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[Dutch WTC]

To His Grace / Duke of Newcastle  
H. M<sup>o</sup> Ppal Secy

The humble Memorial o / R.A.C. o' Eng<sup>e</sup>

May it please Yr Grace

Altho' / R.A.C. f some yrs past h. recd frequent notices  
 from the Agents at C.C.C. o' unneighborly & unfriendly behaviour  
 o' Dutch WTC's servants on / Coast o' Africa by interrupting /  
 Correspondence betw<sup>n</sup> / sd. Cos Agents at C.C.C. & / sd. factories depend<sup>t</sup> thereon, sometimes  
 by land & at o<sup>r</sup> times by sea, by seiz<sup>g</sup> / free natives t go under / protect<sup>n</sup>  
 o' / sd Cos Settlements, on slight pretences, & sellg them & sendg them off /  
 Coast as slaves, to / by gr damage & disreputat<sup>n</sup> o' / sd Co; by secretly  
 incit<sup>g</sup> some countries to make war upon & as much as in them lies to  
 defray sev<sup>l</sup> o' the Settlements; by spreadg false reports am<sup>o</sup> / natives t  
 / sd Co are not able to support the sd Settlements, & t they (natives) w<sup>o</sup>d  
 soon see them (/ Dutch) imprison<sup>d</sup> & even o' C.C.C. Brief, & stir<sup>g</sup>  
 Encourag<sup>g</sup> / Natives o' the party / more readily to engage in all such  
 measures as they think fit to put them upon & / more effectually  
 distress<sup>g</sup> / sd Co. And by keep<sup>g</sup> one or two Cruisers or ships o' force  
 constantly on / Coast & block<sup>g</sup> up / Ports belong<sup>g</sup> to / sd Cos Settlements  
 & suffer<sup>g</sup> no ships to go in or out o' them unmolested, but such  
 only as they think fit to allow o'. Concern<sup>g</sup> all wh<sup>o</sup>, the done  
 in Violat<sup>n</sup> o' treaties, / Laws o' Nations & o' Peace & Harmony wh<sup>o</sup> so  
 happily subsists betw<sup>n</sup> / 2 Nations here in Europe, / sd Co R needless  
 foregoe Roberts for trouble<sup>g</sup> Yr Grace w<sup>o</sup> / same, in respect t upon  
 / Remonstrances o' the own Agents at C.C.C. / sd Dutch Cos serv<sup>ts</sup>  
 wd h<sup>o</sup> be prevail<sup>d</sup> on to leave off such unjust practices, & to  
 live in peace & amity w<sup>th</sup> the courts on / some Coast o' / future

But / sd Co find<sup>g</sup> t such forbearance on the part, instead  
 o' producg so desirable an effect has only tend<sup>d</sup> more & more  
 to the prejudice inasmuch t one o' / sd Dutch Cos Cruisers did  
 in / month o' Jan last, openly & un / regard<sup>l</sup> o' all / Natives,  
 give chase to, & wd certainly h<sup>o</sup> taken & made prize o' one o' /  
 sd Cos ships call<sup>d</sup> / Clarendon, f she wd not out-sailed / sd  
 Cruiser & they found means to get away from her, & make /  
 best o' her way f Gt Brit. They found themselves necessitated  
 upon / first notice therof to apply to / R<sup>o</sup> Hon / L<sup>o</sup>s Commis<sup>o</sup> o' /  
 Admirty f / Mann o' War to protect the Trade on / Coast o'  
 Africa & to convoy such o' the ships as they intended to fir  
 on this season to C.C.C. wh<sup>o</sup> the L<sup>o</sup>s w<sup>o</sup>d be very readily  
 pleas<sup>d</sup> to grant, and accord<sup>g</sup> H.M.S / Saphire Cap<sup>n</sup> John  
 Smith Comm<sup>dr</sup>, l<sup>o</sup>s now ready at Plymouth to sail w<sup>th</sup> / sd  
 Cos ships under his Convoy.

But / sd Co having on / sd vessel <sup>see list from 1722</sup> ~~not content~~ w / injury & damage  
 at 16 April last, advising t / Dutch, that content w / injury & damage  
 they had done this Co by forcing the <sup>Ship</sup> ~~Claydon~~ off / Coast  
 in Jan before, had likewise on / 11th <sup>of same month</sup> taken & seized <sup>the</sup> ships called /  
 Bonetta James Livingston's Master, and / sd Co, considering o what ill  
 consequences it may be to the int as well as to / Honour o / British Nav  
 in these parts, if His ship / Sapphire shd proceed to Africa & h no  
 orders to take notice o such ~~particular~~ hostile & piratical acts, / sd  
 Co tho' themselves first obliged to apply agn to / His Comms o /  
 Adm. to stop His sd ship / Sapphire until they cd h an oppy o  
 representing / same to His M<sup>ty</sup> & having his Baron's transport, wh<sup>ch</sup> the  
 Letters were likewise ~~pleas~~ to grant.

The sd Co do therefore make it their humble suit to Yr  
 Grace t<sup>y</sup> I will be pleased to represent this th<sup>r</sup> case to His M<sup>ty</sup>,  
 & t<sup>y</sup> as well f<sup>r</sup> recovery / restitution o / sd ship & cargo &  
 satisfaction f<sup>r</sup> past injuries, as f<sup>r</sup> more effectually preventing / like  
 f<sup>r</sup> future His M<sup>ty</sup> will be pleased graciously pleased to give  
 such directions agn to His M<sup>ty</sup> in his Royal Wisdom <sup>sh</sup> may seem meet.  
 African Ho. <sup>all wh<sup>ch</sup> is humbly submitted</sup>  
 Aug 9. 1728 By Order o / C<sup>o</sup> o / M<sup>ts</sup>  
 here, L<sup>ds</sup>.

after this / following he was recd from His Grace  
 / Duke o / New Castle & / paper enclosed contg  
 Compls o / Dutch WIC agst the Cos Officers  
 on / Coast viz

Hampton Court  
 29 August 1728

Yours  
 Having recd from Holland in my L<sup>tr</sup> Townshends above  
 a Paper o / Compls o / Dutch WIC agst / Officers in Africa  
 under Yr Baron I send f<sup>r</sup> enclosed a Copy o<sup>r</sup> it, & desire f<sup>r</sup> ur  
 consider o / sev<sup>l</sup> Articles complained o & let me know what f<sup>r</sup>  
 h to say thereon I am — — —  
 To / Gens o / RAC. <sup>Stiles Newcastle</sup>

Memorial o / Dutch WIC

Compls o /  
 Dutch WIC  
 The Gov Gen complains in his L<sup>r</sup> o / 8<sup>th</sup> May 1724  
 T Portuguese ships from Lisbon buy the slaves o / English.  
 The Gov Gen complains by his L<sup>r</sup> o / 10 July 1725 T /  
 English office to / Portuguese to assist them agn<sup>t</sup> / WIC f<sup>r</sup> 40 Corsadors  
 The Capebar a Comm under / English Fort at Communda has  
 set fire to a lodge or th<sup>r</sup> o / Cos Brother, killed 2 negroes &  
 impd a more, w<sup>th</sup> any quarrel or diffe preceds, but t they R  
 not given any satisfaction f<sup>r</sup> / same  
 See / Gov Gen's L<sup>r</sup> to / His. o Gen at 16 Jan 1726  
 The Gov Gen complains by his L<sup>r</sup> o / ~~16~~ 30 March 1726  
 t / English grant Passports to / Portuguese

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11 April 1727

The Govr Gen complains by his Letr o / 11<sup>th</sup> April 1728

t / English, besides / Passports wh they grant to Portuguese ships, they put likewise a merchant on board them

The Govr Gen complains by his Letr o 14 April 1728

1. t / English contribute much to / broils amongst / Natives, wh is prejudicial to / Co
2. t a certain Mulato Woman who was married to / English Gent<sup>r</sup> Phyp<sup>s</sup> had sent a canoe w merchandise under / Gov<sup>r</sup> at Azam to trade w them etc
3. t / sd canoe being brn carried to Almina / sd Mulato had brn acquainted therewith + required to make satisfaction thereon
4. t not finding t in / space o 6 or 7 mos she shewed any inclination to make such satisfaction, / Negroes found in / Canoe were confiscated + sent to Surinam, accordg to / Example o / late Gen Tinkler who seized + sold 11 slaves belongg to / Co's Broker, wh had only passed by his fortress to be sold at Paramatsoe, as having permission so to do
5. t / English who formerly did not use to meddle w such thgs had seized at Cabo Corso upon one o / Co's Canoes five Canoeemen, besides a quantity o merch: + 12 oz Gold + had abused / Canoeemen in a barbarous manner
6. t notw<sup>g</sup> / English had 3 times / Value o what had brn taken frm / Mulato woman, they had also fire attached a lge Bark belongg to / Co wh was loaded w merch, prov<sup>s</sup> + Ammunition intended f Accra, + carried her into CC, beat / man, + also three soldiers almost to death, + had put them in irons, + some days after had massacred / Boatswain in a cruel + horrible manner
7. He complains t upon Portuguese vessels, they find double Passports viz<sup>t</sup> one English + one Portuguese, to be made use o accordg as the occans may require

Windsor 17 Sept 1728

Gent<sup>r</sup> My ld Chesterfield has transmitted to me / enclosed translat<sup>n</sup> o a Letr fm / Batch WIC, to / Grand Pensionary, in answer to yr Compts wh I sent his Excell<sup>y</sup> proposg to accommodate / present diffies betw<sup>n</sup> / 2 Cos in a friendly manner. I send f<sup>r</sup> a copy o d<sup>t</sup> f<sup>r</sup> yr inform<sup>n</sup>. I am &c

Townsend

To / Gov<sup>r</sup>: o / RAC.

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Dutch WIC.

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The Peninsular Business with Portug tells us some pps  
comfy / complets of English African Co of behaviour o our

D-G in Guinea, we h said / some, a compare them w / actions we  
h done, but / some / persons ~~that~~ could in / sd pps of diff for /  
inform us as far as we h any concern these affairs; besides they  
contains things which we cannot in / know to be sent us or will  
take up too much time to enquire into

And tho we wd justify in many points / behaviour o  
our Officers upon / Coast o Guinea agst / Engl. men (partly in  
regard to / come wh, agst all treaties, tradit under our Forts, or  
therefore was unjustified asptly, as is mented in / list of complets

we h del'd) we rather chose not to enter into t m<sup>o</sup> but to prevent  
fur violence or rupture t not result thereby, and therefore we ch<sup>t</sup>  
fir in a v<sup>y</sup> friendly manner to desire of to acquaint, where need be,

t we sh by our now ready l<sup>y</sup> ships, write to our D.G. to accommodate  
/ present diffes w / Engl. Afr Co the as far as to del's up to the  
Agents / ship Owners w her cargo, & likewise / sd come, &  
whether he wd fur h taken for / English, provided / sd

Agents do likewise del's up to our sd D<sup>r</sup> Gen whate they  
think for us. T we sh fur order our D<sup>r</sup> Gen to do no  
harm to / English in the Trade, as far as the right entitles them

to as also in the correspond w the respective factories o Forts  
Portug also & / sd Agents do no prejudice to our Trade, nor  
disturb / some or hinder our Correspond w our Forts & /

mans diff dependg. And lastly, t we sh order our D<sup>r</sup> Gen  
not to entice / natives o / country agst / sd man, provided /  
Engl keep fir duty so likewise. And t they perform / sever  
Agreements made betw us & / Africn Co upon / Coast o Guinea,

And t accordg to / some they do not grant protect to /  
Portuguese upon / Coast o Guinea who must be looked upon the  
as Interlopers, as we do likewise promise to oblige our

Officers t / sd Agreements for our side be not infringed ~~but~~  
but fully performed.

We do not doubt but this sh will be / reflect t /  
now by a ready man o war, / Sophist, or any it t m<sup>o</sup> be  
granted to comply / Africn Co ships will not undertake  
anything agst our Co, but t in / contrary such Orders may  
be sent by / sd ships as will agree w our Pacific Resolutions  
above mentd. And we hope t will conceiv t nothing w  
reason nothing fur can be demanded for us, desirg t if  
will use / proper means t / grievances we h compled o, may  
also be redressd.

We are &c

Ferd<sup>d</sup> Van Colten  
W. Santya

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The Pet Hon /kd Vice Torons hand Hms  
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May it please Yr hdp.

The humble Memorial of RHC of England

Memorial abt  
/ Dutch proceedings  
on / Coast

We R/hon o fr hdp's fr o/14 ulto w/ transfer  
o a br for / Dutch WIC to / Grand Pensionary in  
answer to our Memorial addressed to His Grace /  
take o Newcastle gth Augr last touchy / sundry violcs thrin  
complet o. And we beg leave by this oppy to return Yr hdp our  
most humble + dutiful thanks f/ part o h br pleased to take in  
this affair, + f/ despatch t has br given to / same.

We are likewise to ackne / hon o a br for His Grace /  
take o Newcastle dd 29 Augr last + accompany a paper o complet o /  
Dutch WIC agst some o our Officers in Africa, + recommendg it to  
us to consider o / sd Arts. complained o + to let his Grace know what we  
h to say thereupon.

We sh therefore beg leave in / sd place to submit to Yr hdp  
our sentiments on / Dutch WIC's br to / Grand Pensionary in answer to  
our Complet. And then we sh consider / sd Cos Paper o Complaints agst  
our Officers in Africa + make such answers to them as we hope will  
entirely convince / sd Co t we desire nothing more ardently than to  
accomodate all diffes betw / 2 Cos in a friendly manner, + to settle  
all mrs in dispute upon such a foot. t / Agents + Servts o both Cos  
may bear live toge in peace + harmony, + carry on thir respective affairs  
in Africa to / mutual content + satisfon o both parties.

We observe w gr satisfon / pacific Resolutions wh / sd  
Co are come to f preventg fur violcs, + / assurances wh they give t  
they wd write by thir Ships then ready to sail to thir Dur Gen to  
accomodate / present diffes w / English Afr Co thir, + fur to  
delv up to thir Agents / ship Bonetta w Rer cargo, + likewise  
/ canoe, + whate he mt fur R taken for / English, Provided /  
sd Agents do likewise delv up to thir sd br Gen whate they took for him



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& w<sup>th</sup> the approbation, as we are oblig'd to flatter ourselves it has, we humbly hope we may expect t<sup>o</sup> /sd Co will be so just to us on / or hand as to give us equal proofs o<sup>f</sup> the resentment ag<sup>st</sup> the sd Dir Gen & also cause satisfaction to be made to us f<sup>r</sup> forey one o<sup>f</sup> our ships, away from the lawful business on / Coast, & f<sup>r</sup> seiz<sup>g</sup> & detaining any<sup>o</sup> since, to / us of detriment & prejudice o<sup>f</sup> our affairs. As f<sup>r</sup> what relates to / remaining part o<sup>f</sup> / sd Co's be to / Grand Pensionary, wh<sup>ch</sup> they promise to order the Dir Gen to do no hindrance to / English in the Trade, as far as the Right entitles them to, as also in the Correspondence w<sup>th</sup> the respective Ports & factories nor to entice / Natives o<sup>f</sup> Country ag<sup>st</sup> / sd English. Now provided t<sup>o</sup> our Agents do no prejudice to the Trade, nor disturb / same, nor hinder / Correspondence w<sup>th</sup> the Ports & / Natives thro<sup>o</sup> depend<sup>g</sup>, nor entice / Natives o<sup>f</sup> Country ag<sup>st</sup> them; We answer & we very readily consent & agree to all those terms. Terms upon an equal & reciprocal foot, & w<sup>th</sup> any or limitation but what they are pleas'd to subjoin w <sup>regard</sup> to us, it is as far as the Right sh<sup>l</sup> entitle them to / same. As f<sup>r</sup> / disputes relaty to / Portuguese we humbly conceive they will come more properly to be taken notice o<sup>f</sup> under / heads o<sup>f</sup> Complaints wh<sup>ch</sup> h<sup>av</sup>e bin transmitt<sup>d</sup> to us from / sd Co, & wh<sup>ch</sup> therefore we sh<sup>l</sup> now crave leave to consider.

The Complaints o<sup>f</sup> / Dutch W.I.C. ag<sup>st</sup> our Agents on / Coast o<sup>f</sup> Africa relate w<sup>th</sup> to / Breeds in gen am<sup>ong</sup> / Natives or to / Palavers or diffe wh<sup>ch</sup> it is sd to h<sup>av</sup>e happen'd betw<sup>en</sup> an English Caposheer & a Dutch Broker at Comenda on / fr 1/25, or to / seizures & or acts o<sup>f</sup> Violence wh<sup>ch</sup> h<sup>av</sup>e bin lately made & committed on both sides, on acct o<sup>f</sup> / Dutch seiz<sup>g</sup> a Canoe belong<sup>g</sup> to a medato Woman / Widow o<sup>f</sup> late Gen Phipps, & an Inhabitant o<sup>f</sup> Town under C. C. C. or to / protection wh<sup>ch</sup> / Engl. Co give & / Trade wh<sup>ch</sup> they make w<sup>th</sup> Portuguese ships on / Coast. To all & ev<sup>er</sup> o<sup>f</sup> wh<sup>ch</sup> complaints we humbly crave leave to answer distinctly as follows.

8. To / 13<sup>th</sup>. In wh they chge our Agents w fomenting Brevets amongst  
/ Natives agst the Dutch, we answer, t we h good reason to believe  
t / sd Co are misinformed as to this part. Bce all our Agents h

always had our express orders not to intermeddle or make them-  
selves parties in any o / quarrels o / Natives w one another or w /  
sd Co or any acct. Provided they likewise abstain from hurting  
or unjustly any t live under / protect<sup>n</sup> o our Forts & Settlements  
wh orders we sh continue to enjoy our Agents to observe  
inviolably. And if / Dutch Co wd be pleased to lay /  
same commands on their Gov. Gen. f / future & order him to  
observe / like exact neutrality w regard to / neighbours  
Kings & Princes o those Countries we sh not doubt but t  
/ Brevets o / Country wd soon be at an end, t Trade wd  
flourish more at t both Cos wd reap far gtr advantages  
thereby than we can reasonably hope f by pursuing any o<sup>r</sup>  
measures.

To / 2<sup>nd</sup>. T we never heard o / Commodore Palauze  
till now but we sh send directions to our Agents at C. C. C.  
to enquire strictly into / truth thereof & to send us an  
authentic acct o / same by / 13<sup>th</sup> oppy. And if / Agents  
f / 2 Cos on / Coast cannot agree & adjust / matter in  
an amicable manner we sh thereupon vry readily send such  
fair Orders as Justice & / nature o / case sh require.

To / 3<sup>rd</sup>. wh relates to / Dutch Gen's seizg o / Canoe  
& selling / people belongs to / Madato Woman, Widow o /  
late Mr Phipps & / Messrs given in justific<sup>n</sup> thereof,  
we have leave to answer, T to seize upon / Canoe  
people or effects belongs to any person in / service or  
living under / protect<sup>n</sup> o our Co in one place, merely upon  
a surmize or inform<sup>n</sup> t they had bn carrying on a prohibited  
Trade in another, & before any complaint exhibited or proof  
made o / same can never be justified upon / pples o common  
justice nor by / allowed practice o any people whatso<sup>ev</sup>.  
And as f what is alleged t Mr Tinker's seizg / example by  
seizg & selling 11 slaves belongs to / Dutch Cos' Brewer  
wh were only passg by C. C. C. to be sold at Anamaboe  
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We have read Mr Tinker's deposition & likewise Mr Peice, who was one of Council at C.C. at the time, & they both positively deny that they ever confiscated or sold any slaves belonging to any of Dutch Co's people on any act whatsoever. But they affirm that they did once seize a canoe w / canoe-men or some slaves for sale on / same, on / fact, as they were endeavouring to make Trade w / a private ship then lying in / road of C.C. & under Contract w / English Co, wh therefore they not lawfully confiscated & sold, the beg taken on / spot & in / way act, beg o itself alone a sufficient & undeniable proof against them. But it upon a letter from Mr Val Kenner, who was then Director of Dutch Co signifying that / sd canoe & canoe-men belonged to / sd Co & requesting the release of Mr Tinker immediately restored / sd canoe & canoe-men to him or likewise / slaves for sale, wh were taken then to those that owned them, upon the making a full account to him for / offence, as by Messrs Tinker & Peice's joint letter to us upon this Head of 17 Sept last, & / also the parcel between Mr Tinker & Mr Val Kenner upon the occasion, copies whereof are herewith annexed, & to / further satisfy you wh / sd Messrs Tinker & Peice are ready to make oath if required, will more fully & plainly appear. And thus beg / truth of matter we humbly submit it to yr Highs' wisdom wh / seizure of canoe & / selling of people belonging to / mulatto woman, as above mentioned was just & legal or not, and if not wh Mr Peice by whose directions / sd seizure & condemnation was made, do not to be deemed / aggressor & consequently answerable for all / damages & all consequences that ensued thereupon.

To / 4<sup>th</sup> of the Head of complaints wh relates to our trading w / & protecting Portuguese ships on / Coast, we refer to / soon Right & Dominion in / some / British settlements & Ports in Africa beg undeniably in / Crown of Gr Brit, as / private ppty in & to them

is on / R. H. C. Engl. we humbly conceive it we may lawfully admit  
 / ships & any nation in company w / Crown o Gr Brit into any o our  
 sd Ports or Harbors & Trade w or protect them, as we see fit, subject only  
 to / Laws o our own Country. Nor do we know o any Treaty or Convent<sup>n</sup>  
 wh prohibits or restrains us fm protect<sup>n</sup> or trady w / Portuguese on /  
 Coast o Guinea, or wh gives / Dutch w / C. any authy to prescribe to us  
 what n<sup>o</sup> we sh admit to trade w us at our own Settlements on t Coast, or  
 to molest, intercept or hinder any ships fm goy & comy to & fm any o  
 our sd Settlements or Ports, if they h our consent & licence f so do<sup>s</sup>  
 And whas / sd Co are pleas'd to assert in the br to / Grand  
 Pensionary, t we are oblig'd by certain Agreements made betw /  
 2 Cos on / Coast o Guinea, not to grant protect<sup>n</sup> to / Portuguese  
 we answer t we know o no such Agreement or Agreements,  
 But t on / contrary in / sd private Agreements made betw /  
 Agents o / 2 Cos t h come to our hands as particularly those  
 o 30 June } 1708 + 5 / 6 May } 1713 Art 6 we find it always  
 expressly stipulated t such Portuguese ships as sh come  
 upon t Coast, & put themselves under / protect<sup>n</sup> o our Co  
 sh not be seized or order'd by / o<sup>r</sup> on any acct

As f what / sd Co do fm<sup>r</sup> allege t / English  
 hd offer'd to assist / Portuguese agst / Dutch w / C.  
 f 40 Cruisades, & t they grant Passports & put a Merch<sup>t</sup>  
 on board them, we answer so to / is<sup>t</sup> t we know o no such  
 offer made on our part, nor do we pretend to any thg more

than to maintain our own rights & privileges on / Coast,  
 agreeable to Treaties & / Laws o Great Brit. And as f / sd  
 we do admit, t on / Agreements last ment<sup>d</sup> th<sup>r</sup> is a clause agst<sup>o</sup>  
 Pirates, or any o / Port<sup>s</sup> Islands, and if / Dutch Co were pleas'd  
 to lay the Commodore on the Officers on / Coast well & punctually to  
 observe & perform all & singular / Arts, & Clauses, cont'd in / sd  
 Agreements, on the part, we sh send / like strict orders to our Officers  
 to do / same or more. But we hope they will please to observe, t  
 this Concession on our part, is rather to our not granting o  
 Passports to Port ships to & fm / Brasils or any o<sup>r</sup> / Port<sup>s</sup> Islands  
 is founded on no o<sup>r</sup> reason but / Advantage wh we promise ourselves  
 fm the observ<sup>n</sup> punctually, all / or Arts, o / sd Agreements, & t we sh  
 hold ourselves no longer oblig'd to comply w / one than they sh  
 keep strictly to / sd

All wh is most humbly Submitted  
 By Order &c Fra Lynn

African Ho.  
Oct 10 1728

To / Court

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Copy of Mrs Tonkers' & Misses' Lr referred to in foregng Mem<sup>ls</sup>

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To/C<sup>o</sup> of Artists of R.A.C. of Engl.

Ang<sup>o</sup> seal comple<sup>s</sup> t<sup>h</sup> bn land before / SoS by / batch W.I.C. in order to vindicate / seiz<sup>g</sup> o Y.H.H.'s ships on / Coast o Africa. we find one on wh<sup>ch</sup> they seem to lay v<sup>y</sup> gr<sup>at</sup> stress, to be false & groundless; as we sh<sup>d</sup> here set foot to f<sup>th</sup> W.I.C. truth - the chge in / seiz<sup>g</sup> a Canoe w<sup>th</sup> 11 slaves belongs to the Co & send<sup>g</sup> them off / Coast. How true this is will appear from following acct.

Abt / beginning o Nov 1724 word in Y.H.H.'s Board at Cobo Corso / Fansby Gally, Cap<sup>t</sup> Wm Warden in / service o / S.S. Co w<sup>th</sup> whom we made a contract to furnish 244 Negroes, or take off / whole remain<sup>g</sup> part o his cargo, / Master hav<sup>g</sup> purch<sup>d</sup> some slaves on / Windward Coast. Whilst we were unboard<sup>g</sup> / ship we were inform<sup>d</sup> by the Canoe men t<sup>h</sup> they had observed seal canoes hover<sup>g</sup> abt / ship in / night time t<sup>h</sup> came from / Windward wh<sup>ch</sup> they imagined belonged to Elmina, t<sup>h</sup> they bro<sup>t</sup> aboard slaves & returned w<sup>th</sup> goods. Upon this inform<sup>n</sup> we concluded it ne<sup>c</sup> to arm a canoe in order to seize these invaders o yr p<sup>ty</sup>. The night follow<sup>g</sup> we succeeded so well as to pick up an 11 hand canoe manned, & abt 9 or 10 slaves for sale in her, just as she was board<sup>g</sup> / Fansby. She surrendered immediately upon see<sup>g</sup> our canoe armed & was conducted ashore. And upon ex<sup>am</sup> we found / canoe & / ~~slaves~~ Paddlers belonged to / South Co, & had orders to dispose o those slaves on board / ship in / Road.

On / 20 Nov<sup>r</sup> Mr Mr Volkman / batch Gov<sup>r</sup> wrote Mr Tonker a L<sup>r</sup> wh<sup>ch</sup> he sets forth t<sup>h</sup> 2 Pacama traders had bro<sup>t</sup> some slaves to sell at the Coast wh<sup>ch</sup> he did not buy, they ask<sup>d</sup> him for his service, as he says, but v<sup>y</sup> surely lends 'em one o his Co's Canoes & 11 hands w<sup>th</sup> an Interpreter o his own to carry ~~them~~ 'em where they sh<sup>d</sup> go, & (says he) they carried them on board o an Interpreter on yr Board. But hav<sup>g</sup> understand<sup>d</sup> t<sup>h</sup> Mr Tonker had seized them, v<sup>y</sup> readily request<sup>s</sup> / canoe & paddlers may be sold bec<sup>ca</sup> they belong to / batch W.I.C. And as f<sup>r</sup> / slaves for sale were

12. which he desires Mr Tonker will not let him  
of the release of any sh he completed is.

To this Mr Tonker replies on 9 Nov 05, & acquaints / Dutch  
Gen t he has / Concerned a / slaves he writes abt confined on / Casite, &  
at / same time lays before Mr Valkemier t / ardent among / Blacks &  
and them w canoe to trade in our Roads was a practice of  
prejudicial to / unt o / RAC & not to be allowed o, & instead a  
breach o t. Agreement a long time subsisting betw / Dutch & English  
Co, but in this case a vj parlar injury to / African Co o Engl, has  
we had contracted w / Capt of his whole cargo & t whole private  
trade was cut on w him must lessen / Co's profits & is an apparent  
injustice done them, but in regard to Mr Valkemier, & / supportg  
a friendly ~~correspondence~~ correspondence, returns / Canoe & / 11 paddlers, /  
pptg o / Dutch WIC. but keeps / slaves t were brot down in  
reg of sale till / Aracania merchants come themselves to trade w him  
of the rest

Under / 22 Nov 11 9. / Dutch Gen acknowledges / receipt  
o his canoe & men & is vj thankful f / favour done in  
sendg them back & promises to put a stop to such practices  
in future, solemnly declares he knew no o them t / Traders  
intended to brog / slaves to our Castle to dispose o to us  
& t he has shown his resentment o & vj much. Says  
it is vj acceptable to him t we shd adjust / affairs o  
/ slaves w / Aracania Traders & has acquainted them  
thru

This Genl, is / Substance o / 3 letters t passed  
betw / Chiefs on this subject, copies o wh we h  
herewith annexed f yr full satisfaction as to / slaves t  
were seized in / sd canoe, after sev'l meetings w / Aracania  
Traders & remonstrating w them, how unlawful it was f  
them or any o / natives to trade w interlopers or to bring  
Roads & under yr Guns, we returned them / sd slaves  
after they had made a small acknowledgement of their  
offence upon wh we shd beg leave to remark one they t  
/ Htt, & t is, t suppose / slaves t were brot on board /  
Famsky f sale had bin confiscated to yr use or cons off  
/ Coast, we cannot see how t wd be affected / Dutch Co  
since / Aracaniens are a free & independent people, & /  
slaves belonged to them even by Mr Valkemier's own acct  
But / ground o the pretended injury is / sendg off /  
Coast of 11 slaves / pptg o / Dutch Co, when we h  
produced a Co whin Mr Valkemier acknowledges / rest o those of  
slaves

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Petitions & Memorials [Entry book] (contd)  
Dutch WTC (contd)

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slaves. We h b on by exact in lookg back into / correspondce + minutes  
in order to refresh our memories in this affair, & we do fear assure  
y t there was no or seizure made o any canoe, canoe-men, or  
slaves belongg to / Dutch WTC or any pson under the protection durg  
/ whole time o our beg employed on yr service, f / trust o all wh  
we are ready to make oath, f required we are Gentl - &c -  
London Sept 17<sup>th</sup> 1728  
Jno Tonker  
Math<sup>e</sup> Rice

Minutes for / Dutch Correspondence

- 20 Nov 1724 ns. Elmina, Peter Valkenier to / Tonker } n.c. are safely
- 9 Nov " do C.C.C. / Tonker to P Valkenier } set out in /
- 22 Nov " ns Elmina, Peter Valkenier to / Tonker } above br.

15 Oct 1728 Windsor. See Tilson to Francis Lynn See P.A.C.  
As desired they ~~had~~ <sup>visited</sup> Townsend to ~~submit~~ <sup>examine</sup> send sketch o br  
for / part o Cheshirefield to him to be laid before / has to  
have the answer to / proposals drawn mentl.

19 Oct 1728 Haque Extract for Earl o Cheshirefield to Viscount Townsend  
He sent him some time ago Proposals o / Dutch WTC re /  
ship Bonetta. They h b on w him since to know wh the proposals  
were appd o & orders sent accordingly

18 Oct 1728 African Ho Fra Lynn to Geo Tilson Secy to Visc Townsend Parls  
- Has communicated / above to / Count o Artois who desire C he  
well acquaint Ld Townsend E before / rec<sup>d</sup> o Tilson he they  
had prepared a Memorine to be laid before his L<sup>ty</sup>, but having receivd  
recd fresh advices from the Agents at C.C.C. wh occasioned the ~~diffy~~  
revisg + makg some additions to / same, some o them design next week  
- to attend his L<sup>ty</sup> through

To / Per Hon / Ld Visc Townsend  
H<sup>on</sup> Ppal S o S.

The humble Petition Memorial o / P.A.C. Eng

3<sup>d</sup> Memorial abt / Dutch proceedg<sup>s</sup> - May I please yr L<sup>ty</sup>.  
We humbly beg yr L<sup>ty</sup> pardon for beg so dilatory  
in returning our answer to / Dutch Cos proposals of  
revisg / ship Bonetta &c & likewise to the paper o contents Complet.  
It required some time to procure such informants upon some points  
as we judged neary to lay before yr L<sup>ty</sup>, & we were likewise willing

12. to defer / same some time longer in hopes o' recy<sup>g</sup> yr advice  
fm our Agents at C.C.C. But since yr Ldp is pleased to signify  
into us (by Mrs Tilson) t' / Dutch WIC h' b' w' h' E. Ny Ld  
Chesterfield to know wh' / proposals they made are app'd o', we

beg leave to acquaint yr Ldp t' we h' drawn up a Memorial wh  
we humbly hope will serve as an answer to / contents o' / sd  
Papers & wh' we therefore presume to say before yr Ldp hereunto

We think it our duty likewise to acquaint yr Ldp  
t' some / date o' / sd Memorial we h' rec'd a dx fm C.C.C. d'd  
25 May last advyng t' / Dutch hd / day before. restor'd / Bonetta  
but t' they hd taken on a her or detain'd 2571 pounds weight  
o' Coarves, one o' / p'pel Commodities she o' / Cargo she hd  
on board to trade w' & t' after they hd taken / sd ship or  
carried her into Elmina. / Dutch Chief at Barracoe hd  
pursued or chased on shore an 11-hand canoe belongy to  
this Co w' goods in / same w' / Value o' £800 wh' she  
was carryg to our Fort at Accra. And t' / sd Chief hd  
suspect<sup>d</sup> her carried off about three yrs o' / some o' / natives /  
estr, as by / copy o' / sd Lr fm Mr John Preech th'm one  
o' our Chiefs at CC (hunts annexed) will more at lge  
appear. And as we h' already sent divers to our Agents  
to restore to / Dutch what's they h' taken fm them, so  
we do humbly hope to by yr Ldp's interpos'n / Dutch

Co will be prevail'd upon to send the express orders  
to the Gov<sup>r</sup> Gen not only to restore & make satisfaction  
f' all former, but likewise f' these new damages & injuries  
We sh' only pray leave to add t' if what we h'

taken / liberty to lay before yr Ldp by way o' answer  
to / Dutch Co's Proposals or comp'ts shd not prove  
satisfy to them, we sh' be ready not only to give them  
such fur<sup>r</sup> satisfon upon any o' / Points t' may remain  
in dispute, as sh' be th't reasonable, but likewise to  
consert & agree w' / sd Co, upon such fur<sup>r</sup> orders or  
Regulations as sh' be judg'd proper & necy<sup>g</sup> f' reestablishy  
& preservy / peace o' Coast & f' promoty / mutual Int  
o' both Cos

All w<sup>h</sup> is m<sup>o</sup>st humbly submitted  
By Order o' / Co<sup>r</sup> re  
Fra' Lym

African Ho

Oct 19 1728



16 Commanders here they h. be pretty & rank ...  
as the Gov has no regrets or regrets by reactions, / detaining a her  
is no more than a case, but / Dutch will willingly make as black  
is the war affair, tho they are so jealous & that the ships Gov  
Dutch, Capt Conner's Cross Cases has done, they are abt sent  
him off w slaves the his orders are to remain on / Coast as a Cruiser.  
Capt / Capt will willingly h done as Capt James Valle in / Phoenix  
did in letting / Cleveston ship [escape?] only now there put on  
board / Dutch. Mr James de la Plank, Chief of House of one  
& has found to see they document this act executed in / Bonita,  
We h had gr expectations for / and of them a War & wh we get com  
learn nothing no cats & his boy on / Coast & makes us ~~now~~ now  
fear he has met w some accident ... remain - re -  
the reach  
PS ...

24 Dec 1728 Whitehall Vost Townsend to / Sirs RAC  
Plenty transmitted a my let Chesterfield / Memorials  
to, lately put into my hands concerning / disputes w / Dutch WTC  
#2. gr. them communicated by / Pennington to those Gent<sup>l</sup> who  
approve of the proposals as I will see by enclosed extract of 14<sup>th</sup> Es<sup>t</sup>  
for to me, & h sent orders accordingly to the people in Guinea

28 Dec 1728 League, Sirs & Co, Earl of Chesterfield to Vost Townsend  
The Pennington returned me yesterday / Memorials of /  
English Aff. Co. wh he had communicated to / WTC here, who  
approve of / Proposals contained in them & h sent orders to  
the People in Guinea pursuant to those proposals, so I hope  
all disputes between these 2 Cos will be now adjusted

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Wrighted 1722  
Died Home of Feb 1751

Captain Sir Chaloner Ogle 1661-1729

Sir This comes to acquaint y<sup>e</sup> of / inform<sup>n</sup> o the Laps. t I sailed for  
Surrelion at Home 3 / Swallow under my command / 23<sup>th</sup> day o  
April In my passage to Cape Palmas / Weymouth journal me We  
cruized along / coast down to C. Three Points in the watered / ships  
after wh<sup>ch</sup>, proceeded w<sup>th</sup> them to this place where we arriv<sup>d</sup> / 18<sup>th</sup> inst  
I find / Coast so far has bn free from Pirates ever since / Factory o  
Pambia was destroyed. The rains are almost<sup>ly</sup> over to seaw<sup>rd</sup> so sh<sup>d</sup>  
proceed soon to Whydah & thence to Cape Lopez in order to concern  
Hm's ships. . . . . I am - &c -

C Ogle

Recd 9 Sept 1721.

Hm's / Swallow at  
Cape Coast / 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 1721.

Swallow at / Island o Pambia 20 Sept 1721

Sir This comes to acquaint y<sup>e</sup> t I h<sup>ve</sup> bn informed since my last by many  
traders on this Coast t it was impossible to concern Hm's ships at Cape  
Lopez w<sup>th</sup> reason and continued arriv<sup>d</sup> t humbles w<sup>th</sup> / a pe into / bay therefore  
on 20 July I sailed for Whydah f<sup>r</sup> this place where I arriv<sup>d</sup> on / 23<sup>o</sup> / some  
w<sup>th</sup> concerned Hm's ships. We are now ready to sail, only w<sup>th</sup> / have Breeze  
The Weymouth has / misfortune o coming on shore in endeavoring to get up /  
River o Pambia. . . [damaged m<sup>ch</sup> exposed but not / broke knee] . . .

While / ships were a-coming we buried fifty men on a rock  
ship, & h<sup>ve</sup> misfortune t h<sup>ve</sup> over one humeral sick & weak on each not  
fit f<sup>r</sup> service so t I am not in a condition to comply w<sup>th</sup> the Laps' orders in  
proceed<sup>g</sup> up to Pambia, but must endeavor to get to C. C. & the  
be w<sup>th</sup> them till / men recover, t place beg<sup>g</sup> that one o / most healthfull<sup>st</sup>  
places on / Coast, f<sup>r</sup> / rains will be over by / time we get there & they  
are coming here

C. C. is also a 3<sup>d</sup> place f<sup>r</sup> m<sup>ch</sup> ships so t we sh<sup>d</sup> be in  
/ way o getting men, & as soon as Hm's ships are in a condition to  
cruise, I sh<sup>d</sup> diligently apply them on cruise to & fro on / Coast

The Weymouth has buried / 2<sup>d</sup> Lieut Purser & Punm<sup>t</sup>  
& I h<sup>ve</sup> buried my 3<sup>d</sup> Lieut & Chaplain & appted officers in the  
rooms. . . . . I am - &c -

C Ogle

To / Hon Josiah Burchett Esq

Secy to / Hon Rob<sup>t</sup> Hon Jas Comm<sup>rs</sup> of Admiralty

London

Recd & read  
12 Feb

clerk to Pops 01666?

Mr J. Swallow at C.C.C. 6 Nov 1721

Sir I am here / 31<sup>st</sup> of last month in HM's ships under my  
Command & am informed that at / by time I was cruising HM's ships  
to catch 2 Engl. pirates past this place w<sup>th</sup> French Colours flying,  
one of 40 or / 2<sup>d</sup> of 36 guns. They fell on first w<sup>th</sup> Surialion  
on on sailing down / Coast they met w<sup>th</sup> a lge ship belongg to / R.A.C  
called / Onslow wh they took off Sisters, or the own ship beg lackg  
of 40 guns beg lackg of ships Co went on board / Onslow &  
mounted / some of 40 guns etc, or gave / Master of / Onslow  
the ship. They cruized down as low as Jackson wh is  
7 leagues to leeward of / Onslow & sailed for thence abt /  
middle of Sept. & as / opinion of these men I have met w<sup>th</sup> it was  
taken by them to they are gone f / Coast of Brazil or / E.Y.

The sickness is by much abated & most of my men on  
a fair way of recovery & I think to go to sea in a few days  
& ply up to windward as high as C. Palmas, believng it will be by  
much to / health of my ships Co as well as beg in / way of  
making us trade as they come on / Coast wh ships will be able  
to supply me w<sup>th</sup> men suff<sup>ic</sup> to make up my Complement

The Weymouth is still by sickness so I am obliged to  
leave her here since my last / Carpenter of / sd ship died &  
I have burnt my first heat Purser & Gunner & appointed officers in the  
place of them. The weekly acct is under

<u>Swallow</u>	280	222
<u>Weymouth</u>	240	195

I am ————  
C. Ogle.

ps The Hon Isaac Brackets - re -

Sir In mine bearing date / 6<sup>th</sup> Nov last, I gave  
you an acct of HM's ships Co under my Command were on  
recovery & to windward in a few days to ply to windward &  
cruise betw Cape Palmas & Cape Three Points. I sailed  
accdgly / 10<sup>th</sup> Do. The Weymouth I left here (most of men  
beg sick) w<sup>th</sup> orders when she was in all respects fit f / sea to  
proceed & cruise betw Cape Mount & Cape Three Points till  
/ 30<sup>th</sup> Dec.

On / 20<sup>th</sup> of November I spoke w<sup>th</sup> a ship belongg to /  
African Co came from London, from whom I recd pris del 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug<sup>r</sup>  
whom I acquaint me that the Ldps had ordered me 3 m<sup>ts</sup>  
provisions & wine in propor<sup>n</sup> to be sent out f / use of HM's ships  
here. The Master of / sd ship informed me he had / propos<sup>n</sup> of  
Beef

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beef, pork & some o/ bread aboard a t/or provisions w/wine I must expect by soon by a ship t was to leave England soon after he sailed

The 4<sup>th</sup> Jan. I returned here in hopes to find / sd provisions & wine all ~~ready~~ arrived but was disappointed f new / wine nor dry provisions were come.

The sickness on board / Weymouth was not at all abated but / dry season beg hindered her beg f<sup>r</sup> supplied w water at this place, so t Capt Herdman w his small no o men t were in health & some soldiers borrowed from the Castle, ply'd up to windward to water at Cape Three Points. I took on a months ~~supply~~ beef pork & bread wh, w / provisions I had on board completed me to 3 months, o all species, pease & oatmeal excepted.

On / 10<sup>th</sup> do / Gov here rec'd advice from / Dutch t on / 6<sup>th</sup> inst 2 pirate ships had taken a French ship off Adm I judg'd orders here f Capt Herdman at his return w HM's Weymouth to cruise (as soon as she was in windward f / sea) between Cape Three Points & Cape Palmas till / 25<sup>th</sup> o March, & I forthwith got under sail & ranged down / coast f Whydah but ed gain no intelligence o / pirates till I arriv'd thr the I met w sev'l ships tradg on / coast in my passage down.

On my arriv at Whydah I was inform'd t two pirate ships, one o 40 & / o 24 guns commanded by one Roberts had bin thr, & had sail'd abt 36 hours before. I found ten sail o ships in / road 2 o wh were English, 3 French & 5 Portuguese they all ransom'd at / rate o 8 pound w<sup>o</sup> o gold each, except one English ship wh, f refusg to ransom, they burn'd w a considerable no o negroes on board. The pirates beg inform'd t one o / French ships sail'd well & had formerly bin a privateer on<sup>l</sup> o St Maltes, did, notwithstanding a ransom pd f her, carry her away w a design to fit her f the service & quit the 24 gun ship. Therefore I judg'd they must go to some place in / Bete & look to clean & fit / French ship before they wd think o cruisg agn. wh occasion'd me to stretch away into / Bete & look into those places wh I knew had safer depth o water f HM's ship - and

On / 5th of February at day light I saw Cape Lopez  
 bears W S W abt 3 leagues or at / same time discovered three  
 ships at anchor under / Cape wh I believed to be / Pirates  
 two o them having pendants flyg, I was obliged to haul off  
 N W & W N W to clear / French man Banks / wind at S S E.  
 & in less than an hour one o / three got under sail & gave me  
 chase & I to give her a fairer oppy o coming up w me w beg  
 discovered. kept on / same course w / same sail aboard I hid  
 when I first saw her. Abt 11 E morng she got within gun -  
 shot o me & first sent chase guns under English colours  
 & a black flag at / mizen Peak. Soon afterwards beg come  
 within musquet shot I starboarded by helm & gave her a  
 broadside & in an hour & a halfs time she struck & called f  
 quarters having disabled her vj much & shot down her main  
 topmast she proved to be / French ship they had taken on  
 o Whydah Board & had mounted 32 guns & 123 men, 23  
 o wh were Blacks. she had killed & wounded 26 men  
 The Capt's name was - Skgon who had one leg shot off The  
 prisoners informed me E / 2 ships they left at anchor under  
 / Cape were Roberts in / 40 gun ship & / or 24 Gun  
 ship they had quitted f / prize The 6th be in /  
 night I left / prize having put her into / best condition f  
 sailg so short a time wd allow o & ordered her away to  
 / Island Princes I made / best o my way to Windward  
 agn in order to destroy / 2 ships E unmanned at anchor  
 under Cape Lopez.

On / 9th do in / evening I made / Cape & saw /  
 2 ships stretchy under / land abt 5 Lg's distce,  
 but not having daylight enough I was obliged to stand off  
 & on all night, & in / morng I stretched in under / Cape  
 where I saw at anchor 3 ships / biggest o em w Jack,  
 Ensign & Pendant flyg, whom I lay up w till I got  
 within Rameton shot when / wind took me ahead &  
 I made 2 trips in wh time he slipped & had got under  
 sail & came down upon me w English Ensign & Jack  
 & a Pendant flyg at her main top mast head, & I showd  
 him a French Ensign. when he came within pistol shot  
 I hoisted my proper colours & gave him a broadside wh  
 he returned

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he returned & endeavoured to get for me by making all / sail he  
could but in less than 2 hours I shot his main mast down  
& then he struck, his mizen top mast being shot away some time  
before The Captain whose name was Roberts was killed, this

Prize (formerly called / Onslow & since, by / Pirates, / Royal  
Fortune) had 40 guns mounted & 152 men, 52 of which were Negroes

The next day I pleyed back again f / Cape in order to  
take on / 24 Gun ship / Pirates had quitted & to restore to  
/ Prize (wh. was a ship freighted by / African Co) - Prize  
Commander, such provisions as / Pirates had robbed him o, together  
w his surgeon & 4 men, Roberts having seized her / day before  
I took him, as she was coming too under / Cape to water. But  
anchoring again under / Cape / 12<sup>th</sup> do I found the only /  
pirate ship o 24 guns w anybody aboard her, all / mens  
chests being broke open & rifled w occasions me to believe  
t by / speedy sailing o / above sd Co's hired ship wh had but  
a dy small quantity o water & provisions aboard 2 days before,  
t they must h robbed her. Cruise could not possibly h sailed so  
soon. The Pirates informed me t they had left in the  
chests aboard considerable quantities o Gold, but not above  
10 oz were found aboard her. The quantity o Gold I h  
got on o all / Prizes will amount to abt £3,000 & I beg the help  
will be pleased to use the good offices w H M. t / prizes may  
be shared among / Captors. The 18<sup>th</sup> Feb I completed writing  
& sailed f Princes for whence I took on / Prize & proceeded  
to Cape Corse. The 3 Prizes both Co w me in a tornado near St  
Thoma

The 15<sup>th</sup> March I arrived here where I found / dry provisions & part o /  
wine all arrived here not before / latter end o Feb. & according to / B / Ls  
to me the shd be 50 papers whereas no more than 35 came ashore, / Master  
pretending he was so slowd w goods for England t he could not possibly  
take in more. The 26<sup>th</sup> do. / Weymouth anchored here & then  
proceeded to / trial o / prisoners Capt Hardman sitting as President o /  
Court. I beg Captor disqualifed me for sitting. The 3<sup>rd</sup> April  
/ 3 Prizes arrived / As soon as / Court has made an end o tryg /  
Pirates I shd see no time, but according to my instructions shall proceed  
by / way o Barbadoes or Jamaica to Br Britain I am - &c -

PS. Since my last I buried my 15<sup>th</sup> Lieut  
Mr Barton who came on o Engl.  
From on board HM S Suballow  
in Cape Corse Road  
15<sup>th</sup> April 1722

C Ogle.

6. Swallow sailed for CC. 13 April 1722. Thence to  
Lopez w Weymouth + 3 prizes and 26 May  
arr. St. Jago de Barbados 5 June. and 20 June  
Sailed Barbados 2 Aug and Jamaica Port Royal 14<sup>th</sup>  
(Weymouth 23<sup>rd</sup>)  
The Prizes Onslow + Ranger driven ashore in storm + wrecked  
9<sup>th</sup> April 1723. Ogle writes on Swallow for Sp. Head

Letter of Perry Seal dat 4 May in 11<sup>th</sup> of his reign  
King George granted to Sir Chaloner Ogle / prize ship +  
all its goods + effects taken off / 3 prizes wh h been  
sold for £5564. 9. 9 sterlg. out o wh to pay  
£197. 2. 5 costs o condemnation in Gro Admiralty + of  
£1940 to be distributed amng / officers + crew o /  
/ Swallow as prize mny

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Docket

Africa  
Proceedgs o / Court held on / Coast o Africa  
upon Tryg o Seal pirates taken by his majes  
Ship Swallow, sent to / Office w a letter  
from our Secretary - Buschet  
Pd 20th Augt 1723

The Court consisted off  
Captain Mungo Hardman President

The Honble James Phipps Esq Mr Edmund Hyde  
Matthew Dodson Mr John Barnsley  
Mr Francis Boye Mr Charles Fanshawe

The Tryals

Of / Pirates (taken by his Majes  
Ship / Swallow) by a Comm'n from / King  
under / Seal o Privy

[Minutes o  
Bill o Privy  
Adm 3/33 1720-2  
34 1722/2

[Act o /  
Suppression  
o Piracy  
8 Geo I c 24  
(1721-2)

Began at Cabo Corso Castle on / Coast o Africa  
March / 28th 1722

[Letters from S. S.  
Adm 1/4103 1720  
4104 1722-3

According to / Order o / Common, Summonses were sent to their John Barnsley,  
& their Charles Fanshawe (to attend at Cabo Corso Castle to make up / Numbers  
required for a Court) as follows

- 2 Summonses -

... dt 28 March 1722 at Cabo Corso Castle ... sgd by Mr Hardman  
President, James Phipps & Hy Dodson.

Indictment

The Charge

In open contempt o / Laws o / Country ye had o / ye  
wickedly united & articulated together / Annoyed & distressed o / His Majes  
Subjects by sea, & in conformity to such evil & malicious mischievous intentions  
ye have bin down this Coast o Africa, Once on / beginning o August & a  
second time in Jan. last, sinking burning & destroying such goods & Vessels  
as then happened in ye way Partly y stand indicted w / information o  
Capt Chaloner Ogle o HMS Swallow as traitors Robbers Pirates &  
Common Enemies o Mankind.

FE on / 5th Feb last past upon sight o / HMS Swallow  
Commanded by Capt Chaloner Ogle ye did immediately weigh anchor  
for under Cape Lopez on / Southern Coast o Africa in a French built  
Ship o 32 guns called / Ranger & made such quick & suitable  
Preparation in pursuing them as doeth ye Common Robbers & Pirates

T

T aft 10 o'clock o' Same m<sup>o</sup> draw<sup>g</sup> within gunshot o' same ship ye  
hoisted a pyratial black flag & fired sev<sup>l</sup> chase ~~shots~~ Guns (to deter  
as much as possible in y<sup>e</sup> way) H<sup>is</sup> good Subjects for d<sup>r</sup> Duty.

T an hour after this, beg<sup>d</sup> close up w<sup>th</sup> sd ship w<sup>ch</sup> allowed ye did  
audaciously, & in open viol<sup>n</sup> o' laws (to w<sup>ch</sup> ye or to h<sup>is</sup> bn subject)  
continue a hostile bef<sup>e</sup> & assault f<sup>r</sup> abt two hours more, in bef<sup>e</sup> o' things  
Colours & / Comm<sup>n</sup> the f<sup>r</sup> under

If / act<sup>g</sup> & Compass<sup>g</sup> o' all this. Ye were all & every one o' y<sup>e</sup> in a  
wicked combin<sup>n</sup> voluntarily to exist & actually did in ye sev<sup>l</sup> stains use  
ye best Endeavour<sup>s</sup> f<sup>r</sup> besting<sup>g</sup> T<sup>he</sup> King's ship, & murder<sup>g</sup> H<sup>is</sup> good  
Subjects fight<sup>g</sup> there<sup>n</sup> under lawful Authority o' Suppress<sup>n</sup> o' Robbers.

Names o' 30 accused (o' whom two died before trial) who all  
pleaded not Guilty — Robertson Roberts is not am<sup>g</sup> them.

In pursuance o' this Charge Mr Isaac Sum<sup>r</sup> Lt. Mr Ralph Boldrick  
Booker & Daniel McLaughlan o' H<sup>is</sup> M<sup>aj</sup> S<sup>hip</sup> Socialow deposed upon  
Oath. T on mon. / 5<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1721/2 at day break in / m<sup>o</sup> we

discover'd 3 ships at anchor under C. Lopez on / Coast o' Africa  
it being then fm us W. S. W. abt 3 leagues, & seeing one o' them to  
h<sup>ave</sup> a pendant fly<sup>g</sup>, we immediately suspected them to be Pirates  
& his Consort, / 2 private ships. we had bn in search o' 'em w<sup>ch</sup> /  
French Ship they had lately taken at Whydah Provd.

We were obliged to haul off N. W. or W. N. W. to avoid /  
Lunchman's Bank, / avoid them abt SSE, & found in half an  
hour's time one o' three had got under sail & was in chase o' us  
wh<sup>en</sup> we to give a favor opp<sup>ty</sup> o' her com<sup>g</sup> up still kept on /  
same course mak<sup>g</sup> by bad steering, & likewise f<sup>r</sup> same purpose  
kept our Tacks on board (the before / wind) & / main-yard  
braced.

Abt 1/2 past 10 in / m<sup>o</sup> she came within gunshot o' us & fired  
4 chase Guns . . . [fight described] . . . abt 2 pm we shot away  
the main top-mast. The Colours they f<sup>r</sup> under, (besides / Black  
Flag) were a red Engl<sup>ish</sup> Ensign, a King's Jack, & a Dutch Pendant  
at they struck abt 3 pm & called f<sup>r</sup> Quarters. It was a French  
built ship o' 32 Guns called / Ranger.

— they identify / persons

Confession — Each prisoner admitted he was taken fm / Ranger, &  
f<sup>r</sup> assist<sup>ed</sup> to / King's ship as stated. T say one o' them had <sup>(of Goods</sup>  
signed the Piratial Articles, except some few who since beg<sup>d</sup> taken on board <sup>the plunder</sup>  
had never seen a prize taken. — Most o' them in ext<sup>r</sup>em<sup>e</sup> said they  
were forced men, & that they had never fired a gun in / fight wh<sup>en</sup>  
assist<sup>ed</sup> they may h<sup>ave</sup> sent was in terror o' death (wh<sup>en</sup> they were here w<sup>ch</sup>  
h<sup>ad</sup> bn the form if they refused)

The Charge f<sup>r</sup> / Indict<sup>ment</sup> was proved, but believing many o' prisoners found  
on board were new entered men & forced thro' fear to act as they did,  
mercifully excused: — T advise in c<sup>on</sup>clusion sh<sup>ould</sup> be bro<sup>ught</sup> ag<sup>ainst</sup> every person singly

HCA 49/104

1722

Pirates

Another Charge agst / Pirates taken on / Prozel  
fortune commanded by Bartholomew Roberts

Charge Judgment in similar terms to Engst / previous one - Act of piracy  
& usurp of rights HM S. Swallow capt Chalour Ogles.

Names of 98 accused. (20 whom died before trial) who all pleaded not Guilty  
Bartholomew Roberts does not appear among them [only: Thos Roberts]

Evidence given by / some officers <sup>of HMS Swallow</sup> to ~~prove~~ effect of fighting & capturing  
/ Prozel fortune of 40 guns formerly / Onslow with Lopez on  
Sat 10 Feb. / ~~previous~~ previous story / small ship remaining in pursuit  
was called / Little Ranger & belonged to the Co, they deserted her  
sooner than they thought on this occasion

Defence was similar to / previous chge, & also / Ct's ruling as to  
being ~~not~~ accused / chge agst each accused ceptly.

The trial lasted from 29 March - 20 April 1722  
The Court sitting daily except Sundays

of 1783 prisoners  
who found guilty  
acquitted

165 prisoners were put on trial		
<del>44</del> acquitted	74	74
Executed, hung at C.C.C & bodies (in chains) exposed to gibbet	52	
Paroled to under indentures Round to service on / Govt's C.C.C for 7 years w/ Co, on the ocean Petin	2	
To be sent to Marshalsea	20	
	17	91
	<u>91</u>	<u>165</u>

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Side Ogles  
was Lopez  
on Ram 1  
/ 2242

Roberts Bartholomew (1682? - 1722) pirate: was captured  
by pirates in 1718, & joined the Co: Killed in 1722  
off Cape Lopez while in action w a man-o-war.

See 2 in Capt Ogles (of HMS Swallow) log in Adm 1/2242.  
or Herdman Weymouth Adm 1/1880.

Stephen Thomas

John Stratten Surgeon of King Solomon departed  
I saw the man in command, & saw me to be sent no  
force made was a sample from B & A

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Pirates (Contd)

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Stephen Thomas (acquitted) deposed t he see him armed in t ac<sup>n</sup> w/ Swallow & t no pistol or articles were produced by / Pirates t might b his signing as he pretended to Fern

He sd on his defence t he was friendless in this part of world, t / witnesses wringed him to say he entered voluntarily yet owned t he made no appeal to his Capt to obtain a discharge for amg them ... a f he did see Mr Fern t / pirates had already obliged him to sign / Articles it was a lie he had told.

Guilty

John Johnson (acquitted)

This Brown deposed t prisoner was comg as soldier to CCC on / ship King Solomon where he was a passenger the heard / pirates took sharp + stern to him & believed it was forced on partly him out o / ship. He was / last man to leave & was not active w / pirates in plundering

- Prisoner stated t / Pirates being he was a tender wanting such, obliged him to continue on board them was kept busy & doing / acn w / Swallow was ordered under threats o keep beg filled to fill cartridges w powder.

Edward Thornton

1 Pirates when they taken off / ship Zigalaba (John Sharp) by / ship of Jacques & Jacques on 2 Jan  
Acquitted

Philip Haak

On / widge o Gerrit de Haan who stated Master o / Flushing Ham, who deposed t his <sup>ship</sup> was taken by 2 pirate ships on 4 Jan last a little above t trim, t / prisoner was forced out o / ship & begged hard f his release, but he was a Trumpeter & they wd not listen, he was acquitted

Thomas Sutton

Benjamin Kzeft Master o / Getrough a Dutch ship deposed t on 14 Dec 'ns beg ab sea off / R Gabore he was taken by 2 pirate ships, t / prisoner was vey well known to him & was very active in robbing him taking altho gunners' stores out

Prisoner owned / facts & owned he had bn 3 yrs w / pirates

Edward Tareton acquitted

Guilty

John Sharp deposed t / Prisoner was sick when under constraint on board / Pirate & he begged o Roberts w tears + on his knees t he wd let him go to wh Roberts replied t he had shed as many ~~tears~~ Crocodile tears when he was first taken himself, & wd not permit him

6.  
2  
William Magness.

Benjamin Krefft master of Gettough sd prisoner well known to him  
he came on board as quarter master of pirates & ordered his prisms on  
fastness him, as he called it w only enough to carry him to Mine or  
Delmona.

Capt Trakern sd / prisoner commanded / boat to board &  
took his ship ordered / goods out of his cabin & took 11 articles of gold  
for him, all he had, was by active in plundering

Thos Castle sd / prisoner well known to him. When /  
Onslow was taken by / Pirates on 8 Aug last / prisoner by active  
as ordered many of his goods to be thrown overboard

Prisoner admitted / Eudice & sd his place of Quarter master  
wh obliged him to go aboard what they call prizes, was imposed on  
him & always went agst his conscience. Guilty

Richard Hardy Guilty knowing him an old offender

Thomas Castle deposed to on / 5th Jan abt 2 leagues  
above Providence beg on his affairs in / Biligence sloop  
belongg to / African Co Roberts / pirate & his 2 consort  
ships took / sloop. Positive prisoner was one of / business  
among / pirates plundering. taking / gold, & / Capt's buckles  
& he was / man who scuttled / sloop & sunk her. He also  
says of / 5 foregoes prisoners (including Magness supra / 1st  
names not noted) that they were / most active among / pirates Co.

John Longfield swears to falling into / hands of these  
pirate ships in a brigantine / Hannibal belongg to / Afr Co  
then at Calabar / prisoner not only robbed / ship, broke  
a bar to get out / gold but directed / pirates to throw / redwood  
overboard & broke his cables w a blow he gave / master

Henry Dawson Acquitted

John Stodgell swears to / prisoner beg taken by /  
pirates in a sloop called / Whycote down at Jacquin in Jan'y  
last belongg to / R.A.C., / sloop was burnt & / prisoner taken  
on & obliged to sign / Articles by Roberts

Stephen Thomas: - / sloop to wh prisoner belonged  
was burnt 15 Jan last & prisoner forced on board / Ranger

The Prisoner says they put / sloop to sea from Jacquin  
to avoid / Pirates whom they heard were up at Whycote, yet  
3 days after unfortunately met them, were riddled & burnt  
& consequently forced to them. He had 14 months pay due  
(wh Gen Phipps he presumed w'd justify) & therefore unlikely  
to be a Volunteer whiped / Court w'd consider it

1722.

Pirates (contd)

H.C.A. 49/104. (contd)

James White acquitted

John Wingfield deposed t / Prisoner was commanded out o /  
Cornwall Gallies Capt Rolls at Calabar beg me o / musick thro & heard  
/ Capt say Commander say he was compelled to sign / articles of Pirates

The Prisoner appeared to be decrepit & ill shapen, unfit  
for any purpose at them but musick wh he set on defence o himself he was  
forced to comply w / to obey the orders & play the tune, or be beat & t he  
he given all his wages to Capt Rolls to beg he not put him in /  
Gazette as forced.

Henry Glasby Master o <sup>ships</sup> pirate ships acquitted on / order o  
shippers o vessels captured as being a humane man &  
reluctant to be amg / pirates

[2 April 1722.] The President pronounced as follows:-

David Simpson with magness Richard Sturdy  
Thomas Sutton Christopher Moody & Valentine Hshplant.

Ye or each o ye are adjudged & sentenced to be carried back  
to / place fm whence ye came, fm thence to / place o Execution wt /  
Gates o this Castle & the within / Flood marks to be hanged  
by / neck till ye are Dead Dead Dead

And / Lord be mercy upon ye Souls

After this ye & each o ye sh be Taken down  
& ye Bodies hung in chains

(Sgd) Mungo Herdman President (Hon James Phipps Hy Godson  
Francis Boye. Edmund Hyde John Barnstley. Charles Fanshawe

Warrant of } Pursuant to / sentence given by / Court o Admiralty  
Execution } this day at C.C.C. agsn... [above names]

I am hereby directed & required to carry / ofsd malefactors  
to / place o Execution, sometime tomorrow, wt / Gates o this Castle  
& the cause them within / Flood marks to be hanged by / neck  
till they are Dead for wh this sh be ye Warrant

Given under my hand this  
2<sup>d</sup> day o April 1722

To Joseph Gordyn  
Provost Marshall

Mungo Herdman

[The above is / form in all / cases o sentence  
o hangg]

The Roberts John Richard & John came, the  
one friend man, acquainted / Co commanding they were security  
and + had read no shares  
the matter changed acquired the a four

Stand teams on / Portaine when burnt by / parts of light  
but Jan Required  
Robert Francis acquired big piece oak / ship Robinson Cap  
conning - but ship was damaged by / parts

George Longton acquired in front, the when the station  
depot / it was burnt or moving to by a escape.

John Robinson, John Jones, Ross Chapman, & Ross Stewart  
accounted on / since they were taken by force out a cap  
Ross Roberts ship or witness in Jan Jan (1722)  
A he was produced in behalf a Ross & witness for cap  
Lanlon to / Jan or CC to move him day were faced asst  
the will

James Skyrme Capt o / Rangor  
side / it was in command of ship during / action  
5 / 150000 commands / men a a sent on his hand

In his defence he confessed taking in the Co case  
since Oct 1720 & was then taken out a a sleep collect  
1 Graymounth in Philadelphia, he was made of the  
had his head broke & a heavily damaged for / Parts for  
got away at least often / sleep was damaged the  
in sick & was on deck at taking away piece of oak, &

commanded out was by Roberts son asst his case, as to the  
the a Captain it was mostly for man was make, work was  
plan of the he begged / people out to face when he found it  
was a man of war he did not contact them & to a done more  
and he in present death to him.

Quality

John Walker

Quality

Capt Robtson & mate 9 from  
Sotomon

it C Lopez on 6 Jan'y: used his pole was ally at night & getting  
out / persons  
lost his leg in / can as / Sotomon

The Prussian captured undamaged the his goods were great  
at what he in some unknown system: He set at my first  
big taken on / Blessing & Lemington Newfoundland, 18 months ago  
was as much forced as any man & for a month after, as sick of it as any  
man, but custom attend me" & he says he was in / boat at / King  
Sotomon on / Capt & mate o his fat sat. as in / action as / Sotomon he says  
Roberts sent him on board / Rangor to buy sugar in for what they did  
was a Port, ship. He did not fear but loaded one gun for the knees (was  
in them, & they asked [empty] & he in a Portuguese what he with  
down he needed, the says 2 brass were shot & soon after lost his legs

HCA 49 / 104 (cont'd) Pirates (cont'd).

Israel Hynde Doct<sup>r</sup>swain o / ~~Kate~~ Ranger lost his arm in / fight w / Swallow  
Guilty

18 Frenchmen <sup>whose vessel was seized by pirates at Whydah, Jan'y last,</sup>  
were prisoners <sup>in / ~~Happy~~ Ranger</sup> taken at the fight w / Swallow, all acquitted.

James Harris - "forced to / Marshallsea" Marshallsea"

Robert Cross Guilty says he was forced for / Happy Return sloop belongg  
to St Christopher 16 mos ago.

Maras Johnson Guilty - said he was born a Quaker; taken in a Dutch  
Cos ship off Acera 3 yrs ago by Davis / predecessor o Roberts

John Phillips Guilty - says he was taken out o a fishy boat at  
Newfoundland 20 mos ago

John Moore Guilty - beg asked abt marionng sd - it was a punishment  
among them for something notoriously villainous, such they acted desertion  
the offender put on shore some uninhabited Cape or Island  
w a gun, some shot a bottle o powder & a bottle o water, to  
subsist or starve [w<sup>h</sup> was looked by his men for attempting to escape  
at S.L.]  
[<sup>Moore</sup> accused states they was originally forced on o a ship.]

John Horn a Soldier comg out to CCC in / Onslow + after beg  
taken was forced to take on / w Pirates zigzag + share w them  
Guilty

[End o notes on / Pirates]

1721-1722.

Pirates Capt Ogle his comr

Actm 1/2242

George by / Grace o God o Gt Brit France & Ireland King L.T.  
to all whom these presents may come quietly,

Wheras our trusty & well beloved Sir Chaloner Ogle beg Comdr  
o our Man o war called / Swallow upon his sta<sup>n</sup> in / W I.  
did on or abt / month o Feby 1721 after an obstinate fight  
take on ye Coast o Africa one Pyratial ship called / St Agones  
also / Ranger also 2<sup>d</sup> Pyratial ships o force called / Onsho  
also / Royal Fortune, & / Count de Toulouse also / Little  
Ranger, wh<sup>ch</sup> 2 last named pyratial ships were, as we are  
informed lost in a hurricane & t happened abt t time at  
Jamaica

And wheras / sd Sir Chaloner Ogle hath procured / sd ship as  
also / goods & merchandizes t were taken on board them to be  
condemned in our Court o Admiralty as / ships & effects o pyrates  
& hath sold & disposed o one o / sd ships & such o ye pyratial  
effects taken on board / 3 ships as came to his hands f / sum  
o £ 536<sup>4</sup> 9. 9 sterlg accordg to / acc<sup>t</sup> thro<sup>f</sup> signed by  
himself wh<sup>ch</sup> he ~~has~~ annexed hereunto annexed [no 2]

And wheras in conson o / signal & ~~try~~ <sup>best</sup> service performed by  
/ sd Sir Chaloner Ogle in destroyg t ~~part~~ o pyrates wh<sup>ch</sup> t  
persisted, as we are informed o no less than 83 persons taken  
& killed on board / sd 3 ships, we are graciously pleased  
to give grant & allow<sup>nt</sup> him all / effects specified in / sd  
acc<sup>t</sup> & all / proceed thro<sup>f</sup> subject unless to such paym<sup>ts</sup>  
& wntons as are binor partly mentd & expressed

Knows t<sup>h</sup>at We o our especial grace certain knowledge  
& own m<sup>th</sup> h<sup>er</sup> given granted assigned & set over & do by  
these presents f us our h<sup>er</sup>s & successors give grant assign  
& set over unto / sd Sir Chaloner Ogle his h<sup>er</sup>s acts & assigns  
/ ship & all & w<sup>ch</sup> / goods & effects in / sd acc<sup>t</sup> set forth  
- & / proceed thro<sup>f</sup> & all our right title &nt claim &  
demand wh<sup>ch</sup> we h<sup>er</sup> or m<sup>th</sup> h<sup>er</sup> or claim in / same to have  
hold rec<sup>e</sup> & enjoy / premises hereby granted ... to him  
/ sd Sir C. O. h<sup>er</sup>s acts & assigns w<sup>th</sup> any acc<sup>t</sup>  
o them / acc<sup>t</sup> hereunto annexed wh<sup>ch</sup> we are pleased to approve  
Provided ne<sup>th</sup>less t<sup>h</sup> our express will & pleasure is t<sup>h</sup>  
/ sd Sir Chaloner Ogle is hereby strictly charged &  
required to cause these our letters o Privy Seal

to be entered in our Cr o Admalty here & w / Auditor o our  
Planters And by & out o / proceed o / sd piratical goods  
& effects wh h amted to £5364-9-9 as ofsd to pay  
& defray all chgs wh h attended / condemn o / sd ships  
& effects And to defray commn & sundry exps th upon at  
Jamaica be g aduied into stals appear by / sd acct to be  
amted to / sum o £197-2-5 ~~all~~ & to pay satisfy &  
day / sum o £1940 stals to & amgst / officers & crew  
o our sd ship Swallow or those clawg under them f / Rewards  
or head mny given by our Royal Pro. f / Pirates killed  
or taken on board / sd ships pursuant to a Warrant  
fr / Commis o our Treasury to him / sd Sir C. O.  
in t behalf directed & bearing date / 17th day o Feb 3 last  
past 1724 — to pay Mark ~~£~~ Legaur Manner  
£80 f / bounty on recovng 5 pirates after they were  
put aboard a Brigantine o Boston in New England  
& being g / sd ship to New York where the  
pirates were tried & executed.

Given under our Privy Seal at our Palace o  
Westminster / 4th day o May in / 11th yr o our  
Reign.

A Copy

1723.

Admiralty

Adm 1/2282 Captains Letters. Francis Percy 1719-1726

Be pleased to acquaint the Lords that I left an acct of my proceedings at Serra Leon & sailed for thee on 128 Nov, but fell in w/ tedious calms & Easterly winds wh are not usual here, obliged me to put in to Mascarado to complete my wood & water & to recruit my people w/ fresh provisions, wh is / only part of all / Coast to be supplied w, & where in / Year 1712 I cruised 5 months in HMSS Tiger w/ Sweepstakes under my Command, constantly wooded & watered the wh any molestam, tho our men lay on shore the 9 or 10 nights successfully cutting o wood. Therefore I believed myself safe to be vj safe & secure but gily to our misfortune, / 4th day, as my boats were comg out o / river / negroes assaulted them by firing fm / bushes on both sides, wounded 2 men on my yawl, killed 3 & wounded 7 in my long boat, took her & made / rest captives

Lord James Hay my 3d Lieut went in / Yawl to know / reason o such treatm, to demand my people & boat He so soon came near / shore but they shot him in / body thro' / thigh, boarded / Yawl, took her & all / crew, whom they treated in a most savage & inhuman manner, keepg them 3 days before I cd beg them to my reason, & to save the lives, wh they momentarily expected to lose, was obliged to redeem & ransom them at any rate

I find all this is occasioned by our Bristol & Lpool ships carryg the people away when they go on board to trade, tho in since told they murder & plunder all naivs alike when they h / least oppo. My people are vj sickly & die daily, my provisions beg vj bad

A Batch Cruisers abt 2 months since took an upstart Pirate off / Island Punces w 12 English & 14 Foreigners Seven o / English were hanged at Del Muna on / 15th o this inst, / rest proved forced men were acquitted

Tomorrow I sh proceed tows C Lopes the Coast beg free clear o all Pirates which is all t offers fm - &c

F. Percy.

Guernsey at Cape Corse

January 4 17<sup>22</sup>/<sub>23</sub>

Recd / 4th o June.

Humble Ser Since my last o / 4th o January I h bn at Pera, off / Island Punces, at Cape Lopes where / negroes refused me Wood & water unless my purser wd comply w the exorbitant demands o fifty pound... Burred my Lord James Hay on / 22 Januy under / Equivocal... Has burred 20 men I makg / best o his way to windward Has no intellige o any pirates hopes to leave / Coast by / 20th o / month March. fm &c F. Percy  
Guernsey in / lat 1° 16' 50 Feb 16 17<sup>22</sup>/<sub>23</sub>

for my first acct at 16 Feb. by a Dutch Gauge 79  
with on Feb 16 50

Having some proceeds to withdraw we set off Cape  
Polonia, all along / Green, Quagua, a Gold Coast to the place where 9

can necessitate to complete my water (the of bed), if you must be  
supported as one cook to be unwell, / news + springs beg all

shut up. My people continue, by sickly with (in a great measure) to  
and to 1 bed as one person of R. D. D. 34 man in / last

3 men or the dead but daily increases with 9 gilly from water  
disturb me for proceeds to Jamaica, with 9 sk / better judge or at

my wife to Barbados  
The coast is very clean + pleasant for C. de Vent to  
Cape Lopez, of R. van / Hamr Cape between both Capes even out  
access to / shore unless where our tents are. The requires are

green so instead of to plant our beds + conveniences they go to look  
for water. No means beg / 26th + the husband of purchase to house  
the coast + make / best + my way of Barbados has beg near ships

not think to accompany me. Jam - to F. P. Ferry

Government of Cape Cove  
March 25<sup>th</sup> 1723

A duplicate of which I sent for Cape Del Prama

Recd 12<sup>th</sup> July - and / cost

Sailed for Cape Cove 26<sup>th</sup> March / cost being all to  
wardward + toward the coast of F. P. D. and Carole Bay  
left many late by sickly ship, having burned 45 in / cost 3 men

for on 15<sup>th</sup> August 1722 Sailed for Plymouth Sound  
on 16<sup>th</sup> Sept following found at F. P. D. in / middles

On 26<sup>th</sup> Oct Anchored at / mouth of River Formosa  
Sailed on 1<sup>st</sup> Dec - 57 - 18 men, sailed 26<sup>th</sup>.

Completed the Dec. at C. Mariana where I prepared  
to complete all my water + wood, gain intelligence + get refreshment  
of my people, the beg plenty of food, goods + fuel; but / quagras  
sailed + out to pieces my long boat + Yacht, killed me 3 men  
wounded + captured and James they + 27 + my people with  
I was forced to consume + redeem at any rate. I was able + capable  
of then proceeded down / Green, Quagua + Gold Coast, where  
I was obliged to anchor early night, but / comment with a very rapid  
and carry me down the fast + by all these places with some news of  
one to look into. I got no water at / water + St Andrews  
+ by late on Cape Tres Points + it is some cost + long road.

The waters

Adm 1 / 2282 (contd)

These rivers & springs were mostly dried up, all along / Coast.  
 On 1st Jan 1723 I anchored at Cape Cors Castle & sailed /  
 5th down / Coast to Anamabo, Mumford, & Atera; where I anchored  
 18th & sailed / 10th past by Widdaw having need intelligence & all  
 was well there, but my ships CO very sickly wh made me keep / sea.  
 Streach over to / Island Fernando Po & Ponces. Beat all / way  
 up fm / River Gison to Cape Lopes, where I sent an officer ashore  
 to seek f water. The Negroes were of rude & insolent to him &  
 demanded fifty pounds f a permit to water. ↗

For some reason to believe t some o / straggly Pirates are  
 amongst them I did not think it convenient to trust my boat  
 on shore again so I sailed / next morn to / Island o St Thomas -  
 and 2 lbs filled all my water got my people good refreshment  
 sailed yet crossed Equator Met w 2 Dutch Cruisers bound to  
 Holland by whom I gave f an acct o Lt James Hay's death & state  
 & rondon o my ship. Pled to conduct made land betw B Sesles &  
 Cape Palmas. Sailed down / Grain, Quaque & Gold Coast, as I had  
 done before, to Cape Cors Castle, / Coast beg entirely free o ~~pirates~~  
 all piratical ships I continued 10 days at Cape Cors in getting  
 off my water having little or no assistce fm our Factory On 26th  
 March 1723 I sailed w one sloop only & arriv at Barbadoes

on / 10th o May ---  
 Asks to be ordered to / Medway where he fitted out as he  
 Has a quantity o Elephants Teeth & money shipped on board  
 o me f / merchants & London I am — — —

James F. Percy

Guernsey

Plymouth Sound

Sept 16 1723

1880 / 1880  
N. H. Adams  
1820 - 1825  
1825  
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1. Amherst Hamilton  
CC 14 June 1723

[Lower bound]  
Please to acquaint / R. then / 1st Comm. of / N. H. Adams / 9th  
us (this ship under my command) for 3rd time / 5th June last, passed  
low / 11th last hour on my passage, landed at Cape Breton, Cape  
Magdalen, Cape Breton, Cape Three Points & Breton according to  
the logs drawn & I met with us very information & pointed us out -  
along passage covered by clouds, of course, of course & sailing winds - 9th  
passed for low to Lyford's compass & on to Cape Lopez -  
skips to on good luck with bound one since after 9th last -  
Amherst  
1723

Amherst before C.C. 19 Sept 1723

Thank you  
Please to acquaint / R. then / 1st Comm. of / N. H. Adams / 9th  
This ship under my command sailed for C.C. 15 June of Lyford,  
and on 12 June, for the Cape Breton, Cape Three Points & Breton  
according to orders delivered back along / 5th June as for on Cape  
Magdalen, Cape Breton, Cape Three Points & Breton  
Cape Three Points, landed in at Breton one of our factories.  
finds no ships to be bound in / 15th June, at these places made / last  
a very way in this piece where 9th last night, see / information  
of 9th June / factories coming down & coming up was to the  
for no boats on / coast since Com. Ogle went off capturing  
a small vessel with 40 / 9th June of Prince's / South Cape  
for good fortune to take some months ago. - 9th last 35 on 26  
a very men seek since any last to for C.C. at 14 June -  
... [upper / substitute of C.C.] -  
Amherst  
1723

[The arrival of the vessels for C.C. on 7th Nov.]

[Sept & Hamilton Am]

To

Amherst  
12 Dec 1723

1723

Weymouth April 8<sup>th</sup> 1723  
at St Helens

Honble Sir

The remains on board HMS Weymouth 8 prisoners out o  
18 sentenced by ye Court o Admiralty held at C.C. to be returned to /  
Marshal sea or one under sentence o death but not to be executed  
until His Pleasure is known

I beg the Ldps Order to / Keeper o / Marshal sea Prison  
to send f them or these ~~papers~~ humbly hope the Ldps will please to  
signify the Commands to me how I sh proceed in sendg them up.  
I am - &c - M Hurdman.

[To Jacob Burchett  
Secy Admiralty]

Weymouth at Warrimoh  
April 26<sup>th</sup> 1723

Honble Sir

for leave to come to town &  
ask the Ldps to let him know the Ldps' orders in refer<sup>n</sup>  
to / Prisoners they beg not in danger o making the escape.  
I am - &c - M Hurdman

Enc; a list o pirate prisoners referred to / Marshal sea; sentenced  
to death by a Court o Admiralty begun at Cabo Corso Caselle on / Coast o  
Africa / 29<sup>th</sup> March 1722 Wm Mead X per Lang  
Thos Walslangemott, Harlet Hercules Huntins, Robt Fletcher  
Ths Graves Geo Ogle - all referred to / Marshal sea  
Thos Butcherlonce under sentence o death (but not executed) until His Pleasure  
is known.

add leave granted but by death o officers to take part o care & name o / Prisoners  
escape till further order given concerning them which he may suddenly expect  
& when he comes to my on board list of / Prisoners w him to / Admiralty.

[no address] 12 June 1723

Honble Sir In my last voyage to Guinea the happened such an unusual sickness &  
mortality among / ships as under my command & when I was on my departure for thence  
in April 1722. I had not men enough in helpth to weigh my anchors or sail / ship  
not above 40 being able to come upon / beach at a time to do the duty in this extremity to  
empty w / orders I had sent to return home I was obliged to purchase 50 negroes o / Gen  
Phipps / Commandy Officers at C.C. to assist me in my passage to Jamaica, / great  
particular w me £28 each each one o w no 14<sup>th</sup> there hard labour & / fatigues they  
underwent in navigating / ship & coming out in / rainy season, dead before we reached / W. I.  
... & / surviving part o these negroes I was forced to dispose o much to my disadvantage  
after I had an opportunity o getting good seamen now in regard these negroes did at least  
duty o able bodied handymen on board & it was impossible f me to proceed homewards w  
them - & they were all recruited at my own proper expence (but know goodly to  
out of mine) - asks / Ldps Comms to grant him such an allowance o / 14 negroes to die, for  
the Victory at time o the death, & / Victuals o / rest who lived till we arriv'd at Jamaica  
to undertake / g<sup>t</sup> loss he sustained in his endeavours to preserve / ships under his command  
which at a time by / sickness o / few good men I had was in a v<sup>y</sup> distressed condition, to

Also I have leave to make a fair request f such o allowance & in such manner as the  
Ldps sh seem expedient f my suitg as President o / Court Martial at / trial o / Pirates  
I was employed in this service 26 days successfullly at a g<sup>t</sup> expence o health & m<sup>y</sup>. I was  
obliged to contribute my quota w / Gen Phipps towards furnishing a Table every day f /  
Masters o / Ships & / was assisted at / Court Martial, and this in a place where no provisions  
were to be had f m<sup>y</sup>, but were brought a long distance from thence & v<sup>y</sup> dear. - omits  
to mention lesser charges. But the / Ldps & officers I was at were & by, I do not ask  
only / common allowance upon such occasions, but / best doubtg but the Ldps will be ready to  
approve o what I have done f / Honour o / Crown & / service o my Country. All oth is  
submitted w / g<sup>t</sup> respect by Sir - &c M Hurdman.

add The Lt Bd to give an  
acc<sup>t</sup> o / state o / ship  
& men at this time & when  
sh shd come home w<sup>th</sup> them

1728 - 1729

Admiralty

Adm 1 / 2454

Captains letters S 1727-28

John Smith, HMS Saphire

Sept 2 1728

Saphire Plymouth Sound. Capt John Smith reports (to Hon Burchett) icy Admalty & he is just under sail w 5 ships in his company.

Oct 25

Letter Same to Same. Reports arriv at mouth o / Bambia

Nov 20

Saphire arriv at French mans Bay in / R Sceria degree

Adm 1 / 2455

1729.

Am on board his Majesty's Ship  
Saphire in Cape Coast Road  
February 9th 1729/9.

Honble Sir

In my last for S.L. dt 29 Nov 1728 gave dr Leps an acct o my proceedg & my sailg for thence

I arriv in / Road o St George D'Elmina 11th o Jan (bary me w many calons on my passage) & on observ to / orders I had sent a ltr to / Dutch Gen. to demand immediate restitun o / ship Bonetta & her cargo. The copies o my letter w / answer for / Dutch Gen, I herewith send enclosed

I saild for Elmina & arriv at C.C. 21<sup>st</sup> Jan, sent a ltr to / Ppal Agents at C.C.C. to acquaint them o my arriv & o / demand I had made on / Dutch Gen. & o his readiness to give up all in his hands belongg to / R.A.C. A copy o wh dr of will likewise recie.

The 24<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> o January 2 depts for / Dutch Gen & 2 depts applyd by / Ppal Agents at C.C. met on board HMS Saphire under my Command, where Arts: o Agreement were made to restore all & my / effects belongg to each dr. & whate o deficiency appeared on deliv to be pd for in gold. Yur recie copies o / Articles o Agreement made & conformd by / respective Ppals.

I have sent a copy o a letter for / Agents at Cape Coast Castle signifyg to Mrs Morel her restornt everyth stipulated in / late Treaty, & likewise answr to for / sd Agents givg an acct o / state o C.C.C. & / sd Settlements belongg to / R.A.C. under the biron in all respects: & what trade is carried on in the bester, in all wies

As to / state o / both Settlements & trades carried on by them I beg leave to defer givg any acct thereof till I return up / Coast hopg to inform myself in such a manner as to enable me to give a more exact & particl acct in my next

The ship Clarendon w / Swift & Pinchie sloops belongg to / R.A.C. Co wh came under my convoy, arriv safe in the Road.

I am now under sail in order to go down / Coast pursuant to dr Leps orders - officers & Co in perfect health.

The Honble Josiah Burchett

I am - &c -  
John Smith

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Copy.

Am on board H B M S Saphire  
off Castle D'Elmina  
Jan 18 1728 / 9.

Sir I am to acquaint y<sup>e</sup> / ocean o this Viable, is by / express  
Command o my Royal Master / King o Gr Britain, who hath ordered  
me upon this Coast in his Ship Saphire under his my Command to call  
upon y<sup>e</sup>, or / ppol Agent f / Dutch W.I.C. to demand immediate  
restitu<sup>n</sup> o / ship Bonetta, James Livingstone Comander o her cargo, wh  
belongs to / R.A.C o England & was seized by one o y<sup>e</sup> Co's ships  
in Feby last. I h it in command f<sup>r</sup> H.M. to give y<sup>e</sup> assure in his  
name, t<sup>e</sup> who's just claim y<sup>e</sup> Co hath upon t<sup>e</sup> o England sh be made  
good unto them, or I h possible orders f<sup>r</sup> eeg / same performed upon y<sup>e</sup>  
delivg up / sd ship Bonetta & her cargo.

Thus Sir, having acquainted y<sup>e</sup> w / Commands o H B M, I can  
no way doubt o y<sup>e</sup> acquiescy to / demand I now make o having / ship  
Bonetta & her cargo restituted & deliv up into my possession f / use &  
benefit o / R.A.C o Englan, or to this I expect y<sup>e</sup> direct answer  
agreeable to / union happily subsists betw H B M or / S.G.

I am sorry f / defect<sup>o</sup> h<sup>o</sup> reason betw<sup>n</sup> self & / Gen<sup>l</sup>  
at C.C.C. but as I h full power f<sup>r</sup> treaty w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> in t<sup>e</sup> Subject,  
I think myself extremely happy, if my earnest endeavours prove  
effectual in accomod all mat<sup>r</sup> or / some friendly correspondce  
established betw<sup>n</sup> betw<sup>n</sup> Castle D'Elmina & C.C.C as formerly,

When I was at S. L. six persons belongs to y<sup>e</sup> Co made  
apptn to me f a passage to Castle D'Elmina w<sup>th</sup> request I  
readily granted, they hav bn ship-wrecked in y<sup>e</sup> ship Noordam  
in Jan last, one o them is since dead, / or five I sh send immediately  
ashore, beg glad o all occais o shewg how much I am  
Sir Smith

To Robert Norris Esq<sup>r</sup> Dir Gen. f / Anthonet W I C. o Stellenbosch  
at / Castle o St George D'Elmina.

Mijnheer,

Wij hebben ons vereerd gevonden met de Compagnie van  
Ued eerste lieutenant welke ons heeft overhandigt Ued  
geesteneerde van de 18 Janua (1728) w<sup>th</sup> welke wij vernemen de Ordres  
welke sijn Koninglyk Majesteyt van Groot Brittanien aan Ued  
hebben gelesien te gesen om van ons of te vragen en op te wyschen  
het Portugale Affruanse Compag. schip de Bonetta geveert w<sup>th</sup> endende  
by den Capt Livingstone met derselvs dadwaq

In vrientelyker antwoort nemen wij d' Eer Ued te  
seggen dat het wel waar is dat wij gem. Schip de Bonetta in  
Sequesteratie hebben genomen in represailles van de menigvuldige  
insolentien ons aangedaan, dog sulc is geschiet den 27 Apr  
(1728) anno pass<sup>o</sup> en niet in de maand February gelyk men  
aan Ued heeft opgegeven

Het gemet gem. Schip de Bonetta hebben wij ook wederom  
gevangert op den 8 Junij (1728) naar dat wij besoren daar  
wyt.

Admiralty (contd)

Adm 1/2454 (contd)

wij hadden doen ligen soedamigen quantiteit Couris als wij oordeelden enigszins te kunnen dienen tot Vergoeding van onse menigvuldige gekedene Schadens; ook zoude het gem. Schip zoo lange niet in Sequestratie gebleven zijn, by alken de Keeren aan Cabo Corso aan den Cap. d'Aringstone hadde gepermittert ~~aan~~ zijn gewese parool te vëlbrongen om herwaerts aan te komen alsoo wij aan syn zid hadden gepermittert Jan hier naar Cabo Corso te gaan om te zien of men de geresene questien niet met elkanter zoude kunnen accomoderen.

Dog terwijl wij sien de magt en autoriteit welke Ued heeft om de Venezene Verschillen met ons te veriffenen, soo betuygen wij bey dezen aan Ued dat ons niet aangenamer sal zijn dan dezelve beslot te sien, en sijn wij ook bereijdwilleg om alles t'quint wij van de Royale Africaanse Comp. in handen mogten hebben te restitueeren, in verwagting dat aan ons mede zal wêden goed gedaan t'quint door de respective Redenten van gem. alle Royale Africaanse Comp. van ons is weggenomen. Wij nemen mede de ere by dezen Ued te versoeken ons het faeur te wêllen doen, ons met Ued agreeable compagnie te vereeren, zullende wij de ere nemen Ued op morgen op het middagmaal off te wachten, vertrouwende wanneer wij het gelukt mogen hebben Ued mondeling te spreken spreken, men wêl een expedient zullen kunnen vintvonden om te begunnen tot het accomoderen van de geresene Questie

Inmiddels betuygen wij onse dankbaarheid aan Ued voor het overloven onzer Soldaten, zullende wij danckeligh restitueeren het quint zij mogten verliest hebben, en zal het vryders ons veel play plaisir toebrengen. Wanneer wij occasie mogen vonden om Ued te ~~bet~~ betonen dat wij sijn. Myndleer — — —

Int Casteel St George

D'Edmunda 29 Jan<sup>y</sup> 1729 (oss)

Robt Moore

[copy]

Gentlemen,

This is to acquaint y<sup>e</sup> of onre o HMs Saphira under my command in / Road o Cabo Corso, in order to defend & protect / Trade & Settlements belongg to / R.A.C. agst Pyrates or any violence may be done or offered unto them.

Some 9 am fore to acquaint y<sup>e</sup> t / 18<sup>th</sup> inst anchored in / Road o Edmunda & in obedice to / Orders I h recd from H.M., sent ashore to / Dabir Pen to demand unmediate restitue o / Ship Bonetta & her cargo belongg to / R.A.C. In answer to wch he sufficed to me t / ship was restitued / 8<sup>th</sup> o last June as, after having taken on<sup>t</sup> such quantity o Couris as wêd Courbis - bolleer his

Saphira in / Road o Cabo -  
Corso, Janry 21<sup>st</sup> 1728 / 9.  
[oss]

28 repeated losses; but t he was ready to give up what he had in possession  
belong to / R.A.C. on my assurances to him t all his just claims shd be  
made good.

Yesterday afternoon recd on bd 13 Caskets o Cornish t were taken  
out o Ship Bonetta & 5 dr caskets taken out o a Carnoc belonging to fr  
factory. The Dutch Gen has given me full <sup>cuttle</sup> assent t if any deficiencies shd arise  
in treaty o this affair he is ready to give all reasonable ~~and~~ satisfaction & to  
do all in his power to establish a firm & lasting peace, t / same good  
correspondence may be had on between / 2 Castles as formerly.

In order to give mutual satisfaction to each o us soon as Gen  
Horne reces notice o my arrival at C.C. & fr beg ready to give a meetg,  
he will immediately send 2 Gentn w full power to accomodate all differ  
& to remove all disputes t may arise relating to / place o Treaty,  
Conformed to my request he has agreed t / meetg may be on board /  
Saphire, directed by my letter t / he recd full power to act as  
mediator betw / 2 Cos.

I hope what I have now done will meet w fr approbation.

I am commanded to inform myself o y what the  
are any Privateers on this Coast & likewise o / state o C.C.C.  
& / Settlements belonging to / R.A.C. under fr Jurisdiction in all  
respects, & what trade is carried on w fr District in all its Lines.

I am &c -  
Jno Smith

To / ppal Agents f / affairs o / R.A.C. o England  
at C.C.C.

hijer Heer Heeren ontfangen wij een missive van de Heeren  
Agenten aan Cape Corso welkers stijl ons zoedlanig voorkomt  
als of die Heeren niet niet soz veel ernst waren geporteev  
als wy, on tot de ge proposeerde vriendelyke bemiddeling te  
kinnen, gelijk het Ued zal kunnen beoogen in de meckens jaachtde  
espie hancz gem missive [no. 2]

beg heeren ons als wyg aant geene geene wy niet Ued  
mondadings hebben gesproken en verwaagten dat Ued ons  
dasselvs intontien te kunnen reeft. Helyende <sup>over</sup> wanschen niet veel  
actg Myer Heer - &c -  
Pitber Horne

in t Coortel St George d'Elmura  
Deegon 3 Februarj 1729 [n.s.]

From board His Saphire  
w / Road o Cape Corso

Janry 24. 05. 1729/q.  
fr de dat 31 Feb 1729.

This mgy recd / favour o fr de dat 31 Feb 1729.  
s a dr enclosed for / Gentn o C.C.

Youe pleased to take notice t it does not appear to y  
t / above mentd Gentn h t gh desire f peace as y h shewen on  
this occasion. I have read the fr w / gtes<sup>t</sup> instance <sup>attention</sup> &  
cannot find / least room to suspect / sincerity o the Inten<sup>s</sup> in  
accomodatg.

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H/ Adm 1/2455 (contd.)

accommodatg / late unhappy disputes & settling a firm & lasting peace, so must beg leave to observe, if a translator has certainly made some g<sup>t</sup> mistake in rendering / set it into Dutch

I hope Sir on / rec<sup>d</sup> of this y<sup>e</sup> will so good as to send 2 Gent<sup>l</sup> w<sup>th</sup> full power to treat of an Accomodam on board H B M S Saphire, conformable to what y<sup>e</sup> was pleased to propose, when I had / hon<sup>o</sup> to see y<sup>e</sup> at Elmina; / Gent<sup>l</sup> of C<sup>o</sup> beg ready in all respects to meet accordg to agreement, or to give all just satisfaction to y<sup>e</sup> Demands And

I hope y<sup>e</sup> will do me / justice to believe I sh<sup>d</sup> endeavour to adjust all diffes w<sup>th</sup> great equity, beg w<sup>th</sup> g<sup>t</sup> esteem Sir

To His<sup>t</sup> Hon<sup>o</sup> Egze<sup>t</sup>ive Dir<sup>y</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> for / Auth<sup>o</sup>ised W<sup>o</sup> C<sup>o</sup> of Holland at / Castle of St<sup>o</sup> George D<sup>e</sup> Elmina

My<sup>e</sup> Heer

Wij vinden ons vereerd met U<sup>ed</sup> missie gedateert 24 Jan (o.s.) Wij weten op deselve niet te verbeeten, als alleenlijk dat wij in gevolge onze beloften, op Maandag aanstaande, by goed weder g<sup>t</sup> 200 God gezondheid geeft, aan boord van U<sup>ed</sup> schip zullen affenden twee Gecommiteerden namentlyk den Heer Jacob de la Planque Egte Opp<sup>r</sup> Commis, de derde in rang en Gouveneur van het fortres tot Poera. Ineens den Heer Jan Everhard Bletters dorp, onse eerste Commis en Commandant aan Mowee, omme me de Heeren gecommiteerden van de Heeren Engelsen Argentin te handelen, zoo als zij na alle billijkheid zullen bevinden te behooren.

Ik hoop dat U<sup>ed</sup> dezelve in Vriendelykheit zult onvangen en deselve goede officien aan Wenden omme die affaires in regtvaardigheit te helpen doringen soo blygen wy -

Retiree<sup>r</sup> Houre

Int Casteel Hoof<sup>t</sup> Casteel  
St<sup>o</sup> George d<sup>e</sup> Elmina  
5 Feb 1729.

*[Faint handwritten notes and signatures at the bottom of the page, including the word 'Additional' visible.]*

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Additional Articles of Agreement made  
& confirmed on board H B M S Sapphire  
Commanded by Capt John Smith, at  
Anchor in / Road of C. C. between  
/ Royal African Co of England & / Hon  
Dutch WIC by the Deputies the treaty  
& whose names are thereto subscribed

Article 1.

I all / past differences between / above mentioned Cos are adjusted &  
settled mutually made in any part or (except restitution of /  
damage / RAC sustained by / cargo off / Coast of the ship  
Clarendon, or / detention of a cargo done the ship Bonetta which  
in / custody of / Hon Dutch WIC & seal of goods referred to  
/ decision of / sd Co [sic] in Europe, & excepting also seal Privies  
on / part of / Hon Dutch WIC, to be decided in Europe as aforesaid,

Article 2.

I for henceforth a firm & lasting Friendship Peace & Unity  
sh. subsist & be maintained between all / Subjects of both Cos on /  
Coast, & if by any misfortune or unforeseen Accidents any dispute  
or Difference sh. arise between / Subjects of either Cos, that they sh. them-  
selves impose in / most friendly manner, & be accommodated such  
differences or dispute & sh. not proceed to making reprisal in any way  
unless / offending party till justice is done on him or them by  
his or the Spal, & in such case it sh. be lawful to take  
just satisfaction; this only relating to / Blacks.

Article 3.

I to prevent effectually all differences of what nature so ever it is mutually  
agreed to all Articles of Agreements, Contracts, & herebefore made &  
confirmed by our Predecessors & / respective Cos sh. remain in full  
force & virtue to be inviolably kept & observed by our respective  
ppals & the Successors

Done & passed on board / forementioned ship this  
28 day of January 1728/9 (A.S)

In / presence of  
sic Sub.  
John Smith

Sic Subscrib<sup>r</sup>  
Benjamin Peake  
Duncan Campbell

We do hereby ratify & confirm all / above written Articles of  
Agreement between / RAC of Engl. & / authorized WIC of  
Holland, made & concluded by Messrs Benjamin Peake & Duncan  
Campbell on / part of / RAC of Engl. & Messrs Jacob de la Planque  
& / Gerhard Blittersdorf on / part of / authorized WIC of Holland  
Done on board H B M S Sapphire at C. C. Road in / presence of Capt  
John Smith Mediator In witness whereof we h. h. unto set our  
hands, & / Cos Seal / 28 day of January 1728/9 OS,

John Brathwaite  
Robert Cruikshank

P. Order of /  
Chief Agents  
Thos Skerripleand Secy

Particulier (Partij)

Adam 1/24 55 (cent)

Partij van Commissien gemaakt en  
 geapproveerd aan Bond van syn Bulwaus die  
 Majes tegt schip de Saprua gecombineerd  
 wistende dat den Capt John Smith, Ridder, ten  
 anker leggende op den Plaatse van Capo Corso  
 tusschen de Penneel gevingerde 15 1 C. en  
 de R. A. G. o ringe dat Kapte gedeputeerden  
 begafte wistende ~~geveert~~ haare reis onder  
 zyn geselschap.

Feb. 11.

Wat alle verdelijene verschillen tussen de bovengemelde Compagnies op de  
 Coste van geselschap zyn afgemaakt. wistende welke satisfactie off Belating  
 van weder zijden aensien gegeven ingelidige gepaiseerde Obligatien  
 den gecommiteerden het meer geselschap overeenkomende de Republiek den  
 vande Royalle Affraanse Comp van Singelend. haare pedante  
 omsont ten Verjaagen van het Schip de Comerton van de Coste en  
 de Delente en Schade geleden geleden by haar Schip de Bonetta, en  
 verschijde andere Klagen gelijk de Commiteerden van de Heils Lande  
 Wijn Guiscke Compagnie aan Heare Zide verzeeten verschijde  
 Klagen welke zij tegen de Repreter Bedenants van de Royalle  
 Comp Affraanse Comp Ribben in te brengen, welke aan de  
 Heare van de wisten weerszijde Repreter Compagnien in  
 Europa, wisten. overgehalen.

Art. 2.

Partij nas deuren een getuige. Vagte Vantschep en Heerde Sal  
 Substitueen en wisten gemeintneerd tussen de Repreter  
 Bedenants van de wisten zijde Compagnien

En indien bij eening Ongevalck of in wisten. Hoortijd eenige  
 Bespuit off Offspringen souden moeten wisten. tussen de  
 Bedenants van Heer Compagnie in dit zij als dan of de  
 Vreemdschap tusschelijcke Partij met Bekende suldem  
 aensmudeeren alle suere Affrenten off Verschillen gelijk zij  
 oet niet sulden paiseeren tot eenige Repreterijge off  
 Medelatie omsont de Offenseerde Partij, of dat Justitie off  
 recht word geseygt aan Kom off Heare Repreter

Partijpartijen was dus tot Salde men een geenge  
 Schiedacter. Kinnen Selingen, die alleen de Bursten  
 aangevande

En sulx om werkelijke vore te komen alle befferen tien van welke nature die mogten zyn, gelijk matraeel ge accordeert word, dat alle artikelen, accorden en contracten bevoorrens gesloten ende geconfirmeert tusschen tusschen voorgaande Heeren Secretaris Generaal ende Agenten van byde Compagn zullen verblyven in volle kragt en volbreikbaarlyk onderhouden ende geconserviert zullen worden door onse Respective Principaalen en Haare Successors

Alsdus gedaan ende gepaseerd nam boord van het boven- gemelte Schip diezen Agsten Februarij seivenleven konincs Neegen ende Twintig

In presentie van mij  
(was geh.) John Smith

(was geh.)  
Jacobs de la Planque  
J. E. Blittersdorp

Wy ondergesz Secretaris Generaal over de maard en zuyd Kuste van Africa van wegens Haare Hoog Mogt de Heeren Staten Generaal der Vereenigde Nederlanden mitz gaderen der zelve Tenor Geoburg erde W. I Comp. salficering ende confirmeeran by deze alle de bovenslaande Artikelen van Accord gesloten tusschen de Illustre Nederlandse W. I. Comp. in de Royale Africaanse Comp van Engeland gedaan ende gesloten door de Heeren Jacobs de la Planque en Jean Eyschard Blittersdorp aan van onze zyde en de Heeren Benjamin Peake en Duncan Campbell van wegens de Royale Africaanse Comp van Engeland. Hiervoor genoemt. gedaan ter presentie van den Capt John Smith als Mediatour van boord van Syn Brittanische Majes byts Schip de Saphire op de Rheeide van Capo Corso

Alsdus gegeven en onder het Groet Zegel van Hoggemel. Nederlandse W. I. C. en met onse eygen hand ondergetekend

de Sub.  
Petrus Morre  
In presentie van mij  
de Sub.  
J. Hamal  
Parr Onder Comma ten Secretaris

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Saphire in / Road o Cabo Corso  
Feby 4<sup>th</sup> 1728/9.

Sont

I am now preparing my despatches of England, so must beg / favour o  
for answer to my ltr o / 21 Jan. & likewise / Ratificac<sup>n</sup> o / Arts o / Regu<sup>m</sup>  
made w / Dutch.

I shd be glad if you signify to me if I can be anyways fur  
serviceable to / Affairs o / R. A. C.

I hope / restitut<sup>n</sup> o / Effects demanded by th<sup>e</sup> / fr ltr<sup>s</sup> & those o  
/ Dutch W. I. C. & / late Arts made & confirmed by both parties for  
settling on firm & lasting peace are in all respects agreeable & satisfactory to y<sup>e</sup>.  
I am — or —

To / Ppal Agents of / Affairs o / R. A. C. & Single / no Smith  
at C. C. C.

For We h recd fr second o this date & herewith send y<sup>e</sup> copy o our  
Ratificac<sup>n</sup>

Our ltr to y<sup>e</sup> in answer to ltr o / 21<sup>st</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> is finished, but a  
fair copy cannot be got ready tonight, but y<sup>e</sup> may depend upon it by  
8 or tomorrow m<sup>g</sup>. We flatter ourselves it will be to y<sup>e</sup> satisfact<sup>n</sup>  
in all respects

We know o nothing fair to ask w regard to / untr o / R. A. C. upon  
this Coast, but what y<sup>e</sup> ~~may~~ find in our ltr tomorrow w refer to /  
condon whydah may be in when y<sup>e</sup> come thr.

Mr Norris has restored everyth<sup>g</sup> to was stipulated by our  
late Treaty, so th<sup>e</sup> we h nothing fair to ask o him but 5 oz due to us  
by a mistake o this in th<sup>e</sup> acct. But this is too trifly an affair  
to trouble y<sup>e</sup> w. We therefore conclude — or —

John Parath write  
Robert Cruikshanks

C. C. C.  
4 Feb. 1728/9.

To Capt John Smith Command<sup>r</sup> o HMS Saphire in C. C. Road

Mijn Heer.

Wij hadden dezen morgen de ere te ontvangen Ued Meisnie van de  
30 Jan (09) davelles ons werd overhandigt door d'Heeren Benjamin Peake en Duncan  
Campbell Wij zien in ditse de Forma in dewelke Ued de Confirmatie en Ratificatie  
van het gedane Werk wenschte te hebben, davelke wij Ued hoonensoms sienien, en  
dawan goed zielek naar noodzakelike was geweest; doch dewyl nu alles bevredigt  
is, hoopon wij deeze Vriendschap van duur mag sijn, Vergekerende Ued daer-  
ovent alles van onse Kant te contrahieren.

Wij danken Ued onvertuschen ingemants van herten Uer detselvs  
medelie en hierinne gemonene moede & sullen met plaiser alle occasie  
aanbancien om Ued te loonen dat wij waarlijk mei veel eehime sijn

Int Castiel St George d'Elmora  
dezen 11<sup>de</sup> February 1729.

Mijn Heer — or —  
Robert Norris

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[Original]

read

We have had your letter to us of 21<sup>o</sup> January w<sup>th</sup> / great attention, & sh<sup>d</sup> endeavour to comply w<sup>th</sup> the Request as far as / limits o a law will permit us  
 We observe fr four first ~~Part~~ Paragraphs are considered by / Peace, y<sup>e</sup> h<sup>e</sup> so happily settled betw<sup>n</sup> / 2 Cos upon this Coast, & indeed if h<sup>e</sup> m<sup>r</sup>. had not so graciously & timely interposed, in all Appare the most h<sup>e</sup> bn are End<sup>d</sup> put to / Cos Trade here, & / Consequences o / loss o it are easily foreseen. & / Separate Traders themselves how much s<sup>o</sup>n they may h<sup>e</sup> opposed once Co wd soon h<sup>e</sup> found / Ill Effects o / which be<sup>g</sup> Masters o all / Gold Coast; & be doubt not if ever such a misfortune sh<sup>d</sup> happen, they will be as ready to Pet<sup>n</sup> agst / which w<sup>l</sup> c<sup>o</sup> as ever they h<sup>e</sup> bn to Pet<sup>n</sup> agst / R.A.C. o Engl, & w<sup>l</sup> much more Reason.

But leav<sup>g</sup> / reason o these weighty Affairs to our Superiors. We sh<sup>d</sup> hasten to Answer / 2<sup>o</sup> 2<sup>o</sup> 2<sup>o</sup> o fr fr.

First as to Pirates We h<sup>e</sup> not heard o any fr some yrs past upon this Coast, but when the wars, / Import<sup>n</sup> o / R.A.C's Settlements appeared, by giv<sup>g</sup> Prote<sup>n</sup> to Capt Lawrence Prince, a Private Trader, under / Guns o this Coast, when England / Pirates came before the Court & a fair Testimony o / Usefulness o / Cos Settlements appears when Pirate Roberts & his Gang were tryed & Executed here, as / only Place upon this Coast where such a Gang cd h<sup>e</sup> bn safely Secured & brot to Justice under H<sup>o</sup> M<sup>o</sup> Comm<sup>o</sup>.

[  
 Restored  
 not King of  
 C.C.C. (He was  
 killed in 1722  
 off Cape Lopez  
 while on a  
 mission to  
 D.N.A. (1711  
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We shall now proceed to give an Act o / Cos Trade & Settlements upon this Coast, wh<sup>ch</sup> is Capable o beg<sup>g</sup> by much improved w<sup>th</sup> a small Encouragement fr our Cos. more especially g<sup>o</sup> lions o Gold both in Coin & dust may be jely sent into England, if / Portuguese are allowed to come fr Lisbon or Parrall

directly to / Cos Settlements fr Slaves; but this / Dutch look upon to be too sweet a morsell fr any to come in fr a Share o but themselves & therefore make prizes o all Portuguese t attempt it; & hitherto h<sup>e</sup> not bn content to see / R.A.C o Engl. reduced to / lowest Ebb at Home, but h<sup>e</sup> oppressed them at / same time abroad, by giv<sup>g</sup> out arms / Natives to govern C.C.C. itself & all / Engl. Settlements wd soon be in their hands, & t C.C.C wd make a good pretty fish here to the Ch Settlement = El'muna

To begin & give a Topographical Act o all / Cos Settlements in our District wd be tedious bec it is to be met w<sup>th</sup> in London, & is what we know fr h<sup>e</sup> at present by fr.

This Part o Guinea more part<sup>s</sup> called / Gold Coast bequing at C. Three Points & end<sup>d</sup> at / River Volta lies betw<sup>n</sup> / Lat. o 4 & 5 N. & / Coast 2 N 2<sup>o</sup> abt 90 Leagues; & has always bn always counted / most considerable fr Trade, & therefore / European Nants h<sup>e</sup> endeavoured as much as possible to ingress this part o / Coast to themselves; but / English & Dutch at present are / only considerable Competitors fr it, having Castles built w<sup>th</sup> within Two Shott o one ano<sup>r</sup> almost fr one End o it to / 0<sup>r</sup>, / Danes have only one fort at Accra.

The first Settlement we find to Windward upon this Coast belong<sup>g</sup> to / R.A.C o Engl is called Dexiore by 9 abt 8 Leagues to / Eastward o C Three Points. This is a small Compleat Square Fort, built upon a Command Hill & fortified w<sup>th</sup> 4 Bactions m<sup>o</sup>ring 20 pieces o Cannon fr 3 to 9 Pounders, & Garrisoned w<sup>th</sup> White Men & Gunnetas or Soldiers o / Country sufer to repel any force o / Natives.

This Fort is kept in excellent Repare as be<sup>g</sup> / Chief Place fr whence all / Rest o / Forts are supplied w<sup>th</sup> Tumbers & Lime, / Trade here is not so considerable as at some o<sup>r</sup> places to leeward, but is more then sufer to bear / Charge o its Maintenance, & w<sup>l</sup> w<sup>l</sup> in what we sh<sup>d</sup> describe when we come to speak o / Trade in Pen o / Gold Coast

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Abt 9 leagues still to / Eastward of weel find / Cos Fort called Succordee, a Square Fort, also fortified w 4 Bastions mounted 24 Guns at a Platform towards / Sea mounted w 9 heavy Guns. The strength o this place was experienced abt 3 yrs ago when sev thousands Ashante Negroes (an Inland People), attempted it, & tho v much encouraged by / Dutch were beat off w gr loss. The Trade o this Place is considerable of Slaves, Gold, & Teeth a v much supplies / deficiencies o d<sup>r</sup> parts o / Coast & therefore has bn a gr eyesore to / Dutch.

Seven leagues more to / Eastward lies / Cos Fort Commenda beg a square double Fort o v considerable strength, fortified w 24 Gr Guns carryg fr 3 to 12 lb Ball. The Trade o this place consists also in Slaves Elephants teeth, & some Gold but is not so considerable of Trade as Succordee. The Garrison here has always bn found euf<sup>r</sup> ag<sup>t</sup> / Natives.

Abt 8 leagues Coastg still to / Eastward of find / Cos Chief Settlement called C. C. This is situated as near as may be in / Center o / Gold Coast within 2 leagues o / Dutch Chief Fort o El Mina. It has bn in / hands o / English above 70 years who bn in for / Success, & h bn at / Expense o v gr Sums o m<sup>o</sup>ny to erect / present Buildings, wh makes so considerable an appearance in this part o Africa.

Here / R. A. C. h placed / Center o d<sup>r</sup> Fort, & this Castle presides over, & s<sup>up</sup>plies all / rest w what is neccy for the Trade & befc. This Castle is ~~like~~ a square building as beg most convenient in this Country, fortified w 4 lge Bastions wh are mounted w 30 Gr Guns, besides Towards / Sea, is a lge Platform reachg / whole length o / Curtain mounted w 11 Guns fr 18 to 32 Pounds suff<sup>t</sup> to protect any ships in / Port.

Towards / Land, this Castle is surrounded w v high & strong walls, & a Detach<sup>mt</sup> before / Gate of / gr security. Here is never less than a Co o European Soldiers wh w Officers & Tradesmen seldom make less than 90 or 100 Souls, & is capable o resisting any force wh European or N<sup>o</sup>, t can be mustered in these parts, & was found a gr security to ships durg / late french Wars.

The African Co h here a lge Tract o Land capable of producing what our Southern Plantations afford.

The Air o this Castle is much better than t o El Mina, beg built upon a Rock open to / Sea Breezes, / Town also stands upon a dry Soil.

Five leagues fur<sup>r</sup> to / Eastward lies / Cos Fort at Annamaboe, at present neglected, / separate traders havg raised / Price o Slaves at this place to more than double what it was some yrs ago wh<sup>o</sup>by / Co h bn discouraged from supporting t Fort & therefore needs but little Descri<sup>o</sup>n.

32. 36. Ubon / Coast 6 leagues far / Co has a fort called Tantum quarry  
 which is a square like / rest, fortified w 4 bastions & 20 gr  
 guns suitly garrisoned. This most remarkable by furnishing gr  
 quantities of Corn & provisions to /<sup>or</sup> Settlements  
Seven leagues, still lower down / Coast is / Co's Fort at  
Wornebahi, much / same as / former but more considerable of trade.

- Pera at present of gr Commerce super / Trade bet super  
 of 13 forts English Dutch & Daves all by near one another  
 - Over Co's fort situated upon a rocky cliff hanging over /  
 sea & is walled by strong ... w 4 bastions & 20 leagues  
 - This part of / Coast Gold Coast considered / healthiest - w  
 Cattle, Fowls & of good fish in abundance

- The Co's Trade upon this Coast is really capable of being  
 wonderfully enlarged & made of gr advantage to /<sup>the</sup> in gen, but  
 / disadvantage of late yrs / Co has much w at home, & for / Dutch  
 abroad & by much interrupted & more rigorous pursuit of it but  
 it is now to be hoped for / present management at home & peace  
 here, things will take a new turn.

As / no of negroes / Co depends upon this part of /  
 Coast fluctuates by much we cannot ascertain any part of no  
 but they are generally wanted for 2-3000 The teeth & Gold ~~trade~~  
 from home is likewise uncertain bec whilst / Natives can buy  
 / Commodities they want of Slaves they will not part w ~~the~~  
 Gold or / gr demand for Slaves has so raised / price of them  
 & / negroes inhabiting / Island countries for whence / Gold is brought  
 are so plentifully furnished w all European goods & they will  
 pay gold only for such portion of commodities as happen to be in gr  
 demand & thereby become scarce on / Coast

[Whydah]

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John Brathwaite [orig sig]  
 Robert Cruikshank " "

Cabo Corso Castle  
 Jersey [sic = Feb 4] 5th 1729/9

To John Smith Esqr Capt of HM S. Sophie in CC Road Africa

[argued]

21 May 1729 Onboard HM S Sophie in CC Road [head  
 4 Oct]

Capt John Smith to Hon Josiah Burchett,  
 Refers to his let of 7 Feb - Feb 11 and Whydah sailed there  
 14 Feb and St. Thome March 10, left Mar 17 and Choper 26th  
 left 31 Mar & returned to / Coast April 18 (Palmas) April  
 26th anchored CC Road, and in 4 m's previous there complained  
 to / Agents abt / high price of them induces copy of his letter to  
 you them [enc] - abt / State of Dutch Settlements - has  
 not such w k information be ed to [inserted]. But by /

Observe

1729.

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37Rebuletty (contd)Adm 1/2455 (contd)

Observations I have made + by facts I have read from civil old traders, / Dutch settlements in gen are kept in good repair + well supplied in all manner of stores + ammunition; but I am informed / chief support of the trade is / advantage they make of Portuguese to come on / Coast; they have always Cruisers looking out to windward as high as Cape Palmas, besides small vessels at convenient stations who compel all Portuguese ships + vessels to stop at Elmina, they pay 10% for a licence to trade on / Coast; if they pass by w<sup>o</sup> being cleared at / Mine the Cruisers seize them + condemn them as lawful prizes - - -

- Is getting under sail to proceed to Barbadoes. -

[where he arrived 24<sup>th</sup> July - as far as he is to Rebuletty for shore of 28 July]

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[End of Adm 1/2455]

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Admiralty

Pirates

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2. presented at 24 Iron Guns from 6 to 32 Pounds which is sufficient to protect any ships  
on / Road & is garrisoned with a Co of Soldiers with officers & Trades men.  
Seldom falls short of 90 or 100; & from its advantageous position, which  
is on a rock close to / water edge, can prevent any Europeans landing to  
annoy them. Towards / land it is strengthened with very high thick walls & hath a  
watching before / Gate for its greater security & reception of Negroes under / R.A.G's  
protection in war time. I am informed / no of whom is not less than 2500 or  
3000. In / Castle are 2 lge Cisterns or Tanks for preserving of water, one of  
which contains when full 400 Tuns & / the 200. There is also near / Castle  
a lge spacious Garden which produces pineapples, oranges, lemons, limes  
coco nuts, Guabaceys, & all manner of herbs roots & plants which will  
grow in / warm Climate. It is adorned with very long pleasant & shady  
walks having Orange Coco nuts & Lime trees planted on each side.

On / 2d October I anchored at Annamaboe & saw / remains  
of / Cos' Fort which at present is neglected & out of repair. The Trade of  
this place consists in Corn & Slaves.

On / 4th Oct. I anchored at Tantumquery which is a  
square Fort fortified with 4 Bastions wherein is mounted 12 Guns from  
3 to 9 Pounds & is garrisoned with white & Molattoe Soldiers & is  
partly remarkable for preserving quantities of Corn to / the settlers.

On / 5th Oct. I anchored at Winnegah, which is for 8 leagues  
to / East of Tantumquery. This is fortified with 4 Bastions wherein  
are mounted 14 Guns from 3 to 9 Pounds. This place is garrisoned  
like / rest with white & Molattoe Soldiers & in / indr good repair.

On / 7th I anchored at James Fort ~~the~~ at Akra which is about  
9 or 10 leagues to / East of Winnegah & is / last Fort / Co hath  
on / Gold Coast. This built on a rocky cliff hangs over / sea & is  
very strong being a double Fort consisting of 4 Bastions on  
which are mounted 38 Guns which carry from 4-18 lb Ball. In / middle thereof  
is a square tower wherein is / Apartment of / Chief & / Cos' Warehouse,  
& before / Gate there is a ~~the~~ watching of its defence. The Garrison, by  
reason of / mortality has been sometime ago among / Cos' Servants  
on / Coast is smaller than usual & has only 12 men. The whole  
Trade of / Gold Coast consists in gold elephants' teeth & slaves

but at present is much <sup>obstructed</sup> ~~retracted~~ by / Wars among / Natives.

The 10th Oct. I anchored at Quibah which is one of / Cos'  
Factory houses. The Trade of this place consists in slaves &  
is managed by one Factor, one Writer & some Black servants.

The 16th Oct. I anchored at Whydah.

As for / strength of / Dutch Ports I can give you no  
certain acc<sup>t</sup>. The Trade is in / some ways as / English,  
very much obstructed by / Wars amongst / Natives. The  
Dutch use all means possible to obstruct / Afr. Cos' Trade with /  
Blacks.

Admety (contd)

Adm 1/1599

Blacks & likewise w / Portuguese to come fm Brazil, / Masters o wh, even after they h pd / duty o 10% at Elmina, they prohibit fm stoppg or making Trade at any o / R A C's Ports, threatening them w confiscation o ship & cargo in case they sh transgress. They likewise make use o / same menaces to deter any o / Man for acceptg / R A C's protec<sup>n</sup>. Ten days before my arriv at Acora a Portuguese ship anchored in / Road, / Master whos<sup>t</sup> sent one o his officers on shore to / English Chief, to know if he had any Slaves to dispose o, to wh it was answered he had, & / Chief having showed / Officer some Slaves he returned agn on board, sayg he wd acquaint his Master what he had seen who wd come & make an agreem<sup>t</sup> f them. But no sooner was he gone on board than / Master weighed anchor & sailed directly down / Coast beg acquainted by a Jr fm / Dutch Chief Merchant at Acora, sent off to him upon seeing one o his officers come on shore to / English Port, threatening him w / immediate confiscation o his ship & cargo if he bot one slave o / English Co

Left off / Island o Princess  
Nov / 24<sup>th</sup> 1730

I am re  
Jno Cockburn

Compt	Bane	Musket	Sick on board
180	180	180	0

Recd 23 April

15 Jan 1731.

Hons Lord at CC. Letter fm John Cockburn  
[to Josiah Burchett]

Refers to his last o 24<sup>th</sup> Nov - Sailed fm Is<sup>le</sup> o Princess 24 Nov, ...  
Touched at Island o St Thomas, f wood & water - checked up / Coast  
to C Mazarrada then down / Coast touchg at C Palmas C Apol  
& all / Cos Settlements & anchored at CC here [at CC] / 10<sup>th</sup> inst  
Has had no acct o ~~pirates~~ any pirates beg on / Coast. Will sail  
hence in 5 or 6 days f / Island St Thomas & wood & water, &  
thence to Barbadoes.

[End o Cockburn's ltr in Adm 1/1599]

Lord's Log [Adm 51/4236.

On 8 Jan 1731 ... Bramdenburgh Castle ... at 10 brot to & sent  
/ Yawl on shore at noon. she returned & brot  
an acct t I cd not be supplied w any water here for ths were  
50,000 Blacks agst / Castle & t they had blockd up /  
[waiting place] (no o<sup>r</sup> Entries of suff<sup>r</sup> into to note)

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1737.  
Pirates

19 Nov 1737. A Court o Admirty held at CCC  
 James Cornwall. Capt o / HMS Greenwich President  
 John Cope } Chief Agents  
 Wm Tynawell }  
 2 Lieuts of <sup>the</sup> Catford & Frank Cornwall  
 David Buckton Secy  
 Stephen Lushington Factor.

Accused  
 1st Mate 2nd Mate Surgeon & crew o ship ~~Tencksbury~~ Gally o Bristol

Charge  
 On 2 Nov 1737 off River St Andrews on W.ward Coast; did murder  
 1 Master Edou Ryan & practically seized / ship

Accused Seven o / crew of / ship.

Witnesses 1st Mate 2nd Mate Surgeon & 9 crew o / ship ~~Tencksbury~~  
 Gally o Bristol.

Sentence 2 bound under indenture to serve RAC on Capt f 7 years  
 & condemned to be hung at side / Castle Gates  
 on 26 Nov.



Admiralty

Captains' letters

1743 - 1744

Admiralty.

1743-44

(Captains' letters)

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5. Edward Herbert 1744.

Endorsed. Woolwich, Barbadoes  
20 Mars 1743.  
Capt Herbert.  
Gaily Acct o/  
State o Condim o/  
Forts & Settlements on  
Coast o Africa

Adm 57. Captains logs.  
Woolwich  
1082 1741. Apr 4 ..... 1747 Apr 2

Woolwich's Acct  
o / State  
o / Condim  
o / English  
Factories  
on / Coast  
o Africa

Sir

In obedie to the Lordships Orders to me o 21st o March 1742, to make best Observa<sup>ns</sup>  
o / state o Royall African Co's Forts, Settlements, & Factorys, & also o / Dutch & o<sup>r</sup> Hans & Akenha<sup>ns</sup>  
o / Circumst<sup>s</sup> o / Trade carryed on by / English, & o<sup>r</sup> Hans in t part o / World, I after-  
men tioned is an Acct o / same fm / River Gambia down as far as Lehydah, wh I be strove  
to do in / fullest manner I possibly cd f / better informa<sup>n</sup> o the Lordships, Viz:

Gambia  
Sierra Leone

Dixcove Fort is / first on / Gold Coast, & is now not much more than / Ruins o a Fort.  
t mounts upon five separate Bastions thirty Guns, & looks as if it formerly hd on  
a good & lge Fort, strong enough f any Force t possibly cd be brot agst it by  
any number o / Inhabitants; but at present it is so much out o repairs, as well  
/ ry Walls & apartments o / Castle as / Guns & Gun Carriages thereof, that it is now no  
more (as I h sd above) than / bare Ruin o what it has bn. I found here  
only a Chief Factor & a Sergeant t were white Men, & three or four Malottah  
Men wh were under / denomina<sup>n</sup> o Soldiers, / Trade o this place is not so  
much regarded as it o<sup>r</sup> to be, f th<sup>r</sup> was so little goods, & / Chief has hd little  
experie at it, t he cd give me little but little insight into / same, but I find  
/ g<sup>t</sup> use t is made o this Castle by / Co's Agents, is / cult<sup>d</sup> o Timber & planks  
wh are here in g<sup>t</sup> plenty & gatherg o Lime Stones out o a little Arm o / Sea, f  
wh purpose they h abt Seventy or eighty good work<sup>g</sup> Slaves & t Numbers  
are sufficient to cut Timber & gather Limestones enough f / use o all / o<sup>r</sup> Forts.

Succoondee is / Name o second Fort as y pass down / Coast & is a lge Castle  
v<sup>y</sup> conveniently Situated both f defence (and as I h bn informed) f Trade,  
it is built both lger & stronger than / Fort at Dixcove, & kept up in better repair  
(tho' not much) bec it has a good Dutch Fort within Gunshot o it; agst wh  
th<sup>r</sup> is a Battery o twelve good Cannon, besides / o<sup>r</sup> four Bastions o Fort  
wh mounts twenty four Guns, & is able to be either upon / Defensive or Offensive  
w / Dutch or Natives, hd they but more Soldiers & white people; f here th<sup>r</sup> was  
no more than at Dixcove, wh may easily be perceived are not sufficient to keep  
th<sup>g</sup>s in the proper Order, f most o / Guns are almost ready to fall out o the  
Carriages as they stand, & o Consequ<sup>e</sup> are in a much worse Situa<sup>n</sup> when<sup>t</sup> they  
are fired; The Trade here has bn much neglected by / Co & f want o Goods /  
Dutch had hd f some time / g<sup>t</sup> share o all t has come fm / Country.

Commenda is / third Fort, & is still lger & stronger than either o /  
or two, it beg double fortified, as well agst / Dutch (who h also a strong Fort  
here) as / Negroes who are v<sup>y</sup> numerous & are a v<sup>y</sup> warlike rich people, but  
/ Fort is in a bad a Condim as either o / o<sup>r</sup>s, it mounts abt forty five Guns,  
but so badly look'd after; t it is dangerous f<sup>r</sup> any o them, / reason o wh I  
like to be / want o Hands, proper to look after those th<sup>g</sup>s, f here, as at Succoondee  
& Dixcove they h no more than a Chief who is a white Man & he commands  
four or five Malottah Soldiers; here as at Succoondee, / Dutch Carrys on abt the  
Fort a good Trade, wh / English Chief can h no share o f want o Goods.

Cape Coast Castle is / next, is a lge Spacious building, but v<sup>y</sup> much out o  
repairs, as well as / Guns & Gun Carriages, it is g<sup>t</sup>ly in want o all manner o  
Warlike stores, & by a moderate Computa<sup>n</sup> as I h heard / Chiefs mention, it  
wd take upwards o ten Thousand pounds to put it in a proper Condim o  
defence. This is / Co's Chief Castle & is / residence o / Co's Agents, & at this place  
it is they keep the Magazine f Stores, Goods & provins & from hence Convey  
them to / Out factories as they are wanted. It mounts Seventy Guns, fm

able to four Pounders upon Bastions so conveniently built as to flank one another  
Command's Town & Landing places both to Eastward & Westward & defend toward  
or well, they have here between thirty & forty white men & Malottahs, Counting / Chiefs,  
Officers, & Soldiers who were looked upon, not to be a chief part sufficient to carry  
or / necessary business of Co, & many more it wd require to defend it, or keep it  
in a defensible Condition.

Annamaboe is / principal Mart of whole gold Coast. The Co h here / ruins of  
a vry good Fort, where they now keep only one Man & pay / some ground Rent  
of it, as when it was kept in a proper repair, just to keep up / Co's right to / place,  
no more than / outer Walls of / sd Castle is at present standg, tho' w some Experience  
it yet be made a vry good place wh wd be (in any opinion) be of more Consequence  
to / Co's Affairs than any of the o' Duforts, wh is vry visible, even at this time by  
/ continual Intrusion of French private Traders, wh is a gr Violation upon / Rights of Co  
at it, as they constantly come thr to Compleat their Slavy, when this is not force  
sufficient to deter them fm / same, & as I h been informed by / Chief, the  
number of y Increase vry year, & h already made some attempts to gain a  
Settlement here, wh no doubt wd be / ruin as well of Co in part, as to / private  
Trade in gen, if they can Afford & do give much qter prices of Slaves & o'  
African Commodities than we can, & so must in time cut us quite out of  
Trade to this Coast.

Tantum query is / first Fort to seaward of Annamaboe, it is but a small  
Castle & has no more than fifteen Guns upon four Bastions wh are as badly  
mounted, or / Fort itself as much out of repair as any of / rest of / Westward  
Forts; here they h no more white men than a Chief, & a Serjeant, & three  
or four Malottah Soldiers. The Trade of this place is worse (if possible worse  
can be) than any of / o's, & / people who inhabit here are vry difficult to be kept in  
any tolerable order, wh occasions frequent Disturbances between them & / Castle  
of this place.

Winneba is / next Fort down / Coast wh is much such and as Tantum query,  
it mounts no more than fifteen Guns & h / same number of white men &  
Malottahs at it, it is in a vry bad repair as well / Guns & Gun Carriages as /  
Apartments, & even / o' outer Walls of / Castle, wh wd require much Labour  
& Expence to put it in any tolerable Condition, besides wh / four Bastions of  
Fort on wh / fifteen Guns are mounted, are so small, & there is hardly room  
to Traverse / Guns as they shd to be. The Inhabitants of this place are a  
Civil, quiet, good sort of people & are always willing to obey any of / Chiefs  
orders of / good of / Fort; The Trade here was formerly vry considerable,  
but is now gone to ruin, as well as to all / o' Forts, wh (as I h been told) is  
/ continual want of Goods to supply / same.

Accrah is / only Fort wh seems to be in any tolerable Condition it is / last  
of Co's Settlements this part of Coast, & has any dependance on / Chiefs of Cape  
Coast excepting a small Battery they are now abt building a little fur to seaward,  
wh they call Prampram, & wh receives orders, Supplies & a fm / Chief of this  
Fort. Accra is built after / same Modell as Commenda & is almost as  
lg, it mounts forty five Guns, & are all in tolerable good repair, it has  
both a Dutch & Danish Forts of its Neighbour, & of t reason they commonly  
keep it in a pretty good Condition, both as to / repair of / Fort & / Trade  
thereof, wh has lately been vry good, by reason they h had much better  
Supplies of Goods than any of / o' Forts, & wh h been as much as / Agents cd  
possibly gather fm / rest to send here, in order to keep up in some measure  
/ Co's Interest here. They h however no more than a Chief, a Serjeant,  
a Gunner & three white men in / Fort, w two or three more Malottahs,  
& not w / repair this Fort seems to be in, it yet requires some small  
Amendments & a gr many stores, & it is reputed by a moderate Computa<sup>n</sup>  
of those t are esteemed to be good Judges of those things, & it wd require  
at least Thirty Thousand pounds (besides what is mentioned of t  
purpose at Cape Coast) to put / o' Forts in tolerable good repair & in a  
posture of Defence & store them w Warlike stores Ammunition &c.

The Trade in gen of this part of Coast (it is fm Dixcous to  
Accrah) consists chiefly of Slaves, Gold, & Elephants Teeth, & wh /  
French seems at present to get / qter share, they gain daily on us,  
& if not soon prevented may be a gr detriment to our Trade in  
gen this Coast, of reasons before Alleged.

The Dutch comes in f/ next share, they h almost double / Number o Forts on / Coast as we h, wh are all kept up in vj good repair & at wh they drive a vj Considerable Trade, & seems to be in a vj flourishing state, by reason o a liberty t / Chiefs o the Forts enjoy, wh is to trade f themselves, payg a certain Tribute to / Co f / same, wh / Dutch Co find to be so Considerable t they will not Interrupt / send Chiefs by sending goods to them (at wh times they are obliged to Trade f / Co). This it is t encourages / Dutch Chiefs to Trade w Vigour, wh they do most Effectually, whereas our Chiefs cannot by the Instrumts trade / Coast f themselves, tho they h no Goods to trade f / Co t they vj often h / Mortificati<sup>n</sup> to see vj good Trade come to them, when they h nothing to purchase it w, fm wh it is g<sup>o</sup> to be feared t if a remedy be not soon Applied, / whole Trade o our Forts will soon fall into / hands o / Dutch, who are always upon / Watch & ready to take Advantage o our weakness, & as far as I can see, it has not bn in / power o our present Directors o / Co's Affairs, to put them in a better Conditi<sup>n</sup>, notw<sup>g</sup> the repeated Endeavours to t end, f / Supplies they receive fm / Co (wh do not exceed four Thousand p. Ann<sup>um</sup>) is so vj inconsiderable t it cannot possibly enable them to put, & keep / Forts & Castles in any better repair than what is before mentioned, & much less, to Carry on the Trade as it shd be. This sum is so far Short o being sufficient (f 9 h bn told / Maintene<sup>n</sup> o / Castles comes yearly to fifteen Thousand pounds) t they are now reduced so low t if a Supply o Goods do not arrive to them in four months after I left them (wh was in Decem<sup>r</sup> 1743) they will be forced to borrow a Subsistence fm / Dutch, who no doubt will be glad o t opp<sup>s</sup> to take some Advantage o our Necessities.

Our English private Traders at present seems also to neglect this Trade, wh it is occasioned by / late Depredati<sup>o</sup> o / Spanish Privateers, or t / French has got too gt ahead over them, I can't pretend to determine

Whydah is / next & last fort o / Co's on / Gold Coast o Africa. This Fort or Castle is Independant o Cape Coast

The English Chief o this place (Isaac Gregory by name) acquainted me t he had not bn Supplyd w either Goods, Stores, provisions, not w even a letter fm / Co since his Arrival on / Coast wh is now near six years

I am - &c -  
E. Herbert

On board his  
Majesty's ship /  
Woolwich in Carlisle  
Bay Barbadoes 20<sup>th</sup> March  
1743/4  
To Thomas Corbett Esq. &c.

[no endorsement on following letter from Capt. ...]  
In Adm. 1. 1883 = 1714  
The orig. dtd 29 Sept 2 / copy 28<sup>th</sup> ]

Sir My last letter to y<sup>e</sup> / Informa<sup>n</sup> o the Lordships was from Cape Coast  
Septem: 26<sup>th</sup> last by / dark Snow (Thomas Whitford Master) bound to Bristol  
wherein I acquainted y<sup>e</sup> / o my proceedg<sup>s</sup> to t<sup>e</sup> time, & gave y<sup>e</sup> an Acct & I had wrote  
to y<sup>e</sup> from Sierra Leone River / 18<sup>th</sup> o July last by / Glasgow Snow (Wm Edgar Mas<sup>r</sup>)  
by / way o Antogora, & likewise from St. Jago (Cape de Verde Isle) / 29<sup>th</sup> o may last  
by / way o Barbadoes w<sup>h</sup> an enclosed weekly Acct & an Acct o Ships Spoke w<sup>h</sup> by  
me re a, & in my last from Cape Coast, sent an Acct o Ships & Vessels taken on  
this Coast by / Spanish Privateers, w<sup>h</sup> letters I hope are come safe to hand.

In my last, acquainted y<sup>e</sup> / I was proceedg down / Coast as far as whydah,  
by / Advice o / Chiefs o Cape Coast as they cd not tell me how Low down /  
Coast / Privateers proceeded, w<sup>h</sup> I find was no full than Accrah, beg seen off  
the best had not taken or made any more prizes. The 2<sup>d</sup> o October Octo<sup>r</sup> Coast  
weighed from Cape Coast / 13<sup>d</sup> Do Anchored at Annamaboa & found here as  
p. / enclosed Acct [supra, p. 2]

Wm Westward & a French Ship called / African, Villa Mare Master, drove  
a gt trade here, bot fifty or Sixty Slaves o a day, & / Francis Bassiott, who is  
Just arrived likewise did / same, I sent up an Officer to / Chiefs o Cape Coast  
to acquaint them w<sup>h</sup> it & w<sup>h</sup> they had the leave to bye in this road, as I knew  
it must hurt the trade, my Officer returned & brot a letter from / Chiefs to  
me, Complaining o / prejudic<sup>e</sup> o / french Ships by & tradg in our road o  
Annamaboa, was contrary to the Right, & desiring me to Oblige them to  
quit it or to drive them out. I likewise received a letter from Thomas

Edrid, Master o / little Bacchus, an English Schooner (now here) dated /  
15<sup>th</sup> o Octo<sup>r</sup>. Complaining he had been ill treated by a french Merchant Ship  
at his comg into / road, Called / Queen o France Mon<sup>r</sup> Buren<sup>r</sup> Ambre,  
Mas<sup>r</sup>, who had fired a shot at him, tho his Boat was then go<sup>g</sup> on board /  
french man to acquaint him who he was, & after kept one o his men a  
Prisoner on board for twelve hours under pretce o making him pay for  
shot. likewise received from / Chiefs o Cape Coast Copies o letters  
dated in April & May last t<sup>e</sup> passd betw<sup>h</sup> them & Captains o french  
ships by in Annamaboa road, on Acct o Seizg in a Pyraticeall  
manner an English Schooner o Rhode Island — / Carr Mas<sup>r</sup>, w<sup>h</sup>  
letters & Copies I now send y<sup>e</sup>.

By / desire o / Chiefs o Cape Coast, & ill treatment / English  
had met w<sup>h</sup> from / french; I Obliged / Francis to quit / road / mess<sup>r</sup>  
m<sup>r</sup>, & was Obliged to let / french ship bye till she had cleared  
her Decks t<sup>e</sup> were w<sup>h</sup> much lumbered, but put an Officer on board  
her to prevent her fur<sup>r</sup> tradg. & on / 6<sup>th</sup> in / may she sailed out o / road:  
& obligd both to promise t<sup>e</sup> they wd not return into / road, & likewise  
told them to take Care & behave themselves well to all English Mers-  
chant ships t<sup>e</sup> they shd meet, & likewise to inform the Countrymen to  
do / same as they must expect to Answer / bad Consequences t<sup>e</sup> m<sup>r</sup> ensue.  
This I did as I was go<sup>g</sup> down / Coast; hasg received an Acct dated / 2<sup>d</sup>  
Do o two Palavers / God Agents, had, / first at Tantum quarry, w<sup>h</sup> I  
sent Mr<sup>r</sup> Tindale my second Lieutenant to settle the knowg / Nature o  
/ Inhabitants hasg been twice on / Coast before w<sup>h</sup> he did settle to / Satis-  
fac<sup>n</sup> o / Chiefs; / Acct o / Palaver dated / 6<sup>th</sup> Do betw<sup>h</sup> / Chiefs o Cape  
Coast & Mr<sup>r</sup> Glob Dorph, / Chief o / Dames for<sup>r</sup> at Accrah. on Acct o  
pammarg five o / Prampram people belonging to / Dames, natives be-  
long<sup>g</sup> to us, & damages done by people belong<sup>g</sup> to / Dames, on / property  
& goods o / sd natives o / Prampram, w<sup>h</sup> I designed settling on my  
Arrival here: The 8<sup>th</sup> Do I weighed from Annamaboa & passed /  
two before mentioned french ships by at an Anchor o / Omussa river,  
they sent the Boats on board of me & they a second time promised me  
they wd not go into / road o Annamaboa, t<sup>e</sup> night Anchored at  
Tantum quarry, & found / Palaver settled to / Chiefs Satisfac<sup>n</sup> by Mr<sup>r</sup>  
Tindale. I left this place / next m<sup>r</sup> & Anchored at Wumehah, w<sup>h</sup> I

Left / 10<sup>th</sup> & Anchor'd / next day off Accra; I settled / Palasar on Shore betw<sup>n</sup> our  
Cos' Chief Agents & / Dames' Chief here, hd / five people deliver'd up to me (belong'g to Pram-  
pram & w<sup>y</sup> th<sup>y</sup> Elbe settled o<sup>r</sup> this Palasar to / Satisfac<sup>n</sup> o<sup>r</sup> our Chiefs. I find / Pista-  
teers were seen fm hence for in / Offs, beg / last place on / Coast they were seen fm. I  
sailed fm hence / 12<sup>th</sup> & Anchor'd off Prampram, where I deliver'd / before-mentioned  
people (twere panniard) to / Chief here, & took his receipt; / next m<sup>g</sup> I left / this  
place & proceeded down / Coast, stop'd at little Poppo where our private Traders & a factory  
house; / 14<sup>th</sup> Do Anchor'd at Whydah, where I found ev<sup>y</sup> th<sup>y</sup> well. I Completed my  
Water by / 23<sup>rd</sup> Do & they work'd up along shore, design'g / Cape Coast, to Consult /  
Chiefs next, what I cd do for / service o<sup>r</sup> our Trade on / Coast; / 4<sup>th</sup> o<sup>r</sup> Novemb<sup>r</sup>  
Anchor'd off Annamaboa road & saw three french ships & an English Sloop at an  
Anchor thro<sup>u</sup> Mrs Creighton one o<sup>r</sup> Chief Agents at Cape Coast came on board me, &  
told me / African Villa Mare May<sup>r</sup> was agn Anchor'd in t<sup>e</sup> road & now th<sup>r</sup>  
contrary to his promises, wh<sup>o</sup> was a gr<sup>t</sup> Insult & a Viole<sup>n</sup> on th<sup>r</sup> Rights & priviledges,  
& v<sup>y</sup> prejudicial to th<sup>r</sup> Trade, as they hd no leave fm / Cos' Chief Agents to trade  
th<sup>r</sup>, but done in defyce o<sup>r</sup> them, not hav'g it in th<sup>r</sup> power to drive them out, & /  
floatg factory, Captain George Hamilton, t<sup>was</sup> th<sup>r</sup>, who used to keep / french fm  
Anchor'g here w<sup>o</sup> leave, beg blown up in March last to prevent here fallg into /  
Privateers hands. The french are v<sup>y</sup> desirous to h<sup>ave</sup> this road & Settlement to themselves  
(as / letters wh<sup>o</sup> I now send to y<sup>e</sup> will prove.

Agreeable to th<sup>r</sup> Lordships' Orders to me to protect our Rights, Ships, &  
Trade in these parts, I directly sent my first lieutenant to order ev<sup>y</sup> one o<sup>r</sup> french  
ships out o<sup>r</sup> road immediately, & just at this time a Haussar parted t<sup>o</sup> I came  
too w<sup>o</sup>, wh<sup>o</sup> Oblig'd me to stay to Sweep f<sup>r</sup> my Anchor. One o<sup>r</sup> french ships quitted  
/ road immediately. Likewise / African Villa Mare after my boat got on board him,  
& / third, / Victory M<sup>o</sup> Poulis secured himself. t<sup>his</sup> Boat was absent up at /  
Mines. Villa Mare Anchor'd agn just below Cormantyne road, beg ab<sup>o</sup> one league  
to leeward o<sup>r</sup> Annamaboa; / next day beg / 15<sup>th</sup> o<sup>r</sup> Novemb<sup>r</sup> I got my Ketch Anchor'd  
& weigh'd & stood in f<sup>r</sup> Cormantyne road, to know / reason o<sup>r</sup> Villa Mare's An-  
chor'g th<sup>r</sup>, he sd th<sup>r</sup> was a Contract (betw<sup>n</sup> him & / Dutch Chief o<sup>r</sup> Cormantyne)  
f<sup>r</sup> Slaves, / next m<sup>g</sup> I sent Mrs Mara my first lieutenant, to / Dutch Chief  
to know what Contract was betw<sup>n</sup> them, as I hd gr<sup>t</sup> reason to believe Villa  
Mare's Anchor'g th<sup>r</sup> was only a blind to carry on / remainder o<sup>r</sup> his Trade  
w<sup>o</sup> / Annamaboa people, & beg'd to know likewise if he (/ Dutch Chief)  
wd undertake to prevent Villa Mare's tradg w<sup>o</sup> / Annamaboa, & wh<sup>o</sup> /  
Contract betw<sup>n</sup> them was f<sup>r</sup> Goods t<sup>o</sup> Villa Mare hd on board; / Dutch  
Chief's Answer was t<sup>hat</sup> they hd lately Agrest f<sup>r</sup> fifty Slaves, & t<sup>hat</sup> he hd  
/ Goods on Shore f<sup>r</sup> them, & / Slaves were ready when<sup>er</sup> Villa Mare  
wd take them on board him; as / agreem<sup>t</sup> was on<sup>t</sup>, / Dutch Chief wd  
not Answer to prevent Villa Mare fm tradg w<sup>o</sup> / Annamaboa people, & t<sup>hat</sup> he  
hd no Agreem<sup>t</sup> w<sup>o</sup> him f<sup>r</sup> Goods he hd [on] board him, wh<sup>o</sup> I was  
v<sup>y</sup> well Assur'd were such Goods as th<sup>y</sup> part w<sup>o</sup> f<sup>r</sup> Gold, wh<sup>o</sup> must  
hurt us in t<sup>e</sup> Trade; on th<sup>is</sup> I order'd Villa Mare away, beg / 4<sup>th</sup> &  
t<sup>hat</sup> he m<sup>o</sup> lye at Emisser, wh<sup>o</sup> is abt two or three leagues to leeward  
where he m<sup>o</sup> take his fifty Slaves in & water his ship w<sup>o</sup> last o<sup>r</sup> time; I  
did th<sup>is</sup> to prevent him (as much as possible) tradg w<sup>o</sup> / Annamaboa  
people to our prejudice, & if my proceedgs in th<sup>is</sup> Affair has / Approbation  
o<sup>r</sup> th<sup>r</sup> Lordships, I sh<sup>o</sup> Esteem myself happily, hav'g no gr<sup>t</sup> Amb<sup>n</sup> than  
to do my duty in such a manner to / best o<sup>r</sup> my Knowledge, as may be most  
Agreeable & satisfac<sup>n</sup> to th<sup>r</sup> Lordships' Orders

The English Sloop in Annamaboa, called / Newport o<sup>r</sup> Rhode  
Island (John Jepson Mas<sup>r</sup>) who touch'd at Sierra Leone Inform'd me . . . . .

On / 4<sup>th</sup> o<sup>r</sup> Novemb<sup>r</sup> last off Annamaboa I wrote to / Chiefs o<sup>r</sup>  
Cape Coast & told them, t<sup>hat</sup> I thot / next best Service I cd be o<sup>n</sup> / Coast f<sup>r</sup> /  
preservat<sup>n</sup> o<sup>r</sup> our Trade, wd be to get up to Windward as high as Cape  
Palmas or Cape Lehou, if wind & Currents wd permit, t<sup>hat</sup> if any Privateer m<sup>o</sup>  
follow after me, as did after / last man o<sup>r</sup> War, down / Coast, I shd be in a  
fair way to meet them; / Chiefs' Answer I receiv'd on / day followg, &  
they approved o<sup>r</sup> what I propos'd, & on / 4<sup>th</sup> Do, after I hd Oblig'd / French  
Ships to go, I made / best o<sup>r</sup> my way up / Coast, on / 15<sup>th</sup> Do off Cape  
Coast took on board what Rice I cd get in lea<sup>n</sup> o<sup>r</sup> peace & Oatmeal, these  
Species o<sup>r</sup> provi<sup>n</sup>ds beg all expended, / 21<sup>st</sup> Do. findg I cd get up but v<sup>y</sup>

steering, occasioned by strong [westerly] Currents & fair wind Land & Sea Breezes, & blew  
 far westerly; I named & Victualled my long boat & sent her up to Windward as  
 high as Cape Lehou, if she cd get w<sup>th</sup> my second lieutenant in her, (as she wd  
 make more Advan<sup>ts</sup> by stand<sup>g</sup> close in shore than I cd w<sup>th</sup> / ship) & Informa<sup>n</sup>  
 & to come down to me / Coast to me, if he hd Intelligence of any Enemies  
 Vessels, & by / 10th o Decem<sup>r</sup> to return to me in Cape three points Bay, where  
 I proposed water & wood. The 15<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> I put / Ships Co to two thirds Allowance  
 o Rice in lieu o pease & oatmeal; / W<sup>th</sup> Winds & Currents beg still / same, I cd get no  
 higher than Discove by / 30<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup>. I was told here t<sup>h</sup> there was no water at Cape  
 three points. I went to know by Land, & in case there was no Water, to leave Orders  
 to my Second lieutenant in / long boat to come down to me at Same o, & as  
 there was no water at Cape three points, I went / next day down to Same, to  
 water, beg / next best place on this Coast for it. This place belongs to /  
 Dutch, where we Complated our Wood & Water by / 10th. when / longboat  
 w<sup>th</sup> / Second lieutenant returned, having met w<sup>th</sup> strong Eastern Currents & / Winds  
 westerly, cd get no higher than Assinee, & hd no Intelligence of any Enemies  
 Vessels beg on / Coast to Windward. On / 11<sup>th</sup> Anchord in Cape Coast wad, &  
 Informd / Chiefs t<sup>h</sup> my time drew nigh to leave / Coast & must now proceed  
 down Accordg<sup>ly</sup> & then to leave it, as some o my passins grew short, & much in want  
 o stores, the desire was f<sup>r</sup> my stay<sup>g</sup> longer here, I overhauled my rugg, took  
 o Rum in lieu o Wine wh we were nigh out. The 17<sup>th</sup> Do / Dove Sloop  
 o Rhode Island, John Bennett Master, came here & informd me he left  
 / Argyle, Mano Ware in Sierra Leone river, all well on board here, he touched  
 at sev<sup>l</sup> place com<sup>g</sup> down / Coast & did not hear o any Enemies Vessels to Windward  
 & fut Confirmd / Acc<sup>rd</sup> given me as before mentioned in this by John Jenson  
 Mas<sup>r</sup> of Newport Sloop t<sup>h</sup> Trade in Sierraleone were flourishd . . . .

The 19<sup>th</sup> / Chiefs o Cape Coast deliverd to me three Spanish Prisoners taken  
 at Annamaloo by / Natives (belong<sup>g</sup> to / Privateers) attempt<sup>g</sup> to get water there w<sup>th</sup> I  
 put on shore at / Island o St Thomas am<sup>g</sup> / Portuguese as they are only an expense  
 to / Gov<sup>r</sup> & Victualled them.

The 22<sup>d</sup> Do having Complated my water & fixed rest ch<sup>g</sup> o my ~~rigg~~  
 rigg, left Cape Coast & Anchord at Annamalooa to Counten<sup>ce</sup> four trad<sup>g</sup> English  
 Small Vessels t<sup>h</sup> lay there, as / Chiefs o Cape Coast hd given some french ships  
 leave to Anchor & trade there who askd t<sup>h</sup> favour in w<sup>th</sup> / 24<sup>th</sup> I weighd  
 fm hence & / next day anchord at Wimmehah where I took in some water;  
 / 28<sup>th</sup> weighd fm hence & / next day anchord at Accra, where I found a  
 good Understand<sup>g</sup> betw<sup>n</sup> / Dames & our Forts, & all Palavers over, / 30<sup>th</sup>  
 Sailed fm hence & / 1<sup>st</sup> o January stoppd at Little Poppoa tonight in / m<sup>y</sup>  
 weighd & / next day anchord at Whydah.

On / 16<sup>th</sup> Do [Feb] Anchored in Carlisle Bay Barbadoes. . . . .  
 I am - &c - E. Herbert  
 On board his  
 Majesty's ship  
 / Woodluch in Carlisle  
 Bay Barbadoes  
 20<sup>th</sup> March 1743/4  
 To Thomas Corbett Esqre &c.

The follow<sup>g</sup> letters are enclosures to / above

[ Copy: Captains Logs. Argyle.  
 Adm 51. 45. 1743. July 4. - 1746. Aug 12. ]

o In this same Vol are letters fm Capt Francis Holburne r.c.o  
 HMS Argyle. The letters are d<sup>td</sup> Carlisle Bay Barbadoes. Oct 23, 25.  
 & Dec 25, 1744 & one at sea July 25 1744. They contain no refer<sup>ce</sup>  
 to his having been, or go<sup>g</sup>, to West Africa.  
 Adm 1. 1869 contains a letter fm Capt Holburne d<sup>td</sup>. "Argyle"  
 in Middlesex Road Sept 20<sup>th</sup> 1743 O.S. He there says he is  
 proceed<sup>g</sup> thence (after the Carriacou) accord<sup>g</sup> to his Lordships Orders, &  
 there is no subsequent letter fm him in this Vol.

[No Endorsement]

Cape Coast Castle April 4. 1743.

Monsieur We h just now heard t one o / French ships in Annamaboa Road h pyratcally seized upon an English Schooner by in / Road o Annamaboa f wh Reason we h that proper to stop yr Officer & Boat here untill / sd Schooner, her Effects rec<sup>d</sup> be Restored to / Master & proper Satisfac<sup>n</sup> given f committ<sup>d</sup> such an Insult in an English Road.

By Order o / Council

James Hopkins Secretary

To Monsieur Thurbilaine In Annamaboa Road

Annamaboa.

Messieurs I Received yr Letter by wh y advise me t y h stopt my Yoall bec (y say) I h taken an English schooner in a Pyratcally manner; I dont understand what y mean by givg me such a Name I never knew any Frenchman t acted in t manner by any English Vessel, I fancy y do not know t I saved an English Vessel fm / Spainsards on / Windward Coast & Obliged / Captain & People to return to thir ship after he hd Deserted her, t is act<sup>d</sup> in ways than a Pyrate. This Character an honest man can not deserve, y do to believe t I h a Sentim<sup>t</sup> than people o t Stamp, & what I will prove to y in time & place.

Iett us Return to / Story o / Schooner, A Captain o an English Sloop hasg taken three Negroes o this Place wh is an ac<sup>n</sup> liker a pyraty than / sd The Negroes to Revenge themselves attackt my Boat & also t o Mons<sup>r</sup> Courchin & they h killed two o my Men & wounded two Officers, & they h taken Four o Mons<sup>r</sup> Courchin's Men, & they h required t we shd restore thir People wh t Sloop has got on board, wh we were not able to Perform, / Sloop beg on t / reach o our Guns, f wh reason we seized on / Schooner in Order to Oblige / Sloop to Return / Blacks wh they hd on board.

We h not used no Violence to / People on board / Schooner wh is not like / behaviour o Pyrates but h treated him in a Civil manner, I am vy sorry y h stopt my Yoall & I beg o y to return her

I am Gentlemen

[no sign]

P.S. It has cost me presents & Charges to Release my four People who were detained at Cormantyne above / Value o one Slave besides / damage I h in / meantime suffered by / Loss o my trade & all this on Acc<sup>t</sup> o a Vessel o yr Nam<sup>e</sup> it is vy hard on us t we shd be made a Sacrifice on thir Acc<sup>t</sup>. we desire / favour o y. to Oblige Captain Carr to make Restitut<sup>n</sup> o / Damage wh h sustained on thir Acc<sup>t</sup> Courchin

Cape Coast Castle, April / 6<sup>th</sup> 1743

S<sup>r</sup> We received yr answer to our letter o yest<sup>d</sup> & can no way retract fm our say<sup>d</sup> t yr ac<sup>n</sup> us regard to / English schooner was Pyratcally, but y seem through yr whole letter to h forgott t / Road o Annamaboa is / Property o / Royal African Co o England, on / Contrary y insist upon an equal right to trade thir w / English, We therefore hereby let y understand t / sd Road is / sole & undoubted right o / sd Co, & t y h no right whatso<sup>r</sup> to Anchor or trade thir, w<sup>t</sup> our special leave & Permiss<sup>n</sup>, & t we wies not return yr boat or People till such time as proper Satisfac<sup>n</sup> is given us f / Insult y h Committed in our Road, f wh reason we require t y send on Receipt hereof a Proper Person or Persons deputed fm all / French Captains now in Annamaboa Road to treat us w<sup>t</sup> ab<sup>t</sup> settl<sup>d</sup> this Affairs

By Order o / Council

James Hopkins Secretary

Annamaboa

Gentlemen  
 f to Brown's Jns wh we received 14<sup>th</sup> Inst. y write me t y will not  
 let me h / Boat wh y h stop for me. 't is true this is two days t I h not  
 returned yr Schooner wh we took for y but not f to do any harm or Insult, but  
 only to make English Sloop return / three Negroes wh he had took before, by wh  
 means I had 3 men wounded to death & 9<sup>m</sup>. Courchin (t is /<sup>r</sup> Captain) had four stop  
 on shore till they had returned / 3 Negroes wh they had took before. 13 Blacks beg  
 returned they returned / white men to / Cap<sup>t</sup> then we let / Schooner at her Liberty,  
 yr Schooner said this on 3. 't is true. I fired two Guns at her but not to do her  
 any harm f I fired over her, but only I wanted her to stay till I got my own  
 Boat, but findg t / Captain was dead strong I left off firing. If / Captain o /  
 Schooner Complaints t he lost anythg or come to any damage y h got any Boat  
 w a g<sup>t</sup> many Goods in her, y may pay yourself out o her, if y insist to keep  
 my Boat I am not able to make my Trade, fr own Vessel beg / Cause t I lost  
 3 Men & those y keep for me. I will sail for Europe so soon as I h got what  
 water I want, f / want o my Boat & People I can't proceed on my Voyage, & t is  
 what will come to become o is at last. I acquainted /<sup>r</sup> Captain's o it & they did  
 me / Honors f to come on board my ship, but they cannot tell f what reason y desire  
 we shd send any<sup>r</sup> Officers, y h got one already wh belongs to me, wh is more than  
 I can well spare but we can't tell on what Subject y want any<sup>r</sup> Officers, knowg  
 t we h visited nobody but h bn vry yll used by / Blacks wh / English man is  
 to blame f. Y complain t we came too in Annamaboa Road w<sup>t</sup> yr Liberty  
 but / Liberty o our King tells us to trade along / Coast like any<sup>r</sup> at<sup>r</sup> Places,  
 Exceptg / Places where y h got Forts wh y are Master o to hinder us.  
 Thursalains.

Cape Coast Castle April 7<sup>th</sup> 1759.

Sir We received yrs o yesterday & can by t perceive t yr reason f partg w /  
 English schooner was lost yr People here shd suffer in case she came to any harm,  
 a thg y had no Occas<sup>n</sup> to be suspicious o as we wd be far fr usg any one yll t  
 we had in our Power.

The Cap<sup>t</sup> o / Schooner Complaints t he was used vry yll beg confined  
 to his Vessel while y had her in possession & even denied / Liberty o Writing, but as  
 he makes no demand f / Same we want no Goods o any Person t we do not  
 pay f or if we did we wd seem to take them bec in our Power w<sup>t</sup> havg  
 first ascertained such damage as shd be in dispute.

We wd be far fr carryg Matters to such an Extremity as to Ruin  
 yr Voyage especially considerg / Recommendation we received o y fr Mr  
 Brown o Grants, wh joined to / favourg y did an English Vessel to  
 windward makes us pass over / last Office tho we cannot at all Com-  
 prehend how / dog o Ten good ac<sup>s</sup> can destroy / Nature o one yll one.

We have herewith released yr Boat & Officers who w yr  
 People h bn well used by us & sustained no damage o than loss o  
 time & we make no doubt but y will be more Cautious in yr Conduct  
 w regard to / English Vessels on this Coast f / future. We are - &c -

To Mons<sup>r</sup> Thursalains.

[copy  
 signs]

William Husbands  
 Thomas Chalmer.

gentlemen We justly received a letter from Mr Thurbelaine in wh he informs us t in consequence of our letter of 6th y he had a meetg on board his ship in answer to a demand of ours for sendg a proper Officer to adjust & settle / Affairs of his Seizg an English Schooner in / Road of Annamaboa, & tell us t y cannot tell of what reason we made t demand.

We had as y say an Officer in our hands, but t Officer was vested w no power to settle & adjust / Points in dispute, of wh reason we demanded ~~ours~~ and to be sent w such a Power. However as Mr Thurbelaine has informed us t / detaining his Officer wd tend towards Ruin<sup>g</sup> his Voyage we h chose rather than drive matters to such an Extremity to return him, & Acc<sup>t</sup> / damage, <sup>why</sup> h already sustained as Satis fac<sup>n</sup> of / Insult<sup>s</sup> y or some of y h Committed in our Road.

T / Road of Annamaboa is / sole & undoubted right & property of / Royal African Co of England, in a point t has hitherto bin undisputed & we doubt not but some of y must needs know t sev Vessels of yr Name at Sundry times (when / same was found necessary by / Interest of English) bin denyed / Liberty of Anchor<sup>g</sup>, or Tradg in t Road Both by his Britannic Majesty's ships of War & by / Cos Agents at this Place, & t no dispute or Complaint either here or in Europe has follow'd thereon. The Nature & Reason of / Cos claim to t Road, we cd if need were fully & clearly make appear & we sh never cease upon all Occas<sup>ns</sup> to publish & declare / same.

It has not however for some time past bin our Practice or Inten<sup>n</sup> to assert this our Right to / Prejudice of yr Name w whom (as we h bin at Peace at home) we h endeavour'd to keep a Good & friendly Correspondence abroad, & y are Conscious t such of y or of yr Officers as h stop'd at Cape Coast Casite h bin received & entertain'd in a friendly manner, & h had Offers of such Trade as Occur'd at t time

This Practice we still resolve to Continue as long as / Vessels of yr Name sh behave in a civil & courteous manner to those of Ours, but when they sh behave otherwise we shall always be ready to Assert / Honour of our Country & / Rights & Priviledges of / Royal African Co of England agst all Opposers what<sup>s</sup>.

By Order of Council  
James Hopkinds Secretary

To / three French Captains in Annamaboa Road

What is sett forth by Cap<sup>t</sup> Thurbelaine in his letters within [i.e. supra] is a most Egregious misrepresentat<sup>n</sup> of Fact on wh he supposes / Affairs in dispute to hinge. Therein he alledges t he & Mrs Courchin's Boats were attacked by / Negroes of Annamaboa on Acc<sup>t</sup> of Cap<sup>t</sup> Carr of Rhode Island hav<sup>g</sup> seized three negroes of Annamaboa, who owed him Money, & used t as a defence of the Violently seizg Cap<sup>t</sup> Carr's Schooner to make Reprisal on Cap<sup>t</sup> Carr, wh tho' a feeble or rather no defence at all, is false. / Affairs betw<sup>n</sup> / French Captains & / Blacks at Annamaboa happened as follows. The sd Blacks seizg long Boats w<sup>th</sup> men from / ships in / Road, sent out abt Twelve Canvab full of Armed men to see if any of them was / King Boat belong<sup>g</sup> to Cap<sup>t</sup> Carr, & on the Approach to inspect / long Boat, Cap<sup>t</sup> Thurbelaine's Officer who was on board of his, Impudently & Indiscreetly fired on / Blacks w<sup>th</sup> any previous offence or Provocac<sup>n</sup> on the Part, on wh ensued a smart Engagem<sup>t</sup> & / French boats suffered as is represent'd. And so ill this Allegac<sup>n</sup> of Mr Thurbelaine is founded t / Negroes by the own Regulars will not Seize a Man of London on Acc<sup>t</sup> of any Injury done to them by any one of Bristol but always wait till / Arrival of a Bristol Ship before they attempt to make reprisals, & vice versa, so t it is very improbable t they wd Seize on a French man of any dispute w an English man, partly when this was a Vessel from Rhode Island in / Road

[orig. Sign] W<sup>m</sup> Husband, Thomas Chalmer, D. Crichton.

Afterwards Mrs Crichton (one of / Chief Agents of / Co then at the Fort at Neva) heazg t a Yawl belong<sup>g</sup> to / ship Edinburgh of London, Cap<sup>t</sup> Edward Turlatou (then by & Stouy in Cape Coast Road) had broke loose w<sup>th</sup> a woman & five Slaves on board, & t she was taken up by / aforementioned Cap<sup>t</sup> Courchin of St. Pierre of Nantes then by in / Danish Road of Accrah, wrote him / follow<sup>g</sup> letter.

Mr Carrishin  
 y<sup>e</sup> / Yawl wh y<sup>e</sup> ha / goodness to take up y<sup>e</sup> / Honour to deliver y<sup>e</sup> this & to Acquaint  
 a Girl, belongs to an English Captain who is now by y<sup>e</sup> / Honour to deliver y<sup>e</sup> this & to Acquaint  
 / 5 Instant at Night  
 Stephenson / Pleasur<sup>e</sup> You assure y<sup>e</sup> / I sh<sup>d</sup> be what is Reasonable & Salvage  
 To wh he Requested / following Answer

Recd<sup>d</sup> Pouch May 20<sup>th</sup> 1748  
 Sir I received / Honour o<sup>r</sup> yrs dated / 9<sup>th</sup> Instant concerning / Yawl wh I  
 saved w a Woman & a Girl on board yest<sup>y</sup> in pass<sup>g</sup> by my ship, all wh I am ready  
 to set free to whom they belong, but probably y<sup>e</sup> are now Apprized o<sup>r</sup> an Affair  
 wh happened to us in Annam above w<sup>ch</sup> return to Cap Carr o<sup>r</sup> Rhode Island  
 who seized on a Negro o<sup>r</sup> Annam above who he sd owed him Money. The negroes  
 on shore will g<sup>o</sup> to Revenge themselves on / White men in gen<sup>l</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> distinguishing to  
 what Name they were & at / some time Cap Carr have fallen to ~~the~~ he had  
 deawed o<sup>r</sup> Board abt a League & threatened to carry away / Negroe t<sup>h</sup> he had  
 taken w him / Negroes o<sup>r</sup> sd Place beg<sup>d</sup> determined to Revenge / Cause o<sup>r</sup> the  
 Comrade, attacked our Long boats & in t<sup>e</sup> o<sup>r</sup> 9m<sup>ts</sup> Thurbelaine o<sup>r</sup> Nantz three men  
 were mortally wounded afterwards they carried away four o<sup>r</sup> my People & left  
 / Long boat w only three Sailors in her, & not have any Correspondence w Cap  
 Carr I was obliged to Redeem my men by Pay<sup>g</sup> as follows  
 5 Anchors o<sup>r</sup> Brandy  
 2 Bittins  
 1 Ship<sup>ts</sup>  
 2 Pipes  
 10 hand<sup>ls</sup> o<sup>r</sup> Tobacco  
 1 Gun  
 Th<sup>er</sup> was Stole by / Blackes on o<sup>r</sup>  
 my long boat  
 1 Frapnel wt. 85 lbs  
 1 Small Cable 45 fms  
 1 Half Anchor o<sup>r</sup> Brandy  
 30 lbs o<sup>r</sup> Biskets

Thus y<sup>e</sup> see what it cost me by / imprudence o<sup>r</sup> Cap Carr Master o<sup>r</sup> a Sloop o<sup>r</sup>  
 Rhode Island & as it is not just I sh<sup>d</sup> be / Bubble in / Affair, Since I am  
 possessed o<sup>r</sup> what will repay / loss I made in t<sup>e</sup> adventure, o<sup>r</sup> wh I sh<sup>d</sup> be  
 fm Obligated to reimburse myself on / first Occa<sup>n</sup> t<sup>e</sup> Offered.

So Sir to Repair / Loss occasioned to me by / English Na<sup>m</sup> I detain a  
 Negroe Girl abt eight or Nine Years old, wh is not paym<sup>t</sup>, as you may  
 perceive by this, o<sup>r</sup> what it cost me, However I pass it Over to Satisfie  
 altho<sup>g</sup> I do not herein include / Loss o<sup>r</sup> my Peoples Cloths nor / back  
 usage they received fm / Blackes. I only speak of my self w<sup>ch</sup> any  
 relate to what happened to Cap Thurbelaine, those are his Affairs  
 not mine. Therefore I deliver to / Pleasur<sup>e</sup> o<sup>r</sup> yrs / Yawl w one  
 woman Slave wh I saved yest<sup>y</sup> & I keep / Girl aforementioned  
 for my Reimburse<sup>mt</sup>

Endorsed The Chiefs o<sup>r</sup> Cape Coast  
 Casted Letter in Answer [Original]  
 To Capm Herbert &c.  
 Cape Coast Castle September 28<sup>th</sup> 1748

Sir We h<sup>av</sup> received y<sup>e</sup> letter o<sup>f</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> Inst<sup>ce</sup> & as to / inform<sup>nt</sup> we gave  
 y<sup>e</sup> in Ours o<sup>f</sup> 24<sup>th</sup>, we don't pretend to affirm it as Authentick, only we  
 are will<sup>g</sup> to Acquaint y<sup>e</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> all we knew:

We heartily join w<sup>ch</sup> y<sup>e</sup> in opinion w<sup>ch</sup> respect to y<sup>e</sup> Resolution o<sup>r</sup>  
 gog to Leeward as far as Whydah & turning up ag<sup>n</sup>, & y<sup>e</sup> may rest  
 assured t<sup>h</sup> what Intelligence occurs dur<sup>g</sup> y<sup>e</sup> absence sh<sup>d</sup> be punctually  
 imparted to y<sup>e</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> / Grounds o<sup>r</sup> such inform<sup>nt</sup> by wh y<sup>e</sup> may be / better  
 enabled to direct y<sup>e</sup> procedure thereupon, & flatter ourselves t<sup>h</sup> y<sup>e</sup> do  
 believe we sh<sup>d</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> g<sup>o</sup> activity concur w<sup>ch</sup> y<sup>e</sup> in w<sup>ch</sup> measure towards /  
 protect<sup>g</sup> & promo<sup>n</sup> o<sup>r</sup> National Trade in these parts, as well as in  
 defeat<sup>g</sup> & Disappoint<sup>g</sup> / designs o<sup>r</sup> his Majesty's Enemies thereupon:  
 & we beg<sup>d</sup> y<sup>e</sup> will do us / Justice to believe us to be w<sup>ch</sup> g<sup>o</sup> Sincerity

Sir  
 Your most Obedient Servants  
 Thomas Chalmers  
 D. Cruikson  
 for the Husbandry  
 To Edward Herbert Esquire  
 Commander o<sup>r</sup> his Majesty's  
 Ship Woolwich.

Cape Coast Castle October 13<sup>d</sup> 1743.

Siz

As we h / Honour to be Subjects of King o Gr Britain & Servants to / Royal Africe  
Co England we deem it our indispenible Duty to represent to y t / sd Co h a Fort at  
Annamaboe, tho' not at present Occupied f wh noting they do pay a Quit Rent to  
Braffoo o Fortteen to preserve the Right thereto & to / Road wh is always includ  
& always understood in Africa Exclusively to belong to / Nam t hath a Fort at  
dand. But noting o t / French Attempted to Trade thr in / Year 1737 on an equ  
footg w / English, four o wh Vessels who made / first Attempts were success  
sirely drove away fm Annamaboe by / Co's Officers at / Solicit<sup>n</sup> & w /  
Concurr<sup>e</sup> o / English Private Traders who were then at t place, but t was soon  
dropped as / Co alone were not in a Concl<sup>n</sup> to Assent / National Rights, & were  
distructed in / Affairs by some private Traders who found a part<sup>r</sup> Interest in  
dealg w / French at Annamaboe w<sup>t</sup> have<sup>d</sup> any Regard to / Publick  
Weal & actually Encouraged them to Trade thr. The Consequ<sup>e</sup> o wh was t  
t Annamaboe was a Free port to them as well as / English & wen Arrived  
1 to such a pitch o Insol<sup>e</sup> t in / Year 1739 Captain Bar<sup>t</sup> Commander o  
a French Co's Ship la R<sup>o</sup>mmée went on shore at Annamaboe  
Attended w<sup>d</sup> French Captains then in t Road & gave a Splendid Inter-  
Tamm<sup>t</sup> to / Negroes & made them pge presents & went so far as to  
mark out a Piece o Ground for a Fort to be build<sup>d</sup> thr by / French Co,  
but they did not stop thr f so late as in April last Captain Thureline o  
Nantz maltreated Captain Beer o Rhode Island in a most Grievous  
Manner as will fully appear to y by / Copies o / Letters t passed th<sup>r</sup> upon  
between / Council here & / afore mentioned Thureline, & o<sup>r</sup> French  
Captains who were in Annamaboe Road at t time. And for a more  
Recent Inst<sup>e</sup> o the Insultg / English Vessels in our own Road, we  
refer<sup>e</sup> y to Captain Eldred o Schooner / little Bacchus o Boston who  
is at present in Annamaboe Road, And f<sup>r</sup> they Industriouslly  
Spread a Report over all / Coast t / French Co are actually making  
Prepar<sup>n</sup> t buildg a Fort at Annamaboe & are at this time fittg out  
Vessels w<sup>t</sup> Military Stores & f t purpose. We must f<sup>r</sup> observe to  
y t / French Trade at Annamaboe hath done a Considerable  
National Damage to / English by raisg / prices o Negroes & all  
African Provi<sup>n</sup>s by / Exorbitant<sup>r</sup> prices they give, as well as  
g<sup>t</sup>ly protractg / time o / Voyages o / British Ships by / gr  
Quantities o Negroes t they purchase, wh before / encroachm<sup>t</sup> o /  
French fell to / Share o / English w<sup>t</sup> any Rivalship. As also /  
part<sup>r</sup> damage wh / Co sustains by / Negroes beg supplied w<sup>t</sup>  
w<sup>t</sup> they fm / French wh in a gr degree draws them off fm t  
dependance wh they in former times had upon / Co & the  
Officers in Africa, & encourages / Natives in such an Insolent  
or Mutinous Spirit (Altho' unknown before / univ<sup>n</sup>s o / Rights  
o / English by / French) t upon / most frivolous occ<sup>n</sup> they  
make it difect & w<sup>t</sup> dangerous f us to carry on / Co's Affairs  
w<sup>t</sup> small Craft betw<sup>n</sup> this & / Leeward Ports. Add to all this t  
they actually by / high prices they draw / Trade fm / Co's Ports.  
A flagrant Example o wh y are an eye Witness o by / success-  
full Trade o t Captain Villamores o Rochelle at present carries  
on at Annamaboe, most o wh came to / Co's Ports before  
his Arrival thr.

upon / whole (sic) it is our Opinion & we do assure  
 French Trade at Annamaboo is an eminent detriment to / English Trade in Gen  
 to these parts as well as to / Co in parts / seasons above sets forth as well as  
 many of us do make manifest wh we will do it beyond / size o a Mission  
 were we to detain / or an enormous o / whole and as y<sup>e</sup> h<sup>o</sup> m<sup>o</sup> pleased to acquaint  
 us t<sup>o</sup> we come to these parts / of / protect<sup>o</sup> a promo<sup>o</sup> o / British Trade in Gen & t<sup>o</sup> / Co  
 in parts we take this Opp<sup>y</sup> to Remonstrate to y<sup>e</sup> t<sup>o</sup> there is an Absolute necessity o /  
 Preservation o both to put an Effectual Stop to / French Trade in / Road o Annamaboo  
 by driving them from thence by force if they sh<sup>d</sup> be so Audacious as to refuse to go  
 tamely & w<sup>o</sup> Constraint wh will be a remarkable good Effect on / British Trade  
 in Gen as well as on / Co in parts and we do not doubt o y<sup>e</sup> Compliance w  
 our Request in this part<sup>r</sup> as it is so Manifest an emolument to / Trade o G<sup>t</sup>  
 Britain wh we can venture to Affirm t<sup>o</sup> on Examina<sup>n</sup> will be found / universal  
 Sentiments o all British Traders to this Coast if at any time the Sufferers  
 in Trade on t<sup>e</sup> Coast is enquired into. And withal we beg leave to Observe to

y<sup>e</sup> t<sup>o</sup> it is not w<sup>t</sup> precedent. b James Cornwall Esquire in / Year 1738, then  
 Commander o his Majesty's Ship / Greenwich drove all / French Ships  
 from Annamaboo Road as well as all d<sup>r</sup> Roads on / Gold Coast where he found  
 any not beg under / protect<sup>o</sup> o some Castle.

In order to revive to y<sup>e</sup> / right t<sup>o</sup> / Royal African Co hath to

1 Town & Road o Annamaboo The Braffoo o Fantem who is Lord  
 Paramount o / Country o Fantem hath received his Quit Rent  
 f Annamaboo. As also f Aggah & Annisham, two Adjacent  
 Towns where / Co had formerly Factory Houses, on / 5<sup>th</sup> Day o  
 July last, hence to / end o June last, & wh is always punctually  
 paid him up to / time o his demand

We do (sic) sincerely wish y<sup>e</sup> Health & Prosperity in all  
 y<sup>e</sup> undertak<sup>g</sup>s & do flatter ourselves y<sup>e</sup> do us / Justice to believe t<sup>e</sup>  
 we unfignedly are Sir - - -

D Crichton [long sig<sup>nd</sup>]  
 Wm Husband  
 Thomas Chalmer

To Edward Herbert Esq<sup>r</sup> Commander o his Majesty's Ship / Woolwich

Endorsed Capt Tho<sup>s</sup> Eldred o /  
 Little Breeches Schooner from  
 Boston's Complaint, o beg  
 ill treated by M<sup>r</sup>ons<sup>r</sup> Butert  
 Aubre o / Queen o France  
 a French Merchant man from  
 Nantz. by at Anchor in  
 Annamaboo Road  
 Africa.

Address endorsed:-  
 To  
 Capt Edward Herbert a Sq<sup>r</sup>  
 Commander o his M<sup>o</sup>g<sup>s</sup>  
 Ship Woolwich  
 at  
 Annamaboo.

Annamaboo October 4<sup>th</sup> [1743] 1743.

Sir as y<sup>e</sup> are now arrived I take / liberty to acquaint y<sup>e</sup> how I was  
 ill treated by a French man in this Place in my last full Trade

Sir  
 as I was com<sup>g</sup>  
 Comed in to this Road on y<sup>e</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> o Aug last I observed a  
 French merchant man being at anchor here I hiefted hiefted  
 out my Boat & sent his on board o him to let him know who  
 I was & where I came from. She was called / Queen o France o  
 Nantz Butert Antere Commandet But before my Boat had  
 reached / Ships he fired a shot at me & afterwards Detained  
 an o my man from 4 in / evening till 8 in / morning under  
 pertance of make me pay b / Shot

From your most Obedt<sup>e</sup> Servant  
 Thomas Eldred.

to yr Chief Agents  
Cape Coast Castle  
advising y<sup>m</sup> o his dring  
y<sup>e</sup> French Ships for y<sup>e</sup>  
ward o Annamboo accordg  
to this request. dat. 6<sup>th</sup> Octo  
1743.

Copy

Gentlemen y<sup>e</sup> letter o/ 3<sup>d</sup> Inst. I received y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> at night, w<sup>th</sup> / enclosed  
Copies o an Acc<sup>t</sup> o w<sup>t</sup> passd below y<sup>e</sup> Council at Cape Coast & y<sup>e</sup> French Ships  
Captains who were at Annamboo road, & y<sup>e</sup> / French Ships  
tradg now at Annamboo is contrary to y<sup>e</sup> right here & prejudicial to  
y<sup>e</sup> Cob Trade in gen, & as y<sup>e</sup> desire me to drive / two french ships for  
hence, one o wh I obliged to lease this place, yest<sup>y</sup>, & shd be oblig<sup>d</sup> / o<sup>r</sup>  
but her hold was quite wntowd & Decks dum herd, t she could not  
proceed them. I put an Officer on board her to prevent her tradg, & this  
m<sup>o</sup> she has left / w<sup>o</sup>at, all wh I hope is agreeable to y<sup>e</sup> desire o y<sup>e</sup> good  
o y<sup>e</sup> Trade, & if I can be o fur<sup>r</sup> Service to y<sup>e</sup> here, I desire, I would let  
me know it by return o my Boat I w<sup>is</sup> I sh proceed f<sup>r</sup> Winneba, has  
sent Mr Tindals my 2<sup>d</sup> deat<sup>t</sup> (he be<sup>g</sup> better acquainted w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> manner o  
y<sup>e</sup> natives on y<sup>e</sup> Coast than my 1<sup>st</sup> deat<sup>t</sup>) down to Tantum quarry to make  
up / Palaver wh I mentiond in y<sup>e</sup> letter o/ 2<sup>d</sup> Inst.

I am - &c -  
Edw<sup>d</sup> Herbert

On board his  
Maj<sup>ty</sup>'s ship /  
Woodwich at  
Annamboo road  
6<sup>th</sup> Octo. 1743.

To Messrs Creighton, Husband, & Chalmer, Agents &c.

Endorsed The Chief Agents o  
Cape Coast Castle letter  
o Thanks to Captm Herbert  
f<sup>r</sup> dring away / French  
Vessels Tradg at  
Annamboo &c

Cape Coast Castle October 17<sup>th</sup> 1743

Sir We Received / Honour o y<sup>e</sup> most Oblige<sup>d</sup> letter o/ 6<sup>th</sup> Instant & do  
Return y<sup>e</sup> sincere Thanks & acknowledgments in behalf o our Masters / Royal African  
Co o England f<sup>r</sup> / Signal Services y<sup>e</sup> h done to / National Trade in Gen & / Cob in part<sup>r</sup>  
in dring away / French Vessels wh I found Tradg in / Road o Annamboo, & fur<sup>r</sup> in  
so doing y<sup>e</sup> h resistd an Inva<sup>n</sup> made f<sup>r</sup> some years past on / Rights o / British Na<sup>n</sup>  
by / French, wh we are persuaded will h a notable good effect in time to come, as it is  
establisg a Precedent laudable & worthy to be imitated f<sup>r</sup> / Maintenance o / National  
Co Priviledges & immunities on this Coast

As Probably (Sir) y<sup>e</sup> Inclina<sup>n</sup> to do publick Service may detain y<sup>e</sup> longer  
in these parts than y<sup>e</sup> privins will permit, to remedy wh, we do undertake to pro-  
vide y<sup>e</sup> w<sup>th</sup> a Months Provis at full Allow<sup>ce</sup> f<sup>r</sup> his Majesty's Ship, And shd be glad t<sup>y</sup>  
w<sup>o</sup> order y<sup>e</sup> Purser to make out a Calcula<sup>n</sup> how much will serve f<sup>r</sup> t<sup>e</sup> purpose in Beef,  
Rum, & Yams & Corn, t<sup>e</sup> we may set them apart to be in Readiness by / time y<sup>e</sup> sh  
return to this place.

We likewise return y<sup>e</sup> a gr<sup>t</sup> many thanks f<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Atten<sup>n</sup> to our Affairs at Tantum-  
quarry, & make no doubt o y<sup>e</sup> Stoppg a little at t<sup>e</sup> Place if it is found necessary f<sup>r</sup>  
/ Cob Interest. As also (Sir) it will be most Agreeable to us (if Consistent w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup>  
Orders & Instancs) to remain a few days longer at Annamboo as Captm  
Williamsee seems v<sup>ry</sup> Bustling ab<sup>t</sup> & waiting y<sup>e</sup> departure to slip into Annamboo  
Road agn. There is also ano<sup>r</sup> Vessel at Elmina waiting / some Oppy. We are - &c -

D. Creighton  
W<sup>m</sup> Husband  
Thomas Chalmer  
[Long Sign]

To Edward Herbert Esquire, Commander o his Majesty's  
Ship / Woodwich

[End o Adm. 1. 1004]

Adm 1. 1480.  
Captains letters. 1744  
q. wsm Boys

[Capt's doos.  
Gayhound  
Adm 51/41 1740-  
418 1741-1751]

Sir please to acquaint the Lordships t I arriv'd here / 15<sup>th</sup> Mg<sup>t</sup> a t / Weather  
has bin so bad since I'm here t I ed not get off my Wine & Water till Yesterday & to  
Day... I sh make all / Dispatch possible to get on / Coast o Guinea & bear those  
two small Privateers may be gone t Way.

I am - 12 -  
w Boys.

Gayhound Madeira Road  
Jan<sup>y</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 1742/4

[no address on letter]

Enclosed 14 April 1744  
Cap Boys from Annamaboe  
Post

Sir Your please to acquaint the Lordships t this is / first Oppy since I left /  
Salt Islands [Vide] I sh met w o Sail, for whence I sail'd / 29<sup>th</sup> o Jan<sup>y</sup>.

Feb<sup>r</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> arriv'd off o Gambia, & sent my deat up to / Factory... / 18<sup>th</sup>  
Feb<sup>r</sup> I arriv'd at Sierra Leone where I filled all my Water & wood'd my Ship  
& on / 1<sup>st</sup> o March made / land o Manah, to windward o Cape Mount in Lat.  
6° 54' N. / next Day made Sail t / Sherbrough River a Pilot... I bore  
away f Cape Mount to seek Captain Holbourne [vide for p 6 supra] &

recd 19  
July.

when I came off / tradg Places I found a Certificate fm Capt<sup>n</sup> Holbourne, t  
to one o / Black Fellows t he was gone down / Coast. I followed him  
as fast as I ed, but always heard o his be' gone to Leeward. The

25<sup>th</sup> o March I arriv'd off Cape Lahoo where a Dutch Ship told me Capt<sup>n</sup>  
Holbourne sail'd for thence t Day Month. / 28 o March I met a  
ffrench Ship at an Anchor & Anchor'd alongside o her in 24 ffa: Water  
off o Acquidase. I sent accordg to my Orders to advise him in a friendly  
manner to depart, he sent me Word his deat was on Shore w some  
Goods to buy some Slaves; t he wd send a Canoe to Shore f him to come  
off w / goods & sail, wh he did. I went then to discourse to Water wh ffort is  
in such a ruinous Condi<sup>n</sup> t they ed not salute his Maj<sup>ty</sup> Colours t fear o  
Shakg it to Pieces; indeed it is v<sup>y</sup> bad & / Turns many o them w<sup>t</sup> Carriages  
After visitg / Factorys as I came down, on / 3<sup>d</sup> o April I arriv'd at /  
Munie where I found / ffrench Ship I sent fm Acquidase, & ano<sup>r</sup> ffrench  
Ship t Captain Holbourne sent fm Cormantine near Annamaboo, & a Dutch  
Cruizer. I sent to / ffrench Captains to go away but they sent me Word they  
hd leave to lay the by / Gen o / Munie & they wd not go. Upon wh I sent Mr  
Bladen to / Gen o / Munie to acquaint him I hd Orders to drive all ffrench  
Ships I found tradg betw Cape 3 Points & / River Volta away fm t Part<sup>s</sup>  
o / Coast, w<sup>t</sup> any Excep<sup>n</sup>, & t I must Comply w my Orders. Upon wh he  
call'd a Council / Result o wh I send to the Lordships in his Protest ag<sup>st</sup>  
me & sent to acquaint me o it, notig wh as my Order fm their

Lordships were w<sup>t</sup> any one Excep<sup>n</sup>, but says betw Cape 3 Points & /  
River Volta, I shd myself Obliged & did force them to go away be'g well  
assured if I hd permitted them to stay the / ffrench wd always stop  
under / Protec<sup>n</sup> o / Dutch Forts, & when / Men o / Warr was gone down  
/ Coast, h gone to Annaboe & Ruin'd our Trade intirely, besides / Advantage  
/ Dutch ffactors wd h hd by havg all / Slaves brct to them to / ruin o our  
ffactorys wh are already in a Melancholly Condi<sup>n</sup>, as the Lordships will  
Observe by / inclos'd Represent<sup>n</sup> fm / Chiefs at Cape Coast, besides /  
ffrench t a Design to build a Factory house at Annaboe, & Captain  
Holbourne was Oblig'd to hale his Ship Close in & fire into / Towns to  
make them sent / Frenchmen away & / Capusheers sent off to him to  
leave off fireg & they wd do so, but they still remain on Shore, & I  
Believe if a Man o / Warr is not station'd here they will succeed in

\* no report from Capt Holbourne found. Vide for p 6 supra.

Trade, the Factory will be a little use. One of Head Capuchens Son's has bin  
in France & lately come back & had by distinguishing Markes o' Favour shown him  
in France by East India Co. who [wh? ] makes these People fond o' Encourag<sup>d</sup> the settl<sup>d</sup>  
here. It is sd t' Materials & Stores are comg from France to build / Fort here.  
Whilst I lay in Mine Road, a French Sloop was in Cape Coast Road & had bin the  
seal Days dead. Gentleman o' Cape Coast say they are so much in want o' Common  
Necessaries t' they were Obliged to trade w' him. I sent to order him away whilst I lay  
at ye Mine & he said before I got the off / Coast. The in clod letter presented my dog as Capt<sup>m</sup>  
Holbourne did, but I sent to demand / French men off, wh they h refused; but since I wrote  
above, he request from Mrs Orlinton chief Agent in / Name o' Co & from all / Masters o'  
English Ships here a Desire to use force to get / French men off, wh I send inclosed,  
in Complie w' wh I yest I went close to / Town, in 4 ffa. Water, & fired abt 150 Shot  
into it, & at a Battery o' eight Guns Capt<sup>m</sup> George Hamilton left / Blacks in possession  
o' the / Guns were then spiked up, but since I h bin here demand<sup>d</sup> these French men  
they h got Drills from / Mine Carite & Drilled them & h bin supplyd w' Shot from  
/ Chief o' Commandant, a Dutch Castle, to fire agst me. I split one o' the Guns all  
to Pieces & did a g<sup>d</sup> deal o' Damage to / Town, but they persist in protect<sup>g</sup> /  
French & sufferg them to build a Fort at Anamaboe, if they say why can't the  
be a French fort here & an English as well, as at d<sup>r</sup> Places a Dutch & an  
English. It is strongly reported & seems v<sup>y</sup> probable t' a French Man o'  
War is comg & Materials on Purpose to build this Fort, if so it will be /  
ruin o' our Trade to this Place except we h here a g<sup>t</sup>er Force to Repel  
them, wh don't doubt but the Lordships will take into Consideration. The  
French are grown so impudent here t' in / Absce o' a Man o' War they h  
taken an English Ship & movid amg themselves by force & not sufferd  
him to trade till they h done, wh will make it necessary for a Man o'  
War, & t' o' Force, to remain in / Road as long as possible to Protect our  
own Trade, even now, much more when they ge t' a Settlement here, wh  
if not timely prevented will certainly be accomplished. The English fort  
here (at Anamaboe) / Blacks want to be rebuilt, or some body to  
hoe in it as it is, to hoist a fflag the, but / Gentlemen at Cape Coast  
h no Body to put the. The walls seem ~~not~~ to be ~~in~~ not on a v<sup>y</sup> bad  
Condem, only / upper Part, t' is a triangle w' half Bastion built o' Brick,  
& if rebuilt & occupied wd please / Natives much. On my Return  
to this Place from St Thomas, (to wh place I sail to night or to tomorrow m<sup>g</sup>)  
I sh be gett<sup>g</sup> capable o' gett<sup>g</sup> v<sup>y</sup> part<sup>r</sup> Acc<sup>t</sup>s o' State o' Trade o' /  
Cos Factories & in gen<sup>l</sup> / Trade o' his Majesty's Subjects on all this  
Coast, & / Dutch & French to beg home w' me. I am - &c -  
W<sup>o</sup> Boys.

Greyhound, Anamaboe  
Road, Apr<sup>l</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 1744

ps. Inclosed is / State & Condem o' his Majesty's Ship under  
my Command.

I send inclosed a Certificate from / Master o' an English  
Ship here to let the Lordships know t' even in ye Mine Road  
/ French h Slaves carried them from Anamaboe

W<sup>o</sup> Boys.

[Enclosures to above letter]

Sir I take / freedom hereby to acquaint y<sup>e</sup> / Town o' Anamaboe, on /  
Gold Coast o' Africa is / Exclusive property o' Royal African Co o' England w'  
relate to all foreign Na<sup>ns</sup> as they actually h a fort the: not at present  
occupied & do pay a quit Rent f' same, includg / Road to / Proffoo o' Fanti  
wh is / Lord Paramount o' Country where sd Town is situated, and whome  
whereas on or abt / Eighth Day o' March last the arrivd a Ship belong<sup>g</sup>  
to / East India Co o' France, from whence the was put on Shore into /  
afore sd Town o' Anamaboe, seal French Gentlemen w' a l<sup>g</sup>e Quantity  
o' Goods belong<sup>g</sup> to t' Na<sup>n</sup>, in Order as I was then inform'd & assur'd, by  
/ Blacks, to build a fort & to trade the; wh will be utterly destructive o'  
/ Trade o' British Na<sup>n</sup> to these Parts, as Anamaboe is / g<sup>t</sup>est Mart in  
Africa f' private traders o' G<sup>t</sup> Britain. And f<sup>o</sup>r I beg leave to  
informe y<sup>e</sup> t' soon after / Arrival o' French Ship afore mention'd Capt<sup>m</sup>  
Holbourne Comm<sup>d</sup> o' his Maj<sup>ty</sup>'s Ship Argyle arrivd here, whereupon the

was a representation made to him by me in / Name o / Council o / Cape Coast Castle & in  
 behalf o / Royal African Co o England as also by / sevl Capt<sup>s</sup> o British Vessells  
 who were by in this Road at t<sup>e</sup> Time, o / Damage t<sup>h</sup> wd infallibly accrue to /  
 National Trade in gen & t<sup>o</sup> / sd Co in part<sup>r</sup> by such a settle<sup>mt</sup> as is intended by /  
 French, & made a Request to him to hale in Shore & fire upon / Town, thereby to  
 intimidate / Blacks & to constrain them to send off / affrimented Frenchmen,  
 who resided there, wh he cheerfully complyd w<sup>th</sup> & hd so fare a good effect t<sup>h</sup> it  
 came a message fm / Town / morning after / 10<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> / sd French men were / pre-  
 ceedg<sup>g</sup> night, sent on board o a French Snow then byg at an Anchor at  
 Annamaboe, abt ~~two~~ two leagues to seaward o Annamaboe; upon wh  
 Capt<sup>n</sup> Holbourne ceas'd fm any farther Hostilities. But now Sir I come to  
 informe y<sup>e</sup> t<sup>h</sup> not w<sup>g</sup> / Assures aforementioned. Given to Capt<sup>n</sup> Holbourne  
 o / Departure o / aforesaid Frenchmen, t<sup>h</sup> / Blacks in a perfidious manner,  
 only sevelted them in some o the Coves, or Villages, up in / Country, &  
 t<sup>h</sup> a little before y<sup>r</sup> arrivall were returned to Annamaboe, where one o them  
 insolently assumes / Name o Governour, & as I am inform'd, still perseveres  
 in / Designs o buildg a Fort there, & whereat t<sup>h</sup> such a settle<sup>mt</sup> at Annamaboe  
 wd be immensely detrimental, nay destructive, to / tradg interest o Gr<sup>t</sup> Britain,  
 in gen, & t<sup>o</sup> t<sup>h</sup> o / Governour's Co in part<sup>r</sup>, & as y<sup>e</sup> h already us'd all  
 friendly & amicable Methods to prevail w<sup>th</sup> / inhabitants o Annamaboe, to  
 send off / sd Frenchmen, wh h all prov'd fruitless, I do in / Behalf o  
 / sd Co & in / Name o / Council f<sup>r</sup> transactg<sup>g</sup> the Affairs at Cape Coast  
 Castle, earnestly desire t<sup>h</sup> y<sup>e</sup> will haul in Shore w<sup>th</sup> his M<sup>aj</sup>'s Ship  
 under y<sup>r</sup> Command, & fire upon / Town, whereby it is my Opinion /  
 Blacks will be constrain'd to deliver up / sd Frenchmen to y<sup>e</sup>, wh will be  
 a signal National Service. I am - &c - D<sup>n</sup> Crighton [our Agt]  
 Agent to y<sup>e</sup> Co.

Greyhound Annamaboe  
 Road, Apr<sup>l</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1744.

[On / back o / above]

We whose names are herunto Subscribed Masters o / sevl  
 Ships & Vessels now by in Annamaboe Road, do likewise earnestly  
 request y<sup>e</sup> to hale in Shore & fire into / Town, to Oblige / Blacks to  
 deliver up / sd French Gentlemen, as y<sup>e</sup> h already us'd all friendly  
 means to do so w<sup>th</sup> / desired Success, there beg no probable means o  
 dislodg<sup>g</sup> them but by force & w<sup>th</sup> wh / Trade o his Britannick M<sup>aj</sup>'s  
 Subjects to this Place will in all probability be utterly ruin'd

Greyhound Annamaboe  
 Road, Apr<sup>l</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1744

Sign'd in prese<sup>nc</sup> o  
 D<sup>n</sup> Crighton  
 James Cliffe

Sam<sup>l</sup> Rowles  
 Tho<sup>s</sup> Robbins  
 John Jesson  
 Richard Hastings  
 Saifer Carr  
 John Bennett  
 James Holmes

These are to certify I Right Honble / Lords Commissioners o /  
 Admiralty t<sup>h</sup> in my Passage down / Coast o Guinea to Annamaboe, y<sup>e</sup>  
 26<sup>th</sup> o March I stop'd at / Mine Road, where lay a small English built  
 Ship under French Colours, nam'd / Admiral, Commanded, as I am since  
 told, by Rich<sup>d</sup> Molard, & as I am inform'd / same Ship t<sup>h</sup> Capt<sup>n</sup> Hol-  
 bourne, in his M<sup>aj</sup>'s Ship / Argyle, drove by force ont o Cormantine  
 Road, just to seaward o Annamaboe, & t<sup>h</sup> I saw sevl Canoes fm Annamaboe  
 alongside o her, w<sup>th</sup> Slaves, whilst I lay in / Mine Road, & t<sup>h</sup> I h<sup>ad</sup> m<sup>any</sup>  
 on board some o / Goods wh / Frenchmen pay'd / Annamaboe Men f<sup>r</sup>  
 these o / Slaves deliver'd them in / Mine Road Dated on board y<sup>e</sup>  
 Nightingal o Bristol in Annamaboe Road April 12 1744

Richard Hastings

We / underwritten do testify to / truth o / above Certificate  
 Sign'd by Capt<sup>n</sup> Rich<sup>d</sup> Hastings

Rob<sup>t</sup> Casswell Surge<sup>n</sup>  
 Rob<sup>t</sup> Anderson 1 mate.  
 Wm Lewis Second Mate.

Is door den Directeur Generaal Mr Jacob de Petersen aan de daeden van den Raad overgedragen, dat de lieutenant van 't Oorlogschip van Zyn Koninklyke Majesteit van Groot Brittanien genaamt Grij Hound, uijt den Naam van zyn Capitein den Heere William Boy's, die het Selsche Schip Com-mandeerde, en het welke ten Ancker lag op de Hollandse Rheeде van Elmina hadde gebrochtschap dat gem. Heer Capt<sup>n</sup> Ordus hadde omme alle de Franse Coopvaardeij Scheepen die hij, op de Kuste van Africa tusschen Caap tres Puntas en Rio Volta quam aan te treffen, te verjagen, en dat Zyn Ed: uijt dien hoofde de tuss Franse Coopvaardeij Scheepen op Voorz. hollandse Rheeде van Elmina ten Ancker leggende, niet geseld soude doen vertrecken, Soo de Capitains van deselwe Scheepen niet goedwilliglyk en na te doene instantie, wilden onder Zeijle gaan.

Waarop door den Directeur Generaal was geantwoord gesorden, dat hem sulks gans ongehoord overquam, en dat he geen Ordre hadde omme sealliterde Natien de hollandse Rheeде te verbieden.

Ende wijders gehoord zijnde gesorden den Vaandrig Jan Romain in den Onder-Commis Juriaan Groen, die door den Directeur Generaal aan Buerd waaren gesonden geweest, omme Meergem. Capt<sup>n</sup> Heere Wilhelm Boy's te verwelkoomen in aan de Wal te verboeken, en dewelke rezen en in diervolgen als den lieutenant, verklarnden dat Meergem. Heer Capt<sup>n</sup> aan haar Ed. gesegt had, Ordus te hebben om alle de Franse Coopvaardeij Scheepen die hij op de Kuste van Africa tusschen Caap tres Puntas en Rio Volta soude koomen aan te treffen, te verjagen, en ingesolge de Selsche Ordus de twee Franse Coopvaardeij Scheepen die op de Rheeде van Elmina ten anker lagen, niet geseld soude doen vertrecken, Soo deselwe niet en wilden.

Waarop door den Raad geleesen en geexamineert zijnde gesorden, de Commissien Zoo door haas Hoog Moogende de Heeren Staaten Generaal der Ver Eenigde Neder landen, als van haar Wel Ed. Groo Agtb<sup>h</sup> de Heeren Beswindhebbers van de Generaale Geotroyeerde Nederlandse Westindische Maatschappij aan den Directeur Generaal Mr Jacob de Petersen verleent, inhoudende dat aan hem Directeur Gene-raal was gegeeven en verleent gesorden het Gebied over de Kuste van Africa, beginnende van Rio Surra Licenes exclus tot 30 gr<sup>den</sup> te zijden de Linie Equinoctiaal, ende verders alle de Eylanden daar onder begrepen, en aan Zyn Ed: en de Respect. Raaden verleent de Magt en Facultijt omme deselwe haare Bedieningen te waater ende te Lande te Administreeren, en in deselwe Qualitejt voor de besorderung en behoudensisse ende Vermeeanderinge van Vrienschap, Alliantien en Commercie, al omme te vigilieren.

In verdere in Overweeging zijnde gevonden, dat het niet minder aan de Hollandse als aan de Respective Engelse Natie gepermitteret was tot nader opsegging van hunne Heeren en Meesters met Vreemde Natien te handelen, dat daar in Boven de Engelse Natie en wel insonderheijt seekere George Hamilton die eenige agter een volgende Jaaren met zyn Schip om de Negotie voort te setten ter Rheeде van Annamaboe, ten Ancker leggende, de Voornaamste is geweest, die aan leiding heeftgegeeden dat de Franse Natie met een meerder Getal van Scheepen op dese Gewesten als voor desen hebben gemasigeert.

Ende dat ingesolge de Nationale Wetten, Tractaten en het  
Recht der Volkren, een ieder het Gebied voor over zijne eigene  
Jurisdiction, in soo verze dat het Selfs gekommiteerd is een Vijand van een  
Vriend, die een Vriend is van zijne Hooge Overig heid, onder zijne bescher-  
minge te moogen neemen, ende te meer soodanige Natien die men  
onbezwort is dat onderling soo usel de Eene als andere voor als nog met  
Hoog Gedagte haer Hoog moogende de Heeren Statuten Generaal der Ver-  
eenigde Neederlanden in Oorlog souden weesen.

Zoo is't dat Directeurs Generaal en Raaden hebben  
gecommiteerd gehad gelijk Zy Commiteeren mits deesens den  
Vaandrig Jan Romain en den Onder Commies Jurriaan Groen, omme  
zig te versoegen aan Boord van t' Voorz. Oorlog Schip, en aan Voorz.  
Zijn Welld. Gert den Heere Capitain William Buijs den inhoud  
van deese Resolutie ende haare Commissie in de Engelse Taale  
voor te houden, en in het minnelijcke uyt naame van Directeurs  
Generaal en Raaden te versoeken, dat meergem<sup>d</sup>e Heer Capitain  
de thanx op de Rheede van Elmina leggende twee Franse Coop-  
vaardij Schepen de Diamant en de Admiraal, het eerste  
gevoert door Capt<sup>n</sup> Henrie Robbal van Roschel en het andere  
door Capt<sup>n</sup> Richard Molard van Bourdeaux, en voorts alle  
andere Franse Schepen die zig 'eeniger Tj'd op de hollandsche  
Rheeden mogten bevinden, ongemoltesteerd te laaten.

Protesteerende Directeurs Generaal en Raaden uyt Kragte  
van Voorz. Commissien by onverhoopte weigering wegens  
het te doene Affront, Publicq Geseld, Kosten, Schaadern en  
Intresse, die uyt diergelijcken ongehoorde Behandeling  
soudē kunnen koomen te proflueeren; omme te herhaalen  
soo ende daar het behoord

Aldus Geresolveert int Hoofd Casteel St George  
d' Elmina datum als vooren, praesentikus den Heer  
Directeurs Generaal, Mr Jacob de Petersen, Huijb. van  
Rijk. H<sup>k</sup> Raems, P. B. Verschuieren, F. dihme, Raaden

Ter Ordonnantie van deselve

O. P<sup>r</sup> L<sup>r</sup> Somit Secretaris

De Ondergeschreevene Jan Romain Vaandrig en  
Jurriaan Groen Onder Commies beide in Opgem<sup>d</sup>e  
Qualityten in dienst der Ed. Geotroyerde Generaal  
Neederlandsche Westindische Comp<sup>n</sup>e Certificieeren  
mitsdeesen dat den inhoud van vooren staande Resolutie  
door Jurriaan Groen in de Engelse Taale is voor gehouden  
geworden, aan den Heere Capitain William Buijs Command-  
eerende het Oorlogschip van Zyn Koninklyke Majestijt van  
Groot Brittanien genaamt Greyhound, ende dat na alvorens  
uyt naame van Directeurs Generaal en Raaden int minnelijck  
versogt te hebben, dat meer gem<sup>d</sup>e Heer Capitain de twee  
Franse Coopvaardij Schepen ter Rheede van Elmina  
leggende, ongemoltesteerd mogt laaten. De Ondergesch.  
by onverhoopte weigering, ingesolge hunne Commissie  
van Directeur Generaal en Raaden hebben geprotesteert  
gehad wegens het te doene Affront Publicq Geseld  
mitsg<sup>s</sup> Kosten Schaadern en Intresse die uyt hoofde  
van Onbehoorlycke Behandelingē, soude kunnen koomen  
te ontslaan, omme deselve te kunnen herhaalen soo ende  
daar het behoord

Aldus int Comp<sup>n</sup>s Hoofd Casteel St George  
d' Elmina deesen 14 April 1744

J. Romain

J. Groen

Cape Coast Castle April / 9<sup>th</sup> 1744.

To all who it may concern these are to Certify & whereas certain words or expressions in a Protest made by Jacob de Peterson Esquire, Director Gen<sup>l</sup> o Affairs o West India Co o Holland in Africa bearing date / 14<sup>th</sup> o April 1744 N.S. agst William Boys Esquire, Commander o his Majesty's Ship / Greyhound are deemed by interpretation to import t / above mentioned Capt Boys sd t his orders "were to drive all / French Ships t he found betw Cape three Points & / River Volta " off / Coast o Africa."

I David Crichton, a Chief Agent & Treasurer f / Royal African Co o England at Cape Coast Castle in Africa do by these Presents declare t I was present at a Conference betw / aforesaid Capt Boys & Jacob de Peterson in / Castle o St George D Elmina & at / Desire o sd Gentlemen was Interpreter betw them (neither o them understandg / Language o / Fr<sup>ch</sup> Na<sup>n</sup>) and t / Orders intimated by Capt Boys aforesaid to Jacob de Peterson were as follows "t he (Capt Boys) "was ordered by / Right honourable / Lords Commissioners f executg / Office o Lord High Admiral o England to drive away all french Vessels t "he sd find tradg betw Cape three Points & / River Volta. fm t part o / "Coast o Africa." In Witness whereof I h signed these Presents day & year above mentioned

D. Crichton

It is hereby fur certified t / aforesaid Capt Boyce did at first in amicable & friendly manner desire / french Captains who he found w / Ships at Anchor off Elmina to depart fm thence forthwith w orders to them not to stop anywhere betw Cape three Points & / River Volta, as Witness my hand as aforesaid

D. Crichton

Cape Coast Castle April / 9<sup>th</sup> 1744.

Sir As y h not give us Room to hope t yr Continue on this part o Coast at present will afford us sufficient time to make out w<sup>th</sup> such a Gen Sketch o Affairs o Coast as y was pleased to propose when at this place, having upon trial found t / same will run to a gr<sup>er</sup> length than we then Imagined we sh be obliged to drop t Affair to a more favourable oppy. However as y propose to write to / Lords o / Admiralty by / Dutch Envoy Ship, so far in Gen we can Inform y & think it our Duty to Request t / same may w<sup>th</sup> Reserve be made known to chr Lordships. T / English Forts upon this part o Coast are in Gen in Tolerable Repair. T we h bin usg our Utmost Endeavours (As far as / Circumstances o / Cos Affairs wd Permit) f these two last Years f t purpose & t we Continue to go on w<sup>th</sup> such farther Repairs as are found necessary. T w<sup>th</sup> meantime we are wholly unprovided w all manner o Stores as well Military (Includg even gr<sup>er</sup> Guns) as Tradersmens Tools & Buildg Materials. T we are gely in want o European Provios o all kinds havg had no Supply o t kind fm England f almost two Years. T we stand much in need o some small Vessels & Shippg Stores w wh / Repairs o Forts cannot be carryed on but under / gr<sup>er</sup> Difficulties & Disadvantages, nor / Correspondence betw them upheld in a proper manner. T we are in / Utmost Distress f want o Men havg not above one fifth o what wd be necessary f / Service o this part o Coast w<sup>th</sup> much t shd two Factors Die, one o our Forts at least must be left in Charge o a Sergeant. T we are w<sup>th</sup> ill Supplied w Goods, so t we h no Chance in Trade w our Neigh- bours, nor are we w<sup>th</sup> able to raise Money sufficient to pay our own Salaries & those o / few People now Remaining in / Cos Service so t w<sup>th</sup> body is Dis- satisfied & we are much afraid t shd no Remedy Speedily be Applied / Affair will end in a total Disobedience o Coast. These Matters, Sir, we hope wd induce y to Intreat chr Lordships in / most Earnest manner to Consider o what shall be left to fall either into / Hands o / Natives or Foreigners. We are Sorry t we had no more Agreeable Tale to Intertain y w<sup>th</sup> we sh only add t we hope y will believe us to be w<sup>th</sup> Utmost Sincerity & Respect

Sir -  
James Craik  
D. Crichton  
Thomas Cholmer

To William Boys Esquire Commander o his Majesty Ship Greyhound

[orig 1744]

Cape Coast Castle April 10, 1744

Sir

Use & Received / Honour o yr Letter o Yesty's date & do much Approve  
o / Step y & taken in Sendg ashore at Annamaboe to demand / French men  
who are ther, o / Reason t we did not men<sup>n</sup> any thg in our Letter w Regard to  
them was bec t we are unwilling to proceed to hostilities w Relatn to / People  
o t Place untill we sh h / Coy fort at Tantumquerry Resected, f as  
they & those o Annamaboe are one People, / go<sup>g</sup> to extremities w / latter  
may exasperate / fan<sup>n</sup>ic Country in gen so much as to provoke them  
to give us some disturbance at Tantumquerry, however we beg leave to suggest  
as our Opinion t y will let / Blacks o Annamaboe know if they sh Continue  
Refractory in deliverg y these french men in an Amicable manner t upon yr  
Return y will take measures to oblige them to a Complyce, and long before t  
time we sh h say thg at Tantumquerry Accommodated, w / People ther are  
disposed to a Reconciliat<sup>n</sup> if we sh send them a new Chief.

It is fur proper to give y a Caution not to send yr Boat ashore at  
Tantumquerry unless a Canoe comes off to y fm / fort, / reason o this  
is bec Captain Holburne failed in an attempt to land / Chiefs ther by  
force & / Blacks may Apprehend y come w / same intem<sup>n</sup> We are - r -

James Craik.

D. Crichton  
Thomas Chalmers.

[orig  
sign]

To William Boys Esquire Commander o his  
Majestys Ship Greyhound

[End o enclosures]

"Capt Boys 23 Oct<sup>r</sup> 1744."

Sir Your please to acquaint the Lordships t I arrivd in yr Downs  
with his Maj<sup>ty</sup> Ship Greyhound under my Command, Yesty ~~at~~  
even<sup>g</sup> at 6 o' Clock, after 13 Weeks Passage fm Annamaboe, wh  
Place, I stayd at accordg to the Lordships Orders, till I hd no more  
Provis<sup>n</sup> than mt in all probability last me home, Viz: 12<sup>½</sup> Weeks  
f yr Complement, & heard o no Man o Wars arrivd on / Coast to relieve me.

Capt<sup>m</sup> Holburne saild fm Spee just three Weeks before I arrivd  
ther, so t I hd not an Oppy o givg him the Lordships Orders wh I send  
inclosed.

I send hereinto f the Lordships Informa<sup>n</sup> / State & Condit<sup>n</sup> o all  
/ Forts o Royal African Co on / Coast o Guinea, & / Copies o all /  
letters I recd fm / Chiefs o them, in Relat<sup>n</sup> to them

I took yr longboat o a French Smo<sup>g</sup> by my Boat at Amisab, w  
five men in her, three o wh I spare to three English Merch<sup>t</sup> Ships to assist  
them in Navigatg them, & sunk / longboat, / or two I h on board &  
Twenty two<sup>r</sup> French Prisoners

I bury'd my Sumner at Annamaboe . . .

my Journal Comey hereinto by wh the Lordships will h /  
Part<sup>s</sup> o all my Transact<sup>n</sup>s, to wh I refer the Lordships f the Informa<sup>n</sup>,  
in regard to my whole proceedg<sup>s</sup>.

Greyhound Downs  
Octob<sup>r</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 1744

I am - r -  
W Boys

[no addressee's name]

[Some Enclosures to / above: - ]  
in order o date.

300  
I shd not be fault pay'd y / usual Custom due to his Maj<sup>ty</sup> Colours, but /  
Fort is in such a Ruinous Condition I am afraid so many Guns wd shake part o it  
down, so hope y will excuse me. I shd be glad to Assist y in any way here to /  
utmost o my Power & am - re -

To Boys & Comm<sup>o</sup> his  
Maj<sup>ty</sup>'s Ship Greyhound in Duxis Road  
"A Copy"

Duxis Fort 29 March 1744

Sir I am forward w/ you o / 29<sup>th</sup> Inst<sup>o</sup> as to y<sup>e</sup> Condition o this Fort I am  
sorry to say is but v<sup>y</sup> Indif<sup>t</sup> beg much out o Repair & badly Garrisoned, tho I  
am in Daily Expectation o having Workmen fm Cape Coast to repair it, / Dutch  
h at present / preference o Trade here abts, occasion'd by / gr<sup>o</sup> Priviledge / Dutch  
Co allow the Chiefs, / Forts near here are somewhat better in Repair than  
this but almost as badly Manned, beg at / most only five or six white Men in  
a Fort, If / French are Suffer'd to trade on this Coast they'd Doubtlessly in  
a few Years Engross / whole Slave Trade as / gr<sup>o</sup> Price they sell the Slaves at in  
the Plantations permitts them to pay more here than / British Ships can do. I  
h not heard o any Privateers here this 12 Months, at present we are in  
perfect Peace & Quietness here abts. I h sent a Lge Canoe f<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Water Casks &  
shd be glad to Render y any further Service beg w<sup>g</sup> solemn - re -

Duxis Fort March

Wm Dacres

30<sup>th</sup> 1744.  
"A Copy"

Secunde Fort 1 April 1744

Sir I recd y<sup>e</sup> Esteem'd favour & shd quite y / best acct I can o / Forts & Trade  
here abts, this Fort is in tolerable good Repair in / Inside Part, good Guns &  
all well Mounted, but some part o / outside Fortific<sup>o</sup> is v<sup>y</sup> bad, / Trade here  
may be carry'd on to a considerable Value f Gold, Slaves & Elephants Teeth, but  
/ Co never half Supply us w Goods, & at / same Time lay a strict Injun<sup>o</sup>  
upon us not to make any Private Trade, w<sup>h</sup> puts / English quite Loss to  
y<sup>e</sup> Dutch Chiefs whose Co allow them to make all / Trade they can themselves  
upon pay'g to / Co £2 St f 20<sup>y</sup> Slave they sell, so o Consequence, / Dutch  
carry on a gr<sup>o</sup> Trade h a much gr<sup>o</sup> Interest in this Country than / English.  
The little Fort o Accorany is in bad Repair, but a considerable Trade is  
carried on by / Chiefs, / Dutch Fort here is in tolerable good Repair & o late  
has carried all / Trade o this Place. Chamah a Dutch Fort abt 3  
leagues to Leeward o this Place has a considerable Trade & a constant  
Resort o all, having a fine fresh Water River runn'g close by / Fort, /  
Country all hereabts is v<sup>y</sup> Pleasant & health full & tolerably Supply'd w  
Provis<sup>o</sup> o all kind I am - re -

Jm<sup>o</sup> Woolhead

"A Copy" [no addressee]

Commenda Fort April 19<sup>th</sup> 1744.

Sir The Dispute I h at present w / gr<sup>o</sup> part o my Towns People  
Oblig'g me to hold my Fort in constant Readiness ag<sup>st</sup> any Attack they  
may make upon it, & w<sup>h</sup> they not be tempted to do, by send'g me Dis-  
charge my Guns is / Reason & I hope will be my Excuse f not pay'g /  
Due Honours to his Maj<sup>ty</sup>'s Colours; however if / myself or any o /  
Officers will Designe to Do me / favour o y<sup>e</sup> Co on Shore, it will not  
only be o<sup>r</sup> safe as to y<sup>e</sup> Persons, but also be Esteem'd as an Honour  
Confer'd on Sir - re -

Thos Boteler  
"A Copy" [no addressee]

Commenda Fort, April 2<sup>d</sup> 1744

I am bound w<sup>th</sup> yo<sup>r</sup> o<sup>r</sup> this Day & in Compliance thereto sh<sup>d</sup> Endeavour  
to give yo<sup>r</sup> as part<sup>r</sup> an Acct o<sup>f</sup> Trade o<sup>f</sup> this Fort as I am capable o<sup>f</sup>, & first  
Produce o<sup>f</sup> this part o<sup>f</sup> Gold Coast o<sup>f</sup> Guinea, consists chiefly in Slaves, Gold, Yams  
Corn & Palm Oyl, this part<sup>r</sup> Fort is so well Sittuated w<sup>th</sup> regard to Inland Markets,  
as to be capable o<sup>f</sup> beg<sup>g</sup> well Supply'd to purchase 4 or 500 Slaves evy Year,  
10,000 Ounces o<sup>f</sup> Gold & any Quantity o<sup>f</sup> Provisions t<sup>h</sup> may be wanted, as to / Fort it is  
a strong Regular Double Square Fortificac<sup>n</sup> capable o<sup>f</sup> mountg 40 Cannon &  
containing a Garrison o<sup>f</sup> Men & Provisions fit to fight them [sic] three Years at  
least, w<sup>th</sup> a Tank & o<sup>r</sup> Conveniences f<sup>r</sup> Water, f<sup>r</sup> near / Same Time

The Dutch Co<sup>r</sup> h<sup>h</sup> a strong Fort o<sup>f</sup> 20 Bge Pieces o<sup>f</sup> Cannon, much /  
same Model w<sup>th</sup> this but smaller, if yo<sup>r</sup> sh<sup>d</sup> judge it necessary to h<sup>h</sup> a more  
part<sup>r</sup> Acct. sh<sup>d</sup> Endeav<sup>r</sup> to give it yo<sup>r</sup> agst<sup>ly</sup> o<sup>f</sup> come Around, we h<sup>h</sup> not any  
Acct o<sup>f</sup> any o<sup>f</sup> Spanish Privateers at present on / Coast. I am - r -  
Tho<sup>s</sup> Boteler

"A Copy" [No address]

Cape Coast Castle April 9<sup>th</sup> 1744

[Original copied at p 19 supra] - - -

Gentlemen

[Edge torn]

I h<sup>h</sup> yet rec<sup>d</sup> no Answer fm Anamahoe to / Message I sent...  
am told by Capt<sup>m</sup> Preston t<sup>h</sup> his Gold Taker says / Capushiers are all...  
to fight, to consult abt<sup>t</sup> & will send me this Answer tomorrow...  
but I am afraid don't Design it; bec<sup>z</sup> they won't let any o<sup>f</sup> their Gold [o<sup>r</sup>]  
come on board me, not will any Canoes come on board me; yo<sup>r</sup> are best...  
if any ill Consequ<sup>es</sup> may attend Tantumquerry, if any Hostilities are Com...  
here, & I Believe if they won't Deliver them by fair Means after what...  
Holtborne has done, it will be ~~Vain~~ in Vain f<sup>r</sup> me to attempt any & perhaps yo<sup>r</sup>...  
/ Co<sup>s</sup> Interest, but o<sup>r</sup> yo<sup>r</sup> are / best Judges, who know...  
o<sup>f</sup> People. I wd<sup>d</sup> gladly be an Instrument to secure / Trade o<sup>f</sup>...  
to ourselves & prevent f<sup>r</sup> ever / French Settling here, as they are certa...  
= temptg & not w<sup>th</sup> Encouragem<sup>t</sup> fm / Natives, One o<sup>f</sup> yo...  
= my<sup>s</sup> down here may perhaps may facilitate this Affair. My Time is short...  
am unwilling to lose w<sup>th</sup> Success, & if Succeed will be well spent; I...  
yo<sup>r</sup> f<sup>r</sup> yo<sup>r</sup> Cau<sup>s</sup> to me not to send / Boat ashore at Tantumquerry, as  
I sh<sup>d</sup> h<sup>h</sup> done w<sup>th</sup> it, & perhaps h<sup>h</sup> lost my Boat, can I be o<sup>f</sup>  
Service to yo<sup>r</sup> Co<sup>s</sup> Affairs at Tantumquerry, if I h<sup>h</sup> no expectat...  
= ling / French Men away fm hence & one o<sup>f</sup> Gentlemen do...  
down. I sh<sup>d</sup> sail / Day after to Morrow. I am - r -  
w<sup>th</sup> Boys.

Greyhound Anamahoe Road

Apr 10<sup>th</sup> 1744

To Messrs Craik Crichton & Chalmer.

"A Copy"

Cape Coast Castle April 10<sup>th</sup> 1744

[Copied fm Orig. p 20 supra] - - -

Since yo<sup>r</sup> kind favour I h<sup>h</sup> rec<sup>d</sup> & sh<sup>d</sup> readily Comply w<sup>th</sup> yo<sup>r</sup> Desire in regard  
to Stock; but as f<sup>r</sup> Gold its too precious an Article to give f<sup>r</sup> Stock. I hope to be  
well enough to Morrow to pay my Respects to yo<sup>r</sup> on board when we sh<sup>d</sup> settle t<sup>h</sup>  
Affair. The Sea is so bad, cd not trust a Canoe or Boat over / Barr to yo<sup>r</sup> River  
but expect it will be v<sup>ry</sup> good to Morrow. I h<sup>h</sup> sent yo<sup>r</sup> what Water I h<sup>h</sup> in my  
Cistern, & if this was more it sh<sup>d</sup> be at yo<sup>r</sup> Service. My Canoe will be on  
board early in / Morning f<sup>r</sup> yo<sup>r</sup> Cabls, if / Sea is good. I Returne yo<sup>r</sup> hearty  
thanks f<sup>r</sup> / Com<sup>ts</sup> yo<sup>r</sup> sent me & I took it this Morng & find I was in g<sup>o</sup>  
want o<sup>f</sup> it. I Believe it will contribute v<sup>ry</sup> much to my recovery. I hope to get  
/ Rhode Island Males fm Mumford to Morrow. If anything in my Way  
can be o<sup>f</sup> any Service to yo<sup>r</sup> I beg yo<sup>r</sup> Command Sir - etc -

Winebah April 11<sup>th</sup> 1744

Jn<sup>o</sup> Dettmer

"A Copy"

Sir We recd yrs o/ 10<sup>th</sup> Inst & as Mr Crickton wies deliv<sup>r</sup> of this, he beg for better acquainted w these Circumstances than Mr Craik or Chalmer, so he can give y / fullest Acct thereof & what may now be tho<sup>t</sup> most proper to be done in Consequ<sup>e</sup> o what has bin done already, we therefore beg leave to refer y to him, b / Part<sup>r</sup> o t Affairs, & whatso<sup>r</sup> sh be concerted & agreed betw<sup>n</sup> y & him, sh be v<sup>y</sup> agreeable & well Approv<sup>d</sup> o by Sir - r -

To W<sup>m</sup> Bays Esq<sup>r</sup> Comm<sup>r</sup> o his Maj<sup>s</sup> Ship Greyhound  
"A Copy"

James Craik  
D. Crickton  
Thos Chalmer

Cape Coast Castle June 12 1744

Sir We w<sup>th</sup> pleasure embrace / Oppy to Congratulate y on yr Returne to Cape Coast Riv<sup>r</sup>, & we h herein sent inclos<sup>d</sup> his Maj<sup>s</sup> Declara<sup>n</sup> o War ag<sup>t</sup> France, f yr Specula<sup>n</sup>.

We beg youl do us / Honour o Ding w us tomorrow as Time will not permit us to h / Pleasure o yr Co to night, & if youl beg Mr Bladen along w y it will be an Additional Favour to, Sir - r -

"A Copy" [no address]

James Craik  
D Crickton

Cape Coast Castle June 18 1744  
6 o'clock Afternoon 1744

Sir ~~Atten<sup>n</sup> Hour~~  
Apt an Hour ago a Sail was discovered to Windw<sup>d</sup> upon wh we made / Sign<sup>t</sup> wh by / Hazi-ness o / Weather I Apprehend y did not perceive it. she is now past / Mine & does not seem to haul in, she has English Colours & a Long boat a head, it is not certain wh it is a Ship or a Sneau - r - D Crickton

"a copy"

Cape Coast Castle June 18<sup>th</sup> 1744  
half an hour after 8 at night

Sir We h recd a Billet fm elmina this Moment contain<sup>g</sup> as follows.  
Par Ordre de - [sic] Je vous communique qu'un Navire de Guerre françois paroit a de Cote. Selon les nouvelles qui viennent dans le Moment, t is to say, by / Order o - I Acquaint y t a French Man o War is upon yr Coast accord<sup>g</sup> to / News this Moment arriv<sup>d</sup> This we think proper to acquaint y o w<sup>th</sup> all Expedi<sup>n</sup>, & t ye Ship we advertis<sup>d</sup> y o is Anch<sup>r</sup>d some dark off this Castle, We are - r -

"A Copy"

Jam<sup>s</sup> Craik  
D. Crickton

Cape Coast Castle July 22<sup>d</sup> 1744

Sir As y was pleas<sup>d</sup> to intimate to us at / time o yr first Arrival at these parts t y was instruct<sup>d</sup> fm / orders Commis<sup>n</sup> o / Admiralty to take a Part<sup>r</sup> Acct o / Conclim o / British Affairs upon this Coast, & more Especially o / present State o / Forts & Factories belong<sup>g</sup> to / Royal African Co o this Coast, & t to / more exact Perform<sup>ce</sup> o / same, y judg<sup>d</sup> our Assis<sup>n</sup> to be necessary. We inform<sup>d</sup> y at t Time t a part<sup>r</sup> Acct o these Affairs was not to be Dispatch<sup>d</sup> in so short a Time as not to g<sup>o</sup> to interfere in our part<sup>r</sup> Business as we were much in want o / proper Hand to carry on / same.

As y were then in Opinion t a schem<sup>e</sup> o our Affairs made out in a Conside<sup>r</sup> Way wd well enough Answer y<sup>r</sup> intend<sup>d</sup> Inquiry, & h since furnish<sup>d</sup> us w a Plan f / Execu<sup>n</sup> o / same, we hope we h by this present Schem<sup>e</sup> answer<sup>d</sup> y<sup>r</sup> purpose havi<sup>g</sup> in v<sup>y</sup> few part<sup>r</sup> deviated fm yr Original plan.

However, as it wd be impossible in so narrow a Compass to give y a Sufficient insight into / Matters requir<sup>d</sup> we h added some Remarks by Way o / Narrative t y wd be as much inform<sup>d</sup> o these Matters as / Nature o / Plan propos<sup>d</sup>, & our Time wd admit o; but as we Apprehend this is only to serve y as a private Memorandum, we h not taken so much Pains to h / same made so fair & uniform as if it hd bin intend<sup>d</sup> f farther Inspect<sup>n</sup>.

While we are wait<sup>g</sup> this, we h rec<sup>d</sup> yrs o this Days Date, wh makes a Demand f ye Plan aforesaid, we Detain yr Officers f a little to get ready a letter f / Co wh comes h<sup>erewith</sup> & if y do not sail before to morrow Even<sup>g</sup> we sh perhaps take / liberty to trouble y w a few private letters. / Co's letters as well as this Schem<sup>e</sup>, we recommend to yr part<sup>r</sup> care, & t in Case y shoud be likely to be overp<sup>o</sup>nd<sup>r</sup> by an Enemy o superior Force, beg t y wd Dispatch them out o / way, as they wd set our Affairs on this Coast in such a light as we wd not wish them to be shewn to Enemies. we sh not trouble y w any more at present, but in Case we shd not be no fur<sup>r</sup> favour<sup>d</sup> w yr Correspond<sup>ce</sup>, we wish y a safe & Speedy Voyage & all Manner o Success even to yr own Continent beg w / utmost Sincerity Sir - r -

"A Copy" [no address]

James Craik  
Thos Chalmer

The State & Condition of all Castles & Factories belonging to / Royal Capt. Boys.

Places Names	Chiefs Names	Number & Nature of Guns	Condition of sd Guns	The present Condition of Fortifications	The Form of Fort	Number of White Men & of what Degree.
Disease Fort	William Davis	29 ft Guns ye 6 lbs are 6 pounders, but most are 4, 3 & under	most of Guns is peevilly ye small ones are old & almost wore out	The main Wall of ye Fort next ye Sea is Cracked & in a fells Condition ye Bastion & Platform of ye Outwork have ye beam bad & ye rest of ye fortifications are in tolerable good Order	A Square w three Regular & one Irregular Bastion & one is added a triangular Outwork w one Bastion, mak <sup>d</sup> in ye whole an Irregular Pentagon, w a right Ang <sup>l</sup> 2 obtuse & 1 Acute	2 Sergeant 2 Gunner 2 White Soldiers 2 Molatto Soldiers
Seccondel Fort	John Woolhead	28 ft Guns 20 wh are 9 pounders, 10 <sup>th</sup> are 6, 5, 4, 3, & under	Most of Guns are in tolerable good Order except ye 3 Pounders	The Fort stands upon a bad Foundat <sup>n</sup> & ye Buildg is Originaly Intend <sup>d</sup> ye Bastions & Walls are all Cracked & cannot sustain any considerable Shock.	The Fort is a Square, but so Irregular as not to be readily described w <sup>th</sup> a Plann.	2 Sergeant 2 Molatto Gunner 2 White Soldiers 2 Molatto Soldiers
Commenda Fort	Thomas Boteler	29 ft Guns 60 wh are 9 pounders & in tolerable good Condition ye 4 <sup>th</sup> are 6, 3, & infra & old & quite worn out	The 9 pounders are in tolerable good Order, ye 4 <sup>th</sup> are old & wore out.	This Fort is at present in a manner ruinous, / Main Wall front <sup>d</sup> / Dutch, & most of Bastions are fallen down & Swell parts of ye fort gley defective	The Fort is a regular Square Fort, but, old Fac <sup>ty</sup> / ye walls are independent of ye Outer Works, he also Fortified in same manner.	2 Sergeant 2 Molatto Gunner 4 Molatto Soldiers
Cape Coast Castle	Agents David Chrington Tho <sup>s</sup> Chalmer Ja <sup>s</sup> Craik	12 <sup>th</sup> 12 9 <sup>th</sup> 9 4 3 1 Dismounted 9 10 12 4 total 49 1 Brass Six pounder	The 12 & 9 pdrs & some of 6 pdrs are new, / rest in tolerable Order except those Dismounted	This Castle as to Fortifications is in pretty good Order except / Outwork & T / Walls in Gen <sup>l</sup> stand in need of Casting & White Wash	This Castle included / Outwork is a very irregular Pentagon having 2 Acute & 3 Obtuse Angles, 30 / Bastions are round & 2 Angular.	1 Secretary 2 Factors 3 Assistants 1 Lieut. 1 Surgeon 1 Gunner 1 Water Side Bombard 2 Corporals 6 White Soldiers 6 Molatto Soldiers
Charles Fort at Anamaboe				This Fort has not been occupied for many years past & is now entirely ruinous & in tolerable good Condition, but since the Trade has been removed to the Coast of / Slave Trade, but since / French began to Trade here to such Exorbitant Prices & English can not afford to trade, & were generally driven by / Trade Party of Negroes to their Interest, however we have reason to think that as soon as we shall be able to		
Tantum - Quarry Fort	Henry Turner	16 Guns 20 wh are 6 pdrs, / rest 3 pdrs at Infra	The two 6 pdrs are new, 12 of ye 4 <sup>th</sup> are good, / rest one bad.	This Fort is in very good repair except a small outwork which fell down by late Storms, & / Tank which is leaky.	This Fort is a regular Square w 4 Bastions, w a small Triangular Outwork adjoining no way Fortified.	2 Gunner 4 White Soldiers 2 Molatto 2 Black Drummer
Winniba Fort	Richard Graves	18 Guns, one of wh a 6 pdr & 2: 4 pdrs 13: 3 pdrs & 2: 1 pdr	Most of ye Guns are in tolerable good order, but 5 of them are at present Dismounted	This Fort is in very good Repair only 1 Battlement Tarraces on some parts thereof	The same exactly as Tantum Quarry	2 Sergeant 2 Gunner 1 White Soldier 5 Molatto Soldiers 1 Black Soldier 1 Black Drummer.
James Fort Accra	Andrew Dettmer	pdrs Mounted 18 12 9 8 4 1 besides ye about 6 Guns Dismounted	The 6 pdrs are in good Order except 2 of them are nailed / rest are very old & wore	This Fort in Gen <sup>l</sup> is in good Repair	A Square w 3 regular Bastions & 1 Round, one having a Triangular Outwork toward / Sea	1 Assistant 1 Sergeant 1 Gunner 4 White Soldiers 2 Molatto Soldiers 1 Black Drummer
Pram Pramm Factory	William Warvell	9 three pounder at Infra.	The Guns are in good Order	This Factory is in very good Order only / Roof of one of / Rooms stands in need of being new laid	A Square house w one Bastion being abt a 6 <sup>th</sup> part of an intended regular Square fortification ye outwork is built of clay & an irregular form.	3 Molatto Soldiers 1 Black Soldier

Number o Negroes to be depended on	Wher Good Trade or not	Wher well Supply'd w Goods or not	Wher well Supply'd w Military Stores	If not Supply'd Well w Goods & Ammunition / Reason the of	Wher well Stock'd w Provisions & Water f any time f besiegd	Wher at War w / Natives, or if at War, / Reason the of.
The Cos Slaves are 20 & effective men when in Peace, w 1/2 Natives (wh we must use) we can depend upon 1000 or th by provided we can supply them w Ammunition & dig out to ye time beg.	At Present no Trade	Wj 9ll Supply'd in so much th is w Diffely / Chief can pay his small Garrison Slaves 1/2 & find Provisions f himself.	The whole Military Stores at present are 150 round Shot 200 lb Gun powder 26 dead Bards & Small Arms f / Guard	The only reason is approaching dead to be w ye Co has not had it in the Power to send / necessary Supplies, having been regularly adjust'd o / w don't an of years ago.	Increased well Supply'd w Water but quite destitute o all European Provisions, but 9ll Supply'd w Peppercorn	In Peace at present, but in daily expectation o an Invasion by ye King o w war, w upon ye Country in Gen. in wh this Fort is situated, w in the Defence / Fort if possible must engage.
The Town consists o abt 50 Negroes but not much to be depended on. The Cos Slaves are 4 effective men.	At Present no Trade by Reason Chief has Orders not to Purchase Slaves wh is / Chief Comodity at Place	Supply'd so as to be able to maintain his Garrison abt a Year	Military Stores are 500 Round Shot 320 lbs Gun powder 90 pds lead Ball 1 Cohorn 51 Grenado Shells Small Arms f / Guard	The same reason as Dixcove.	Tolerably provided w Water, no European Provisions, but able to provide themselves w African if / Country is in Peace	In some Circumstances as Dixcove
The Cos Slaves are 5 effective men & at present / or Negroes to be depended on are abt 50	No Trade	Wj 9ll Supply'd vide Dixcove	Military Stores are 600 round Shot 500 pds Gun powder 42 Grenado Shells 228 pds lead Ball Small Arms f / Guard	The same Reason as Dixcove	Tolerably provided w Water, no European Provisions, but present no African to be purchas'd th	At Variance w / Natives on acct o / non-vol o / Caputheer who was a notorious Robber & teacher - w to both / Whites & Blacks
The Cos Slaves are 50 effective men or in / Town & Country Adjacent wh be waid abt 2000 effective men more if at peace among themselves	no Trade at Present by reason wh is not / Goods in demand, & t we do not buy Slaves	The Present Value o Goods here is abt £2, 600, w 9ll Assorted	Military Stores are 4000 round Shot 1000 pds Gun powder 450 pds lead Ball Small Arms f / Guard	The same Reason as Dixcove	Wj well provided w Water, European Provisions f 9 Months, no African Provisions they beg w scarce a Year of this time	In Peace w / Natives but Apprehension o an Invasion by / King o Ashantee upon this & ye deeward Part o ye Coast this Season.
of Turbulent & 9ll Disposition o People & no attempt has since been made to settle it on acct o declining Condition / its former Condition w take a lge Sum o Money, wh however wd be w well worth / say'g out, as this place is in / Year 1737 it has been almost entirely lost to / English Traders, by reason t / French h waid / Peace o Slaves they made. The French are now attempting to settle here & h 4 or 5 people on Shore f this Purpose, & h gain'd a make tryall w sh find our Party stronger than / french w disapprove them in their Intended Settlement.						
The Natives beg a Turbulent & treacherous sort o people are not to be depended on. The Cos no effective Slaves th at present	no Trade at present / Fort having been lately in ye hands o / Negroes who Plunder'd / Fort o what goods they had in it.	A Chief has gone to take possession o it a few days ago can give no acct (certain) what has been in ye hands o ye Negroes	Military Stores uncertain f ye fore go'd reasons	The same Reason as Dixcove	Wj 9ll provided w Water, / Tank beg on a separate is before mentioned no European Provisions but when in peak w / Natives African Provisions Plenty	no accommodation agreed on since ye late Disturbance w these than a Cession from Hostilities by both Parties.
The Cos Slaves are 4 effective men & 1 Towns people abt 200 more wh may be depended upon.	no Trade at Present	Wj 9ll provided w goods	Military Stores are 283 Round Shot 98 Grenado Shells 100 pds Gun powder 20 pds lead Ball Small Arms f / Guard.	The same Reason as Dixcove	Well provided w Water, no European Provisions, African Provisions to be had sufficient when they w prefer goods to purchase them	In Peace w / Natives
The Cos Slaves are four effective men & ye Town People are abt 300 men but o dubious Courage	no Trade by reason o Wars & Disturbances in ye Country th wh is not yet thoroughly settled	Provided so as to be able to Subsist / Garrison half a Year	Military Stores are 700 round Shot 2 double headed Shells 15 Grenado Shells 260 pds Gun powder 39 pds lead Ball 30. 1/2 Do Bards Small Arms f / Guard	The same reason as Dixcove	Well Provided w Water, no European Provisions, ye African not plenty & w 3 Den.	In Peace w / Natives
2 Cos Slaves & abt 30 Native effective men.	no Trade f ye same reason as at Accra	Wj well Supply'd w Goods to Subsist / Garrison f a Year or more	Military Stores 400 round Shot 450 pds Gun powder 34 pds lead Ball Small Arms f / Guard.	The same reason as Dixcove	no Water in / Factory, our provisions o any kind, but ye Comodity abt are Plentiful & Cheap	In Peace w / Natives

Remarks

The Guns as of w<sup>ch</sup> percise are Genly in bad Order & o<sup>r</sup> to be Renew'd in Case o<sup>r</sup> shd be found necessary f<sup>r</sup> Ships to ly under the Protect<sup>n</sup> in Warr Time, but o<sup>r</sup>wise they may do well enough f<sup>r</sup> many Years to Protect / Forts ag<sup>t</sup> any Insults or Attempts fm y<sup>e</sup> Negroes also in y<sup>e</sup> former Case 1 Guns at most o<sup>r</sup> out Forts are too small to repell any Attaque for a Vessell o<sup>r</sup> Force.

2 The Battery<sup>s</sup> towards / Sea in most o<sup>r</sup> Forts were stand in need o<sup>r</sup> much Repair if not new Buildg, in Case deady Guns shd be mounted upon them to Defend Shippg as aforesaid

3 The Formes o<sup>r</sup> Forts as has bn aforesaid are not v<sup>y</sup> accurately described, but they are all so Form'd & situated as in Case o<sup>r</sup> they beg in thoro<sup>s</sup> repair & heavy Guns mounted upon them, to be able to defend any Ships, t<sup>h</sup> shd take Shelter under them, & they all, except tantum query, are also able to Command th<sup>r</sup> own dandy Places so as neither to suffer any Enemy to land under them, nor themselves to be shut up fm communi<sup>ca</sup>tion / Sea in Case o<sup>r</sup> any Warr w<sup>th</sup> / Natives

4. None o<sup>r</sup> Forts (except Cape Coast Castle) are capable o<sup>r</sup> containg a lge Garrison & we are o<sup>r</sup> Opinion t<sup>h</sup> one Sergeant, one Gunner, 2 Corporals & twelve Soldiers f<sup>r</sup> each (i<sup>n</sup> some more some less) wd be sufficient f<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Compt<sup>n</sup> o<sup>r</sup> Military Men, Cape Coast Castle wd Contain & indeed require a Garrison o<sup>r</sup> 100 Soldiers besides Officers, on Time o<sup>r</sup> Warr, but in peaceable Times less than half t<sup>h</sup> Number wd be sufficient to guard ag<sup>t</sup> any Attaque fm / Natives.

5 w<sup>th</sup> regard to / Article o<sup>r</sup> Trade, our havg sd no Trade at / Forts at this Time, proceeds fm y<sup>e</sup> Accident<sup>s</sup> o<sup>r</sup> present Times, f<sup>r</sup> if 1 Forts are well Supply'd w<sup>th</sup> Goods & Shippg plenty upon y<sup>e</sup> Coast, much (& v<sup>y</sup> profitable) Trade m<sup>ay</sup> be made at all o<sup>r</sup> them, / Trade at this Coast not appearg to us to be in / whole any ways less than it has bn f<sup>r</sup> many years past, but rather increas'd.

6 w<sup>th</sup> regard to y<sup>e</sup> Supply<sup>s</sup> o<sup>r</sup> Goods & military Stores, & / Reasons why they are in some measure defective we can only add t<sup>h</sup> / Cos annual expence in upholdg / Settlements upon this Coast (exclusive o<sup>r</sup> Sallaries paid to Officers concern'd in Trade, only & o<sup>r</sup> Expens<sup>e</sup> on / sd Trade, amts to £12,000 Coast Money, & upon an exact Survey o<sup>r</sup> / sd Settlements abt two Years ago & a calculat<sup>n</sup> o<sup>r</sup> necessaries f<sup>r</sup> puttg / same into thoro<sup>s</sup> repair, it was our Opinion (as at such we transmitted it to y<sup>e</sup> Co) t<sup>h</sup> it wd be needful in order to carry on / sd repairs to good purpose, to lay out besides y<sup>e</sup> Curr<sup>nt</sup> Expens<sup>e</sup>s before mentioned, 1 sum o<sup>r</sup> £10,000 p<sup>r</sup> Annum, to be Employ'd in buyg Xtry Mumb<sup>s</sup> o<sup>r</sup> Militiars & Engineers, & in procurg buildg Material<sup>s</sup> o<sup>r</sup> all kinds & keepg Vessels o<sup>r</sup> all kinds upon / Coast to forward / same w<sup>th</sup> all o<sup>r</sup> Stores f<sup>r</sup> / same Purposes (exclusive o<sup>r</sup> heavy military Stores such as g<sup>t</sup> Guns, Shott &c) at least untill such Times as / sd repairs shd be fully Completed.

7 We h<sup>ave</sup> taken no Notice o<sup>r</sup> small redoubts near Cape Coast, viz<sup>t</sup> Phipps Tower, / Walls o<sup>r</sup> wh<sup>ch</sup> only are in v<sup>y</sup> good Cond<sup>it</sup>ion but both / roof & Middle floor quite ruinous, Fort Royal on Dames Hill is also quite ruinous, but if repaired (wh<sup>ch</sup> wd cost no small Labour & Expence) is better able to Command / Road o<sup>r</sup> Cape Coast than y<sup>e</sup> Castle itself. The small Fort at Queen Ann's Point is also in v<sup>y</sup> bad Order, but deserves to be better look'd after, as y<sup>e</sup> same Commands y<sup>e</sup> Water Side Path fm y<sup>e</sup> Fyn<sup>ten</sup> Country & m<sup>ay</sup> be made to Command / Fort o<sup>r</sup> Mourse (wh<sup>ch</sup> is but 9le taken Care o<sup>r</sup> by / Dutch) if it were properly fortify'd & some good Guns mounted thereon.

8 w<sup>th</sup> regard to y<sup>e</sup> Dutch Castles & Forts upon this Coast we are not well enough acquainted w<sup>th</sup> the present Cond<sup>it</sup>ion to give an exact Account but in regard to th<sup>r</sup> Fortificat<sup>n</sup>s we may affirm t<sup>h</sup> many o<sup>r</sup> them are in as ruinous a Cond<sup>it</sup>ion as our own, & f<sup>r</sup> t<sup>h</sup> we regard to Supply<sup>s</sup> o<sup>r</sup> Goods & impos'd upon / Portuguese (wh<sup>ch</sup> amts to a considerable Sum ev<sup>ry</sup> Year) any Difficult<sup>y</sup> upon th<sup>r</sup> Coast Pair are compleatly made up to them, & on acct<sup>n</sup> o<sup>r</sup> / Cos havg throw<sup>n</sup> / Trade into / Hands o<sup>r</sup> th<sup>r</sup> Servants on / Coast (on th<sup>r</sup> payg o<sup>r</sup> certain Custom on what Trade they make) th<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> o<sup>r</sup> Chief are exceedg well Supply'd w<sup>th</sup> all manner o<sup>r</sup> Goods o<sup>r</sup> th<sup>r</sup> own at present f<sup>r</sup> carryg on / sd Trade, th<sup>r</sup> Forts are genly tolerably well furnish'd & th<sup>r</sup> Cannon in pretty good Order, & are also f<sup>r</sup> / most Part well provided w<sup>th</sup> Powder, but f<sup>r</sup> o<sup>r</sup> military Stores they are almost as much defective as we are many o<sup>r</sup> th<sup>r</sup> Forts are ill provided w<sup>th</sup> Water, havg no Tanks or reserv<sup>o</sup>irs, & so situated as not to Command th<sup>r</sup> own Landg Places, wh<sup>ch</sup> is a g<sup>t</sup> Disadvantage in Case o<sup>r</sup> a surprise w<sup>th</sup> / Natives, w<sup>th</sup> whom / Dutch are genly at Peace, or rather not at Warr, f<sup>r</sup> where they are able they keep them, under g<sup>t</sup> Subject<sup>n</sup>, but at most o<sup>r</sup> th<sup>r</sup> Forts to depend o<sup>r</sup> Ammunition, they are almost as submissive to y<sup>e</sup> Natives, & yield to them many points o<sup>r</sup> Authority wh<sup>ch</sup> they formerly secur'd our them, rather than be Oblig'd to come to a tryal o<sup>r</sup> Strength w<sup>th</sup> them. The Castle o<sup>r</sup> St George Elmina is kept in exceedg good Repair & genly well Supply'd w<sup>th</sup> Morn<sup>g</sup> Military Stores (th<sup>r</sup> Cannon are all Brass & in good order) as is also / Fort o<sup>r</sup> St Jago wh<sup>ch</sup> Commands Elmina Castle, / g<sup>t</sup> Care taken in keepg these Places in good repair may perhaps be / reason why some o<sup>r</sup> th<sup>r</sup> Forts are so much neglected, these o<sup>r</sup> th<sup>r</sup> Forts & Factories may ly in th<sup>r</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> only Name & are as follows viz<sup>t</sup>

- 1st Accra wh<sup>ch</sup> is / first o<sup>r</sup> Gold Coast, 6 Succardie
- 2 Cape Three Points 1 Chama
- 3 Accradah 1 Commando
- 4 Benin 9 Mourse formerly th<sup>r</sup> head Castle
- 5 Accra 10 Comantine formerly / g<sup>t</sup> Castle
- 6 Accra 11 Apam
- 7 Accra 12 Buracu
- 8 Accra 13 Accra
- 9 Accra 14 Timma Factory
- 10 Accra 15 Pottery Factory a negro house

The Dames are in Poss<sup>n</sup> o<sup>r</sup> two Forts, one at Accra, on a highg / hill, & th<sup>r</sup> other is an irregular pile o<sup>r</sup> Buildg / Chief Fortificat<sup>n</sup> (w<sup>ch</sup> beg o<sup>r</sup> Ege Backen built not many Years ago, wh<sup>ch</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Plans upon wh<sup>ch</sup> it was built was never Completed nor is now likely to be) both rather like an Exercise than a Part o<sup>r</sup> Fort, & neither well Defen'd nor is Defended by y<sup>e</sup> / Party o<sup>r</sup> Fortificat<sup>n</sup>. However they have a tolerable good Platform towards / Sea wh<sup>ch</sup> may be able to Protect Shippg & may take Shelter under them, this Fort mountg abt thirty Guns, & few o<sup>r</sup> them 12 lb / m<sup>ost</sup> o<sup>r</sup> them 9 & 6 lb but t<sup>h</sup> they h<sup>ave</sup> bn Oblig'd to depend upon y<sup>e</sup> Dutch & us f<sup>r</sup> th<sup>r</sup> Substitut<sup>n</sup>, & as / present Warr has put an entire Stop to / Slave Trade, so t<sup>h</sup> no Profits can be made t<sup>h</sup> way, & th<sup>r</sup> Supply<sup>s</sup> Comg only once in three Years, it is more than probable t<sup>h</sup> ere long they will begin fm / same Situation as formerly, they are f<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> most Part well Supply'd w<sup>th</sup> Morn<sup>g</sup> Military Stores. The Fort o<sup>r</sup> Pringo (wh<sup>ch</sup> is y<sup>e</sup> leewardmost on y<sup>e</sup> Gold Coast) is only o<sup>r</sup> a few Years standg & not yet compleatly finish'd, it mountg 13 Guns, o<sup>r</sup> wh<sup>ch</sup> a few are 2 lb (rest wd be tolerable Pocket Pistols f<sup>r</sup> y<sup>e</sup> / Amack). It is v<sup>y</sup> well situated f<sup>r</sup> Trade, but not well provided w<sup>th</sup> Water or Prov<sup>is</sup>ions, they are v<sup>y</sup> well furnish'd w<sup>th</sup> white Men.

On y<sup>e</sup> Sandw<sup>ch</sup> side: - 1. B. The above acct<sup>n</sup> o<sup>r</sup> The Forts & Factories & Trade on / Gold Coast o<sup>r</sup> Africa fm / Royall African Cos Agents at Cape Coast, I believe a v<sup>y</sup> just & impartial one (1794) W. Boys.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Accim is built upon a low ground close by / Sea Side in form of a Triangle, have 3 pretty large Battering capable of mounting ten guns each, all Solid, but at present they mount only 25 Guns in / whole, mostly Six pounders.
- 2<sup>d</sup> It is generally kept in very good repair, being one of / Principal Forts / Dutch h. upon / Coast.
- 3<sup>d</sup> The Garrison generally consists of a Chief, two Writers, one Serj, one Corporal, one Gunner, one Carpenter, one Mason, one Smith & ten Soldiers, all white Men.
- 4<sup>th</sup> The Trade is very large, especially Gold & Ivory, which is bro't from / Wardaw & Amquina Countries, whose Borders are high in it, & in these two Countries there is a great deal of Gold taken out of / Mines which they much abound in.
- 5<sup>th</sup> There is a Negro Town adjoining / Fort, consisting of about two hundred Men, capable to carry Arms, & is always ready to do anything upon / Command of / Chief.
- 6<sup>th</sup> There is in / Fort a pretty large Cistern, able to supply fifty Men for one Year, but as for provisions they are very poorly supplied in / there, their whole dependance being upon / Natives, who in case of a Rupture generally prove very disadvantageous.
- 7<sup>th</sup> The Fort is always well supplied w<sup>th</sup> goods, by reason / Chief of this, as well as all of / Dutch Chiefs, upon / Coast, have full liberty to trade for themselves, paying a certain Sum of money to ye Co for every Slave they sell which puts Money both in / Co's Pocket & their own.
- 8<sup>th</sup> As for Stores of all kinds this Fort is always well supplied w<sup>th</sup> the most of / Rest are neglected.
- 9<sup>th</sup> The present Chief's name is Myn heer D Better.
- 10<sup>th</sup> This Fort is mostly at Peace w<sup>th</sup> Natives, / people live & themselves being very well civilized & ready to assist anybody.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Cape three points is a large regular built Fortification It was originally built by / Brandenburgers, but given up or sold to / Dutch about twenty five Years ago, It has four large Battering each Battering mounting twelve Guns some of which are two & thirty [sic] pounders, & down to four pounders. It is situated upon a Hill very Commodious for Command both Land & Sea.
- 2<sup>d</sup> It is very much out of repair just now but / Walls are so well put together that it rains be ever so violent, it can't hurt them. It is also very well provided w<sup>th</sup> Stores & provisions of / latter of which they entirely Depend on / Blacks of.
- 3<sup>d</sup> The name of present Chief is M<sup>r</sup>: William Bremmer.
- 4<sup>th</sup> The Garrison consists of a Chief, a Serj & four Soldiers.
- 5<sup>th</sup> It is a place very well situated for Trade & at present is very well carried on, being always stocked w<sup>th</sup> Goods by / same means as Accim is.
- 6<sup>th</sup> There is a small Town adjoining / Fort, always ready to assist / Chief upon any Occasion & musters about one hundred Men at Arms.
- 7<sup>th</sup> There are two Cisterns in / Fort which contains Water sufficient to supply one hundred Men for one Year.
- 8<sup>th</sup> The Fort & Natives have always lived in peace, & is likely to continue so.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Accoda Fort is a small Fort situated upon a Point of Land that also forms itself into an Island. It has three small Battering ~~but now [sic] not?~~ regular. It mounts 2 Six pounders & four three pounders all in very bad Order.
- 2<sup>d</sup> The Fort is in pretty good repair.
- 3<sup>d</sup> The present Chief's name is Myn heer Aams.
- 4<sup>th</sup> The Garrison consists of a Chief, a Serj & two Soldiers.
- 5<sup>th</sup> There is a small Town adjoining / Fort, always ready to assist / Chief & to them to carry Arms is about one hundred.
- 6<sup>th</sup> It is poorly situated for Trade, / Chief's Business is mostly to buy Palm Oyl & send to Elmina, this Country abound very much in the Commodity notwithstanding it is generally well supplied w<sup>th</sup> Goods.
- 7<sup>th</sup> As for Provisions & Stores / Fort is poorly supplied w<sup>th</sup>, they depend entirely upon / Natives of / former.
- 8<sup>th</sup> There is no Cistern in / Fort nor no of the place capable to contain any Water in, so that / Fort is obliged to be supplied daily w<sup>th</sup> Water some Distance from it, & in case of a Rupture w<sup>th</sup> Negroes they must be obliged to give it up. This Fort formerly belonged to / Brandenburgers & was dependant on three points.
- 9<sup>th</sup> There is generally peace between / Fort & / Country people.

1<sup>st</sup> Bullroze is a small Fort Built four Square situated on / Top o a high Hill w a fine fresh water river running at / Bottom. It has four small Bastions each mounting four three pounders the fort itself is but weak, but it's Strong by its Situation  
 2<sup>d</sup> It's in pretty good repair this beq / place where / Dutch get all the Timbers & planks for Reparation & all / rest o the Forts  
 3<sup>d</sup> The Garrison consists o a Chief, a Serjt, a Gunner & four Soldiers  
 4<sup>th</sup> It is w well situated f Trade & it has bn connect on w / Body in former times. It's always w well Supplyd w goods  
 5<sup>th</sup> There is a pretty lge Negroe Town at / Bottom o / Hill / fort stands on, & may contain o men t carry Arms abt two Hundred, always ready to assist / Chief  
 6<sup>th</sup> There is a small Cistern in / fort but not sufficient to contain water f six men f a Year. so t they are obliged to go evy Day three or four miles up / river f the water. It is in / power o / Natives to disturb them w much  
 7<sup>th</sup> The present Chiefs name is [sic]  
 8<sup>th</sup> The fort is very badly supplyd w Stores & Provisions, they entirely depend upon / Natives f / latter  
 9<sup>th</sup> Ye Fort & Country people are gently at Peace.

1<sup>st</sup> Taccodary is a small Fort in no manner o form, it beq more like a common house than a Fortification. It has a Spurr or Yard adjoining to it, but in / Form o a Triangle. The Fort mounts Eleven three pounders, all in v bad repair & Order  
 2<sup>d</sup> The Fort at present is in v bad repair, the hardly beq a dry place to be found when it rains, & if not soon repaired it will tumble entirely down.  
 3<sup>d</sup> The name o / present Chief is Myn heer Molemans  
 4<sup>th</sup> The Garrison consists o a Chief, a Serjt, a Gunner & four Soldiers  
 5<sup>th</sup> There is a small Town adjoining / fort; they can muster abt fifty men & always ready to assist / Chief  
 6<sup>th</sup> This fort is indistly situated as to Trade, f what comes here must pass by Succondee, & when / Chiefs o t place get any note [?] o Trade comg here, they send out or bribe / Traders w liquor, so t they often prevent the comg here, not w / place is always well Supplyd w Goods  
 7<sup>th</sup> They lie under / Disadvantage here f water, as they do at Taccoda, the beq no Cistern in / Fort  
 8<sup>th</sup> The fort is poorly provided w Stores & as f Provisions we [sic] entirely depend upon / Blacks  
 9<sup>th</sup> This fort is situated on / Top o a Hill & has a fine prospect towards / Sea.  
 10<sup>th</sup> The fort & / Country are all at Peace

1<sup>st</sup> Succondee is a small Fort not built any ways regular; it hasq but two Bastions each mounting four three pounders, but there is a fine Platform o fourteen Six pounders t bears upon / English Fort. All / Strength o this fort bears inland havg not at all towards / Sea.  
 2<sup>d</sup> The fort at present is in pretty good repair, / Dutch makg it the Business to keep this Fort in good repair, as they do most o the Forts where there is an English one agst it.  
 3<sup>d</sup> The name o / present Chief is Myn heer Versawin  
 4<sup>th</sup> The Garrison consists o a Chief, a Writer, a Serjt, a Corporal & six Soldiers  
 5<sup>th</sup> There is a pretty lge Town adjoining / Fort where in there is abt three hundred men t carries Arms & always ready to attend / Chief. Most o these people belonged to / English, but thro mismanagement o / Chief Agents at Cape Coast Castle they all ran away here to / Dutch who rec<sup>d</sup> them w open Arms.  
 6<sup>th</sup> There is a fine Slave & Elephant Teeth Trade carried on here, & some Gold. The Fort is always well Supplyd w Goods so t / Chief o our Fort can do nothg, & sits & sees / Trade pass from him  
 7<sup>th</sup> The fort is but poorly Supplyd w Stores, & no Provisions but what they depend on / Natives f.  
 8<sup>th</sup> There is a Cistern within / Fort sufficient to contain water f abt thirty men f one Year  
 9<sup>th</sup> The fort is situated upon a Hill & has / entire Abundance over / English Fort This was but a Factory house in former times & had no Guns mounted upon it till our Chief who was always visitg them w firing his guns at them, then they built t Platform agst us  
 10<sup>th</sup> The Fort & Country People is all at Peace

1<sup>st</sup> Chum ah is a small Fort, Built four Square, has four small Bastions each mounting four three Pounders, none o Best  
 2<sup>d</sup> The Fort at present is in pretty good repair.  
 3<sup>d</sup> It is situated upon a rising ground & lies v pleasant, the beq a fine fresh water rivr t runs close by it, from whence most o / Dutch ships are supplyd w water.

- 4th The Name of present Chief is Mym Heer Van Vorst.
- 5th The Garrison consists of a Chief, a Writer, a Serje, a Corporal & Six Soldiers
- 6th This is a pretty lge Town adjoining / Fort, it contains abt three or four hundred people & carries Arms, & always ready to attend / Chief upon any Occas
- 7th The Fort is poorly supply'd w warlike or any o<sup>r</sup> Stores, & as f provisions they h more but what they depend on / Palack's f.
- 8th This is nothing in / Fort & contains any Water so that what they get they are beholden to /
- 9th The Fort & Country People are all at Peace

- 15<sup>th</sup> Commenda is a small regular Built Fort, it has four small Bastions & mounts in all abt twenty Guns, some pretty lge ones & most o them faces / English Fort.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> The fort at Present is in pretty good Repair, the having been several additions made to it lately
- 3<sup>rd</sup> It stands v<sup>y</sup> low, / sea flows up to / gates at high water
- 4<sup>th</sup> The Name o / present Chief is Mym Heer Smith.
- 5<sup>th</sup> The Garrison consists o a Chief, a Serje, a Gunner & Six Soldiers
- 6<sup>th</sup> This is a small Town adjoining / Fort & contains abt one hundred men at Arms, but they begin to Increase evy Day by / Desertion o / English Town's people, who was Occasion'd by / Mismanagement o one o / Chief Agents at Cape Coast Castle.
- 7<sup>th</sup> As f Warlike or any o<sup>r</sup> Stores they are poorly provided in, & as f provisions they h more but what they depend on / Blacks entirely f.
- 8<sup>th</sup> This is a Cistern within / Fort able to contain Water f abt Thirty people f one Year.
- 9<sup>th</sup> It is v<sup>y</sup> well Situated f Trade & drives on a g<sup>d</sup> deal, / Fort has always been supply'd w Goods.
- 10<sup>th</sup> The Fort & Inhabitants are all at Peace

- 15<sup>th</sup> St George D'Elmina is a lge regular Fortification, has four lge Bastions & a Platform faces / Sea, in all mounts w betwix Seventy & eighty Guns o dif<sup>t</sup> Sizes fm a twenty four pounder to a three pounder, most o them Brass.
- 2<sup>d</sup> The Castle is v<sup>y</sup> beautifully adorned w v<sup>y</sup> fine inner Buildings, & has a g<sup>d</sup> Quantity o fine Apartments f / Convenience o / Gen, Gentlemen, & Soldiers o / Castle.
- 3<sup>d</sup> This place is / residence o / Gen who is appointed by / States o Holland, & has / sole direct<sup>n</sup> o all / rest o this settlement on / Coast.
- 4<sup>th</sup> The Name o / present Gen is / Honble Jacob D' Peterson Esquire
- 5<sup>th</sup> The Garrison consists at present o abt twenty gentlemen, factors, writers & assistants, fifty Soldiers, sometimes more & sometimes less, all manner o tradesmen w a Surveyor f the head, a Gen, a Chief Merchant & sev<sup>l</sup> o inferior Officers.
- 6<sup>th</sup> This is on a Mount, abt pistol shot fm / Castle and Fort call'd St Jago, v<sup>y</sup> strong both by art & Nature, being double fortified w eight Bastions & mounted w abt thirty Guns, mostly Brass. It has f its garrison a Chief, a Serje, three Corporals & gently thirty Soldiers, / place is kept up this strong in order to protect & defend / Mine Castle fm / insults o / enemies
- 7<sup>th</sup> The Trade o this place has been v<sup>y</sup> lge formerly but by / continual Disturbances & Palavers o / inland it has had o late had little or no Trade at all.
- 8<sup>th</sup> It is always v<sup>y</sup> well stored w all manner o Sorts both warlike & f Build & Repairs, & as f Provisions it's but lately t they h begun to supply them fm Holland, depends entirely on / Blacks before, & now they supply / Castle pretty lgly w Fish
- 9<sup>th</sup> This is a lge Negro Town depend<sup>g</sup> on / Castle who has them v<sup>y</sup> much under Subje<sup>n</sup>, they can number abt two thousand men at Arms.
- 10<sup>th</sup> There are two v<sup>y</sup> lge Cisterns in / Castle capable to contain water sufficient to supply two hundred men f one Year
- 11<sup>th</sup> What makes / Dutch be so able to keep up the Forts so well is / 10 p ct t they make all Portuguese Ships pay them, t comes to Trade on this Coast fm Brazil

- 15<sup>th</sup> Mowree is a pretty lge regular Fort having four lge Bastions, & mounts in all abt twenty five Guns, some o them pretty lge ones. This place was / head settlement o / Dutch before they got Elmina.
- 2<sup>d</sup> It's v<sup>y</sup> much out o repair, part o / walls will be g<sup>d</sup> tumbled down & / rest like to follow soon, / reason it's not taken care o is / Badness o / Trade, this being little or no Trade at all.
- 3<sup>d</sup> The Name o / present Chief is Mym Heer Appaco

4th The Garrison consists o a Chief, a Serjt, a Gunner + abt five Soldiers  
5th Ths is a small Town adjoining / Fort consistg abt one hundred + fifty  
people + carries Arms + most o them Fishermen  
6th The Fort is vry well Provided w Stores, + as f provisions ths whole dependce is on  
/ Blacks  
7th Ths is a fine Cistern in / Fort capable to contain water f fifty people f one Year.  
8th The Fort + Country People are all at Peace.

1st Coromantina is a small regular Built Fort, w four Bastions mountg each  
four guns Some o them Six pounders, facg / Sea  
2d It is in pretty good Repair at Present.

3rd Ths is no Chief just now, / Fort beg Commanded by a Serjt, / Garrison  
4th Consists o one Serjt, a Corporal, a Gunner + Six Soldiers

5th Ths is a Town adjoining / Fort, containg about one hundred men at Arms  
but they are so Apstropolous + Impudent t / Chief durst not say an  
Angry Word to them, if he does they make Nothg o gog into his Fort +  
aboutg him

6th The Fort is vridly supplyd w stores + as f provisions ths whole dependce  
is on / Blacks  
7th Ths is a small Cistern in / Fort t will contain water enough, f above  
twenty people f one Year.

8th The Fort is at Peace w all / Nations abt it  
9th It is a vry gr place o Trade + / late Chief carried on Brickly, havg always  
a gr quantity o Goods by him, as all / rest o / Dutch Forts has, Occasion d  
by / Co grantg them Liberty to trade f themselves payg to / Co eight Arkies  
f vry Slave they Sell. This way o proceedg brgs in Money both to / Co +  
Chief, + it wud be much better f / Co if they pursued / some measure

10th Aparaa is a little small Fort situated upon / top o a Hill, but in no  
manner o form. It has three Bastions + Mounts Elevers Guns, some  
o them four Pounders  
2d The Fort is in vry bad Repair beg ready to fall down  
3d Ths is no Chief ths just now, he beg dead  
4th The Garrison consists o a Serjt, a Gunner + four Soldiers  
5th Ths is a Town adjoining / Fort containg abt a hundred men at  
Arms but they are so vridly + Impudent t / Chief has no  
Command at all over them.  
6th Ths is no Stores o any kind ths save a few Shott + as f  
Provisions ths whole dependce is on / Blacks  
7th They h no Water in / Fort but are Obliged to send as far as  
Winnantah f it  
8th It is vry well situated f Trade but ths beg no Chief w /  
reason ths is none carried on  
9th The Fort + Nations are all at Peace

1st Bercoe is a small regular Fortificati<sup>n</sup>, havg four small Bastions  
mountg four three pounders in vry Bad order, it has a Yard adjoining Fort.  
2d It is in vry bad Repair / walls + inside beg ready to fall down  
3d Ths is now no Chief, he beg Dead  
4th The Garrison consists o a Serjt, a Gunner + four Soldiers  
5th Ths is a small Town adjoining / Fort consistg o abt one hundred  
Men at Arms always ready to assist / Chief  
6th Ths is no place f / lodgmt o Water in / Fort, / Garrison beg always  
obliged to apply to / Negroes f ths Commodity  
7th It is vry well situated f Trade, but / Chief beg dead, ths is little  
or none carried on  
8th Ths are no Stores here o any sort but a little Powder + a few  
Shott  
9th The Fort + Country are all at Peace  
10th Ths is no Provisions here but what / Garrison applys to / Negroes f.

1st Accra, is a pretty lge Fort, regular Built has four Bastions  
mountg upwards o thirty Guns fm nine to three pounders, ths is  
and a small Bastion built in / form o a half Moon facg / English  
some o Nine + some o Six pound Bore, but they are nothg nigh so  
strong agst us as we are agst them  
2d The Fort is but in vry Ordg Repair at Present, most o ths  
inner walls beg fallen in but they are a gog to be repaired  
3d The Name o / Present Chief is Mynders Balthazer Coj mans.

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- 4<sup>th</sup> The Garrison consists o a Chief, two Writers, a Serjt, a Corporal, a Gunner, some white  
Tradersmen & abt ten white Soldiers
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Ths is a pretty lge Town adjoining / Fort consistg o abt three or four hundred  
Armed Men, always ready to Obey / Chief
  - 6<sup>th</sup> The Trade o this Fort is much decayd, as well as / English, to what it was in former  
times, tho it is vry well provided in goods
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Ths are two small Cisterns in / Fort but nothing nigh bigg enough to supply its  
Garrison w<sup>th</sup> water; so t vry often they are obliged to apply to / Blacks
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Its pretty well provided in all manner o Stores
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Ths is no provins but what they gett fm / Blacks.
  - 10<sup>th</sup> It is in Peace w all / Natives abt it

[In Boy's handwriting: -] NB This Acct o / Dutch Forts given me by Mr John  
Detmers, late Chief o Winnebago Fort, who has bin on / Coast in / Cos' Service  
fm a Youth, & is perfectly well acquainted w all / Forts on / Coast, & / Trade o  
it in genll. he knows nothg o / two Dutch Factorys to leeward o Neera

Christiansburg Fort, a Settlement belongg to / King o Denmark.

- 1<sup>st</sup> This Fort is pretty lge, but not regular Built, it mounts abt thirty Guns,  
has a fine Platform towards / Sea, Ths biggest Guns are Nine pounders to  
three pounders in a pretty good Condition
- 2<sup>d</sup> The fort is in pretty good repair, but it is so full o Appartments within,  
renders it vry Warm & Sickly.
- 3<sup>d</sup> This place is / residence o a Governour appointed by / King o Denmark  
under whose Jurisdiction is another small fort to leeward call'd Nunigo,  
ths affairs sometime since were in a vry bad Situation, but by / arrival  
o a fresh Supply fm Denmark has put them in a pretty good Condition.
- 4<sup>th</sup> The Name o / Present Chief is George Billson Esqre
- 5<sup>th</sup> The Garrison consists o a Governour, abt ten Jr Gentlemen &  
twenty or thirty Soldiers besides sev<sup>l</sup> white Tradersmen.
- 6<sup>th</sup> The Fort is well Supplyd w all manner o Stores
- 7<sup>th</sup> Ths is a small Town adjoining / Fort consistg o abt one hundred Men  
at Arms, & always ready to assist / Governour
- 8<sup>th</sup> Ths is a fine Cistern in / Fort wh<sup>ch</sup> contains water sufficient to  
supply abt one hundred Men f one Year
- 9<sup>th</sup> They are pretty well Supplyd at present w provins, but in case o  
failure / Negroes are always vry ready to Supply them
- 10<sup>th</sup> The Trade is much / same as t o / Dutch & English
- 11<sup>th</sup> They are at Peace w all / Natives abt them

[In Boy's handwriting: -] This Acct is likewise fm Mr Jn<sup>o</sup> Detmers.

(sgd) W<sup>o</sup> Boy's.

[End o Adm 1/1480]

[Adm 1/1883]

Captain's letters H. 1743.  
13. Edward Herbert 1743

[Woolwich]

Captains logs	
Woolwich	
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For B. The end of this voyage, in 1744, has been noted for Adm 1/1884 at p. 1. 599 supra

Spithead 6th April 1743

Sir as I am now under orders of / Coastro Guinea & getting ready w all expedition

I am - re -  
Ed. Herbert.

On board /  
Woolwich  
To Thomas Corbett Esq. at / Admiralty Office

Sir I am now under sail . . . I am - re - Ed. Herbert

Off St Helens  
on board his majestys  
Ship Woolwich 15th April 1743.  
To Thomas Corbett Esq

2 letters 29 May 1743. in Porto Praya Bay, St Jago - Same to Same.

1 letter 18 July 1743 in Frenchmans Bay near Sierra Leone. - Same to Same.

Endorsed

Capt. Herbert's letter  
of 28th Sept 1743 to  
Thom<sup>s</sup> Corbett Esq. Secre<sup>ry</sup>  
to / R<sup>ts</sup> Hon<sup>ble</sup> / Lords  
Commis<sup>rs</sup> of ye Admt<sup>y</sup>  
for Cape Coast Africa  
by ye way of Bristol  
a Copy \*

[Note The original letter is  
also in / book but too  
depleted to copy  
It is endorsed -  
"read & read"  
"5 March"]

~~On board his majestys ship Woolwich~~ <sup>5th</sup>  
~~in / road of Cape Coast 29th Sept 1743~~ This is / C<sup>ty</sup>.

Sir my last letter to y<sup>e</sup> of / inform<sup>n</sup> of the Lordships was / 18th of July  
1743 last for / Puerto Sierra Leone, by / Glasgow Snow bound to Antigua  
where I acquainted y<sup>e</sup> of my proceedings to t<sup>e</sup> time, & t<sup>e</sup> I had wrote to y<sup>e</sup> for  
St Jago, wh<sup>ch</sup> letters I hope will arrive safe to y<sup>e</sup>.

Please to acquaint the Lordships t<sup>e</sup> I was detained in Sierra  
Leone . . . by bad blow<sup>y</sup> weather, & . . . the day before I left / Puerto  
I received a letter for Mrs Birchall Merchant at / Bonavoy where he  
acquainted me he was informed the were two Spanish Privateers off  
Cape Mount, & t<sup>e</sup> they rendezvoused betw<sup>n</sup> Cape Mount & Cape Mesur-  
ada. I made / best of my way to Cape Mount where I arrived / 31st  
July 1743 & sent a letter to Capt Brewer of / Charm<sup>z</sup> Betty Sloop, who  
was in at Sierra Leone w<sup>th</sup> me, & at anchor in this Bay, to be inform'd  
if he had heard anythg of any Privateers; his answer was t<sup>e</sup> since / Snow  
& Schooner Spanish Privateers had bin here, wh<sup>ch</sup> was five months ago,  
he had not heard of any Privateers on / Coast; I went for thence immediately  
& on / 3rd of August fall: anchored under Cape Mesurada in thick  
hazy weather, three hours after, it clear'd up, I saw 2 Sail at an Anchor  
to / N. W. of Little Mesurada; I directly weigh'd, clear'd ship, & stood for  
them, at 4 pm D<sup>o</sup> anchored alongside of them, they be<sup>g</sup> two Frenchmen  
at / enclosed acct, they could give me no acct of Privateers, I sent  
my Boat & an Officer on shore for inform<sup>n</sup> for / Natives, who was de-  
tained three hours days on acct of a g<sup>o</sup> Surge on / Shore t<sup>e</sup> no Boat could  
come off occasioned by / bad blow<sup>y</sup> weat<sup>r</sup>, we had the of / N. W.  
current; / 8th my Officer came aboard & acquainted me he was in-  
formed by / King of Country t<sup>e</sup> / Privateers had bin gone off / Coast five  
or six months past & taken many of / Freeman away w<sup>th</sup> them for t<sup>e</sup>  
place & likewise for Cape Mount; wh<sup>ch</sup> make / Natives swear revenge if

they can catch any Spaniards on / Coast. I weighed & made / best o my way down / Coast, & / 11<sup>th</sup> saw two Sail at Anchor off Pader Junke, stood in b<sup>t</sup> them & anchored alongside o them, beg two french Vessells as p. / Enclosed dist. . .

The natives are informd me t / Spanish Privateers hd bn this abt 5 or 6 Months ago, & hd taken some o / Natives, freemen fm t place, wh make them likewise Swear revenge, if they can catch any Spaniards on / Coast, meetg w a strong lee Current. . . & dirty weather, did not get round Cape Palmas till / 26<sup>th</sup> fore: . . . the 28<sup>th</sup> fore: anchored off Cape Kehou where I took up a french merchantmans longboat as p. ye enclosed acct & victualled them till / 6<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> fore: when I met w the own ship: . . . I did not hear t / Privateers hd bn here, nor at Jaque Kehou, Little or 5<sup>r</sup> Bassam: on / 12<sup>th</sup> fore: anchored off Cape 3 Points, where I compleated my water, as it is / easiest best & easiest to get on this part o / Coast & likewise wooded my ship

The enclosed acct o Capt Foxs beg taken here, I hd fm / Chief o / Dutch Castle here, now called Hollandia, formerly called Brandenburgh, / 14<sup>th</sup> Sailed following Sailed fm hence & / 19<sup>th</sup> anchored off Dixwilt fort, / next day Sailed hence & / 20<sup>th</sup> anchored off Secumdee fort where I hauled my longboat up on / Shore to clean & repair her . . . / 23<sup>rd</sup> Sailed hence & in / 25<sup>th</sup> anchored off Commenda fort, / next morn<sup>g</sup> Sailed hence & in / Even<sup>g</sup> anchored off Cape Coast Castle; found ridg here two English Merchant men & one French Merchantman as p. / Enclosed acct

The best acct I can learn o / English Vessells taken by / Spanish Privateers on this Coast, is as p / enclosed, & as I cant get a right acct here how far / Privateers are gone, am now proceedg down / Coast as far as Whydah, f / security o our Trade, & w / converse<sup>s</sup> o / Chiefs o Cape Coast Castle, & then sh come up agn, if my proving continue good & my men<sup>s</sup> healthy as at present, f since my last letter fm Sierra Leone, h only buried three men. This I send by / Capt Smors capt Thom<sup>s</sup> Whitford bound directly to Bristol I am - &c -  
Ed. Herbert

On board his  
Maj<sup>t</sup>s ship Swallow [original]  
in Cape Coast Castle  
Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1743  
To Thomas Corbett Esq<sup>r</sup>

A Copy.

We underwritten Hendrick Willem Brummer Chief o ye Hon<sup>ble</sup> Dutch West India African Co<sup>s</sup> Castle at Hollandia, & Charles Green Second both in ye Service o ye above mentind Co. Certify yt on ye 28<sup>th</sup> o february 05. anchored ye ship named / Queen o Hungary fm London, George Fox Command<sup>r</sup>. he came on shwar at 6 o'clock at night, in order to purchase some Slaves, wh we ye underwritten hd advizd him o when he lay waiting his ship at Axum, / Agreement was made f eight Slaves, / sd George Fox then ordered his Boat on board to h ye Goods in readiness & to pay f them in ye morn<sup>g</sup>. At 12 or 1 o'clock at night, we heard sail<sup>g</sup> Guns discharg<sup>d</sup> in / wad, but could not acct f it any o'wise than as being two Vessells at Anchor in ye road.

At 8 or 9 o'clock at night, they m<sup>t</sup> be f<sup>o</sup> 3 Guns f the board, wh was ord<sup>r</sup>d, but at / same time, swarn ashore John Roben-son (a sailor) belong<sup>g</sup> to / sd ship ( / Queen o Hungary) who gave / follow<sup>g</sup> acct, t abt 8 or 9 o'clock anchored close to them, one Swear<sup>r</sup> &

a Brigantine, whom / first mate James Theobald & Henry Bostall  
 2<sup>d</sup> mate, hailed, they answered, from Liverpool, & / Brigg Capt<sup>m</sup> Green, a  
 Vessel home, had traded down ye Coast as in co w/ sd ship, they having some  
 Suspicion o the Behaviour, cut / Cable & came to Sail, / Enemy did ye same &  
 discharged the broad sides, one on / one side & ye 2<sup>d</sup> on ye 2<sup>d</sup> side, w/ the  
 small arms &c, & cut the Sails & Riggs v<sup>y</sup> much & then boarded them, w/  
 gr Numbers o people, so t the wnt no making resistce, & the usage v<sup>y</sup> barbarous,  
 Knocking & cutting them w/ the Cutlasses, f wh reason / sd John Robinson  
 Jumped overboard & swam on Spear, he first acquainted / sd Capt<sup>m</sup> Foss  
 t / Snow was flush & mounted Guns fore & aft, / Brigantine five  
 Carriage Guns a side & full o men, soon after passd by a Snow & a  
 Brigg, both belongg to ye same Co, who saild directly to leeward w/  
 stopp<sup>g</sup>.

All ye within mentioned, we / underwritten justify to be the / truth  
 & exactly happened, wh we are always ready to make Oath, when  
 such may be required. Signed in ye Cos Castle Hollandia, at  
 Pocquesoe / 10<sup>th</sup> March 1743 n. S.

A Copy taken at  
 Hollandia, formerly  
 calld Pirandenburg  
 Castle / 15<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1743 on /  
 Coast o Africa

Hendrick Willem Brummers  
 Charles Green  
 John Robinson

Ed. Herbert [orig sig<sup>r</sup>]

Sir As I am come on this Coast f / Protec<sup>n</sup> o our Trade, am to desire you  
 let me know by Letter wh ther be any Enemy Vessels or Pyrates on this part  
 o ye Coast, & youll oblige Sir - r - Edward Herbert

On board his Maj<sup>ty</sup>  
 Ship / Warwick off

Dixcove Fort 18 Sept  
 1743

To Char<sup>s</sup> Davies Esq Chief o ye Royall African Cos Factory at Dixcove

A Copy o / above was sent on / 20<sup>th</sup> Septem<sup>r</sup> 1743 to Secoundee Fort John  
 Woolhead Esq Chief

A Copy o / above was sent on ye 23<sup>d</sup> Sept 1743 to Commenda Fort  
 James Craik Esq Chief

A Copy o / above was sent on ye 24<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1743 at night to Cape Coast  
 Castle Messrs Chalmers, Cuckton & Husbands, Chief Agents &c

A Copy o ye above was sent to Tho. Buchanan Esq Chief at  
 Tantumquerry Fort 5<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1743

A Copy o / above was sent to Wvinebah Fort John Dettmere Esq  
 Chief, ye 8<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1743.

A Copy o ye letter mentioned ye 2<sup>d</sup> side was sent to Accrah Fort on ye  
 10<sup>th</sup> o Octo<sup>r</sup> 1743 to And<sup>rs</sup> Lewis Dettmere Esq Chief

A Copy o ye same letter was sent to Prampram Fort on ye 12<sup>th</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup>  
 1743. Mr Jos<sup>h</sup>a Stevens on Chief

Sir I am favoured w/ Yrs o / 18<sup>th</sup> Current in answer to wh I now take  
 / liberty to acquaint y<sup>e</sup> t I h not heard o any Enemies Vessels or  
 Pirates on / Coast since / beginning o March last, when two Spanish  
 Vessels were down & took sev<sup>l</sup> English Ships, partly one at  
 Cape Three Points, George Fore Master. At present w<sup>th</sup> they  
 areable is very Peaceable & Quiet. I am - r - Will: Davies

Dixcove Fort  
 September / 20<sup>th</sup> 1743

Sir In favour of 20th Instant I received, & h heard o no Pyrates or Enemies Vessels since / Spaniards who were down / Coast in February & March last. I am - &c -  
John Woodhead

Sir I h / Honour to receive both yr letters, & in answer to / first I h no inform<sup>n</sup> o any Enemies Vessels or Pyrates beg on this part o / Coast at present  
I am sorry I cannot provide y w some Stock tis time / Regrets hereabt h enough but the nature is not to Sell it, as I am w often obliged to take by force what I h ocan f myself, f my own table.  
As f / Yards, I can provide y w what quantity y may h ocan f o / white salt (wh is / best by most much) but I believe I cannot put / 500 y men<sup>n</sup> on board yr boat till tomorrow, by reason I must send a long way off to buy them  
The bearer, my boy acquaintance, he believes y may purchase at Abina 20 young Hogs or more: I h desired him to acquaint y more particularly abt this, as also what goods is necessary to buy / Hogs, I wish y<sup>r</sup> health & prosperity on this Coast & am - &c -  
James Crank  
Commanda Fort  
September / 24<sup>th</sup> 1743

Gentlemen As I am come on this Coast f / Protec<sup>n</sup> o our Trade, am to desire you'd let me know by letter when ther be any Enemies Vessels or Pyrates on this part o / Coast, & you'll oblige - &c -  
Edward Herbert  
On board his  
Maj<sup>ty</sup> ship /  
Woodlurch in /  
road o Cape Coast  
/ 24<sup>th</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 1743

A Copy  
On his Maj<sup>ty</sup> Service  
To Messrs Crichton, Chalmers & Husbands Chief Agents o / Royal African Cos  
Fort at Cape Coast Castle

Sir We received / favour o yrs & in Answer to yr Demand, when ther be any Enemies Vessels or Pirates on this part o / Coast, we h heard o more since / month o March last except a Report o some to Windward wh we hd fm a French Vessel (He sd) by yr Order abt a Week ago; & ano<sup>r</sup> by a small Brigantine o his report, named / St George abt a Month ago since who reported t he was chased by a Spanish Schooner off Cape Appolonia. We beg / favour o yr Co tomorrow as soon as convenient - at least to take share o a Family Dinner when we sh be more parte as to what has pass upon this Coast since / first Spanish Decemb. We are - &c -  
Thomas Chalmers  
D Crichton  
Wm Husbands  
Cape Coast Castle  
Saturday 9 Hours. Pm.  
Sept<sup>r</sup> / 24<sup>th</sup> 1743  
To Richard Herbert Esq<sup>r</sup> Command<sup>r</sup> o his Majesty's Ship / Woodlurch

Gentlemen The favour o yrs dated Saturday 9 hours Pm in answer to mine o yr 24 Inst I h received wherein y acquaint me a french Vessel abt a week ago informed y as p. my order fm me, beg them to Windward t ther were Enemies Vessels in those parts, wh report is quite groundless & wrong, as I did not send any such message to y, neither did I hear o any Enemies Vessels beg to Windward; as likewise / report fm / St George Brigantine o Liverpool to y (a month ago) beg chased by a Spanish Privateer off Cape Appolonia, must be false, f on ye 10<sup>th</sup> o this month, wh is since t time I anchor'd off t Cape & had some o / inhabitants on board me, who sd they hd not heard o, or seen any Spanish Privateers since / beginning o March last.  
I sh in two or three days time proceed down / Coast as far as Whydah stopp<sup>g</sup> at / Seal factories on my way, agreeable to my orders & then come up here agn, except y Gentlemen can acquaint me o anything else t may be o gler Service to our Side at this present time I am - &c -  
Edward Herbert  
On board his  
Maj<sup>ty</sup> ship /  
Woodlurch in ye  
road o Cape Coast  
26 Sept<sup>r</sup> 1743  
To Messrs Crichton, Chalmers & Husbands Agents &c

Cape Coast Castle Oct<sup>r</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> 1743.

Sir The happened some time ago a Quarrel betwix / Chief o / Royal African Co's Fort  
at Tantumquery & / Negroes who live under / sd Fort; & as they are / most violent  
& turbulent sett o People (we may say) in Africa, they are not yet compleatly Reduced  
to Obedience wh is a detriment to / Co's Trade at t Place, & as we are o Opinion t yr  
Interposition in t Affairs will be vy conducive to t end, we desire y will stop  
f some days at t Fort & if it suits us y to go ashore to assemble / dead People  
amg those Palatiks to shew them t y use / Chief Countenance & t y interest yrself  
on / matters as well as to recommend Tranquillity & Obedience to them. And in case  
it shd be inconvenient f y to do, we shd be glad t y wd send yr first deent-  
enant on shore f, / above mentioned purposes, as it is an Affair o a good deal  
o Importance to / Co's Trade. We are - &c -

To Edward Herbert Esquire  
Commander o His Majesty's  
Ship Woolwich

D. Crichton  
W<sup>m</sup> Hubbard  
Thomas Chalmers

Sir Yr favour o 5<sup>th</sup> Current I Received this morn<sup>g</sup> by Mr Tindall  
as shd h Bm succeed<sup>d</sup> Glad to h hd / Hon<sup>r</sup> o see<sup>g</sup> y ashore at this Place; Tho  
has Bm no Enemies Vessel or Pyrates on this part o / Coast since / yr o March  
last. I am - &c - Tho<sup>s</sup> Buchanan

Tantumquery 6<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1743

To Edward Herbert Esqre Commander o his Majesty's Ship ye Woolwich

Sir Pursuant to Yr Order, I h assisted in sett<sup>g</sup> / Palawar betwix / Inhabi-  
tants & Royal African Co's Fort, Tantumquery, wh was done by / Chief  
Tho Buchanan pay<sup>g</sup> six ounces in Trade f / Death o a man whom  
was killed in the attempt agst t Fort. The same sum was offered  
sevl times, but never accepted 'till / Palawar was made up by ye  
assistance o Sir - &c - Geo: Tindal.

Tantumquery Fort  
October 7<sup>th</sup> 1743

Sir On / 24<sup>th</sup> o last Month (05) there came up a Canoe fm / Danish  
Fort at Neura to Shadoc a settlement belong<sup>g</sup> to / Royal African Co o  
England in order f to take in Corn to carry to / above Fort at Neura.

As / Dame sometime before this hd bn w Armed Men at / Co's  
Fort o Pram Prams & ths committed Hostilities on / Natives lives under /  
Protection o sd Fort, & as it is a breach o Customs on this Coast f one  
White Man to send take or buy anything fm / Natives depend<sup>g</sup> on Amer<sup>ic</sup>  
White Man w<sup>t</sup> first Acquaints him therewith, / wh / Dame neglected  
o me, & as they used such practices as this before on a place belong<sup>g</sup> to  
/ Co called dagoe, & by often go<sup>g</sup> ths attempted to build a Fort ths  
in Opposition to ours o Tantumquery, & by often go<sup>g</sup> to Shadoc /  
same Consequence our attend Winnebah, to present wh I sent a  
panyard his Canoe, & brot her to Winnebah where she now is. this  
I thot proper to Acqu<sup>t</sup> y o & beg yr advice thereon. I am - &c -  
In<sup>o</sup> Dettmer.

Winnebah Fort  
Oct<sup>r</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> 1743.  
To Edward Herbert Esq<sup>r</sup>

Sir Yr favour dated Oct<sup>r</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> I h received wherein y desire to  
be Acquainted if ths is any Enemies Vessels, Pyrates, or ths t may  
be dis advantageous to / Trade o / Royal African Co o England on this Coast.

In Answer to wh I beg leave to Acquaint y t ths is none to  
my Knowledge, & t I am in peace w all / Natives round me, o<sup>r</sup> ways  
shd begg yr favour & assistance

I heartily wish y a good Voyage & may Prosperity attend all  
yr undertak<sup>g</sup>s, wh concludes me to remain - &c -  
In<sup>o</sup> Dettmer

Fm Winnebah  
Fort Oct<sup>r</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 1743.

Enclosed Address.

To  
Edward Herbert Esq<sup>r</sup> Commander o  
his Majesty's Ship / Woolwich  
Winnebah Beach

James Fort Accra 9 Octob<sup>r</sup> 1743

Sir yr Esteem'd favour o Yest<sup>d</sup> I Reced wherein y desire to be acquainted  
w<sup>th</sup> any Pirates, Spaniards, or y<sup>e</sup> h in any Shape obstructed my Trade; In Ans-  
were thereto I know o neither Pirates or Spaniards but hope to h / Pleasure  
o yr Co on Shore in order to Settle a Pallabra near Depend<sup>g</sup> betw<sup>n</sup> us o / Danes  
Governours, an acct o wh I understand y h fm / Agents at Cape Coast. Interim  
am - 9c -

And. <sup>us</sup> Deus? Dettm<sup>r</sup>

Edward Herbert Esq<sup>r</sup>.

On board his Maj<sup>ty</sup> ship /  
Woodwich off Accra 12<sup>th</sup> Octo 1743.

Sir Yrs o 9<sup>th</sup> I h reced acquaint<sup>g</sup> me t<sup>o</sup> y<sup>e</sup> h Taken a Danish Canoe load<sup>d</sup>  
f<sup>r</sup> corn at our Settlement at Shadoo, w<sup>th</sup> leave, & contrary to / Known Customs o /  
Coast, & desir<sup>g</sup> my advise what y<sup>e</sup> sh<sup>d</sup> do w<sup>th</sup> her; my opinion is, t<sup>o</sup> y<sup>e</sup> deliver  
her agn to / owners w<sup>th</sup> her men & furniture, as / Palantak is now made up w<sup>th</sup>  
m<sup>r</sup> Dolph / Danish Governour o Accrah, & desir<sup>g</sup> yr Compl<sup>y</sup> in this,  
& don't doubt they will be cautious how they trade ag<sup>n</sup> at any o our Settlement  
w<sup>th</sup> leave I am - 9c - Edward Herbert

To John Dettm<sup>r</sup>  
Esq<sup>r</sup> Chief o  
Winnebah

Gentlemen

In answer to yr letter o yr 6<sup>th</sup> Inst<sup>h</sup> [m<sup>o</sup>s] complain<sup>g</sup> o yr diff<sup>r</sup> betw<sup>n</sup>  
y<sup>e</sup> o yr Danish Governour o this place, & desir<sup>g</sup> my Intercess<sup>n</sup> in ye Affairs to  
make it up, h now yr pleasure to acquaint<sup>g</sup> y<sup>e</sup> yr yest<sup>d</sup> ye five people t<sup>o</sup> were  
parricid<sup>d</sup> fm yr town o Prampram under ye Co factory, viz, a man  
named Owherry, his wife named Ocedly & a Male Child belong<sup>g</sup> to him  
named Tetta, & a woman named Adantia, w<sup>th</sup> a Male Child o hers nam<sup>d</sup>  
Tetta & kept prisoners by m<sup>r</sup> Dolph, ye Danish Governour, were deliver<sup>d</sup>  
up to me & are now in my Custody, & sh<sup>d</sup> deliver them ym at Prampram  
to yr Factor, to where they belong, I h promised ye Danish Governour yr  
what may be due to him by yr acct sh<sup>d</sup> be paid him, as likewise  
promis<sup>d</sup> me he will Oblige his Emibarys to pay ye Prampram  
people what they were robb<sup>d</sup> o, provided ye Cabbaciers will make  
ym take Fetish to ye bu<sup>t</sup> o what is claim<sup>d</sup> by ym, wh<sup>ch</sup> yr Chief here  
has promis<sup>d</sup> sh<sup>d</sup> be done.

Mr Dolph ye Danish Governour positively deny<sup>s</sup> deliver<sup>g</sup> ont any  
Powder or Ball to ye Blacks to destroy our Factory at Prampram, now  
build<sup>g</sup>, as mention<sup>d</sup> by m<sup>r</sup> Dettm<sup>r</sup> yr Chief here, I design stopp<sup>g</sup> at  
Prampram f<sup>r</sup> a short time as I believe it will give Countenance to our carry<sup>g</sup>  
on yr Factory t<sup>o</sup> be o Service to us w<sup>th</sup> ye Natives in these parts, then  
sh<sup>d</sup> proceed down ye Coast to Whydah, stopp<sup>g</sup> at all yr European Settlements  
in my way, as I h made up yr diff<sup>r</sup> betw<sup>n</sup> y<sup>e</sup> o yr Danish Governour,  
hope it will be agreeable to y<sup>e</sup> Gentlemen, as likewise my o<sup>r</sup> proceed<sup>g</sup>  
f<sup>r</sup> yr Interest as I h it much at heart wh<sup>ch</sup> will be a gr<sup>o</sup> pleasure to - 9c -  
Edward Herbert

On board his  
Maj<sup>ty</sup> ship /  
Woodwich, in yr  
road o Accrah  
12<sup>th</sup> Octo: 1743  
To messrs

Crichton, Chalmers & Husbands, Agents &c

Sir Since March last I h not heard o my Enemy<sup>s</sup> upon this part  
o Coast; I only Enemy<sup>s</sup> w<sup>ch</sup> h hid here was / Danes but I here t<sup>o</sup> palantak  
is Settled I could not go out o fort in Safety w<sup>th</sup> 9 or 10 men in arms  
w<sup>th</sup> me, before. I h here by Sent 4 Sheep on m<sup>r</sup> Dettm<sup>r</sup>  
acct I sh<sup>d</sup> h made a Smooth last night but Did not get a letter  
fm Accra till 10 att night. I am - 9c -  
Joshua Stephenson

Prampram Factory  
Oct<sup>r</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 1743

Address indorsed.

To Edward Herbert Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Present

Receipts this 12<sup>th</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1743. fm on board his majestys ship / Woolwich,  
Edward Herbert Esq<sup>r</sup>es Commander, five free people viz. A man named  
Oubervy, his Wife named Ocoolly & a Male Child belong<sup>d</sup> to him named Tetta,  
& a Woman named Adamtis w<sup>h</sup> a Male Child o hers named Tetta, &  
were p<sup>r</sup>sonn<sup>d</sup> fm / Town o Pram Pram under / Royal African Co<sup>s</sup>  
Factory & kept Prisoners by Mr Dorph / Danish Governour at Accra  
who were Released upon / sd Captain Herberts Intercession & by him delivered  
into my Care

As Witness my hand at / Royal African Co<sup>s</sup> Factory  
at Pram Pram / day & year above mentioned  
Africa  
Joshua Stephenson

Cape Coast Castle November / 5<sup>th</sup> 1743.

3. We Received / favour o yr most agreeable letter o fourth Instant [m. o. r.]  
& nothing ed give us q<sup>u</sup>er pleasure than / Contents thereof. it is w<sup>h</sup> much Joy t we find  
y<sup>r</sup> Resolved to assert / National Priviledges agst / Inroads o / French whose  
Insolence (some o wh y<sup>r</sup> h lately fm Informed o) has o late arise to a gr<sup>o</sup> Pitch; this  
was what we were taught to expect fm yr Steady Conduct & Disposit<sup>o</sup>n to oblige  
us & our Employers / Royal African Co o England (in whose Name y<sup>r</sup> h fm  
pleased to give us an Oppy agn to return y<sup>r</sup> our most Sincere thanks & Acknow-  
ledgmts) as well as to assert / Rights & Priviledges o / British Nam<sup>e</sup>.

2. We assure y<sup>r</sup> t it is our Opinion t yr stay on / Coast as long as Circumst<sup>o</sup>s  
will Permit, will be much b<sup>e</sup> / Preservan o / Advancem<sup>nt</sup> o / British Trade & yr  
Turning to Windward will be / Securest way o fallg in w<sup>h</sup> / Enemy in case  
any such are now upon / Coast as by t Procedure any Intelligence o yr Approach  
cannot w<sup>h</sup> so much ease go to Windward as it m<sup>o</sup>t come to Leeward before  
y<sup>r</sup> & it has fm o late so uncommon o Men o Wars to make such a Trip t  
y<sup>r</sup> Route will hardly be suspected.

4. And in case yr procedure as above sh<sup>d</sup> Detain y<sup>r</sup> longer on / Coast than  
yr Provins will allow o we sh<sup>d</sup> (if need be) Accordg to our letter o / 6<sup>th</sup> o  
October provide y<sup>r</sup> w a Months provins at full allowce & accordg to a  
note wh we Recused settg forth / Quantity o Provins necessary, Signed by  
yr Pursur, wh Quantity we h set aside to be delivered to y<sup>r</sup> on Demand.

5. In / 2<sup>d</sup> Paragraph o yr letter y<sup>r</sup> say t y<sup>r</sup> wrote to us fm Tantum quarry  
Fort delivered into / care o Thomas Buchanan Esq<sup>r</sup> our Chief thr, wh  
letter we never h Received but we hd an Acct o yr Procedure in our Pallaver  
by a letter fm Mr Buchanan Dated October / Month, & we hereby beg leave  
to Return y<sup>r</sup> our most Sincere thanks & Acknowledgments o t favour. We  
cannot think Mr Buchanan in fault o<sup>r</sup> yr letter as it is no uncommon  
chg f our Leeward letters to Miscarry, we sh<sup>d</sup> however take / liberty to beg  
/ favour o y<sup>r</sup> to send us a Copy o / letter Referred to as we wd not chuse  
to be Deficient in any part o yr Correspondence.

6. Yr letter o / 12<sup>th</sup> o October fm Accra committed to / care o Andrew  
Deltmer Esq<sup>r</sup> our Chief thr we h Received & find thro<sup>u</sup> a fresh occas<sup>o</sup>n  
o Renewg our Acknowledgments to y<sup>r</sup> o yr behaviour in / Affairs o /  
Dames, wh y<sup>r</sup> so well accommodat<sup>d</sup> & Entirely to our Satisfac<sup>o</sup>n, as nothing  
wd be more agreeable to us than to live at peace & in a good Agree<sup>mt</sup>  
& Correspondence w all our Neighbours as well Natives as Europeans &  
we can Assure t in any o our Pallavers or Quarrels we h never hitherto  
fm / first Aggressors Evy chg has fm settled at Accra accordg to /  
Agreem<sup>ts</sup> y<sup>r</sup> made w / Dames & Dutch<sup>o</sup> & we make no Doubt but t /  
part y<sup>r</sup> h fm pleased to take in our Affairs will make them Cautious  
how they Venture to Disturb our peace or come to a Rupture w us  
agn in so Rude a manner.

7. We h no News o any Impe<sup>r</sup> only we are Assured t / Co<sup>s</sup> Sloop  
Catherine (wh was dispatch<sup>d</sup> fm this Coast o England on / Twenty-  
third o April last w advic<sup>o</sup> o Decemb<sup>r</sup> o / Spaniards upon this Coast)  
is Arrived Safe in England, one o / Gentlemen in / Dutch Service  
hasg Received / Answer o a letter he sent by her in wh his Correspond-  
ent at Amsterdam tells him t he Received fm London his letter by /  
Sloop afores<sup>d</sup> on / Twenty fifth day o July; This is fur Reported t thr is one  
(some say two) Men o Wars on / Windward Coast & we make no Doubt; if /  
Advic<sup>o</sup> o our Sloops Arrival as afores<sup>d</sup> is fact, but some Men o Wars  
will soon be sent here in Consequence thereof.

7. We h am<sup>d</sup> Palliser at Tantum quarry, but not w/ some People as before, we hope however t we sh h no Occan to give y any Trouble in Relat<sup>n</sup> to t Affair as we h mos advise fm Mr John Dettmer Chief o Winnebago t he will abt this time finally root out these Destroyers o Publick Repose o Country so t we hope soon to be able to give y a Satisfactory Acct o them.

8. We h not fur to add but to Intreat y<sup>r</sup> Continu<sup>n</sup> upon this Coast as long as / Circumstances o y<sup>r</sup> Affairs will permit & to proceed as y h so happily begun in Curbg / Insupportable Insolce o French; We wish y a Successful Voyage to Windward & hope y will keuse us to b w Security, Sir - - -

W<sup>m</sup> Hubbard  
Thomas Chalmers

To Edw<sup>d</sup> Herbert Esq<sup>r</sup> Commander o his Majesty's Ship / Woolwich

Cape Coast Castle Nov<sup>r</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 1743

Sir We h Received y<sup>r</sup> favours o this Days date [in v<sup>r</sup>] in wh y Acquaint us / mistake in / letter y mentioned in y<sup>r</sup> last to us wh we h<sup>d</sup> Occan to mention to y we never h<sup>d</sup> received, tho by a letter we h<sup>d</sup> received fm our Chief at Tantum quarry we h<sup>d</sup> heard o / Good Offices y<sup>r</sup> Officer (by y<sup>r</sup> Influence) did us thro & t he h<sup>d</sup> settled / Palaver dependg th<sup>r</sup> intirely to his Satisfac<sup>n</sup> & consequently to ours.

We are v<sup>y</sup> sorry t / wheather Continu<sup>n</sup> so bad & t / Sea Breezes to blow so fast fm / Westward t it is a hindre to y<sup>r</sup> go<sup>n</sup> to / w<sup>indward</sup> so far as y at first proposed, but as we apprehend / farther y go up / nearer y will be to any Enemys t may attempt a hatted & an unguarded Coast (as they must now I imagine it to be by / Procedures o / Two or three last Capt<sup>s</sup> o Man o War who h<sup>d</sup> left it almost as soon as they came on it) therefore we Agn earnestly recommend this to y & at / same time Assure y t nothing sh be wantg in our power to facilitate / same to y. We therefore sh be Glad to know wh<sup>r</sup> y will Call on us b / provisions y wrote off to us before y went to / leeward as we h them now in readiness b y & wh we may think dispose o if it does not suit y to take them, We therefore beg a positive Answer to this part o this letter.

We shd h done ourselves / pleasure o waitg off [sic] y this day, but an Affair o some Consequence has happened at Commenda wh Obliges Mr Chalmers to make an Excurs<sup>n</sup> th<sup>r</sup> to day; but to morrow m<sup>r</sup>g Mr Hubbards will do himself / pleasure to take Pott duct w<sup>th</sup> y b / whole day, We are - - -

To Edward Herbert Esq<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Hubbard  
Commander o his Majesty's Ship Woolwich Thomas Chalmers

By Capt Edw<sup>d</sup> Herbert Command<sup>r</sup> o this Majesty's ship / Woolwich  
Whereas I find / hand & Sea Breezes v<sup>y</sup> faint, & far westerly as a strong Sea Current prevents me w/ Ship gett<sup>n</sup> up to Windward as far as I cd desire, & as / longboat will make better advantage o hand Wind as she can keep nearer in shore to work up to Windward, & as it will be b / g<sup>r</sup> Security o our Trade in these parts, y<sup>r</sup> are hereby required & directed to take provisions b / longboats men to / 25<sup>th</sup> o next month at / same Allow<sup>n</sup> / ships Co is at; o make / best o y<sup>r</sup> way to Windward as high as Cape Palmas or Cape Ligon, or as far as y can get up, to inform y<sup>r</sup> self by all opp<sup>s</sup> if y can hear o any Enemys Vessells beg to Windward, & in case y shd hear o any, y are forthwith to proceed down / Coast to inform me o it as y sh try to get up w/ Ship keepg in Sound<sup>s</sup> as far to Windward I can, till / 10<sup>th</sup> o next month, at wh time y are to come down to me at Cape three Points, where I propose writing y any th<sup>r</sup> o<sup>r</sup>wise sh go to Chammoo to Wood & W<sup>indward</sup> where y will meet me or find fur Orders b y left at / Castle etc. Dated on board his Majesty's ship / Woolwich off Commenda this 21<sup>st</sup> o November 1743.

Mr Geo Tindale  
Lieut o this Majesty's ship  
Woolwich

Sir

Pursuant to yr Order o / twenty first o November last Commda; I h w  
my utmost delight endeavored to turn up to Cape Palmas, or Cape Labou; But  
meetg us strong Easterly Currents, attended w Westly Winds, I cd not reach  
further than Assinee; (to be at Cape Three Points, within yr limited time, / 10th  
constant) where I was informed by / Natives, they h not heard o or seen any  
Enemies Vessels within eight Months past And likewise was informed / same  
by / Natives o Cape Apolonia & the neighbouring Towns to Cape Three Points  
I am - &c - Geo Tindal

To Capt Edward Herbert  
Commander o His Maj's ship Woolwich  
December / 9th 1743

Cape Coast Castle Decr 11<sup>th</sup> 1743

[infra]

Sir We are favoured w yrs o this date, & are Sorry t / wind & Current h  
proved so unfavourable as to hinder / execution o yr first design, it is how  
a gr pleasure to us to be informed t there is no Enemy's now upon / Coast, we  
are vry sensible o yr Goodness in Contin'g so long upon / Coast & more  
especially when we reflect w gratitude upon / gr Service t y h done f / National  
Interest in Gen, as well as t o / Royal African Co o England in part; it wd be  
a gr pleasure & advantage to us, t y cd yet draw out yr time a little longer,  
& we are persuaded t we sh be able to put y in a way o Supplyg his Majesty's  
Ship w / Seal, Species o Pagons wh y think y will be in want o, or some  
Equivalent w / like kind; We shd howr be vry glad o yr Co ashore as soon as  
is convenient f y, and wd sh then explain ourselves fully upon this subject  
We are - &c -

To Edward Herbert Esquire Commander o his  
Majesty's Ship / Woolwich

Thomas Chalmers  
Wm Husband

On board his Majesty's ship / Woolwich in  
Cape Coast road 11 Decemr 1743

Gentlemen The faint land & Sea Breezes & fair Westly w a strong  
Eastern Current has prevented me gett'g so high up to Windward as  
I proposed in my letter to y o / 4th o Novemr last, or was only able to  
get as far as Duxesse, but I sent an Officer in my long boat to Windward  
f Intelligence if any Enemy's Vessels were on / Coast, she cd get no  
higher than Assinee, / Officer acquaints me he does not hear o any  
Enemy's Vessels to Windward wh I hope is true as I h continued on /  
Coast (accordg to yr desirez by letter o / 5th Novemr last) as long as  
my time will permit me I must now soon leave this part o / Coast &  
proceed down as far as Whydah, before I stretch over f / Islands, & then  
to Barbadoes, f my Provisions grow short . . . As I h bin abt Seven  
Months on / Coast I hope there is gr reason to believe (by this time)  
there is not o our Men o Water to Windward on this Coast, therefore  
hope my ~~now~~ beg now Obliged to leave it will be o no Disservice to  
y or our Trade, & whatr Commands y may h f England sh be taken  
Care o by - &c - [no sigr]

Messrs Chalmers, Crichton & Husband Agents &c

On board his Majesty's ship / Woolwich in  
Cape Coast road. 13<sup>th</sup> Decemr 1743.

Gentlemen In yrs o / 11<sup>th</sup> Inst in answer to mine o / same date & what has  
pass'd since betw us on shore, I don't find anythg t can justify me stayg  
in these parts & what provisions y propose supplyg me w wd be puttg ye Gov  
to too gr an Expence f any fur Services I can be of to y & our Trade in these parts  
. . . & must repeat agn t we h gr reason to believe (by this time) they  
must be and<sup>r</sup> Man o / safe to Windward . . . therefore acquaint y t on Friday  
or Saturday next at farthest if wind & weather permit sh be oblig'd to proceed  
down / Coast callg at all our ports & Settlements in any way down to Whydah.  
I find t / de Herriott a french merchantman Mon<sup>r</sup> Ferreuz Commd, near  
his head in Annamaboe road f wh (he says) he has yr leave, therefore desire  
yrd inform me if what he says be true. I am - &c -  
E Herbert.

To Messrs Chalmers, Husband & Crichton, Chief Agents &c.

Cape Coast Castle Decr 14<sup>th</sup> 1743.

Sir

We are favoured w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>r</sup>s o/ 13<sup>th</sup> Current & observe / Contents: We are Surprised after what we h<sup>e</sup> mention'd to y<sup>e</sup> in Conversation, y<sup>e</sup> sh<sup>d</sup> imagine t<sup>we</sup> want f<sup>r</sup> Arguments to induce y<sup>e</sup> Stay; but / Reason we h<sup>e</sup> not put these in / Strongest light in our letter o/ 11<sup>th</sup> o wh<sup>ch</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Acknowledge / Receipt is bec o y<sup>e</sup> pleadg Orders, Agst wh<sup>ch</sup> it is needless to advance Arguments.

We h<sup>e</sup> given liberty to / da. dlenrietta o Rodwell Monsieur Ferneaux Commander to Anchor & Trade in / Road o Annamaboo, & / same we h<sup>e</sup> Signified by letter under / Seal o / Royal African Co o England, f<sup>r</sup> such Reasons as would be o<sup>f</sup> too g<sup>d</sup> extent to put in Writg. We sh<sup>d</sup> therefore Inform y<sup>e</sup> o / same V<sup>er</sup>ba V<sup>er</sup>ba & in / meantime we are

To Edward Herbert Esquire

Commander o his Majesty's Ship / Woolwich

Thomas Chalmer  
w<sup>m</sup> Husband

Cape Coast Castle Decr 15 1743

Sir after what we h<sup>e</sup> already wrote to y<sup>e</sup> it wd be needless (in our Opinion) to use any o<sup>r</sup> Arguments to induce y<sup>e</sup> Stay upon this part o/ Coast, We can only further Intreat y<sup>e</sup> to make y<sup>e</sup> Stay as long as possibly y<sup>e</sup> can, as w<sup>ch</sup> Day will be o<sup>f</sup> g<sup>d</sup> advantage to us, And we hope we h<sup>e</sup> made it fully to Appear to y<sup>e</sup> by what we h<sup>e</sup> wrote y<sup>e</sup> before t<sup>h</sup> / National Interest upon this Coast cannot be better Served than by / prese<sup>nce</sup> o his Majesty's Ship & more especially when under / Command o so worthy & expert an Officer as Captain Herbert:

To Edward Herbert Esquire

Commander o his Majesty's Ship Woolwich

We are

Thomas Chalmer  
w<sup>m</sup> Husband

Cape Coast Castle Decr 19 1743

Sir We are favoured w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>r</sup>s o/ 16<sup>th</sup> Inst ant & observe / Contents, as / first paragraph thereof is only an Answer to ours o/ 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> / Same will need no reply only we are heartily glad t<sup>o</sup> accordg to y<sup>e</sup> Suggest<sup>ions</sup> / agreeable news o and<sup>er</sup> Man o War he<sup>d</sup> now to windward is reasonably arriv'd.

Y<sup>e</sup> Conduct upon this Coast has left us no Room to doubt o y<sup>e</sup> Sincere Regard t<sup>o</sup> / Prosperity o / National Trade in Gen, & t<sup>o</sup> / Royal African Co in part. And we sh<sup>d</sup> by this take leave to present y<sup>e</sup> w<sup>th</sup> our Sincere & hearty Acknowledgm<sup>ts</sup> t<sup>o</sup> y<sup>e</sup> last Concess<sup>ion</sup> o granting us four or five Days longer, as well as, all o<sup>r</sup> former

We hereby tender to y<sup>e</sup> care three Spaniards Prisoners whom we took by / means o/ Negros at Ann Emisga, w<sup>ch</sup> a Boat belong<sup>s</sup> to / Privateers in March last, & we hope y<sup>e</sup> will dispose o them in a proper manner as we h<sup>e</sup> three more o wh<sup>ch</sup> two died in this Castle, & / third be<sup>g</sup> a Dutch man & provg himself to be prest into / Spanish Service we delivered him over to / Dutch Gen at his Request

To Edward Herbert Esquire  
Ship Woolwich

Commander o his Majesty's

We are  
Thomas Chalmer  
w<sup>m</sup> Husband

Woolwich in Cape Coast Road

Gentlemen The favour o y<sup>r</sup>s o ye 19<sup>th</sup> Inst 20 Decem<sup>r</sup> 1743 w<sup>ch</sup> we receiv'd w<sup>th</sup> 3 Spaniards wh accordg to y<sup>e</sup> desires sh<sup>d</sup> dispose o in a proper manner

I am glad y<sup>e</sup> are convinic'd o and<sup>er</sup> w<sup>ar</sup> beg<sup>g</sup> to windward as we h<sup>e</sup> had such an acct by ye two last Sloops t<sup>h</sup> arriv'd here & likewise o no Privateers he<sup>d</sup> on y<sup>e</sup> Coast

I now send this to acquaint y<sup>e</sup> t<sup>h</sup> tomorrow m<sup>o</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> sh<sup>d</sup> positively proceed down y<sup>e</sup> Coast (purpos'd to my Anch<sup>r</sup>) callg at all our Ports & Settlements in my way to whidah, & if I can be o any further service to y<sup>e</sup> in any way I same sh<sup>d</sup> be carefully observ'd he<sup>d</sup> —

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To Messrs Chalmer, Husband & Crofton, Chief Agents &c.

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