proposal & comes w/ Athantars here Wednesday, many o/ Cabocheers are here to settle ffforms w/ Cudjo among themselves. If I am able to set up to hear it it will not take up a long time debatg, as I cant tell what / Dutch can h to say o/ Athantars & I h given them no offe offence . . .

206] To Mr Stokes

11th June 50

Recd yr ltr of June P. Canoe . . . The Sawyers & Wilson are come.

If Peeler's yr linguist is returned send fr him into / Capite & ask him if he has any message to send to me & let me know directly what it is, if Mrs Johnson is at Comenda show him this ltr.

204] To / Chief Agents re.

14 June 50.

I wrote to y / 9th & 11th Inst. in yr letters I advised y fr Mrs Sandra agreed to my proposals o cong here w/ Athanta people, & my advise was fr his own sake recd yr Inst I was writg to ye. he arvd aprwd here in his Canoe abt 8 o'clock yest^y forenoon & / Athanta people abt 11 o'clock came to ye Side o / Hill ont o Sight o this Fort, abt half way between Dixcove & Bushra, & sent / Genl's head boy w/ Sevl Dutch Cabocheers to desing t I wud send Cudjoe & my people thr t they mgt come to a hearg o both Sides / Palaver wh I was Surprized at & asked Mrs Sandra his reasons why / Athantars did not come to Dixcove accordg to / purpost o his letter, who ans wud that they were afraid to

come under / Guns o/ Fort. I told him they
 had no reason to be afraid as I had given
 himself such Assurance & not on others shd be
 hurt, however after many reasons & Arguments
 pro & Con, too tedious to relate especially
 as I am in so bad a State o health, I told
 them if / Athantab cd not take my word
 given to Mrs Sandra f their Safety as I shd
~~not~~ to all my negroes in / Fort under my
 Command how cd they expect t I shd put
 Cudjoe & my people so much in their power,
 many o whom I know / Athantab to be in-
 veterate Enemies to, & when there was nobody
 to Command, put each Single man out o 3, or
 4000 ~~men~~ at lge to do as he pleased? t there-
 fore I cd not agree to any such thg & req^d /
 Palaster to be heard under / Fort.

I fear told Sandra when he pressed
 Sendg my people, t if he ~~not~~ Command /
 Athantab under Dixson Fort to make yr
 Palaster, he cd not guarantee my people
 fm hurt o / Athantab, if sent fm under /
 Fortress to a place I knew Sandra had no
 Comd over yet ym I thereupon Consulted
 Cudjoe, who sd ~~yet~~ as to himself he was
 not afraid o go^g to / Athantab, but ~~yet~~ he
 cd not think o takg Acca, old Dick, or
 any o the people fm under / Guns o / Fort.
 So t I came to a determin^t resolve not to
 let them go. We had a laborious talk
 thereupon o ~~o~~ matters, & at last Sandra
 206] Concluded to dispatch a 3 hand Canoe
 w 5 hands therein w a letter to his Gen,

to Ask o him whos he shd beg / Phantas
lender / ffor to make / Palaver, or not, add^d
at / Same juncture t if he pleased he cd
order them into Dix. w's hall in a Minutes
time, but t he shd not do it with^t / Gen's
Orders. I was often Obliged to pull my hat
off often to Sandra & Dutch boys f Liberty
to speak, by wh means I obtained yr
favours o speakg to Cudjoe & hearg / Answer,
wh Concludes Jesty's negotiation.

Sandra informed me yesty he hd a Dre fm
/ Gen mentioning a party o Portuguese
Traders hd come down under a guard o
10,000 men & bot all Com^{ties} in / English
Dutch & Danes ffor at Acira, & t / Dutch
Co's Ship hd got many Slaves etc, if this
be true I hope youll be able to dispatch
Bondel, & obtain Absolve ye limit in my
last w regard to deplay o wh I sh be
glad to be informed I am &c

209] Mr Sandra

25 June 50

[Copied at p 93]

210] To / Chief Agents

Dix^e 16 June 50

I wrote ye 14. Since none o yr favours this
chiefly to advise ye we hear fm yr blacks t
Sandra has hd an Ambuser fm / Gen to ye
Questns advised ye, & t thereupon all / Cabocheers
are Summoned to Boulog. / Consegue o etc

meets I can't conjecture, as / Dutch seem to enter
 v^y Strongly into / Palaver, & I believe w^a
 view as they h^e given the word to make any
 Satisfacⁿ if / or party is found in / wrong, to
 wade pay^g / Charges attend^g ye Affair wh^{ch} I don't
 doubt but will be easily Accomodated if ye
 are willg to Sit down at ye own expence, this
 is a mere conjecture o mine, but sh^d it so
 happen when we come to treat upon / Affair, I
 sh^d be glad to h^e ye Opinions upon t^e Point.
 I still continue v^y weak & am ye.

211] To Mrs Sandra — 14 June

[copied at p 94]

212] To / Chief Agents Disc. 18 June 50

I wrote / 16 to wh^{ch} refer & desire ye an
 answer to it in regard to ye expence o ye
 palaver. Sandra has had an answer fm / Gen^l
 & has wrote me word t^e they can't think o bring^g
 / Ahantab under / Guns o this ffort to make
 the Palaver, & desires me to appoint a place
 f^r t^e purpose, so I propose to him if / Ahantab
 will come abt^t half way fm Busha to this place
 213] Cudjoc sh^d attend to hear what they h^e to say,
 & thence fm thence ret. wth ye Dutch Inquisit^r
 to hear what my people h^e to say at Dix core,
 both acct^s to be del^g to Sandra & Self to
 from our judgment^t thereon & t^e if Entroy
 is so choicy a personage as not to be entrusted
 under my Guns when I hd given my Word &
 honour of his Safety, I am positive I can't
 take his Word or Accomplish f^r / Security o
 my people fm under them.
 I recd^d jus o / 12th Inst^t & much differ

in Opinion as y^e t / Dutch want to Settle ye
present dispute upon just & reasonable terms,
This is not one Acⁿ they h^{ave} done for / beginⁿ
t Shows Jo in / least. Five ~~years~~ tryd
Posses in ye manner ye Ment^d but h^{ave} not
any hopes (as Cudjoe tells me) o Sett^lg his
Palaces independ^t o / Aphantas, as they h^{ave}
Obliged him to take f^{or}feish not to do it.

Observing y^e News fm Accra & hope a
resol^ution wh^{ich} pay^{er} doubt either way must be
f y^e better. If Aquishe & Derracoon are
resolved to come down I fancy Entifferoo
will be little more than talk.

If Danico has destroyed Champo it must
cause gr^{eat} trade at whydah & I fear will be
a fatal stroke to Keyzarus. I expected he
h^{ad} b^{een} set out f^{or} t^{he} place e^{ar}lier this

I am obliged to y^e f^{or} y^e kind wishes
abt my health, tho^{ugh} I have little hopes o^f dur^{ing}
2147 my stay here as there is no place to go to
free fm 10,000 Smells, / Doctor recover^s
v^{ery} slowly our Senior is dangerously ill. I am re

2147] Gent: 20 June. 50
Recd your fav^{or} o 13. 17. & 18 Cur^{re}.

I am obliged to y^e f^{or} transmitt^{ing} ye Gen^{er}
lre, & observe it to be much o a piece w^{ith} those
recd heretofore fm y^e Gent: & beg ^{to} refer to
y^e selves wh^{ere} Sandras or my offers were most
generous. I much approve y^e answers &
am Obliged f^{or} y^e Copy thereof

I advised y^e in / 18th Cur^{re} o a proposal
made m^{rs} Sandras wh^{ich} in my Opinion was so

fair & just & I did not in / least doubt his.
 Concurr. Yesty I recd an Answer therunto,
 purporting yt he cd not ~~agree~~ agree to it, as it
 Seemd only to delay time, f t / Palaver cd not
 be heard unless both Parties were present, I
 cant see wh Way it cd delay time, neither h I
 a desire it shd. but they h done all thgs w^{ch}
 in the power to trifle w me ever since
 Sandra's Arrival at Boutry, he fur Says
 by way o Exaⁿ he has talked w / people
 Concerned, who are detirmined to make
 215] the Palaver at no o^r place but Bushra, &
 t if I will send my people thr, they will put
 hostages into Mr Sandra's hands f the Safety.

I think y^r proposal an Extreme Odd one, &
 to look upon it as I really do impartially, at /
 Same time well know o / Villainous^t Tricks
 o Dutch men in foreign parts, it Seems to be
 a design to decoy my people into the power,
 & by t means to Oblige me to do what
 they please, as certainly if I w^od agree to
 Send my people to Bushra, w^{ch} I cant do
 neither do I think my people w^od go thr,
 I hostages f the Security o^t to be in my
 hands not Sandra's.

I sh^d Answer his pre today & make him
 my last Proposal. I come now to y^r o /
 18th Inst & am much o y^r Opinion y^t y^s
 Dutch are Aiming to t^r tire out my patie, but
 to Weary me into Concess^{ns} they never can,
 or to run any risk w my people t may be
 detrimental to them
 it gives me pleasure to find by y^s last

Paragraph o yrs, we agree in Opinion w
regd to yr Palaver & am obliged f yr Com-
pliments yr are pleased to pay me & faith
yr h o me, so much as to leave / determinⁿ
o / Affairs to my self, y may depend I sh be
Watchfull & Carefull o yr Name's hon^r & to
pres^{er}ve my own, & yr Characters in
not making any Concess^{ns} beneath t^{he} ?
Englishmⁿ, President & Council o C.C. Castle.

I am o yr Opinion they will not Attack yr
Book any more, if they do they'll find it in
better order than at / time they were
insult^d enough to do it.

I believe, if Dutch yr, Dutch h no born o
design^e to finish / Affairs, neither do I believe
I sh see Mr Sandra any more on wch
Acct. I've this day sent to see what can be
done w Bossu, all t is to be hoped will be
to get him to life Reuters, wh I fear will be
a difficult Task f Bossu to do, I think it
will be proper yr sh^d dispatch as many
Canoes as possible w Corn.

216] I remain still extreme ill hardly able to
sit up & dictate this, am sorry "C.C.C." is so
low in wine. I hope yr soon h a Supply
fm a Man o War. I am yr

PS. it is reported to me t / Phantas
are ready & willg to come hither to
make thr Palaver but t / Dutch
will not let them.

217] To Mrs Sandra 22^d June 50.[Copied at p 100].219] To / Chief Agents 23^d June 50

I wrote to you 20th to wth refer.
 Since none of your favours, this m^y arrived in
 / road of Sloop Dolphin wh gives me a
 good deal of pleasure as I was in some doubts
 abt her, a Dutch Ship by of Boutry, Capt^m
 Gregory is come on Shore, he says he has
 2 good Anchors, but is v^y bad off by Cables,
 wh is a gr^t misfortune as it is v^y strong
 ridg. off C: Apolonio this time of year &
 requires good ground Tackle, he says there was
 a hawser on board / Dogger wh she has no
 Occasⁿ for yr wd do v^y well to ride his Sloop. if
 / Dogger is not gone pray forward it hither.

I wish ye to look over yr Invoice of Goods
 of C: Apolonio & see yr Gold price yr will
 sell each Article at, as ye will know I can
 scarce tell / prices of any Commodities
 Since I've bin on yr Coast. Send yr Answer
 as soon as possible.

220] To Sandra. 24th June 50[Copied at p 104]

To Sandra 25 do do

[Copied at p 106]

221] To yr Gentⁿ Agents. 26 June 50.

My former was yr 23^d advising yr Sloop's
arriv^l + Sloop Stores she is in want o

I've need yr fav^r o yr 20th past.
Sandra has rejected yr proposal advised yr
o / 19th 19: & insists yr Palaver sh be heard
at Bushá or Bortouy, wch is a concession I can't
think o. Let yr Courtship be w^t it will, as yr
intencⁿ can only be only to intimidate my people
when yr, & thereby urge y^m to a necessity
o sayg what he & his party please. If they
will know if / Affair comes to a fair hear^g, /
decimⁿ in evy point will be in favour o yr
English. I'm informd our adversaries now
want entry to acknowledge himself Pan-
yard / Canoe & attacked yr Dolphin, wch by
yr same Intelligⁿ I hear entry absolutely
refus^d

I know not what w^t Messages yr've
need fm Cudjoe but am Satisfic^d nothing in
my pres^t cd give yr reason to expect Bossie
w^d Sequester himself fm / Athantab, depend
Gents! I sh Study w^y method to engage him
to it, may at yr last extremity w^d give him
a Charte Blanche was it possible to engage
him thereby, I've endeavor^d long past to

Allure him to treat w Cudjoe, who I hourly
consult thereupon & fly^g Rumour at present
prevails t Bossie has ~~that~~ that o com^g
to yr gr Town in 2 or 3 days to see Cudjoe,
yr result (if he comes) I can't conjecture
fm yr present uncertainty o yr blacks resolve^{ns}

I am glad to hear / King o Dalomey is become

222] so enterpris'd, there be better f^r ye efforts ther

Inclosed y^e prices of Goods f^r Gold & Trade
at C: Apolonio. Taken f^r one o' Accoy Messengers.
I see no gr^t inducement therefrom to send ye Sloop,
unless / Palaver lasts as I fear it will, & we
cd get him down upon ye Phantas, f^r w^{ch} we w^{ll}
y^e Opinions, if ye think twill do to establish
Continuance o' traffic, as it may determine my resolves
abt. / Sloops dispatch I am &c.
PS. Send Porter

To / Gen^l Agents

28th June 1750

Yes y^e m^o I received a Letter f^r Mr Sandra
(who I find left Boutry / w^{ch} before) containing a
long Recitall, o' Circumstances tendg to manifest
his Excellency's good Intents & his Commissaries
Dilige to h^{av} brot / Affairs to an heary; but
all the Indecours cd not touch my heart.

223] Taken / Phanta King was Assembled
w^{ch} his Peinys ye on / Phanta betwⁿ Dixcove
& Busha ~~and~~ I Refused to send Cudjoe
Linguis^t ther to make / Palaver.

Agⁿ t they were so generous to Propose
Busha or Boutry as proper places f^r heary /
Dif^{er}es & Mr Sandra Offered his word f^r /
Safety o' my People, such offer met wth no
Answer o' agree^{mt} thereto, but t I made new
Proposals o' Complaints, & doubted whth Mr
Sandra's Word was Sufficient f^r guarantee o'
my People, & whth he was duely Authorized
by / Gen^l to Determine / Affairs if it shd
Come to a heary.

~~I it appeared I had no Intemⁿ to make, or Adjust
/ Palaver wth Protest in / Name o his Excellency
agst all fatall Accidents Damages & Losses wh
may Result fm / aforesaid unreasonableness
o mine & Obstinate Refusal in order~~

I it appeared I had no Intemⁿ to make, or Adjust
/ Palaver, at any place but where I had / sole
Authority, & to avail myself o length o time,
o some Luckey Compleⁿ o my Schemes &c

I therefore he (Sandra) w^{as} constrained
to break off / Palaver & to Protest in / Name
o his Excellency agst all fatall Accidents
Damages & Losses wh may Result fm /
aforesaid unreasonableness o mine &
Obstinate Refusal in order to / Procure in-
demnificⁿ wheresover it can be found

In a Day or two I see some shot o answering
this Extraordinary dr^e to / Gen^l. tho at Pres^t.
I am much out o order.

Bossie met Gudgee yest^d in / 1st Town
& I desire t on / receipt o this I will (w /
gtes^t Secrecy imaginable) send / three women
belong^g to Bossie, whom I sent^d o down by /
Sloop fm this place, by a Canoe to Succondee,
if possible to sett out fm Cape Coast so as to
be at Succondee by daylight, & send a boy
w them to deliver them to / Chief, as perhaps
Bossie may be allured thereby, & as he
seems by some hints to Gudgee to be v^y
uneasy abt them. Observe! If 2 Women, I are
to send are two t was Panyarad in Bossie's
House, & his Sister who he gave a Pawn for his
good behaviour. I recommend Secrecy in yo
dispatching them & sh^d it reach / Dutch they
wd push down^t attempt to Panyarad them.

224] Enclosed is Comodora Pyc's care . . .
 Wishing all health & happiness

To Messrs D^r. 28 June 1750

The Chief Interest of this is to advise t
 Mrs Sandra is gone & / Palaces remains
 unsettled, so if yr are to send no mess^r
 or suffer any t may come for leeward by land
 neither. Any Canoes destined f this place are to
 be hastend away so as to be here by day light.

fr C. Coast will be sent 3 Women
 wch of are to take into / Castle. they belong
 to Bossu, take care o ym & t they want f
 nothing ill of receive my Orders. Menⁿ this to
 no Person. nor let yr Lie lye abt f yr Serjeant
 or person to inspect wherby / Dutch may come
 to / Knowledge o these People Comg up

A Ship in fwickis fr Bristol stoped here
 who says t 2 men o War were ready to sail
 when he came from England

T. 40. 151.

Cape Coast Castle 1st July 1750

At a Council held this Day

John Roberts President (Absent)
 Present

William Husbands } Chief Agents
 Thos Boteler }

Whereas we / Warehouse Keeper & account-
 ant h examined yest^r / Ballance Remaining
 o / ~~Gov~~ Gov Supplies consigned by Henry

doxelles o London Merchant to Messrs
Roberts & Husband's f Support & maintenance o /
Royal African Co's Forts & Settlements on / Gold Coast &
Whydah. And find / Same not to consist o a Suf-
ficient Quantity o Vendible proper Goods to defray /
Charge o this Garrison / Current Two Months,
Occasioned by / gr expense o / present Ahanla War
And as we apprehend / Goods f Sale upon
Ballance at / Seal Out Forts / 30th ult^o past a/
aforesaid Supplies when collected may be Sufficient
to Answer Such Disbursements necessary to be made
here f / purposes afores^d.

Therefore by Virtue o a Power bearing date /
22^d May past to us delegated by / President to
Act in all thgs dang his Absence respectg Public
Affairs as we sh judg requisite & necessary.

In Consequence thereof do resolve to Furnish
fm out o / President's & our own private Stock,
Such Goods & Merchandize as sh be Sufficient
f / purpose afores^d. In order to Close / Books
f / Gov's Supplies & reimburse ourselves
what^r we may advance

Ordered t / Seal Out Chiefs be directed to
carry / Ballance remaining o / sd Supplies at
/ end o August next to issue to / acc^t o
Roberts, Husband's & Boteler & if / Amt^o
such Ballance or Ballances sh happen to
exceed / Amt^o o our Advancements / Same
to be Carried to / Credit o / Royal African
Co o England Or / Contrary if / same
fall short o our Disbursements
Adjourned

T. 70 1476 (contd)

225] To / Chief Agents 1st July 50 Dix^e.

Y^e fact^s o 25th & 28th are both come to hand, it gives me pleasure to find / Carolina has made a tolerable good Voyage.

Y^e Observations relaty to y^e Palaver are entirely just, / Dutch never had any design o bringg / Same to a hearg but endeavored all in th^e power to inflame M^{en} & to Spirit up / Aphantas ag^t us & by underhand Methods to get Bossu over to ym I forget what I informed y^e heretofore t^h Sandra sent his Boy & Came to tell Bossu his people at "C.C.C." were all Sold off / Contr.

The ffort is now well furnished wth Provⁱⁿ Ammanin &c. / g^lest^r o y^e x pence is over, & more so, at Bossu came yesty into / ffort. & Cudjoc took his (Bossus) hand & gave it to me, sayg at / Same time it was at / desire o all his ffainly, Bossu told me he has a gr desire to see his people, & t^h when they come, I may send f^r him down, down, & he will begin & make his Palaver & Settle his Town, so I beg y^e to give those people dis patch.

226] hope Bossu is Sincere tho I cant help suspectg him, t^h he wants his people & then will leave us, I've talked wth Cudjoc on y^t head who thinks Bossu is really Sincere, however before I deliver his people I sh make him & heads o his People take ffelish to be true to y^e English, if I Settle him we've little to fear fm / Dutch or Aphantas.

226] To Meers at Succonda, Dix^t 3^d July 50

Baddo goes in this Canoe to br^g up Bossus people who I imagine will be w^y before this, leave it entirely to Baddo to set out w^t them whenever he thinks proper, but don't deliver them out o^f y^e Castle till they are to go into / Canoe, y^e are to see them therein y^rself.

227] Canoe fm "C." Coast let y^e same Canoe proceed w^t them hither & put on board this Canoe / Rum & sd was so much watered.

Contrive it so as to dispatch y^e Canoe w^t Bossus people & t^w y^e Rum at y^e same time. Order them to keep company w^t / Dutch or Blacks, sh^d. attempt to Parryare they c^o not be fond o^f attacking two l^ge Canoes. I ag^m recommend privacy in this affair.

Ducasse Fork w^m Husbands 5 July

I h^o before me y^e fav^r o^f 30th ulto... I can't think but Mr Dotelers go^g to Accra unnecessary & y^e must be sensible o^f

228] Chief Agents go^g to any Out post is attend^d always w^t gr^t Experience, I assure y^e I'm tired w^t See^g / Experience o^f this place

Observe what y^e say regard^g / Palaver & am o^f Opinion tis a gr^t affair if I make up m^res w^t Bosku & settle him ag^m in his Town, as f^r y^e Palaver w^t y^e Dutch it is much better it rests upon y^e present foot^g than to h^o Sufferd British Subjects to h^o gone to

334.

Bushia & to h. lid th^{gs} Settled in / partial
manner / Dutch w^d h. Settled wth thr.

I'm extreme Sorry to hear / people in y^e
Garrison are so sickly . . .

The Dolphin Sloop will take her departure
in a day or two if Wind & Curt. permit. Capt.
Gregory has found out her leak . . .

Dat: 6 July 1750

Orders o Capt: Edw^d Gregory Com^{dr} o Sloop Dolphin.

Y are on Reck^t o this or as soon after as y
can conveniently to repair on board / Sloop
Dolphin now under yr Com^{dr} & take / 1st Opp^{ty}
& best Methods y Can to proceed to Windward
& y are to endeavour to get as high up as Cape
Apdonio, but if y sh^d in / night by any
Accident get to Windward o it y are to turn
back & Come to Anchor thr & hoist St. Georges
Colours w / Comp^{ss} Sack, & y are to observe
~~not~~ not to hoist t Sack any where to leeward
229] o t ~~Place~~. Place. y are to wait at
Anchor thr till a Canoe Comes on board y wth
wh^{ch} if Acca Cabocheer o t place sh^d be in,
or any o his Brothers, you are to Salute them
Com^g on board & go^d, wth y Guns, & treat them
in y^e best manner y Can

And as y h. Shipped on Board / 5th D. Sloop
Sundry goods as P. Invoice annexed Amount^g
to Oz 153: y. 6 at Gold price consigned to y,
y are to observe when a Canoe comes on board
y fm Acca Cabocheer afores^d to send Tom
Coffee on Shore in her & / Case No 24

Containing, a Gold point De Espagne Hat & a
Yellow Silk Damask Cloth & one Case Cont^g

6 Flasks o' neat Rum, wh are sent by / President
& Council o' "C.C.C." f a present to him.

If Amarihi, a Cabocheer, Acca's Bro^r.
Comes on Board, y are to inform him o' goods
y have & show him any part o' yr Cargoe
he desires to See, if he asks f any part
thereof to Carry to Acca, let him h what he
wants, agree f yr paym^t. thereof wh^{ch}
to be in Gold Teeth or Slaves & / time o'
Paym^t to be limited, wh Agree^d. y are to enter
in yr Book o' trade; but if Acca sh^d send
to ask y to come on Shore, y w^od prefer yr
go^g & mak^g yr trade w' him wh y are to
enter as af^r y are to make it upon such
~~Conditions~~ Conditions as to be at Ancho^r at
this Fort in three month^s fr^m / date hereof,
where y are to wait f^r Orders, w' returns
f Such part o' Cargoe y h disposed o' in
Gold Teeth or Slaves.

You'll observe in / Invoice / Gold price
o' Seal Goods wh is set down f yr Gov^r
Gov^r. S^d prices are v^y low so y are to
endeavour to Enhance y^m an Actie
a piece, if y can

You'll observe to make a distincⁿ bet /
Gold & Trade price, y are to advance on /
latter 35 to 40 P^{er} Cent^o on dry goods &
on / Rum 50 P. Cent^o

If Acca proposes yr go^g to Wundward
& to put one o' his people on board to show
y^r / places o' Trade, Agree to / Same, & when

y proceed to Windward Anchor at such places / person put on board of by Acca sh desire provided y Judge them to be places o Safety.

When y make Barter w Acca or his Bro^r Amarioka^r for Gold, Teeth, or Slaves 250] y are to Agree t / of^d Commodities are to be pd. y on board / Sloop so t y are to be at no risk in bring^g, Gold Teeth or Slaves fm Shore.

If y find you cant make any Cons trade w Acca y are at liberty if y think proper to go to Windward to dispose o / Cargo consignd, tho' I sh^d prefer yr dispos^g o it to Acca. / Commissions upon / returns y make on Africa Commodities o what kind so ever be^g Merchant able at £ 4 P. £ 104 I do hereby promise to pay y.

If y take Gold & meet any Ship not com^g to Leeward t has European Provision (viz) Beef, Pork, Butter, or Sugar, purchase what quantity y be Gold to pay for.

1 Coost^r price is
 Beef 12 Ackees a Tunne 3 lb wt.
 Pork 10 P B^g 2 lb wt
 Butter 10 P Tink^g
 D: w^d Sugar 3 lb P. Ackee
 Cheese 6 lb P. 80.

Y are by all Opp^y to Correspond wth y^r Presid^t
 & Council at "CCC" & advise them what Progress
 you've made in y^r Trade & ye State o^f y^r Vessel
 & o^f what Vessels y^e hear the are to Windward,
 If y^e sh^d hear o^f a Man o^f War Send advice o^f
 ye Same by Land to Dixw^{ell} Express to be for-
 warded & o^f any o^f Int^l y^e may judge Worth
 y^e Council's Notice

One th^g I recom^d t^h y^e don't f^r yourself or any
 person Trade wth any french Vessels or Suffer
 / people under y^r Command to Trade wth them

And as I am inform^d the are many
 inferior Officers & Sailors run away fr^m Ships
 to Windward, y^e are not to Suffer any boat
 to come on board y^e unless / Vessel such boat
 belongs to y^e English in sight, f^r fear o^f surprize

I recom^d t^h y^e use y^r best Endeavours f^r
 good o^f / Concern^d & in regard to y^e good
 Opinion I h^{av} o^f notus^d / oforego^d Orders
 y^e are to use y^r own discretion & Act as y^e
 sh^d find Conduwise to promote the Interest
 & so I wish y^e a good Voyage & am re

Invoice Annexed.

231] Invoice referd to in y^e oforego^d Instr^uct^{ns}
 Gold Prices
 Oz. A

g3. No 20 Chest	29 ps Manchester		
	Checks at	ack ^d	
		6½ a y	10. 14 ✓
SH. No. 2	50 20 ps Chollas	50 50	7. 8 ✓
	20 do Chollas @	50 50	7. 8 ✓
	20 do Gumia Ships @	2 50	2. 8 ✓
	13 do Topsails @	6 50	4. 14 ✓

20 Do Gushlars @ 5 Do	6.4 ✓
5 Do Gingham @ 3 Do	0.15 ✓
2.50 Silk Taffeties @ 12 Do	1.8 ✓
1.50 Coopes 6	0.6 ✓
10 Do Chevridony @ 6 Do	3.12 ✓

J.S. No 6 Chest

20 Do blue long Cloths @ 6 Do	10.8 ✓
10 Do Photo @ 6 Do	3.12 ✓
20 Do Cotton Romals @ 3 Do	3.12 ✓
10 Do whole Miconase @ 6 Do	3.12 ✓
10 Do Short Do @ 5 Do	3.2 ✓

108 + 4 Tapsails @ 6 Do	2.10 ✓
100 Branches o Beads w ^t 249 lb @ 1 p lb	7.12.6 ✓

No 21 Chest 5 birdg Guns @ 5 Each	1.9 ✓
16 Musquets @ 4 Do	4. ✓
Buccaners	5
	7.8 ✓

Anchors French Brandy 20 @ 6 Do each	8.10 ✓
F. Powder in Kegs 23. 20 lb each K @ 6 Do each	1.8 ✓
Do in Do 4 16 lb each Do @ 6 Do	2.6 ✓

No 22 Case 9500 Gun flints @ 4 Do p 1000	4.8 ✓
N.B. Dixcove Warehouse	

12 red long Cloths @ 6 Do Do	4.8 ✓
12 Chellocs @ 6 Do Do	4.8 ✓
13 Patna Chints @ 6 Do Do	4.14 ✓
13 paper Brants @ 2 Do Do	1.10 ✓
9 Cotton Romals @ 3 Do Do	1.11 ✓
1 p ^c Coopes	0.6 ✓
19 Gingham @ 3 Do Do	3.9 ✓
107 Gal o Rum @ 1 Ark p 9 neat	6.11 ✓
4 Chests 100 grade Guns @ 50 g each	18.12 ✓

Oz 158.7 6

232] To Mr Husbands Dix 7 July 50

I recd yr fav^r of yr 3^d & 4th Inst^t
what y say concerng Bossus people y shd be dis-
patched ym in a Canoe on purpose, & not in a
loaded one. Assurance of it gives me gr^t Concern
they are not arriv'd at Succonde as I h^d at
Bossus request sent a 11 hand Canoe & some
people to thr 4 days ago to brg them safe up
here, thr be g delayd does not appear well as
yr Athantas are suspicious we are upon
schemes to hire War upon ym. I hope to see
ye people tomorrow or ye next morn^g then
flatter myself to clear up & settle mres to
my Satisfon.

233] The Sloop will take / Wrist Oppy o gog to
Windward . . . Jam re

Dixons Fort 8 July 1750

Sve deliver to / Bearer / Woman t was
sent down fm here a Prisoner pany crad
upon Enterrys head, or y will oblige re
To Will^m Husbands Esq
Chief Agent re

To Mr Meers

8 July - 50.

I hope Bossus people are wth y are this I
send this Canoe purely to guard them up as I hear
yr Dutch has some designs to pany are ym it
is indeed black^y Informaⁿ however I wd guard
ag^t / Wrist so desire yond see / Canoes set out
in time of injoin^g ym to keep tog^t . . . of / Korn
Canoe is wth y fm Comenda t will reinforce

To Mr Husbands. 9 July 50

I wrote to y / y^r Seneca w^{ch} none
o y^r favours neither do I respect any ab
yest^r Yammi came hither in / Even^d &
informed me / Canoe y sent up w Boshub
people & a 11 hand Canoe I sent fm hence
to Succonda were Panyard off o

Pomponde yest^r morn^g abt 4 o' Clock by
one lge & 30 Small Canoes w 4 men in
23y] each Canoe & car^d into Bortry.

Bado / Cabocheir o Succonda w his Boy
& / 22 C. men ~~car~~ into y^r Castle, /
latter put into Irons, / former beat & Abused
by Bacot, Boshub people kept Prisoners in
Town. I had bn f some days uneasy abt
them & just as / news came, was dispatching
/ Awmg Canoe w people to Strengthen / Country.
its well she was not sent bec she m^t h
met / same fate.

I this morn^g sent a Messenger to
Bacot to demand restitution o / Canoes & a
sent ab / same time / Sample o Rum & told
/ Messenger if he refused to set / people
at liberty to inform him y^t was / Sample &
t he had better ~~quay~~ gauge / h dgd's [hogs-
heads?] as I shd look upon him f / pay-
master. Bacot sent word he had no hand in
/ Panyard it was entirely Enterry's ~~dogs~~
dogs, t he had / Canoe~~men~~ men but they
were put into his Castle by Enterry &
he ~~co~~ cd not deliver them. he had wrote to
/ Gen abt them & must wait his Ans

Ans^r, it shews / D: Men in a true light
as ye g^r Gen^l is obliged to make use o
a Negroe to cloke his Villany, it is
what any o^r man wd be ashamed o, he has
got / advantage o us by Situaⁿ & will stop
anything & is sent us by any o^r Conveyance
than / Sloop.

I've put off / Dolphins Voyage at
Judys Request who will hear o gog down
by no o^r Conveyce, I expect to see Bosbe
tomorrow, I fear his people beg Panjard
will make alteron in him, otherwise his
Palace hd bn made up & his Town
Settled, now I am doubtful o it.

~~We ordered Messrs~~

depend I sh do all in my power to
engage Bosbe & to put Affairs on / best
236] footg. I sent Bado & Canoe men some
Gold I am &c

Capⁿ Edward Gregory Discove Fort 10th July.

As there is no getting Canoes from
Leeward I cannot spare / Sloop to go
to Windward, so desire I wd send part o ye
Cargo on Shoats p / Canoes to go hewards, as
I sh fit / Sloop out so as to be able to
defend yr self from any force / Dutch can
pretend to send agst ye, as I saw those
Canoes & Canoes go into Bonting I wd be ye
hold / Sloop in readiness to defend yr self & to
cut off any Canoes ye can belongg to / Dutch
or Phantas I am &c

944.

Mr John Credo Bacot

12 July.

[Copied ab p. III]

240] Dear Sir [Husband's.] Discoe Fort July 13. 1750
 In favour of 9th & 10th Current I

Received

They t told / Bossue had a hand in
 Panycarr / Canoes I believe had no foundaⁿ of
 what they sd. I do not despair o bring^g
 Bossue & his People to join me yet a few days
 will determining w^h or not. Bacot & Entering
 do say thg in the Power to prevent it, they h
 sent Boys to Bossue to endeavour to intimidate
 him. Bacot's messenger told him "his master
 had an Order from / Gen to tell him (Bossue) if
 he & his People did not leave / English Terri-
 tory & go to Bountry, Accoda, or Cape tree
 Points or shut up his Paths & not h army
 Intercourse w / Fort or supply it w anything.
 he wd in four days time send People to
 drive him away as he was resolved t / Paths
 shd be shut" & Bossue behaved well in /
 Affairs & told them t if they had a Mind to
 come & fight him, they may, but t he wd
 stay th^r & keep his Paths open as long as he
 pleased, they just sent him his ~~sister~~
 Sister when they messenger was w him (I
 told him if they offered him his People to take
 them) he took her & sends her down here
 today for me to take / Irons off her leg. I
 241] flatter myself to bring his Affairs to a Con-
 cluⁿ on a few days & hope to settle him under

1 Fort again. This (Entre Nous) he has had messen-
 gers fm / Capboocers o Cape three Points, Azim,
 & Accoda & they had Orders fm / Gen to send all
 the Soldiers to Boutry in Order to attack Bossue.
 he sent him one word he shd keep People upon /
 Parties & Count them & let me know the Number
 if he ~~and~~ enters heartily into / Spirit o /
 Palaver & joins his People wth what I h here
 we may chance to give a Turn to Affairs as we
 sh not be Blockaded in / Fort. I am surprized
 y shd think o writg to / Gen; if I found it
 necessary, to h wrote to him, I shd h done it
 before this y can certainly h no Business to
 write to him at all. I do not expect to h
 any Answer to my letter but Swarts & Im-
 pertinence, it wd give me infinite Pleasure to see
 a Man o War as there we shd h / Satisfaction o
 seeg them Pay f the Insolce & male Practices. I
 yest^y wrote a letter to Bacot to Demand /
 Return o Canoes, Men, & Effects, tho' I had de-
 manded them before by a Messenger. Bossue
 has likewise demanded them o Enterry.
 Bacot wrote me an Answer in Dutch w^{ch} I
 do not understand one word, it is however
 o as much Significan as many received fm
 Sandra durg his Stay here, or what I expect
 fm / Gen in his Answer to mine o this.
 Date, as were they to act upon / Square in a
 candid just manner the vile male Practices
 wd not succeed.

I desire y will despatch / Carolina as
 soon as y conveniently can & send as many
 Fram Boats in her as y can get, but be sure
 y ~~and~~ Arm / Sloop well, as they are de-
 termined to attack any o our Craft comg up
 or go down fm here. I h un loaded /

Dolphin & she is well prepared for them if they are so audacious as to attempt her. I Swoop on grt Eye Sore to / Dutch & natives & are joined to / grt King Intery's Interest & give grt Spirits to our People. I am 2^d.
 Write to Bruce to order Durr to stop at Cape Appollonia when he comes Round. I believe I may venture to assure y^e I h secured Bossu & perchance / Seat o War may be removed from Dixcove Fort
 PS.

242] Mr John Meers Dixcove Fort July 13, 1750

I h y^e letter o / 11th Current & am surprized Bacot cd gather together so many Canoes w a design to panyon Bossu's People & y^e not be appized o it. I shd imagine y^e beg to leeward y^e shd hear almost everythg y^e ot to send some People y^e can get for a Trifle out as Spies & always know Bacot's Designs as nothg is a Secret when he once gives it out to / Negroes.

PS. let let / Dixcove people know / Dutch & some o / Aphantas h a Design to panyon them so do not let them go into / Dutch Town

243] Honble Sir 14th July

[To Van Voorst. Copied at p. 113].

246] Dear Sir

Dixie Fort July 18. 1750

I wrote y / 13th since wh none o yr fac^{ty}
I refer y to Cudjoe who will inform y o all
part^{ic} as respect to / Palaces here & / Vil-
lainsous designs o / Dutch, we h now nothing
to do but to strike a bold stroke by means
War like, as well as them, o wh I sh explain
myself more Fully when I h / Pleasure to see
y . . . I hear all / Phantoms are got tog^{er},
/ Cabbers at Boutry & / Soldiers at
Bushaw. I sh stay here a Day or two to
see if they will attack / Fort or not, if they
do they will Pay dear f thr Impudce.

247] Mr John Meers, Dixie Fort July 18. 1750

This will be Delivered y by Cudjoe
who will inform y o many Thgs wh I Recommend
to y to take Notice of & to send f yr Cabouers
& Towns People into / Castle to take Felish
to be true & faithful to / English Interest.
It is needless to say any more to y to
take care o / People sent down fr here. take
care o Cudjoe t he wants f nothing.

[sic]

248] Messrs Godfrey & Senier, Dixie Aug^r 25th 1750

[Copied at p 70] [July ?]
of mBK ①

250] Acra Thos Boteler Cape Coast Castle 30 July 1750

This serves Chiefly to inform y t I
Arrived here on Friday last^{ly} fr Dixie & tho I
left it in a State o War it was in such a Posture

o Defea as I am perswaded / Mhantahs will not
 attempt to attack it any more, they h often come
 by Night & Day & fire some Volleys o Small Arms
 at / Fort fm / Bush, be g Oblidg'd to do it f
 fear o Bacotts Flogg'g them. I sent abt 30 o
 Accais & Dick's People out a few Days before
 I parted who drove a 100 o / 9^t Kings Men as
 far as Busha, & many o them Suffer'd by the
 Insolce, as our People traced them by the Blood.
 I hope to see some o t Scoundrel / Tens before I
 Die, as when He sent his Envoys (as he calls
 them) he hd not / least Intenⁿ to settle / Palasour
 knowg if it came to hearing, he was Actg unjstly, &
 t it may go agst him, so he wd be Oblidg'd to
 make Reparatiⁿ wh he does not care to do, but
 thinks to tire us out, in wh I hope he will be mis-
 taken, as / g^test o our Expence is now over, &
 I've brot away all / Women Slaves & Artificers, so.
 t there is but 100 men in / Fort who will be
 easily supply'd w Provins, & I hope we sh ~~not~~
 tire / Gen & / 9^t King his Allie, before his
 Scheme takes o Tuz us. Y may depend I
 sh not be Idle here in Respect to t Palasour
 as well as our o^r Affairs, I rham & Meadows
 go g away this week puts me in a hurry . . .
 Dear Sir, &c.

257] Whydah Andrew Johnson
 Cape Coast Castle 30th July 1750

I arriv'd here on Friday last & in my
 way down call'd at Commenda, Tando &
 Pilo Complain'd to me t they h Rec'd no pay
 since my arrival, at wh I was surpriz'd &
 Beg to know / Reason o such a Mistake, as

of his Orders to pay Tando £4 per Month but
to stop 40,000 pounds / Debt due to / Co as per
/ Council's letter of 29th March, & to observe
of his Charge that pay in the Day Book in full
not giving / Co Credit for any part, pray clear
this affair up by / his Obedy

The Gen's Envoys were only sent up to
Examine into / Palawours, & when they found
themselves in / wrong only Endeavour'd to
Embrace it, & put / whole in a Confusion, & he
had herd all / Athanas to Come & attack / Fort,
but not one of them will come any nearer
than / Busha Corner, & to get them so far
Bacot is Oblig'd to send people to drive
them, & they goe back & tell him they have
fought v^y hard when they have only fired Volleys
from the place, however I Catch'd them one
Morn'g, I fired / 9th Gun off / Warehouse
Bastion into / Busha & sent out Bacot &
Dick's people who Beat them from / Busha &
Traid Traid them almost to Busha by
the Blood.

I left / Fort in a good posture of Defence
wth provisions, Ammunition & 100 Men in it &
bro't down here all / Co's Women Slaves & /
Useless people & hope to make them sick
of Palawours fire. I doe not believe there
is such another Villain as / Gen upon
Earth

70. 151.

Cape Coast Castle / 30th July 1750

At a Council held this Day

Present
 John Roberts President
 William Husbands } Chief Agents
 Tho^s Boteler }

The President having this Day laid before /
 Council his Journal o^r Proceedgs at Discom^o
 & Correspondence wth / Dutch Officers relatg to /
 Difc^{ts} Subsistg in / Ahanta Country, whereby
 it appears how true & heartily he hath ~~laboured~~
 Laboured to introduce peace & terminate /
 Troubles, but wth Success, it has been impossible
 to effect / some good Work wth first
 relinquishg to / Dutch Seal Districts &
 Valuable Privileges belongg to / Royal African
 Co, a thg we deem highly inconsistent wth /
 Duty we owe our Country & Constituents to
 comply wth f^r want o^r wh^o / Dutch h^{er} hitherto been
 & continue Deaf to all Sollicitat^{ns} of Peace fr^{om}
 our sd President & as it plainly appears by /
 Methods on the Part^s pursued more anxious
 & indefatigable to enlarge / difc^{ts} afores^d

It is therefore unanimously agreed t^{hat} in
 all proceedgs hitherto transacted / sd President
 hath discretely & Judiciously conducted him-
 self, part^{ly} in / late Interview t^{hat} passed at
 Discom^o betw^{en} himself, Godfrey De Sandate,
 & sd / Dutch Deputies & Emissaries, & t^{hat} /
 Same deemed as Valid & effectual to all
 Intents & purposes as if / whole Council had
 been present & therunto consentg

T. 70. 1476 (contd)

252] London. Henry Kasseles. Dixcove Fort 31 July 1750.

I did myself / Honour to write to y / 23^d Mar. by / Smeau Dolphin w Receipts f / Passengers by / Speedwell & enclosed ~~the~~ / Copy o a former Letter sent y by / Surprise, fm my Self & Col- leagues wh t'will be gr^t Satisfacⁿ to hear y Receipt.

As to Matters on this Coast, I can't but in Duty give y / followg Acct. The long decline o / Co's Affairs, bad Managem^t o Seal o the Officers, tog^r w / Tyrannic disposⁿ o Ours, especially Mr Chalmer (an Agent who Resided gr part o his time at Dixcove) h Reduced them to a terrible condⁿ, / Subjects o Dixcove who were v^y numerous beg Chiefly deserted fm the Allegiance, some into / Dutch Service, des retired fm the Dwelligs up into / Country prefer^g every disadvantage to / Oppressⁿ o t'overbearing (Chalmer) who was perpetually mak^g Palavers agst / Co's Cabocers o / Ahrantaⁿ Country (to wit) a Negro o / Cabocers aforesaid, in strik^g his Neighbour under / Guns o Dixcove Fort, h d a Palaver brot agst him by Chalmer, & / Cabocers find Ten O'zion Gold f / Triangulⁿ o his Man wh beg Levy^d at a time / Cabocers could not well spare / Money, Chalmer reduced him to / necessity o fly^g to / Dutch Gen on / Coast & o borrow^g (upon Pawn) t' Sum to discharge / Same.

This & such o^r ill treatm^t disgusted / Man, & seal^d Considerable Cabocers, wh / Dutch took Advantage o, & fm the natural Antipathy to British interest in these parts, improv^d / Same, Spirited up our Subjects Resentm^t by Gratuities & Promises, incited them to

Rebellion & for a desire of ~~the~~ Dispossessing / English
 of the Settlements. he joined our Black Subjects,
 Raibed / whole of the Kingdom agst Discove
 Fort, Declard War, & Resolutely for / Same
 these four Months past / Siege of wh / Dutch
 still Continue w a gr force & stop all Com-
 munication by Sea & Land to / Same, whilst on
 the parts they Panys our people, seize our
 Canoes dayly w Stores, provisions &c, & w
 one Bacot a Dutch Chief at Boutry fort, openly
 Attack'd / Sloop, I mention'd to y to be
 purchased, destin'd w Stores f / Use of Forts.

The Dutch at / same time (none of our
 Men of War beq on / Coast) Claim / Town of
 Buzha & / English territories therunto belongd,
 he hoisted the Flag therein & Engag'd / In-
 habitants to make War agst us, in short /
 Dutch dayly committ wry unwarrantable
 Act, & Scene of Barbarity & Oppress^{on} they
 possibly can.

The above Circumst^s, y may well
 judge sh^d he long with drawn me from Cape
 Coast Castle, as / Fort of Discove^d certainly be
 lost & wry Single Subject deserted. had I not
 hasten'd thither & put / Same (wh^{ch} had ben
 long neglected w respect to its Guns, Am-
 mun^{ition} & Buildg^s) into / best posture of
 Defence Affairs woud admitt. The delay of
 sever^{al} material thgs, such as Repairing
 Commenda^r &c has ben protracted hereby.
 having ben little more than five Months
 upon / Coast & near four others &
 253] employ'd Defendg Discove agst /

Dutch & Natives.

As / Dutch in truth h no Cause or just found^d
to Declare & prosecute War agst / English in /
manner they h done & continue to do, it proceeds
fm the native inveteracy to / English, & a desire o
becomg Sole Proprietors o the Settlements here, fm a
Sense how / Co's Affairs are declined & / little
Regard / Co & Man has pd to former Complaints
o English Agents, agst / Insults & Tyranny o /
Dutch exercised on this Coast

I hope in a little time to gett / powerfull
Caboceros above named back agn to his Obedie,
& sh. whenever matters are a little easy send a
full acct o all passages relatg to / present
troubles & hope / some may merit /
indeed / national Attenⁿ as my whole pro-
ceedg therein will stand / Swed^s Enquiry,
havg bn entirely passive to the Insults &
Qtds only upon / Defensive w respect to /
Dutch fm / my birth o above affair.

I may venture to affirm / Interest I
formerly established w / Ashanta Natives
when I was Chief o Duxcov Fortress has bn
o no small use in Allayg / Agow's o its
Enemies in Army, & induc^d induc^d O^{rs} to
live Neuter in / Palaces.

The Trade here continues retream dull
fm / Ashianta Paths beg^d yet block'd up,
seven Sail o English Slaves Vessels or near
/ like them Vessels fm America are at
Annamaboa, some o / former h bn thr
these five months, & are likely to continue
as many longer. / Vessel best assorted
may purchase five or six Slaves a week /
are well off if they buy a Slave in three or
four days, at / price o Ten O^{rs} f Men, &
in proporⁿ f Women & Boys, & / Goods at
such prices t each Man Slave Costs £18

Stork, wh in my Opinion is as much as they will sell for in / West Indies, it is a truth, for, India or European goods may be purchased for / Negroes five per Cent cheaper than such goods cost in Europe.

A little Trade continues at Accra. wh y may well conjecture is but small as Messrs Husband & Boteler h not been able to fulfill the Contracts w / two french Vessells here before advised although they did not want 300 Slaves, & h had / Trade o all / Forts to do it.

The Goods in Demand at Accra continue as mentioned in my former by / Surprise, I take / Liberty to inclose a list o Comandg Goods upon / Windward & Gold Coasts [imp. not here]

The Marlbrough for Bristol Bristol Cap^t Codd touch'd here some days agoe in his way to Bonny & inform'd us / Parliam^t had broke up / Company & put / Forts & Settlements into / hands o / merchants o London, Bristol, & Liverpool to be managed by / Direcⁿ o three

Commissioners for each place, As I flatter my self I h not done any Act since my Arrival but what wd be worthy o / Trust y was pleas'd to Repose in me & agreeable to / Merchants Tradg hither, I hope y will

Honour me w a Continuance o yr Interest & Friendship, if upon / Alteramⁿ o Affairs my ~~Removal~~ Removal shd be Attempted, to be superseded after / gr^t fatigue I h been at & dangers I am wry day Oblidg'd to

254] ward agst^t for / Dutch tea & in so short a time, wd be wry hard My Endeavours & post Occurrences I doubt not but will deserve

yr future favours & Respect wh I sh^d stand to
deserve Superior to / Friendship a most mong.
I hope ~~that~~ You'll Pardon my lack / free-
dom o presentg my Compliments & good wishes
through y^e to Mrs Mays well, as I am still
engag'd in defendg this Fort ag^t / Dutch & a
Sewl thgs (may be so closely besiegd) present
my writg so parts as I shoud & indeed o
addg o^r than t^t I am &c.

Elmira John Van Voorst. "CCC" 1st August

[Copied at p 119]

254] Captain Alexander Graham, Cape Coast Castle 1st August

I am glad to find y^e are so near go^g &
most sincerely wish y^e a good Voyage & when y^e
arrive at y^e desired port, advantageous sales
f^r / Fome Cargo I hear y^e have.

255] I left Dix Cove in as good a Situation as I cou^d
wish & in such a posture o^f Defence as / Duty w^l
all the Villanous Schemes cannot gain the
ends, I in / Time o^f Cession Bro^t back to the
obedience most o^f / Disgusted Eng^l Subjects &
am now prayg f^r / Arrival o^f men o^f war
whose Commanders I hope will oblige / I root
Myneer to render satisfactⁿ f^r / Insults he
has committed & his Encroachm^t upon British
privileges. . . . Sir &c

256] To Lt Barrington 4th Augst 50.

I did myself y^e hon^r to write to y^e
Ldp p. Dolphin Sney in mth last givg y^e Ldp
an unpleasant detail (as I am too sensible
f^r y^e well known British Principles) o^f y^e

progress made by / Ships o France had in
 this Coast wh I know / Satisfacⁿ to assure yr
 Ldp. is g^rly diminished by / Efforts made to ob-
 struct the Success since my Arrival at / English fforts.
 The force many o / french Vessels Carry f some
 time baffled many o our designs, but / British
 & America Captains at Annamaboa findg /
 Trade ~~to~~ to sensibly decline in t road & /
 french prevail came to a resoluⁿ to Rear &
 arm 4 o the Vessels in t road w^{ch} / my
 self have supplied them wth Ammunitionⁿ from /
 (Castile) they Attacked & drove a french Ship
 257 & Brigantine thence after an Excess^{ve} o Seal
 Shot & no damage done either Side.

I beg to advertise yr Ldp / English h had
 a dispute f some Months past at Discove Fort
 w / Natives o / Athanta Country Spirited on by /
 Dutch who fm a desire o exhaustg / Supplies
 sent thither & o beg Sole possessors o y^r fortress
 h openly by / Gen^l o Elmina declared War ag^t /
 English besieged / ffort aforesd. a long time.
 Seized Canoes wth Supplies destined thereto,
 & like resolute Subverters o British Interest &
 Authority Corrupted some English Cabbocheers,
 took advantage o d^rs disgust, & continue to
 direct all the Strength towards / Conquest o sd
 ffort. I take upon me to inform yr Ldp. /
 Same has bin defended best part o 5 months
 past by myself & is still blockt up by Sea &
 Land as much as / D- (our good Allies) are
 able to effect.

The Origin o these troubles my Ld is fm
 a defectⁿ o / English Subjects th^{er}, urged to
 rebellion by / hard treatm^t o Mr C - re a
 former Agent to y^e Co. A Man o Wars or
 two (/ absence o wh / D- h taken vantage o)
 were never more wantg here than at this

Time to relieve the effort wh, I understand by /
 Marlborough a British Trader, is now (w / d^r
 efforts & Settlements) his Majesty's, a free trade
 be established & / African Co. disunited
 These troubles to be expensive wh
 must be refunded by / D - as upon a hearing
 off more they will be proved Aggressors, &
 / English to be oppressed who hitherto
 only acted upon / defensive.

The enclosed Petition my Ld to yr hon^{ble}
 Board ~~is~~ of so eminently Oramant^d
 is fm / Captains o B & American Vessels
 trading on / Gold Coast, / Same they earnestly
 desire me to forward to yr Ldp, & as I h /
 hon o yr Ldp's acquaintance & h experienced
 yr Goodness I make no scruple o obligg
 them or o intrudg it upon yr Ldp to lay before
 / Board, I do flatter myself yr Ldp will
 countenance / Same, & if so it can't fail /
 desired effect. f my own part I beg to assure
 yr Ldp no bad use sh be made by me o
 any power yr Ldp is / means o investg me
 w / is a request o / Captains & Com^{rs}
 258] Subscribers not at my desire or instigaⁿ
 have at present no wish more at my Solic^t
 than to see his Maj. Ships o War on
 this Coast to reduce yr D- Gen^l to reason
 relieve / B- Subjects fm Oppresson & beg
 / dispute to a fair hearing, f by no o^r
 means Can we obtain Satisf^{on} or be re-
 imburked / xpences so unjustly put unth
 on / meantime I beg to submit myself, &c.

267] Elmina Gen Van Voorst "CCC" 11 August

[Copied at p 120]

268] To Gen^e Van Voorst 21 Augst 50

[Copied at p 130]

269] To Right Honble / Lords Commissioners of
 Execut^g / Office of Lord High Admiral of gr^t
 Britain Ireland &c &c &c
 The Humble Petition of Masters of British
 & American Ships & Vessels trading on / Gold
 Coast of Africa by at Anchor in / Road of
 Annamaboa.

Sheweth

That whereas y^e Petitioners now are, &
 / Majority of them for Years past & for Command-
 ers of Vessels in / Guinea Trade from / sev^l Ports
 of London, Bristol, & Liverpool, & his Majesty's
 American Colonies & in Course of Voyages by too
 frequently laboured under gr^t hardships from /
 Insolce, desert^{ion} & Malbehaviour of their Crews.

[Note. This Petition asks for John Roberts as
 President of Council & Chief Agent at CCC.
 & his Success^{ors}] to be invested wth powers to arrest &
 punish deserters & mutinous sailors]

And names of 12 signalories

271] Honourable Sir 29 August 1750

[To Van Voorst. copied at p 145]

272] Honble Sir 1st Sept: 1750

[To Van Voorst. copied at p 148 but for
1 letter has no date]

273] Honourable Sir " CCC 3^d Sept^r 1750

[To Van Voorst. copied at p 150]

T. 70. 151.

Cape Coast Castle 6th Sept^r 1750

At a Council held this Day

^{Present}
John Roberts President

William Husbands

Thomas Boteler } Chief Agents.

The Accountant having reported this Day to /
Council / Sundry Remainders o / For Suppliers
at Outposts on / 31st August & produced /
Day Books. whereby it appears / Balance
remaining will be little more than sufficient
to reimburse / Sums furnished by Messrs
Roberts, Husbands & Boteler to defray / Charges
o July & Augst last.

Be it therefore agreed T / Co be given Credit
o / Overplus or what may be wantg to
fully discharge or reimburse / sd Roberts
Husbands & Boteler. viz order to close /
Books o Henry Labcelles Esq^r.

221] Mr John Godfrey. C.C.C. 24th Sept^r 1750

On Receipt o this y are to Relinquish yr
Command & Charge at Dixcove Fort to Mr Packel
Brew & take yr Passage to Succowee by / Return
o / Dolphin Sloop. Advise me o yr Arrival &
wait thro f yr Orders. I hear by / Negroes th
h done Execⁿ amongst / Busha People many
& them beg Kill'd, amongst whom was Interry's ~~Son~~
Son.

Mr Henry Hascelles Africa C.C.C. 25th Sept^r 1750

Sir I did my self / How^r to write to y /
31st July [p. 951 supra] Pe Phelly Sneau, via
Barbadoes advisg o a Dispute betw us & / Dutch
in / Athanta Country wh is still Subsistg yet
I h / Satisfacⁿ to Inform y (noting / Innumera-
ble attacks made these Six Months past) / Fort
Dixcove is still in a good Posture o Defee & enabled
to Resist / Utmost Efforts o / Dutch & Natives,
beg well Garrisoned & provided w Ammunition
& Provⁿ for a Siege Six Months longer. I came
to Cape Coast^r lately fm Dixcove in order
to be at hand & Endeavour / Accomodamⁿ o
Matters w / Dutch Gen but h not be able to
effect it, he insistg upon Condiⁿs t must
Reflect Dishonour upon my Country & therefore
unworthy my notice or Agree^mt. British
Property beg to be given up by some o his
Unreasonable Terms, & Priviledges o /
Natives under English Protecⁿ Sacrificed by ^{us}.
This unfortunate Dispute has bin o f Expensive,
wh in / End must undoubtedly be Reimburs'd
w Truth may make its Appearance, & / Justice
o / Cause we are espousg, The Origin &

Proceedg^s o wh I sh submit to / first Ship o
War t arrives & hope by his Assistance to oblige
/ Dutch Gen to Refund to our Satisfaction &
purpose likewise by Return o such Captn to
to transmit yourself a Copy o / whole Affairs
& I doubt not yr Applaudg my Conduct when
it appears to y I h preserved / Fortress o
Dixcore (in / first place) fm / hands o /
Dutch & won over (in / 2^d place) to the
Allegiance sev Defectors fm / Towns belongg
thereto, amg / Number / powerfull Caboccer
(Bosses) mentioned in my former letter wh
was dispatched in such a hurry, I am in
doubt (by perusg / Copy thereof) it may
afford y. Alarms I shd be rather dis-
tressed to preserve / Fort fm its Enemies,
& is therefore in some Measure / Reason
o my Troublg y w this, wh shd treat w y
partly o sev Affairs, was the a tolerable
Probability o its reachg y^r hands to
Conveye by Merchant Ships hence is v^y pre-
carious. / Commanders havg ever ben Re-
markd (by / Gentlemen ~~as /~~) on this
Coast) to concern themselves v^y little abt
forwardg / Packetts committed to the Care,
the Reason f such Neglect is onl o my
Conjecture unless it be a Conscious negl
letters hence may convey Advices o the
non Schemes o Trade, or private practices
amg / Natives, wh are become so intollerable
t / winder^d Trade must in a v^y little time
be totally lost to / destroyⁿ & Ruin o Numbers
o British Subjects, an Justice o wh I
submit to y. Captm Yewart o / Hardman

Sneak o Liverpool in March last, anchoring to
Windward o Cape Palmas carried away /
Kings Son & a free man, whereupon a
Longboat & Pinnace o Capt'n Albert Wickman
(a Dutch Interloper) Endeavouring to make
some Trade thro' were seized & Plundered

o two Slaves. / Captains Son & another Sailors
Murdered & Boatwain mortally wounded. on /
same ~~ocean~~ ocean Captain Dow o / Betty Sneak
o Liverpool had two o his people seized & carried up
upto / Country, also y Slaves, & goods to purchase
fourteen more, to Redeem / two men belong to Low.
Capt'n Wickman paid 2 Guns, 2 Lags Powder,
2 Bafts. 4 Cables o Brandy, 2 Cases o Spirits, & 2 Iron
Bars, o these & o' such proceedd 95 / h Certificate.

The Origin o these Misfortunes proceeds fm a Practice
/ Bristol & Liverpool Captains h got into o interesting
intrusting Negroe Traders, w quantities o Goods to
merchandise upon whilst the Vessels proceed, &
Trade fm place to place, to leeward, & by Agreement
on turning ag'n up / Coast are to Receive / produce
o such entrusted Commodities, in Slaves, Teeth or
Gold. But it too frequently happens such black
Traders are not Returned in time fm / up.

Countrys or if they are t they h entrusted some
part o / Goods, w o' friends, or partners
in Trade, who fm Roguish Disposins or acci-
dents unforeseen, never return, or perhaps do,
havg not bn Successful in making / Trade
agreed upon, so as to be Able to make Returns
to / Captains at / day appointed, / Consequence o
wh is - / such Tradg men w dr friend (/ more
/ better) are intergled on board, Sleepe / yd
w Drums, then seized, put into Irons out w
distigern & carried off / Coast. In Recompce
for wh / next Vessel t unfortunately happens

To send her boat on Shore to Trade, is made
a Sacrifice to / Natives w^{all} / Goods & Hands.
Tis to be lamented how many innocent
English Sailors, in a twelve months time,
lose the lives by / above practices, & well worthy
a National Enquiry to Redress

[Trade at Whydah]

I flatter myself Supplies of Support^g /
Forts & Settlements are long, ~~see~~ see this sent out.
The Goods of Merchandiz^g I brot out did
not am^t to more than £7691-18-10 St^g at Gold
Valuⁿ, & Trade beg^s Extream Dull (no Gold,
Teeth or Slaves to be purchas'd w [/] Generality
o Traders to this Coast are too sensible o)
there was no mak^g improvements by barter &
Rebarter, I do assure y [/] I h [/] not Rec^d as
Treasurer fm this Castle & Out Forts Gold to
purchase Necessaries f [/] Publick Table,
whereby as in Consequence this Garrison could
not be paid in such Specie I was obliged
to pay them in Goods at such prices as could
be dispos'd o to / Natives f [/] Necessaries,
however not w [/] such bad times & / X [/] my
~~Expence~~ Expence attendg / Defe [/] o Discom [/]
as fores^d I hope to spin out / year w [/]
Acc [/] Aid I brot out, & when exhausted,
depend on a just Acc^t how Diskurs^t any
quality or quantity o Goods may be pur-
chas'd on this Coast at 15 per cent [/] cheaper
than prime Cost in Europe, provided we
Commanded Ready Gold to pay f [/] it.

283] occasion'd chiefly by / Captains at gurg at
Annamaboa fm 11 to 02 [/] 12 pr head on
Slaves & / Trad [/]g parts beg [/] stop [/]t to /

Inland Countries whereby / Sea Coast is
glutted wth Commodities insomuch t^h I can
purchase a Slave f^r four ounces o^f Gold
preferable to Oz. 12 in Goods

P.S. I Cannot Omit by way o^f Postscript
Advising y^e o^f another Misfortune t^h has v^l
much affected our Trade on this part o^f Coast
Coast (to wit).

Captain Edward Boucher of Tryton Galley
o^f Bristol, boarded some time past a Portuguese
Ship under sail o^f Annamoboa. Took on^h /
Captain & sent him on board / Tryton, then
Ordered / Hatches to be opened & took thereout
a hundred Rolls o^f Tobacco f^r wh^{ch} he Compelled /
Captain to take as Paym^t, a Parcel o^f Old
Perpels at 6 Acksis, or 30 a piece / same not being
worth 5 each to / Portuguese & to sign him a
full Receipt or Discharge f^r Barter - upon
this usage / Portuguese Captⁿ proceeded to
Whydah to put his Cargo on Shore thro^{ugh} sending
a Protest agst Boucher & went off / Coast
wth Slaves. The Merchants in Brazil & ea
upon this Affair, entirely ruined / Captain o^f
Vessel, dismissed him thro^{ugh} Employ & one & all
entered into a Compact (& enjoined all Com-
manders o^f the Vessels) to h^{ave} no Trade or
Deals, upon any Consideration wth / English, wh^{ch}
has bin o^f exceeding prejudice to / Trade o^f Coast,
/ British Captains have bin obliged to carry
/ little Gold & Teeth they buy from time to
time to / Dutch Gen^l to pay f^r Tobacco at
an exorbitant Price to the g^{reat} Detriment &
Loss. We h^{ave} likewise bin distressed f^r want o^f
Portuguese Barter, & not bin able to

Improve / Commodities I bro't on, f want o /
Advantages o Tobacco to make an assortment.

In order to Remedy / aforesd misfortune
in some measure we dispatched some Craft
to meet / Portuguezs just on the arrival on
/ Coast but to no purpose, they wd make
no Trade w our People upon any Consideraⁿ.

P.S. Ths are 11 British & 5 Dutch Ships in
Annamaboa Road & some o them do not
buy a Slave in a week a french
Snow in sight o wh I h sent to advise /
Captains at Annamaboa, she sh meet
no Countenance here, & I believe they will
Keep here off the

[Halifax]

To Lord Halifax, Cape Was^t Castle 28th Sept^r 1750

My Lord.

I did myself / honour Honor to write
to y^r Lord P. / 15th o August, fm Dixcove Fortress,
scaly a true (tho' confused) acct o / Palavery sub-
sistg the Since then am grown hardened in
Assurance (as y^r Lord P may well judge by / free-
dom I agn take) to intrude Acct's on y^r Lord P o,
Transacts fm Corners o / World so Remote, tho
I do not think however Sedulous I am to write
y^r Lord P is Equally eager to peruse, fm a Pro-
pensity wh f many reasons distinguishes y^r
an Ornament to Englishⁿ, & I dare affirm at
this instant are more anxious than any man
what (fm my former) has fm / went o this
Dispute. Therefore (to any full Apology) I
prefer Informg y^r Lord P Dixcove Fort is pretty
Secure fm Danger, / Garrison are all in good

Heavily & well supplied, tho' / Fort is closely
 besieged, all Communication Cutt off by Land,
 as well as in a gr^d Degree by Sea, & warmly
 Attacked by / Dutch & Abantahs, almost every
 Day, whom we h^{ereto} repulsed & these
 6 Months past & sh^e Continue such Resistance
 till / Dutch are inclin'd to Accomodate Matters,
 or a Ship o^r War arrives to our Succour.
 254] 9th br Treat^y wth / Dutch Gen a long time
 abt meet^g to terminate Matters, but from
 an obstinacy (I think peculiar to his Country men)
 9th not b^e able (mak^g all / Concessions in my
 Pow^r) to Engage him to an Armistice or Articles
 o^r Conventⁿ to enquire into / Origin o^f Troubles,
 he triumph^g in Superior forces, & from / Small
 Regard / Man has long had f^r / Trade & Settlements on
 this Coast, is grown Wanton in / Certainty o^f mak^g
 Discover a Conquest, & o^r Course be^g Master o^f
 Every Fort to Windward o^r Succour. My self
 at / same time passive, & consent^g to any
 Method or Proposal (Preserv^g / Honor o^f my
 Country) to br^g Affairs to a terminⁿ, but such
 good Disposⁿ has hitherto made no Im-
 pression on his Obdurate Head or Heart,
 wherefore ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~man~~ ^{man} ~~has~~ ^{has} ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~yet~~ ^{yet}
 introduced & not my fault, wh^o I doubt not
 y^r Lordship will be well satisf^d o^f,
 when / Acc^t I am prepar^d to transmit, sh^e
 reach y^r hand, o^r wh^o I truly deplore / gr^d Un-
 certainty as indeed wh^o even this may meet
 t^h honours, Masters o^f Vessels from this Coast
 delight^g to obscure Affairs, instead o^f deliver^g
 Paquets o^r Advice, & reasons easily con-
 sider'd o^r wh^o an Justice at / Conclusion.
 A Principal Object o^f / Dutch Gen^s to an
 Assembly was, t^h if Peace should ~~not~~ happen

not to be Reestablished upon an Inquiry into
Matters, my People should h no more than 4
Days, or 10 at most, to return by Sea & Land,
fr^m / place o Congress, at / extremity o / Ahantah
Kingdom, through / Enemies Country to Dix-
cove Fortress, wh was thot in / Judge^{mt} o
Europeans & Natives too unreasonable to agree
to, & Calculated by / Dutch to h an Oppy o
Surprising & fallg upon our People in such
the Return, but / Affairs o Amboyna is too
recent in my memory to depend on / hon^r or
honesty o such people, However, my Lord, by
tho' by such / Gens Obstinacy we are wide o
Accomodatg matters, I am far fr^m hoping
to be able in a little time to give yr Lordp.
a good Acc^t o / Affairs, / Justice o / Cause beg
on my side, on wh & yr Lordships Countenance
I depend.

And do hope Supplies are ready to come out of
Support o / Forts, such as Merchandize, Writers,
& Soldiers havg buried all / latter, & adventurd
w. myself, except 4 Gents & 8 Soldiers & also t
by yr Lordships Interposim, my Countenance may
be Confirmed on this Cop^t, fr^m a Motive to pro-
mote Trade, & increase / hon^r & Interest o my
Country, preferable to ~~any~~ any private Consideraⁿ
/ former indeed was never so totally declined
on / Gold Coast, as at present, & will be irreparably
lost to Windward soon, / first so reduced, by a National
Contentm betwⁿ / Wars aw King & Apoco o
Ashante, / former havg blockd up / tradg
Paths of near 200 leagues along / Sea Coast, there
10 years past, whereby th^r is scarce a Slave, tooth
or Oz o Gold to be got - / last (ie) Windward
Trade - by / Practices o Bristol & Liverpool Captains
&ca, who of years past h got into a Method o

entrusted Trade Negroes wth quantities o^f Goods
 to Merchandize upon, while / Vessel Coasts
 it to downward, & by Agreement on her re-
 turn round, is to Receive / produce in Slaves,
 Teeth, or Gold, but my Lord, it too frequently
 happens t^o such Negroe Traders, cannot return
 in time fm / her Countries, or if they do, in
 entrusted part o^f Commodities wth o^r Traders
 th^{er} friends, who fm Roguish Disposins, or o^r
 Accidents never Return, or perhaps do, have
 not bin able to make / Trade agreed upon, or
 to br^{ing} down / Profitts f^{or} such Captain ag^o / Day
 appointed, / Consequence o^f wh^{ich}, or either, ever is,
 T such Traders & Friends are inveigled on board
 (/ more / merrymen) & beg^g stupl^{ly} by d^{rink} w^{ith} liquor,
 are seiz'd, put into Irons, w^{ith} distinction,
 Carry'd off / Coast, & Sold — In Recomp^{ense} f^{or}
 wh^{ich}, / next English Vessel t^o unhappily
 drops into t^{he} place, or near it, & sends / boat
 w^{ith} Merchandize on shore, has way poor.
 Sailor Cut off, Goods seiz'd, & Carry'd into
 / Country, & boat set adrift or stove to pieces,
 by way o^f Retaliam.

An Instance happened in March last, a Certifi-
 cate o^f wh^{ich} I h^{ave}, but f^{or} Brevity send Y^r. Lord^{ship} /
 Substance - Viz^t

Captain Yewark o^f / Hiredman o^f Liverpool
 Anchoring to, Windward o^f Cape Palmas, Carried
 / Kings Son, & a Freeman away w^{ith} him
 285] Whereupon, a longboat & Prinnace o^f Captⁿ
 Albert Wickham, were seiz'd th^{ere}, Robbd
 o^f two Slaves, / Captains Son & another Man
 murdered & / Boatswain mortally Wounded,
 on / same Occan - Captⁿ Low o^f / Betty Snow
 o^f Liverpool h^{ad} two o^f his people Carried up

into / Country, also 7 Slaves, & Goods to purchase 14 more. To Redeem 12 men above o Captⁿ Lase, Captⁿ Wickham of said / a Dutch Interloper) paid 2 Guns, 2 Keggs o Powder, 2 Bafts, 4 Casks o Brandy, 2 Cases Spirits, & 2 Iron Bars, 'tis pity, my Lord, these proceeds can't be Remedied, but 's dread disturbing Y^r Lordships repose, w^{ch} such disagreeable Subjects therefore only beg Y^r fur^r Alterⁿ, & a few days ago we made Cudj^s brother (Frederick's Uncle) King o Cape Coast, a Man true to / English.

I am
I cannot omit how weary & wearied Y^r Lordp may be wth this impertinent Intrusion o a whole Sheet, submitting to a Circumstance of Y^r Consideration by way o Supplement or Appendix. Could Y^r Lordp examine my heart at this distance, my inducements would manifestly appear f^r so do^g, to proceed in / first place from a certain resolution I made at my Earliest Opportunity o Y^r Lordp, to Apprise Y^e of o every private Concern, whatso^{ev} happening in my Province, / least Interest^g or Momentary, & in / Second most Sacredly to Notice any Occurrence t^h / least probability o becoming Publick, like / following, wh, by / Acts & Suggestions o / Generality on this Coast, will Occaⁿ a National Enquiry & Address, dare I then forbear Advising Y^r Lordp o it especially as / affair may come within Cognizance or Enquiry o t^e Board of are so deservedly dignified / Head? I dare not, be pleased therefore my Lord to understand, t^h Captain Edward Boucher of Triton Galley from Bristol, some time past boarded a Portuguese Ship under Sail, off Annamaboa, took on^t / Captain & sent him

on board / Triton, then order'd / Hatches to be
 open'd & took thereout One hundred Pells o
 Tobacco (Value at a moderate Calculⁿ o £400
 Sterlg) f w^{ch} he Compell'd / Captain to take as
 Paym^t: a Parcel o old Persepets at 6 Articles,
 or 30 a piece / some not beg worth of 5
 each to / Portuguese, & to sign him a full
 Receipt or discharge f / Barter, upon this
 Usage / Captⁿ proceeded to Whydah, put
 his Cargo on shore th^r, enter'd a Protest w/
 Portuguese Governour agst Boucher, & left
 / Coast wth Slaves - The Merchants in
 Brazil &c upon this Affair dismiss'd / Captⁿ
 th^r employ, imprison'd, nay, ruin'd him.
 & one & all enter'd into Compact (& Strictly
 Enjoin'd all Commanders o th^r Vessels) to
 h^{ave} no trade or dealg upon any Considerⁿ w/
 / English on this Coast, & indeed they h^{ave}
 do most faithfully Adhere to this Agree^{m^t},
 insomuch t^{hat} / British Captains are oblig'd
 fm day to day to carry / Little Gold or Teeth
 they buy, to / Dutch Gen to Purchase To-
 bacco &c at an Exorbitant ^{Price} to th^r g^{reatest}
 detriment, Portuguese Tobacco beg a
 Command^{ing} Article in / Trade o this Coast,
 & w^h / English had a pretty good Share o till
 / aforesaid Transacⁿ o a Captⁿ Boucher,
 't is incredible My Lord how much we h^{ave}
 ben distress'd f want^{ing} o Portuguese Barter,
 whereby / Commodities I brot out w^{ould} h^{ave}
 ben g^{reatly} improv'd, as ~~it~~ shoud h^{ave} had Tobacco
 286] to make a good Assortm^t. And to remedy
 this Griev^{ance} in some measure I ~~did~~ dispatched
 some Craft, to meet / Portuguese, just on th^r

Entering upon Coast, but to no purpose, they wd. not trade wth our people upon any Considera^{on}, beg^g vehemently irritated agst / English, & determined (accordg^g to their own Ac^ts) to make a National Affair o^f Captain Bouchers behaviour, by their Ministers at / Court o^f London. 7th Transmitt^{ed} Y^r Lordship / Portuguese Protest, & Acquittance returned by Boucher. It does not occur to me, my Lord, on Considera^{on}, & in any o^f my Letters, I ever Inform'd Y^r Lordship a Syllable abt^t / Reparation o^f Cape Coast Castle wh^{ch} is entirely finish'd & in as good Condition in all respects, as it possibly can be - I am also also proceedg^g as fast as possible, upon / Rebuilding / decayed & fallen Bastions & Curtains o^f Commenda, & I hope Y^r Lordship will agree wth me, & in such Work, Supplies are well laid on^g, be / for the & Settlements whose Property they will.

And whenever those Structures (through an imperfect Knowledge o^f the Worth or partial prejudice agst the Use & Service) become amputated from British Jurisdiction, or Crumble into bare Monuments o^f Possession; & day ye English Constitution will sustain a Wound in / y^r Vitals o^f its Wealth & Glory no Medicaments will ever Reestablish, wh^{ch} futurity will bewail in ye Colonies o^f his Majesty, & those illustrious Ornaments to Trade, / East India Co. labour under an overcomeg^g Declension, & wither to / fate o^f an African Co.

286] Mr John Hardman Africa "CC" 20 Sept 1750
De Sir

A vigorous war w / Dutch, & Aghanta
 natives of six months past, at Dacca Fortress, gave
 us close confin'd therein defendg / same, tog^r w
 a distress of hands to forward / publick acct^s &
 contributed to prevent performance of my promise,
 to transmit you Estimate of Annual Sum upon
 nearest Calculatⁿ, it will cost to support these
 Forts & Settlements, I former therefore twill be
 requisite to give you a short detail of. The Dutch
 our inveterate Enemies & rivals on this Coast
 thro' a desire not only of ingrossg / whole Trade,
 but even curtailing / British Territories, ha
 spirited up almost a total Defectⁿ in
 Aghanta Country partly among / natives of Dacca
 inasmuch as from incentives aforesd^d & touch'd w
 some old hardships they underwent in / time of
 Mr Chalmer, & o^r many of / most considerable
 English Cabocers forsook the Allegiance, embraced
 Dutch Jurisdiction & protection as contrary to their own
 Country Laws, took up arms agst Fort Dacca.
 Upon timely notice of above from our Chief, I
 was oblig'd / oblig'd / begun of April last
 to repair thither, & put / same in / best posture
 of Defence, where I was block'd up 4 months as
 above. / Fort having been closely besieged, & all
 / Approaches to it, stop'd by / Dutch, as much
 as in the power both by Sea & Land, to
 write in / small Compass, & a letter, / frequent
 Attacks, & numerous Bodies of Natives to Fort
 resisted & repuls'd is a thg impossible, neither
 would it admitt a quarter of / Concessions & En-
 deavours I h made to terminate troubles, wh
 is not effected, / least impressⁿ on / obdurate
 head or heart of / Dutch Gen, whence, I may
 will Conjecture, War is still Continued agst

Durore, & indeed it is w^g resolution, seldom a
day passes but / some is vigorously attacked, /
Dutch ha^g / Conquest o it w^g much at heart, as
/ West India Co o Holland will thereby be Masters
o w^g Fort & Settlement to Windward o Succowee.
I sh be silent upon a Certificate fm Colleagues &
Commendarys o w^g t new Masters hd long
ago occupied Durore Fortress hd I not
hastened thither to its defence & Relief, w^g sh I
advantage might o dangers Encountred, or hard-
ships ought underwent, only full tell o t
Fort fort remains yet in / English Possession, /
Garrison are all in good heart, & well supplied w^g
Provision & Ammunition to defend / Siege 6 months
longer, or till / Dutch may be inclined to Accom-
modate matters, or a Ship o Wars arrive to its
Succowee. f by / Gen^l obstinacy I am sorry to
say we are wide fm terminating / troubles,
yet I hope to be able in a little time to give o
a good acct o / Affairs, / Justice o / Cause beg
on w^gly on my Side, & t on an Enquiry into /
Origin, / Gen will be obligid to refund to our
Satisfacⁿ f / w^g expence, losses, bloodshed
& despoil we h sustained. Captain Boats
has bin at Annamaboe these two months, by
whom I think I may depend on / Estimate
aforesaid, & such o^r Informans I think may
merit for notice. Boats has not purchased a
Slave thro yet, wh I really think him right in.
Sev Captains who wanted to Compleat the
numbers, ha^g raised / price fm 11 to 12 Oz^s
p head, whereby / Country is become so glutted
w^g goods, any quality or quantity o European
or Indian may be bot 15 p Cent cheaper
here than prime Cost, whoever hd / Gold to lay
out, Slaves may also be purchased f a
very moderate Gold price, preferable to a

lge Value in Commodities. 'Tis hard to say what
 part ~~is~~ species o goods are in demand, & /
 Reasons above, when I can advise y w Certainty
 depend I will. Capt'n Rollo o Bristol who has
 bin at Annamaboa since February last,
 goes off a 100 Slaves short o what he came
 f, & has bin Oblig'd to lay out w / Dutch Gen
 all / Gold & Teeth he has taken (as indeed / scoll
 o Captains h) o Brazil Tobacco to make an
 Assortment, / Portuguese one & all have
 entred into a League not to traffick w / Eng-
 lish Traders, w^{ch} has bin almost all in see-
 mountable misfortune, / Ocean o such Portu-
 guese Agreement is [I act o Captain
 Boucher as related in / previous letter Lord
 Halifax] As soon as Capt'n Rollo
 departs, / English are com^g to an Agreement to lower
 / price o Slaves at Annamaboa if possible, nothing
 in my power sh be want^g to contribute thereto.
 I h sent y / No o Ships this at 2 foot. Here h bin
 no Frenchmen some time, I heard o a Snow off
 Chama & advis'd / Captains o / Annamaboa thereof
 who wrote me word, they'll keep her free trad^g th^o
 wh be assur'd I sh do here, & every place I can
 obstruct her Commerce. . . . [The charges ag^t
 Capt. Jwart ~~for~~ as in / letter above to Lord Halifax]

288] one o / French Ships wh I advis'd y long ago
 were in Contract here (whom I receiv'd neither
 benefit or advantage from) is gone three months
 ago, w^{ch} short o her Complement o Slaves. The o^r
 sail'd some days past want^g 160 o / Contract, w^{ch}
 wh w / Merchants o t Nam will contribute q^lty
 to / Reputation o my Colleagues. She did not gett
 20 Slaves dur^g her 3 Months stay, depend
 dur^g my continuance here, th^o sh be no farther
 deal^g w / People o t Nam — not long ago
 / Marlborough, Captain Codol, touch'd here on

his way to Bonny, by whom I learnt / Parliament
had been broke / Africa Co. & put / Forts & Settlements
into / hands of / Merchants of London, Bristol, &
Liverpool, to be manag'd by Direcom^s or three Commis-
sioners of each Port. I think upon deliberation I be
not transacted any one thing since my arrival here,
but may merit yr Approbation, & be worthy / Trust
& good Confidence reposed in me. Why shd I therefore
doubt (so impartial & unprejudiced as you are in
your self) yr Countenance Countenance or interposi^on
of my continuance here, yr Interest & power to Com-
mand my Service is past a doubt, as I know I
be not conducted myself unjustly, why then should
I then fear yr Inclination on / Alteration of Affairs, or
Attempts of removal, to make a Struggle or
Effort in my behalf, you will always find me
Anxious to deserve yr own (chiefly, as you of Liver-
pool Gentlemen's favour, to be superseded after
(or indeed in / midst of) Fatigue & dangers, as ofrest
& in so short a time, will be of / hard, / yr
natives will be too sensible how precarious such
a tenure, or / Dutch, (who I long to humble by all
opp^s possible) triumph in Carry of the Palgrave
at Dixcove, however I must submit, or what-
ever measures may be concert'd, one or / other way.
You may depend I sh^d ever rest yr^s

Vessels at Annamaboa
[a list of right vessels]

5 Dutch Slave ships

289] To/ Hon^{ble} John Vaughan. Africa "CC". 28th Sept 1750

Hon^{ble} Sir

My last in-

form^{ed} of a dispute or Palaver w^{ch} w^{as} by
 Dutch at Dixcove, in / Athanta Country. I
 am exceedingly concern'd to read w^{ch} of t^e affair
 still subsist, not wth our Treatys wth
 Dutch Gen, a very Concern in my Power (being
 an Englishman) to introduce peace & good
 harmony, t^e true Dutch Man, fm / long neglect
 o^f British Affairs on this Coast, is become in-
 toxicated wth Pride, & hopes o^f addg^{ing} our Fortress
 more to / Possessors o^f / Dutch West India Co,
 otherwise / peaceable dispos^{ition} we h^{ave} given him
 Instances o^f, w^{ch} h^{ave} made some impress^{ions} on
 his heart, however I h^{ave} / Satisfac^{tion} to ~~let~~ tell ye
 Hon^{ble} t^e / Dixcove Fortress has held out a vigorous
 Six Months Siege, / Garrison are still in good
 Heart, well stored wth Ammunition & Provis^{ions}
 (not wth its closely block'd up by Land & in a
 gr^{eat} measure by Sea, & almost daily attack'd)
 to resist its Enemies Six Months longer, in w^{ch}
 time perhaps our formidable Dutch friend,
 may be inclined to accomodate Matter, or some
 Ship o^f War arrive to its Succour. I h^{ave} / Satis-
 fac^{tion} to inform ye t^e Cape Coast Castle, w^{ch} all
 its Outworks are put into extream good
 Repair, / some has taken up a good deal o^f
 time, labour, & some expence, havg^{ing} bin v^{ery}
 much neglected & scarce white wash'd f^{or}
 these 12 years past, & buildg^{ing} in this Country
 run presently to ruin, if not kept in Repair.
 I am also proceedg^{ing} wth all possible
 Expedim^{ent} to make a thorough Repar^{ation} o^f
 fallen Bastions & Curtain Wall at Commenda
 so g^{oodly} wantg^{ing} to be done, w^{ch} I hope effectually
 to Compleat, to / mortific^{ation} o^f our good

allies here, who h trumped up / Troubles ofrest^d at
Dix Cove, to exhaust our Supplies, & Amuse us
therefrom & such little necessary work, well
judge who may be Masters o' Landg Place
at Comenda, if t' Fort was in tolerable
Repair.

'Tis impossible to assure y how bad Trade
continues in these parts, here is no Gold or Teeth
to be got & so v few Slaves, t' Captains o' tradg
Ships give at / Prices o' 11 & 12 Ozs p. head of them,
by wh / Towns all along / Coast are become
Surcharged w Goods & Commodities, whereby
/ Natives t are wealthy will not brg th Gold
into Trade, as Barter of one Comodity f Land
amg themselves will answer / same end -

I h lately purchased two negroe Boys f y,
wh I hope will please, they are / most likely
I h yet seen upon / Coast, by / best safe Con-
veyce y may depend I sh Transport them to
London. I know y' Hon^{rs} will excuse me as
often as w^{ch} I presume to solicit f y^r inter-
posiⁿ to strengthen my Continuance here, upon an
Alteram o Affairs, nothg beg more talkd on
upon / Coast than a disunitiⁿ o / Co. free
Traders, & t' Forts & Settlements are in / Good
/ Apprehension o beg Permead, after Swi-
mount^g agt many hardships & fatigues is
of troublesome, as y^r Hon^{rs} may well judge,
especially as thereby / Dutch will h an
opp^y o prevailg in / present Dispute, w us,
/ Justice o wh is (in / judgem^t o Europeans
& Natives) on my Side, & when^t a hearg o its
Origin comes on / Tapis, / Gen must
undoubtedly refund f all our losses, bloodshed,
& despoil, to our Satisfacⁿ, my own Conduct

therein has I tendered no further than to resist
Oppression & defend / British Subjects &
Protestants, nor sh any consideration wage
me in private or publick Concerns, to behave
so than t I may Continue or depart hence w
an unblemished Integrity I am

1750

290] Capt^m Thomas Hill Africa Cape Coast Castle 28 Septe

[Contains similar informⁿ to t in
/ above letter to Vaughan]

291] Cape Coast Castle 28th Septe 1750.

Indent^d o Stores wanted to Supply Cape
Coast Castle & / or Forts & Settlements on / Gold
Coast, Whydah, Ships & Vessels at any time
in distress

[The Extract in Fisher p. 71 is sufficient]

292] " A Postscript to Mr Hardman's letter "

Since writ^g / above a French Snow
anchored in this Road, I told / Captain he
shoud make no Trade here or at Annam
Annamaboa, he sd he wd go & lye in
Cormantine Road under Subterfuge o a
Dutch Fort ther. I told him he shd get no
water if he did, upon wh he was a good

deal Chagwind, I despatched a Camer Express
to inform / English Captains o his design,
but he has since petitioned f wood & water,
& assures me he will go to Whydah, or to
Windward. Enclos'd a Copy o an Indent
o Stores wanted, to wh heg leave to Refer,
only one person in / Castle I can wren Copy
a letter or Acct, wh obliges me to send it
in / Puff.

294] Henry Haselles "C.C.C. 10 Oct^r 1750

295] I h / Satisfacⁿ to Inform f / Achantu people
f / Present^r he withdrawn themselves fm before
Diseove Fortress & many o them, accordg to /
best Advices I can get, are Retired to the habitacⁿ
weary o so good a Defence & much out o
humour w the Partizans / Dutch. I expect
to give f a good acct o this Affair in my
next, till such time I remain [re.]

Ps ...

Capt William Boats

14 Oct

You o yest^r this moment came to hand, I
Conjectured when I heard / Guns on Friday f
were visiting / French Captⁿs & observe they Return
it this day & the promise to go to Windward, I
wish they may be good at performing, we h no
goods to spare proper f^t Trade but Tradg
Guns. I shd be proud to Render them any Services
becomg a Gentleman & an English^m or to Assist
them in Distress but wd avoid Tradg as much as
possible w / Vessels o E^m Naⁿ f or /

296] Necessaries f my Table in order to discourage

the pursuit of Gold Coast Trade, as I am
 convinced if they meet Countenance / Trade
 thereon (a more partly t^o at Annam^o) will
 in a manner be lost to our Countrymen, not
 for any orders I h^{ave} ag^{ainst} it but / prejudice it
 must be to British Commerce . . .

297] To Lord Halifax Cape Coast Castle 23^d Oct^r 1750
 My Lord,

I wrote to yr Lordship 12th September
 past, & to t^{he} letter must be so free to refer, altho
 I wd^o be somewhat part^{ly} abt Affairs by this Oppy
 was not / conveyed a Dutch Cos ship, & may be
 well judgd of manifest Reasons, Precarious,
 therefore I only presume to Readvise yr Lordp
 / Discontinue Palatine Subsists t^o / Siege is
 Carried on w^{ith} as much Spirit & Rancour as /
 Ahantahs & the European Allies can possibly
 be Masters o^f. The Attacks are daily, & of
 small Intermittent, however t^{he} / British
 Settlements Remain Strong & in Supplies & men
 determin^d to Reduce the Enemies to Reason, from
 / Continual Incursion I h^{ave} to acquaint yr Lordp o^f
 easy passage I cannot omit advising y^e (by
 this Oppy o^f a Moment) / Circumstances above &
 only furt^{er} presume to Remind yr Lordp how
 necessary Ships o^f War & Supplies will be &
 beseech / favour to Subscribe myself w^{ith} all Veneration
 & Respect t^o ca.

J R.

Mr Henry Labeller "CCC" 23^d October 1750

[In similar terms to / above]

Captⁿ Hall

Africa "CCC" 23^d October 1750

[In similar terms as to / Palatine palaver at Senece]
 w^{ith} Postscript o^f 6 English ships, 5 Dutch ships
 & two French Snows from Rochelle; all want^{ing}
 many Slaves -

In Cape Coast Road

Jenny Snow Thos Darbyshire Master, for Liverpool
wants 500 Slaves, who is Determined To Drive
/ French Snows on the Annamaboa Road. Seed
of above mentioned Vessels do not purchase a
Slave a Week & I am Persuaded they h^{ave} not all
taken 50 Oz^s of Gold.

Goods in Demand as follows

Dutch Co's Guns, Dutch Gunpowder in $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4}$ Barrels
Red Bejapputs, Negampauls, Alleyars,
Alleyar Ghont Chillocy, Green & Blue Stitche Half
Says, Grass Green Longills

302] Sir

CCC. 5th Nov 50

I take this Oppy to advise y^e t^{hat} y^e Assistance
is g^{reatly} wanted upon this part of Coast, I part^{iculars}
o^{ut} wh^{at} y^e will be more fully inform'd on y^e
ground at Discover for wh^{at} I wait w^{ith} g^{reat} Impatience
I beg Sir you'll be so good as Premier Captain
Martinho any little Services he may ask, t^{hat}
I think seasonable to grant as he promises
me to Recommend any Portuguese he may
meet upon / Windward Coast, to pass
Elmina, & if y^e meet w^{ith} any, I hope you'll be
so good as to take them under y^e Protection or
bring them down here, wh^{ich} will g^{reatly} Advantage
/ British Trade on this part of Coast, I am
To / Command^{ing} Officer on board any of His
Britannick Majesty's Ships of War on / Coast
of Africa.

[particulars]

[x Martinho]

306] Captⁿ Henry EliasCCC. 5th Nov^r 1750

Beg^d Inform'd y^e was upon / Coast & design
 f^r Annam abov^e & take this Opp^y by Captain
 Nicolas Martinho, who has bin at an
 Anchor here & has made Considerable Trade wth me &
 Captⁿ Darby Slope & by whose means I hope to come in
 f^r a Share o^f Tobacco Trade wh^{ch} will be a infinite
 Advantage to / Ships o^f British^e Nation, so beg^d t^h y^e
 wd^d render him as little Civilities y^e think proper, he
 has promis'd to Recommend any Portuguese he
 meets to windward to pass Elmina, if y^e meet any
 be so good as propose to them t^h y^e will put
 an Officer on board to Carry them here, under t^h
 English Colours. The present Situation o^f Trade
 upon / Gold Coast is, never fewer Slaves come to
 Market, & those t^h do, v^y Indift. English Vessels
 pay 025 10. & Dutch 11 025 P^r head. Perpeto, Eng-
 lish Tradg Guns & Blue & Red & white Long
 Cloths will not purchase fowles. I am really at a
 loss, th^{is} is such a Total Stagnatⁿ o^f Trade, to say
 303] what Goods are in Demand, I think Grass
 Green Long Ells, Stitch'd half Sayes, Allejars,
 Allejar Chelloes, Pegg Negarine pants, Red
 Bejute pants, & Bahia Tobacco. there is no buy^g
 buy^g a Slave wth / Captⁿ Article, & / Major part o^f
 / 1025. Dutch Guns & Gun powder in g^r demand.
 manchester Checks or Chelloes are not
 Refus'd. Gold & Teeth are become Curiosities, &
 I see my likelihood o^f Allergon f^r / better. If y^e sh^d
 stay long to Windward & have letters f^r
 Europe f^r me or o^r Gentlemen here, pray be so
 good as forward them by / first English Ship.
 & as Durore Fortress is Blockaded by land,
 by / Natives o^f Ahantha Country, spiritad on
 by / Dutch, I sh^d Esteem it as a parts favour, if
 wd^d Call this in y^r way down / Coast, in wh^{ch}
 will Oblidge him who is wth Esteem sea

Capt^m David Duncombe.

I take this oppy to Inform y Trade on this part o ye Coast continues in / same situ^m y left it, & can see no likelihood o alter^m f / better. or than / English Vessels h Reduced / Price o Slaves fm 12 to 10 Oz^s; & Daryshire is determin'd to Keep / French intirely off, as he will not suffer them to take Subterfrage under / Dutch Forts o Mowree & Cormantine, ... [Martimo - Port ships as in above letter to this?] ... The Diccome Palawats not Settled. I hope to see a Man o War soon ... w^h will be esteem'd

105] Capt^m Boats CCC. 12th 9^{hr} 50
Dear Sir I h y favours by / Carpenter, who is at work upon / Yawl, & sh be Supplied w w^h necessary I h he may want
Observe y^e th^e sent y^e Boat to Licijard. I am Inform'd / Dutch longboats lye at Lagoe & t / Officers belongg to them say they h as much Right to Trade th^{er} as th^{er} o British Traders (I am Satisfied to / Contrary) t they h neither Right or Pret^m to Trade th^{er}, it beg an English Road, & under / Guns o / English Fort, On wh acct if y & / o^r British Captains who h Boats th^{er} think / Dutch Boats are o Detrim^t to y^e Trade, think proper to Order y^e Officers to Drive them away. I h by this oppy given Orders to Mr Clifton Our Chief o Tantungerry Fort, to Consult w^h & give them all / Assistance in his power, as I absolutely think it an Encroach^mt upon / British Trade, & am Confident what on a Similar Case wd not be permitted, or Suffer'd by / Dutch. I h messengers fm up Country w me & flatter myself ev^{ry} th^g will

Succeed to my Desire in t Quarter, at least
 this is a fair Prospect, & nothing but some
 Unaccountable Misfortune can prevent it.
 Execum, how much Suros & Gunpowders will
 / Dutchman give upon a Slave in / 1302.
 Sincerely ver J.R.

Mr John Clifton CCC. 12th June 50

Take Care not to interfere so
 in driving / Dutch boats away, so as to cause
 any Palaver between / & / Lagos people,
 but if / English Officers & Dutch fall out as
 hinted in / Publick Letter, you must take the
 parts even to fire at / Dutch Boats. I am J.R.
 P.S.

306] To / Right Honorable / Lords Commis-
 sioners o his majesty's Treasury

The humble Petition Memorial o /
 Royal Africans Co o England &
 also o Merchants o London &
 Liverpool.

Sheweth T by an Act o Parliament passed /
 last Seem

- ask f / immediate issue o / sum o £10,000
 granted by / Act f / support o / Trade to
 Africa - 553. n.d. To be copied from
 some better copy elsewhere -

19] To Gen^e Van Voorst 16th Aug^r 50.

[Copied at p 124]

110] Hon^{ble} Sir General 25th August 1750

[Copied at p 134]

112] Hon^{ble} Sir General CCC 7th Sept^r 1750

[Copied at p 154]

19] To Mr Senior 13th Aug^r 50.

We refer y^e to 1st Dec^r wrote by / Sloop
wch we flatter ourselves are arriv^d ~~at~~ ^{at} this, an
t you've found they brot y^e proper Suppl^{ies},
depend upon our continuing to furnish y^e fm
time to time w^{ch} w^{ch} necessary in our Ability,
darg / Palaver wh can Subsist but a v^{ry} Short
time, & when y^e find by Sea & Land y^e are relieved
will it not be better than to Court an obstinate
Dutch man for a lesson, / Terms o wh will
certainly be dishonourable to accept.

S^{td} Acca['] prove y^r obstinate man y^e alarm
us of, when Arrive (wh is just at hand) arrives
he will spend it / longest day he breathes, why
will y^e then be disgrac^d, & he prove perverse
& obstinate when Redress is at y^r Elbow, by
wh we sh be reimburs^d all charges, & rendered
Capable o giving him & Old Dick ample Satis-
fact^{ion} of the wage & faithfull Service.

We are concern^d by y^r 10th Acca['] is so
sincerely dissatis^{fy}ed, he has hitherto pass^d for
an honest man w^{ch} us, & bore our best respect
f / ~~repute~~ ^{repute} repute made o his Integrity, &
cannot think but y^e may be aggravated
Inves a little w^{ch} respect to him, however, his

people are all safe, want f. nothing nor yet sh,
 wh we desire y to assure him o upon our hon.
 (tho we doubt not its confirmⁿ by both Sloops)
 & Acca ~~we doubt not~~ on such Assurance we doubt
 not but will give more Credit, than any
 black's Reports to / Contrary our / Walls o yr
 Fortress his people are far from danger o be
~~persecuted~~ Panyard, our Chief has ~~them~~ y^m
 under protectⁿ, & will secure them to /
 last the Extremity.

We were inform'd Enterry had Concerted
 Such a Scheme as y menⁿ but upon sendg
 Assistce fm Commanda w / Chief o t Fort,
 / Enemy findg Such Speedy & proper
 Methods taken retired wth making /
 20] least Effort to seize either Acca or Dick's
 people & Succonde wth peaceable as ever.

As we conject.^d y wd not expend yet /
 last quart. 1 o provints P. Sloop & Supplies for
 / French man, we did not hurry our selves
 to send y full Stores by Canoes, o / hazard o
 loss of ~~them~~ y^m GE. but w all expedⁿ prepared
 to furnish ye Dolphin w reinforce m^{ts} wh
 wd h be at Dixcove long past, but she not
 unfortunately sprung a Leak at Succonde
 in her Voyage up, to repair wh took up much
 time, beg oblig'd to send Assistce fm Annamaboa
 to refit her, togs w ye Carolina w t Accomp-
 anis her.

Persuade Acca to Credit no Negro news
 good or bad, / Enemy find they cant advantage
 themselves by fighting, & try o Schemas to
 breed dissatis factⁿ, & make ye fall onⁿ
 amg fr selves, & by t Method weaken ye.
 It was but yest y a mess^r arriv'd fm Baddo
 informg us a man fm Bossu came to him, de-
 scrib^g desing we mt be sent advice / Phantas
 were weary o fighting & had retired to str

(for?)

respectable habitants of Bacot had sent per his
 3rd ab Azim, Chief of Accoda & Taccarady
 to Bontury to settle his debts wth Entery, & Bacot
 sd Entery had deceived him & fallg out one
 among ano^r

We expect / Arrival of both Sloops will make
 ye Easy & put an end to Accas Concern, & when
 a Single person of his may be payd at Succonda
 / English Fort th^o sh be well serv^d wth / Surface &
 Acca may certainly depend, if he continues /
 honest Englishman he has hitherto manifested
 himself, Suffic^t recompence sh be his Satisfacⁿ.

We are not idle here to find / Rhavalar
 Employ^{mt}: such as they be not experienced many years
 Recieve / Medicines of Desir^d

21] To Mr Nassau Senior 19 8ber 50

We need ye last dis patched to us by Lam
 are exceedingly pleas^d wth / good prospect of
 Affairs at Dix.

As to / Person of hint ab^t settling Affairs wth,
 we are v^y willg to agree to / favourable
 honest Terms & pass^d in ye Seal meetgs wth
 him ~~and~~ at a before Dix wth, & we do desire
 of ye to settle M^{rs} wth him if possible upon /
 same foot^g, / Council here are well wishers
 to Boske & look upon him as an Englishman
 However be sure to make him yr friend if possible
 Bacdo is here & perfectly Sensible of our
 designs, & t^h Evy Englishman who returns
 to his Allegiance will meet favour &
 encourage^{mt}.

We are pleas^d at reconciliaⁿ within &
 wth ye Fort & are passag Measures effectiv^e
 to pleas^e to reduce / Obtrinate to reason

As to / whole o yr Ltr we cannot be o
 than Satisfied w it, & w referce to / last
 Paragraph permit to make yr best & most
 honorable friendship w / person ment^d of pos-
 sibly care

We hope our last came to hand, & yr
 yr reinforce^{mts} are arriv'd, therefore add
 by this Conveye no o^r than re

PS. Observe this as a perpetual Order (ie)
 never let any prospect o Success ever lead
 y to let yr Garrison, or any part o them
 depart yr Port. Keep them within Doors at
 all Events, be frugal o yr Ammunition, /
 Sloop's must be soon w y & o^r Assistance
 is nearer than y may imagine

322] Gentlemen

C.C.C 14th Nov^r 1750

The Captain o / French Ship now lyg
 in this Port Came on Shore Yes^y 6th 9th & Inform'd
 me he Design'd to goe to Annamaboa to make
 this Trade. I told him, / British Commanders
 lyg this were Determin'd he should not. After
 many Reasons, He to prove his Right & I to
 Contravert, at last he had little to say in Jus-
 tifican o his design to Inroach upon / Rights
 & Priviledges o / British Subjects, Or than
 if ye or I could not produce a Commission to
 Satisfye him We were Authorized by / Legis-
 lature o G^t Brittain, to prevent his Trade at
 Annamaboa, He would Trade thr, & if ye
 attempted to Drive him fm thence by Force, He
 wd Repel / Same w Force, & Gunpowder was
 as cheap in France as England, & t

Frenchmen know how to use it, I answered, if He persisted in his Resolⁿ I was Satisfied You would prevent his Trade, or Sink his or your Vessels, & fur told him, as / Principal Officer of Transactⁿ British Affairs upon this Coast, I gave him t^e Caution, so t^e any ill Consequence t^e Attended his go^g to Annamaboa would be his Own Seeking, therefore I desired He wd not attempt to Infringe upon / Property of British Subjects, & whose Right & Jurisdiction I thot my Self a Competent Judge Noting his Arguments, I told him I thot it wd be prudent, before he went down to irritate ye, to use Force agst him, wh may perhaps Disable his Vessel, or do t^e Damage, to Agree to / follow^g Proposal, (i.e.) I would write ye & Desire some of your Coy^s up here, who I am persuaded wd convince him He shd not lye at Annamaboa, He Answerd, as th^e was another French Vessel in / Road he would not give me an Answer till he had Consulted w / Captain of t^e Vessel, I told him if he went to Annamaboa I should signify to him by Letter He had no Right to Trade th^e, & give ye all / Assistance in my Power to Drive him away, upon wh he went immediately off, so Cant judge wh^e what I h^e sd has altered his Resolⁿs, I thot it Advisable to Inform ye of / above Part^s, as y may be prepared of his Recepⁿ, I sh Take Care to prevent his hav^g any Trade either by day or night dur^g th^e Stay here wh shd not be long, ye may Command my Assistance in my Power to Ruine, to prevent French Commerce, & to preserve / British Trade fm / Usurpⁿ of any Foreigners t^e h^e not an Undoubted Right thereto, as I am a Wellwisher to my Country & w^g great Esteem Gentleman
To / British Commanders
at Annamaboa
Yrs J R.

392. To/ British Captains
at Annamaboa

323] Gentlemen

14th 9th 50.

Since I wrote of this m^o / French
Captains has each of them sent an Officer on
Shore, to Inform me they were going to Anchor at
Mojree & Requested I would desire of to Come
up here, where they would wait upon ye to
Consult & Agree where they are to go to Annam-
aboa or not, in an amicable way. I beg
leave to Recommend to y^e such a meet^g, as
it will be a Vindicanⁿ of what y^e may be
Obliged to put in Execum by force to Drive
them away, I wait for Answer & Remain wth Esteem
J.R.

324] Captain Hill.

Africa C.C. 23rd Nov^r 1750

Since I forego^e Copy of my last to wh^{ch} I
beg leave to Refer, I h^{ave} Satisfacⁿ to Inform
of vigorous Resolvem^{ts} taken & pursued in
Defence of Dixcove Fortress & British Property
has provid^d o^f such Advantage t^o I h^{ave} this Week
had Messengers from King & Cabovers o^f
Afhanta Country wth propos^{als} o^f peace, & t^o
if I wd go once more to Dixcove they wd

325] meet me there & Refer / Dispute to my ~~best~~
Determinaⁿ, pay all damages, & make
any Satisfacⁿ I Desire, also t^o they h^{ave}
taken Fethish not to make more Attempts on
Dixcove Fort, or attack / British Subjects by
Land or Sea, w^h we first begun, I send word
if they would Return / British Subjects they
h^{ave} Panyard I should then believe they were in
earnest, and I flatter my self in a short
time to be able to send of a good Act o^f t^o
Affair. The Afhantas are Chagrind at an
Alliance enterd into, wh^{ch} I h^{ave} on some
time bring^g to bear, w^h I n^o sufferous / King

o Warsaw, one o / most powerful Men in Mem
o Money upon this part o / Coast, it is con-
cluded, & his Messengers t went down here to
perform Ceremonys / natives he when they
Contract Engagemts w Europeans, despatched
yest y. I took / Advantage o a fallg out he
had w / Dutch Gen. who had sold some o his
people o [sic off] / Coast, & he Enter'd into
an Alliance offensive & Defensive w him, as I
knew him to be an Inveterate Enemy to /
Achantas, who are Entirely Devoted to / Service
o / Dutch ever since / Achantas War in Mrs
Copes Tomb, by his Assistance I hope to increase
Cultivate, Preserve, & Advance British Power &
Authority, Equal, if not Superior t t o any o^r
na^m. I beg leave, S^t t if on / Altera^m o
Affairs I should be Superseded in my Gen
Command here, y will Intrust y^r Self t my
Successor may he Orders to Adhere & faithfully
Observe / Alliance I have made t he may not
be it in his Power out [sic], y Private Interest or
Lucrative Views to destroy it as before I could
bring it to perfect^m, I was obligd to engage
John Curranee a Cudjor Caboccers, not w^t
a gr deal o fatigue, & some Expence, to take
Fetich t / English shoud Truly & faithfully
Observe / Engagemts I had made, And it gives
me Concern to say / Negroes he be so often de-
luded & decid^d by / Cos Agents, & it is
all most impossible to persuade them to
Repose Confid^{ce} in an Englishman. Four
English Vessels under Sail fm Annamahoa
to drive two French Vessels fm Moursee
Road, / Names o / Ships & Masters & an Acc^t

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o / Resistre they meet at foot. A little Trade at
Accra, but no goods to Carry it on. I hope
Supplies are sent out ere this, & t we sh
soon see / Men o War here, It wd be o gr
Advantage at present, / Name o this bag
upon / Coast, w / most perfect Respect, &c.
A.

PS. I must beg leave to Refer y to my next f
part^{rs}, as / English Ships will not get up to
/ French & / Sloop t this goes by ports this night

Mr Henry Caselles. CCC. 23^d Nov^r 1750

Sir I h not bin honor'd w a Line fm y Since
my Arrival here, However, in Obedience to yr Com-
mands, wh I sh ever Study most punctually to
obey, I can't in duty let Slip this Opp^y & not pay
my Respects to y tho' indeed Since / fore go^g
Copies, nothing Material has Occur'd, or than /
Disturbance in / Ahanta Country, by / Vigorous
Rebels^{ns} taken & pursued f / Defence o Dixcove
Fortress & British Property has provid o such
Advantage, t I h this Week hd messengers fm /
King & Counc^{ers} o / Ahanta Country, w / follows?
Proposals (to w^{ch}) I they were Ready to End all
Disputes betwⁿ them, Myself, & / British
Subjects t hd join'd me, when I went to Dixcove,
Contrary to the Engagem^{ts} made & agreed to w
them, if I wd Condescend to goe once more
th^r or to Succor'd, at either o wh places, they
to^g w / Brit^{ish} (Rebellious) Subjects woud
meet me & Refer / (afores^d) Dispute to my
Determin^{tn}, pay all Damages, & make such
Satisfac^{tn} I cd Desire, & before they hd sent /
messengers hd taken Fetters to^g (a th^g

sacred among them) they wd not make fur Attempt
upon Discover Fort or attack / ~~British~~ English
Subjects by Land or Sea, if they were not from
the time first Attack'd. I answered if they would
Return me / Prisoners they had taken, I should
then think they were in earnest & then I wd
Comply wth the Desires & go to Discover. I
flatter myself I sh be able to send y in a Short
time a Satisfactory Acct o^r Affairs, as I
had taken / Advantage o^r a fall out this has hap-
pened betwⁿ Intufferous King o^r Warsaw & /
Dutch Gen. / former / most powerfull in
men & money amongst / Natives, & has stop'd /
Trading paths b^t these y yrs last past, / Gen
having sold many o^r his people of [off] /
Coast, is / Occaⁿ o^r the present Quarrel, to
Enter into an Alliance, offensive & Defensiv^e,
as I know him to be an Inevitable & Im-
placable Enemy to / Athanta people, and just
dispatched his Messengers, who were down
here to perform Ceremonies they had when
they Enter into Engagements wth Europeans,
wth his Assistance I hope to increase, cherish,
preserve, & Advance British power & Authority,
equal if not Superior to t^o any o^r Nation.
Settled here, if upon / Alteration o^r Affairs, my
Removal shd be Agreed upon. I beg y will
be so good as to use yr Interest & my Successor
may be Orders to adhere & faithfully Ob-
serve / Alliance I had made, & he wd not h^{ave} it
in his power, b^t private Interest or o^r
Lucrative Views, to destroy it, as upon my
Removal, if it so happens, there will be no

11 or 12 Oz^s Merchandize will scarcely purchase a Good Man Slave. Consider then, S^r, how / Trade & people & Towns upon / Coast must be Overstock'd wth Goods of want o / Inland Consumpⁿ, whence naturally arises / Scarcity o Gold &ea, as / Natives Barter & Rebarter Commodities one Am^g b^o another & let the Gold lie by, wh^{ch} is / wth Soul & life o a Negro, so t^h I can purchase a Slave f^r 4 Oz^s o Gold in preference o 12 Goods, & any European or Indian Merchandize 15 P. Cent^o cheaper than first Cost in Europe, wth / Charges.

A French Ship fm Colais & Snow fm Rochelle St^od here & made proposals o Trade. I Inform'd them I did not Trade wth Subjects o the King & t^h they hd no Right to expect any betwⁿ Cape Apollonia & / River Volta, Many Arguments were us'd by them to prove the Pretence & by me to Contradict them, they at last told me they wd Trade at Annamaboa till a Man o War came & drag^g them away, as they were o Superior's Force to any English Vessels dy^{ng} there. I directly Inform'd / English Captains o the Presid^{nt} & / Right they hd to keep / French out o Annamaboa Road & / French Captains t^h they should not dye in this Road unless they wd admit an Officer on board each o the Vessels to prevent the hav^g any Intercourse wth Natives wh^{ch} they Refus'd & sd they wd go to Annamaboa. I assur'd them / English Captains wd not permit them to anchor there, wh^{ch} if they persisted in they must be accountable f^r / Consequences if any fatal Ones, or damages accrued on either Side by the Obstinacy, they then desired I wd write to / English Captains, & prevail upon them to Come up here, & they wd goe &

Anchor at Maurice, under Subterfuge o / Dutch
Fort, 2 Leagues to Leeward o this Place, And if I
wd advise them when / English Captains Come they
wd meet them here, & Endeavour to terminate /
Affair Amicably. I accordingly wrote & they all
met o / English Captains assur'd them they
wd not suffer them to make Trade at Anna-
maboa, or to dye where they were, / French told
them they hd no Right to Drive them fm a
Dutch Road, / English protested they wd doe
it, ~~indeed~~ in wh Indeed they were Right, as
they could not purchase a Slave durg / time /
o's ~~one~~ day this, & I see now two Snows, one
Brigantine & a Sloop Under sail, f t purpose,
The Names at foot, / Sweet I must Refer to
my Next, as this Sloop parts to night & they
will not be up w them by t time, I h now /
Pleasure to Inform y I h b / Hon' o / English
Carried / Dispute we hd w / natives o / Rhanta
Country, & the Partizans / Dutch to such Advan-
tage t I h hd Messengers fm / former w /
following proposals (to wit) I they were Ready
to End all Disputes Subsistg betw'n myself, /
English Subjects t join'd me, & them, if I wd
once more Condescend to goe to Succoedee or
Dixcove, at either o wh places they, togt w /
English (Rebellious) Subjects wd meet me,
& w / Dutch Interferg, Refer / Determinan to
me, pay all Damages, & make any Satisfacⁿ I
Require, t before they hd despatch'd / Messengers
they hd taken Fetters (A thg Sacred amg them-
selves) they wd not make any more Attempts
Upon Dixcove Fort or attack / British Subjects
by Land or Sea w't they first Molest'd them.
These Condescensions proceed fm / Vigorous
& Resolute Defence we h made, & an
Alliance I h made w Intufferous / King o

Warsaus, / most powerfull man upon this part o/
 Coast, w^{ch} Respect to Men & Money, and I jesty
 Entred into an Engagem^{nt} wth / aforesaid
 Intufferow to Act Conjoint, offensive & Defensiv^e
 agst his Enemies & those o/ ~~British~~ Britishⁿ naⁿ
 by his Assist^{ce} I hope to Increase, Cherish & Preserve
 British Jurisdiction Power, & Authority, Equal, if
 not Superior, to t^o any o^r naⁿ Settled here. As I
 Conjecture upon / Alter^{ed} I hear th^{ere} is in E
 Affairs Regardg / Managem^{nt} oth Coast, I don't
 doubt but I am one o/ Committee f / Direcⁿ thereof,
 if my Removal is attempted (& wth Success) I beg
 I will use yr Intrest t^o my Successor may h^{ave}
 Orders to Adhere, & faith fully Observe / aforesaid
 Alliance, & t^{hat} he may not h^{ave} it in his power,
 f^r private Intrest or Lucrative Views, to dis-
 solve a Union, t^{hat} will give Infinite Advantage
 & Power to / British Subjects Residg here, as /
 Dutch & Natives (in th^{ere} Intrest) will try Every
 probable method to undo what / English
 Natives glory in. I was oblig'd to Engage John
 Currantee & Cudjoe English Cabocurs, not wth
 a gr^{eat} deal o^f Persuasion, fatigue, & Expence,
 to take Feltish t^o / English shoud faith fully
 & Truly observe / Engagem^{nts} I had made &
 it gives me Concern to say t^{hat} / Natives h^{ave}
 b^{een} so often deluded & deceiv'd by / Cos Agents
 by beg led into Disputes & left a Sacrifice. t^{hat}
 is w^{ith} gr^{eat} difficulty they can be perswaded to
 repose any Confidence in an English man.

I hope Supplies are Sent out ere this, & /
 Men o^f War to protect / Trade fr^{om} / French, or
 th^{at} they are forbid by th^{ere} own Gov^{ern} else
 farewell British Commerce in ~~these~~ these
 parts. If I am Continued here, please

To send me / necessarys as P. / melosid part^{rs}
[m. r.] + I will Permit y^e Gold or Teeth at my
Pique to / Com^t o / Invoice
When I know / Establishm^t / Forts are put
] upon I sh freely & Candidly Trouble y^e w a
few usefull precautions & hints f / good o
rade, in / Managem^t o them I am &c

Ld Hallifax Africa "C.C.C." 25th November 1750

My Lord

The Uncertainty o letters fm this Remote
part o / World w^{ch} have / Hon^r o y^e Lordp's
perusal f / Reason advertized y^e Lordp. & fm
a natural propensity I h to Acquaint y^e Lordp w /
Situⁿ / British Affairs are in & all Transac^{ns}
Respect^z my Managem^t is / Cause t has Carried
me so far as to fatigue y^e Lordship w / Copies^z (The
my Letters t accompany this. Kindn^t o this
Supplicates a Pardon f t, & to Inform y^e Lordp
o some Material Occurrences since, wh I am per-
suaded will give y^e Lordp Satisfacⁿ. (i.e.) to
find British Property & Authority ont o Danger
fm beg Usurpd & Invaded, & likely to Advance
Rather than Decline. Therefore (wth full Preface)
The Vigorous Resol^{ns} taken & put in Execⁿ f
] Defence o Dixcove^r Fortress has provd o such
Advantage, I h this week had Messengers fm /
King & Ambassadors o / Ahamta Country w / followg
Proposals (to wit) t they were Ready to End all
Disputes w me & / British Subjects t Joind me
when I went to Dixcove^r at / begg^{ing} o / distur-
bance (Contrary to Engagem^{ts} they had made &
Agreed w them) If I woud Condescend to goe
on a more thr or to Succoed, at either Place
they tog^z w / English (Rebellious) Subjects woud

meet & Refer / (Aford) Dispute to my Determinaⁿ.
 w^t / Dutch, pay all Damages & make Such Satis-
 factⁿ of Cd desire & to Show they were Sincere
 in what they proposed, before they Dispatched /
 messengers they had taken Feltish (a Chg Sacked
 w^t them) not to make fur attempts on Dixcove
 Fort, or to molest / British Subjects by Land or
 Sea, if they did not attack them. I Answered
 if they would send me / British Subjects they
 detain'd & take down / Dutch Flagg they
 had hoisted, by such Behaviour I should Con-
 clude th^r Inten^ts were honest, & would goe to
 Dixcove as they desired, I Cant Omitt Informⁿ
 yr Lordp th^r amicable proposals & another
 Source. I h^e Imp^rov^d / Advantage o a

Quarrell t has happend, betwⁿ / Dutch Gen^l
 Gen^l General & Intufferous King o /
 Warbaw, & most powerfull Man upon this
 Coast, w^t respect to Men & Money, to Enter
 into an Alliance offensive & Defensive w^t
 him & his Allies, who are also v^y powerfull,
 well known^d to be an Inveterate & Im-
 placable enemy to / Phanta people, who
 are solely devoted to / Service o / Dutch. Since
 / Phanta War some 10 or 12 Years past,
 when they were deceiv'd by / Cos Agents, w^t
 part^s o t^h Disgrat^d Mr Smith (reichton
 is P^retty Acquaint^d; w^t his (Intufferous)
 Assistⁿ I hope to Increase, Cherish & Preserve
 British Power & Authority Equal^l, if not
 Superior to t^o any o^r Man here. If upon
 / Alteraⁿ o Affairs I should be Remov'd from
 my Remov'd from my Command, Permit me
 to beg yr Lordp to Int^rpose w^t yr Authority

us / Gentlemen. I may be Intrusted w / Direction
Affairs & Affairs of this Coast. & my Successor may
be Orders to Adhere, & faithfully Observe / Alliance
I have made, & not be it in his power of private Interest
or Lucrative Motives, to destroy / same, as upon my
Removal this will nothing be left but will be
attempted to Dissolve a Union, by wh / English
must infallibly acquire a y^r Superior power upon
this Coast, it has already this good effect if I
but send to a Cabower who before wd not be taken
notice of my message, he immediately obeys
Command & is cautious not to Disoblidge. Before

I could bring it to Perfection I was Oblidged wth much
Persuasion & Expence, to Engage John
Carrantee & Cudjoe Fredericks father to take
Fetters & / English wth truly & faithfully
Observe the Engagements. It gives me Concern to
Inform y^r Lordship, / Natives have so often de-
luded & deceived by / Cos Agents, Engag^d
them to War & Disputes & lett^g them fall a
Sacrifice to the Enemies & its extremely difficult
to persuade / them to Repose / least
Confidence or Trust in an Englishman

I am wth all possible Expedi^m Endeavour^d
to Compleat / Reparation of Commenda Fortress
& doubt not but in a short time after its
finished Finish'd (If I am continued here)
to give y^r Lordship a Satisfactory Act of
/ Land^d Place belong^g to / English Fortress
at the Place. Ceded to / Dutch (as indeed
were many of British Rights by / Cos Agents
Messrs Crichton Craik & Chalmer) for such
desirable End I wait wth Impatience for Supplies
& / Arrival of His Majesty's Ships, as / Someⁿ
of the beg on / Coast is sufficient wth the
otherways Interfering... I may leave, &c

933] Honble Sir

CCC. 1st Xber 50

I ha Enquired into / affair y desired in
 yr Esteemd letter yest^e, & ha / Hon^r to Inform
 y thereof. Some eight or nine years past soon
 after / Arrival o Messrs Creighton & Chalmer
 Chalmer at this place. / Fanteens stupid /
 Trade Paths, or at least prohibited / Selling
 Salt, / Gentlemen aforesaid Sold (or trusted)
 to young Andabah a Quantity in Chests, wh
 her people ha Carried down to / handy Place,
 belongg to this Fort in Order to Transport /
 Same to Commenda, where some people belongg
 to Annamaboa Attempted to Parryar it off
 / Beach

934] Honble Sir

5 Dec^r

[Copied To Van Voorst - Copied at p 159]

T.fo. 151.Cape Coast Castle 15th Dec^r 1750

At a Council held this Day

Present

John Roberts President

Wm Husband

Thos Boteler

} Chief Agents

Whereas / carryg on / necessary Business
 in / Castle, & a tedious correspondance w /
 Gen^l o Elmina hath presented our holdg a
 Council in a regular ~~manner~~ manner fm

16th of September past to this day, the notes of all
Transactions respecting / Co's Affairs h^{ve} been Examined
Executed by / Unanimous consent & approbation
of / whole Council
Resolved / Same be deemed Valid & of full
Effect

In pursuance of a letter dated / 6th July last from /
Royal African Co of England recd this day p.
Sloop Kelly we h^{ve} read & thoroughl^y considerd
thereof

Agreed to full purport & Tenor of sd letter
be complied wth so far as in our Powers. But
as to / 3rd Paragraph of sd letter respecting
Goods & Merchandizing belonging to / Co re Mr
Roberts beg fully sensible on his Arrival
here, he found nought of them a few
unsellable Goods. And Messrs / Husbands &
Boteler of themselves take / freedom to refer
/ honble Court & Assistants to / Resolutions
taken by them, Messrs Chalmer & Storkwell
/ 15th May 1749 & / Ballce of / Gen Books
marked O. 3^d at / end of June followg.

Mr Boteler likewise recommends / Council's
d^{ec}ree May 6th 1749 to the perusal w^{ch} res-
pect to / 5th Paragraph of / Co's Letter -
Agree to send a messenger to AChampo
King of Po Po, w^{ch} a proper present in order to
Secure / Privilege of / Co's Charter

A Commisⁿ beg read from / honble / Court
of Assistants appointg our President Gov-
ernor of this Castle &c.

Agreed / Same be complied wth in all Part^s
& Mr Richard Pappone having this day

petitioned to be entertained as a Factor in /
Comps Service . . .

Agreed his Petition be complied w. Also t
a letter be wrote to / Dutch Gen o Scurina
to advise him t w^r Roberts hath recd /
Commission by Governour as afores^d as also
President^r &c.

Adjourned.

[The next & last entry on this file is
copied here - & is as follows].

Cape Coast Castle / ~~the~~ 4th April 1751

Present

John Roberts President

Wm Hubbards } (Chief Agents

Thos Boteler }

Whereas John Roberts Gov^r &c & Thos Boteler
Account^t h^om since December past at Succonde
w / officers o his Majesty's Ships / Prince Henry
& Surprise in Congress w / Dutch Gen /
Better if possible, to put an end to / War in /
Aghanta Country wh^o has presented our meet^g
in Council fm / 15th o / months afores^d to / day
o / date hereof, And as / Governour hath
laid before us all proceed^gs at Succonde
betwⁿ / Scot parties mentioned

Agreed t / sd Roberts & Boteler in our
Opinion behaved Discreet & Judicious in all
respects, relat^g to / Public Affairs & British
Interest on this Coast, And as / Officers o his
Majesty's Ships o War afores^d that proper to

depart fm / Congress aforesd

Ordered t a letter be wrote Captain Japers to invite him on shore in order to consult in public Council / best measures t can be taken to terminate / Athanta War & address / hardship / British h so long Sustained fm / Dutch on this Coast

Ordered fwr t Mr Nathaniel Parker do deliver / letter above

Whereas William Husbands hath laid before us / proceedings o / French Captain le Chevalier Glanvillers at Annamaboa / Methods taken by / Sd Captain to Alienate / Natives o / ~~Fantym~~ Fantym Country fm the Allegiance to / English, togz us / letters & Answers o Correspondance passed betw / parties above

Agreed t / Methods pursued & Steps taken by Mr Husbands to disconcert & render ineffectual / Designs o / French Captain aforesd were proper good & Judicious & t all Presents given to Fantym Cabochiers &c on / Occan are hereby deemed Absolutely necessary.

Resolved to inform / Co p / Situan o the Affairs respectg / French Ships o War by / Hunter Sloop now in this Road bound f England & to send all Papers t can possibly be transcribed relatg to / Athanta Dispute w / Dutch

Adjourned

[End o T. 70. 151]

~~Wm Daines~~ Daines at Necha. Danish Govt Apr
408. - Just Plat pub(?) - p 234.

T. 90 1476 (cont'd)

338] Honble Sir

CCC. 15 Dec^r

We do Ourselves / Honour to Trans-
mitt this to yr Hands, by Mrs John Hippisley
Our Secretary & Mrs Right Rippon Factor, /
Purpose o' it to Inform y^e / on Monday last
a Sloop arriv'd here directly fm England, by
wh^{ch} we h^e Received a Printed Copy o' an Act o'
Parliamt, bearing Date / 16th Nov^r 1749
Intitl'd an Act f^r Extendg & Improveg / Trade
to Africa, whereby / Trade becomes Free & Open
to all His Britannick Majesty's Subjects,
Under / Directⁿ o' a Co o' Merchants Trading
to Africa. And also by / sd Sloop Our
President John Roberts Esq^r Received a Com-
mission Appointg Him Governour (as well as
President & Treasurer) o' this Castle & Prin-
cipal Director f^r Transactg / British Affairs
upon / Gold Coast & Whydah. Messrs Husbands
& Botelers Remain Confirm'd in the Respective
Offices. Therefore permit us to Assure y^r Hon^r
we sh^l at all Times Study to Pursue Every
Method y^e may propose t^o may Redound to /
Honour & Emolument o' both / Honble Cos, &
to Cultivate a most Sincere & Intire Friend-
ship wth y^r Self Durg Our Appointments upon
/ Coast. As we are wth all Imaginable Veneraⁿ
& Respect re a

Mr John Godfrey

CCC. 19th Dec^r 1750

I Recd. y^r Letter & Observe / Trouble
y^e hd wth / Cannomen & Slaves, Pray make all
/ Dispatch y^e care in / Reparation o' Gun Car-
riages & get / For^t Razawid abt 50 t it will be

all Clear within Musket Shot, as I know what
a disadvantage it is to be any Place, where
an Enemy can lurk unseen within Gun Shot
& by this Oppy I have wrote to Mr Bignal [or
Succonde] to get / Towns people to Assist in
Raising & bringg wood in / Castle, & of
Water in / Tank, if not I will send Cask up
to hold a Quantity, in Case Intuffrow Comes
down, wh I h^{ve} Reason to Believe he will, as
soon as we hear / Man o War beg at Dixcove
so beg of to be as Expedition in gett^g chgs
in / best Order y can, herewith / nails y wrote
of, be sure be secret & don't let any one know
y heard fm me & y expect Intuffrow, but
y may tell / Caboceros y hear fm / Negroes
& He designs it, but when he will come
down y can't Tell, Keep a good look out
night & Day & believe me to be yr Sincere Friend
J.R.

340] Succondee Bignal - 22 Decr.
End o
Dagonaⁿ

Gen. Elmina

• Honble Sir 22^d Decr 1750

[Copied at p 162]

• Mr John Godfrey. 23^d Decr 1750

I Recd yr letters of 31st

Pray did Yankee come down w / Boats fm
Dixcove or h y heard anything fm Bossu
lately ... I am rea J.R.

To/Council. 29th Dec^r 1750 Dixcove.

Arrived here Tuesday morn^g, & at 9 o'clock went on board / Surprise. I believe C: Baird will do every thing I can desire, he sent his Barge / Day before yest^y to Boutry, & his lieutenant to demand / British rebellious Subjects, & / Prisoners Bacot had in his Fort. I sent Gardiner along wth / lieutenant Bacot denyd having it in his power to return / People affraid as he assured them / Blacqes came into / Fort t^o morn^g & obliged him to deliver them up, & t^o / Phanta King had car^d them wth / rest o^f his people into / Bush. / lieutenant & Gardiner terrified them so on the go^g on shore t^h he could not stand f^r / trembl^g he had, I sh^d leave / Brandy here, they have no liquor so send a Supply to Succonde. I hope y^e h^d dispatched / Nelly wth / necessary orders & t^h you've got every thing ready. f^r Intuiffero, f^r God sake be mind full o^f t^h what we h^d to do may be done immediately, as C: Baird seems to be in a hurry, I refer y^e to Boats f^r partners, who will inform y^e I've had messengers fm Bossu & / result. I am just go^g on Board to go to Succonde where y^e will hear more partly fm me, herewth y^e lies, my o^r Sloop C: Baird says saild fm / Bananab two days before him &c

To/Council Succonde Dec^r 30th 1750

Arrived here last night in y^e Surprise as it was o^f no Significan^{ce} to stay longer at Dixcove. I sh^d be impatient till I hear fm y^e & t^h you've concluded wth Intuiffero, if his mess^{rs} are not come down send Encomy / Bearer to him directly, as I h^d given him a

(Encomy)

[with]

a proper message to deliver Gun powder. I suppose
y^e h enough fm Wickman & what Guns y^e h
may want y^e can get f^r Gratts fm / D. Inter-
lopers. / Affairs must be finished with^r loss o
time w^{ch} y^e are obliged to Draw / Guns fm
Accra, wh^{ch} I most earnestly recom^d to y^e, & also t^o
y^e Devote y^e Attenⁿ entirely to finish / Affairs, as
upon it wholly depends wh^{ether} or not / Engles^e h^{er}
naⁿ is to h^{ave} h^{er} h^{er} efforts or Intrest in / Athanta Country

... Send up some lead Ball & a quantity o
handgridge wh^{ch} / Blacks will cut in a few hours,
/ Black Prince will not go down in a Canoe, so
his ffather cant expect to see him ~~here~~ f^r some
time, as / Ship will continue here, I flatter my self
to see ~~the~~ Intuiffers in 8 or 10 days

left Ferguson by 9 at Discover Suppose y^e were
to send up / Long Boat after him wth / Brass re.
Prince is here has got 200 R. o Bahia as he says
Crack had acted a Villainous part ag^t y^e at
home, he has b^{een} xammish by / Court o^f Directors
at his own request & declared he & Chalmer
deld over to y^e 2000 merchantable Goods, t^h
y^e had no Occasion to trade wth / French t^h
Dutch Gen proposed to y^e not to give / french
Wood or Water but to keep them off / Coast,
wh^{ch} y^e refused, & / Same is confirmed by
letters fm Holland informing t^h / Gen had wrote hom^e
to like Effect. ...

PS. ... Since / above I think it will be proper to
desire Cudjo to send a Mess^g wth Encomy & let
em go to Jno Curranee wth a message Encomy
has to deliver him fm his Son, & desire him to
send a Mess^g wth Encomy & Cudjoes, to Intuiffers
to encourage him, & assure him I will stand
by him as long as I h^{ave} life, & t^o y^e Capt. o^f / Man

o War will do anything I desire, in order to get him down so soon as possible, Ulson came up here some days ago w/ Charma & Commenda slaves, & before I came down was extremely insolent, it will be my time now to swagger a little, I design tomorrow to send to / Dutch Town's people f all yr Corn yr they owe / Co Joint Stock or Tattoo, as I look upon Secur^y / Patter, / Sawg y so much Money. I cant call to mind anything more I have to say, to reiterate t y do everythg t men can do to Expedite Intuifferoes comg down, as it will not only be o advantage, but redound to yr honour as well as infinitely oblige &c.

"Pier P.S. to / before go^g Councils letter"

I find this Mom^r. C. Baird has got D. Cob Guns & Dances so if youve got / Gun-Powder y may boldly send to Entuifferoes to come down f / money promised, dont lay out any Teeth w yr Dutchman as we sh^d want ym f C. Baird.

To C. Derbyshire 30th 10ber 50

I hope this finds yo at C.C. in perfect health & t y drubbed / french men & need Satisfⁿ f yr trouble they h given y & time youve lost after ym I believe I sh^d be able to carry / Palaver w yr Cap^t. o / Man o War's Assistee, if y can introduce yr discourse ab^t / Palaver, by desire youd press Messrs. Hubbands & Boteler to be us^d all means in the power to get Entuifferoe to come down, so soon as possible, & speak to Cudjo to do yr same Same. I know he will mind what y say to

him. I hope to see y here when tis completed,
as I am certain if Entuiffere rises, we sh be
Slaves sufficient to send y off in a months
time, & ~~to~~ I beg y to be assured t I will do
y all / Service in my Power. . . .

Hon^{ble} Sir

Secconde 1st Jan^y 1750 [5]

[To Van Voorst, Copied at p 168]

Dear Sirs

Seccondee 4th Jan^y 1750 [5]

I wrote to y yr Second [mor.] (to w^{ch} refer)
yest^y / Barge returned fm ~~Stam~~ Ellmina,
/ Gen^l desired Capt^m Baird's Officer to assure
him he was extreme rejoiced at his arrival
&c &c, & t he wd wait on him at Seccondee &
order all his people to attend (Providg I wou
do / same) to by an hearg o / Palavar before
Capt^m Baird, himself & myself, & t if I w
agree to it he wd submit his part thereof to
Capt^m Baird's deizion, he pressed Gardiners
much to know if I was inclined to peace,
& assured himg himself was. The truth o /
matter is, / Gen^l is prodigiously frightened
(as Gardiners tells me). / Gen^l says if
his negroes are in / wrong they sh make
retrib^um or any Satisfac^m required, his
proposals are so reasonable I cannot be off
in acceptg them, yet I wd not set aside /
agreem^t wth Entuiffere f / Athamtes
must be destroyd if Possible to be done, therefore
I do advise y to Dispatch a messenger, as fm me
to / Party aforesaid, & tell him not to

regard / Gen's Com^g. hither, but assure him
 so soon as ever he will come down upon /
 Aphantias he shall no Assistance [sic] & /
 Sooner he comes / better, f perhaps he may
 be jealous o this interview w / Gen^l, as
 ye well know what is proper to be sd
 to him upon / Occaⁿ. I woud not h^y delay
 sendg a messenger one moment as it will
 be Best Entuiffereoe shd know or hear
 fm us first abt / Interview at Present inten-
 ded & t a Cissaⁿ o Hostilities is agreed
 upon, & desire o him to Send a person
 down to hear / Palaver debated.

This Instant / Gen^l's Envoys are come
 over w a letter f Captⁿ Baird & another f
 my Self, purport'g t ye Gen^l woud set out
 f Succondee so soon as he recd^t ours in
 answers in order to Convene all parties to
 h a hearg^g o / Palaver, & t a Suspendⁿ o
 Arms sh^d Commence & all Parties h Liberty
 o Egress & ~~the~~ regress by sea & land. Th
 wrote him to him this night & agree to /
 same this much ags^t my Inclinaⁿ as at
 this Juncture we ot to be as Severe upon
 him as he thot to be on us, & add a Clause
 t he sh^d not Supply his Fort or Natives o /
 Aghanta Country wth Stores &c &c, however
 I must rest Content, Captⁿ Baird seemg
 rather Pacific than / Contrary, I sh^d not give
 up / least^t point if to be helped, & will use
 my Utmost^t Endeavours to persuade / Captⁿ

To stand ~~fast~~ Stedfast to / Course, Pray give
me yr Sentiments abt Ege, wher yr Prefer
Settle g / Affairs by Treaty in manner pro
posed & Sett forth, or Carry it on, it will be
easy to wade / former if ye think Entuffer
will stand by us & come down in time.

When ye find / Gen^l comes up, send
Cudjoe. fwh purpose comes / Awning Canoe,
as I cannot be wt him now ther will be no
dangers. We must h a fair hear g o matters, f
I will not agree to a determinⁿ or Inquiry
into / Merits, o it else where, than in
English Fortress. Ye h / fellows who stole
dd Dick's Chest, Cloth &c, in view, send him up

To / Gen. Succonde 5. Janry.

[Copied ab p 171]

Dear Sir, [sic Sir?] Succondee Fortress 6th Janry 1750 [51]

I am obliged to y f yr favours this morn
need. I am overjoyed to find y so Confident
Entuffero will come down upon / Ahantas, as to
Gen^l comes here if y can manage it, so
dont let t in any shape be a hindree or
retard his ris g as / Gen^l or Ahantas will
never by fair treaty give us / Satisfacⁿ we
shy dem^d, desiring of them is / th g, & wt /
Gen^l is ~~most afraid~~ afraid o more than /
Man o Wars, It appears reasonable wt y say
o his Boy sent to / Camp.

Pray send me Express all / papers y will
 find in a Drawer under my writg Desk re-
 gardg / Palawar, also an Agreement made by
 Gen^l ~~de~~ D Peterson & Crichton at Sveccon See
 & all / Articles o Concern made betw / English
 & Dutch Coy de by thir Agents upon / Coast ab
 9th want them. I am in no concern but if /
 Palawar comes to a begg to carry it all to
 nothing notw^g I wd h Entufero come down
 w / Same Expediⁿ as if we were not treat^d
 if he does we will make it our place w h
 nothing to do w him, he goes down to re-
 venge his own Quarrel, so I most^{ly} sin-
 cerely wish he wd surprize / Athantay
 when they Judge themselves secure, as th^{is} is
 no actg upon Honble terms w those people
 or the Partizans who h put w^g Stratagem
 Vile & Malicious Project in Executiⁿ to op-
 press us from a Confid^{ce} to fire us out by
 exhaustg / Supplies, by wh means they
 were certain o carryg the Palawar, howev^{er}
 unjust. Therefore I rather judge it
 politick than otherwise to ~~an~~ Attack them
 in th^{is} own way & we cannot be off w
 Entufero as it will be a Confirmatiⁿ o
 w^h his Messengers sd o / English at th^{is}
 First comeg down, & he will never place
 confid^{ce} in us more, on / Contrary if he is
 hearty in our Cause we w his Assist^{ce}
 sh be able to Carry everythg before us &
 f t Reason I am, f faithfully performg
 our Engagem^{ts} w him, & only Amuse / Gen^l
 by / Meetg he has proposed as it wd not
 appear well to Captⁿ Baird w^h 5th

refuse as / Gen^l refers / decision o / dispute to him.
must send a supply o Gunpowder here if /
Warsaws come down, as a quantity o what is
here will be expended in Saluting / Great Guns,
Cannon etc etc . . . Believe me etc.

May it please / Court^h o Assistants o /
Royal African Co o England
Succowdee Fortress yth Janry 1750 [51]

Honble Sirs

I Truly deplore / uncertainty wh^{ch}
my Packets o May / 15th, Aug 1st / 1st & Nov^r 24th
past to come to yr hands, or if this may meet to
good Fortune, Commanders o tradg Vessels, not
gtly interestg them selves abt / delivery o letters
hence, wh^{ch} for a Conjecture to the same may be
inform^t o the Imprudencius & bad Conduct or
not, cannot be sd.

On / 11th Dec^r last^t I was favoured wth
Duplicates o yr Honours letters dated 13th & 26th
April & original o July 6th past p. Sloop Nelly,
wh^{ch} I defer answerg partly, expectg sd Sloop
will arrive in England long ere this reaches
yr hands & as I look upon / Oppy by her
a safe conveyce, intend thereby to answer /
aforsd letters / Contents wh^{ch} of sh be most
faith fully observed, & orders therein con-
tained w / strictest punctuality executed to / best^t
o my Judge^{mt} & Ability & p^r & like oppy will
advertise yr Honours minutely / Conditⁿ o yr
Fortz & Settlements & situatⁿ o yr affairs wth an
Authentick acct o / palawan (heretofore informed
yo by letters aforsd) w / Phanta people

Supported by our good friends & Allies; wh /
 Dutch Gen^l has bin / beguining bin averse to /
 accomodating w^t cedg to him / Town o Busha
 & deliverg up yr Honours Subjects sacrifices
 to his Malice & Revenge, for wh reason I've pre-
 ferred contestg / same to / last extremity rather
 than Submit to terms so dishonourable, so
 unjust & oppressive, & beg well assured nothg
 but / destructⁿ o / Phantas can preserve yr
 Honours settlements & contribute to / benefit o /
 British Naⁿ by / Commerce o t Country. I
 bin f such good purpose & in order to strengthen
 our party & cause agst such formidable Enemies,
 entered into / allie wth Entufero King o
 Warsaw ~~o~~ I did myself / Honours to
 inform y^e o / 23rd Nov^r •, o wh I sh not at
 present fur enlarge than to assure y^e by
 such league we are not only enabled to
 preserve / Honour o / British Naⁿ; yr Settlements
 & droppg Jurisdictione bin usurpⁿ or Infringem^t,
 but to retrieve & add strength to / same by
 turng / Tables upon / Dutch

To my gr^t Satisfaction ~~and~~ o / 22^d l^{tt}o
 Advice came bin ~~that~~ Mat^rs Ship Surprise
 Captⁿ Patrick Baird was arrived at Dix Cove.
 On / 24th went on board / Byone Snease o
 Liverpool, wth Boats Master by in Cape
 Coast road, where all British Shipy bin an-
 chored some time past & are determined
 continue in order to bring / trade thither -
 to proceed to Dix Cove to lay before Captⁿ
 Baird / Original Proceedgs o / Palawan, where
 I wd h gone in a Canoe but / English
 Capt^{ns} (a good deal o danger attendg /

Passage fm / Enemy) insisted in conveying me
thither in a Vessel (to wit) / Bygone of our rank
wh. got to Dixcove in ~~two~~ two days & I
settled all thgs. for the Security o / Fortress,
wherein on / Man o / Wars Arrival were found
by his officer Communion & provinⁿ f full
three months

I am at this time in yr Honours Fort
Succoonde, where I daily expect / Dutch Genl
in order to have Enquiry into / Palas as before
Captⁿ Baird who is at anchor in / road, & having
acted only on / defense & Justice on my side, doubt
not o giving yr Honours an Acct o its Performance to
yr Sales fac^m & hope my Conduct thro / whole
proceedg will merit yr Approbanⁿ & good liking.

I h^o (w^o partiality) done all thgs in my
ability fm time to time to assist / Capt^{ns} o Eng-
lish Merch^t. Ships, & prevent / French fm tradg
on / Coast or having Commerce wth / Natives, by
wh^o & o^r good Measures / Prices o Slaves are
reduced (to / Benefit & satisfac^m o / British traders)
fm 11. / 12. 13 oz. to oz y. f prime Men, & I must
~~not~~ / English Capt^{ns} / Justice to inform
ye they doe w^o anything in the power to assist
& serve us, but in a more especial manner
Captains Darbyshire & Boates fm Liverpool
o whose words & behaviour too much cannot
be set

I beg yr Honours will permit me to return
my most sincere thanks f / Commisⁿ ye are
pleased to Honour me wth o Gov^t o C.C. & to
assure ye I sh^o make it my study to deserve a
continuance o yr favours by squaring my
Acⁿ as accordg to / Standard o Honour & probity
whereby I don^t doubt o beg Estemed well w^ordy
/ same & deservg / yr trust already reposed in
me, wh^o while I am honoured wth no con-
sideraⁿ sh^o tempt me to act prejudicial to / Trade
o my fellow Subjects or to be passive when

The Interest is at Stake but sh^d strenuously
 pursue every Step to promote a sincere, / same,
 wh^{ch} cannot be o^r than agreeable to a satisfactory
 to y^r Hon^{rs}

beg much Employed preparing matters of
 hearg / Palawan, P. Sloop Nelly will write
 fully thereof, & in Conjunction with Messrs. Hub-
 bands & Bateman, o^r all Circumstances judged Worthy
 y^r Notice, till wh^{ch} time I beg re.

To Mr Lascelles Succoonde January 7th 1750

The 11th Dec^r past^d arriv'd at C.C.
 / Sloop Nelly by whom fm Mr Maxwell I had
 pleasure o^r hearg y^r rec'd my letters o^r 15th
 Feb^r. P. His Maty's Ship Surprise also thro'
 P. Dolphin Capt Ross ete^r wth sev^l papers re

The Circumstances o^r affairs since my last
 dated y^r 23^d Nov^r [P. 394 supra] last^d are much
 alike, / Palawan still subsists, but since / arrival
 o^r his Maty's Ship Surprise wh^{ch} anchored before
 Discove^r / 23rd last^d Month / Gen^l o^r Elminge has
 bin so merc^{iful} comply^g & submissive, & has
 discover'd [I h^{ave} at last concluded an Alliance
 wth Entufero Warbau King (advise^d y^r of in
 my last) has condescend'd to a hearg o^r
 Palawan at Succoonde before Cap^{tn} Baird,
 who is at anchor in / Road, & to Submit / same
 to him, wh^{ch} enquiry by Roge^r beg to come
 on in 3 days after date hereof, / hurry o^r
 gett^g all th^{gs} ready of such purpose present^{ly}
 my beg so part^{ly} in this express as I sh^d
 always be, to defer / same of / opp^o /
 Sloop Nelly's return by wh^{ch} good Courtye I
 hope to transmit y^r a Satisfactory acct o^r
 terminac^o o^r troubles in favour o^r / English
 & th^{er} Subjects in these parts, having conducted
 myself throughout / whole upon / defence only

have in Judgment. o Impartial Man all /
just Imaginable on my side.
We have lately had a good deal o Employment
to keep French off these parts o / Gold Coast
who were v y Numerous hereon, & o force,
yet by good rigorous measures & interposi^on
o sev^l English Captains / Coast is clear o
them at present. / Consequence o wh is / prices
o Slaves are fallen fm 11. 12. 13 oz to 7 lb
prime Maes & in proporⁿ f / best Women,
British Capt^{ns} beg determin'd to give no
more & at my Imprecation [sic] h all weigh'd
fm / road o Annamaboa & o Ancho^r at CCC.
where they continue, & are resolv'd to brig /
negro traders thither wh I h bⁿ long aim'd
at & is as g^v a point affect'd as it tends
more to / English Emolum^t. than anythg
projected these sev^l years past.

I must not neglect inform^g f t on /
Man o Wars anchor'd at Dixcove & Captⁿ
Send^g / Lieut^{nt} on shore to survey / Forts, /
latter found / same stor'd with Ammun^on &
prov^os suffic^t f full 3 months, effectual
methods taken f preservⁿ o / Fort, & / Garrison
(White & Black) in good health & Spirits not w^g
a close Siege o 4 months past, wh met / Com-
mander's approbⁿ & is no small Satisfacⁿ f
me to acquaint^g f o, & t^h make it / principal
concern o my life to defend / same & w^g In^{ch} o
British property as well as promote / Interest
& traffick whereby I doubt not to obtain (/ w^g
Summit o my Ambⁿ) / Commandⁿ o yourself
& all good men In confidence whereof &c
PS. I need not observe to y / g^h Necessity this is
f supplies especially in these times o trouble
& oppressⁿ o our good Friends & allies

To / Council

8th Jan: 50 [51]

I this morn^g had a L^r fm / Gen^l wherein he agreed to a Cessa^m o' hostilities thro^ut / Athanta Country, & we h^e engaged our honours to each o^r t^h / Parties on each side sh^d punctually observe ye same. his messengers & mine went this day to Bortry & Dixcove to inform ye people Concerned o' our resolutions. He assures me he will be here in two or three days fm date o' his L^r. I desire y^e to send up in / Canoes two or three mulatto Soldiers (English men) & three Spare Coats, Caps & Accoutrements as ye Guard here are most o' them o' Dutch. Contract^m. therefore I want to change them, / Spare Cloaths I want y^e three Entered today to continue dur^g / Man o' Wars Stay

If ye send y^e Long Boat she may now go up with^o dangers. let me know how our Officers go on wth Entiaiff^{er} o' f my gov^l. in treaty wth / Gen^l, so pray be part^r & advise what y^e think is best to be done.

C. Baird has b^en on Shore to day. . .

Messrs Senior & Brew. Jan^y 8th 1750 [51]

This serves to inform y^e . . .

[copied at P429. post]

Succovdee 8th Jan^r 1750 [51]

Dear Sirs

I wrote y^e last night, this morn^g y^e Awing Canoe arrived & y^e Sundrings as advised Quail o' Rope excepted a gr^t loss as it prevents haulg y^e Seine wh^{ch} is y^e Cause o' many hungry Bellies here. . . . The Surprize men catch Fish ev^{ry} Day but take care nobody sh^d be / better f^r them. When I ge^t y^e Rope I will come in f^r a share.

I observe what y^e say concerng y^e Negotiations wth Intuffero & am o' y^e opinion he will certainly rise but it will be some time before he will settle matters so as to appear here. Therefore I will enter upon / Treaty proposd in wh^{ch} I doubt not but to prove we h^{ve} Justice on our Sides & to demonstrate to Cap^t. Baird we h^{ve} b^{een} oppressed. Before we come to a hearing I think it reasonable & necessary y^e Gen^l sh^d declare (if our Palawoor is just) wh^o he engages to reimburse / expence we h^{ve} b^{een} at & make Re-tribut^{ion} f^r y^e losses sustained (to wit)

Bloodshed, Trade o' y^e Forb^{idden} Craft loss o' Time o' y^e British Subjects Imprison'd, Insults to y^e Flag & & & if he consents what do y^e think is sufficient to demand. In my opinion 200 P^{ieces} o' Gold & may reasonably insist upon 125 P^{ieces} be^{ing} paid. I am pleas'd y^e sent / messenger to Intufro on receipt o' my letter as we must study to prevent him f^r suspectg us as durg y^e time we can keep him in close Connec^{tion} & thereby prevent his entertaing

a that t we will do nothing w^t his Knowledge & Consent. He will be a good Bully-Back shd / Palourou be settled by Treaty, & use in ye right (or / wrong) / Warsaws h^e not to do w^t. Intifro if he chubes may come down upon his Enemies, when it will be in our Choice to suppose him if we please, at wh / Dutch h^e no Cause to be offended (to suppose ye worst). If ye Men o War shd be gone off ye Coast & ye Warsaws come down upon / Athantab, & we join / former & / Dutch ye latter, / English Fort w^o Intifro Army to back it is far Superior to / Dutch f many reasons. Time will not permit me at present to Dilucidate, beg employ'd in putt^g Affairs in readiness to proceed regularly at ye Congress.

I shd be glad Cudjoe wd be here as soon as possible as I sh want him to settle some points w^o Bossu & o^r People t will be necessary before / Palourou comes to a hearing (this entire noun given to Cudjoe) as I h a game to play w^o Bossu I flatter myself will be o infinite advantage to me in ye Palourou
 Send up ye Dixie's letter Book
 f year - 35 in my Book Case . . . I sh want it
 I am &c J.P.

Tell Cudjoe to order his
 Canoe men to buy 1 People
 to buy for Fishing Tackle
 No Beef this time . . . No Surprisers or
 Match at Commenda f Forts we may
 send some . . .

Mr Senior

Succowdee 9th Janry 1750 [51]

Recd^d frs this day & on Rec^d heruff y are to
deliver / charge o Dixcove Fort to Mr Mich^d Borew as y
and / canoe herewth to brg y hether, 17cca, Capt Dick
'attoo, Effwa, Yeaw, Effin, Quasso [Quang]
Sergeant, Cudgoe / one armed boy & any or o yr
Boys or people who know anythg respectg / Pala-
Var, mind to brg all yr papers relatg to / same
~~partly~~ / Message in writg sent to Mr
Bacot, unprinted & Certified by Mr Andrew
Johnson send to Borew & I expect
him hither & if he chuses brg him down in
a Canoe, take care on yr passage hether to
commit no Act o hostility or give umbrage
to any / Enemy I am &c

Mr Mich^d Borew Succowdee 9th Janry 1750 [51]

By this Conveyce Mr Senior is ordered
to deliver over / charge o Dixcove Fortress to y,
y are therefore desired to take charge o / same &
punctually to observe / Cess an o Arms agreed
upon betwⁿ Jno Van Vorst Esq^r Gen^l o El-
mina & self & to keep yr people fm departg
beyond Reach o / Juns o yr Fort & to hold
/ same in such a posture o defence as always
to be in readiness in case o Surprise or
an attack, let me hear fm y often by land,
as yr messengers will now meet no Obstrucⁿ
I am &c

Mr Sirs

Succondee 9th Janry 1750 [51]

Yr Lre o/y^r came to hand. . . Observe
 w^t y^r say o/ ~~Stimons~~ Tour's People & those in/
 Castle & it will be a gr^t pleasure to me the
 Concern to fm/ Canoe y^r suspect ~~housquer~~ / Gen^l
 arriv'd here this morn'g & beg much fatigued
 desires beg Excused on wait'g on self & C:
 David till tomorrow. I wish Cudjoe was
 come f/ reasons observ'd in my last, &
 if not set out dispatch him on receipt

hereof to come immediately hither. Send
 me an Express / Gen^l's Original Lre & French
 Translans to be found in my Pigeon holes,
 as perhaps / same may be refer'd to in/
 Course o/ Palawan, to clear up some part or
 o/ translans. I doubt not but y^r h
 sent / Dicions Lre Book ere this . . .

I am impatient w^t answer y^r need
 fm Entufero to / message fm (sic) him.

Sh be glad if he performs his promise
 but sh not depend so much thereon as to
 prevent my set'g / Palawan w/ Gen^l.
 if possible, as there can be no means o
 prevent'g perform'ce o Engagem^t to w
 him & fight'g y^r w the own Weapons
 in & after an after game unless we
 receive satisfactⁿ to our Wishes
 I am re

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Dear Sirs Succoonde Saturday 12 Jan^r 1750

I received yrs this moment o/ 10th inst & sh only answer therunto (beg three day labo v/ ill o a Violent Fever) & Immediately on Receipt hereof y will Desire Cudjoe to set out of this place, as what y mention t/ Athantee's design on his life, / same is a meer Chimerical Tale or Suggesⁿ published by some old Women or o's to ~~terrify~~ terrify him or or Propagated by perhaps by / Dutch to retard or prevent his Comg hither. I've enquired fr Baddo if the has happened any such ~~thg~~ thg as y mention'd (to witt) any o t^e Cudjoe's family or o's is Compell'd by / Athantee to take fetters, or if any o them are supposed to h any Schemes or Designs agst Cudjoe, wh Baddo have sense enough to laugh at, & reply'd Cudjoe had many friends in / Athantee Country & t he was well assur'd o / falsity o such Stores y may assure him, Th too gr a Value of him to desire he wd come hither if the was / least danger o his beg injured, not w^g this service he wd be o to me, therefore assure him the is not / least danger ~~wh~~ & t I am ready to risk my life f his Security, & if ~~any~~ Suspects any danger in comg hither, give him Canoes & what^r guard he thinks Proper. Observe y^r mention o Entuiffence but am a little Chagrined at his beg gone to his Crown f three monthes before he rises (no[w] is his time) as / man o Wars is

here & / Captⁿ determin'd to back him, wh^o
 will not be / Case in three months hence,
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 chants ships wh are one & all determin'd
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 same time / fore t Darbyshire is, ~~and~~ &
 werythg y think may induce him to
 come down Directly. Pray Dispatch Cudjoe
 w^o loss o time as I want him here f reasons
 heretofore inform [d] y^e. & Since, I h^{ave}
~~heard~~ heard Bossu does not intend to come to
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The Paper & Bookes all Spoil'd by /
 salt water . . .

I hope I may be able in two or three days
 to write more fully. / Gen^l Dined here
 on Thursday. / Captⁿ Dined Yest^y, w^{ith}

/ Gen^l & / latter returns / Visit today. I shd
h^{ve} bn at both places but illness prevented.
I am ^{re}
PS ...

To / Council 13 Jan. 1750 [51]
Cudj^s arrived here yesterday Safe & Well

I still continue ill & weak, inso much
yt I doubt I must trouble one o yr^s to come hither
& assist me in hearing yr Palaver

Enclosed is a letter fm Brew by wh^{ch} yr will find
what work C: Baird is likely to h^{ve}
Palaver can't be heard till Sunday next it
beg bad days amg / Phantose till t^{he} time

[The last letter in / book]

Fm p 422 supra] :-

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betw^{en} / People in / Phanta Country, & f^{or} them to h^{ave}
liberty to pass & repass by Land or Sea w^{ith} hurt
or Molestam^{en} w^{ith} y^e are on yr Side fm / except^{ing} o^{ne} this
to most punctually observe, & Mr Senior to hold
himself in Readiness to come here, where I expect /
Gen^l daily in order to h^{ave} a hearing o^f palavers. Send
a Messenger to Bossu to Inform him o^f Cessam^{en} &
save as much o^f yr Provision as Possible during
its Continuance. I sh^{all} write y^e more fully in a day or
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